

PBA Announces First Half of the 2021 Tour Schedule on FOX

2021 PBA Tour to Feature Five Majors and Brand-New Events

New York, NY – Today, the Professional Bowlers Association announced the first half of the 2021 PBA Tour, featuring five majors and brand-new events when it returns to Fox Sports on Sunday, Jan. 24.

The 2021 PBA Tour kicks off Friday, Jan. 15 with the PBA Players Championship qualifying rounds. With a \$1 Million prize fund, the PBA has revolutionized the format of this Major event, featuring the largest field of PBA members ever. Players will compete at five regional locations for the chance to advance to the TV regional finals, airing on Fox Sports' FS1, Sunday, Jan. 24 through Sunday, Feb. 14 (exact dates and times below).

The winners of each event will compete in the PBA Players Championship Finals live on FOX Broadcast Channel, Sunday, Feb. 21 in Jupiter, Fla. for a first-place prize of \$250K.

Other highlights of the 2021 Tour season from January to April include:

- Live coverage of the four other PBA major championships: the **PBA Tournament of Champions** on Sunday, Feb. 28 from Jupiter, Fla.; the **PBA World Championship** on Saturday, March 13 from Tampa, Fla.; plus, the **USBC Masters** on Sunday, April 4 and the **US Open** on Sunday, April 11 from Reno, Nevada.
- The first-ever **PBA Jr. National Championship Finals** telecast on Sunday, March 7 from Jupiter, Fla. The Championship Finals will see the top youth bowlers competing for the inaugural title and SMART scholarship funds, with special matches featuring PBA stars partnered with the junior athletes.
- Coverage of the 2021 **PBA World Series of Bowling** will feature five consecutive days of telecasts, including the live finals of the WSOB XII World Championship, three animal pattern events, plus the Roth/Holman Doubles, to air from Tampa, Fla., March 13-17.
- The first-ever **PBA Super Slam** on Sunday, April 18 will air live on FOX Broadcast Channel from Annandale, Va., where the five Major Champions (PBA Players Championship, PBA Tournament of Champions, PBA WSOB World Championship, USBC Masters and the US Open) will compete in a \$100K special event.

Fans can catch all the action of the 2021 PBA Tour on FOX and Fox Sports' FS1, and live stream the PBA on the FOX Sports and FOX NOW apps or at [FOXSports.com](https://www.foxsports.com). Select highlights will be available on @FOXSports social handles across Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

The PBA's online streaming partner, FloBowling, will live stream the PBA Tour's qualifying rounds competition and provide in-depth interviews with the Tour's players. International fans of the sport can watch the TV telecasts live on [FloBowling.com](https://www.flobowling.com).

Additional details on PBA Tour events, tournament formats, host bowling centers, and more post-April will be announced at a later date.

2021 PBA Tour Schedule (January – April)			
DATE	EVENT	NETWORK	TIME (ET)
Sunday, Jan. 24	PBA Players Championship: West	FS1	12:00 PM
Sunday, Jan. 31	PBA Players Championship: Southwest	FS1	2:00 PM
Saturday, Feb. 6	PBA Players Championship: Central	FS1	4:00 PM
Sunday, Feb. 7	PBA Players Championship: East	FS1	2:00 PM
Sunday, Feb. 14	PBA Players Championship: South	FS1	1:00 PM
Sunday, Feb. 21	PBA Players Championship: Finals	FBC	12:30 PM
Sunday, Feb. 28	PBA Tournament of Champions	FBC	1:00 PM
Sunday, March 7	PBA Jr. Finals	FS1	12:00 PM
Saturday, March 13	PBA WSOB World Championship	FBC	2:00 PM
Sunday, March 14	PBA WSOB Roth/Holman PBA Doubles	FS1	3:00 PM
Monday, March 15	PBA WSOB PBA Cheetah Championship	FS1	8:00 PM
Tuesday, March 16	PBA WSOB Chameleon Championship	FS1	8:00 PM
Wednesday, March 17	PBA WSOB Scorpion Championship	FS1	8:00 PM
Sunday, April 4	USBC Masters	FS1	2:00 PM
Sunday, April 11	US Open	FS1	2:00 PM
Sunday, April 18	PBA Super Slam	FBC	12:30 PM

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WILLIAMS, DAVIDSON, KNOWLES, SVENSSON, SIMONSEN LEAD PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP REGIONS HALFWAY THROUGH QUALIFYING

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Keven Williams outscores all players to lead Southwest Region

New York, NY—Keven Williams averaged 235 over 14 games to lead the Southwest Region halfway through qualifying in the 2021 PBA Players Championship, posting the highest score among players in all regions. Michael Davidson (East), Jesper Svensson (South), Justin Knowles (Central) and Anthony Simonsen (West) also lead their respective regions with 14 games left to play.

Three of the five regional leaders—Williams, Davidson and Knowles—have yet to win a PBA Tour title, headlining a group of non-champions who put themselves into contention through the first two rounds of qualifying. Tim Foy Jr. and Brandon Novak are both within 10 pins of Davidson and Matt Russo trails Knowles by four pins, while Williams is being chased by two-time U.S. Open champion François Lavoie, who trails by 39 pins.

Svensson, who owns 10 PBA Tour titles including one major, finished his first two qualifying rounds 83 pins ahead of his closest competitor, Christian Azcona.

Seven-time PBA Tour champion Simonsen is looking for his second career PBA Players Championship victory after defeating Jason Belmonte for the title in 2019. Simonsen holds a 35-pin advantage over Wesley Low Jr.

The top five players from each region following 28 total games of qualifying will advance to the televised regional finals that begin airing on Fox Sports' FS1 Sunday, Jan. 24. The PBA Players Championship finals will air live on FOX Broadcast Channel Feb. 21, featuring the five regional winners competing for a \$250,000 first-place prize.

East Region Top 10 Through 14 Games

Bowlero West End – Richmond, Va.

1. Michael Davidson +484
2. Tim Foy Jr. +477
3. Brandon Novak +475
4. Brandon Robertson +413
5. Kyle Troup +410
6. BJ Moore +317
7. Brandon Curtis +295
8. Chris Via +234
9. Greg Ostrander +222
10. Ryan Graywacz +218

Full east region standings: <https://www.pba.com/node/117431>

South Region Top 10

AMF University Lanes – Tampa, Fla.

1. Jesper Svensson +393
2. Christian Azcona +310
3. Kenneth Ryan +233
4. Tom Daugherty +217
5. Tommy Jones +207
6. DJ Archer +197
7. Ryan Ciminelli +196
8. Andres Gomez +188
9. Mike Coffey +187
10. Kristijonas Sergejevas +174

Full south region standings: <https://www.pba.com/node/117426>

Central Region Top 10

Bowlero Wauwatosa – Wauwatosa, Wis.

1. Justin Knowles +373
2. Matt Russo +369

3. Tom Smallwood +366
4. Zach Weidman +357
5. Wes Malott +352
6. Ryan Zagar +332
7. Nicholas Pate +326
8. Ronnie Russell +310
9. JR Raymond +293
10. Andrew Anderson +289

Full central region standings: <https://www.pba.com/node/117436>

Southwest Region Top 10

AMF Garland Lanes – Garland, Texas

1. Keven Williams +499
2. François Lavoie +460
3. Patrick Hanrahan +397
4. Raymond Lussier +315
5. Trey Ford III +292
6. Dimitri Cruz +287
7. Arturo Quintero +276
8. Nathan Bohr +255
9. AJ Chapman +239
10. Tim Gruendler +229

Full southwest region standings: <https://www.pba.com/node/117441>

West Region Top 10

Bowlero Christown – Phoenix, Ariz.

1. Anthony Simonsen +391
2. Wesley Low Jr. +356
3. Darren Tang +340
4. Kris Koeltzow +338
5. Jake Peters +305
6. Andrew Cain +301
7. Jakob Butturff +270
8. Dean Richards +252
9. Deo Benard +251
10. Lanndyn Carnate +221

Full west region standings: <https://www.pba.com/node/117446>

Action resumes Sunday at 9 a.m. ET on FloBowling.com with the final 14 games of qualifying from all five regions.

Simonsen, Lavoie, Smallwood, Troup, Svensson Earn Top Seeds for PBA Players Championship Regional Finals

Eleven of the 25 berths go to non-champions

New York, NY – Established PBA stars Anthony Simonsen (West Region), François Lavoie (Southwest), Tom Smallwood (Central), Kyle Troup (East) and Jesper Svensson (South) claimed the top seeds for their respective PBA Players Championship regional stepladder finals. After 28 games of qualifying, eleven non-champions inserted themselves into four of the five regions.

Simonsen, the winner of the 2019 PBA Players Championship, led the West Region by 103 pins over second seed Wesley Low Jr., with Jakob Butturff, Darren Tang and Kris Koeltzow rounding out the top five. Koeltzow held on to the fifth spot by 11 pins after fending off late charges by PJ Haggerty and Sam Cooley in the final game of qualifying.

The only PBA Tour champion in the Southwest Regional Finals is top seed Lavoie, a four-time champion who built a 104-pin lead over second place. Lavoie will be challenged by Packy Hanrahan, Keven Williams, Benjamin Martinez and AJ Chapman.

Smallwood, who won the 2018 PBA Players Championship, rolled a 300 game on his way to leading the Central Region, followed by 2018 PBA Player of the Year Andrew Anderson, four-time champion Ronnie Russell (who rolled two 300 games during qualifying), 10-time winner Wes Malott and Zach Weidman, who is making his televised finals debut. Weidman bowled 258 in his final game to take the fifth spot away from EJ Tackett, who missed the top five by 17 pins.

Bookending the East Region are six-time champion Troup on the top of the stepladder and Bill O'Neill, the defending champion, in fifth. O'Neill jumped into the top five in the 28th and final game, edging Tim Foy Jr. by 11 pins. Seeded second through fourth, respectively, are Brandon Novak, Michael Davidson and Chris Via, all of whom are looking for their first PBA Tour titles.

The South Region is the only one in which all five spots are held by PBA Tour champions. Svensson qualified 10 pins ahead of #2 seed Christian Azcona after the two jockeyed for the position all day. 2015 U.S. Open champion Ryan Ciminelli, who retired from full-time competition in 2020, earned the third spot, followed by two-time champion Tom Daugherty and seven-time winner Dick Allen.

The Regional Finals begin airing live on Fox Sports' FS1 Sunday, Jan. 24 starting with the West Region. The winners of each Regional Final will then advance to the PBA Players Championship Finals, live on FOX Broadcast Channel Feb. 21, featuring a top prize of \$250,000.

PBA Players Championship Television Schedule

Bowlero Jupiter – Jupiter, Fla.

Sunday, Jan. 24 at 12 p.m. ET on FS1 – West Region Finals

Sunday, Jan. 31 at 2 p.m. ET on FS1 – Southwest Region Finals

Saturday, Feb. 6 at 4 p.m. ET on FS1 – Central Region Finals

Sunday, Feb. 7 at 2 p.m. on FS1 – East Region Finals

Sunday, Feb. 14 at 1 p.m. on FS1 – South Region Finals

Sunday, Feb. 21 at 12:30 p.m. on FOX – PBA Players Championship Finals

West Region Stepladder Finalists

Bowlero Christown – Phoenix, Ariz.

Anthony Simonsen
Wesley Low Jr.
Jakob Butturff
Darren Tang
Kris Koeltzow

Full West Region standings: <https://www.pba.com/node/117446>

Southwest Region Stepladder Finalists

AMF Garland Lanes – Garland, Texas

François Lavoie
Packy Hanrahan
Keven Williams
Benjamin Martinez
AJ Chapman

Full Southwest Region standings: <https://www.pba.com/node/117441>

Central Region Stepladder Finalists

Bowlero Wauwatosa – Wauwatosa, Wis.

Tom Smallwood
Andrew Anderson
Ronnie Russell
Wes Malott
Zach Weidman

Full Central Region standings: <https://www.pba.com/node/117436>

East Region Stepladder Finalists

Bowlero West End – Richmond, Va.

Kyle Troup
Brandon Novak
Michael Davidson
Chris Via
Bill O'Neill

Full East Region standings: <https://www.pba.com/node/117431>

South Region Stepladder Finalists

AMF University Lanes – Tampa, Fla.

Jesper Svensson
Christian Azcona

Ryan Ciminelli
Tom Daugherty
Dick Allen

Full South Region standings: <https://www.pba.com/node/117426>

Guaranteed Rate Becomes Title Sponsor of the 2021 PBA Tour on FOX

PBA Tour Returns to FOX Sports' FS1 on Sunday, Jan. 24

New York, NY – The [Professional Bowlers Association \(PBA\)](#) announced today that [Guaranteed Rate](#), one of the largest retail mortgage lenders in the country, has signed on as the Title Sponsor of the 2021 PBA Tour season when it returns to FOX Sports on Sunday, Jan. 24.

"We're thrilled to expand our partnership with Guaranteed Rate and welcome them as the Title Sponsor of the 2021 PBA Tour," said Colie Edison, Chief Executive Officer of the PBA. "Guaranteed Rate has proven to be a great partner of the Tour and our players, and we look forward to continuing the momentum into the new season."

The expanded agreement provides Guaranteed Rate with an array of exclusive marketing rights and opportunities to connect the brand even further with the PBA Tour, its fans, and its events. The 2021 Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour on FOX begins this Sunday, Jan. 24 with the PBA Players Championship on FS1, featuring five Regional Finals telecasts and culminating with the Championship Finals on FOX (full schedule below), where the winner from each Regional will battle it out for a \$250,000 grand prize.

But that's not the only prize money on the line. The PBA and FOX have partnered to once again present the **\$1 Million Bonus** incentive for any player who bowls a perfect 300 in the Title match in one of four key PBA events on FOX Broadcast Channel.

"We're excited to build upon our partnership with the PBA," said Guaranteed Rate Chief Marketing Officer Steve Moffat. "The players on the PBA Tour are the best athletes in the sport and believe anything is possible. We're proud to be part of the excitement as they compete not only for the win, but for the perfect game."

Only three televised 300 games have ever been accomplished in a title match in the history of the PBA Tour, most recently this time last year, when Tommy Jones bowled a perfect game at the 2020 PBA Hall of Fame Classic on FS1, the day after being inducted into the Hall of Fame.

The \$1 Million Bonus will be up for grabs for a 300 game in the title match of each of the following events:

PBA Players Championship Finals – Sunday, Feb. 21 at 12:30 p.m. on FOX
PBA Tournament of Champions – Sunday, Feb. 28 at 1 p.m. ET on FOX
PBA World Series of Bowling XII World Championship – Saturday, March 13 at 2 p.m. ET on FOX
PBA Super Slam – Sunday, April 18 at 12:30 p.m. ET on FOX

The complete 2021 Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour schedule through April is available now at [PBA.com](https://pba.com), with additional details on PBA Tour events, including the PBA League and PBA King of the Lane Series to be announced at a later date.

Fans can catch all the action of the 2021 Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour on FOX and FOX Sports' FS1, and live stream the PBA on the FOX Sports and FOX NOW apps or at [FOXSports.com](https://foxsports.com). Select highlights will be available on @FOXSports social handles across Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

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PBA Players Championship TV Schedule:

West Region Finals – Sunday, Jan. 24 at 12 p.m. ET on FS1

Southwest Region Finals – Sunday, Jan. 31 at 2 p.m. ET on FS1

Central Region Finals – Saturday, Feb. 6 at 4 p.m. ET on FS1

East Region Finals – Sunday, Feb. 7 at 2 p.m. ET on FS1

South Region Finals – Sunday, Feb. 14 at 1 p.m. ET on FS1

Championship Finals – Sunday, Feb. 21 at 12:30 p.m. ET on FOX

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ANTHONY SIMONSEN ROLLS 279 TO ADVANCE TO PBA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

Defeats Kris Koeltzow to win the West Region

Jupiter, Fla.—Anthony Simonsen earned a berth in the PBA Players Championship Finals by winning the West Region with a 279 game over fifth-seeded Kris Koeltzow, who averaged 263 in his prior three matches to earn a spot in the final match.

“I had two game plans coming in and it was a matter of which one I was more comfortable with,” said Simonsen. “Because of the way Kris was bowling and his obviously high scoring pace, I thought I was going to have to bowl a really big game, which is why I chose to throw it straighter. I felt like it gave me a little more miss room, at least to the left.”

Simonsen, who earned the top seed by leading the West Region through 28 games of qualifying, struck 11 times in the final match, only failing to do so in the third frame.

Unlike Koeltzow's previous three opponents, who elected for Koeltzow to open the match, Simonsen opted to start.

"I want to strike first," said Simonsen. "To me, it doesn't matter how many shows I make, the first strike is the hardest one. Once I get the first one, I can settle in, and I was fortunate for it to work out."

Making his TV finals debut, Koeltzow climbed the stepladder from the fifth position, knocking out Darren Tang, Jakob Butturff and Wesley Low Jr. along the way. Koeltzow put up scores of 269, 268 and 254 before rolling a 205 against Simonsen.

"I'm happy to be back bowling, especially for a major, and I put a lot of practice in," said Simonsen. "Something clicked a couple days before the qualifying rounds and I've been really comfortable since."

Simonsen is the first player to advance to the PBA Players Championship Finals, which will feature the winners from all five regions competing for a major championship title and a top prize of \$250,000. Simonsen will be attempting to win his third career major title and second Players Championship, which he previously won in 2019.

The PBA Players Championship Finals will air live on FOX Broadcast Channel Feb. 21.

FINAL STANDINGS

Anthony Simonsen, advances to PBA Players Championship Finals

Kris Koeltzow, earns \$15,000

Wesley Low Jr., \$13,000

Jakob Butturff, \$11,000

Darren Tang, \$10,000

MATCH SCORES

Match 1 – No. 5 Koeltzow def. No. 4 Tang, 269-245

Match 2 – No. 5 Koeltzow def. No. 3 Butturff, 268-213

Match 3 – No. 5 Koeltzow def. No. 2 Low, 254-226

Match 4 – No. 1 Simonsen def. No. 5 Koeltzow, 279-205

UPCOMING PBA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP TELEVISION SCHEDULE

Bowlero Jupiter – Jupiter, Fla.

Sunday, Jan. 31 at 2 p.m. ET on FS1 – Southwest Region Finals

Saturday, Feb. 6 at 4 p.m. ET on FS1 – Central Region Finals

Sunday, Feb. 7 at 2 p.m. ET on FS1 – East Region Finals

Sunday, Feb. 14 at 1 p.m. ET on FS1 – South Region Finals

Sunday, Feb. 21 at 12:30 p.m. ET on FOX – PBA Players Championship Finals

Lavoie's Quest for Third Major Resumes in PBA Players Championship Southwest Region Finals

Southwest Region Finals air Sunday, Jan. 31 at 2 p.m. ET on FS1

New York, NY—Two-time U.S. Open champion François Lavoie will need to win one game in the Southwest Region Finals to advance to the PBA Players Championship Finals and earn a chance at his third career major title. With four career PBA Tour titles, including two majors, the 27-year-old Quebec native needs one more title to meet the minimum performance requirements for PBA Hall of Fame consideration.

As the top seed in the Southwest Region, Lavoie will face one of four players, all of whom are looking for their first PBA Tour titles.

Lavoie's fellow Wichita State alumnus, Packy Hanrahan, finished 104 pins back of Lavoie after the qualifying rounds and holds the second position on the stepladder. Hanrahan made his first PBA Tour televised finals appearance just over a year ago, finishing fifth in the 2020 Oklahoma Open. In September, Hanrahan made his PBA League debut and was instrumental in helping the Portland Lumberjacks win the Elias Cup.

Holding the third seed is Keven Williams, whose last TV finals appearance was in the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic, finishing third. The 28-year-old from Springfield, Mo. has been heard many times on telecasts since, having composed and performed "Pick It Out," Kyle Troup's strike song.

The opening match will feature two players who bowled together throughout qualifying, with Benjamin Martinez claiming an 11-pin advantage over AJ Chapman to take the fourth seed.

Martinez, the 2020 NAIA Player of the Year while bowling for Savannah College of Art & Design, has been a member of Junior Team Mexico and Team Mexico and is making his first appearance on a PBA telecast.

The third Wichita State alumnus in the stepladder, AJ Chapman, has a best career finish of second in the 2019 Chesapeake Open. If Chapman is able to climb the stepladder and win the region, he'll qualify for his second career finals appearance in the PBA Players Championship. He finished fifth in 2017.

The Southwest Region Finals air Sunday, Jan. 31 at 2 p.m. ET on FS1. The winner of the Southwest Region Finals will join Anthony Simonsen, who won the West Region, and the remaining three regional winners, in the PBA Players Championship Finals featuring a top prize of \$250,000. The PBA Players Championship Finals air live on FOX Broadcast Channel Feb. 21.

Southwest Region Stepladder Finals

Bowlero Jupiter – Jupiter, Fla.

Sunday, Jan. 31 at 2 p.m. ET on FS1

Stepladder Finalists

François Lavoie

Packy Hanrahan

Keven Williams
Benjamin Martinez
AJ Chapman

Full Southwest Region standings: pba.com/node/117441

Upcoming Players Championship Television Schedule

Bowlero Jupiter – Jupiter, Fla.

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François Lavoie Survives Roll-off to Win PBA Players Championship Southwest Region

Roll-off victory over Keven Williams sends Lavoie into PBA Players Championship Finals

Jupiter, Fla.—Top seed François Lavoie advanced to the PBA Players Championship Finals, striking in a one-ball, sudden-death roll-off to defeat third seed Keven Williams. As the higher seed, Lavoie had the choice of order and lane for the roll-off. He opted to bowl first on the left lane, a reversal of his pre-game belief that the right lane would be better for him.

“In hindsight, I should’ve finished the game on the left lane,” said Lavoie. “After I left the 1-2-4-8 on the right lane in the eighth frame, I knew I made the wrong decision to finish on that lane. I thought I could just keep the speed up and throw it to the spot and it would hook, but after the 1-2-4-8, I realized I didn’t have that much room to miss.”

After Williams rolled the back five strikes for 232, Lavoie had a chance to win the match in the 10th frame—on the right lane—by striking twice. He rolled the first strike but left a 4 pin on his next shot. A spare tied him with Williams, requiring a sudden-death roll-off to decide the winner.

“I never got super comfortable on the lanes,” said Lavoie, “and when it came time for the roll-off, I didn’t want to mess around with the right lane anymore. I wanted to be done with it, throw one good shot on the left lane and see what happened.”

With a strike to begin the roll-off, Lavoie forced Williams to match in order to extend the match. Williams, who had just closed his 10th frame with three strikes on the left lane, was unable to get another, leaving a 7 pin to end his tournament.

It was the second roll-off of the day for Williams, who defeated Benjamin Martinez, 237-237 (9-8), in the second match on the telecast. Williams then got past Packy Hanrahan to earn a spot in the final match with Lavoie.

The only player in the Southwest Region Finals with a PBA Tour title, Lavoie owns four of them, including two U.S. Open titles. A win in the PBA Players Championship would be Lavoie’s third

major championship and fifth title overall, which would make him performance-eligible for PBA Hall of Fame consideration.

“The majors are the ones you dream of,” said Lavoie. “The majors are the moments that make careers. I appreciate the opportunity to be able to rise to that and I think I thrive in that environment.”

Lavoie joins West Region winner Anthony Simonsen in the PBA Players Championship Finals, which will feature the winners from all five regions competing for a major championship title and a top prize of \$250,000.

The PBA Players Championship Finals will air live on FOX Broadcast Channel Feb. 21.

Southwest Region Stepladder Finals Results

Bowlero Jupiter – Jupiter, Fla.

1. François Lavoie, advances to PBA Players Championship Finals
2. Keven Williams, earns \$15,000
3. Packy Hanrahan, \$13,000
4. Benjamin Martinez, \$11,000
5. AJ Chapman, \$10,000

Match Scores

Match 1 – No. 4 Martinez def. No. 5 Chapman, 276-245

Match 2 – No. 3 Williams def. No. 4 Martinez, 237-237 (9-8)

Match 3 – No. 3 Williams def. No. 2 Hanrahan, 214-192

Match 4 – No. 1 Lavoie def. No. 3 Williams, 232-232 (10-9)

Upcoming Players Championship Television Schedule

Bowlero Jupiter – Jupiter, Fla.

Saturday, Feb. 6 at 4 p.m. ET on FS1 – Central Region Finals

Sunday, Feb. 7 at 2 p.m. on FS1 – East Region Finals

Sunday, Feb. 14 at 1 p.m. on FS1 – South Region Finals

Sunday, Feb. 21 at 12:30 p.m. on FOX – PBA Players Championship Finals

Smallwood, Troup Lead Their Regions in Back-to-Back PBA Players Championship Regional Finals This Weekend on FS1

Central Region Finals air Saturday at 4 p.m. ET, East Region Finals air Sunday at 2 p.m. ET

New York, NY—Tom Smallwood and Kyle Troup lead their respective regions into the PBA Players Championship Central and East Region Finals airing this weekend on FS1. Each region will award a berth in the Championship Finals to air Feb. 21 on FOX Broadcast Channel.

Smallwood, one of three major champions in the Central Region, finished 68 pins ahead of second place through qualifying. Two of Smallwood's three career PBA Tour titles are majors, including the 2018 PBA Players Championship and 2009 World Championship.

Qualifying second for the stepladder is 2018 PBA Player of the Year Andrew Anderson, who claimed both of his PBA Tour titles that season, including the USBC Masters. Anderson played a prominent role on the Las Vegas High Rollers, who advanced to the 2020 PBA League Elias Cup Championship before finishing second, and looks to return to his Player of the Year form early in 2021.

Four-time PBA Tour champion Ronnie Russell sits third, helped by two perfect games during qualifying. Russell finished second to Parker Bohn III in a tie-breaking roll-off in the 2015 PBA Players Championship and is looking to win his first PBA Tour title since 2016.

Malott, the 2008-09 PBA Player of the Year, owns 10 PBA Tour titles, including the 2013 U.S. Open. Malott closed his 2020 season by anchoring the Portland Lumberjacks to their second consecutive Elias Cup and then outlasted 11 other players to win the PBA League All-Star Clash.

Challenging Malott in the opening match is Zach Weidman, a 26-year-old from Indianapolis making his TV debut. In the final game of qualifying, Weidman rolled a 258 game to get past EJ Tackett, who landed just 17 pins short of the top five.

The Central Region Finals air Saturday, Feb. 6 at 4 p.m. ET on FS1.

In the East Region, Troup, a six-time winner on the PBA Tour including three victories in 2020 alone, led the field by 66 pins in his effort to claim his first major title. To win the East Region, Troup will have to defeat one of four players hoping to secure a PBA Tour title for the first time.

Brandon Novak is making his fourth career televised finals appearance with a previous best finish of third in the 2017 PBA Scorpion Championship. The 32-year-old from Chillicothe, Ohio owns five PBA regional titles but has yet to win his first national title.

Third seed Michael Davidson makes his television debut after qualifying 13 pins behind Novak and well ahead of fourth place. Davidson was one of the early leaders and stayed in the mix throughout all four qualifying rounds to earn his spot on the stepladder.

Chris Via, who finished fifth in each of the last two majors—the 2020 U.S. Open and World Championship—will need to win four matches to guarantee himself a fifth-or-better finish in the Players Championship.

Securing the fifth spot in the final game of qualifying was defending champion Bill O'Neill. However, due to COVID-19 protocol, O'Neill had to withdraw from the stepladder. Tim Foy Jr., who finished just behind O'Neill after qualifying, will assume the fifth spot and make his first career TV finals appearance. His best career PBA Tour finish is sixth, which he's done twice.

The East Region Finals air Sunday, Feb. 7 at 2 p.m. ET on FS1.

The two players who emerge victorious this weekend will join West Region winner Anthony Simonsen, Southwest Region winner François Lavoie and next week's South Region winner, in

the PBA Players Championship Finals, which will feature a top prize of \$250,000 and air live on FOX Feb. 21.

Central Region Stepladder Finalists

Tom Smallwood
Andrew Anderson
Ronnie Russell
Wes Malott
Zach Weidman

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East Region Stepladder Finalists

Kyle Troup
Brandon Novak
Michael Davidson
Chris Via
Tim Foy Jr.

Full East Region standings: pba.com/node/117431

Upcoming Players Championship Television Schedule

Bowlero Jupiter – Jupiter, Fla.

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PBA Playoffs Return to FOX April 24th

The PBA Tour's top 16 bowlers to compete for first place prize of \$100,000

New York, NY – The Professional Bowlers Association has released more of the 2021 Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour season, with the highly anticipated return of the PBA Playoffs on FOX Sports starting April 24th.

The PBA Tour's high-stakes event is back for a third-year in a row with Bill O'Neill and Kris Prather as champions in 2020 and 2019, respectively. The Playoffs will once again feature a \$100,000 first place prize and a title on the line as the Tour's top 16 players compete head-to-head in a bracket style, race-to-two-games elimination tournament. Ties will be determined by a 9th/10th frame roll-off.

The top 16 players will earn their spots in the Playoffs based on 2021 points accumulated at the PBA Players Championship, Tournament of Champions, World Series of Bowling (inclusive of all five events), U.S. Open, and the USBC Masters.

The PBA Playoffs will take place from April 24 – May 16, location to be announced at a later date.

The TV schedule is as follows:

PBA Playoffs: Round of 16 – Saturday, April 24, 11 a.m. ET on FS1

No. 1 vs. No. 16

No. 8 vs No. 9

PBA Playoffs: Round of 16 – Sunday, April 25, 1:30 p.m. ET on FS1

No. 4 vs. No. 13

No. 5 vs. No. 12

PBA Playoffs Round of 16 – Saturday, May 1, 11:30 a.m. ET on FS1

No. 2 vs. No. 15

No. 7 vs. No. 10

PBA Playoffs: Round of 16 – Sunday, May 2, 7 p.m. ET on FS1

No. 3 vs. No. 14

No. 6 vs. No. 11

PBA Playoffs: Quarterfinals – Sunday, May 9, 12 p.m. ET on FS1

Matches TBD after Round of 16

PBA Playoffs: Quarterfinals – Monday, May 10, 8 p.m. ET on FS1

Matches TBD after Round of 16

PBA Playoffs: Semifinals – Saturday, May 15, 11 a.m. ET on FS1

Matches TBD after Quarterfinals

PBA Playoffs: Finals – Sunday, May 16, 2 p.m. ET on FS1

Matches TBD after Semifinals

Fans can catch all the action of the 2021 PBA Tour on FOX and Fox Sports' FS1, and live stream the PBA on the FOX Sports and FOX NOW apps or at [FOXSports.com](https://www.foxsports.com). Select highlights will be available on @FOXSports social handles across Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

Additional details on PBA Tour events, tournament formats, host bowling centers, and more post-May will be announced at a later date.

During this uncertain time, the PBA's main priority continues to be the health and safety of its players and staff. The PBA is taking all necessary precautions and following local and federal COVID-19 guidelines to reduce risks and modify procedures as needed. For a complete list of the PBA's COVID-19 related standards and procedures, please visit [PBA.com](https://www.pba.com).

Tom Smallwood Wins Central Region, Advances to PBA Players Championship Finals

Joins Anthony Simonsen and François Lavoie as top seeds advancing to the Finals

Jupiter, Fla. — Central Region top seed Tom Smallwood defeated rookie Zach Weidman to earn a spot in the PBA Players Championship Finals. Smallwood is the third number-one seed to advance, joining Anthony Simonsen from the West Region and François Lavoie from the Southwest, with the East and South Regions still to be decided.

Smallwood, who won the 2018 PBA Players Championship and has finished in the top 15 each of the previous four—now five—iterations, will be looking for his third career major title and fourth overall PBA Tour title.

“I get in a different mindset,” said Smallwood of major championships. “I don’t care how high or low the scores are, I’m thinking grind from frame one, game one. I just don’t give up. I don’t give away any pins. That’s a big part of making major shows and longer-format shows.”

As the top seed, Smallwood needed to win one game to advance, but he had to face Weidman, who bowled an 803 series in defeating PBA Tour champions Wes Malott, Ronnie Russell and Andrew Anderson on the way to the final match.

“He bowled amazing,” said Smallwood of Weidman. “In clutch moments, he threw great shots. With the striking pace that high, I knew I needed my pace to be high. My last three shots of practice, I inched a little closer to the dry and my ball finally faced up. If I was going to be close to the dry, I needed to throw it better. After the first two or three frames, it went high flush, and I knew I had something going.”

Both players struck in the first three frames, with Smallwood extending his string to five to build a lead. Even after leaving a solid 8 pin in the eighth, Smallwood knew the match was his to win or lose.

“(Weidman) made moves and made great shots, but the transition caught him for three or four frames and that’s what got me into the lead,” said Smallwood. “With the 8 pin, I was still in the lead in the match. If I strike out in the ninth and 10th, I can’t be beat, so it’s totally up to me.”

The win puts Smallwood into the PBA Players Championship finals with fellow major champions Simonsen and Lavoie. They’ll be joined by the winners of the East and South Regions and compete for a major championship title and a top prize of \$250,000.

The PBA Players Championship Finals will air live on FOX Broadcast Channel Feb. 21.

Central Region Stepladder Finals Results

Bowlero Jupiter – Jupiter, Fla.

1. Tom Smallwood, advances to PBA Players Championship Finals
2. Zach Weidman, earns \$15,000
3. Andrew Anderson, \$13,000
4. Ronnie Russell, \$11,000
5. Wes Malott, \$10,000

Match Scores

Match 1 – No. 5 Weidman def. No. 4 Malott, 258-237
Match 2 – No. 5 Weidman def. No. 3 Russell, 277-243
Match 3 – No. 5 Weidman def. No. 2 Anderson, 268-265
Match 4 – No. 1 Smallwood def. No. 5 Weidman, 246-226

Upcoming Players Championship Television Schedule

Bowlero Jupiter – Jupiter, Fla.

Sunday, Feb. 7 at 2 p.m. on FS1 – East Region Finals
Sunday, Feb. 14 at 1 p.m. on FS1 – South Region Finals
Sunday, Feb. 21 at 12:30 p.m. on FOX – PBA Players Championship Finals

Kyle Troup Advances to PBA Players Championship Finals, Chris Via Bowls 300

Via begins competition with the 30th televised perfect game in PBA history, Troup earns a chance to win his first major title

Jupiter, Fla. – Kyle Troup continued the trend of the top seeds winning each region, defeating Michael Davidson to win the East Region and move into the PBA Players Championship Finals. In the opening match on the telecast, Chris Via rolled the 30th televised perfect game in the history of PBA title events.

“This was the next step in winning my first major,” said Troup, a six-time PBA Tour champion. “My goal was to get to Jupiter, then come here and conquer this tournament. I did so. Now I’m going to go home and work even harder. It doesn’t stop here.”

Following an errant shot in the first frame that Troup blamed on a mental lapse, he rattled off the next seven strikes to build a commanding lead over Davidson, who was making his first TV finals appearance.

“After that first frame, I did a lot of self-talking,” said Troup. “Telling myself to stay in it, stay present, don’t worry about (Davidson’s) ball reaction. He had a little bit of room, but I wanted to stay focused on myself and the shots I was making.”

Davidson, the third seed, defeated Via and Brandon Novak to earn his way into the final match.

Seeded fourth, Via achieved perfection against Tim Foy Jr., who was making his TV finals debut. Foy qualified sixth but stepped in as the alternate when Bill O’Neill withdrew himself per COVID-19 protocol.

In the next match, Via rolled the first five strikes against Davidson before leaving a 4 pin in the sixth frame. Via’s 17 strikes in a row fell one short of the PBA record for most consecutive strikes on a PBA telecast; Pete Weber rolled 18 in a row in 2001 and Ryan Shafer tied the mark in 2007. Via earned an additional \$10,000 for the 300 game.

Troup is the fourth player to advance to the PBA Players Championship Finals—joining Anthony Simonsen (West), François Lavoie (Southwest) and Tom Smallwood (Central)—and the first of the four who hasn’t won a major title. Simonsen, Lavoie and Smallwood each own two major championships.

“It feels good that my hard work has paid off, but it’s going to take every bit of physical and mental ability to beat the guys on the show,” said Troup. “Self-belief goes a long way and I believe that I can win.”

Troup, Simonsen, Lavoie and Smallwood will be joined by next week’s winner of the South Region to compete in the PBA Players Championship Finals for a major championship title and a top prize of \$250,000.

The PBA Players Championship Finals will air live on FOX Broadcast Channel Feb. 21.

East Region Stepladder Finals Results

Bowlero Jupiter – Jupiter, Fla.

1. Kyle Troup, advances to PBA Players Championship Finals
2. Michael Davidson, earns \$15,000
3. Brandon Novak, \$13,000
4. Chris Via, \$21,000 (\$11,000 for finishing fourth and \$10,000 for bowling a perfect game)
5. Tim Foy Jr., \$7,000*

*Because Foy replaced O’Neill and finished fifth, the two players split their total winnings (\$10,000 for fifth and \$4,000 for sixth for a total of \$14,000), meaning both Foy and O’Neill receive \$7,000.

Match Scores

Match 1 – No. 4 Via def. No. 5 Foy, 300-235

Match 2 – No. 3 Davidson def. No. 4 Via, 244-242

Match 3 – No. 3 Davidson def. No. 2 Novak, 245-213

Match 4 – No. 1 Troup def. No. 3 Davidson, 259-216

Upcoming Players Championship Television Schedule

Bowlero Jupiter – Jupiter, Fla.

Sunday, Feb. 14 at 1 p.m. on FS1 – South Region Finals

Sunday, Feb. 21 at 12:30 p.m. on FOX – PBA Players Championship Finals

Svensson Leads Five Champions into PBA Players Championship South Region Finals

South Region Finals air Sunday, Feb. 14 at 1 p.m. ET on FS1

New York, NY—Sweden’s Jesper Svensson leads all qualifiers in the PBA Players Championship South Region, the only region in which all five stepladder finalists are PBA Tour champions. Svensson seeks to continue the trend of top seeds advancing and claim the final berth in the PBA Players Championship Finals.

Svensson's two titles in 2020 brought him to 10 in his career, making him performance-eligible for Hall of Fame consideration. A win in the Players Championship would be his second major title, along with the 2016 PBA Tournament of Champions, when Svensson became the youngest ever to win the event.

Second seed Cristian Azcona, the first player from Puerto Rico to win a PBA Tour title when he claimed the 2018 PBA Xtra Frame Wilmington Open, battled with Svensson for the top spot throughout qualifying but ultimately finished 10 pins short. Although Azcona is a PBA Tour champion, his win was not televised, so he will be making his first appearance in a televised finals event.

Eight-time PBA Tour champion Ryan Ciminelli announced his retirement from full-time PBA competition in 2020, but that didn't stop him from entering the Players Championship and qualifying third in the South Region. If Ciminelli can get through the region and into the finals, he'll have a chance to win his second career major title, which would make him eligible for Hall of Fame consideration.

The number-four seed, Tom Daugherty, is a two-time PBA Tour champion looking to win his first major title. Daugherty has competed in multiple major championship finals telecasts but has yet to finish higher than third, doing so three times, including the 2015 PBA Players Championship. His other third-place major finishes came in the Tournament of Champions, notably his infamous 100 game in 2011 and a loss to Svensson in 2016.

Facing Daugherty in the opening match is Dick Allen, a seven-time winner on the PBA Tour whose championship victories span 17 years. Allen won his first title in 2002 and earned his sixth and seventh titles during the 2019 season. A win in the PBA Players Championship would be Allen's first career major title.

The South Region Finals air on Sunday, Feb. 14 at 1 p.m. ET on FS1. The winner will join Anthony Simonsen (West), François Lavoie (Southwest), Tom Smallwood (Central) and Kyle Troup (East) in the PBA Players Championship Finals, which will feature a top prize of \$250,000 and air live on FOX Broadcast Channel Feb. 21.

South Region Stepladder Finals

Bowlero Jupiter – Jupiter, Fla.

Sunday, Feb. 14 at 1 p.m. ET on FS1

Stepladder Finalists

Jesper Svensson

Cristian Azcona

Ryan Ciminelli

Tom Daugherty

Dick Allen

Full South Region standings: pba.com/node/117426

Upcoming Players Championship Television Schedule

Bowlero Jupiter – Jupiter, Fla.

Sunday, Feb. 14 at 1 p.m. on FS1 – South Region Finals

Sunday, Feb. 21 at 12:30 p.m. on FOX – PBA Players Championship Finals

PBA Hall of Fame to Welcome Three New Members for Meritorious Service

Retired PBA National Tournament Director, Kirk Von Krueger and wife Mary Von Krueger, Retired Regional Tournament Director, Gary Mage Inducted in 2021

New York, NY – The PBA Hall of Fame will have three new members this year – and for the first time in the history of the sport, a married couple has been elected together.

The PBA Hall of Fame committee unanimously elected Kirk and Mary von Krueger and Gary Mage for meritorious service.

Together, the von Kruegers served in vital tournament management roles for the PBA's national tour and Mage served as a Regional Director, amongst other roles in the industry for over 40 years.

"On behalf of the PBA Hall of Fame committee, it is a tremendous opportunity to recognize the efforts of these three icons, who built and sustained the PBA through different eras of growth," said PBA Commissioner Tom Clark. "Gary, Kirk and Mary were an essential part of the organization up until their retirements last year, and everyone who has come in contact with them knows the PBA would not be the same without their contributions."

Kirk von Krueger, who joined the PBA as a regional competitor in 1982, became the fourth national tournament director in PBA history in 1996. He succeeded Johnny Campos and continued in that role until his retirement 24 years later. Only the late Harry Golden, who served as national tournament director for 29 years, held the position longer. Von Krueger also held the position of Deputy Commissioner from 2011 until his retirement in 2020.

"My sincerest thanks to those who encouraged me to pursue my dream of becoming a professional bowler," said Kirk von Krueger. At that time, I had no idea it would open a door that would allow me to experience the most fulfilling and extraordinary 25 years of my life. To all who shared my journey, I say without hesitation that it truly would not have been possible without each and every one of you. I am humbled and honored to share this with you all. Thank you."

Mary von Krueger, who served alongside her husband as his clerical right hand, became Membership and Statistics Manager.

"The PBA was and still is my heart," said Mary von Krueger. "The incredible staff, fierce competitors, the gracious hosts, and the exuberant volunteers and fans made my tenure a dream come true. It is incredibly humbling and overwhelming to know that my heart forever more will have a home among my heroes."

The couple met when both were serving in the U.S. Navy as air traffic controllers. Von Krueger won the All-Navy Bowling Championship in 1975, and when he was based in Seattle, became a PBA Northwest Region competitor. He won six titles and was named Northwest Region Player of the Year in the 1980's. The couple, who married without ever going on a date, also served tours in Iceland and Pensacola, Fla., where they eventually settled and raised their four children.

After 20 years of service in the Navy, von Kruger retired and bowled on the PBA Tour for four years with a best finish of third. Von Krueger was encouraged by his wife to compete on the Tour in 1992.

"It was a great luxury having Kirk as deputy commissioner and tournament director, and Mary in the tournament office helping the players year-round," said PBA Commissioner Tom Clark. "The von Kruegers became family to me and everyone on Tour. It was an honor working alongside them for 12 years and I appreciate everything they have done for the PBA."

In addition to the von Kruegers, the PBA Hall of Fame committee also unanimously elected Gary Mage into the Class of 2021. Mage, who founded the PBA Northwest region in 1979 and added the role of PBA West Regional Director in 2004, served the PBA for over 40 years.

Mage, who similarly retired in 2020, hosted more tournaments than any other regional director in the history of the PBA with his wife Toni by his side, every step of the way.

"Gary and Toni treated all PBA players and host bowling center's staff as family," added Clark. "Gary was not only a skilled tournament director, but he was respected by the industry as a whole for his experience in all aspects of bowling. The PBA Hall of Fame committee and I are thankful for his lifelong contributions to the game."

Mage joined the PBA in the 1970s and began his career as a full-time touring pro. In 1972, he won a PBA Tour national title at the Seattle Open.

Off the lanes, Mage served on the PBA executive board, was a bowling center proprietor, pro-shop owner, and a mentor to many.

"To be inducted in the PBA Hall of Fame is the greatest honor I could ever receive in the bowling world," said Gary Mage. To have my name with the greats both bowling and promoting the sport is an honor beyond my wildest dreams."

The PBA recognized the 2020 PBA Player of the Year, Jason Belmonte of Australia, PBA Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award winner Brad Miller of Lee's Summitt, Mo., and PBA Tony Reyes Memorial Community Service Award recipient Danny Wiseman late last year.

The Player Award winners and the newest members of the PBA Hall of Fame will be celebrated at an induction ceremony to be announced at a later date due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Dick Allen Averages 270 to Win South Region and Advance to PBA Players Championship Finals

The #5 seed won all four matches to earn the last berth in the PBA Players Championship Finals

Jupiter, Fla.— Fifth seed Dick Allen climbed the stepladder and defeated #1 seed Jesper Svensson in the final match to win the South Region Finals. With four victories and a 270

average, Allen became the first and only player to advance to the PBA Players Championship Finals from anywhere other than the top seed.

While Allen averaged 270, his opponents averaged 258. Every match led to Allen needing a clutch performance in the 10th frame to secure victory.

“This is what we’re out here to do,” said Allen of bowling under pressure. “This is why we play the game. You have to control the heart rate, the blood rushing through the veins, the emotions. You get the job done and then you can celebrate. To be able to do that on this stage just feels good.”

With a strike and spare to finish the opening match, Allen defeated Tom Daugherty, who started his game with the front eight, by a single pin. Allen then doubled in the 10th to get past Ryan Ciminelli by five pins. Needing a strike and six pins to win the semifinal match against Cristian Azcona, Allen rolled all three strikes for the win. In the final match, Allen needed to fill 17 pins in the 10th to defeat Jesper Svensson, then filled 28 to win the South Region.

“I knew the lanes were going to be high-scoring,” said Allen. “I just did whatever I could. As the middle started to hook and the back ends started to hook some more, my point of origin stayed the same but the destination down lane changed. I tried to keep moving my eyes left, keep my speed up and stay aggressive.”

Allen, who owns seven PBA Tour titles and will be looking to win his first major, joins Anthony Simonsen (West), François Lavoie (Southwest), Tom Smallwood (Central) and Kyle Troup (East) in next week’s PBA Players Championship Finals, when the five players will compete for a top prize of \$250,000.

“I’m going to try to stay in every match and hope I get a chance to step up in the 10th and do what I like to do,” said Allen.

The PBA Players Championship Finals will air live on FOX Broadcast Channel Feb. 21.

South Region Stepladder Finals Results

Bowlero Jupiter – Jupiter, Fla.

1. Dick Allen, advances to PBA Players Championship Finals
2. Jesper Svensson, earns \$15,000
3. Cristian Azcona, \$13,000
4. Ryan Ciminelli, \$11,000
5. Tom Daugherty, \$10,000

Match Scores

Match 1 – No. 5 Allen def. No. 4 Daugherty, 269-268

Match 2 – No. 5 Allen def. No. 3 Ciminelli, 258-253

Match 3 – No. 5 Allen def. No. 2 Azcona, 278-258

Match 4 – No. 5 Allen def. No. 1 Svensson, 277-255

Upcoming Players Championship Television Schedule

Bowlero Jupiter – Jupiter, Fla.

Sunday, Feb. 21 at 12:30 p.m. on FOX – PBA Players Championship Finals

PBA Players Championship Finals Air Sunday on FOX

Three-game seeding round Saturday will determine stepladder positioning

Jupiter, Fla.—The first PBA Tour champion of 2021 will be crowned Sunday as the PBA Players Championship Finals conclude with the winners from each of the five Regional Finals competing for a major title and \$250,000 first prize. Plus, if a player bowls a perfect 300 game in the title match, he'll receive a \$1 million bonus. The PBA Players Championship Finals will air live on FOX Broadcast Channel at 12:30 p.m. ET.

The five Regional winners—Anthony Simonsen (West), François Lavoie (Southwest), Tom Smallwood (Central), Kyle Troup (East) and Dick Allen (South)—will first compete in a three-game, total-pinfall competition to determine seeding for the stepladder finals. The seeding round will be streamed live on FloBowling Saturday, Feb. 20 at 4 p.m. ET.

Simonsen, a seven-time PBA Tour champion (two majors) and winner of the 2019 PBA Players Championship, won the West Region by rolling a 279 game to defeat Kris Koeltzow in the final match. Simonsen finished the 2020 season ranked third in PBA Tour earnings despite not capturing a title. He finished second four times, including twice in majors.

Two-time U.S. Open champion Lavoie will be looking to win his fifth career PBA Tour title, which would make him performance-eligible for PBA Hall of Fame consideration. Lavoie, the qualifying leader in the Southwest, won his region in a sudden-death roll-off over Keven Williams.

Among Smallwood's three career titles are two majors, including the 2018 PBA Players Championship. With a top-five performance this year, Smallwood has finished in the top 15 in the Players Championship five straight times. A 246 game in the Central Region final match ended the run of rookie Zach Weidman, sending Smallwood into the finals.

Troup is a six-time PBA Tour champion—three of those coming in 2020—looking to win his first major title. With seven consecutive strikes as the top seed in the East, Troup defeated Michael Davidson to advance to the Finals.

Allen, a seven-time winner on the PBA Tour, climbed the stepladder from the fifth position to win the South Region, defeating four PBA Tour champions—Tom Daugherty, Ryan Ciminelli, Cristian Azcona and Jesper Svensson—along the way. Averaging 270 on the telecast, Allen still needed to make clutch shots in the 10th frame of every match as his opponents combined to average 258. A win in the Players Championship would be Allen's first major title.

The PBA Players Championship will pay \$250,000 for first place, \$130,000 for second, \$80,000 for third, \$60,000 for fourth and \$50,000 for fifth, making the seeding round on Saturday especially important for all five players. The player with the highest three-game total will guarantee himself a six-figure payday.

PBA Players Championship Stepladder Finals

Bowlero Jupiter – Jupiter, Fla.

Seeding round Saturday, Feb. 20 at 4 p.m. ET on FloBowling
Stepladder finals Sunday, Feb. 21 at 12:30 p.m. ET on FOX

Anthony Simonsen (West)

François Lavoie (Southwest)
Tom Smallwood (Central)
Kyle Troup (East)
Dick Allen (South)

To watch the seeding round, subscribe to FloBowling at FloBowling.com.

KYLE TROUP CLAIMS TOP SEED FOR PBA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Troup will bowl for a chance at \$250,000 in the title match

Jupiter, Fla.—Kyle Troup rolled a three-game series of 741 to earn the top seed for tomorrow's PBA Players Championship stepladder finals, airing live tomorrow at 12:30 p.m. ET on FOX Broadcast Channel.

Following Troup are François Lavoie (726), Dick Allen (717), Tom Smallwood (709) and Anthony Simonsen (694). The three-game, total-pinfall seeding round streamed live on FloBowling to position each of the five PBA Players Championship Regional winners into tomorrow's finals.

By earning the No. 1 seed, Troup guaranteed himself a minimum of \$130,000. He also will have a chance at the \$250,000 first prize as well as an opportunity to potentially secure a \$1 million bonus if he can roll a perfect game in the title match.

SEEDING ROUND FINAL SCORES

1. Kyle Troup, 741, (238, 279, 224)
2. François Lavoie, 726, (245, 224, 257)
3. Dick Allen, 717, (258, 226, 233)
4. Tom Smallwood, 709, (258, 225, 226)
5. Anthony Simonsen, 694 (235, 237, 222)

Kyle Troup Wins PBA Players Championship for First Career Major Title

Defeats Dick Allen in the championship match to win \$250,000

Jupiter, Fla.—Top seed Kyle Troup bowled a 257 game to win the PBA Players Championship for his first career major title, defeating third seed Dick Allen in the championship match. Troup's seventh overall PBA Tour title earned him a PBA record-tying \$250,000 first-place prize.

"It's an unbelievable feeling," said Troup. "Hard work pays off. I felt very confident in my ball reaction and the angle I was playing. I didn't really feel nervous at all. I stayed focused and the pressure and the nerves kind of went away."

Like Troup, Allen was also seeking his first career major title. Allen defeated Tom Smallwood and François Lavoie to get to the championship match, then took an early lead over Troup.

“I had two misses in the first four frames,” said Troup. “There can be some thoughts going through my head like, oh no, what’s going on here? But I just told myself to keep my mind forward and my eyes forward. Keep working, keep pushing, believe in yourself.”

When Allen left a 10-pin in the seventh frame, giving Troup a one-pin advantage, Troup knew the outcome was in his hands.

“I try not to pay attention to the score and just make the best shot I can make,” said Troup. “But I knew once I had that advantage and I could strike out to win, the only thing I was thinking was you don’t hope to win, you expect to win. I expected Dick Allen to strike out and force me to strike out, so I was expecting to have to throw all of them.”

In the ninth frame, Allen left a 7-10 split, easing the burden on Troup. Troup struck in his half of the ninth, then clinched the title with a strike in the 10th frame.

Troup was the top seed throughout every round of the PBA Players Championship. He led all East Region qualifiers through 28 games of qualifying to earn the top seed in the East Region Finals, in which he defeated Michael Davidson to advance to the PBA Players Championship Finals. Then, he led the three-game, total-pinfall seeding round held last night, rolling a 741 series to clinch a spot in the title match.

“After I won the region, I went home and relaxed for a couple days,” said Troup. “Then it was time to buckle down. Keep competing. Keep practicing. A lot of self-talk and self-belief. I knew I had to go to work to take this next step in my career.”

By earning his seventh career title and first major, Troup also qualifies for the first spot in the PBA Super Slam, which will feature all five 2021 major winners and air April 18 on FOX Broadcast Channel.

PBA Players Championship Final Standings

Bowlero Jupiter – Jupiter, Fla.

1. Kyle Troup, earns \$250,000
2. Dick Allen, \$130,000
3. François Lavoie, \$80,000
4. Tom Smallwood, \$60,000
5. Anthony Simonsen, \$50,000

Match Scores

Match 1 – No. 4 Smallwood def. No. 5 Simonsen, 278-225

Match 2 – No. 3 Allen def. No. 4 Smallwood, 216-195

Match 3 – No. 3 Allen def. No. 2 Lavoie, 244-227

Match 4 – No. 1 Troup def. No. 3 Allen, 257-212

KIA PBA Tournament of Champions Begins This Week

The second major of the 2021 PBA Tour season will pay \$100,000 to the winner

Jupiter, Fla.—The KIA PBA Tournament of Champions, the second major championship of the 2021 PBA Tour season, begins this week at Bowlero Jupiter. The qualifying and match play rounds will be streamed live on FloBowling, Feb. 23-26, and the stepladder finals will air live Sunday, Feb. 28 at 1 p.m. ET on FOX Broadcast Channel.

Here are some of the top storylines heading into the 2021 KIA PBA Tournament of Champions:

Troup Goes for Second Consecutive Major

After winning his first career major title in the PBA Players Championship, Kyle Troup will attempt to win his second in as many weeks. Winning a quarter of a million dollars has already made 2021 Troup's best ever season in PBA Tour earnings. Winning the Tournament of Champions would give Troup another six-figure payday and make him performance-eligible for PBA Hall of Fame consideration. It would also tie him with his father, Guppy, with eight career PBA Tour titles.

Defending Champion Seeks Another \$100,000 Check

Kris Prather won the 2019 PBA Playoffs for his first \$100,000 purse, then earned another six-figure prize last season when he won the 2020 Tournament of Champions for his first major title. With \$100,000 available to the winner again this season, Prather will be looking to further solidify his nickname: \$100k Prather.

Two Jasons Look for Record-Breaking Fourth Win

Three players have won the Tournament of Champions three times: Mike Durbin (1972, 1982, 1984), Jason Couch (1999, 2000, 2002) and Jason Belmonte (2014, 2015, 2019). Both Couch, the only player ever to win three consecutive Tournament of Champions titles (the event was not held in 2001) and Belmonte, the all-time PBA record holder with 13 major titles, are entered in the 2021 event. If either can emerge victorious, he'll become the first player ever to win the event four times.

\$1,000,000 Bonus for a Perfect Game

For the second time this season, players will have a chance to win a \$1 million bonus by bowling a perfect game in the title match of the Tournament of Champions. Through a partnership between the PBA and FOX, the \$1 million bonus is on the line four times this season: the just-completed PBA Players Championship (in which neither player earned the bonus), the Tournament of Champions, the PBA World Championship and the PBA Super Slam.

PTQ Could Lead to a First-Time Champion

Players who have yet to win a PBA Tour national title will bowl eight qualifying games in the pre-tournament qualifier, with 16 players advancing to the Tournament of Champions elite field. A player has won the Tournament of Champions for his or her first PBA Tour national title twice in the last 11 years: Matt O'Grady (2018) and Kelly Kulick (2010).

The qualifying and match play rounds of the KIA PBA Tournament of Champions will be streamed live on FloBowling beginning Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 11 a.m. ET from Bowlero Jupiter in Jupiter, Fla. To subscribe, visit [FloBowling.com](https://www.flobowling.com).

PBA Tournament of Champions Winners Since 2011

2011 – Mika Koivuniemi
2012 – Sean Rash
2013 – Pete Weber
2014 – Jason Belmonte
2015 – Jason Belmonte
2016 – Jesper Svensson
2017 – EJ Tackett
2018 – Matt O’Grady
2019 – Jason Belmonte
2020 – Kris Prather

Tom Smallwood Leads Kia PBA Tournament of Champions Through First Day of Qualifying

Holds a 211-pin lead over second-place Jason Belmonte after 12 games

Jupiter, Fla.—Three-time PBA Tour champion Tom Smallwood leads all players through the first two rounds of qualifying in the Kia PBA Tournament of Champions. After the first six-game block, Smallwood led defending champion Kris Prather by 68 pins. By the end of the second six-game block, Smallwood increased his lead to 211 pins ahead of second place.

2021 PBA Players Championship winner Kyle Troup opened qualifying with 19 consecutive strikes, rolling a 300 in the first game and the first seven strikes in game two. Troup bowled a second 300 game in round two and sits in third place. Prather, Belmonte and Andrew Anderson each also posted a perfect game during the first two rounds.

Qualifying concludes tomorrow with rounds three and four streaming live starting at 11 a.m. ET on FloBowling. The top 24 players after all 24 qualifying games advance to match play beginning Thursday, Feb. 25. To subscribe, visit FloBowling.com.

The stepladder finals air Sunday, Feb. 28 at 1 p.m. ET on FOX Broadcast Channel.

Kia PBA Tournament of Champions Top 10 Through 12 Games

Bowlero Jupiter – Jupiter, Fla.

Tom Smallwood +753
Jason Belmonte +542
Kyle Troup +516
Anthony Simonsen +514
Andrew Anderson +490
Tom Daugherty +482
Sean Rash +479
Jesper Svensson +456
Wes Malott +450
Kris Prather +437

Mike Byers Wins PBA50 Spartanburg South Open

SPARTANBURG, S.C. (Feb. 21, 2021) – Mike Byers of Charleston, South Carolina, defeated PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla. to win the PBA50 Dave Edwards Toyota Spartanburg Open at Paradise Lanes on Sunday.

Byers, who won \$2,300 and his second official career PBA regional title did it in grand fashion doubling in the tenth frame to win the final match against Williams 224-213. Williams pocketed \$1,200 as the runner-up.

In the semifinals, Byers defeated Dave Kneas of Annapolis, Md., 264-203, while Williams disposed of Glenn Smith of New York, 255-225.

The tournament drew eighty 50-and-older players. The PBA South Region's next tournament will be the PBA Coatings Solutions Open on Sunday, Feb. 28 in Brandon, Fla.

PBA50 DAVE EDWARDS TOYOTA SPARTANBURG OPEN Paradise Lanes, Spartanburg, S.C., Sunday

Championship:

Mike Byers, Charleston, S.C. (\$2,300) def. Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla. (\$1,200), 224-213.

Semifinal Round (losers earned \$1,000):

Byers def. Dave Kneas, Annapolis, Md., 264-203.

Williams Jr. def. Glenn Smith., New York, 255-225.

Round of 8 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$825 each):

Byers def. Dick Gran, Bradenton, Fla., 2-1.

Kneas def. Greg Wilson, Warrenton, Va., 2-1.

Smith def. Chuck Walker, Rutledge, Tenn., 2-1.

Williams def. James Lord, Charlotte, N.C., 2-0.

Round of 12 (total pinfall three games, losers eliminated and earned \$675 each):

Gran def. Ken Gibson, Greenville, S.C., 2-0.

Kneas def. Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 2-1.

Williams def. Mac Sanders, Taylors, S.C., 2-0.

Smith def. Tom Baker, King, N.C., 2-1.

Round of 16 (total pinfall three games, losers eliminated and earned \$570 each):

Gran def. Jimmy Jean, Kathleen, Ga., 2-1.

Kneas def. Bill Watson, Monroe, Ohio, 2-0.

Williams def. Greg McMahan, Dandridge, Tenn., 2-0.

Smith def. Craig Auerbach, Destin, Fla., 2-0.

300 Game: James Lord

PBA and Bowlero Announce First-Ever Global Tournament in Partnership with Lanetalk

PBA Bowlero Global Rumble Tournament Powered by Lanetalk Begins March 1

New York, NY – Bowlero Corp, the worldwide leader in bowling entertainment and parent company to the Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) are excited to announce a first of its kind virtual global bowling tournament in partnership with Lanetalk, beginning March 1 across 17 countries with a \$50K total prize fund.

The PBA Bowlero Global Rumble powered by Lanetalk is a virtual bowling tournament open to both amateur and professional bowlers across the world ages 18+. Bowlers will virtually face-off against competitors at a selection of Bowlero Corp locations and international centers equipped with Lanetalk for a chance to win a first-place prize of \$10K. The complete list of participating locations is available at PBA.com/Rumble.

“The PBA and Bowlero are dedicated to growing the sport of bowling at all levels,” said Lev Ekster, Chief Strategy Officer and COO of the PBA. “As bowling centers reopen worldwide, the PBA Bowlero Global Rumble powered by Lanetalk is a unique opportunity to get tens of thousands of bowlers back into their local centers safely, while connecting them with competitors around the world virtually. We’re excited to see who will participate in this augural event and win the \$10K Grand Prize.”

The tournament, hosted on the Lanetalk app, will feature four stages of competition within six conferences in the United States and internationally until one champion is crowned for a true global Rumble competition.

Starting next week, the competition begins and progresses throughout the following stages.

Stage 1: Qualifying (March 1-14)

Bowlers have two weeks in the first round of qualifying to bowl their two best consecutive games. Lanetalk will take their best two scores as tournament submission. Bowlers will have up to 99 attempts to improve their score. The top 1,000 bowlers in each USA and international conference will advance to the quarterfinals.

Stage 2: Quarterfinals (March 15-28)

The top 6,000 bowlers will have two weeks during the quarterfinals to bowl their two best consecutive games. Lanetalk will take their best two scores as tournament submission. The top 40 bowlers in each USA and international conference will advance to the semi-finals. In the instance if two or more bowlers have the same score, a one-game roll-match will be played prior to the semi-finals.

Stage 3: Semi-Finals (March 29-April 4)

The remaining 240 bowlers will have one week and one attempt to submit their two best consecutive scores. The top two bowlers from each USA and international conference will advance to the Grand Finale.

Stage 4: Grand Finale (April 17)

The remaining 12 bowlers will all bowl two consecutive games at the same time simultaneously from their home center. Time to be announced at a later date. The bowler with the highest score will be crowned the first-ever PBA Bowlero Global Rumble Champion and win \$10K.

Throughout the tournament, bowlers will be able to follow competitors and view scores at PBA.com/Rumble.

Smallwood Retains Lead into Match Play in 2021 Kia PBA Tournament of Champions

Major champions occupy the top seven spots, Shawn Maldonado rolls perfect 300 game to make the cut

Jupiter, Fla.—Tom Smallwood led all four rounds of qualifying of the 2021 Kia PBA Tournament of Champions and will enter match play as the top seed. With a 244 average over 24 games, Smallwood is 118 pins ahead of second place, which is held by three-time Tournament of Champions winner Jason Belmonte.

Defending champion Kris Prather is in third, with major champions Anthony Simonsen, Jesper Svensson, Sean Rash and Kyle Troup filling out the top seven.

In the final game of qualifying, Shawn Maldonado, who was in 35th place, bowled a perfect 300 game to jump inside the cut, qualifying 23rd for match play.

Match play begins tomorrow at noon ET on FloBowling with the top 24 players competing in the first of four six-game blocks. Round 2 begins at 6 p.m. ET and the final two rounds take place Friday, Feb. 26. To subscribe, visit [FloBowling.com](https://www.flobowling.com).

The stepladder finals air Sunday, Feb. 28 at 1 p.m. ET on FOX Broadcast Channel.

Kia PBA Tournament of Champions Match Play Qualifiers

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Tom Smallwood +1,064
Jason Belmonte +946
Kris Prather +924
Anthony Simonsen +900
Jesper Svensson +876
Sean Rash +870
Kyle Troup +825
Tom Daugherty +798
Wes Malott +783
Jake Peters +773
BJ Moore +769
François Lavoie +726
Brandon Novak +710
Nick Pate +667
Cristian Azcona +655
Jakob Butturff +631
Bill O'Neill +576
Richie Teece +564
Tommy Jones +558
Dick Allen +555

Michael Davidson +553
Andrew Anderson +522
Shawn Maldonado +521
Trevor Roberts +516

Full Kia PBA Tournament of Champions standings: <https://www.pba.com/node/118506>

Jason Belmonte Takes Lead After First Day of Kia PBA Tournament of Champions Match Play

Posts 8-4 record to move to the top of the leaderboard through 36 games

Jupiter, Fla.—Jason Belmonte seized the lead in the 2021 Kia PBA Tournament of Champions after the first two rounds of match play. Belmonte, who was in second place through 24 games of qualifying, won eight of his 12 matches today in taking over the lead. Belmonte, one of three players (along with Mike Durbin and Jason Couch) to have won the Tournament of Champions three times, is looking to become the first player ever to win the event a fourth time.

Anthony Simonsen worked his way into second place and Tom Smallwood, who had been the leader after all four rounds of qualifying and the first round of match play, dropped to third after match play round two.

Sean Rash and Tom Daugherty sit in fourth and fifth place, respectively. Bill O'Neill, who started the day in 17th place, used a field-best 10-2 record to help him move up to eighth.

Match play resumes tomorrow on FloBowling with round three at noon ET and round four at 6 p.m. ET. To subscribe, visit [FloBowling.com](https://www.flobowling.com).

At the conclusion of the final round of match play, the top five players will advance to the stepladder finals airing Sunday, Feb. 28 at 1 p.m. ET on FOX Broadcast Channel.

Kia PBA Tournament of Champions Standings Through 36 Games

Bowlero Jupiter – Jupiter, Fla.

Jason Belmonte +1,635
Anthony Simonsen +1,598
Tom Smallwood +1,547
Sean Rash +1,418
Tom Daugherty +1,394
François Lavoie +1,346
Jesper Svensson +1,341
Bill O'Neill +1,263
Nick Pate +1,249
Michael Davidson +1,248
Kyle Troup +1,219
Wes Malott +1,205
Jake Peters +1,183

Kris Prather +1,155
BJ Moore +1,152
Cristian Azcona +1,130
Brandon Novak +1,118
Jakob Butturff +1,048
Tommy Jones +1,046
Dick Allen +1,009
Richie Teece +956
Trevor Roberts +818
Shawn Maldonado +762
Andrew Anderson +720

Full Kia PBA Tournament of Champions standings: <https://www.pba.com/node/118506>

PBA Announces Regional Players Invitational for 2021 Season

The PBA Regional Tour's Top 120 Players to Compete in Special Event

New York, NY – The Professional Bowlers Association is excited to announce the return of the Regional Players Invitational (RPI) for the 2021 PBA Regional Tour season.

Exclusively for PBA Regional players, the RPI will bring together 120 of the top bowlers from each of the seven PBA regions to compete in a three-day event in January 2022 for a \$20K top prize and \$100K total prize fund. The event will take place at South Point Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

From January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, PBA members can earn points in all open field regional events to earn entry into the RPI. The top eight players in points from the South, East, Midwest, West, Central, and Southwest, plus the top six players from the Northwest will automatically earn a spot.

In addition to the top 54 regional players, 26 senior bowlers will also earn spots in the RPI, including the top four seniors in points from the South, East, Midwest, West, Central, and Southwest, and the top two seniors from the Northwest.

To complete the 120-member field, each region will hold a special RPI Tournament Qualifier to fill the remaining 40 spots. More details on the format and date of the qualifiers to be announced.

The field will be filled as follows:

RPI Qualifiers Field Per Region				
Region	Regional Points Leaders	Regional Tournament Qualifiers	Senior Points Leaders	Senior Tournament Qualifiers

Northwest	6	3	2	1
West	8	4	2	2
Southwest	8	4	4	2
Midwest	8	4	4	2
Central	8	4	4	2
East	8	4	4	2
South	8	4	4	2
Total Eligible	54	27	26	13

The RPI is tentatively scheduled to take place in January 2022 at South Point Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. Bowlers will compete in a three-day event starting with 16 games of qualifying, followed by a 32-player elimination bracket. The top 40 players after qualifying will cash.

Players in the top 50 PBA National Tour Points List after the completion of the 2021 PBA Summer Tour will not be eligible to bowl in the RPI Finals.

During this uncertain time, the PBA's main priority continues to be the health and safety of its players and staff. The PBA is taking all necessary precautions and following local and federal COVID-19 guidelines to reduce risks and modify procedures as needed. For a complete list of the PBA's COVID-19 related standards and procedures, please visit [PBA.com](https://www.pba.com).

Anthony Simonsen Will Bowl for Kia PBA Tournament of Champions Title

François Lavoie defeats Tom Smallwood in a roll-off for the fifth spot

Jupiter, Fla.—Seven-time PBA Tour champion Anthony Simonsen will bowl for the 2021 Kia PBA Tournament of Champions title Sunday, Feb. 26, live at 1 p.m. ET on FOX Broadcast Channel. With a 239 average over 48 games, Simonsen earned the top seed for the stepladder finals and will have a chance to win his third career major title.

Jason Belmonte, the PBA Tour record holder with 13 major titles, earned the second seed with a 16-8 record in match play and will attempt to become the first player in history to win the Tournament of Champions four times.

Jesper Svensson, the youngest player ever to win the Tournament of Champions when he took the title in 2016, qualified 35 pins behind Belmonte in third.

2012 Tournament of Champions winner Sean Rash, with a 14-8-2 record in match play, holds the fourth spot in the stepladder finals and looks to win his 17th career PBA Tour title.

François Lavoie claimed the fifth seed in a one-game roll-off over Tom Smallwood, 218-163. In position round, Smallwood erased a 91-pin deficit in a win over Lavoie, leaving the players tied and forcing the extra game. Lavoie, who finished third in last week's Players Championship, will be attempting to win his fifth career title and third major.

The top five players will compete for the title Sunday, Feb. 28, live at 1 p.m. ET on FOX Broadcast Channel.

Kia PBA Tournament of Champions Stepladder Finalists

Bowlero Jupiter – Jupiter, Fla.

Sunday, Feb. 28 at 1 p.m. ET on FOX

Anthony Simonsen
Jason Belmonte
Jesper Svensson
Sean Rash
François Lavoie

Full Kia PBA Tournament of Champions standings: <https://www.pba.com/node/118506>

François Lavoie Wins Kia PBA Tournament of Champions for Third Major Title

The fifth seed wins all four matches and defeats Anthony Simonsen in the title match to earn \$100,000

Jupiter, Fla.—Fifth seed François Lavoie defeated four of his fellow major champions to claim the 2021 Kia PBA Tournament of Champions title. With wins over Sean Rash, Jesper Svensson, Jason Belmonte and top seed Anthony Simonsen, Lavoie earned his fifth career PBA Tour title and third major.

"It's really special," said Lavoie of winning an event with such a high caliber of opponents. "I got through the first match against Sean and it wasn't easy, but I got a little more comfortable as it went along. It is the Tournament of Champions, so I wouldn't expect anything less. It was tough but I wouldn't want it any other way."

In the championship match, Lavoie struck in five of the first six frames, building a lead over Simonsen, who left an 8-10 split in the fourth frame. Simonsen rolled three consecutive strikes after the split, but Lavoie's lead proved to be insurmountable.

"I knew I had a lead halfway through the game, but I wasn't looking at the scores," said Lavoie. "The last thing I wanted to do was get ahead of myself. Against someone as talented as

Anthony, you can never let up until it's mathematically over. I kept telling myself to stay here, stay in the moment and keep doing my thing."

The 28-year-old Lavoie now has five PBA Tour titles, including three majors, making him performance-eligible for the PBA Hall of Fame.

"That hadn't crossed my mind," said Lavoie. "It certainly is nice to be in that class of players who are eligible for the Hall of Fame. When I started bowling on Tour, I didn't know if it was going to work out, whether I would be doing this for a while or try something else. I'm really happy with where I am now."

A two-time U.S. Open champion, Lavoie has now finished in the top five in each of the past three majors dating back to the 2020 PBA World Championship.

"Lately, what's been successful for me is my ability to strategize," said Lavoie. "I come up with a good game plan and stick to it. If the plan doesn't go exactly as I wanted, I have different options."

Lavoie becomes the second player, after PBA Players Championship winner Kyle Troup, to qualify for the PBA Super Slam, which will feature all five 2021 major winners and air April 18 on FOX Broadcast Channel.

Kia PBA Tournament of Champions Final Standings

Bowlero Jupiter – Jupiter, Fla.

1. François Lavoie, earns \$100,000
2. Anthony Simonsen, \$60,000
3. Jason Belmonte, \$45,000
4. Jesper Svensson, \$40,000
5. Sean Rash, \$35,000

Match Scores

Match 1 – No. 5 Lavoie def. No. 4 Rash, 225-209

Match 2 – No. 5 Lavoie def. No. 3 Svensson, 236-201

Match 3 – No. 5 Lavoie def. No. 2 Belmonte, 220-194

Match 4 – No. 5 Lavoie def. No. 1 Simonsen, 233-187

Inaugural PBA Jr. National Championship Finals Air Sunday on FS1

Junior bowlers to compete in Pro/Jr. doubles competition in second hour of telecast

Jupiter, Fla.—The first-ever PBA Jr. National Champions will be crowned when the PBA Jr. Finals conclude Sunday, Mar. 7 at noon ET on Fox Sports' FS1. The winners of the boys and girls divisions will each earn \$7,500 in SMART Scholarships for their future education.

PBA Jr. competitors from around the country competed in five different regions in September of 2020, with the top 20 bowlers (two boys and two girls from each region) advancing to match

play held Feb. 20 in Jupiter, Fla. After 10 games of match play, Spencer Robarge secured the top seed in the boys division and Victoria Varano earned the No. 1 seed in the girls division, guaranteeing themselves berths in the PBA Jr. Finals.

18-year-old Robarge, who qualified in the Southwest Region, has bowled 41 perfect games in his young career. He posted a 7-3 record in PBA Jr. match play and earned the top seed by 172 pins over second place.

Varano lists her sister, five-time PWBA Tour champion Danielle McEwan, as her favorite bowler. Qualifying out of the East Region, 16-year-old Varano led match play by 35 pins to earn a spot in the title match.

Their opponents—Nate Purches and Jillian Martin, respectively—earned their way into the finals through a stepladder featuring the players who qualified second, third and fourth. Both Purches and Martin were the No. 2 seeds, needing to win one match to advance to the televised finals.

Qualifying out of the Midwest Region, Purches, 17-years-old, plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and has a high series of 811. He defeated Randal Dunbar to get to the finals.

At age 16, Martin came close to winning a PWBA title in January, finishing second by six pins to Bryanna Coté in the PWBA ITRC Classic. Martin advanced out of the Midwest Region and beat Alyssa Ballard—daughter of Del and Carolyn Dorin-Ballard—to earn a spot in the PBA Jr. Finals.

Following the PBA Jr. National Championship Finals, PBA and PWBA professionals get involved in Pro/Jr. doubles competition. Two-time Roth/Holman PBA Doubles Champions Kyle Troup and Jesper Svensson will split up to battle with Troup teaming with Purches and Svensson siding with Robarge.

In the other doubles match, McEwan and Varano will take on Clara Guerrero and Martin. The winners of each match will then go head-to-head in a final Pro/Jr. doubles match for the title.

For more information or to join PBA Jr., visit pba.com/join/pba-junior.

PBA Jr. Finals

Bowlero Jupiter – Jupiter, Fla.

Sunday, March 7 at noon ET on FS1

Boys Finals – Spencer Robarge vs. Nate Purches

Girls Finals – Victoria Varano vs. Jillian Martin

Pro/Jr. Doubles Match 1 – Kyle Troup and Nate Purches vs. Jesper Svensson and Spencer Robarge

Pro/Jr. Doubles Match 2 – Danielle McEwan and Victoria Varano vs. Clara Guerrero and Jillian Martin

Pro/Jr. Doubles Finals – Winners of Match 1 vs. Winners of Match 2

Shawn Maldonado Wins PBA Coatings Solutions Open

BRANDON, FL. (March 1, 2021) – Shawn Maldonado of Houston, Texas, won his twelfth PBA Regional title at Oakfield Lanes in Brandon, Fla. on Saturday. Maldonado secured the win with a 2,844 total pinfall and 3-3 match play record.

Finishing in second place, was PBA Hall of Famer Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C. Jones ended his day just 66 pins behind Maldonado with a 2,778 total pinfall and 5-1 match play record.

Wrapping up the top three spots was Kyle Sherman of O'Fallon, Mo., who finished with a 2,734 total pinfall and 2-4 match play record.

Maldonado, Jones, and Sherman earned \$3000, \$16000, and \$14000 respectively.

The PBA South Region's next tournament will be the PBA/PBA50 iRoof Ft. Myers Challenge at Lightning Strikes Lanes in Ft. Myers, Fla., March 5-7, 2021

PBA COATINGS SOLUTIONS OPEN Oakfield Lanes, Brandon, Fl., Monday

Final Match Play Standings (after 12 games)

- 1, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, Tex., 3-3, 2,844, \$3000.
- 2, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 5-1, 2,778, \$1600.
- 3, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 2-4, 2,734, \$1400.
- 4, Carlos Granados, Orlando, Fla., 2,718, 3-3, \$1200.
- 5, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 4-2, 2,689, \$1100.
- 6, n-Sean Riccardi, St. Pete, Fla., 3-3, 2,675, \$1000.
- 7, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Tex., 2-4, 2,659, \$900.
- 8, Gregory Thompson Jr., Tempe, Az., 2-4, 2,578, \$800.

300 Game: Colin Champion
n - amateur

PBA World Series of Bowling XII Starts Sunday

Five titles, including the PBA Guaranteed Rate World Championship, to be decided

Tampa, Fla.—The PBA World Series of Bowling XII begins this weekend in Tampa. Five PBA Tour titles—the Cheetah Championship, Chameleon Championship, Scorpion Championship, Mark Roth Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship and PBA Guaranteed Rate World Championship—will be on the line at AMF University Lanes. The qualifying and match play rounds will be streamed live on FloBowling, Mar. 7-17, and the stepladder finals will air Mar. 13-17, live on FOX Broadcast Channel (World Championship) and Fox Sports' FS1 (all other events).

Here are some of the top storylines heading into the PBA World Series of Bowling XII:

Belmonte's Recent World Championship Dominance

Jason Belmonte has won each of the past three PBA World Championship titles. The PBA record holder in major titles with 13, Belmonte won his first World Championship in 2017 over Jesper Svensson. The event wasn't held in 2018, but Belmonte successfully defended his title in 2019, earning his record-breaking 11th career major title. Belmonte won again in 2020. If he can win this year, he'll be the first player ever to win the World Championship four times in a row. He's currently one of two players ever to win three in a row, although the other—Earl Anthony—won the event in three consecutive seasons on two separate occasions (1973-1975, 1981-1983).

Major Performances from Lavoie and Simonsen

François Lavoie and Anthony Simonsen have qualified for the televised finals of both majors so far this season. Lavoie finished third in the PBA Players Championship, then won the Kia PBA Tournament of Champions. Simonsen was fifth in the Players Championship and second to Lavoie in the Tournament of Champions. Going back to the final major of 2020—the PBA World Championship—and both players were in the top five there as well, with Lavoie finishing fourth and Simonsen second.

Animal Patterns in Play

Ten games of qualifying on each of three animal patterns—Cheetah, Chameleon and Scorpion—will determine the 16 finalists for each animal-pattern event as well as the 30 players who will advance to PBA World Championship cashers round and the 16 teams that qualify for Roth/Holman Doubles match play.

Sean Rash (Cheetah), Belmonte (Chameleon) and Carsten Hansen (Scorpion) enter as the defending champions on each animal pattern. Belmonte has won the Chameleon Championship three times, including each of the past two seasons.

Roth/Holman Doubles Returns to World Series

The Mark Roth Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship returns to the World Series of Bowling for the first time since WSOB III during the 2011-2012 season, when Norm Duke and Wes Malott took their first of two victories in this event. Duke and Malott repeated as champions in 2015, the next time the event was held.

Defending champions Kyle Troup and Jesper Svensson have also won the event twice, winning in Portland, Maine in 2017 and Indianapolis last season.

The qualifying and match play rounds of the PBA World Series of Bowling XII will be streamed live on FloBowling beginning Sunday, Mar. 7 at noon ET from AMF University Lanes in Tampa, Fla. To subscribe, visit FloBowling.com.

For the full PBA World Series of Bowling XII schedule, visit pba.com/node/118416.

PBA World Series of Bowling Streaming and TV Schedule

Qualifying and match play – Mar. 6-12, 15-17, noon ET on FloBowling
PBA Guaranteed Rate World Championship – Mar. 13, 2 p.m. ET on FOX
Roth/Holman PBA Doubles Championship – Mar. 14, 3 p.m. ET on FS1
PBA Cheetah Championship – Mar. 15, 8 p.m. ET on FS1
PBA Chameleon Championship – Mar. 16, 8 p.m. ET on FS1
PBA Scorpion Championship – Mar. 17, 8 p.m. ET on FS1

PBA World Championship Winners Since WSOB I

2009-10 – Tom Smallwood
2010-11 – Chris Barnes
2011-12 – Osku Palermaa
2012-13 (WSOB IV)* – Parker Bohn III
2012-13 (WSOB V)* – Dom Barrett
2014 – Mike Fagan
2015 – Gary Faulkner Jr.
2016 – EJ Tackett
2017 – Jason Belmonte
2018 – event not held**
2019 – Jason Belmonte
2020 – Jason Belmonte

PBA Cheetah Champions Since WSOB I

2009-10 – Norm Duke
2010-11 – Eugene McCune
2011-12 – Eugene McCune (not a WSOB event)***
2012-13 (WSOB IV)* – Bill O'Neill
2012-13 (WSOB V)* – Wes Malott
2014 – Anthony Pepe
2015 – Parker Bohn III
2016 – Mike Wolfe
2017 – Jesper Svensson
2018 – event not held**
2019 – Dick Allen
2020 – Sean Rash

PBA Chameleon Champions Since WSOB I

2009-10 – Bill O'Neill
2010-11 – Scott Norton
2011-12 – Jason Belmonte
2012-13 (WSOB IV)* – Scott Norton
2012-13 (WSOB V)* – Ryan Ciminelli
2014 – DJ Archer
2015 – Jesper Svensson
2016 – Mitch Beasley
2017 – Liz Johnson
2018 – event not held**
2019 – Jason Belmonte
2020 – Jason Belmonte

PBA Scorpion Champions Since WSOB I

2009-10 – Mike DeVaney
2010-11 – Yong-Jin Gu
2011-12 – Dom Barrett
2012-13 (WSOB IV)* – Tom Daugherty
2012-13 (WSOB V)* – Tom Smallwood
2014 – Michael Haugen Jr.
2015 – Jon Van Hees
2016 – Tommy Jones
2017 – EJ Tackett

2018 – event not held**
2019 – Kris Prather
2020 – Carsten Hansen

*As the PBA transitioned into a calendar-year season, two World Series of Bowling events were held in 2012-2013.

**World Series of Bowling X was moved to spring of 2019 as the PBA began its partnership with FOX.

***The 2011-2012 Cheetah Open took place at Fountain Bowl in Fountain Valley, Calif. and was streamed live on PBA Xtra Frame.

Mark Roth Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Champions Since 2011

2011-12 – Norm Duke and Wes Malott
2012-13 – not held
2014 – not held
2015 – Norm Duke and Wes Malott
2016 – Connor Pickford and Anthony Simonsen
2017 – Jesper Svensson and Kyle Troup
2018 – Jason Belmonte and Bill O'Neill
2019 – Matt Ogle and Sean Rash
2020 – Jesper Svensson and Kyle Troup

Jillian Martin, Spencer Robarge Win Inaugural PBA Jr. National Championship Titles

Kyle Troup and Nate Purches win Pro/Jr. Doubles Championship

Jupiter, Fla.—Jillian Martin and Spencer Robarge became the first PBA Jr. National Champions, each earning \$7,500 in SMART Scholarships along with their titles. Martin won the girls division with a victory over Victoria Varano and Robarge defeated Nate Purches to win the boys division.

After 16-year-old Varano finished with a 246 game, Martin, also 16, needed two strikes in the 10th frame to win the girls division. Martin rolled all three strikes, giving her six in a row to finish with a 257 game and the title.

Martin, who finished second in the 2021 PWBA ITRC Classic in January, was the No. 2 seed after 10 games of match play, then defeated Alyssa Ballard to earn a spot in the televised finals against top-seeded Varano.

In the boys division title match, No. 1 seed Robarge, 18, posted a 227 game that held up when 17-year-old Purches, needing to fill 21 pins in the 10th frame, left the 4-7 on his first shot.

Following the PBA Jr. National Championship victories by Martin and Robarge, Purches teamed up with Kyle Troup to win the Pro/Jr. Doubles Championship, combining to roll the first eight strikes in the title match before Purches left a 10 pin in the ninth frame.

Troup and Purches defeated Clara Guerrero and Martin in the championship match. In a five-frame semifinal match, Troup and Purches beat Jesper Svensson and Robarge by two pins, 98-

96. Guerrero and Martin were one shot away from five-frame perfection, rolling 148 to eliminate Danielle McEwan and Varano.

The PBA Jr. National Championship began in September of 2020 with youth bowlers competing in five regions around the United States. The top 20 bowlers (two boys and two girls from each region) advanced to match play, held Feb. 20 in Jupiter, Fla. After 10 games of match play, the top seeds from each division (Robarge and Varano) advanced to the televised finals. Their opponents, Purches and Martin, advanced to the finals through a modified stepladder following match play.

PBA Jr. National Championship Match Scores

Bowlero Jupiter – Jupiter, Fla.

Girls Division – No. 2 Martin def. No. 1 Varano, 257-246

Boys Division – No. 1 Robarge def. No. 2 Purches, 227-214

Pro/Jr. Doubles Championship Match Scores

Semifinal 1 – Guerrero/Martin def. McEwan/Varano, 148-87 (five-frame match)

Semifinal 2 – Troup/Purches def. Svensson/Robarge, 98-96 (five-frame match)

Championship – Troup/Purches def. Guerrero/Martin, 268-197

Tackett Leads 16 Players into Cheetah Championship Match Play

PBA Guaranteed Rate World Championship resumes tomorrow with Chameleon Championship qualifying

Tampa, Fla.—Thirteen-time PBA Tour champion EJ Tackett earned the top seed for PBA Cheetah Championship match play, averaging 243 to pace the field. By leading the first of three animal-pattern events, Tackett also sits atop the standings in the PBA Guaranteed Rate World Championship through the first day of World Series of Bowling XII action.

Tackett, the 2016 PBA World Champion, led defending Cheetah champion and No. 2 qualifier Sean Rash by 45 pins through 10 games of qualifying. Tackett will face 16th seed Chris Via in the opening round of Cheetah Championship best-of-five match play Monday, Mar. 15.

Marshall Kent, Tackett's doubles partner, qualified third for Cheetah Championship match play with a 236 average, putting the duo on top of the Mark Roth Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship standings through 20 doubles games.

The PBA Chameleon Championship starts tomorrow at noon ET on FloBowling, with the qualifying scores also counting toward the PBA Guaranteed Rate World Championship and Roth/Holman Doubles Championship. PBA Scorpion Championship qualifying will be held on Tuesday.

After 30 games of qualifying—10 each on the Cheetah, Chameleon and Scorpion oil patterns—the top 30 players advance to the PBA World Championship cashers rounds on Wednesday and the top 16 teams advance to Roth/Holman Doubles match play on Friday. To subscribe, visit [FloBowling.com](https://www.flobowling.com).

PBA Cheetah Championship Match Play Qualifiers

AMF University Lanes – Tampa

EJ Tackett +434
Sean Rash +389
Marshall Kent +360
Nick Pate +346
Anthony Simonsen +330
Michael Tang +327
Kris Prather +326
Sam Cooley +317
Brad Miller +305
Mykel Holliman +302
AJ Johnson +299
Patrick Dombrowski +297
Christopher Sloan +295
Kris Koeltzow +277
Scott Newell +274
Chris Via +270

Bill O'Neill Qualifies for Top Seed in PBA Chameleon Championship

EJ Tackett retains PBA Guaranteed Rate World Championship lead

Tampa, Fla.—Thirteen-time PBA Tour champion Bill O'Neill averaged 238 to lead all qualifiers in the PBA Chameleon Championship, earning the No. 1 seed for next week's best-of-five match play. EJ Tackett, who led yesterday's PBA Cheetah Championship, sits in first place in the PBA Guaranteed Rate World Championship entering the final day of qualifying.

O'Neill, a two-time major champion, led second seed Tom Daugherty by 73 pins through 10 games of Chameleon Championship qualifying and will face Zach Weidman in the opening round of match play. O'Neill also moved into second place in the World Championship, trailing Tackett by 78 pins.

Tackett, AJ Johnson and Marshall Kent are the only players to have made match play in both the Cheetah Championship and Chameleon Championship.

Jason Belmonte, who won the PBA Chameleon Championship each of the past two seasons, missed the cut, averaging 198 to finish 70th. Belmonte sits 56th in PBA World Championship qualifying as he attempts to become the first player ever to win the event on four consecutive occasions.

The PBA Scorpion Championship begins tomorrow at noon ET on FloBowling. Scores will also count as the final 10 games of qualifying for the PBA Guaranteed Rate World Championship and Roth/Holman Doubles Championship.

After 30 games of qualifying—10 each on the Cheetah, Chameleon and Scorpion oil patterns—the top 30 players advance to the PBA World Championship cashers rounds on Wednesday and the top 16 teams advance to Roth/Holman Doubles match play on Friday. To subscribe, visit FloBowling.com.

PBA Chameleon Championship Match Play Qualifiers

AMF University Lanes – Tampa, Fla.

Bill O'Neill +383
Tom Daugherty +310
Cristian Azcona +286
EJ Tackett +276
Jakob Butturff +271
AJ Johnson +266
Sean Lavery-Spahr +261
Tommy Jones +260
Kyle Troup +232
Shawn Maldonado +217
Brandon Novak +209
Matt Russo +195
Ronnie Russell +184
Jason Sterner +170
Marshall Kent +165
Zach Weidman +163

Best-of-five Chameleon Championship match play begins Tuesday, Mar. 16 at noon ET on FloBowling. The Chameleon Championship finals air live Mar. 16 at 8 p.m. ET on FS1.

Full PBA Chameleon Championship standings: www.pba.com/node/120351

PBA Guaranteed Rate World Championship Top 10 Through 20 Games

AMF University Lanes – Tampa, Fla.

EJ Tackett +710
Bill O'Neill +632
Tom Daugherty +578
AJ Johnson +565
Marshall Kent +525
Tommy Jones +494
Kyle Troup +446
Chris Via +425
Dino Castillo +421
Sean Rash +412

World Championship cashers round begins Wednesday at noon ET on FloBowling. The stepladder finals air live on FOX Broadcast Channel Saturday, Mar. 13 at 2 p.m. ET.

PBA Jr. National Championship Regional Dates Announced for 2021

PBA Jr. to host National Championships and additional regional tournaments for youth bowlers to earn SMART scholarships

New York, NY – After a thrilling finish to the inaugural PBA Jr. National Championship Finals on Sunday, the PBA is excited to release dates for 2021. In addition to the National Championship Qualifying tournaments, the PBA is also introducing regional tournaments throughout the year giving more opportunities for youth bowlers to earn SMART scholarships.

The PBA Jr. National Championship will once again be a two-fold competition. The first part of the event is open to all youth bowlers, who have not yet reached the age of 18 by August 1, 2021, receiving direct entry into four Regional Tournaments at Bowlero centers around the country on September 3-5, 2021.

Each Regional Tournament will guarantee a first place \$2,000 SMART Scholarship with scholarships being awarded to one out of every six (1:6) entries in each division.

Regional tournaments will take place at the following Bowlero locations:

Midwest Region

Bowlero Wauwatosa
11737 W Burleigh St, Wauwatosa, WI 53222

South Region

Bowlero Marietta
2749 Delk Rd, Marietta, GA 30067

Southwest Region

Bowlero Euless
1901 W Airport Fwy, Euless, TX 76040

West Region

Bowlero Mesa
1754 W Southern Ave, Mesa, AZ 85202

The East Regional Tournament will be held in conjunction with the 22nd Parker Bohn III (PB3) Scholarship Tournament at Howell Lanes in Howell, NJ. The date of the event to be announced.

The top two girl and boy finishers in each Regional will advance to the National Championship to compete for a \$7,500 SMART Scholarship. The National Championship date will be held in conjunction with a PBA National Tour stop, to be named at a later date.

New to 2021, the PBA is expanding PBA Jr. competition by introducing the first of several PBA Jr. Regional Tournaments, outside of the National Event, offering more opportunities for youth bowlers to compete with the best and earn SMART scholarships for their future education.

PBA Jr. Regional tournaments will take place throughout the spring and summer across the country, with competition on the weekends to allow as many elite youth bowlers to participate. Youth bowlers, girls and boys, ages 17 and under are eligible to compete, with PBA Jr. Club members receiving priority discounted entry.

The first four PBA Jr. Regional tournaments are confirmed (noted below) with more to be announced.

PBA Midwest Region: May 15-16

Aarons Family Fun Center
17070 Aarons Lane, Belton, MO, 64012

PBA West Region: May 22-23

Bowlero Mesa
1754 West Southern Avenue, Mesa, AZ, 85202

PBA South Region: June 12-13

Victory Lanes
125 Morlake Drive, Mooresville, NC, 28117

PBA Midwest Region: July 30-August 1

Bowlero Lakeville
11129 162nd Street West, Lakeville, MN, 55044

The PBA is dedicated to growing the sport of bowling at all levels and is looking for centers that are interested in hosting a PBA JR. Regional Tournament. Center operators or proprietors can contact Mike Sledz, PBA Membership Director at msledz@bowlerocorp.com or by phone at 206-332-9688, select option #1 to discuss.

Tom Daugherty Earns No. 1 Seed for PBA Scorpion Championship Match Play

EJ Tackett leads PBA Guaranteed Rate World Championship into cashers round

Tampa, Fla.—With a 220 average over 10 games, two-time PBA Tour champion Tom Daugherty led PBA Scorpion Championship qualifying and will own the top seed in next week's best-of-five match play. Daugherty will face PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber in the opening round.

Weber, who bowled 229 in the final game to earn the 16th seed, is one of two Hall of Famers to qualify for Scorpion Championship match play, joining No. 8 seed Walter Ray Williams Jr.

Daugherty, the 2012-13 Scorpion Champion, also moved into second place in the PBA Guaranteed Rate World Championship, trailing leader EJ Tackett after 30 games. Tackett, averaging 229, is the only player to qualify for match play in all three animal-pattern events and holds a 97-pin advantage over Daugherty in the World Championship.

Notably missing the cut to the World Championship cashers round are Anthony Simonsen and François Lavoie, who finished 31st and T-32nd, respectively. Both players made it to the stepladder finals of each of the first two majors this season, with Lavoie defeating Simonsen to win the Tournament of Champions.

Jason Belmonte, the three-time defending World Champion, also fell short of the top 30, finishing 35th.

The top 30 players in the World Championship begin cashers round tomorrow at noon ET on FloBowling. After 10 more games, the field will be cut to 16 for match play on Thursday, Mar. 11. To subscribe, visit FloBowling.com.

PBA Scorpion Championship Match Play Qualifiers

AMF University Lanes – Tampa, Fla.

Tom Daugherty +203
Jakob Butturff +169
EJ Tackett +168
Nick Kruml +149
Matt Ogle +145
Kris Prather +138
Zach Weidman +131
Walter Ray Williams Jr. +131
Packy Hanrahan +125
Kyle Troup +120
Jake Peters +114
Michael Tang +107
Andres Gomez +97
Jason Belmonte +97
Dom Barrett +95
Pete Weber +94

Ties were broken by the highest evening block.

Best-of-five Scorpion Championship match play begins Wednesday, Mar. 17 at noon ET on FloBowling. The Scorpion Championship finals air live Mar. 17 at 8 p.m. ET on FS1.

Full PBA Scorpion Championship standings: www.pba.com/node/120356

PBA Guaranteed Rate World Championship Top 11 Through 30 Games

AMF University Lanes – Tampa, Fla.

EJ Tackett +878
Tom Daugherty +781
Bill O'Neill +655
Kyle Troup +566

Marshall Kent +523
Jakob Butturff +508
Sean Rash +494
Tommy Jones +490
Kris Prather +478
Chris Via +475
Michael Tang +475

World Championship cashers round begins tomorrow at noon ET on FloBowling. The stepladder finals air live on FOX Broadcast Channel Saturday, Mar. 13 at 2 p.m. ET.

Full PBA Guaranteed Rate World Championship standings: www.pba.com/node/118416

EJ Tackett Still on Top of PBA Guaranteed Rate World Championship

Round-robin match play streams live on FloBowling tomorrow beginning at noon ET

Tampa, Fla.—After 40 games of qualifying, 13-time PBA Tour champion EJ Tackett leads 16 players into PBA Guaranteed Rate World Championship match play. Tackett, averaging 225, has been the World Championship leader at the end of all four days of World Series of Bowling XII action and holds a 442-pin lead over sixth place. The top five players after 16 games of match play qualify for the stepladder finals, airing live on FOX Broadcast Channel Saturday, Mar. 13 at 2 p.m. ET.

Tackett, who won the PBA World Championship in 2016, is one of seven major champions to qualify for match play, including Walter Ray Williams Jr., the all-time record holder with 47 PBA Tour titles. The 61-year-old PBA Hall of Famer and eight-time major champion, including three World Championship titles, qualified ninth with a 212 average.

Two-time PBA Tour champion Tom Daugherty qualified second, 45 pins behind Tackett and 149 pins ahead of third-place Jakob Butturff.

The top 16 players in the World Championship begin round-robin match play tomorrow at noon ET on FloBowling. To subscribe, visit FloBowling.com.

PBA Guaranteed Rate World Championship Match Play Qualifiers

AMF University Lanes – Tampa, Fla.

EJ Tackett +1,000
Tom Daugherty +955
Jakob Butturff +806
Kris Prather +650
Bill O'Neill +573
AJ Johnson +558
Tommy Jones +524
Chris Via +511
Walter Ray Williams Jr. +502
BJ Moore +501

Dom Barrett +496
Dick Allen +493
Kyle Troup +489
Shawn Maldonado +479
Zach Weidman +460
Kyle Sherman +460

Full PBA Guaranteed Rate World Championship standings: www.pba.com/node/118416

Kristijonas Sergejevas, John Hough Win PBA, PBA50 iROOF FT. Myers Challenge Events

Ft. Myers, Fla. (Mar. 7, 2021) – Kristijonas Sergejevas of Lithuania, defeated Evan Baranecky of N. Ft. Myers, Fla., 234-181, to win the PBA iROOF FT. Myers Challenge to capture his first PBA Regional title on Sunday.

In the PBA50 portion of the PBA South Region doubleheader, amateur John Hough of Naples, Fla., defeated Ralph Brunt Jr. of Jensen Beach, Fla., 267-257, in the final match to win the event.

Sergejevas and Hough earned \$2,400 and \$2,000, respectively, for their first place finishes. Only Sergejevas earned a PBA title, as Hough was not a PBA member at the time of his win.

Baranecky earned \$1,300 for second place in the standard event while Brunt Jr. earned \$1,000 for his second-place finish in the PBA50 tournament.

The PBA South Region's next event will be the PBA50 Fayetteville Open for bowlers 50 and older in Fayetteville, N.C., Mar. 12-14.

PBA iROOF FT. MYERS CHALLENGE Lightning Strikes Bowl, FT. Myers, Fla., Sunday

Championship (one game total pinfall):

Kristijonas Sergejevas, Lithuania, (\$2,400) def. Evan Baranecky, N. FT. Myers, Fl. (\$1,300), 234-181.

Semifinal Round (best of three games, losers earned \$1,075):

Sergejevas def. Matt Zweig, Tempe, Az., 2-0.

Baranecky def. n-Paul Campbell, Zephyrhills, Fla., 2-1.

Round of 8 (best of three games, losers earned \$825):

Sergejevas def. John Bembaron, Sarasota, Fla., 2-0.

Zweig def. n-Ethan Fiore, (Smart Funds)Valrico, Fla., 2-0.

Baranecky def. Christopher Smith, Palm Harbor, Fla., 2-1.
n-Campbell def. Tim Gruendler, St. Louis, Mo., 2-1.

Round of 16 (best of three games, losers earned \$600 each):

Sergejevas def. Michael Mirabile, Coram, N.Y., 2-0.
Zweig def. Mark Tarkington, Elizabeth City, N.C., 2-0.
Smith def. Zachary Seals of Kingsland, Ga., 2-1.
Baranecky def. Drew Crain, Grey Court, S.C., 2-0.
n-Campbell def. Charles Peavy, Lilian, Ala., 2-1.
Gruendler def. Noah Gallegos, Denver, Co., 2-0.
n-Fiore def. Michael Ruben, Selden, N.Y., 2-0.
n-Bembaron def. Brent Boho, Colgate, Wi. 2-0.

n- denotes non-PBA member.

PBA50 iROOF FT. MYERS CHALLENGE
Lightning Strikes Bowl, FT. Myers, Fla., Sunday

Championship (one game total pinfall):

n-John Hough, Naples, Fla. (\$2,000) def. Ralph Brunt Jr., Jensen Beach, Fla., (\$1,000), 267-257.

Semifinal Round (best of three games, losers earned \$800):

Brunt Jr. def. Dick Gran, Bradenton, Fla., 2-0.
n-Hough def. Scott Thomsen, Sumter, S.C., 2-1.

Round of 8 (best of three games, losers earned \$650):

n-Hough def. n-Luis Lamarche, Miami, Fla., 2-1.
Thomsen def. Ken Shealy, Myrtle Beach, S.C., 2-1.
Gran def. Mike Preston, Gainesville, Fla., 2-0.
Brunt Jr. def. Steve Bova, Hillsboro Beach, Fla., 2-1.

Round of 16 (best of three games, losers earned \$545)

Brunt Jr. def. Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 2-0.
Preston def. Jerry Marcus, Green Cove Springs, Fla., 2-0.
Shealy def. Danny Battles, Zephyrhills, Fla., 2-1.
n-Hough def. Albert Mountcastle, Margate, Fla., 2-0.
n-Lamarche def. Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Ma., 2-1.
Thomsen def. Mike Houtz, Myerstown, Pa., 2-1.
Gran def. Steve Putnam, Warner Robbins, Ga., 2-1.
Bova def. Scott Dennis, Weston, Fla., 2-1.

n-denotes non-PBA member, ss-denotes PBA60 player.

Daugherty Will Bowl for First Major Title in Guaranteed Rate PBA World Championship

Posts 10-6 record in match play on his way to the No. 1 seed

Tampa, Fla.—Two-time PBA Tour champion Tom Daugherty will have an opportunity to win his first career major title after earning the top seed for the Guaranteed Rate PBA World Championship stepladder finals. Daugherty will face EJ Tackett, Jakob Butturff, Chris Via or Kyle Troup in the championship match airing Saturday, Mar. 13 at 2 p.m. ET on FOX Broadcast Channel.

Daugherty averaged 224 over 56 total games and won 10 of his 16 matches to take the top spot away from EJ Tackett, who had been the leader each of the previous four days. Tackett, seeking his second World Championship title and third major, qualified second.

Jakob Butturff occupies the third rung of the stepladder, averaging 220 as he aims to win his eighth PBA Tour title and second major.

Fourth seed Chris Via rolled a 230 game in position round and, like Tackett, will bowl in the World Championship stepladder finals for the second straight year. Via finished fifth last season and is seeking his first PBA Tour title.

2021 PBA Players Championship winner Kyle Troup earned the fifth spot with a 215 average and a field-best 11-5 match play record. Troup won three of his seven titles in 2020 and is looking to win his second of 2021 in just his third event.

The winner of the Guaranteed Rate PBA World Championship will receive \$100,000. Plus, if either Daugherty or his opponent rolls a perfect game in the championship match, he'll receive a \$1 million bonus.

World Series of Bowling XII action continues tomorrow on FloBowling with 16 Baker games of PBA Roth/Holman Doubles Championship round-robin match play. The top five teams will advance to the stepladder finals airing Sunday, Mar. 14 at 3 p.m. ET on Fox Sports' FS1.

Guaranteed Rate PBA World Championship Stepladder Finalists

AMF University Lanes – Tampa, Fla.

1. Tom Daugherty
2. EJ Tackett
3. Jakob Butturff
4. Chris Via
5. Kyle Troup

Daugherty and Moore Top Seeds for PBA Roth/Holman Doubles Championship

Daugherty earns his second No. 1 seed of World Series of Bowling XII

Tampa, Fla.—Tom Daugherty, who yesterday earned the No. 1 seed for the Guaranteed Rate PBA World Championship, today teamed up with BJ Moore to claim the top spot in the PBA Roth/Holman Doubles Championship. The stepladder finals air Sunday, Mar. 14 at 3 p.m. ET on Fox Sports' FS1.

Daugherty will either be looking to win his third or fourth career PBA Tour title, depending on the results of tomorrow's Guaranteed Rate PBA World Championship title match. Moore is seeking his second career title.

No. 2 seeds EJ Tackett and Marshall Kent have finished as the runners-up twice in this event in the past four years, including last season. Tackett and Kent battled with Daugherty and Moore for the top spot all day, eventually falling in the final frame of match play to take the second seed.

Third seeds Andrew Anderson and Kris Prather finished fourth in the 2020 PBA Roth/Holman Doubles Championship. Anderson, a two-time champion and Prather, a three-time champion, each have one major title to their names.

The opening match on the stepladder will be a battle between the last two teams to win the event. Seeded fourth are 2019 PBA Roth/Holman Doubles Championship winners Matt Ogle and Sean Rash, who won four matches to win the 2019 title and will need as many wins to claim the title on Sunday.

The fifth spot went to defending champions Jesper Svensson and Kyle Troup. The duo, who also won the event in 2017, needed two strikes and eight pins in the final frame of match play to retain the fifth position ahead of Dino Castillo and Sean Lavery-Spahr. Troup rolled two strikes and got nine on his fill ball to seal the win and give his team a chance to win the event for a third time.

World Series of Bowling XII action continues tomorrow on FOX with the Guaranteed Rate PBA World Championship stepladder finals at 2 p.m. ET. The PBA Roth/Holman Doubles Championship stepladder finals air Sunday at 3 p.m. ET on FS1. Three players—Daugherty, Tackett and Troup—will be competing on both telecasts. Match play for the PBA Cheetah Championship begins Monday, Mar. 15 at noon ET on FloBowling.

PBA Roth/Holman Championship Stepladder Finalists

AMF University Lanes – Tampa, Fla.

1. Tom Daugherty and BJ Moore
2. EJ Tackett and Marshall Kent

3. Andrew Anderson and Kris Prather
4. Matt Ogle and Sean Rash
5. Jesper Svensson and Kyle Troup

Tom Daugherty Wins First Major Title in Guaranteed Rate PBA World Championship

Defeats Jakob Butturff in the championship match to win \$100,000

Tampa, Fla.—No. 1 seed Tom Daugherty rolled a 263 game in the title match to win the Guaranteed Rate PBA World Championship for his third career PBA Tour title and first major. In the highest scoring match of the stepladder finals, Daugherty and third seed Jakob Butturff combined to roll 18 strikes, 10 of which belonged to Daugherty on the way to a six-pin margin of victory.

“To shoot 260 to win a major is just awesome,” said Daugherty, whose most recent title came in the 2016 PBA Wolf Open. “I felt a little snake bitten on TV. I knew I needed to keep getting there to give myself more opportunities. Finally, I broke through with one.”

The first to finish the match, Daugherty needed two strikes and four pins in the 10th frame to shut out Butturff and clinch victory. His first strike was exactly what he wanted to do. The next one, he admits, required luck as he rolled the 2 pin to strike and, after a nine count on the fill ball, ultimately win.

“You always want to shut your guy out,” said Daugherty. “Getting the first one was key and I threw the best shot I possibly could. I aced it. I lost control of the second one. I realized it was the moment that would make me a major champion and everything started to speed up. It was my worst shot of the match, but I had the right ball in the right part of the lane and I got lucky.”

Daugherty’s second strike in the 10th frame was his ninth consecutive strike of the match. Butturff bowled a clean game and rolled the back seven strikes in an effort to win his second major, but fell six pins short.

World Series of Bowling XII action is not over for Daugherty, who will team with BJ Moore to bowl for the PBA Roth/Holman Doubles Championship title tomorrow at 3 p.m. ET on Fox Sports’ FS1.

Tuesday and Wednesday, Daugherty will compete in match play for the PBA Chameleon Championship and PBA Scorpion Championship, giving him two more opportunities to win at the World Series in his native Tampa.

“I get to bowl in my hometown in one of my favorite centers,” said Daugherty. “I’m going to try to make the most of it.”

Guaranteed Rate PBA World Championship Final Standings

AMF University Lanes – Tampa, Fla.

1. Tom Daugherty, earns \$100,000
2. Jakob Butturff, \$50,000
3. EJ Tackett, \$35,000
4. Chris Via, \$25,000

5. Kyle Troup, \$20,000

Match Scores

Match 1 – No. 4 Via def. No. 5 Troup, 210-201

Match 2 – No. 3 Butturff def. No. 4 Via, 249-227

Match 3 – No. 3 Butturff def. No. 2 Tackett, 210-178

Match 4 – No. 1 Daugherty def. No. 3 Butturff, 263-257

ANDREW ANDERSON AND KRIS PRATHER WIN PBA ROTH/HOLMAN DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Tampa, Fla.—Andrew Anderson and Kris Prather defeated No. 1 seeds Tom Daugherty and BJ Moore to win the PBA Roth/Holman Doubles Championship, 245-203. The win is the fourth career PBA Tour title for Prather and third for Anderson, whose first two titles came during the 2018 season, when Anderson was named PBA Player of the Year.

Seeded third, Anderson and Prather first had to contend with the defending champions, Jesper Svensson and Kyle Troup, who had just bowled a 278 game to eliminate Matt Ogle and Sean Rash. Svensson and Troup led through eight frames. Prather struck in the ninth frame while Troup left the 2-4-5 and failed to convert. In the 10th, Svensson spared and struck for a total of 202. Anderson needed two strikes and nine pins to win.

“I always love that moment,” said Anderson, who rolled the first two strikes. “Those were two of my best shots. The third one kind of got away from me, but I was happy to get nine and we moved on.”

From there, Anderson and Prather took control.

“Momentum is everything,” said Anderson. “We just got comfortable. This is the most comfortable you can be on a show. You’re bowling next to your buddy and you trust each other. If we make an errant shot, we’ll make up for it. That’s how we did it all week during qualifying.”

“I’ve been bowling very confidently on the lanes,” added Prather, “and a big part of that is Andrew. He got me on the lanes a couple months earlier than I would normally start practicing for the PBA Tour. We’re bowling and working together at home, so we’re communicating all the time.”

In the semifinal match, Anderson and Prather defeated No. 2 seeds Marshall Kent and EJ Tackett, who have finished second in this event twice, including last season.

At 43 pins, the margin of victory in the championship match was the largest of the day for Anderson and Prather, defeating Daugherty and Moore.

Anderson and Prather first bowled the PBA Roth/Holman Doubles Championship together last season, finishing fourth.

"I'm glad Kris kept me around," said Anderson, "I always said, if he'll give me four or five years as his partner, we'll win. It only took two."

World Series of Bowling XII action continues tomorrow with PBA Cheetah Championship match play live on FloBowling at noon ET. The PBA Cheetah Championship stepladder finals air tomorrow night at 8 p.m. ET on Fox Sports' FS1.

PBA ROTH/HOLMAN DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL STANDINGS AMF University Lanes – Tampa, Fla.

Andrew Anderson and Kris Prather, earn \$30,000

Tom Daugherty and BJ Moore, \$18,000

Marshall Kent and EJ Tackett, \$13,000

Jesper Svensson and Kyle Troup, \$10,000

Matt Ogle and Sean Rash, \$7,000

MATCH SCORES

Match 1 – No. 5 Svensson/Troup def. No. 4 Ogle/Rash, 278-226

Match 2 – No. 3 Anderson/Prather def. No. 5 Svensson/Troup, 203-202

Match 3 – No. 3 Anderson/Prather def. No. 2 Kent/Tackett, 235-214

Match 4 – No. 3 Anderson/Prather def. No. 1 Daugherty/Moore, 245-203

Sam Cooley Wins PBA Cheetah Championship for First Career Title

Defeats Kris Prather in championship match

Tampa, Fla.—Australia's Sam Cooley won the PBA Cheetah Championship for his first career PBA Tour title by defeating Kris Prather, 247-185. Cooley, who has been bowling on the PBA Tour since 2015, had a previous best finish of third, which he'd accomplished three times, but this was his first championship match.

Cooley, seeded eighth into best-of-five match play earlier today, defeated No. 9 seed Brad Miller and No. 2 seed Chris Via on the way to the eliminator finals. After considering a couple different strategies, Cooley settled on doing what he'd been doing all day.

"I went with what got me here through match play," Cooley said, "throwing reactive at the gutter, which is one of my strengths. I got through the first match and my reaction got better from there."

In the eliminator format, all four players bowled a single game, with Cooley posting the third-highest score, eliminating Anthony Simonsen. Cooley rolled 258 in the next game while Prather shot 236, knocking out Marshall Kent.

Cooley built a lead over Prather in the championship match and had to stop himself from thinking too far ahead during the commercial break.

“There were a few moments during the break when I had thoughts that this was actually going to happen,” said Cooley. “I had to tell myself to stop. That’s what kills you, overthinking or thinking it’s already over when it’s only halfway. I treated each frame as important as anything else. It all worked out.”

Cooley rolled seven strikes in the championship match to defeat Prather, who won his fourth career title yesterday in the PBA Roth/Holman Doubles Championship.

“I’m glad today worked out,” said Cooley. “I’ll have a lot more confidence moving forward. Now that I know I can do it, hopefully it’ll happen more regularly.”

World Series of Bowling XII action continues tomorrow with PBA Chameleon Championship match play live on FloBowling at noon ET. The PBA Chameleon Championship stepladder finals air tomorrow night at 8 p.m. ET on Fox Sports’ FS1.

PBA Cheetah Championship Final Standings

AMF University Lanes – Tampa, Fla.

1. Sam Cooley, earns \$30,000
2. Kris Prather, \$15,000
3. Marshall Kent, \$8,000
4. Anthony Simonsen, \$5,000

Match Scores

Match 1 – Prather 257, Kent 256, Cooley 225, Simonsen 214 (Simonsen eliminated)

Match 2 – Cooley 258, Prather 236, Kent 215 (Kent eliminated)

Match 3 – Cooley def. Prather, 247-185

Shawn Maldonado Wins First Career Tour Title in PBA Chameleon Championship

Goes undefeated throughout match play and the televised eliminator finals

Tampa, Fla.—Shawn Maldonado won his first career Tour title in the PBA Chameleon Championship, rolling a 250 game to defeat seven-time PBA Tour winner Jakob Butturff in the title match. Maldonado started the game with the first six strikes and never trailed in the match.

“For whatever reason coming in, I just kept feeling to myself I was going to win it,” said Maldonado.

Maldonado said he was entering the title match with a lot of confidence, but admitted later he started to get nervous during the commercial break. He struck on his first shot after the commercial, but then took the 6-9-10 off the rack for a three count in the seventh frame.

“It felt like a 30-minute commercial break,” said Maldonado. “I wanted to throw it slow but I didn’t want to throw it too slow because I got lucky with one of the slow ones on the right lane. Then I went to the left lane and it just flew off my hand. I told myself to get it together, make some good shots, you’ve been doing it all day. That’s what I did and I got the win.”

Maldonado spared in the seventh and stayed clean the rest of the way to win the title on a day in which he never lost. Maldonado went undefeated throughout nine total games, winning all six of his match play games and then posting the highest score in all three eliminator matches on FS1.

In Round of 16 best-of-five match play, No. 10 seed Maldonado defeated Sean Lavery-Spahr, three games to none. In the Round of 8, Maldonado won all three games to sweep Marshall Kent. Maldonado used the same strategy that succeeded in match play on the televised finals.

“When I bowled Sean and Marshall, we threw urethane,” said Maldonado. “Once I felt like there was enough blend in the lane from the urethane transition, I knew I was able to miss a little bit left once I got into my reactive. As long as I carried, I was fine.”

Bowling a 224 game in the opening eliminator match, Maldonado led Butturff and Zach Weidman into the next match, knocking out Jason Sterner. In the second match, Maldonado and Butturff tied at 224, advancing to the title match and leaving Weidman in third.

“I was just super happy,” said Maldonado of his reaction to winning his first national title. “I was thinking about my family during the matches. I wake up every morning doing this for them. I just want to make them proud, to make Houston proud. I have a lot of people who support me and I don’t want to let them down. I got it. I got the win.”

World Series of Bowling XII action concludes tomorrow with PBA Scorpion Championship match play live on FloBowling at noon ET. The PBA Scorpion Championship stepladder finals air tomorrow night at 8 p.m. ET on Fox Sports’ FS1.

PBA Chameleon Championship Final Standings
AMF University Lanes – Tampa, Fla.

1. Shawn Maldonado, earns \$30,000
2. Jakob Butturff, \$15,000
3. Zach Weidman, \$8,000
4. Jason Sterner, \$5,000

Match Scores

Match 1 – Maldonado 224, Butturff 220, Weidman 214, Sterner 184 (Sterner eliminated)

Match 2 – Maldonado 224, Butturff 224, Weidman 209 (Weidman eliminated)

Match 3 – Maldonado def. Butturff, 250-202

Tom Daugherty Wins PBA Scorpion Championship for Second WSOB XII Title

His fourth career title is his second career Scorpion Championship victory

Tampa, Fla.—Tom Daugherty won his fourth career PBA Tour title and second of the World Series of Bowling XII, defeating Kyle Troup, 266-254, in the title match of the PBA Scorpion Championship. On Saturday, Daugherty won the Guaranteed Rate PBA World Championship for his first career major title. Sunday, Daugherty and his partner BJ Moore finished second in the PBA Roth/Holman Doubles Championship.

“You can’t imagine this,” said Daugherty. “I thought maybe I’d win the Scorpion, or maybe win the Doubles, but to win the World Championship and the Scorpion? It’s not even something I thought of.”

In the eliminator format, Daugherty bowled a 244 to lead the three advancing players out of the opening match, leaving Michael Tang on the outside. In the next match, Daugherty rolled 276 while Troup posted 279, leaving Kris Prather in third place.

“The lane play was totally different from what I expected,” said Daugherty, citing Tang’s decision to use urethane. “Once I got in the groove, I knew what I had to do to get my ball into the pocket. I just had to throw it slowly enough and get it on line and it was going to carry and go high flush.”

The top seed for best-of-five match play, Daugherty eliminated No. 16 Pete Weber in the Round of 16 and No. 8 Walter Ray Williams in the Round of 8, winning both series three games to two. Both Weber and Williams announced their retirement earlier today, making Daugherty the final opponent for the legends.

“Coming in today and having to bowl Pete Weber and Walter Ray, are you kidding me?” said Daugherty. “If it didn’t happen, I wouldn’t believe it.”

World Series of Bowling XII took place at AMF University Lanes and Daugherty wasn’t shy about admitting an advantage over the rest of the field.

“I love bowling here,” said Daugherty. “I win a lot of tournaments here.”

PBA Scorpion Championship Final Standings

AMF University Lanes – Tampa, Fla.

1. Tom Daugherty, earns \$30,000
2. Kyle Troup, \$15,000
3. Kris Prather, \$8,000
4. Michael Tang, \$5,000

Match Scores

Match 1 – Daugherty 244, Troup 213, Prather 182, Tang 182

Roll-off – Prather def. Tang, 10-10, 10-9 (Tang eliminated)

Match 2 – Troup 279, Daugherty 276, Prather 237 (Prather eliminated)

Match 3 – Daugherty def. Troup, 266-254

2020 PBA Regional Award Winners Announced

New York, NY – After the most unprecedented year in PBA history, the PBA Regional program is excited to announce the 2020 award recipients honoring Player of the Year, Sr. Player of the Year, Rookie of the Year and Pat Patterson Award winners in six of its seven domestic regions, combining the Northwest/West for the shortened season.

Despite an unusual season, the PBA's Regional players continued to show up and compete, making this year's awards extra special for seasoned and rookie bowlers alike.

Player of the Year honors will award each region's top standard and senior player, while the Rookie of the Year honors will go to each region's top performing bowler in their first-season.

The Pat Patterson Award recipients are recognized for contributions to the regional program. Award winners were selected by the PBA's regional managers: Russ Mills, East Region; Sam Zurich, South Region; Bobby Jakel, Central Region; Toby Contreras, Midwest Region, Pete McCordic, Southwest Region, and Josh Blanchard, West and Northwest Regions.

Here are the 2020 PBA Regional Award winners:

NORTHWEST/WEST

Player of the Year – Darren Tang of Las Vegas

Rookie of the Year – Deo Benard, Henderson, Nevada

Senior Player of the Year – John Gould, Yuba City, Calif.

Pat Patterson - Mike Monyak of Las Vegas

MIDWEST

Player of the Year – AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill.

Rookie of the Year – Matt Russo, Fairview Heights, Ill.

Senior Player of the Year – John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo.

Pat Patterson – Jerry Morano, Lombard, Ill.

SOUTHWEST

Player of the Year – AJ Chapman, Lewisville, Tex.

Rookie of the Year – Dimitri Cruz, Denton, Tex.

Senior Player of the Year – Keith Lesko, Prosper, Tex.

Pat Patterson – John Burns, Odessa, Tex.

CENTRAL

Player of the Year – Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio

Rookie of the Year – Brent Boho, Colgate, Wis.

Senior Player of the Year – Tom Adcock, Decatur, Ill.

Pat Patterson – Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill.

EAST

Player of the Year – Anthony Pepe, Long Island City, NY

Rookie of the Year – Troy Lint, Blandon, Penn.

Senior Player of the Year – Troy Lint, Blandon, Penn.

Pat Patterson – Rick LeChette, Lincoln University, Penn.

SOUTH

Player of the Year – Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C.

Rookie of the Year – Anthony Marino, Henrico, Va.

Senior Player of the Year – Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla.

Pat Patterson – Charlie Toney, Oak Hill, W Va.

The PBA's regional program, founded in 1970, provides bowlers with a proving ground to develop their skills in high-level competition against some of the sport's established stars. The PBA Regional program annually conducts roughly 150 events across the nation and in its Japan Region.

For more information on the PBA Regional Tour and upcoming events, please visit www.pba.com/pba-tour/regional-tour.

PETE WEBER, WALTER RAY WILLIAMS JR. RETIRE FROM PBA TOUR COMPETITION

Tampa, Fla.—Pete Weber and Walter Ray Williams Jr., two of the greatest players in PBA Tour history, announced their respective retirements today, following PBA Scorpion Championship best-of-five match play from the World Series of Bowling XII at AMF University Lanes.

Weber, a 37-time PBA Tour champion, owns 10 major titles, tying him with Earl Anthony for second most in the history of the PBA. Weber, the 1980 PBA Rookie of the Year, is the only player to win the U.S. Open five times as well as the only player ever to win the Triple Crown (PBA World Championship, Tournament of Champions and U.S. Open) twice.

“It’s hard to grasp that I’m done on the National Tour,” said Weber, addressing his fellow competitors after he was eliminated. “In 41 years out here, it’s been awesome. I can still hit the pocket with you guys, but I can’t strike like you guys. It’s been an honor and a privilege to bowl each and every one of you out here.”

Williams holds the all-time record with 47 PBA Tour titles, eight majors among them. He’s been named the PBA Player of the Year a record seven times, the first in 1986 and the last in 2010, when he was 50 years old. Williams won at least one PBA Tour title in 17 consecutive seasons from 1993 to 2010.

“It was nice to have a good tournament at the end,” said Williams. “These young guys are very, very good. I gave it my all today, but I just happened to bowl somebody who bowled really well. Thanks, everybody, for all your support.”

Williams and Weber spent four decades competing against each other on the PBA Tour and rank first and fourth, respectively, in PBA Tour titles.

In their final event, both players qualified in the top 16 to advance to match play in the PBA Scorpion Championship. Both were eliminated, three games to two, by 2021 PBA World Champion Tom Daugherty, with Weber going out in the Round of 16 and Williams in the Round of 8.

Both Weber, 58, and Williams, 61, plan to continue competing on the PBA50 Tour and PBA Regional Tour.

THE FIRSTS AND LASTS OF WORLD SERIES OF BOWLING XII

Players win their first titles as legends bid farewell.

Tampa, Fla.—Two new champions, a first-time major winner and first-time doubles champions were crowned over the course of five events held in the World Series of Bowling XII at AMF University Lanes. The World Series also marked the end of two of the most legendary careers in PBA history, with both Pete Weber and Walter Ray Williams Jr. announcing their retirements.

GUARANTEED RATE PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Tampa native Tom Daugherty qualified as the No. 1 seed and bowled a 263 game to defeat third seed Jakob Butturff and win the Guaranteed Rate PBA World Championship. Daugherty rolled 10 strikes in the title match to win his first career major championship and third overall PBA Tour title. Daugherty earned \$100,000 for the victory.

PBA ROTH/HOLMAN DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Andrew Anderson and Kris Prather, the third seeds for the PBA Roth/Holman Doubles Championship, won three matches on the way to their first doubles championship. A 203-202 win over defending champions Jesper Svensson and Kyle Troup was the closest Anderson and Prather came to losing on the day. They went on to defeat Marshall Kent and EJ Tackett in the semifinal match, then won the title over top seeds Daugherty and BJ Moore. It was Prather’s fourth career PBA Tour title and Anderson’s third.

PBA CHEETAH CHAMPIONSHIP

Australia's Sam Cooley claimed the PBA Cheetah Championship with a 247-185 victory over Prather in the title match. It was the first career title for Cooley, who has been bowling on the PBA Tour since 2015. Cooley defeated Brad Miller and Chris Via during best-of-five match play, then outlasted Anthony Simonsen, Marshall Kent and Prather in the eliminator finals to earn the title.

PBA CHAMELEON CHAMPIONSHIP

Shawn Maldonado became the next first-time winner at WSOB XII, rolling a 250 game in the title match of the PBA Chameleon Championship to defeat Butturff. Maldonado went undefeated on the day, sweeping both of his best-of-five matches to knock out Sean Lavery-Spahr and Kent, then posting the highest score in all three eliminator matches.

PBA SCORPION CHAMPIONSHIP

Daugherty bookended the World Series with titles, proclaiming, "This is my house" after his winning shot over Kyle Troup in the PBA Scorpion Championship. Daugherty averaged 262 in the eliminator finals to win his fourth career PBA Tour title and second Scorpion Championship.

WEBER, WILLIAMS ANNOUNCE RETIREMENT

PBA Scorpion Championship match play was the final day of PBA Tour competition for legends Pete Weber and Walter Ray Williams Jr., both of whom announced their retirements that day. Weber, who announced his retirement prior to Round of 16 match play, was eliminated three games to two by eventual champion Daugherty. Williams made it to the Round of 8, where he also faced Daugherty and likewise fell three games to two. Weber and Williams both plan to continue competing on the PBA50 Tour.

WORLD SERIES OF BOWLING XII CHAMPIONS

Guaranteed Rate PBA World Championship – Tom Daugherty

PBA Roth/Holman Doubles Championship – Andrew Anderson and Kris Prather

PBA Cheetah Championship – Sam Cooley

PBA Chameleon Championship – Shawn Maldonado

PBA Scorpion Championship – Tom Daugherty

WSOB XII STATS

Most titles won: Tom Daugherty (2)

Most cuts made: EJ Tackett (5)

Most TV finals appearances: Tom Daugherty, Kris Prather, Kyle Troup (3)

Most money earned: Tom Daugherty (\$139,750)

TOP FIVE WSOB XII EARNINGS

Tom Daugherty, \$139,750

Jakob Butturff, \$65,750

Kris Prather, \$53,000

EJ Tackett, \$44,500

Kyle Troup, \$41,500

Walter Ray Williams Wins Title #119 in PBA50 Fayetteville Open

Fayetteville, N.C. (Mar. 14, 2021) – Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Florida, defeated Dave Johnson of Ashtabula, Ohio in the championship match on Sunday's PBA50 Fayetteville South Open at Lafayette Lanes to win his record-breaking 119th PBA title. Williams won by 12 pins, 257-245.

Both players started out strong in the final match, with Johnson rolling a five bagger and Williams with seven straight strikes. William's lead was too much for Johnson to overcome, with Williams securing the win with a double in the tenth frame.

Johnson, who qualified in the number two position in the 16-man bracket elimination finals secured two byes and faced Don Herrington of Ballston Lake, N.Y. in the semifinal match and won 239-207 to advance to the finals.

In the other semifinal match Williams faced the number one qualifier from Yorktown, Va., Troy McKinney, who gave Williams a run, but he prevailed with a 289-257 win.

Williams received \$2,200 for his 119th overall title, which includes wins from the PBA National Tour, PBA50 National Tour and PBA Regional titles combined.

Johnson earned \$1,200 for his second-place finish, while McKinney and Herrington each took home \$1,000.

The PBA South Region's next tournament will be the PBA50 Lehigh Lanes Open in Lehigh, Fla., April 14-16.

PBA50 FAYETTEVILLE SOUTH OPEN Lafayette Lanes, Fayetteville, N.C., Sunday

Championship:

Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla. (\$2,200) def. Dave Johnson, Ashtabula, Ohio (\$1,200), 257-245.

Semifinal Round (losers earned \$1,000):

Johnson def. Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 239-207.

Williams Jr. def. Troy McKinney, Yorktown, Va., 289-257.

Round of 8 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$800 each):

Johnson def. Mike Houtz, Myerstown, Pa., 2-0.

Herrington def. Gordon Hope III, Chesapeake, Va., 2-0.

McKinney def. Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 2-0.

Williams def. James Lord, Charlotte, N.C., 2-0.

Round of 12 (total pinfall three games, losers eliminated and earned \$700 each):

S. Baker def. Dennis Carlin, Sharpsburg, Ga., 2-0.

Lord def. Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 2-0.

Herrington def. Michael Painter, Moore, S.C., 2-1.

Houtz def. Glenn Smith, N.Y., 2-0.

Round of 16 (total pinfall three games, losers eliminated and earned \$600 each):

Carlin def. Del Nusbaum, Great Mills, Md., 2-1.

Lord def. Bill Glazier, Hampton, Va., 2-0.

Herrington def. Gary Shultis, Levittown, N.Y., 2-0.

Smith def. Jimmy Jean, Kathleen, Ga., 2-0.

300 Game: Ken Gibson

Kia PBA Playoffs Kick Off on FOX Sports April 24th Live from Bowlero Milford

The Tour's top 16 bowlers to compete for first place prize of \$100K and WWE Championship title belt

New York, NY – Bowlero Milford, just outside New Haven, Conn. will be the host location for the highly anticipated 2021 Kia PBA Playoffs starting April 24 on FOX Sports. The Playoffs will feature eight telecasts with 16 hours of action-packed competition over four consecutive weekends on FOX Sports' FS1 and Fox Broadcast Channel.

The PBA Tour's high-stakes event is back for a third year in a row with Bill O'Neill and Kris Prather as champions in 2020 and 2019, respectively. The Playoffs will once again have a \$100K first-place prize and an official title on the line as the Tour's top 16 players compete head-to-head in a bracket-style, race-to-two-games elimination tournament. Ties will be determined by a 9th/10th frame roll-off.

In its second consecutive year in partnership with WWE, the Kia PBA Playoff contenders will also compete for a custom WWE Championship title belt.

The top 16 players will earn their spots in the Playoffs based on points accumulated at the following 2021 Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour Events: PBA Players Championship, Kia PBA Tournament of Champions, PBA World Series of Bowling XII (inclusive of all five events), USBC Masters, and the U.S. Open.

With two more major events and plenty of competition points available, a chance to earn a spot in this year's Playoffs is up for grabs for many bowlers.

Three players have secured spots in the Playoffs including Kyle Troup, who won his first major title at the PBA Players Championship, Tom Daugherty, fresh off of two wins in the PBA World Series of Bowling XII, and Francois Lavoie, who won the Kia PBA Tournament of Championships for his third career major title.

All three players have also earned a spot in the first-ever PBA Super Slam, a special event, where all five Major Champions (PBA Players Championship, Kia PBA Tournament of Champions, Guaranteed Rate PBA WSOB World Championship, USBC Masters, and the U.S Open) will compete for a \$100K first place prize live on FOX Broadcast Channel on April 18 at 12:30 p.m. ET.

The winners of the USBC Masters and the U.S. Open will fill out the last two spots in the PBA Super Slam and earn a berth in the Playoffs. Rounding out the top five in points currently are Kris Prather and Anthony Simonsen.

The current list of Playoffs points is available at pba.com/2021-pba-points-list.

The complete field of 16 will be finalized after the completion of the U.S. Open on April 11 with the Playoffs Round of 16 beginning April 24 in Milford, Conn.

The TV schedule is as follows:

Kia PBA Playoffs: Round of 16 – Saturday, April 24, 11 a.m. ET on FS1

No. 1 vs. No. 16

No. 8 vs No. 9

Kia PBA Playoffs: Round of 16 – Sunday, April 25, 1:30 p.m. ET on FS1

No. 4 vs. No. 13

No. 5 vs. No. 12

Kia PBA Playoffs Round of 16 – Saturday, May 1, 11:30 a.m. ET on FS1

No. 2 vs. No. 15

No. 7 vs. No. 10

Kia PBA Playoffs: Round of 16 – Sunday, May 2, 7 p.m. ET on FS1

No. 3 vs. No. 14

No. 6 vs. No. 11

Kia PBA Playoffs: Quarterfinals – Sunday, May 9, 12 p.m. ET on FS1

Matches TBD after Round of 16

Kia PBA Playoffs: Quarterfinals – Monday, May 10, 8 p.m. ET on FS1

Matches TBD after Round of 16

Kia PBA Playoffs: Semifinals – Saturday, May 15, 11 a.m. ET on FS1

Matches TBD after Quarterfinals

Kia PBA Playoffs: Finals – Sunday, May 16, 2 p.m. ET on FS1

Matches TBD after Semifinals

Fans can catch all the action of the 2021 PBA Tour on FOX and Fox Sports' FS1, and live stream the PBA on the FOX Sports and FOX NOW apps or at [FOXSports.com](https://www.foxsports.com). Select highlights will be available on @FOXSports social handles across Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

2021 USBC Masters Begin Next Week

The stepladder finals of the fourth major of the 2021 Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour season air live on FS1 April 4

Reno, Nev.—The USBC Masters, the fourth of five majors on the 2021 Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour season, begins next week from the National Bowling Stadium. Qualifying and match play will be streamed live on BowITV and simulcast on FloBowling Mar. 30-Apr. 3. The stepladder finals will air live on FOX Sports' FS1 Sunday, Apr. 4 at 2 p.m. ET.

Here are some of the top storylines heading into the 2021 USBC Masters:

Butturff Enters as Defending Champion

Jakob Butturff won his first career major title in the 2019 USBC Masters, defeating Mykel Holliman in the title match. With the event not being held in 2020, Butturff enjoyed an extra year as reigning champion and will now attempt to defend his title coming off a second-place finish in the Guaranteed Rate PBA World Championship. Butturff would be the first player to win back-to-back USBC Masters titles since Jason Belmonte, who won three in a row from 2013-2015.

Belmonte Goes for Five

The three consecutive USBC Masters titles for Belmonte were on the front end of a stretch in which he won the tournament four times in five years, adding the 2017 title to set the record for most career USBC Masters wins. Belmonte hasn't won the event since, but would become the first player ever to win it five times with a victory this year. Belmonte, the all-time record holder with 13 major titles, missed the cut to match play in two of the first three majors this year to go with a third-place finish in the PBA Tournament of Champions.

Troup Continues Career Season

In the first three majors of the season, Troup has finished no lower than seventh. He won the PBA Players Championship, finished seventh in the PBA Tournament of Champions and was fifth in the Guaranteed Rate PBA World Championship. He's already earned \$316,500 on the season and he leads all players in PBA Tour competition points.

Barnes Chases the Elusive Grand Slam

Triple Crown (U.S. Open, Tournament of Champions, PBA World Championship) winner Chris Barnes needs a USBC Masters title to become the fourth player in PBA history to complete the Grand Slam, joining Mike Aulby, Norm Duke and Belmonte. He's been close on several occasions, bowling for the championship as the No. 1 seed three times in his career, but hasn't yet been able to capture the title.

Simonsen Looks to Get Back to the Finals

Prior to the Guaranteed Rate PBA World Championship, Anthony Simonsen had made it to the stepladder finals in each of the previous four major championships. He'll seek to get back to his usual place in the top five in the event he won in 2016 to make him the youngest player ever to win a major championship.

Players Vie for Berth in PBA Super Slam

The PBA Super Slam, a special event taking place April 18 live on FOX Broadcast Channel and paying \$100,000 to the winner, will feature the champions of all five majors. Troup (Players Championship), François Lavoie (Tournament of Champions) and Tom Daugherty (World Championship) have already secured their spots in the PBA Super Slam. The final two berths will go to the winners of the USBC Masters and U.S. Open.

USBC Masters Winners Since 2011

2011 – Tom Hess
2012 – Mike Fagan
2013 – Jason Belmonte
2014 – Jason Belmonte
2015 – Jason Belmonte
2016 – Anthony Simonsen
2017 – Jason Belmonte
2018 – Andrew Anderson
2019 – Jakob Butturff
2020 – not held

Anthony Lavery-Spahr and Mike Bailey Win PBA and PBA50 Regional Titles in Odessa

Odessa, Texas, (March 23, 2021) – Anthony Lavery-Spahr of Pasadena, Texas, won his seventh PBA regional title on Sunday's PBA Odessa Southwest Spring Open at Diamond Lanes. The victory solidified his fifth time in the winner's circle in Odessa.

Twin brother Sean Lavery-Spahr chased down Anthony throughout the event as they placed first and second after each round. After eight games of match play, Anthony won seven games to finish with 4950 total pins to Sean's 4838.

Anthony Lavery-Spahr earned \$2,600 for the win, while Sean Lavery-Spahr collected \$1,850. Sweden's Pontus Andersson won \$1,500 for third place, and AJ Chapman received \$1,200 for fourth place.

In the PBA50 competition, Mike Bailey, now living in Carrollton, Texas, finished on top of a quality field of senior players.

In the 21-game event, Bailey slowly moved up to secure the win. He started from third place after qualifying, to second place after the Cashers' round, then finished match play with 255 and 257 games to coast his way to victory.

The win was Bailey's first of PBA50 Regional competition and his eighth overall PBA title, earning him \$2,600.

Ricky Schissler finished in second place winning \$1,725, and Hall of Famer Chris Barnes settled for third place collecting \$1,350.

The PBA Southwest Region's next event will be the PBA Houston Copperfiled Challenge April 2-4, a non-champions event.

PBA ODESSA SOUTHWEST SPRING OPEN Diamond Lanes, Odessa, Texas, Sunday

Final Standings (21 games)

1	Anthony Lavery-Spahr	Pasadena, Texas	7-1	4950	\$2,600.00
2	Sean Lavery-Spahr	Pasadena, Texas	5-3	4838	\$1,875.00
3	Pontus Andersson	Sweden	6-2	4824	\$1,500.00
4	AJ Chapman	Manchester, Iowa	5-3	4699	\$1,200.00
5	Shawn Maldonado	Houston	6-2	4581	\$1,000.00
6	Dimitri Cruz	Denton, Texas	4-4	4546	\$900.00
7	Stuart Williams	Pflugerville, Texas	2-6	4500	\$800.00
8	Deeronn Booker	Anaheim, Calif.	4-4	4480	\$750.00
9	Anthony Coats	Pflugerville, Texas	3-5	4212	\$700.00
10	(S) Lee Lorts	Katy, Texas	3-5	4211	\$650.00
11	(N) Cole Schroyer	Aubrey, Texas	3-5	4188	\$625.00
12	Arturo Quintero	Mexico	0-8	4057	\$600.00

n-denotes non-PBA member

PBA50 ODESSA SOUTHWEST OPEN Diamond Lanes, Odessa, Texas, Sunday

Final Standings (21 games)

1 (S) Mike Bailey	Carrollton, Texas	5-3	4849
2 (S) Ricky Schissler	Brighton, Colo.	6-2	4796
3 (S) Chris Barnes	Double Oak, Texas	6-2	4723
4 (SS) Mark Williams	Beaumont, Texas	6-1	4695
5 (S) Steve Fields	Roanoke, Texas	3-5	4498
6 (S) David Scardaville	Houston, Texas	3-5	4380
7 (S) Tony Lanning	Yukon, Okla.	2-5-1	4344
8 (S) John Burkett	Fort Worth, Texas	0-8	4218

n-denotes non-PBA member, ss-denotes super senior (60+ years old)

AJ JOHNSON LEADS AFTER OPENING ROUND OF 2021 USBC MASTERS

RENO, Nev. - Team USA member AJ Johnson of Oswego, Illinois, is a far different bowler than he was six years ago when he finished second at the United States Bowling Congress Masters, and he took a big step toward proving that Tuesday as the opening-round leader at the 2021 edition of the prestigious event.

The 28-year-old right-hander started the day at the National Bowling Stadium with eight consecutive strikes and posted games of 251, 235, 243, 172 and 211, a 222.4 average, to lead the 216-player field with a 1,112 total.

He was followed in the standings by early leader Gary Faulkner Jr. of Memphis, Tennessee (1,103), Jason Sterner of Rochester, New York (1,101), Matthew Zweig of Scottsdale, Arizona (1,088), and EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Indiana, and Spencer Robarge of Springfield, Missouri, who are tied for fifth place with 1,083.

"The (40-foot) oil pattern is hard this week, and that was evident in practice, so getting off to a good start is always nice, especially when they're tough," said Johnson, a seven-time Team USA member. "My initial goal was to get comfortable and bowl well the first three games, because the matches are three games, and it was nice to be able to continue that momentum. I did struggle with the transition in Game 4, but I got myself back on track."

All rounds of qualifying and match play from the 2021 USBC Masters are being broadcast on BowlTV.com and simulcast to FloBowling, and the event will conclude live on Fox Sports' FS1 on April 4 at 2 p.m. Eastern as part of the Professional Bowlers Association Tour television schedule. The winner will take home \$30,000.

After three days of qualifying, the top 63 players, based on their 15-game pinfall totals, will join defending champion Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona, in the double-elimination match-play bracket.

Butturff finished the day in 71st place with a 980 total, but even if the left-hander finishes qualifying outside the top 64, he is guaranteed the final spot in the bracket as the defending champion.

Faulkner, also a southpaw, has enjoyed past success at the National Bowling Stadium, winning the 2015 PBA World Championship for his lone PBA Tour title, while Johnson's 2015 season included a bittersweet performance at the Masters that solidified his future career path, but left him with something to prove.

"That tournament was a huge steppingstone for me and my decision to make bowling a career after I graduated," Johnson said. "I'm definitely not the same player I was back then. I've learned a lot and taken in quite a bit from coaches, ball reps, friends and other players. I think I'm smarter and see things differently, and my game definitely is better."

AJ Johnson 2015 USBC Masters For Web300x200 Johnson was a senior at McKendree University when he rolled undefeated through the bracket to earn the top seed for the televised finals, before suffering a lopsided loss to Masters icon Jason Belmonte in the final, 202-157.

In the years since, Johnson has become a standout in the PBA Midwest Region, including player-of-the-year honors in 2017 and 2018, and he has enjoyed continued success with Team USA, winning four gold medals, one of which was a team win at the 2017 International Bowling Federation World Championships.

On the PBA Tour, he has continued to put himself in position to take home a title, but he only has a handful of runner-up finishes to show for it.

A breakthrough victory at the 2019 Korea Professional Bowlers Association DSD SamHo Cup helped him prove to himself and his fellow competitors he could get the job done, but the biggest win of his young career didn't count as an official PBA Tour title.

Ideally, the momentum he found Tuesday night at the NBS will continue and give him a chance to redeem himself at the Masters, a major on the PBA Tour.

Johnson's loss to Belmonte in 2015 gave the two-handed Australian his third consecutive win at the event, and he went on to win again in 2017 to become the tournament's only four-time champion.

The two are paired together this week in Reno, and that is adding extra motivation for Johnson.

"Bowling with the guy who's regarded as the best in the world definitely pushes you to be better," Johnson said. "We have a good relationship and a good respect for each other. We've even been able to have little conversations about what we're seeing and how we might want to break down the pair, and it means a lot to know he respects me enough to have those talks. I have the utmost respect for him, and I appreciate how supportive he has been to me over the years."

Belmonte, who has a record 13 major titles on the PBA Tour, is 30th after five games at the 2021 Masters with a 1,022 total.

Competition at the NBS will resume Wednesday at 11 a.m. Eastern with the week's second five-game round.

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Tuesday's Results

QUALIFYING - ROUND 1 (Top 100; Five games)

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1, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,112. 2, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 1,103. 3, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 1,101. 4, Matthew Zweig, Scottsdale, Ariz., 1,088. 5(tie), EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., and Spencer Robarge (a), Springfield, Mo., 1,083.

7(tie), Maria José Rodriguez, Colombia, and Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 1,079. 9, Wesley Low, Palmdale, Calif., 1,069. 10, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,064. 11, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,061. 12, Francois Lavoie, Wichita, Kan., 1,054.

13(tie), Brad Miller, Lee's Summit, Mo., and Michael Martell, Chicago, 1,052. 15, Sam Cooley, Australia, 1,047. 16, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 1,045. 17, Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,043. 18(tie), Thomas Wolf (a), Bismarck, N.D., and Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,042.

20(tie), Osku Palermaa, Finland, and Steve Kloempken (a), Pleasant View, Utah, 1,039. 22, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 1,037. 23, Anthony Simonsen, Las Vegas, 1,033. 24, Anthony Stewart (a), Plymouth, Minn., 1,032.

25, Joseph Hostetler, Louisville, Ohio, 1,030. 26, Tyler Cortez Schenk (a), Phoenix, 1,027. 27(tie), Greg Thompson Jr., Tempe, Ariz., and Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., 1,026. 29, Mitch Hupé, Towanda, Kan., 1,025. 30, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,022.

31, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 1,021. 32, Cameron Crowe (a), Orland Park, Ill., 1,020. 33, Justin O'Shaughnessy, Jackson, Mich., 1,016. 34(tie), Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, Dallas Leong (a), Las Vegas, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., and Chris Martinez (a), Fort Collins, Colo., 1,014.

38, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 1,011. 39(tie), DJ Archer, Houston, and Brent Boho, Indianapolis, 1,010. 41, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 1,009. 42(tie), Toby Sambueno, Las Vegas, and Kristopher Prather, Romeoville, Ill., 1,008.

44, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 1,007. 45(tie), Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., and PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 1,006. 47, Rocio Restrepo, Uniontown, Ohio, 1,004. 48, Matthew Kuba, Tinley Park, Ill., 1,003.

49, Todd Keirse-Sipes (a), Seattle, 1,002. 50(tie), Josh Blanchard (a), Mesa, Ariz., and Callum Borck, Australia, 1,000. 52(tie), Justin Veitch (a), Kenner, La., and Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 997. 54, Michael Ruben, Selden, N.Y., 996.

55, Zach Weidman, Indianapolis, 995. 56, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 994. 57, Dan Higgins (a), Westerville, Ohio, 993. 58(tie), Karl Wahlgren, Sweden, and Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 992. 60, Matt Russo, Fairview Heights., Ill., 990.

61, Brandon Curtis (a), Manson, N.C., 989. 62(tie), Joseph Colcord (a), Portland, Maine, Timothy Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., and Stuart Williams, Pflugerville, Texas, 988. 65, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 986. 66(tie), Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., and Matthew Sanders (a), Evansville, Ind., 984.

68(tie), Keven Williams, Battlefield, Mo., and Wes Malott, Fort Wayne, Ind., 983. 70, Rasmus Edvall, Sweden, 981. 71, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 980. 72(tie), Timothy Gruendler (a), St. Louis, and Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 975.

74, Michael Mirabile, Coram, N.Y., 973. 75, Liz Johnson, Niagara Falls, N.Y., 970. 76, Clark Frison, Loveland, Colo., 968. 77, John Riffle (a), Porter, Ind., 967. 78(tie), Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, and Christian Azcona, Lake Wales, Fla., 966.

80, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 965. 81, Michael Fitzgerald, Maricopa, Ariz., 964. 82, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 963. 83(tie), Michael Tang, Pickerington, Ohio, and Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 962.

85, Ricky Schissler, Denver, 961. 86, Bryan Bourget (a), Woonsocket, R.I., 960. 87(tie), Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., and Blake Wallstrum (a), Minot, N.D., 959. 89(tie), William Hibbard (a), Indianapolis, and Zachary Cook (a), Peyton, Colo., 957.

91, Jean Perez, Greenwood, Ind., 956. 92, Brian Kuykendall (a), Covington, Tenn., 955. 93, AJ Chapman, Lewisville, Texas, 954. 94(tie), Manny Castillo (a), Santa Rosa, Calif., and Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 952. 96, Anthony Neuer, Lewisburg, Pa., 949.

97, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 948. 98, Benjamin Martinez, Mexico, 947. 99(tie), Andre Eubanks, Los Angeles, and Brad Cieslewicz (a), Stevens Point, Wis., 944.

FAULKNER LEADS AFTER TWO ROUNDS AT 2021 USBC MASTERS

RENO, Nev. - Gary Faulkner Jr. of Memphis, Tennessee, and Jason Sterner of Rochester, New York, may be seeing the lanes at the National Bowling Stadium from different sides, but the two are enjoying the same view from the top of the standings at the 2021 United States Bowling Congress Masters.

The left-handed Faulkner finished Wednesday's second round with a 246 game and surged into the overall lead with a 10-game total of 2,191, a 219.1 average. He has been consistent at the familiar venue, posting sets of 1,103 and 1,088, but he feels there's still room for improvement.

On Tuesday, he got out to a great start but struggled in the middle of the block. On Wednesday, he was focused on the middle games and let the first two get away from him.

Since the match-play portion of the USBC Masters features three-game matches, much of Thursday's third round will focus on fine-tuning the things that have gone well this week, especially while breaking down the lanes and early in the block.

"I've just been trying to keep the ball in play and leave makeable spares, and I've been able to take advantage of the breaks when they've come," said Faulkner, 30, who won the 2015 Professional Bowlers Association World Championship at the National Bowling Stadium for his lone PBA Tour title. "I still think I can bowl better, though. I haven't put together a complete block yet."

Sterner, a 37-year-old right-hander, is close behind with 2,152. He is followed in the standings by Junior Team USA member Spencer Robarge of Springfield, Missouri (2,132), two-time U.S. Open champion Francois Lavoie of Wichita, Kansas (2,131), and Nick Kruml of Downers Grove, Illinois

(2,129).

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After three five-game rounds over three days, the top 63 players, based on their 15-game pinfall totals, will join defending champion Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona, in the double-elimination match-play bracket.

Butturff finished the day tied for 80th place with a 1,949 total, but even if the left-hander finishes qualifying outside the top 64, he is guaranteed the final spot in the bracket as the defending champion.

For Faulkner, this week's success is a nice confidence boost, as he continues to get comfortable with a new brand of equipment.

He changed companies in January, but an injury to his ring finger left him without much of a chance to get comfortable with his new arsenal before a busy couple of months on the PBA Tour.

Sterner also can attribute some of his performance this week to the addition of new things to his arsenal.

For most of his bowling career, he has relied on his instincts and physical tools to find success on the lanes. The strategy has paid off countless times, including in the form of three PBA Tour titles, but he always knew there were more tricks, tools and dimensions he could add to his game.

Ultimately, it was a matter of being OK with asking for help and then setting aside the time to get it, a process that was accelerated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Previously, Sterner practiced to make sure he was sharp physically, and a thorough fitness routine helped with his endurance, but he was missing a clear understanding of why he was doing things, why he should be doing other things or why things were happening out on the lanes.

A new focus on things like strategy, equipment and oil, and how all those things work together, has helped him see the game in a new way. It's all part of the BowlU teachings of industry veteran Rick Benoit and PBA Tour champion Brad Angelo.

The BowlU methodology breaks down the sport into five unique elements and helps bowlers work them into their own games and goals.

With Angelo's Brad Angelo Lanes not too far from Rochester, Sterner was able to make the trip a couple times a week during the downtime of the pandemic, and the sessions began paying off immediately.

"I've always relied on the physical stuff, even trying to overpower the lanes at times, but I knew I needed some additional guidance," said Sterner, whose last win came at the 2019 FloBowling PBA Illinois Open. "It would've happened eventually, but some things happened that allowed me to begin working with them sooner. I've learned things that are helping me make better decisions and make them faster, and that's important in getting to each new level of success."

Competition at the NBS will resume Thursday at 11 a.m. Eastern with the final day of qualifying for the 216 competitors, who have been split across three squads, bowling five games each day.

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Wednesday's Results

**QUALIFYING - ROUND 2
(Top 100; 10 games)**

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1, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 2,191. 2, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 2,152. 3, Spencer Robarge (a), Springfield, Mo., 2,132. 4, Francois Lavoie, Wichita, Kan., 2,131. 5, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 2,129. 6, Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 2,121.

7, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 2,108. 8(tie), Cameron Crowe (a), Orland Park, Ill., and Anthony Simonsen, Las Vegas, 2,107. 10, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 2,093. 11, DJ Archer, Houston, 2,090. 12, Kristopher Prather, Romeoville, Ill., 2,084.

13(tie), Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., and EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 2,083. 15, Stuart Williams, Pflugerville, Texas, 2,080. 16, Dominic Barrett, England, 2,079. 17, Michael Martell, North Bellmore, N.Y., 2,073. 18, Timothy Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 2,060.

19, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 2,058. 20, Steve Kloempken (a), Pleasant View, Utah, 2,055. 21, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 2,052. 22(tie), Tyler Cortez Schenk (a), Phoenix, and Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 2,047. 24, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2,043.

25, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 2,041. 26, Mitch Hupé, Towanda, Kan., 2,040. 27(tie), Toby Sambueno, Las Vegas, and AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 2,038. 29, Michael Fitzgerald, Maricopa, Ariz., 2,037. 30, Matt Russo, Fairview Heights, Ill., 2,035.

31(tie), Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, and Maria José Rodriguez, Colombia, 2,033. 33, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 2,030. 34, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 2,022. 35, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 2,018. 36, Justin Veitch (a), Kenner, La., 2,016.

37, Justin O'Shaughnessy, Jackson, Mich., 2,015. 38, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 2,014. 39, Matthew Zweig, Scottsdale, Ariz., 2,013. 40, Brad Miller, Lee's Summit, Mo., 2,012. 41(tie), William Hibbard (a), Indianapolis, and Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 2,011.

43, Wes Malott, Fort Wayne, Ind., 2,010. 44, Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 2,009. 45, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 2,006. 46, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 2,004. 47, PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 2,000. 48(tie), Keven Williams, Battlefield, Mo., and Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 1,999.

50(tie), Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, and Michael Ruben, Selden, N.Y., 1,997. 52(tie), Callum Borck, Australia, and Sam Cooley, Australia, 1,991. 54, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 1,990.

55, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,987. 56, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,984. 57(tie), Zach Weidman, Indianapolis, and Wesley Low, Palmdale, Calif., 1,983. 59, Todd Keirse-Sipes (a), Seattle, 1,981. 60, Barry Slater (a), Locust, N.C., 1,979.

61(tie), Rasmus Edvall, Sweden, and Dallas Leong (a), Las Vegas, 1,977. 63, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 1,976. 64, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,975. 65(tie), Jean Perez, Greenwood, Ind., and Josh Blanchard (a), Mesa, Ariz., 1,973.

67, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 1,972. 68, Richard Teece, England, 1,971. 69, Greg Thompson Jr., Tempe, Ariz., 1,968. 70, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,967. 71, Brandon Curtis (a), Manson, N.C., 1,966. 72, Anthony Stewart (a), Plymouth, Minn., 1,965.

73, Timothy Gruendler (a), St. Louis, 1,955. 74(tie), Matt Hibbard (a), Mukwonago, Wis., AJ Chapman, Lewisville, Texas, and Joseph Hostetler, Louisville, Ohio, 1,954. 77, Brent Boho, Indianapolis, 1,953. 78(tie), Michael Tang, Pickerington, Ohio, and Karl Wahlgren, Sweden, 1,951.

80(tie), Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., and Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,949. 82, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,944. 83, John Riffle (a), Porter, Ind., 1,940. 84, Andrew Hall, Westborough, Mass., 1,939.

85, Gerald Marrs, Huntley, Ill., 1,938. 86, Thomas Wolf (a), Bismarck, N.D., 1,936. 87(tie), Graham Fach, Canada, Benjamin Martinez, Mexico, and Chris Martinez (a), Fort Collins, Colo., 1,933. 90, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 1,930.

91, Christian Azcona, Lake Wales, Fla., 1,929. 92, Rocio Restrepo, Uniontown, Ohio, 1,925. 93, Justin Knowles, Okemos, Mich., 1,923. 94, Chad Roberts (a), Reynoldsburg, Ohio, 1,916. 95, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 1,914. 96, Matthew Sanders (a), Evansville, Ind., 1,911.

97, Joseph Colcord (a), Portland, Maine, 1,910. 98(tie), Nolan White (a), Carlisle, Ohio, and Matthew Kuba, Tinley Park, Ill., 1,906. 100(tie), Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., and Ricky Schissler, Denver, 1,905.

JUNIOR TEAM USA'S SPENCER ROBARGE AMONG 16 UNDEFEATED PLAYERS AT 2021 USBC MASTERS

RENO, Nev. - It may be possible that the only thing at the National Bowling Stadium this week louder than one of Spencer Robarge's outfits is his strike ball, and both are making plenty of noise during the 2021 United States Bowling Congress Masters, where the 18-year-old phenom is among the 16 undefeated players in match play.

The Junior Team USA member from Springfield, Missouri, finished 16th among more than 200 competitors to qualify for the event's 64-player double-elimination match-play bracket. He won two matches Friday to remain unbeaten and in contention for the coveted title and \$30,000 top prize.

Robarge dispensed of fellow amateur Barry Slater of Locust, North Carolina (603-486), and Venezuela's Ildemaro Ruiz (669-499), and he now will face Canadian world champion Mitch Hupé, when competition resumes Saturday at noon Eastern.

"Being in this position feels really awesome," Robarge said. "I had no real expectations coming in, since I've never bowled in this event before, but I definitely was hoping to make match play and get a check. This has been an amazing experience so far."

Also among the undefeated players is a pair of past Professional Bowlers Association Players of the Year (EJ Tackett and Chris Barnes), 2016 USBC Masters champion Anthony Simonsen and a handful of other international standouts, including Thailand's Kim Bolleby, Sweden's Jesper Svensson, Thomas Larsen of Denmark, England's Stuart Williams and Australia's Sam Cooley.

Along with the 16 bowlers in the winners bracket, there are 16 competitors remaining in the elimination bracket. They also will hit the lanes at the NBS on Saturday at noon EDT, and that list includes four-time Masters champion Jason Belmonte, two-time U.S. Open titlist Francois Lavoie and 2018 Masters winner Andrew Anderson.

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Even at just 18, Robarge already has more television experience than most of the competitors this week.

He won the boys 12-and-under title at the Junior Gold Championships in 2015, added a pair of team victories at the USA Bowling National Championships in 2017 and 2018 and recently won the boys side of the inaugural PBA Junior National Championship - all under the TV lights.

Those experiences have helped the young two-handed southpaw handle the spotlight and pressure situations like a veteran, and while he has been known in youth bowling circles for his flashy attire, which he started wearing as a way to stand out while competing, he quickly is becoming one of the most recognizable players at any level.

Some of his inspiration comes from PBA Tour champion Kyle Troup, whose stock also is rising this year.

Troup picked up his first major title, and seventh win overall, at the 2021 PBA Players Championship, and he is the early front-runner in the player-of-the-year race.

Troup competed this week and is one of the 16 players remaining in the elimination bracket.

Robarge's participation at the Masters this week was a last-minute decision.

As a member of Junior Team USA, he earned a direct entry into the upcoming U.S. Open, where he'll be looking to improve on his 46th-place finish from 2020. When it was announced that the Masters and U.S. Open would be held together in Reno, he added his name to the waiting list. Shortly after, he received notification that he'd be able to bowl in both tournaments.

"I only planned on bowling in the U.S. Open, but when we heard both tournaments would be in the same place, it made sense to try to bowl in both," said Robarge, who has rolled more than 40 USBC-certified 300s as a youth bowler, a USBC record. "All we really had to do was change some flights and hotel stuff, and here we are. It gives me another opportunity to bowl in a big event and have a chance at something special, while having some fun. At this point, I'm on cloud nine and will do everything I can to stay there."

All competitors this week bowled three five-game blocks over three days, with total pinfall determining the 63 bowlers who joined defending champion Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona, in the bracket.

At one point Friday, Robarge found himself looking at the large on-site bracket, both in awe, and for strategic reasons, as he looked ahead to where his journey this weekend might take him.

"I was looking at the bracket and thinking about my matches and what the possibilities would be, win or lose, but I also was just taking it all in," Robarge said. "It's a huge honor to be here, and I want to make the most of it."

Robarge was one of nine non-professionals who made the cut this week. The last amateur to win the Masters was left-hander Brett Wolfe in 2002.

Match play will continue throughout the day Saturday, and the final five players will advance to Sunday's live stepladder finals.

Butturff lost to Nathan Bohr of Austin, Texas, in the opening round, 608-536, defeated PJ Haggerty of Roseville, California, 612-565 and then exited the 2021 event at the hands of Mykel Holliman of Collierville, Tennessee, in a rematch of the 2019 title tilt, 730-702.

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Friday's Results

MATCH PLAY

Double-elimination, three-game matches decided by total pinfall

ROUND 1

(Winners remain in Winners Bracket. Losers move to Elimination Bracket).

(64) Chris Martinez (a), Fort Collins, Colo., def. (1) Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 609-575

(33) Mitch Hupé, Towanda, Kan., def. (32) Matt Russo, Fairview Heights, Ill., 667-594

(48) Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, def. (17) Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 640-611

(16) Spencer Robarge (a), Springfield, Mo., def. (49) Barry Slater (a), Locust, N.C., 603-486

(9) Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., def. (56) Todd Keirse-Sipes (a), Seattle, 567-552

(24) Kim Bolleby, Thailand, def. (41) Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 594-552

(40) Michael Fitzgerald, Maricopa, Ariz., def. (25) Michael Martell, North Bellmore, N.Y., 550-496

(57) Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, def. (8) Francois Lavoie, Wichita, Kan., 615-584

(5) EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., def. (60) Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 680-579

(37) Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., def. (28) Steve Kloempken (a), Pleasant View, Utah, 611-570

(44) Toby Sambueno, Las Vegas, def. (21) Wes Malott, Fort Wayne, Ind., 547-537

(53) Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., def. (12) Nick Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 610-552

(13) Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., def. (52) Callum Borck, Australia, 640-559

(45) Jesper Svensson, Sweden, def. (20) Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 597-556

(29) Pontus Andersson, Sweden, def. (36) Dominic Barrett, England, 623-529

(4) Anthony Simonsen, Las Vegas, def. (61) Michael Tang, Pickerington, Ohio, 659-608

(3) Kristopher Prather, Romeoville, Ill., def. (62) Gerald Marrs, Huntley, Ill., 694-687

(35) Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, def. (30) Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 600-504

(46) Thomas Larsen, Denmark, def. (19) Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 738-613

(14) Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., def. (51) Matthew Zweig, Scottsdale, Ariz., 677-675

(11) AJ Chapman, Lewisville, Texas, def. (54) Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 653-584

(22) Martin Larsen, Sweden, def. (43) Packy Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 633-621
(27) Stuart Williams, Pflugerville, Texas, def. (38) PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 610-542
(6) Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, def. (59) Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 608-536

(7) Timothy Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., def. (58) Jason Belmonte, Australia, 588-585
(39) Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, def. (26) Brad Miller, Lee's Summit, Mo., 649-599
(42) Sam Cooley, Australia, def. (23) Cameron Crowe (a), Orland Park, Ill., 679-618
(10) DJ Archer, Houston, def. (55) Dallas Leong (a), Las Vegas, 598-596

(50) Cortez Schenck (a), Phoenix, def. (15) Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 692-661
(18) AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., def. (47) David Haynes, Las Vegas, 667-549
(34) Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, def. (31) Maria José Rodríguez, Colombia, 626-572
(2) Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., def. (63) Justin Veitch (a), Kenner, La., 635-543

ROUND 2 - WINNERS BRACKET

Hupé def. Martinez, 657-633
Robarge def. Ruiz, 669-499
Bolleby def. Holliman, 593-520
Bayt def. Fitzgerald, 617-603

EJ Tackett def. Robinson, 648-609
Sambueno def. O'Neill, 633-588
Svensson def. Anderson, 620-609
Simonsen def. Andersson, 620-576

Prather def. Novak, 707-547
T. Larsen def. Kruml, 703-679
Chapman def. M. Larsen, 652-571
Williams def. Bohr, 635-546

Foy def. Via, 679-662
Cooley def. Archer, 645-639
Johnson def. Schenck, 658-651
Barnes def. Duke, 625-622

ROUND 2 - ELIMINATION BRACKET (Losers eliminated, earn \$1,200)

Faulkner def. Russo, 632-484
Lavoie def. Martell, 578-566
Lavery-Spahr def. Slater, 594-459
D. Tang def. Keirse-Sipes, 607-606

Troup def. Kloempken, 668-615
Barrett def. M. Tang, 553-549
Pate def. Malott, 773-599
Z. Tackett def. Borck, 649-588

Marrs def. Sloan, 577-479
Butturff def. Haggerty, 612-565
Zweig def. Kent, 759-613
Sherman def. Hanrahan, 636-566

Belmonte def. Miller, 641-616
Rodriguez def. Veitch, 706-589
Leong def. Crowe, 721-604
Sterner def. Haynes, 672-572

ROUND 3 - ELIMINATION BRACKET (Losers eliminated, earn \$1,400)

Kruml def. Faulkner, 731-610
Lavoie def. M. Larsen, 636-566
Novak def. Lavery-Spahr, 653-555
Bohr def. D. Tang, 720-565

Troup def. Archer, 638-585
Schenck def. Barrett, 611-586
Via def. Pate, 629-595
Z. Tackett def. Duke, 560-555

Ruiz def. Marrs, 707-549
Holliman def. Butturff, 730-702
Zweig def. Martinez, 627-530
Fitzgerald def. Sherman, 643-586

Belmonte def. O'Neill, 623-525
Anderson def. Rodriguez, 675-579
Leong def. Robinson, 610-588
Sternner def. Andersson, 642-622

SWEDEN'S JESPER SVENSSON EARNS NO. 1 SEED FOR TV FINALS AT 2021 USBC MASTERS

RENO, Nev. - Since joining the Professional Bowlers Association, Jesper Svensson has been a rising star and one of the premier left-handers on the PBA Tour.

He has found the winner's circle each year since 2015 in a variety of formats - singles, doubles and PBA League competition - and he's now in position to claim the second major title of his career at the 2021 United States Bowling Congress Masters, where he will be the top seed for Sunday's live TV finals.

The Masters stepladder will be broadcast Sunday on Fox Sports' FS1, beginning at 2 p.m. Eastern as part of the 2021 PBA Tour television schedule. The event is considered a major on the PBA Tour, and the champion will take home the coveted Masters trophy and \$30,000 top prize.

The 26-year-old Svensson rolled undefeated through the event's iconic double-elimination match-play bracket this weekend at the National Bowling Stadium and downed fellow European Thomas Larsen of Denmark, 628-579, in the match to determine the top seed for the championship round. Larsen will be the No. 2 seed.

The two will be joined on the show by Jason Sternner of Rochester, New York, Chris Via of Springfield, Ohio, and 18-year-old Junior Team USA member Spencer Robarge of Springfield, Missouri, who emerged from the elimination bracket, surviving the four-player shootout that determined the last three seeds.

Sternner, who started the final game with nine consecutive strikes, earned the No. 3 seed with a 708 set and was followed by Via (691) and Robarge (681). Australia's Sam Cooley, who recently won his first PBA Tour title, shot 674 and was eliminated, finishing sixth overall this week. Via and Robarge will meet in the opening match.

"In general, qualifying was a big grind for me, and I never had a good reaction, so it was just about trying to keep my head above water and make the cut," Svensson said. "I didn't have a lot of big numbers shot against me in match play, so I was able to keep it going and was fortunate. I am

looking forward to tomorrow, and I think I have a big game in me, if I can just throw 10 more good shots."

Svensson, the 2015 PBA Tour Rookie of the Year, entered the bracket as the No. 45 qualifier after averaging 201 over 15 games on a challenging 40-foot oil pattern.

His scores didn't pick up too much in his six victories in match play, but success in the three-game, total-pinfall matches often can be more about strategy and luck of the draw. Additionally, this week, filling frames was a key to success.

On the way to the TV show, the 10-time PBA Tour champion averaged 208.22 in match play over 18 games, and the path included wins over past Masters champions Andrew Anderson of Holly, Michigan, and Anthony Simonsen of Las Vegas and 2016 PBA Player of the Year EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Indiana.

To advance to the match with Larsen, which guaranteed him a spot on the show, Svensson had to get around Robarge, the only other left-hander he faced along way. Both players started the match in the 240s, before they experienced an unfamiliar oil transition.

Svensson was able to escape with a 647-597 win, and he learned quite a bit from watching Robarge's strategy in the match. The two previously had a chance to get familiar with each other's games as doubles partners in a special adult-youth doubles match that was part of the recent PBA Junior National Championship.

The Swedish two-hander will factor the notes he took into his game plan for Sunday's title match, though his strategy ultimately will be affected by what Robarge does earlier in the stepladder.

Svensson's first major win came at the 2016 PBA Tournament of Champions, where he became the youngest player to win that event, just days shy of his 21st birthday.

His 10 titles have come in four countries, with two - the 2015 PBA Chameleon Championship and 2017 PBA Cheetah Championship - coming at the NBS in Reno.

Larsen also is a PBA Tour champion, but both of his wins - one in 2013 and one in 2014 - have come overseas.

The 31-year-old right-hander qualified for the bracket in the No. 46 position, averaging 200.47 in qualifying, but he was able to pile on the strikes in match play, out-averaging his opponents 225.27-209.61, while tossing three of just 19 sets of 700 or better in match play.

The final three spots on the show weren't determined until the final frame of the four-player shootout, with Sterner and Via each shooting in the 270s and Robarge sneaking in on the momentum of a 267 start.

Sterner, a three-time PBA Tour champion, lost his first match Friday and then survived eight consecutive matches to earn the third spot in the stepladder. He will face the winner of the opening match between Robarge and Via.

Via is eying his first PBA Tour title, while Robarge, who will be 18 years and 227 days old Sunday, is looking to become the first amateur since 2002 to win the Masters, and a victory would make him the youngest player in history to win the event. Simonsen was 19 years and 39 days old when he won in 2016.

In 1983, eventual USBC and PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke won the Cleveland Open in North Olmsted, Ohio, to become the youngest player to win a PBA Tour title. He was 18 years and 345 days old.

Since Robarge is not a PBA member, he would not get credit for a PBA Tour title.

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Competition this week for the more than 200 players included three five-game blocks over three days, with total pinfall determining the 63 bowlers who joined defending champion Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona, in the bracket.

Butturff exited the 2021 event Friday night with a loss to 2019 PBA Rookie of the Year Mykel Holliman of Collierville, Tennessee, in a rematch of the 2019 title tilt, 730-702.

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Saturday's Results

MATCH PLAY

Double-elimination, three-game matches decided by total pinfall

ROUND 3 - WINNERS BRACKET

(Winners remain in Winners Bracket. Losers move to Elimination Bracket).

(16) Spencer Robarge (a), Springfield, Mo., def. (33) Mitch Hupé, Towanda, Kan., 639-582
(57) Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, def. (24) Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 593-554
(5) EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., def. (44) Toby Sambueno, Las Vegas, 619-617
(45) Jesper Svensson, Sweden, def. (4) Anthony Simonsen, Las Vegas, 682-574

(46) Thomas Larsen, Denmark, def. (3) Kristopher Prather, Romeoville, Ill., 686-603
(27) Stuart Williams, Pflugerville, Texas, def. (11) AJ Chapman, Lewisville, Texas, 600-594
(42) Sam Cooley, Australia, def. (7) Timothy Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 699-625
(34) Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, def. (18) AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 621-600

ROUND 4 - ELIMINATION BRACKET

(Losers eliminated, earn \$1,750)

(8) Francois Lavoie, Wichita, Kan., def. (14) Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 758-642
(6) Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, def. (35) Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 655-631
(60) Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., def. (50) Cortez Schenck (a), Phoenix, 647-573
(39) Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, def. (20) Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 627-613

(9) Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., def. (48) Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 566-551
(40) Michael Fitzgerald, Maricopa, Ariz., def. (51) Matthew Zweig, Scottsdale, Ariz., 668-607
(58) Jason Belmonte, Australia, def. (13) Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 642-559
(15) Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., def. (55) Dallas Leong (a), Las Vegas, 618-591

ROUND 4 - WINNERS BRACKET

Robarge def. Bayt, 616-568
Svensson def. Tackett, 574-563
Larsen def. Williams, 705-657
Cooley def. Barnes, 637-582

ROUND 5 - ELIMINATION BRACKET (Losers eliminated, earn \$2,200)

Lavoie def. Sambueno, 656-592
Simonsen def. Bohr, 651-625
Troup def. Hupé, 643-597
Via def. Bolleby, 662-651

Holliman def. Johnson, 625-603
Foy def. Fitzgerald, 558-553
Belmonte def. Chapman, 590-571
Sternner def. Prather, 668-570

ROUND 5 - WINNERS BRACKET

Svensson def. Robarge, 647-597
Larsen def. Cooley, 644-593

ROUND 6 - ELIMINATION BRACKET (Losers eliminated, earn \$2,700)

Simonsen def. Lavoie, 648-586
Via def. Troup, 635-591
Holliman def. Foy, 709-661
Sternner def. Belmonte, 708-647

ROUND 6 - WINNERS BRACKET (Winner earns No. 1 seed for Sunday's FS1 finals; loser is No. 2 seed)

Svensson def. Larsen, 628-579

ROUND 7 - ELIMINATION BRACKET (Losers eliminated, earn \$3,250)

Barnes def. Simonsen, 623-619
Via def. Williams, 629-621
Tackett def. Holliman, 710-703
Sternner def. Bayt, 657-607

ROUND 8 - ELIMINATION BRACKET (Losers eliminated, earn \$4,200)

Via def. Barnes, 658-547
Sternner def. Tackett, 696-666

ROUND 9 - ELIMINATION BRACKET (Three highest scores advance to FS1 finals, high score is No. 3 seed, second high is No. 4, third high is No. 5, lowest score is eliminated, earns \$6,000).

Sternner 708, Via 691, Robarge 681, Cooley 674

DENMARK'S THOMAS LARSEN WINS 2021 USBC MASTERS

RENO, Nev. - Denmark's Thomas Larsen said he was excited to return to the National Bowling Stadium because he'd bowled well there in the past, and he was able to continue that success Sunday with a win at the 2021 United States Bowling Congress Masters.

The 31-year-old right-hander defeated top seed Jesper Svensson of Sweden in a see-saw match, 197-176, for his third Professional Bowlers Association Tour title and the first major victory of his career. He became the first bowler from Denmark to win the USBC Masters.

The Masters stepladder was broadcast live Sunday on Fox Sports' FS1 as part of the 2021 PBA Tour television schedule. The event was the fourth of five majors on the 2021 PBA Tour calendar, and the win earned Larsen a \$30,000 top prize.

"Coming to Reno is big-time bowling, and it's such an awesome venue, where I always seem to be able to match up and bowl well," Larsen said. "There were a lot of nerves today and a few shots where I couldn't even feel my legs. Even with five minutes, I don't know if that would've been enough time to calm myself down, but I'm glad I was able to throw enough shots to come away with the win."

Though Larsen fell behind early in the final against Svensson, leaving a 4-6-7-10 split in the third frame, back-to-back splits from Svensson in the seventh (4-6-7-10) and eighth (3-7) frames, the second of which he was able to convert, allowed Larsen to rally back for a chance to lock up the game and title.

After striking in the ninth frame, a double and one pin would've sealed the victory. He struck on his first 10th-frame offering but missed left on his second, leaving a 3 pin.

Following the conversion from Larsen, the 26-year-old Swedish two-hander could've thrown three strikes in his final frame for a single-pin victory. The 10-time PBA Tour champion, who was looking for his second major title, left a 7 pin on his first shot to fall short.

While Sunday's win did mark Larsen's third PBA Tour title, it was his first on United States soil. His best finish previously was a runner-up effort at the 2017 PBA Cheetah Championship, also at the NBS in Reno, where he lost a lopsided final to Svensson.

Larsen's other victories came in Abu Dhabi and Kuwait in 2013 and 2014, respectively, so, along with some redemption against Svensson, he saw a long journey back to the winner's circle conclude in one of the world's most iconic bowling venues.

"This is a dream come true," Larsen said. "You can win all kinds of stuff overseas and have a great career, but if you can come over here and win, that's like a stamp of approval. The Masters is an event I always enjoyed watching. To win it means so much, not only to me, but to everyone back home for all they do to help us succeed. There's only about 100 people who bowl in our local center, and this shows that all the time and hard work are paying off, and we're headed in the right direction."

To set up the all-European final, Larsen used four consecutive strikes, starting in the fourth frame, to pull away from Junior Team USA's Spencer Robarge of Springfield, Missouri. Larsen won the match 213-200.

Robarge fell behind early in the semifinal after leaving, and failing to convert, the 4-6-10 split in the first frame. Larsen locked out the young left-hander when he narrowly clipped off the 8 pin from the 2-8-10 split he left in his final frame.

The 18-year-old phenom was looking to become the youngest Masters winner, youngest bowler in history to win a PBA Tour event and the first amateur to claim the Masters title since Arizona's Brett Wolfe accomplished the feat at the National Bowling Stadium in 2002, the same year Robarge was born.

Anthony Simonsen of Las Vegas, the 2016 Masters champion, was 19 years and 39 days old when he

won.

Robarge's spot in the semifinal Sunday came with a clean game against three-time PBA Tour champion Jason Sterner of Rochester, New York, who had three opens in the match, including a washout and split in the sixth and seventh frames, respectively. Robarge advanced with a 224-166 win.

Sterner was making his first TV appearance in a major. His route to the show included surviving eight consecutive three-game matches after losing in the first round of match play Friday.

In the opening match Sunday against Chris Via of Springfield, Ohio, Robarge started with four consecutive strikes and owned a lead of more than 20 pins halfway through. Via, who has become a familiar face in the major finals over the past two years, left a pair of splits and never gained any traction in the game.

Via, the 2016 U.S. Amateur champion and a team gold medalist at the 2017 International Bowling Federation World Championships, still is looking for his first PBA Tour title. He recently finished fourth at the 2021 PBA Guaranteed Rate World Championship.

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Sunday's Results

Final standings

- 1, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 410 (two games), \$30,000.
- 2, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 176 (one game), \$25,000.
- 3, Spencer Robarge, Springfield, Mo., 637 (three games), \$15,000.
- 4, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 166 (one game), \$10,000.
- 5, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 194 (one game), \$8,000.

Stepladder results

Match 1 - Robarge def. Via, 213-194.

Match 2 - Robarge def. Sterner, 224-166.

Semifinal - Larsen def. Robarge, 213-200.

Championship - Larsen def. Svensson, 197-176.

2021 U.S. Open Begins Today

The stepladder finals of the fifth and final major of the 2021 Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour season air live on FS1 April 11

Reno, Nev.—The U.S. Open, the final major championship on the 2021 Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour season, begins today from the National Bowling Stadium. Qualifying and match play will be streamed live on BowlTV and simulcast on FloBowling Apr. 6-10. The stepladder finals will air live on Fox Sports' FS1 Sunday, Apr. 11 at 2 p.m. ET.

Here are some of the top storylines heading into the 2021 U.S. Open:

Last Chance to Qualify for PBA Super Slam

The PBA Super Slam, a special event taking place April 18 live on FOX Broadcast Channel and paying \$100,000 to the winner, will feature the champions of all five majors. Kyle Troup (Players Championship), François Lavoie (Tournament of Champions), Tom Daugherty (World Championship) and Thomas Larsen (USBC Masters) have already secured their spots in the PBA Super Slam. The final berth will go to the winner of the U.S. Open. If one of the current Super Slam entrants wins the U.S. Open, the runner-up will receive the fifth spot in the Super Slam.

Defending Champion Looks to Complete Super Slam Twice

The individual Super Slam, in which a player wins all five major titles over the course of a career, has only been completed twice in PBA Tour history. When Jason Belmonte won the 2020 U.S. Open, he became the second player, after Mike Aulby, to do so. Since Belmonte has won each of the other four majors at least twice, another win in the U.S. Open would make Belmonte the first player ever to complete the Super Slam a second time. He would also be the first player to successfully defend the U.S. Open championship since Dave Husted won back-to-back titles in 1995 and 1996.

Lavoie Chases Third U.S. Open Title

2021 PBA Tournament of Champions winner François Lavoie won his first major title in the 2016 U.S. Open, rolling a 300 game against Shawn Maldonado in the semifinal match and then defeating Marshall Kent for the title. In 2019, Lavoie won his second U.S. Open title, defeating Sean Rash in the championship match. Now a three-time major champion, Lavoie will look to win the U.S. Open for the third time in six years.

Players Fight for PBA Playoffs Berths

The U.S. Open is the final opportunity for players vying for one of 16 berths in the 2021 PBA Playoffs, which begin Saturday, April 24 at 11 a.m. ET on FS1. Entering the U.S. Open, defending PBA Playoffs champion Bill O'Neill holds the 16th spot on the points list. The winner of the PBA Playoffs receives \$100,000 and a custom WWE championship title belt.

U.S. Open Winners Since 2011

2011 – Norm Duke

2012 – Pete Weber

2013 – Wes Malott

2014 – not held

2015 – Ryan Ciminelli

2016 – François Lavoie

2017 – Rhino Page

2018 – Dom Barrett
2019 – François Lavoie
2020 – Jason Belmonte

BUTTURFF LEADS OPENING ROUND OF 2021 U.S. OPEN

RENO, Nev. - Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona, may not be a U.S. Open champion, but he still has been one of the most dominant and talked about bowlers at the tournament in recent years.

Following two less-than-stellar performances at the prestigious event, the 26-year-old left-hander has reclaimed his place at the top of the U.S. Open standings, this time pacing the 108-player field at the National Bowling Stadium with a 1,914 eight-game total, a 239.25 average.

He was followed in the standings Tuesday by Sean Lavery-Spahr of Pasadena, Texas (1,851), Brent Boho of Indianapolis (1,843), Sweden's Pontus Andersson (1,837) and Michael Davidson of Versailles, Ohio (1,832).

Butturff, who already feels comfortable at the famed NBS, felt his game matched up well to the day's 36-foot oil pattern. He also was very consistent, posting a high game of 248 and a low game of 222.

"We knew the scores probably would be on the higher side today, and I was fortunate that everything matched up for me," said Butturff, a seven-time Professional Bowlers Association Tour champion.

"Tomorrow definitely will not be a strike fest. It will be about making spares. It was nice to get out to a good start and get as many pins as possible when I had a good look."

The first three days of competition will include eight-game blocks for all competitors, each on a different oil pattern, after which, the field will be cut to the top 36 to face a fourth oil pattern for eight additional games.

Tuesday's pattern was the shortest of the week, and Wednesday's challenge will be a flat 40-foot lane condition. The four patterns will range from 36-44 feet.

Competition at the National Bowling Stadium resumes Wednesday at 11 a.m. Eastern.

Total pinfall for 32 games will determine the 24 players for the round-robin portion of the event, and their 56-game totals, including 30 bonus pins for each win in match play, will decide the five players for the championship stepladder.

Each round of qualifying and match play at the 2021 U.S. Open is being broadcast live at BowlTV.com and simulcast on FloBowling.

The U.S. Open will conclude live on Fox Sports' FS1 on Sunday as part of the 2021 PBA Tour television schedule, airing from 2-4 p.m. Eastern. The winner will take home the coveted green jacket and a \$30,000 top prize. The event is considered a major on the PBA Tour.

Butturff, who won the 2019 United States Bowling Congress Masters for his first major title, has been heartbreakingly close to pulling that U.S. Open jacket over his shoulders, finishing as the runner-up in 2017 and 2018 after earning the No. 1 seed for those championship rounds by 617 pins and 552 pins, respectively.

Despite being a victim of the format in the end, he considers the U.S. Open to be one of his best events, and he enjoys that it's such a test of versatility and creativity.

Bowling well in 2021 also would mean instant redemption for the 2019 and 2020 events.

In 2019, he withdrew in the third round due to an injury. In 2020, he failed to make the first cut and finished 58th.

"Even though I've won the Masters, I am proud of the success I've had at the U.S. Open, and I enjoy the long format with the bonus pins," Butturff said. "It's a true test with a variety of conditions, and now tomorrow will be all about making spares. I did feel more comfortable on the flat pattern than I expected, so I'm looking forward to it."

The majority of the competitors this week earned direct entry into the event based on their on-lane performances throughout 2020, while 43 bowlers advanced to the 108-player field through Sunday's eight-game pre-tournament qualifier.

Australia's Jason Belmonte is the defending champion at the U.S. Open and looking for his record 14th major title, along with the opportunity to be the only player in history to complete the Super Slam two times.

The feat includes winning the U.S. Open, USBC Masters, PBA Tournament of Champions, PBA World Championship and PBA Players Championship, and hall of famer Mike Aulby is the only other person to accomplish it.

Belmonte, a 37-year-old two-hander, finished the first day of the 2021 U.S. Open in 28th place with a 1,715 total, a 214.38 average.

Only four bowlers - Andy Varipapa, Don Carter, Dick Weber and Dave Husted - have successfully defended their U.S. Open titles. Husted was the last to accomplish the feat, doing so in 1996.

For more information on the U.S. Open, visit BOWL.com

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Tuesday's results

ROUND 1 QUALIFYING
(Eight games)

1, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 1,914. 2, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,851. 3, Brent Boho, Indianapolis, 1,843. 4, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 1,837. 5, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 1,832. 6, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 1,830.

7(tie), Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., and Anthony Neuer, Lewisburg, Pa., 1,821. 9, Mitch Hupé, Lockport, Ill., 1,817. 10, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 1,798. 11, Christian Azcona, Clermont, Fla., 1,795. 12(tie), Michael Martell, North Bellmore, N.Y., and Solomon Salama (a), Beverly Hills, Calif., 1,791.

14, Matthew Sanders (a), Evansville, Ind., 1,787. 15, Karl Wahlgren, Sweden, 1,775. 16, Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,773. 17, Matt Russo, Fairview Heights, Ill., 1,758. 18, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 1,750.

19, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 1,745. 20, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 1,744. 21, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 1,742. 22, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 1,735. 23, Timothy Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 1,732. 24, Benjamin Martinez, Mexico, 1,724.

25, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,721. 26, Zach Weidman, Indianapolis, 1,720. 27,

Michael Tang, Pickerington, Ohio, 1,718. 28, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,715. 29, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,707. 30, Shawn Maldonado, Sugarland, Texas, 1,706.

31, AJ Chapman, Lewisville, Texas, 1,705. 32, Toby Sambueno, Las Vegas, 1,697. 33(tie), Perry Crowell IV (a), St. Clair Shores, Mich., and Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 1,696. 35(tie), Ryan Lakota, Shorewood, Ill., and Francois Lavoie, Wichita, Kan., 1,690.

37, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 1,689. 38(tie), Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., and Thomas Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,688. 40, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 1,687. 41(tie), Spencer Robarge (a), Springfield, Mo., and Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 1,674.

43, Rhino Page, Airway Heights, Wash., 1,673. 44, Brad Miller, Lee's Summit, Mo., 1,672. 45, Chris Barnes, Denton, Texas, 1,670. 46(tie), Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, and Dallas Leong (a), Las Vegas, 1,668. 48, Nathan Bohr, Round Rock, Texas, 1,663.

49, Sam Cooley, Australia, 1,661. 50, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 1,658. 51, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,655. 52, Richard Teece, England, 1,646. 53, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,645. 54, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 1,642.

55, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 1,639. 56, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,638. 57, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 1,637. 58, DJ Archer, Houston, 1,634. 59, Wesley Low Jr., Palmdale, Calif., 1,630. 60, Cerell Cardines (a), Las Vegas, 1,629.

61, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 1,627. 62, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,626. 63, Stuart Williams, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,624. 64, Terrance Rock III (a), Las Vegas, 1,612. 65, Kristopher Prather, Romeoville, Ill., 1,610. 66, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 1,608.

67, Dimitri Cruz, Denton, Texas, 1,605. 68, Eric Jones (a), Edmond, Okla., 1,602. 69, Tom Burns (a), Voorhees, N.J., 1,601. 70, Graham Fach, Canada, 1,600. 71, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 1,593. 72, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 1,592.

73, Jesse Gibson (a), Bridgeport, Conn., 1,587. 74(tie), Michael Mirabile, Coram, N.Y., and AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,583. 76, Briley Haugh (a), Faribault, Minn., 1,578. 77(tie), Matthew Kuba, Tinley Park, Ill., and Callum Borck, Australia, 1,571.

79, Charlie Brown Jr, Grandville, Mich., 1,553. 80(tie), Bryan Bourget (a), Woonsocket, R.I., and Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 1,552. 82, Jillian Martin (a), Stow, Ohio, 1,550. 83, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 1,548. 84, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 1,543.

85, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 1,539. 86, Stephen Hahn, Sterling, Va., 1,530. 87, Michael Ruben, Selden, N.Y., 1,529. 88, Gregory Young Jr., Viera, Fla., 1,520. 89(tie), Maria José Rodriguez, Colombia, and Rasmus Edvall, Sweden, 1,519.

91, Brandon Curtis (a), Manson, N.C., 1,516. 92, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,515. 93, Nick DeCesaro (a), Kenosha, Wis., 1,505. 94, Justin O'Shaughnessy, Jackson, Mich., 1,497. 95, Carlos Granados, Orlando, Fla., 1,481. 96, Tyrell Ingalls (a), Loganville, Ga., 1,480.

97, Nolan White (a), Carlisle, Ohio, 1,475. 98, Timothy Gruendler, St. Louis, 1,473. 99, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,471. 100, Brandon Biondo (a), Carpentersville, Ill., 1,453. 101, Trent Mitchell (a), Chicago, 1,451. 102, Alec Keplinger (a), Coldwater, Mich., 1,414.

103, Ryan Mouw (a), Muskegon, Mich., 1,412. 104, Zach Wilkins, Canada, 1,390. 105, Robert Calvano (a), Mission, Kan., 1,388. 106, Joshua Zimmerman (a), Sparks, Nev., 1,381. 107, Garrett Andrus (a), Austin, Texas, 1,372. 108, JT Jackson, Sherman Oaks, Calif., 1,309.

Semi-Finals Start Today in First-Ever PBA Bowlero Global Rumble Powered by Lanetalk

240 bowlers advance to the Semi-Finals of tournament

New York, NY – The Quarterfinals for the First-Ever PBA Bowlero Global Rumble Powered by Lanetalk have concluded with over 2,700 participants and over 18,000 games bowled in two weeks. Now, just the top 40 bowlers from each of the six conferences (240 total), advance to the Semi-Finals for a chance to win the \$10,000 Grand Prize.

The Semi-Finals competition begins today at participating Bowlero Corp and international locations equipped with Lanetalk.

The 240 remaining bowlers consist of the top 40 from each of the six conferences. Participants will now have just one week to bowl their best two consecutive games for a chance to advance to the Finals. The top two bowlers in each conference will advance to the livestreamed Grand Finale on Saturday, April 17th. Details on the livestream to be announced on [PBA.com](https://pba.com).

The PBA Bowlero Global Rumble tournament is hosted on the Lanetalk app, featuring four stages of competition within six conferences in the US and internationally until one true global champion is crowned.

There are two stages left of competition:

Stage 3: Semi-Finals (April 7-April 13)

The remaining 240 bowlers will have one week and 99 attempts to submit their two best consecutive scores. The top two bowlers from each US and International Conference will advance to the Grand Finale.

Stage 4: Grand Finale (April 17)

The remaining 12 bowlers will all bowl on the same day and will have only one attempt to submit their two best consecutive games. The time of the live-streamed Finale will be announced at a later date. The bowler with the highest score will be crowned the First-Ever PBA Bowlero Global Rumble Champion and win \$10,000.

Throughout the tournament, individuals will be able to follow along with the competition and view live scores from each conference at pba.com/rumble#leaderboard.

BUTTURFF MAINTAINS LEAD THROUGH TWO ROUNDS AT 2021 U.S. OPEN

RENO, Nev. - If the 2021 U.S. Open were a class in school, Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona, would give himself an A-minus for his first two days of competition at the National Bowling Stadium.

The seven-time Professional Bowlers Association Tour champion and his fellow competitors have been tested twice in the form of challenging oil patterns, and he has set the grading curve as the overall leader through two rounds of qualifying.

Butturff passed the week's first test with flying colors, averaging nearly 240 in the opening round, and

while Wednesday's flat 40-foot lane condition yielded much lower scores, he again considered his performance a success.

The 26-year-old left-hander was able to expand his lead over the 108-player field and tops the standings with a 16-game total of 3,575, a 223.44 average. He posted a 1,914 total on Tuesday's 36-foot oil pattern and added 1,661 on Wednesday.

Former Junior Team USA member Brent Boho of Indianapolis is 77 pins back with 3,498 and followed by Zac Tackett of Huntington, Indiana (3,473), Matthew Sanders of Evansville, Indiana (3,463), and Michael Davidson of Versailles, Ohio (3,443).

At the end of the day, Butturff was most proud of how he handled things mentally.

"I started struggling in the middle of today's block and saw some of the other lefties were having trouble, too, so I started moving around, which wasn't the right strategy," said Butturff, the runner-up at the U.S. Open in 2017 and 2018. "I went back to my original game plan, which was to stay closer to the gutter, and it paid off. I did fall out of the lead at one point, and that's when I reminded myself how easily focusing on one game can take you out of it mentally. The U.S. Open is very much a mental test, too."

The first three days of competition will include eight-game blocks for all competitors, each on a different oil pattern, after which, the field will be cut to the top 36 to face a fourth oil pattern for eight additional games.

On Thursday, the players' invisible opponent will be in the form of a 44-foot oil pattern. The four patterns this week will range from 36-44 feet.

"Patterns 1 and 3 were the two best looks I had in the practice sessions, so I need to capitalize on that by making the best shots I can again tomorrow," Butturff said. "I'm actually pretty speechless about today and how I bowled on what I knew would be the toughest pattern. I am extremely happy with how I refocused and bowled the last three games today, and I'm very confident going into the last day of qualifying tomorrow."

Competition at the National Bowling Stadium resumes Thursday at 11 a.m. Eastern.

Total pinfall for 32 games will determine the 24 players for the round-robin portion of the event, and their 56-game totals, including 30 bonus pins for each win in match play, will decide the five players for the championship stepladder.

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Australia's Jason Belmonte is the defending champion at the U.S. Open and looking for his record 14th major title, along with the opportunity to be the only player in history to complete the Super Slam two times.

The feat includes winning the U.S. Open, United States Bowling Congress Masters, PBA Tournament of Champions, PBA World Championship and PBA Players Championship, and hall of famer Mike Aulby is the only other person to accomplish it.

Belmonte, a 37-year-old two-hander, moved up 17 places in the standings Wednesday and finished

the second day of the 2021 U.S. Open in 11th place with a 3,386 total, a 211.63 average.

Only four bowlers - Andy Varipapa, Don Carter, Dick Weber and Dave Husted - have successfully defended their U.S. Open titles. Husted was the last to accomplish the feat, doing so in 1996.

For more information on the U.S. Open, visit BOWL.com/USOpen.

2021 U.S. Open
At National Bowling Stadium
Reno, Nev.

Wednesday's results

ROUND 2 QUALIFYING
(16 games)

1, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 3,575. 2, Brent Boho, Indianapolis, 3,498. 3, Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 3,473. 4, Matthew Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 3,463. 5, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 3,443. 6(tie), Jesper Svensson, Sweden, and Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 3,434.

8, Mitch Hupé, Lockport, Ill., 3,413. 9, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 3,391. 10, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 3,387. 11, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 3,386. 12, Cristian Azcona, Clermont, Fla., 3,384.

13, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 3,372. 14, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 3,369. 15, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 3,366. 16, Anthony Neuer, Lewisburg, Pa., 3,354. 17, Francois Lavoie, Wichita, Kan., 3,349. 18, AJ Chapman, Lewisville, Texas, 3,348.

19, Brad Miller, Lee's Summit, Mo., 3,346. 20, Spencer Robarge (a), Springfield, Mo., 3,343. 21, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 3,331. 22, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 3,330. 23, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 3,329. 24(tie), Chris Barnes, Denton, Texas, and Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 3,326.

26, Perry Crowell IV (a), St. Clair Shores, Mich., 3,309. 27, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 3,307. 28, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 3,305. 29, Sam Cooley, Australia, 3,302. 30, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 3,301.

31(tie), Benjamin Martinez, Mexico, and Timothy Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., and Matt Russo, Fairview Heights, Ill., 3,297. 34(tie), Nathan Bohr, Round Rock, Texas, and Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 3,292. 36, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 3,290.

37, Solomon Salama (a), Beverly Hills, Calif., 3,289. 38, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 3,284. 39, Stuart Williams, Pflugerville, Texas, 3,280. 40, Zach Weidman, Indianapolis, 3,278. 41, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 3,270. 42, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 3,265.

43, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 3,248. 44, Michael Martell, North Bellmore, N.Y., 3,245. 45, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 3,238. 46, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 3,237. 47, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 3,232. 48, Dallas Leong (a), Las Vegas, 3,231.

49, Toby Sambueno, Las Vegas, 3,226. 50, Graham Fach, Canada, 3,221. 51, Shawn Maldonado, Sugarland, Texas, 3,208. 52, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3,207. 53, Michael Tang, Pickerington, Ohio, 3,206. 54, Richard Teece, England, 3,199.

55, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 3,197. 56, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 3,195. 57, Thomas Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 3,193. 58, Rhino Page, Airway Heights, Wash., 3,190. 59, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 3,189. 60, Karl Wahlgren, Sweden, 3,184.

61, Jillian Martin (a), Stow, Ohio, 3,176. 62, Michael Mirabile, Coram, N.Y., 3,165. 63, Bryan

Bourget (a), Woonsocket, R.I., 3,157. 64, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 3,156. 65, Kristopher Prather, Romeoville, Ill., 3,145. 66, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 3,139.

67, Ryan Lakota, Shorewood, Ill., 3,138. 68, Callum Borck, Australia, 3,137. 69, Brandon Curtis (a), Manson, N.C., 3,129. 70, Dimitri Cruz, Denton, Texas, 3,125. 71, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 3,118. 72, Maria José Rodriguez, Colombia, 3,115.

73, Briley Haugh (a), Faribault, Minn., 3,107. 74, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 3,100. 75, Wesley Low, Palmdale, Calif., 3,098. 76, Charlie Brown Jr., Grandville, Mich., 3,097. 77, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 3,093. 78, Nolan White (a), Carlisle, Ohio, 3,092.

79, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 3,086. 80, Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., 3,071. 81, Terrance Rock III (a), Las Vegas, 3,068. 82, Matthew Kuba, Tinley Park, Ill., 3,065. 83, Gregory Young Jr., Viera, Fla., 3,053. 84, Carlos Granados, Orlando, Fla., 3,043.

85, DJ Archer, Houston, 3,026. 86, Zach Wilkins, Canada, 3,025. 87, Eric Jones (a), Edmond, Okla., 3,020. 88, Michael Ruben, Selden, N.Y., 2,994. 89, Brandon Biondo (a), Carpentersville, Ill., 2,980. 90, Garrett Andrus (a), Austin, Texas, 2,976.

91, Nick DeCesaro (a), Kenosha, Wis., 2,973. 92, Trent Mitchell (a), Chicago, 2,965. 93, Tyrell Ingalls (a), Loganville, Ga., 2,963. 94, Timothy Gruendler, St. Louis, 2,962. 95, Jesse Gibson (a), Bridgeport, Conn., 2,959. 96, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 2,953.

97, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 2,942. 98, Stephen Hahn, Sterling, Va., 2,940. 99, Tom Burns (a), Voorhees, N.J., 2,935. 100, Rasmus Edvall, Sweden, 2,934. 101, Ryan Mouw (a), Muskegon, Mich., 2,931. 102, Cerell Cardines (a), Las Vegas, 2,895.

103, Alec Keplinger (a), Coldwater, Mich., 2,885. 104, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 2,853. 105, Justin O'Shaughnessy, Jackson, Mich., 2,829. 106, Joshua Zimmerman (a), Sparks, Nev., 2,724. 107, Robert Calvano (a), Mission, Kan., 2,719. 108, JT Jackson, Sherman Oaks, Calif., 2,667.

Julians Salinas Wins Houston Copperfield Bowl Southwest Challenge for First PBA Win

Houston, Texas, (April 5, 2021) – Eighteen-year-old Julian Salinas, from Richmond, Texas, captured his first PBA Regional tournament victory at the PBA Houston Copperfield Bowl Southwest Challenge on Sunday.

Salinas, a non-member, secured the win after pulling away from the field in the eight-game modified round robin finals. Salinas won \$2,450 for first place, which was added to his SMART scholarship fund.

Throughout the competition, Salinas trailed only fellow eighteen-year-old, Cameron Hurwitz, from Rochester, New York, after the 13 games of qualifying, then averaged over 235 in the match play final.

Salinas won seven of the eight matches, to claim the victory by 318 pins ahead of second place finisher Ryan Nguyen, from Port Arthur, Texas.

Nguyen earned \$1,850 for his finish, as Anthony Desko, from Parkville, Mo., collected \$1,250 for third and Houstonian Johnny Quach received \$1,000 for fourth place. The top seven finishers in the event were all 21 years old, or younger.

PBA Challenge Evens are open to PBA members without a title and non-members who have not won a PBA event.

Next on the PBA Southwest Region schedule will be the PBA Grand Casino/Hotel/Resort Southwest Super Open, April 30-May2 at FireLake Lanes in Shawnee, Okla. First place in Shawnee will pay at least \$5,000.

PBA HOUSTON COPPERFIELD BOWL SOUTHWEST CHALLENGE
Copperfield Bowl, Houston, Texas, Sunday

Final Standings (after 21 games, including match play bonus pins):

1	N-Julian Michael Salinas	Richmond, TX	7-1	210	4931	SMART
2	N-Ryan Nguyen	Port Arthur, TX	5-3	150	4613	\$1,850.00
3	N-Anthony Desko	Parkville, MO	5-3	150	4612	\$1,440.00
4	N-Johnny Quach	Houston	7-1	210	4574	\$1,250.00
5	N-Cameron Hurwitz	Rochester, NY	4-4	120	4566	\$1,100.00
6	N-Gabriel Alvarez	Wichita, Ks	5-3	150	4561	\$1,000.00
7	N-Kaden Rogillio	Deer Park, Texas	5-3	150	4545	\$900.00
8	Joseph Grondin	San Pedro, Calif.	4-4	120	4521	\$800.00
9	N,S Robert Browder	LaPorte, Texas	4-4	120	4500	\$775.00
10	Ryan Kiive-Logston	Round Rock	3-5	90	4360	\$750.00
11	N-Jacob Heger	Spring, Texas	2-6	60	4355	\$725.00
12	N-Zakary Edgerton	Allen, Texas	3-5	90	4319	\$700.00
13	(S) Steven Badovinac	Parker, Colo.	2-6	60	4272	\$675.00
14	Matthew Stephens	Houston, Texas	1-7	30	4262	\$650.00
15	N-Donzel Laney	Austin, Texas	4-4	120	4222	\$625.00
16	Randy Hawks	Balch Springs, Texas	3-5	90	4099	\$600.00

n-denotes non-PBA member.

BUTTURFF TOPS STANDINGS AFTER THREE ROUNDS AT 2021 U.S. OPEN

RENO, Nev. - When Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona, said he was going to be comfortable on the lane condition being used for the third round of qualifying at the 2021 U.S. Open, choosing him to lead for a third consecutive day would've been the safest bet at any sportsbook near the National Bowling Stadium.

Now, the 26-year-old left-hander will have a few more days to try to parlay his qualifying success into

the first U.S. Open win of his career, a title that has eluded him, despite equally dominant performances in recent years.

Butturff averaged 227.88 over 24 games this week to pace the 108-player field at the NBS, and he'll now lead the top 36 players into the Cashers' Round, which will get underway Friday at 1 p.m. Eastern.

A 1,894 block on Thursday's 44-foot oil pattern helped Butturff to a 5,469 three-day total.

The seven-time Professional Bowlers Association Tour champion was followed by a trio of fellow southpaws - Matthew Sanders of Evansville, Indiana (5,312), and Anthony Neuer of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, and Sweden's Jesper Svensson, who tied with 5,310.

Australia's Sam Cooley rolled the highest set of the day with 1,962, and he was able to surge 24 spots into fifth place with a 5,264 three-day total.

"I was able to hit them on two of the days when I had a great look, and on the day I expected to really have to grind, I did better than I expected," Butturff said. "I'm feeling really good heading into tomorrow. I'm the leader going into the Cashers' Round at the U.S. Open, and that's the biggest confidence boost."

The final spot in the Cashers' Round went to Brian Robinson of Morgantown, West Virginia, who defeated Junior Team USA member Spencer Robarge of Springfield, Missouri, 241-206, in a one-game roll-off after the two tied for 36th place with 5,051, a 210.46 average.

In the final frame of qualifying, Robinson had a nine-count spare after a string of strikes and then struck on his fill ball, while Robarge left a 2-4-6-10 split on his own fill ball to force the tie.

Robarge, who is just 18 years old, finished third at last week's United States Bowling Congress Masters, which also was held at the Stadium.

The remaining competitors will return to the lanes for eight additional games on a fourth lane condition - a 42-foot oil pattern that also will be used for the 24 games of match play and the televised championship round.

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In 2017 and 2018, Butturff turned in historic performances at the U.S. Open, only to lose those title matches to Rhino Page and Dom Barrett, respectively.

Butturff entered each stepladder as the No. 1 seed, leading the field after 56 games by 617 pins in 2017 and 552 pins in 2018, but it wasn't until match play that he was able to pull away from the field.

In 2017, he was third after Day 3 and second after Day 4. In 2018, he was eighth after Day 3 and second after Day 4, but still 124 pins off the lead.

Being the front-runner earlier in the event doesn't change the goal, however, which is to win the 2021 U.S. Open for his second major title.

The best chance at that, of course, would be to continue this week's momentum and hang on to the

top spot in the standings. That would put him one win away from finally breaking through at the prestigious tournament.

"The two times I was the top seed at the U.S. Open, I was not leading going into the Cashers' Round or match play, so my mindset probably will be a little different this time around," said Butturff, the 2019 USBC Masters champion. "I may look at the scores to see the scoring pace, but I really just need to focus on bowling my own game and then take advantage of any breaks that may come."

Defending U.S. Open champion Jason Belmonte of Australia also made the cut Thursday, qualifying eighth with a 5,224 total, a 217.67 average.

The 37-year-old two-hander is in search of a record 14th major victory and is looking to become the first bowler in 25 years to successfully defend a U.S. Open title.

Only four bowlers - Andy Varipapa, Don Carter, Dick Weber and Dave Husted - have won the event in back-to-back years. Husted was the last to accomplish the feat, doing so in 1996.

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2021 PBA50 Tour Season Kicks Off This Weekend

New York, NY – After a year-long hiatus from competition, the PBA50 Tour triumphantly returns to the lanes this weekend in Fort Myers, Fla. with the PBA50 Lightning Strikes Open, presented by Hammer. The event marks the first national PBA50 stop since August 2019. The 2020 season was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The first event of the 2021 PBA50 season will feature two days of competition – qualifying and match play all streamed live on FloBowling.com, April 11-13.

145 senior bowlers are set to compete for the first title of the season, with many notable players making their PBA50 debut. Among the new competitors are PBA Hall of Famers Chris Barnes and Jason Couch along with PBA Tour champions Brad Angelo, Tom Hess and Mitch Beasley.

Also, in the field are PBA Hall of Famers Walter Ray Williams Jr. and Pete Weber who both recently announced their retirements from the PBA National Tour at the PBA World Series of Bowling XII in March.

The PBA50 Tour then moves to Clearwater, Fla. for the PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open, presented by The Law Offices of Lucas & Magazine and Brunswick, April 18-21.

Following Clearwater, the PBA50 returns to The Villages for the Florida Blue Medicare PBA50 National Championship, presented by Spanish Springs Lanes April 25-29, then to Aberdeen, N.C. for the PBA50

Granville Financial Open May 2-May 5, and to Centreville, Va. for the PBA50 Bud Moore Classic May 8-11.

The 2021 Super Senior Classic and USBC Senior Masters, a highlight of the 2021 PBA50 season, will be held consecutively in the fall as part of the West Coast swing at Sam's Town Bowling Center in Las Vegas.

The Super Senior Classic will be contested first, taking place Sept. 9-13 followed by the Senior Masters Sept. 13-19.

Shifts in timing also include the 2021 Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open, which will be held Aug. 29-Sept. 3 at the Suncoast Bowling Center in Las Vegas and the PBA50 Northern California Classic in Brentwood, Calif., from Sept. 5-8.

The complete PBA50 Tour schedule is available at www.pba.com/pba-tour/pba50-tour. More dates will be announced and added.

CRISTIAN AZCONA LEADS AFTER FIRST ROUND OF MATCH PLAY AT 2021 U.S. OPEN

RENO, Nev. - For the first time all week, there is a new leader at the U.S. Open.

Puerto Rico's Cristian Azcona averaged more than 250 during the first eight games of match play Friday night at the National Bowling Stadium, including a 298 game, to surge into the lead with a 9,262 total.

His score includes 40 games of pinfall across four lane conditions and 30 bonus pins for each of his six wins in the opening round of matches.

It took Azcona 39 games to climb his way up the standings, and he settled in just ahead of left-hander Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona, who is second with 9,258. Butturff was the leader after all three rounds of qualifying and the Cashers' Round, which took place Friday morning.

Jason Sterner of Rochester, New York, is third in the standings with 9,208 and followed by Michael Davidson of Versailles, Ohio (9,139), and 2010 U.S. Open champion Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pennsylvania (9,101).

Sterner has bowled more than 80 games while in Reno, which included 43 games on the way to a fourth-place finish at the United States Bowling Congress Masters, along with the long format of the U.S. Open.

"It feels awesome to be in the lead, but I'm not really focused on it because there are a lot of games left against some of the best bowlers in the world," Azcona said. "I just need to continue going through the process and taking it one shot and one game at a time."

It took Azcona a game to get comfortable Friday night, but a quick reset after a 190 start led to an 844 run over his next three games.

Simply enough, the 42-foot oil pattern being used for the remainder of the tournament played differently than it did during the Cashers' Round, and Azcona didn't immediately see it.

"I went into match play with the same mindset and game plan as I did for the Cashers' Round, and

the lanes were hooking much less," said Azcona, who has found international success while bowling for Puerto Rico. "Once I figured it out and realized I needed to slow my ball down quite a bit, it started seeing the pattern the right way, and good things started happening."

Azcona, now a resident of Clermont, Florida, will lead the remaining 24 competitors back to the lanes Saturday for 16 additional games of match play on the same 42-foot oil pattern, which also will be used for the televised championship round.

Competition will resume with eight games at 1 p.m. Eastern, and the final eight matches at the Stadium will get underway Saturday night at 8 p.m. Eastern, after which the players' 56-game totals, including 30 bonus pins for each win in match play, will decide the five players for the stepladder finals.

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The winner will take home the coveted green jacket and a \$30,000 top prize, which would be the ultimate birthday present for Azcona, who turns 27 on Sunday.

Since the event is considered a major on the PBA Tour, a win would be historic for Azcona, whose victory at the PBA Xtra Frame Wilmington Open in 2018 made him the first bowler from Puerto Rico to win a PBA Tour title.

To add Puerto Rico's first major victory would be immeasurably special for the right-hander.

"Of course winning the U.S. Open would be one of the most amazing birthday presents I could ever receive, and that's the ultimate goal, but there's no way I can think that far ahead right now," Azcona said. "It also would mean so much to me to do it for everyone back home. Growing up on the island, I know how tough it is bowling-wise, so to be able to be here showing the kids what's possible means everything. Being able to do things like this, and knowing I have the support of everyone back home, is so special."

Azcona's journey to the PBA Tour is one he charted when he was very young. He knew he wanted to bowl collegiately and then make a name for himself on the PBA Tour.

He even took summer classes to help finish high school ahead of schedule, and he promptly headed off to Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Missouri, where he helped the Lions to a win at the 2014 Intercollegiate Team Championships. That event was held down the street at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center.

This week in Reno, Azcona never has been outside of the top 15, finishing each round 11th, 12th, 13th, tied for seventh and now first.

It took an average of 215.75 to make match play Friday, and the final spot went to former Junior Team USA member Brent Boho of Indianapolis, who finished his 32 games with a 6,904 total.

Defending U.S. Open champion Jason Belmonte of Australia also made the top 24, qualifying 11th, and he finished the first round of match play in 14th place with an 8,898 total. He posted a 5-3 record.

The 37-year-old two-hander is in search of a record 14th major victory and is looking to become the first bowler in 25 years to successfully defend a U.S. Open title.

Only four bowlers - Andy Varipapa, Don Carter, Dick Weber and Dave Husted - have won the event in back-to-back years. Husted was the last to accomplish the feat, doing so in 1996.

The majority of the competitors this week earned direct entry into the event based on their on-lane performances throughout 2020, while 43 bowlers advanced to the 108-player field through Sunday's eight-game pre-tournament qualifier.

All competitors this week bowled 24 games of qualifying across three oil patterns, before total pinfall determined the 36 bowlers who advanced to Friday morning's Cashers' Round.

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VIA EARNS TOP SEED FOR CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND AT 2021 U.S. OPEN

RENO, Nev. - Chris Via of Springfield, Ohio, has been on an amazing run in major events, and he's now one win away from making the U.S. Open the first title of his Professional Bowlers Association Tour career.

The 29-year-old two-hander completed a memorable climb up the U.S. Open standings Saturday night at the National Bowling Stadium with a 266-237 position-round win over left-hander Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona, to lock up the No. 1 seed for Sunday's championship round.

The show will air live on FOX Sports' FS1 at 2 p.m. Eastern as part of the 2021 PBA Tour television schedule. The event is considered a major on the PBA Tour, and the winner will take home the coveted green jacket and a \$30,000 top prize.

Via trailed the seven-time PBA Tour champion by 48 pins going into the final game, so the difference ended up being the bonus pins up for grabs in each game of match play.

Via posted a 16-8 record in match play and averaged more than 228 across 56 games and four lane conditions to finish the five-day marathon with a 13,280 total. He is continuing a streak that includes six TV appearances in his last seven majors, a run that kicked off with a fifth-place performance at the 2020 U.S. Open.

"It has been a really good run, and I'm just trying to continue riding the wave," Via said. "A lot of it stems from confidence and from overcoming the mental challenges when things may not be going so well. I've done a lot of work with the ball reps on different things, like watching motivational videos or talking through our experiences. It has helped a lot."

Butturff, the No. 2 seed for Sunday's show, will make his third U.S. Open stepladder appearance in five years. He finished his 56 games this week with a 13,269 total. He was the runner-up in 2017 and 2018 as the top seed.

Via and Butturff will be joined in the finals by No. 3 Anthony Neuer of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania (13,190), No. 4 Jason Sterner of Rochester, New York (13,131), and No. 5 Cristian Azcona of Puerto Rico (13,117).

For the second consecutive week, Australia's Sam Cooley just missed the TV show, finishing sixth, while his countrymate, defending champion Jason Belmonte, finished 12th and missed becoming the first bowler to successfully defend a U.S. Open title since Dave Husted accomplished the feat in 1996.

Sunday's FS1 broadcast will be the second in as many weeks for Via and Sterner, who finished fifth and fourth, respectively, in last week's United States Bowling Congress Masters, which also was held at the National Bowling Stadium.

Following his top-five effort at last year's U.S. Open, Via went on to finish fifth at the 2020 PBA World Championship, rolled a televised 300 game during the East Region Finals of the 2021 PBA Players Championship and finished fourth at the 2021 PBA World Championship.

Butturff's journey to the stepladder this week was much different than his previous U.S. Open experiences, and he'll now focus on making the outcome different, too.

In both 2017 and 2018, he ran away from the field during match play and led by more than 550 pins each time. He was not the leader heading into the Cashers' Round or match play.

This time around, the 26-year-old left-hander led after all three rounds of qualifying and heading into the first of the three match-play rounds, but he never was able to pull away.

He'll have history on his side though, as the No. 2 seed has gone on to win the U.S. Open four times since the event returned in 2015 after a brief hiatus.

"It just feels really good to have another opportunity to go out there and be successful in this tournament," Butturff said. "I feel confident after bowling 32 games on this pattern, and in looking at the recent history, I think the second seed has done pretty well."

The opening match on Sunday's show will be between Sterner and Azcona.

Should Sterner climb the ladder to win his first major, and fourth PBA Tour title overall, he will have bowled nearly the maximum number of games possible between the Masters and U.S. Open.

After 15 games of qualifying at the Masters, he lost his first three-game match and was sent to the Elimination Bracket. So far, he has bowled 99 games at the NBS, and there's a possibility of four more.

Azcona is the only bowler from Puerto Rico with a PBA Tour title, and he's looking to bring the island its first major victory.

Neuer is an 18-year-old left-hander and a member of Junior Team USA. A win would make him the youngest bowler to win a PBA major, but he'd be just a few days shy of becoming the youngest PBA Tour winner overall.

Anthony Simonsen was 19 years and 39 days old when he won the Masters in 2016, and hall of famer Norm Duke was 18 years, 345 days old in 1983 when he notched the first win of his career. Neuer, whose father, Andy, is a PBA Tour champion, will turn 19 on April 26.

The U.S. Open is the fifth and final major of the 2021 PBA Tour season, and all five major winners will meet in the PBA Super Slam, which will air live on FOX on April 18.

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Saturday's results

MATCH PLAY

(56 games - 30 bonus pins for a win, 15 bonus pins for a tie)

1, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 16-8-0, 13,280. 2, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 14-10-0, 13,269. 3, Anthony Neuer, Lewisburg, Pa., 16-8-0, 13,190. 4, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 13-10-1, 13,131. 5, Cristian Azcona, Clermont, Fla., 14-9-1, 13,117.

TELEVISED STEPLADDER FINALS

(Will be live Sunday on FS1 from 2-4 p.m. Eastern)

Match No. 1: Sterner vs. Azcona

Match No. 2: Neuer vs. Match No. 1 winner

Semifinal: Butturff vs. Match No. 2 winner

Final: Via vs. Semifinal winner

DID NOT ADVANCE:

6, Sam Cooley, Australia, 16-8-0, 13,056, \$4,800. 7, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 12-12-0, 13,040, \$4,600. 8, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 12-11-1, 12,964, \$4,400. 9, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 11-13-0, 12,934, \$4,300. 10, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 15-8-1, 12,925, \$4,200. 11, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 14-9-1, 12,887, \$4,100. 12, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 13-11-0, 12,868, \$4,000.

13, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 11-12-1, 12,769, \$3,900. 14, Matthew Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 11-12-1, 12,768, \$3,800. 15, Mitch Hupé, Lockport, Ill., 13-11-0, 12,766, \$3,700. 16, Chris Barnes, Denton, Texas, 9-14-1, 12,713, \$3,600. 17, Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 12-10-2, 12,647, \$3,500. 18, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 11-13-0, 12,566, \$3,400.

19, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 8-15-1, 12,563, \$3,300. 20, Timothy Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 8-15-1, 12,537, \$3,200. 21, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 9-15-0, 12,463, \$3,100. 22, Perry Crowell IV (a), St. Clair Shores, Mich., 10-14-0, 12,443, \$3,000. 23, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 7-15-2, 12,393, \$2,900. 24, Brent Boho, Indianapolis, 6-18-0, 12,091, \$2,800.

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CHRIS VIA WINS 2021 U.S. OPEN

RENO, Nev. - Chris Via of Springfield, Ohio, has continued to put himself in position to become a champion on the Professional Bowlers Association Tour, and he broke through in a major way Sunday at the 2021 U.S. Open.

The 29-year-old right-hander claimed the first title of his career and a \$30,000 top prize with a dramatic 214-213 victory over Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona, at the famed National Bowling Stadium.

The show aired live on FOX Sports' FS1 as part of the 2021 PBA Tour television schedule. The event is one of the five majors on the PBA Tour and was the final one of the 2021 season.

Via became the first No. 1 seed to win the prestigious title and coveted green jacket since 2015, and the title tilt came down to the final delivery of the long week.

Butturff had the opportunity to throw three strikes in his final frame to force a roll-off, but he fell short. He left a 2 pin after delivering two strikes, the second of which featured a messenger taking out

the 7 pin.

"I fully expected to be bowling in a roll-off, especially after Jakob's first two shots, but the last one was a little off and didn't strike," said Via, who won a team gold medal with Butturff at the 2017 International Bowling Federation World Championships. "It was more shock at first when he didn't get it, then the realization that I won, and I'm a major champion. To do it at this event, and at the Stadium, the Mecca of bowling, is a dream come true."

The finalists were separated by one pin after seven frames and both working on spares in the eighth frame. Butturff followed with the first errant shot of his two games on the TV show, and a 3-7-9 split gave Via the opportunity to win.

After a fourth consecutive single-pin spare, Via could've put the game out of reach with nine, spare, strike in his final frame. Instead, he left the 2-8 combination on his first offering, spared it and struck on the fill ball to force Butturff to throw three strikes for a tie.

The loss marked the third runner-up finish for Butturff at the U.S. Open, with the first two coming in 2017 and 2018, where he was the top seed by more than 550 pins. He also lost the 2018 event by a single pin, falling 207-206 to England's Dom Barrett. Former Team USA member Rhino Page cruised to the win in 2017.

"If you keep finishing second at one of the most challenging and prestigious events, you're obviously doing something right," said Butturff, who also finished second in the PBA World Championship and Chameleon Championship this year, both part of the recent World Series of Bowling. "In these longer formats, it's about who has the patience and stamina, as well as versatility and the ability to both strike and spare. To keep getting to that level says something, and if I can keep giving myself opportunities to win it, hopefully I can eventually be the one winning by a pin."

The seven-time PBA Tour champion, including the 2019 United States Bowling Congress Masters, entered the stepladder as the second seed, hoping the different perspective, and the recent success of the No. 2 seeds at the U.S. Open, would offer a different fate. It certainly looked like that could be the case as he delivered nine strikes in his first match Sunday.

The 26-year-old left-hander was in complete control in the semifinal and rolled to a 257-203 win over 18-year-old Junior Team USA member Anthony Neuer of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

Neuer, whose father, Andy, is a PBA Tour champion, was looking to become the youngest bowler to win a major title on the PBA Tour.

Though he fell short of that goal, he did add his name to the record book by becoming the fourth bowler in history, and first since 1991, to pick up the 7-10 split on a PBA telecast.

Anthony Simonsen became the PBA Tour's youngest major champion when he won the USBC Masters in 2016. USBC and PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke set the overall record when he won his first title in 1983 at 18 years, 345 days old.

Neuer's path to the semifinal was unobstructed, as a pair of open frames from Cristian Azcona of Clermont, Florida, helped the young southpaw pick up his first TV win on the PBA Tour.

The four-time member of Junior Team USA, struck in six of his first eight frames to deny Azcona the ultimate 27th birthday present by a score of 236-200.

Azcona also was looking to become the first bowler from Puerto Rico to win a PBA Tour major. His win at the PBA Xtra Frame Wilmington Open in 2018 made him the first bowler from the island to claim a PBA Tour title of any kind.

The day's opening match was a high-scoring all-urethane battle between Azcona and three-time PBA Tour champion Jason Sterner of Rochester, New York.

Azcona started with four consecutive strikes to build a 13-pin lead, and he delivered three more strikes in his final frame to lock out the 37-year-old right-hander. The final score was 258-256.

Sterner, who finished fourth in last week's USBC Masters and was looking for his first major title, bowled a near-maximum 100 games between the two events, both at the National Bowling Stadium.

All five major winners from this season now will meet in the PBA Super Slam, which will air live on FOX on April 18.

Joining Via in that event will be Kyle Troup (PBA Players Championship), Francois Lavoie (PBA Tournament of Champions) and Tom Daugherty (Guaranteed Rate PBA World Championship) and Thomas Larsen (Masters).

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Following the Cashers' Round, 32-game pinfall totals determined the 24 players for round-robin match play, and their 56-game totals, including 30 bonus pins for each match they won, determined the five bowlers for Sunday's stepladder.

Via entered the Cashers' Round in 24th place and closed with games of 279, 300 and 240 to secure his spot in match play, qualifying 16th. In the rounds that followed, he moved up to 10th, then third, before a position-round win against Butturff earned him the top seed for the show.

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Sunday's results

FINAL STANDINGS

- 1, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 214 (one game), \$30,000.
- 2, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 470 (two games), \$15,000.
- 3, Anthony Neuer, Lewisburg, Pa., 439 (two games), \$12,000.
- 4, Cristian Azcona, Clermont, Fla., 458 (two games), \$10,000.
- 5, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 256 (one game), \$8,000.

STEPLADDER RESULTS

Match No. 1 - Azcona def. Sterner, 258-256.

Match No. 2 - Neuer def. Azcona, 236-200.

Semifinal - Butturff def. Neuer, 257-203.

Championship - Via def. Butturff, 214-213.

BREAKS RECORD WITH 15TH PBA50 TOUR TITLE

Wins PBA50 Lightning Strikes Open to become sole leader in PBA50 titles

Fort Myers, Fla.—Walter Ray Williams Jr., the all-time record holder with 47 PBA Tour titles, now also owns the record for career PBA50 titles after defeating Michael Haugen Jr. to win the 2021 PBA50 Lightning Strikes Open at Lightning Strikes Bowl.

In 2019, Williams won three consecutive PBA50 events to tie John Handegard's record of 14 PBA50 titles. In the first event of the 2021 season (the 2020 season was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic), Williams made the record his own, winning his 15th PBA50 title.

Williams, who qualified for three-game-total-pinfall match play as the seventh seed, knocked out Paul Koehler and fellow PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber to advance to the finals against Haugen. Williams led by 44 pins after the first game, then fought off a charge from Haugen in the second game to secure a 708-655 victory after three games.

Finishing tied for third were Stoney Baker, who fell to Williams in the semifinals, and John Marsala, who lost to Haugen.

The PBA50 Tour season resumes next week with the PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open from Maple Lanes Countryside in Clearwater, Fla. Qualifying begins Monday, Apr. 19 and will be streamed live on FloBowling. To subscribe, visit [FloBowling.com](https://www.flobowling.com).

16-Player Field Set for the 2021 Kia PBA Playoffs

The PBA Tour's top 16 bowlers to compete for first place prize of \$100K and WWE Championship title belt starting April 24th on FOX Sports

Milford, Conn. — The 16-player bracket is set for the 2021 Kia PBA Playoffs with Kyle Troup earning the top seed. Troup led the field in points with three-top seven finishes in majors this season including his victory in the PBA Players Championship. Troup was also the runner-up in the World Series of Bowling Scorpion Championship, and added a fourth-place finish in the Roth/Holman Doubles with partner Jesper Svensson.

Troup leads a field of the Tour's top 16 competitors that will compete for a \$100K first-place prize, PBA Tour title, and a WWE Championship title in a head-to-head, bracket-style, race-to-two-games elimination tournament beginning April 24. Ties will be determined by a 9th/10th frame roll-off.

The first Round of 16 action kicks off on Saturday, April 24 at 11 a.m. ET on FOX Sports' FS1 with two powerhouse matches of rising PBA stars. First up is top seed Troup vs. 16th seed Andrew Anderson.

Anderson, who finished 17th in points, earned a spot in the Playoffs due to Jason Belmonte opting not to participate, returning home to Australia for the birth of his fourth child. Belmonte was the 14th seed, and his withdrawal pushes Jason Sterner and Cristian Azcona into the 14th and 15th seeds, respectively.

Rounding out the first telecast is eighth seed Anthony Simonsen vs. ninth seed Thomas Larsen, who's fresh off his first major win at the USBC Masters.

Defending champion Bill O'Neill earned the 12th seed in this year's playoffs and will face fifth seed Jakob Butturff in the second Round of 16 telecast on Sunday, April 25 at 1:30 p.m. ET on FS1.

Rounding out the field are Chris Via (No. 2), Tom Daugherty (No. 3), Francois Lavoie (No. 4), Jesper Svensson (No. 6), Kris Prather (No. 7), EJ Tackett (No. 10), Sam Cooley (No. 11), and Dick Allen (No. 13).

The top 16 players earned their spots in the Playoffs based on points accumulated at the following 2021 Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour Events: PBA Players Championship, Kia PBA Tournament of Champions, PBA World Series of Bowling XII (inclusive of all five events), USBC Masters, and the U.S. Open.

The TV schedule and matches are as follows:

Kia PBA Playoffs: Round of 16 – Saturday, April 24, 11 a.m. ET on FS1

No. 1 Kyle Troup vs. No. 16 Andrew Anderson
No. 8 Anthony Simonsen vs. No. 9 Thomas Larsen

Kia PBA Playoffs: Round of 16 – Sunday, April 25, 1:30 p.m. ET on FS1

No. 4 Francois Lavoie vs. No. 13 Dick Allen
No. 5 Jakob Butturff vs. No. 12 Bill O'Neill

Kia PBA Playoffs Round of 16 – Saturday, May 1, 11:30 a.m. ET on FS1

No. 2 Chris Via vs. No. 15 Cristian Azcona
No. 7 Kristopher Prather vs. No. 10 EJ Tackett

Kia PBA Playoffs: Round of 16 – Sunday, May 2, 7 p.m. ET on FS1

No. 3 Tom Daugherty vs. No. 14 Jason Sterner
No. 6 Jesper Svensson vs. No. 11 Sam Cooley

Kia PBA Playoffs: Quarterfinals – Sunday, May 9, 12 p.m. ET on FS1

Matches TBD after Round of 16

Kia PBA Playoffs: Quarterfinals – Monday, May 10, 8 p.m. ET on FS1

Matches TBD after Round of 16

Kia PBA Playoffs: Semifinals – Saturday, May 15, 11 a.m. ET on FS1

Matches TBD after Quarterfinals

Kia PBA Playoffs: Finals – Sunday, May 16, 2 p.m. ET on FOX

Matches TBD after Semifinals

The 2021 PBA Playoffs competitors' points are as follows:

1. Kyle Troup - 17450
2. Chris Via - 16406
3. Tom Daugherty - 15430
4. Francois Lavoie - 15045
5. Jakob Butturff - 14361
6. Jesper Svensson - 12115
7. Kristopher Prather - 11520
8. Anthony Simonsen - 11515
9. Thomas Larsen - 10757.5
10. EJ Tackett - 10645
11. Sam Cooley - 9804
12. Bill O'Neill - 9327.5
13. Dick Allen – 9305
14. Jason Sterner - 8710
15. Cristian Azcona - 8205
16. Andrew Anderson – 8120

Fans can catch all the action of the 2021 PBA Tour on FOX and Fox Sports' FS1, and live stream the PBA on the FOX Sports and FOX NOW apps or at [FOXSports.com](https://www.foxsports.com). Select highlights will be available on @FOXSports social handles across Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

The PBA's main priority continues to be the health and safety of its players and staff. The PBA is taking all necessary precautions and following local and federal COVID-19 guidelines to reduce risks and modify procedures as needed. For a complete list of the PBA's COVID-19 related standards and procedures, please visit [PBA.com](https://www.pba.com).

First-Ever PBA Bowlero Global Rumble Champion to be Crowned Saturday

12 Competitors Advance to Grand Finale Livestreamed at 10 a.m. ET

New York, NY – On March 1, over 5,000 bowlers across 20 countries entered the first-ever PBA Bowlero Global Rumble powered by Lanetalk. Now after 68,000 games bowled and over 30,000 hours of competition, just 12 players remain in contention to become the first-ever champion and win a first-place prize of \$10,000.

The 12 finalists will all compete on Saturday, April 17th and have one attempt to bowl their best two consecutive games submitted to Lanetalk. The bowler with the highest combined two-game total will be the winner!

Fans globally will be able to cheer and watch all the action as the competition will be livestreamed during a special PBA Bowlero Global Rumble show hosted by PBA Tour Champion Kyle Troup and Fox Sports' Color Analyst Randy Pedersen. The livestream will begin at 10 a.m. ET on PBA.com/Rumble.

The first-of its kind worldwide competition has been thrilling and the 12 remaining players across the six conferences proved that there is immense talent across the globe. Seven players even rolled perfect 300 games to advance to the Grand Finale.

In the United States Conferences, two players reside on the West Coast in Colorado and Arizona, while four live on the East Coast in Virginia, New York, and Pennsylvania. In the International Conferences, two players reside in Norway, with one player each from Denmark, Malaysia, Romania, and Sweden.

The top 12 finalists are:

US Conferences

Earl Anthony

- Al Wolff – Bowlero Wheat Ridge – Wheat Ridge, Colo.
- Alec Johnson – Bowlero Via Linda – Tempe, Ariz.

Don Carter

- David Powers – AMF Williamsburg – Williamsburg, Va.
- Jeremy Milito – AMF East Meadow Lanes, East Meadow, N.Y.

Dick Weber

- Sam Dewitt – AMF Mt. Lebanon Lanes – Pittsburg, Pa.
- Brian Rigler – AMF Bristol Pike Lanes – Croydon, Pa.

International Conferences

Mike Aulby

- Ahmad Aidil - Mega Mall Bowling Centre – Malaysia
- Kevin Lindblad - Höganäs Bowling - Sweden

Mark Roth

- Aleksander Persson - Vallø Bowling – Norway
- Trygve Johansen - EVJE BOWLING - Norway

Don Johnson

- Romeo Gagenoiu – IDM Bowling - Romania
- Mikkel Sorenson - Kolding Bowlinghal – Denmark

Fans can view all the scores from the semi-finals at pba.com/rumble#leaderboard.

For more information on the PBA Bowlero Global Rumble powered by Lanetalk, please visit PBA.com/Rumble.

François Lavoie Wins Guaranteed Rate PBA Super Slam Defeats Kyle Troup in the championship match to win \$100,000

Annandale, Va.—François Lavoie bowled a 247 game in the championship match to win the Guaranteed Rate PBA Super Slam. Lavoie, who qualified for the Super Slam by winning the Kia PBA Tournament of Champions in February, defeated PBA Players Championship winner Kyle Troup to earn \$100,000.

“This is the most comfortable I’ve ever been on the lanes,” said Lavoie. “I feel like things are coming together after working hard in the offseason. I’m feeling more comfortable and confident.”

Lavoie defeated Troup in the final match, 247-202.

“My two shots into and out of the commercial break were my first sigh of relief,” said Lavoie, referring to his strikes in the fifth through eighth frames. “When (Troup) didn’t strike on his next two shots, I knew all I had to do was stay clean.”

Lavoie struck three more times after the eighth frame, locking up the victory.

The Guaranteed Rate PBA Super Slam, a non-title special event featuring all five major champions from the 2021 Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour season, aired live on FOX Broadcast Channel and featured Lavoie, Troup, Tom Daugherty (Guaranteed Rate PBA World Championship), Thomas Larsen (USBC Masters) and Chris Via (U.S. Open).

“We’re all bowling really well,” Lavoie said of his competition. “I knew this wasn’t going to be easy by any means. Coming here, I was thinking this was just going to be a fun event and we’re all going to have a good time. Once we started bowling, all of a sudden I’m in competition mode and I really want to win and need to do what I can do to get through.”

The Super Slam began with all five players bowling a single game. Daugherty, who bowled 179 as the lowest score, was eliminated. The other four players were seeded into the semifinals based on their first-game scores. Lavoie was seeded fourth.

“When the first match started, all I wanted to do was make the top four,” said Lavoie. “I started with a double, but three of the other guys started with a four-bagger, so I needed to figure something out pretty quickly. I was fortunate to get that fourth spot.”

As the fourth seed, Lavoie drew No. 1 seed Via in the semifinals. Lavoie defeated Via, 212-209. Troup advanced to the final match with a 268-214 win over Larsen.

Lavoie, the fourth overall seed for the PBA Playoffs that begin Apr. 24 on Fox Sports’ FS1, will face Dick Allen in the opening round.

“I’m excited,” said Lavoie. “This tournament today was obviously a big boost in confidence going into the Playoffs, but I’m only as good as I’m bowling on one specific day. None of this will matter next week. I’m going to have to figure out the lanes all over again.”

The PBA Playoffs begin airing Saturday, Apr. 24 at 11 a.m. ET on FS1.

Guaranteed Rate PBA Super Slam Final Standings
Bowlero Annandale – Annandale, Va.

1. François Lavoie, earns \$100,000
2. Kyle Troup, \$50,000
3. Chris Via, \$20,000
4. Thomas Larsen, \$20,000
5. Tom Daugherty, \$10,000

Match Scores

Round-robin match – Via 251, Troup 242, Larsen 232, Lavoie 224, Daugherty 179
(Daugherty eliminated)

Semifinal match 1 – No. 4 Lavoie def. No. 1 Via, 212-209

Semifinal match 2 – No. 2 Troup def. No. 3 Larsen, 268-214

Championship match – No. 4 Lavoie def. No. 2 Troup, 247-202

2021 Kia PBA Playoffs Begin Saturday on FS1

The Round of 16 starts this weekend with players vying for the \$100,000 top prize and WWE Championship title belt

Milford, Conn.—The 2021 Kia PBA Playoffs begin this weekend with the first four Round of 16 matches to air on Fox Sports' FS1 Saturday and Sunday. The action begins Saturday at 11 a.m. ET with Kyle Troup taking on Andrew Anderson and Anthony Simonsen facing Thomas Larsen. The Round of 16 continues Sunday at 1:30 p.m. ET with François Lavoie battling Dick Allen and Jakob Butturff against defending champion Bill O'Neill.

No. 1 Kyle Troup vs. No. 16 Andrew Anderson

Troup opened the season with a win in the PBA Players Championship that came with a \$250,000 prize check, then followed it up with a fifth-place finish in the Kia PBA Tournament of Champions, seventh in the Guaranteed Rate PBA World Championship and 13th in the USBC Masters. Anderson, who won his third career PBA Tour title in the Roth/Holman Doubles Championship with partner Kris Prather, moved into the 16th spot when Jason Belmonte, who was 14th in Playoffs points, withdrew.

No. 8 Anthony Simonsen vs. No. 9 Thomas Larsen

Two top-five performances in majors, including a second-place finish in the Tournament of Champions, landed Simonsen, who finished second in the 2020 PBA Playoffs, the No. 8 seed for the 2021 Playoffs. Larsen qualified second for the USBC Masters semifinals, then defeated Spencer Robage and Jesper Svensson to win the title and help secure a spot in the Playoffs for the first time in his career. It was Larsen's third career title and first major.

No. 4 François Lavoie vs. No. 13 Dick Allen

Lavoie won the Kia PBA Tournament of Champions for his third career major title shortly after finishing third in the PBA Players Championship. Although it didn't factor into his Playoffs

position, Lavoie also won the Guaranteed Rate PBA Super Slam on Sunday over all four other 2021 major champions. Allen banked \$130,000 for finishing second in the Players Championship (after defeating Lavoie in the semifinal match) and also qualified for match play in the Tournament of Champions.

No. 5 Jakob Butturff vs. No. 12 Bill O'Neill

Butturff finished second in the Guaranteed Rate PBA World Championship and U.S. Open, securing the fifth seed in the Playoffs. He'll face the defending champion, Bill O'Neill, who earned a chance to defend his title on the strength of finishing in the top 11 in three of five majors this season.

The winner of the PBA Playoffs, which conclude May 16 on FOX Broadcast Channel, will earn \$100,000 and WWE championship title belt.

Kia PBA Playoffs Television Schedule

Saturday, Apr. 24 at 11 a.m. ET on FS1– Round of 16
Sunday, Apr. 25 at 1:30 p.m. ET on FS1 – Round of 16
Saturday, May 1 at 11:30 a.m. ET on FS1 – Round of 16
Sunday, May 2 at 7 p.m. ET on FS1 – Round of 16
Sunday, May 9 at 8 noon ET on FS1 – Quarterfinals
Monday, May 10 at 8 p.m. ET on FS1 – Quarterfinals
Saturday, May 15 at 11 a.m. ET on FS1 – Semifinals
Sunday, May 16 at 2 p.m. ET on FOX - Championship

Kia PBA Playoffs Champions Since 2019

2019 – Kris Prather

2020 – Bill O'Neil

23-year-old bowled a 543 two-game total to claim \$10,000 first-place prize

New York, NY – 23-year-old Alec Johnson of Tempe, Ariz. won the first-ever PBA Bowlero Global Rumble powered by Lanetalk on Saturday with a combined 543 two-game total. Johnson out-bowled 11 other finalists from around the world to become the inaugural champion and win the \$10,000 first-place prize.

Johnson, a student at Arizona State University, bowled all of his qualifying games at Bowlero Via Linda in Scottsdale, Ariz., but competed in the Grand Finale at Bowlero in Euless, Texas. Johnson, who bowls at ASU was also competing in the Intercollegiate Team Sectionals, which took place the same weekend in Dallas, Texas.

Johnson, who credits much of his success from his ASU coach, was not fazed by the change in location for the Grand Finale. He bowled a high 279 in Game 1, followed by a 264 in Game 2 to claim the win.

"Winning the PBA Bowlero Rumble wouldn't have been possible without Coach Jordan Nassberg," said Johnson. "I'm grateful for the opportunities I have because of him and the rest of the coaching staff at ASU."

When asked how it feels to be the first-ever PBA Bowlero Global Rumble Champion, Johnson was ecstatic, thankful, and added how enjoyable of an experience it was to compete in the tournament.

Johnson's combined two-game total was 10-pins higher than Sam Dewitt of Pittsburg, Pa., who also bowled a 279 in Game 1, but fell short in Game 2 rolling 256. As runner-up, Dewitt earned \$6,000. Kevin Lindblad of Sweden rounds out the top three with a 524 total and collected \$4,000 for third place.

Standings from the PBA Bowlero Global Rumble Grand Finale are as follows:

1. Alec Johnson, Tempe, Ariz. earns \$10,000

279, 264 (543 Total)

2. Sam Dewitt – Pittsburg, Pa. earns \$6,000

279, 256 (535 Total)

3. Kevin Lindblad – Sweden earns \$4,000

267, 257 (524 Total)

4. Al Wolfe III – Wheat Ridge, Colo. earns \$3,000

255, 232 (487 Total)

5. Aleksander Persson – Norway earns \$2,500

257, 229 (486 Total)

6. Romeo Gagenoiu – Romania earns \$2,000

225, 248 (473 Total)

7. Trygve Johansen – Norway earns \$2,000

224, 240 (464 Total)

8. Brian Rigler – Croydon, Pa. earns \$1,500

205, 256 (461 Total)

9. Ahmad Aidil – Malaysia earns \$1,500

251, 209 (460 Total)

10. Jeremy Milito – East Meadow, N.Y. earns \$1,500

204, 232 (436 Total)

11. David Powers – Williamsburg, Va. earns \$1,000

182, 177 (359 Total)

12. Mikkel Sørensen – Denmark earns \$1,000

Disqualified

The PBA Bowlero Global Rumble brought in over 5000 bowlers from 20 countries to compete for a prize fund of \$50,000. The tournament, hosted on the Lanetalk app, featured four stages of competition – qualifying, quarterfinals, semi-finals, and the Grand Finale within six conferences in the United States and Internationally.

Competitors earned prizes along the way, with the top 25 domestic and international bowlers earning cash prizes between \$150-500 for advancing to the semi-finals.

Fans that missed the Grand Finale, can watch the competition on YouTube and view tournament scores at pba.com/rumble#leaderboard.

For more information on the PBA Bowlero Global Rumble powered by Lanetalk, please visit PBA.com/Rumble.

PETE WEBER LEADS 32 PLAYERS ADVANCING TO MATCH PLAY FOR PBA50 JOHNNY PETRAGLIA BVL OPEN

CLEARWATER, Fla. – Hall of Famer Pete Weber will lead 32 players making the cut to match play after Tuesday's second-round qualifying in the PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open presented by the Law Offices of Lucas & Magazine and Brunswick at Maple Lanes Countryside.

The 57-year-old Weber retained his lead after the first round finishing with a 3,443 pinfall for 14 games (246 average). He bowled 1,628 in the second round with games of 279, 204, 226, 258, 200, 247 and 214 after bowling an 1,815 pinfall in Monday's first round.

"The pins won't carry over from qualifying so you lose that advantage, but I'm pretty confident about it heading into match play," said Weber, who owns 11 PBA50 Tour titles. "Carrying the 10 pin was a chore sometimes but I made the adjustments I needed to make. I was very pleased with the way I bowled overall."

Rounding out the top five after the second round were hall of famer Parker Bohn III, 3,422; John Marsala, 3,399; John Austin Jr., 3,389, and hall of famer Jason Couch, 3,380.

The PBA's career titles leader on both the PBA50 Tour and the Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr., finished eighth and will try for his second consecutive win of the season after winning last week's PBA50 Lightning Strikes Open for his 15th career PBA50 Tour title.

Taking the 32nd and final spot to advance to match play was Kenneth Bland Jr. with 3,153.

The top 32 will bowl two six-game rounds of match play Wednesday with pins dropped from qualifying. The top five after 12 games of match play will advance to the stepladder finals scheduled for 7 p.m. ET that will be streamed live on FloBowling.com.

Tournament scores are available at pba.com.

JON VAN HEES WINS AMF TOWSON LANES OPEN FOR THIRD CAREER PBA REGIONAL TITLE

TOWSON, Md.— Jon Van Hees of Hope Valley, R.I., defeated defending champion Brandon Curtis of Manson, N.C., 200-196, to win the PBA AMF Towson Lanes Open at AMF Towson Lanes on Sunday.

Van Hees, who qualified in 4th place, posted a perfect 4-0 match play record on his way to the victory. In the Round of 8, he defeated Anthony Pepe of Long Island City, N.Y. 2-0 before besting qualifying leader Joseph Zagari of Islip Terrace, N.Y. 210-193 in the semi-final match. Zagari had just moved to the adult ranks earlier in the week and bowled in his first PBA event.

For Van Hees, the win was his third career regional title and first since 2007. Van also owns one PBA Tour National title. The win earned Van Hees \$3,200 while Curtis earned \$1,700 as the runner-up.

Curtis, the 2020 Towson champion, defeated senior player Rick Graham of Elizabethtown, Pa. 235-202 in the other semi-final match. Zagari and Graham earned \$1,250 each.

Next on the PBA East Region schedule is the AMF Country Club Lanes Open in Baltimore, Md. on May 21-23.

PBA AMF TOWSON LANES OPEN AMF Towson Lanes, Towson, Md., Sunday

Championship: Jon Van Hees, Hope Valley, R.I. (\$3,200) def. Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C., (\$1,700), 200-196.

Semifinal Round (losers earned \$1,250):

Van Hees def. n-Joseph Zagari, Islip Terrace, N.Y., 210-193.

Curtis def. Rick Graham, Elizabethtown, Pa., 235-202.

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

Van Hees def. Anthony Pepe, Long Island City, N.Y., 2-0.

Curtis def. Kevin Donovan, Painted Post, N.Y., 2-0.

Zagari def. Tommy Gollick, Enola, Pa., 2-0.

Graham def. Matt Wozney, Clayton, Del., 2-0.

Round of 12 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$850 each):

Pepe def. Kyle Davy, Mathias, W.Va., 2-0.

Donovan def. Todd Sigeti, Stevens, Pa., 2-1.

Gollick def. Troy Lint, Blandon, Pa., 2-1.

Graham def. Paul Smith, Madison, Conn., 2-0.

Round of 16 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$750 each):

Lint def. n-Nicholas Eckert, Port Jefferson Sta., N.Y., 2-0.

Pepe def. Brandon Runk, Milton, Pa., 2-0.

Graham def. n-John Dudley, Baltimore, 2-0.

Sigeti def. Brian Elder, Newark, Del., 2-0.

n-designates non-member entry.

Ryan Shafer Wins PBA50 Lehigh Open

Lehigh Acres, Fla. (April 16, 2021) – Ryan Shafer from Horseheads, N.Y., defeated PBA Hall of Famer, Walter Ray Williams Jr., 259-247, to win the PBA50 Lehigh Open and his 24th Regional title.

Shafer, who qualified as the second seed knew he had to bring his best effort to defeat the winningest bowler in PBA history and he did just that. Shafer started the championship match with six straight strikes to take an early lead to Walter's four bagger. Shafer then sealed the deal when Williams failed to double in the tenth frame.

Shafer earned the \$2,200 first-place prize while Williams earned \$1,100 as the runner-up.

In the semifinal round, Shafer eliminated Eddie Graham of Kettering, Ohio, 254-223, while Williams took out Tournament host Chris Keane of Cape Coral, Fla., 279-278.

The PBA South Region's next tournament will be the PBA Myrtle Beach South Open in South Carolina, May 7-9.

PBA50 LEHIGH OPEN

Lehigh Lanes, Lehigh Acres, Fla., April 16

Championship:

Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y. (\$2,200), def. Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla. (\$1,100), 259-247.

Semifinal Round (losers earned \$925):

Shafer def. Eddie Graham, Kettering, Ohio, 254-223.

Williams def. Chris Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 279-278.

Round of 8 (three games total pinfall, losers eliminated and earned \$750 each):

Graham def. John Shreve, Vermillion, Ohio, 783-661.

Williams def. Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass. 749-721.

Keane def. Tom Baker, King, N.C., 679-631.

Shafer def. Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga. 812-741.

Round of 12 (three games total pinfall, losers eliminated and earned \$650 each):

Keane def. Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 685-684.

Hall def. Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 629-617.
S. Baker def. Michael Haggitt, Springfield, Ohio, 661-593.
Shreve def. Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Co., 688-659.

Round of 16 (three games total pinfall, losers eliminated and earned \$600 each):

Keane def. Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 690-643.
Bohn def. Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 677-673.
Schissler def. Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 759-722.
Haggitt def. Harry Sullins, Chesterfield, Mich., 731-683.

300 Games: Eddie Graham

JASON COUCH WINS JOHNNY PETRAGLIA BVL OPEN FOR FIRST PBA50 TOUR TITLE

CLEARWATER, Fla. - PBA Hall of Famer Jason Couch, a 16-time winner on the Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour over a 20-year career, won the Johnny Petraglia BVL Open presented by the Law Firm of Lucas & Magazine and Brunswick Wednesday for his first PBA50 Tour title.

In only his second PBA50 Tour event (for players 50 and over), Couch, the top seed for the finals, defeated 2018 PBA50 Player of the Year and 2017 Rookie of the Year Michael Haugen Jr. 278-260 in the title match at Maple Country Lanes.

For Haugen it was his second consecutive runner-up finish after finishing second to Walter Ray Williams Jr. in last week's PBA50 Lightning Strikes Open in which Williams won a record 15th career PBA50 Tour title.

"Because this was Johnny's tournament I felt like there was a lot of pressure to win and the way Michael was bowling I knew I was going to have to stand on the gas and give it my best," said Couch.

"I started with the first five strikes but left the 3-9 in the sixth frame," Couch added. "I was really pumped up which caused me to be a little too firm with that shot. It was obvious I was going to have to continue striking so I just took a deep breath to regroup for the rest of the match."

In the semifinal match that consisted of 22 out of a possible 24 strikes between the two players, Haugen def. Hall of Famer Chris Barnes 300-289 to advance to the title match against Couch.

In the second match Barnes defeated Dennis Rakauskus 252-203 to advance to the semifinal. In the opening match Rakauskus defeated Michael Haggitt 248-205 to advance to the second match against Barnes.

Pete Weber, who led qualifying, dropped to 16th after posting a 5-7 record in match play.

The PBA50 Tour travels to The Villages, Florida for the Florida Blue Medicare PBA50 National Championship presented by Spanish Springs Lanes, the season's first major April 25-29.

Final standings

1. Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., earns \$7,500
2. Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, \$4,000
3. Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, \$3,000
4. Dennis Rakauskus, Apopka, Fla., \$2,500
5. Michael Haggitt, Springfield, Ohio, \$2,200

Stepladder Results

Match 1 – No. 4 Rakauskus def. No. 5 Haggitt, 248-205

Match 2 – No. 3 Barnes def. Rakauskus, 252-203

Semifinal match – No. 2 Haugen def. Barnes, 300-289

Championship match – No. 1 Couch def. Haugen, 278-260

Top Seed Troup Survives Roll-off to Advance to Kia PBA Playoffs Quarterfinals

Thomas Larsen also advances, defeating Anthony Simonsen in two games

Milford, Conn.—No. 1 seed Kyle Troup needed a tie-breaking roll-off to get past 16th-seeded Andrew Anderson and advance to the 2021 Kia PBA Playoffs quarterfinals. Troup won the first game in a race-to-two-points format in which one point is awarded to the winner of each game. Anderson returned the favor in game two, necessitating the ninth-and-10th-frame roll-off.

Troup, the 2021 PBA Players Championship winner, began the first game with four consecutive strikes to build a lead, but Anderson fought back with five straight strikes late in the game. In the 10th frame, Anderson left a 10 pin on his fill ball, giving Troup an opportunity to win by filling 20 pins in the 10th. Troup struck and spared to take game one, 234-233.

Anderson, who won the PBA Roth/Holman Doubles Championship earlier this season with Kris Prather, also trailed early in the second game, but a string of five consecutive strikes starting in the fifth frame led to a 225-212 victory for Anderson.

Troup, the higher seed, opted to have Anderson start the ninth-and-10th-frame roll-off. Anderson spared, giving Troup a chance to win before Anderson bowled his 10th frame. Troup rolled three straight strikes and an eight count to lock up the match and move into the quarterfinals.

In the quarterfinals, Troup will face USBC Masters champion Thomas Larsen, who defeated 2020 PBA Playoffs runner-up Anthony Simonsen in both games to advance out of the Round of 16. Larsen struck in eight of the first nine frames in game one and was able to fight off a late charge from Simonsen. Larsen took the first game by six pins, 244-238.

Larsen began the second game with the front nine. Only a 9 pin on his first shot in the 10th prevented Larsen from achieving perfection, who won game two, 279-224. In his two games, Larsen rolled 18 strikes in 20 frames.

The Kia PBA Playoffs Round of 16 continues tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. ET on Fox Sports' FS1 and will feature François Lavoie versus Dick Allen and Jakob Butturff against defending PBA Playoffs champion Bill O'Neill.

The winner of the PBA Playoffs will receive a PBA Tour title, \$100,000 and an official WWE championship title belt.

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Bowlero Milford, Milford, Conn.

No. 1 Kyle Troup def. No. 16 Andrew Anderson, 2-1

Game 1 – Troup def. Anderson, 234-233

Game 2 – Anderson def. Troup, 225-212

Rolloff – Troup def. Anderson, 58-26

No. 9 Thomas Larsen def. No. 8 Anthony Simonsen, 2-0

Game 1 – Larsen def. Simonsen, 244-238

Game 2 – Larsen def. Simonsen, 279-224

Round of 16 (Sunday, Apr. 25 at 1:30 p.m. ET on FS1)

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Quarterfinals (Sunday, May 9 at noon ET on FS1)

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Lavoie, O'Neill Win Roll-offs to Advance to Kia PBA Playoffs Quarterfinals

François Lavoie defeats Dick Allen, Bill O'Neill eliminates Jakob Butturff

Milford, Conn.—François Lavoie and Bill O'Neill both needed tie-breaking roll-offs to win their respective Kia PBA Playoffs Round of 16 matches and advance to the quarterfinals, in which they'll face each other. Lavoie, the No. 4 seed, survived a scare from Dick Allen and 12th-seeded O'Neill, the defending PBA Playoffs champion, came from behind to knock out Jakob Butturff.

In a race-to-two-points format, one point is awarded to the winner of each game. If the players split the games, a ninth-and-10th-frame roll-off breaks the tie.

Lavoie, the 2021 PBA Tournament of Champions and Guaranteed Rate PBA Super Slam winner, won game one handily over Allen, rolling the front seven on the way to a 266-185 win. In the second game, Allen built a lead with the front five and, although it was close throughout, never let Lavoie catch him. Allen's 258 game tied the match at one point apiece and required a roll-off to break the tie.

As the higher seed, Lavoie had the choice of starting lane and order and opted to bowl first on the left lane. After a strike from Lavoie, Allen rolled a spare and three straight strikes, forcing Lavoie to get two strikes and a pin in the 10th to win. Lavoie got the first two strikes and nine on his fill ball to secure the victory and advance to the quarterfinals.

Butturff, the No. 5 seed who finished second in both the Guaranteed Rate PBA World Championship and U.S. Open this season, struck in eight of the first nine frames to take the first game from O'Neill, 257-193.

O'Neill, who finished second in the 2019 PBA Playoffs and won the 2020 PBA Playoffs, finished the second game with a 227, forcing Butturff to mark in the 10th frame to win. Instead, Butturff left a 6-7 split and failed to convert, knotting the match at one point each.

Butturff opted for O'Neill to bowl first in the roll-off. After O'Neill struck, Butturff left a solid 8 pin in the ninth frame and a 7 pin in the 10th, finishing with a score of 39. A strike and a spare in the 10th for O'Neill gave him the victory and moved the defending champion into the quarterfinals.

The Kia PBA Playoffs Round of 16 continues Saturday, May 1 at 11:30 a.m. ET on Fox Sports' FS1 and will feature Chris Via taking on Cristian Azcona and Kris Prather battling EJ Tackett.

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Game 2 – Allen def. Lavoie, 258-238

Roll-off – Lavoie def. Allen, 59-50

No. 12 Bill O'Neill def. No. 5 Jakob Butturff, 2-1

Game 1 – Butturff def. O'Neill, 257-193

Game 2 – O'Neill def. Butturff, 227-222

Roll-off – O'Neill def. Butturff, 49-39

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To be determined after semifinals

PBA Tour Finals Return to CBS Sports Network with Live Coverage Beginning on June 26

Top eight players in PBA Tour points for 2020 and 2021 to compete in fifth annual event

Allen Park, Mich. – The PBA Tour Finals, featuring the Tour's top eight performers in competition points over a two-year-span, will return to CBS Sports Network for an action-packed weekend filled with nine hours of live coverage on June 26-27 from Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Mich.

Defending champion, Kyle Troup leads the field of eight major winners competing for a PBA Tour Title in the fifth annual event. Joining Troup are Anthony Simonsen, Kris Prather, EJ Tackett, Bill O'Neill, Jesper Svensson, Francois Lavoie, and Chris Via.

Via, who, who finished 9th place in points, earned a spot in the Tour Finals due to Jason Belmonte opting not to participate, returning home to Australia for the birth of his fourth child.

CBS Sports Network will present nine total hours of coverage on June 26-27 starting with two back-to-back live shows on Saturday, June 26 at 12 PM ET, followed by five consecutive hours of coverage on Sunday, June 27 beginning at 12 PM ET. International fans can watch live on FloBowling.com.

- **Saturday, June 26**
 - 12 PM ET – Group 1 Positioning Round: Troup, Tackett, O'Neill, Via
 - 2 PM ET – Group 2 Positioning Round: Simonsen, Prather, Svensson, Lavoie
- **Sunday, June 27**
 - 12 PM ET – Group 1 Stepladder Finals
 - 2PM ET – Group 2 Stepladder Finals
 - 4 PM ET – Championship Match

The 2020-2021 PBA Tour Points standings are as follows:

1. *Jason Belmonte, Australia, 39,470
 - a. will not compete
2. Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, NC, 32,605
3. Anthony Simonsen, Las Vegas, 31,310
4. Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, IL, 30,990
5. EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 30,610
6. Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, PA, 29,715
7. Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 28,110
8. Francois Lavoie, Canada, 27,542.5
9. Chris Via, Springfield, OH, 24,426
 - a. Moves up to take 8th position with Belmonte out

The complete list of points is available at pba.com/pba-tour-point-list.

Past Champions:

2020 Jupiter, FL: Kyle Troup

2019 Las Vegas: EJ Tackett

2018 Allen Park, MI: Jason Belmonte

2017: Orlando: EJ Tackett

NORM DUKE AVERAGES 264 TO LEAD FLORIDA BLUE MEDICARE PBA50 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FIRST ROUND

The Villages, Fla. - PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke had everything go his way after first-round qualifying in the Florida Blue Medicare PBA50 National Championship presented by Spanish Springs Lanes but it wasn't without relying on his experience competing in major championships.

Posting a 1,584 six-game pinfall total (264 average) with games of 289, 247, 274, 268, 278 and 228 in the first round Monday, Duke led the 186-player field in the first PBA50 Tour major of the season.

"When you have to focus on making the best shot of your life, you're going to benefit from that no matter what the condition," said Duke, a five-time winner on the PBA50 Tour which includes two majors. "You still have to pay attention no matter what the (lane) condition is to put a huge number on the board.

"If you get into a rhythm, you have to be careful of getting too comfortable," Duke added. "You can go backward (in the standings) real fast."

While it was a good start for Duke, there's a long way to go. With no re-conditioning between qualifying blocks, the 186-player field will have to be prepared to play the 44-foot PBA Billy Hardwick lane condition differently over the three days of qualifying. Duke bowled on the second squad of the day Monday which bowls first Tuesday morning.

Duke holds an 80-pin lead over PBA50 Tour veteran and two-time Dick Weber Sportsmanship award winner Chris Keane in second who finished the round with a 1,504 pinfall.

2018 PBA50 Player of the Year Michael Haugen Jr. finished the first round in third with 1,458. Haugen has finished second in the first two tournaments this season.

Rounding out the top five were Keith Lesko in fourth with 1,455 and Walter Ray Williams Jr. and Brad Angelo tied for fifth with 1,436.

Williams, the all-time leader on the Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour win list became the all-time PBA50 Tour titles leader when he won the season-opening PBA50 Lightning Strikes Open for his 15th title.

After Tuesday's round, qualifying continues Wednesday before the field will be cut to the top 32 players for Thursday's first round of match play. The field will then be cut to the top 16 for the second match play round to determine the top five for the stepladder finals. Pinfall from all rounds carry over. The finals will air live on Flobowling.com Thursday beginning at 7 p.m. ET.

2021 Kia PBA Playoffs Round of 16 Continues This Weekend on FS1

The remaining Round of 16 matches air this weekend with players vying for the \$100,000 top prize and WWE championship title belt

Milford, Conn.—The 2021 Kia PBA Playoffs continue this weekend with the second half of the Round of 16 bracket airing on Fox Sports' FS1. Saturday at 11:30 a.m. ET, Chris Via will bowl against Cristian Azcona and Kris Prather will take on EJ Tackett. Sunday at 7 p.m. ET will feature Tom Daugherty versus Jason Sterner and Jesper Svensson facing Sam Cooley.

No. 2 Chris Via vs. No. 15 Cristian Azcona

Via's win in the U.S. Open was his first career PBA Tour title and also catapulted him to the No. 2 seed for the PBA Playoffs. Via has finished in the top five in five of the last seven major championships in which he's competed. He'll battle Cristian Azcona, who finished fourth in the U.S. Open. Azcona's win over Jason Sterner in the opening match of the U.S. Open stepladder finals was especially important as it guaranteed Azcona a berth in the PBA Playoffs. When Jason Belmonte withdrew from the Playoffs, Azcona moved up one spot into the No. 15 position.

No. 7 Kris Prather vs. No. 10 EJ Tackett

Prather, the 2019 PBA Playoffs champion, won his fourth career title earlier this season in the PBA Roth/Holman Doubles Championship at World Series of Bowling XII, teaming with Andrew Anderson. Also at the WSOB, Prather finished sixth in the Guaranteed Rate PBA World Championship, second in the Cheetah Championship and third in the Scorpion Championship. Tackett was the only player to make all five cuts at the WSOB, finishing third in both the World Championship and Roth/Holman Doubles Championship.

No. 3 Tom Daugherty vs. No. 14 Jason Sterner

Daugherty earned the No. 3 seed for the PBA Playoffs due to his performance at World Series of Bowling XII, where he won his first career major title in the Guaranteed Rate PBA World Championship and his fourth PBA Tour title in the PBA Scorpion Championship. Sterner, who began a late-season run in the World Series with a fourth-place finish in the Chameleon Championship, solidified his berth in the PBA Playoffs with two top fives in majors: fourth in the USBC Masters and fifth in the U.S. Open.

No. 6 Jesper Svensson vs. No. 11 Sam Cooley

Svensson qualified first but finished second in the USBC Masters, giving him three top-10 finishes in majors this season (he was tied for sixth in the Players Championship and fourth in the Tournament of Champions). Svensson also finished fourth, with Kyle Troup, in the Roth/Holman Doubles Championship. Cooley won his first career PBA Tour title in the Cheetah Championship at WSOB XII, during which he also finished ninth (with Andres Gomez) in the Roth/Holman Doubles Championship and 22nd in the World Championship. In the final two events prior to the Playoffs being finalized, Cooley finished sixth in both the USBC Masters and U.S. Open.

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Kia PBA Playoffs Champions Since 2019

2019 – Kris Prather

2020 – Bill O'Neill

DUKE RETAINS LEAD IN FLORIDA BLUE MEDICARE PBA50 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP HEADING INTO FINAL QUALIFYING ROUND

The Villages, Fla. – Norm Duke found the going much tougher in the second round of the Florida Blue Medicare PBA50 National Championship presented by Spanish Springs Lanes Tuesday, but was able to retain his lead going into Wednesday's final qualifying round.

After bowling 1,584 for six games in Monday's first round, the Hall of Famer could only manage 1,300 in the second round bowling games of 246, 229, 185, 165, 209 and 266, to finish with a 2,884 pinfall (240.33 average) after two rounds.

“Today was one of those days,” said Duke. “Yesterday I could do no wrong and today I felt like I was going uphill even with a good start.

“This early in the event, if you’re not leading you want to be close,” he added. “So even though I struggled today I had enough of a cushion to stay where I want to be.”

Duke withstood a challenge from first-round runnerup Chris Keane and defending champion Walter Ray Williams Jr., who was tied for fifth after the first round. Keane and Williams both finished tied for second 17 pins behind Duke with 2,867.

Williams, the all-time leader on the Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour win list with 47 titles, became the all-time PBA50 Tour titles leader when he won the season-opening PBA50 Lightning Strikes Open for his 15th career title on the tour for players 50 and over.

2018 PBA50 National Championship winner Lennie Boresch Jr. was fourth after the second round with 2,838, and rounding out the top five was Rick Graham with 2,790.

After Wednesday’s final qualifying round the field will be cut to the top 32 players for Thursday’s first round of match play. The field will then be cut to the top 16 for the second match play round to determine the top five for the stepladder finals. Pinfall from all rounds will carryover. The finals will air Thursday live on Flobowling.com beginning at 7 p.m. ET.

TOP QUALIFIER PETE WEBER LEADS 32 PLAYERS INTO FLORIDA BLUE MEDICARE PBA50 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH PLAY

The Villages, Fla. – Pete Weber averaged 264 in the final round to emerge as top qualifier and lead 32 players advancing to match play for Thursday’s first eight-game match play round of the Florida Blue Medicare PBA50 National Championship presented by Spanish Springs Lanes.

Weber finished qualifying with a 4,360 18-game qualifying total (242.22 average). Finishing in eighth place after the second round, he bowled games of 278, 215, 278, 299, 248 and 265 to take the lead over 2018 PBA50 National Championship winner Lennie Boresch Jr. in second who finished 45 pins behind with 4,315.

“I had the right ball and was making the right adjustments but you still need the breaks,” said Weber. “I was able stay relaxed and take advantage of the breaks -- I wasn’t trying to force it and create breaks.”

The one bad break Weber had was leaving a 10-pin on his final ball in the 299 game.

Rounding out the top five heading into match play were Chris Keane, 4,246; Walter Ray Williams Jr., 4,219, and Michael Haugen Jr., 4,202.

Williams, the all-time leader on the Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour win list with 47 titles, became the all-time PBA50 Tour titles leader when he won the season-opening PBA50 Lightning Strikes Open for his 15th career title. Haugen has finished second in the first two events of the season.

Taking the 32nd and final spot for match play was Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III with a 3,907 pinfall.

After Thursday's first eight-game match play round, the field will be cut to the top 16 for the second match play round to determine the top five for the stepladder finals. Pinfall from all rounds will carry over. The finals will air Thursday live on Flobowling.com beginning at 7 p.m. ET.

The PBA Returns to Bayside Bowl with Two Special Event Series Starting June 15

PBA King of the Lanes, and the brand-new PBA King of the Lanes: Empress Edition series to air live on Fox Sports' FS1

Portland, Maine – After a year and a half away from beloved Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, the Professional Bowlers Association is officially heading back to the famed center for not one, but two special PBA King of the Lanes events, the first 2021 Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour events with fans in attendance.

"The PBA is thrilled to be returning to Bayside Bowl and to welcome back our loyal fans for the first time since March 2020," said Colie Edison, CEO of the PBA. "We are grateful for Bayside Bowl's long-time support and anyone who has been there or watched a telecast filmed there knows the BoPo crowd embodies the spirit and energy of the PBA fan base. We can't wait to bring the exciting format of the PBA King of the Lanes series to such a deserving audience."

The event series kicks off with the all-new PBA King of the Lanes: Empress Edition, featuring the world's top professional female bowlers. This new installment of the fan-favorite event will be a five-part series airing in primetime on Tuesday, June 15, and Wednesday, June 16 on FS1.

The series will see a powerhouse field of women competing in head-to-head matches to determine an "Empress" of each show. Each Empress will defend her crown throughout the series but will have competition from two new contenders looking to take the throne.

Kelly Kulick, the first woman to win a PBA Tour title and the only woman to win a PBA Tour Major Title, will start as the first Empress and face competition from ten PWBA pros who are ready to capture the crown. Amongst the competitors are Hall of Famers, Major champions, and international superstars.

The five-part PBA King of the Lanes: Empress Edition series will air live on FS1 as follows:

- **Tuesday, June 15 – 8-9 p.m. ET**
 - Contenders Match: Clara Guerrero vs. Daria Pajak

- Empress Match 1: Kelly Kulick vs. Contenders Winner
- **Tuesday, June 15 – 9-10 p.m. ET**
 - Contenders Match: Danielle McEwan vs. Maria Rodriguez
 - Empress Match 2: Winner from Empress 1 vs. Contenders Winner
- **Tuesday, June 15 – 10-11 p.m. ET**
 - Contenders Match: Missy Parkin vs. Diana Zavjalova
 - Empress Match 3: Winner from Empress 2 vs. Contenders Winner
- **Wednesday, June 16 – 8-9 p.m. ET**
 - Contenders Match: Liz Johnson vs. Ashley Galante
 - Empress Match 4: Winner from Empress 3 vs. Contenders Winner
- **Wednesday, June 16 – 9-10 p.m. ET**
 - Contenders Match: Stefanie Johnson vs. Verity Crawley
 - Empress Match 5: Winner from Empress 4 vs. Contenders Winner

Just three days after the final Empress is crowned, the men will have their turn to try and dethrone Kris Prather, reigning king from last summer's PBA King of the Lanes series.

The five-part 2021 PBA King of the Lanes will feature PBA pros from Hall of Famers to the Tour's current stars, plus Portland Lumberjacks very own team manager, Tim Mack competing live on Saturday, June 19, and Sunday, June 20 on FS1.

The five-part PBA King of the Lanes series will air live on FS1 is as follows:

- **Saturday, June 19 – 2-3 p.m. ET**
 - Contenders Match: Chris Barnes vs. AJ Johnson
 - King Match 1: Kris Prather vs. Contenders Winner
- **Saturday, June 19 – 3-4 p.m. ET**
 - Contenders Match: Jesper Svensson vs. Parker Bohn III
 - King Match 2: Winner from King 1 vs. Contenders Winner
- **Saturday, June 19 – 4-5 p.m. ET**
 - Contenders Match: Chris Via vs. Anthony Neuer
 - King Match 3: Winner from King 2 vs. Contenders Winner
- **Sunday, June 20 – 2-3 p.m. ET**
 - Contenders Match: Tim Mack vs. Jason Sterner
 - King Match 4: Winner from King 3 vs. Contenders Winner
- **Sunday, June 20 – 3-4 p.m. ET**
 - Contenders Match: Tom Daugherty vs. Francois Lavoie
 - King Match 5: Winner from King 4 vs. Contenders Winner

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The PBA's main priority continues to be the health and safety of its players and staff. The PBA is taking all necessary precautions and following local and federal COVID-19 guidelines to reduce risks and modify procedures as needed. For a complete list of the PBA's COVID-19 related standards and procedures, please visit [PBA.com](https://www.pba.com).

PETE WEBER WINS FLORIDA BLUE MEDICARE PBA50 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FOR FIFTH MAJOR AND 12TH CAREER PBA50 TOUR TITLE

The Villages, Fla. – Top seed Pete Weber beat No. 2 seed Lennie Boresch Jr. 255-234 in the title match to win the Florida Blue Medicare PBA50 National Championship presented by Spanish Springs Lanes for his fifth PBA50 major and 12th career title overall on the tour for players 50 and over.

It was also Weber's first PBA50 Tour title since winning the PBA50 DeHayes Insurance Group Championship in 2017.

Weber led qualifying and then posted a 15-1 record in Thursday's match play to earn the top spot for the finals.

"The last match play block was key because it added to my confidence," said the 57-year-old Weber. "I was worried about pin carry all day, but the key was I was able to play from the outside on the lane which gives you the best angle to the pocket."

Weber also bowled through a slight strain of his leg in the title match which turned out to work in his benefit.

"I was using my legs too much," said Weber. "Bowling with the strain forced me to stay more upright during my approach and that allowed me to have a more effective delivery where I wasn't driving the ball into the lane."

"Just being able to throw the ball well with a lot of confidence is a great feeling," he added. "When you're relaxed and bowling with a lot of confidence you can work through some of those problems."

In the second stepladder match, Boresch, who had won three of his four career PBA50 Tour titles at Spanish Springs Lanes including the 2018 PBA50 National Championship, defeated PBA50 Tour rookie No. 3 seed Tommy Hess 255-225 in the semifinal match to advance to the title match.

Hess, a PBA Tour veteran who won the 2011 USBC Masters, also posted a 15-1 record in match play. It was a dramatic surge to reach the finals after being as low as 17th in match play.

In the opening match Hess beat No. 5 seed Walter Ray Williams Jr. 211-199 to advance to the second match where he defeated No. 4 seed 2018 PBA50 Player of the Year Michael Haugen Jr. 257-215.

Williams was trying for his second win of the season after winning the PBA50 Lightning Strikes Open for his record 15th career PBA50 Tour title. Haugen's fourth-place finish was his third consecutive final appearance after finishing second in the first two tournaments of the season.

Norm Duke, who led the first two rounds and eventually finished sixth in qualifying, finished 20th after a disappointing 2-6 record in the first match play round failing to make the cut to the second round.

The next stop for the PBA50 Tour will be the PBA50 Granville Open at Sandhills Bowling Center in Aberdeen, North Carolina May 2-5.

Final standings

Pete Weber, \$15,000

Lennie Boresch Jr., \$7,500

Tommy Hess, \$4,000

Michael Haugen Jr., \$3,000

Walter Ray Williams Jr., \$2,500

Stepladder Results

Match 1 – No. 4 Hess def. No. 5 Williams, 211-199

Match 2 – Hess def. No. 3 Haugen, 257-215

Semifinal match – No. 2 Boresch def. Hess, 255-225

Championship match – No. 1 Weber def. Boresch, 255-234

Azcona, Tackett Upset Higher Seeds to Advance to Kia PBA Playoffs Quarterfinals

Cristian Azcona sweeps Chris Via, EJ Tackett eliminates Kris Prather in a roll-off

Milford, Conn.—Cristian Azcona, the No. 15 seed, and 10th-seeded EJ Tackett advanced to the Kia PBA Playoffs quarterfinals by defeating No. 2 seed Chris Via and No. 7 seed Kris Prather, respectively. In a race-to-two-points format, Azcona swept Via in two games, while Tackett and Prather split their set, forcing a ninth-and-10th-frame roll-off to break the tie.

Azcona, who became the first player born in Puerto Rico to win a PBA Tour title when he won the 2018 PBA Wilmington Open, faced a tough battle with Via in the first game. Through eight frames, both players had six strikes and two spares. In the ninth, Via failed to convert the 3-6-10 for the only open frame by either player in the game. Azcona rolled the back four strikes, giving him a total of 10 strikes in the game and a 258-226 victory.

The story was similar in game two. Both players struck or spared in each of the first eight frames, but a 4-10 spilt in the ninth for Via was again the only open frame for either player and again the difference in the game. Azcona rolled the back three strikes for a 238-215 win, ousting the 2021 U.S. Open champion in a two-point sweep.

13-time PBA Tour champion Tackett built an insurmountable lead by putting up the first six strikes against 2019 PBA Playoffs champion Kris Prather, who opened twice in as many frames. Tackett cruised to a 267-170 win.

In the second game, Prather took the early lead before Tackett fought back, keeping the score within a few pins after nine frames. In the 10th, Tackett left a 2-8-10 split, picking up two pins for an open frame and a final score of 188. Prather finished with 205, forcing the roll-off.

Prather, as the higher seed, opted for Tackett to begin the roll-off on the left lane. After a strike from Tackett, Prather left and converted a 2-4-8 combination in the ninth, then left a 2-8-10 of his own in the 10th. Tackett filled 18 pins in his half of the 10th to take a 38-26 win and advance to the quarterfinals, in which he'll face Azcona.

The Kia PBA Playoffs Round of 16 continues tomorrow at 7 p.m. ET on Fox Sports' FS1 and will feature Tom Daugherty versus Jason Sterner and Jesper Svensson taking on Sam Cooley.

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Round of 16 Results (Saturday, Apr. 24 on FS1)

Bowlero Milford, Milford, Conn.

No. 1 Kyle Troup def. No. 16 Andrew Anderson, 2-1

Game 1 – Troup def. Anderson, 234-233

Game 2 – Anderson def. Troup, 225-212

Roll-off – Troup def. Anderson, 58-26

No. 9 Thomas Larsen def. No. 8 Anthony Simonsen, 2-0

Game 1 – Larsen def. Simonsen, 244-238

Game 2 – Larsen def. Simonsen, 279-224

Round of 16 Results (Sunday, Apr. 25 on FS1)

No. 4 François Lavoie def. No. 13 Dick Allen, 2-1

Game 1 – Lavoie def. Allen, 266-185

Game 2 – Allen def. Lavoie, 258-238

Roll-off – Lavoie def. Allen, 59-50

No. 12 Bill O'Neill def. No. 5 Jakob Butturff, 2-1

Game 1 – Butturff def. O'Neill, 257-193

Game 2 – O'Neill def. Butturff, 227-222

Roll-off – O'Neill def. Butturff, 49-39

Round of 16 Results (Saturday, May 1 at 11:30 a.m. ET on FS1)

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Game 1 – Azcona def. Via, 258-226

Game 2 – Azcona def. Via, 238-215

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Game 2 – Prather def. Tackett, 205-188

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Round of 16 (Sunday, May 2 at 7 p.m. ET on FS1)

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Kia PBA Playoffs Championship (Sunday, May 16 at 2 p.m. ET on FOX)

To be determined after semifinals

Daugherty and Cooley Fill Out Kia PBA Playoffs Quarterfinals After Roll-Off Victories

Tom Daugherty knocks out Jason Sterner, Sam Cooley defeats Jesper Svensson

Milford, Conn.—Tom Daugherty and Sam Cooley earned the final two berths in the Kia PBA Playoffs quarterfinals, winning tie-breaking roll-offs against Jason Sterner and Jesper Svensson, respectively. Daugherty, who has won two Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour titles in 2021 including the Guaranteed Rate PBA World Championship, and Cooley, who won his first career PBA Tour title in the PBA Cheetah Championship, will face each other in the quarterfinals.

In a race-to-two-points format, each game is worth one point. If the players are tied after two games, a ninth-and-10th-frame roll-off decides the winner of the match.

In his opening game against Sterner, No. 3 seed Daugherty rolled the first seven strikes before a 7-10 split derailed his pursuit of perfection. It did not derail his big lead, though, and Daugherty took game one, 245-204.

Sterner, the 14th seed, countered in game two, throwing the front four on his way to a 225-213 win and forcing a ninth-and-10th-frame roll-off. For the first time in this season's PBA Playoffs, an additional one-ball sudden-death roll-off was needed when both players posted scores of 39 in the first attempt to break the tie.

Daugherty, the higher seed, opted to have Sterner start the first roll-off, meaning Daugherty would finish on the left lane. In the one-ball roll-off, Daugherty chose to bowl first on the right lane. Daugherty struck and Sterner left a 10 pin, advancing Daugherty into the quarterfinals.

Cooley and Svensson battled in a high-scoring first game, with Svensson rolling nine strikes on the way to a 268-248 win. In the second game, Svensson finished first with a 223, forcing Cooley to get all three strikes in the 10th to split the series and force a tie-breaking roll-off. Cooley got the first two strikes, but a 10 pin on his fill ball left the players tied at 223.

To decide the winner of game two, the players dueled in a single-ball roll-off. No. 6 seed Svensson decided to bowl first on the left lane, leaving a 7 pin. Cooley left a 10 pin, requiring another shot from each player. On the right lane, Svensson again got nine, but Cooley struck, claiming game two and forcing the ninth-and-10th-frame roll-off to decide the match.

Cooley took over from there, striking in the ninth frame before Svensson opened in both the ninth and the 10th, sending Cooley into the quarterfinals.

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Game 2 – Sterner def. Daugherty, 225-213

Roll-off – Daugherty def. Sterner, 39-39 (10-9)

No. 11 Sam Cooley def. No. 6 Jesper Svensson, 2-1

Game 1 – Svensson def. Cooley, 268-248

Game 2 – Cooley def. Svensson, 223-223 (9-9, 10-9)

Roll-off – Cooley def. Svensson, 35-16

Quarterfinals (Sunday, May 9 at noon ET on FS1)

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No. 4 François Lavoie vs. No. 12 Bill O'Neill

Quarterfinals (Monday, May 10 at 8 p.m. ET on FS1)

No. 10 EJ Tackett vs. No. 15 Cristian Azcona

No. 3 Tom Daugherty vs. No. 11 Sam Cooley

Semifinals (Saturday, May 15 at 11 a.m. ET on FS1)

To be determined after quarterfinals

Kia PBA Playoffs Championship (Sunday, May 16 at 2 p.m. ET on FOX)

To be determined after semifinals

2021 Kia PBA Playoffs Quarterfinals Begin This Sunday on FS1

Quarterfinalists resume battling for the \$100,000 top prize and WWE championship title belt

Milford, Conn.—Eight Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour players continue their quests to become the 2021 Kia PBA Playoffs champion with the quarterfinals airing this Sunday and Monday on Fox Sports' FS1. Sunday at noon ET, Kyle Troup will face Thomas Larsen and François Lavoie will take on defending champion Bill O'Neill. Monday at 8 p.m. ET will feature EJ Tackett battling Cristian Azcona and Tom Daugherty against Sam Cooley.

No. 1 Kyle Troup vs. No. 9 Thomas Larsen

Top seed Troup advanced to the quarterfinals after a roll-off victory over No. 16 seed Anderson. Troup, who has three top-10 finishes in majors this season including his first major title in the PBA Players Championship, has already earned \$369,200 this season. Troup will face Thomas Larsen, who also won his first major title this season in the USBC Masters. Larsen earned his way into the quarterfinals with a 2-0 sweep of Anthony Simonsen.

No. 4 François Lavoie vs. No. 12 Bill O'Neill

Lavoie, the winner of both the 2021 Kia PBA Tournament of Champions and Guaranteed Rate PBA Super Slam, is looking to win his third six-figure prize check of the season in the PBA Playoffs. Lavoie defeated Dick Allen in a Round of 16 roll-off to earn a match with defending Playoffs champion O'Neill, who also advanced via a roll-off, defeating Jakob Butturff. O'Neill finished second in the 2019 PBA Playoffs before winning in 2020.

No. 10 EJ Tackett vs. No. 15 Cristian Azcona

Tackett advanced to the quarterfinals by eliminating 2019 PBA Playoffs champion Kris Prather in a roll-off. Tackett has two third-place finishes in 2021, including in the Guaranteed Rate PBA World Championship. Azcona upset No. 2 seed Chris Via in two straight games to move into the quarterfinals. Azcona finished fourth in the U.S. Open, winning the opening match on the stepladder to guarantee himself a Playoffs berth.

No. 3 Tom Daugherty vs. No. 11 Sam Cooley

Guaranteed Rate PBA World Championship winner Daugherty needed an additional roll-off to get past Jason Sterner in the Round of 16. After the players each won a game, they tied at 39 in the ninth-and-10th-frame roll-off, requiring an additional, sudden-death one-ball roll-off. Daugherty struck to Sterner's nine to advance. Likewise, PBA Scorpion champion Cooley needed several roll-offs to get past Jesper Svensson. With Cooley trailing 1-0 in the match, he and Svensson tied at 223 in game two. Cooley broke that tie in a one-ball roll-off to force a ninth-and-10th-frame roll-off to decide the match. Cooley advanced with a 35-16 win over Svensson in the deciding roll-off.

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Kia PBA Playoffs Upcoming Television Schedule

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Kia PBA Playoffs Champions Since 2019

2019 – Kris Prather

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A.J. Chapman Wins PBA FireLake/Grand Casino Resort Southwest Open

Shawnee, Okla., (May 3, 2021) –A.J. Chapman, from Manchester, Iowa, now living in Lewisville, Texas won his fourth PBA regional title Sunday in the tenth annual PBA FireLake/Grand Casino Resort Southwest Open.

Chapman, climbed into the lead in the eight game modified round robin finals by winning five of the first seven matches. Chapman defeated qualifying leader Ildemaro Ruiz in the seventh game 223-204 to set up the position round match against Sean Lavery-Spahr, of Pasadena, Texas. With 30 bonus pins for winning each match, and Chapman holding only a 15 pin lead, the winner of the last game would be the champion. Chapman answered the challenge defeating Lavery-Spahr 245-212 allowing him to claim the \$5,000 first place prize.

The Big Brother/Big Sister Pro-am portion of the tournament was held on Friday evening. The annual fund raiser was again a big success, reportedly raising over \$30,000 for the charity.

The PBA Southwest Region visits Hilltop Lanes in Waxahachie, Texas, May 21-23, for the PBA Waxahachie Southwest Challenge, a non-champions event.

PBA FIRELAKE GRAND CASINO RESORT SOUTHWEST OPEN

FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Okla., Sunday

FINAL STANDINGS (21 Games)

1	AJ Chapman	Manchester, Iowa	6-2	4842	\$5,000.00
2	Sean Lavery-Spahr	Pasadena, Texas	6-2	4764	\$2,800.00
3	Ildemaro Ruiz Jr.	Venezuela	4-4	4741	\$1,900.00
4	Beau Peterson	McPherson, Kan.	5-3	4667	\$1,500.00
5	Stuart Williams	Pflugerville, Texas	5-3	4663	\$1,300.00
6	Brad Miller	Lees Summit, Mo.	1-7	4620	\$1,200.00
7	Arturo Quintero	Mexico	4-4	4595	\$1,100.00
8	Kris Koeltzow	Wheat Ridge, Colo.	3-5	4589	\$1,000.00
9	(N) Sam Butler	Texarkana	5-2-1	4587	\$900.00
10	Deeronn Booker	Anaheim, Calif.	4-4	4572	\$850.00
11	Patrick Hanrahan	Wichita, Kan.	3-5	4563	\$800.00
12	David Krol	Nixa, Mo.	5-3	4540	\$750.00
13	Anthony Lavery-Spahr	Pasadena, Texas	5-3	4496	\$725.00

14	Shawn Maldonado	Houston	4-4	4495	\$700.00
15	(S) Mike Bailey	Carrollton, Texas	2-6	4444	\$675.00
16	(N) Connor Egan	East Northport, NY	1-6-1	4340	\$650.00

MOTHER'S DAY MEMORABLE FOR JAKOB BUTTURFF Puyallup, Wash. –

Mother's Day is a special day for the PBA to celebrate the mother figures in their life, and Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz., did just that by winning the PBA Fix Auto @ Daffodil Bowl Open for his 27th PBA Regional Title.

An emotional Butturff, fought hard all day and was determined to win in honor of his late mother, who lost her battle with cancer just five months ago.

In the three-player stepladder final, four-time PBA Tour champion Marshall Kent faced off against Northwest player Eddy Smith of Stanwood, Wash. in the first match. Kent took an early lead, but Smith fought back with a clutch turkey at the end of the game, forcing Kent to fill 19 in the tenth frame to win. Kent's first shot resulted in a 3-6-10 spare and couldn't convert, losing to Smith 201-189.

Smith advanced to the title match against Butturff, who started with an early six bagger to take a commanding lead. Butturff dominated Smith, winning 258-178 and a title he'll hold close to his heart.

The PBA Fix Auto @ Daffodil Bowl Open featured a field of 48 players. The Northwest Region's next event will be Memorial Day weekend in Lebanon, Oregon for a double header at Linn Lanes.

PBA Fix Auto @ Daffodil Bowl, Puyallup, Washington

Step Ladder Results

Semi Final: Smith def. Kent 201-189

Final Match: Butturff def. Smith 258-178

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

1. Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz. 227.10 4,812 \$2,000
2. Marshall Kent, Las Vegas 219.25 4,625 \$1,000
3. Eddy Smith, Stanwood, Wash. 219.55 4,586 \$1,250
4. Michael Fitzgerald, Phoenix, Ariz. 216.25 4,565 \$900
5. (N) Jacob Mullen, Bellingham, Wash. 215.25 4,485 \$800
6. Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 215.05 4,481 \$750
7. (N) Camerson Weier, Seattle, Wash. 211.05 4,401 \$725
8. (N) Scott Halverson, Bonney Lake, Wash 208.15 4,343 \$700
9. Andre Eubanks, Los Angeles 211.75 4,340 \$675
10. Michael Kennedy, Bonney Lake, Wash. 206.60 4,282 \$650
11. Tanner Acosta, Lebanon, Ore. 203 4,180 \$625

12. (N) AJ Brockett, Auburn, Wash. 191.65 3,953 \$600

N-denotes non-PBA member

NATE STUBLER CAPTURES PBA ILLINOIS VALLEY MIDWEST OPEN REGIONAL TITLE

Peru, Ill – Nate Stubler of LaSalle, IL defeated Nick Kruml of Downers Grove, Ill 226-190, to win the PBA Illinois Valley Midwest Open at Illinois Valley Super Bowl on Sunday, May 2.

Non-member Stubler, who qualified as the second seed advanced to the title match easily defeating third seed Dakota Solonka of Indianapolis, Ind. 246-182. Stubler then had a tight match with top seed, Kruml through nine frames, but finished with a flurry of strikes to secure the win when Kruml had a late frame split.

Kruml earned \$1,360 for second place and Solonka collected \$1,000 for third place.

Rounding out the top four was Ryan Burks of Kansas City, Mo. who fell to Solonka in the opening stepladder match, 211-168 and earned \$950.

The next PBA Midwest Region event will be the Strike N Spare II Lanes in Lockport, Ill for a one-day event on Saturday, May 29.

PBA ILLINOIS VALLEY MIDWEST OPEN Illinois Valley Super Bowl, Peru, IL, Sunday, May 2, 2021

Final Standings:

1. (N) Nate Stubler, LaSalle, Ill, \$2,400
2. Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill, \$1,360
3. (N) Dakota Solonka, Indianapolis, Ind \$1,000
4. Ryan Burks, Kansas City, Mo, \$950

Other Finalists:

5. Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill, \$900
6. Mitch Hupe, Winnipeg, Canada, \$850
7. Chris Hill, Franklin, Wis, \$800
8. (N) Matthew Hibbard, Mukwonago, Wis, \$750
9. Jonathan Schalow, Evansville, Wis, \$700
10. (N) Rory Clark, Muskego, Wis, \$650 (Smart Fund Earnings)
11. (N) Alec Reseland, Urbandale, Iowa, \$625
12. Nick DeCesaro, Kenosha, Wis, \$600

Other Cashers:

- 13. Nathan Michalowski, Mount Pleasant, WI, \$575 + \$30 Alternate
- 14. Jeremy Hunt, Sikeston, MO, \$550
- 15. Ryan Lakota, Shorewood, IL, \$525
- 16. Matt Russo, Fairview Heights, IL, \$500

Matthew Hibbard rolled the only 300 game

PETE WEBER WINS BACK-TO-BACK PBA50 TOUR TITLES

Wins the PBA50 Granville Financial Open for his 13th career PBA50 title

Aberdeen, N.C.—Pete Weber won his second consecutive PBA50 Tour title and 13th of his career when he defeated Brad Angelo in the championship match of the PBA50 Granville Financial Open at Sandhills Bowling Center.

Weber's 13th PBA50 title moves him into third on the all-time PBA50 titles list, trailing only John Handegard, who has 14, and Walter Ray Williams Jr., who won his record-breaking 15th PBA50 title earlier this season.

For the second straight event, Weber qualified as the No. 1 seed for the stepladder finals. Last week, Weber defeated Lennie Boresch Jr. to win the Florida Blue Medicare PBA50 National Championship, giving Weber five career PBA50 major titles.

No. 5 seed Angelo earned his way into the title match by defeating Stoney Baker, Williams and Boresch, rolling games of 269, 235 and 237 before running into trouble in the championship match. Weber began with the first five strikes and stayed clean throughout, earning a 245-167 victory over Angelo.

The PBA50 Tour resumes Sunday with the PBA50 Bud Moore Classic from Bowlero Centreville in Centreville, Va. Qualifying begins Sunday, May 9 and will be streamed live on FloBowling. To subscribe, visit FloBowling.com.

PBA50 GRANVILLE FINANCIAL OPEN FINAL STANDINGS

Sandhills Bowling Center – Aberdeen, North Carolina

Pete Weber, earns \$7,500

Brad Angelo, \$4,000

Lennie Boresch Jr., \$3,000

Walter Ray Williams Jr., \$2,500

Stoney Baker, \$2,000

[View the full PBA50 Granville Financial Open standings](#)

MATCH SCORES

Match 1 – Angelo def. Baker, 269-245

Match 2 – Angelo def. Williams, 235-228

Match 3 – Angelo def. Boresch, 237-201

Championship match – Weber def. Angelo, 245-167

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PBA Summer Tour Returns with \$40,000 Bonus Prize Purse starting July 23rd

New York, NY – Competition on the PBA National Tour is about to heat up as the PBA officially announces the return of the Summer Tour as a part of the 2021 Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour schedule with a \$40,000 bonus prize purse up for grabs.

The 2021 Guaranteed Rate PBA Summer Tour will award five PBA Tour titles across the country and be live-streamed exclusively from start to finish on FloBowling, the PBA's online streaming partner.

The Summer Tour begins with the PBA Lubbock Sports Open on July 23-26, and continues with stops in Houston, Texas, July 29-Aug. 1; Jonesboro Ark., Aug. 6-Aug. 8; Coldwater, Ohio, Aug. 12-Aug. 15; and Chesapeake, Va., Aug. 20-Aug. 22.

In between Summer Tour stops, players will have an opportunity to compete in Regional Tour events in the PBA Ernst Apparel Central Classic in Minister, Ohio on Aug. 10-12 and the PBA Clean Air Solutions LLC. Biz Hampton Open in Hampton, Va. on Aug. 16-18.

All PBA Summer Tour tournaments will be classified as Tier 3 points events under the PBA's Tier 1-2-3 points system. The top ten points earners from the Summer Tour will share in the \$40,000 bonus prize – including \$20,000 to the points leader. Second to fourth place earners will receive \$7,000, \$4,000, and \$3,000, with fifth to 10th place finishers each collecting \$1,000.

Tournament formats prize funds, and registration for the 2021 Guaranteed Rate PBA Summer Tour events are available on PBA.com and noted below.

PBA Lubbock Sports Open, Lubbock, Texas – July 23-25

Storm PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles, Houston, Texas – July 29-August 1

PBA Jonesboro Open, Jonesboro, Ark. – August 6-8

PBA Bowlerstore.com presented by Moxy's Xtra Pair, Coldwater, Ohio – August 13-15

PBA Chesapeake Open, Chesapeake, Va. – August 20-22

While the PBA's main priority continues to be the health and safety of its players and staff, the organization is thrilled to share that fans are invited to watch the world's best bowlers compete live and participate in pro-ams while following local and federal COVID-19 guidelines. Policies are outlined in Tournament Notes for each event on PBA.com.

Fans can catch all the action of the 2021 PBA Summer Tour, including qualifying and the stepladder finals live on FloBowling. Select highlights will be available on @PBATour's social media handles across Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

Troup and Lavoie Advance to Face Each Other in Kia PBA Playoffs Semifinals

Kyle Troup eliminates Thomas Larsen, François Lavoie defeats Bill O'Neill

Milford, Conn.—Kyle Troup and François Lavoie were the first two players to advance to the Kia PBA Playoffs semifinals, in which they'll face each other on Saturday. Troup, the No. 1 seed, swept his race-to-two-points match over USBC Masters champion Thomas Larsen. Lavoie, who won the PBA Tournament of Champions and Guaranteed Rate PBA Super Slam earlier this year, knocked out defending PBA Playoffs champion Bill O'Neill in a tie-breaking roll-off.

In a race-to-two-points format, each game is worth one point. If the players are tied after two games, a ninth-and-10th-frame roll-off decides the winner of the match.

Troup didn't need a roll-off in his match with Larsen as Troup rolled the back eight strikes in the first game for a 260-204 victory. In the second game, Troup stayed clean to take advantage of two splits by Larsen, with Troup winning game two, 239-199.

Advancing to face Troup in the semifinals was Lavoie, who took out O'Neill in a roll-off, ending O'Neill's two-year streak of making it to the PBA Playoffs finals. O'Neill finished second in 2019 and won in 2020.

After O'Neill left a 7-10 split and opened in the 10th frame of the first game, Lavoie needed a strike on his first shot in the 10th to win. Instead, he left a 10 pin to fall behind in the match.

Game two opened with another 7-10 split for O'Neill. Lavoie took the lead and never relinquished it, coming away with a 217-188 victory to force a ninth-and-10th-frame roll-off. Both players spared in the ninth frame of the roll-off. Lavoie finished his game first, posting two strikes and six in the 10th for a total of 46, forcing O'Neill to get two strikes and seven pins to win. O'Neill got the first strike but left a 10 pin on his second shot, ending his title defense.

Semifinal combatants Lavoie and Troup last bowled against each other in the championship match of the PBA Super Slam, which Lavoie won, 247-202.

The Kia PBA Playoffs semifinals, featuring Troup vs. Lavoie and the winners of tomorrow's matches, air live on Fox Sports' FS1 Saturday, May 15 at 11 a.m. ET.

The winner of the PBA Playoffs will receive a PBA Tour title, \$100,000 and an official WWE championship title belt.

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Round of 16 Results (Saturday, Apr. 24 on FS1)

Bowlero Milford, Milford, Conn.

No. 1 Kyle Troup def. No. 16 Andrew Anderson, 2-1

Game 1 – Troup def. Anderson, 234-233

Game 2 – Anderson def. Troup, 225-212

Roll-off – Troup def. Anderson, 58-26

No. 9 Thomas Larsen def. No. 8 Anthony Simonsen, 2-0

Game 1 – Larsen def. Simonsen, 244-238

Game 2 – Larsen def. Simonsen, 279-224

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Roll-off – Lavoie def. Allen, 59-50

No. 12 Bill O'Neill def. No. 5 Jakob Butturff, 2-1

Game 1 – Butturff def. O'Neill, 257-193

Game 2 – O'Neill def. Butturff, 227-222

Roll-off – O'Neill def. Butturff, 49-39

Round of 16 Results (Saturday, May 1 on FS1)

No. 15 Cristian Azcona def. No. 2 Chris Via, 2-0

Game 1 – Azcona def. Via, 258-226

Game 2 – Azcona def. Via, 238-215

No. 10 EJ Tackett def. No. 7 Kris Prather, 2-1

Game 1 – Tackett def. Prather, 267-170

Game 2 – Prather def. Tackett, 205-188

Roll-off – Tackett def. Prather, 38-26

Round of 16 (Sunday, May 2 on FS1)

No. 3 Tom Daugherty def. No. 14 Jason Sterner, 2-1

Game 1 – Daugherty def. Sterner, 245-204

Game 2 – Sterner def. Daugherty, 225-213

Roll-off – Daugherty def. Sterner, 39-39 (10-9)

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Game 1 – Svensson def. Cooley, 268-248

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Roll-off – Cooley def. Svensson, 35-16

Quarterfinals (Sunday, May 9 at noon ET on FS1)

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Quarterfinals (Monday, May 10 at 8 p.m. ET on FS1)

No. 10 EJ Tackett vs. No. 15 Cristian Azcona

No. 3 Tom Daugherty vs. No. 11 Sam Cooley

Semifinals (Saturday, May 15 at 11 a.m. ET on FS1)

No. 1 Kyle Troup vs. No. 4 François Lavoie

Tackett/Azcona vs. Daugherty/Cooley

Kia PBA Playoffs Championship (Sunday, May 16 at 2 p.m. ET on FOX)

To be determined after semifinals

BRAD ANGELO LEADS DAY ONE OF QUALIFYING AT THE 2021 PBA50 BUD MOORE CLASSIC

Centreville, Va. — Brad Angelo is leading the way after day one of qualifying at the 2021 PBA50 Bud Moore Classic. The 51-year-old admits his day started out with a pretty good look during practice at Bowlero Centreville and that carried forward as he averaged 244 for seven games with 1,709. He is one pin ahead of John Marsala at 1,708 to lead the field of 111 bowlers.

Angelo mainly relied on his Roto Grip Rubicon to start and finished up with his Roto Grip Rubicon UC2. He expects the scoring pace on Monday to be mid-high to high. He plans to drill a couple of balls he has in mind to help him on day two of qualifying.

"It would be an honor to bowl in the stepladder finals because Bill and my father used to bowl together in New York," Angelo said about the potential to advance to the finals which will take place at Bill Moore's house which known as Bud Moore Lanes, in honor of his father. "That would be a pretty great storyline."

In just his fifth tournament on the PBA50, Angelo is looking to follow the lead of fellow rookie Jason Couch, who picked up his first PBA50 Tour title at the second event of the year.

"We really have a strong class of rookies out here this year and this is a whole different atmosphere than the kids tour," Angelo said. "It's nice to be in an environment where the lanes don't get chewed up so fast."

Qualifying rounds will begin at 8 a.m. ET Monday for the B squad with seven more games and starting at 1 p.m. ET for the A squad on FloBowling. The top 32 will advance to match play on Tuesday. All pins will carry over.

Cristian Azcona edges EJ Tackett, Sam Cooley knocks out Tom Daugherty

Milford, Conn.—No. 15 seed Cristian Azcona and No. 11 seed Sam Cooley both overcame game-one losses to force and win tie-breaking roll-offs and advance to the Kia PBA Playoffs semifinals. Azcona eliminated 10th-seeded EJ Tackett and Cooley upset No. 3 seed Tom Daugherty. Azcona and Cooley will face each other in the semifinals Saturday at 11 a.m. ET on Fox Sports' FS1.

In a race-to-two-points format, each game is worth one point. If the players are tied after two games, a ninth-and-10th-frame roll-off decides the winner of the match.

After dropping game one to Tackett, Azcona put up seven strikes in the second game on his way to a 240-214 win to necessitate a roll-off. Azcona began the roll-off with a strike, which Tackett matched. Tackett finished first, striking in the 10th and then leaving a 4-8. Taking just the 4 pin on his spare attempt, Tackett finished with a score of 47, forcing Azcona to strike and get nine pins to win. That's exactly what Azcona did, advancing to the semifinals.

Likewise, Cooley lost the first game to Daugherty but tied the match with a victory in game two. Despite trailing early in the second game, Cooley strung five consecutive strikes in the middle of the game to overtake Daugherty for a 236-218 win.

As the higher seed, Daugherty elected to bowl first in the roll-off, starting with a spare. Cooley posted a score of 37, requiring Daugherty to roll nine, spare, nine to win. Instead, Daugherty left the 2-4-10 split and failed to convert, leaving Cooley with a 37-26 victory and the final spot in the semifinals.

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Semifinals (Saturday, May 15 at 11 a.m. ET on FS1)

No. 1 Kyle Troup vs. No. 4 François Lavoie

No. 11 Sam Cooley vs. No. 15 Cristian Azcona

Kia PBA Playoffs Championship (Sunday, May 16 at 2 p.m. ET on FOX)

Winner of Troup/Lavoie vs. Winner of Cooley/Azcona

LEFTY JOHN MARSALA LEADS AT PBA50 BUD MOORE CLASSIC

MAY 10, 2021 JILL WINTERS

Centreville, Va.- John Marsala has relied on just one ball with a lot of surface on it to earn him the top spot after 14-games of qualifying at the 2021 PBA50 Bud Moore Classic in Centreville, Virginia. The lefty sanded his Roto Grip Rubicon UC2 and rolled games of 216, 228, 258, 226, 247, 259 and 214 for 1,648, paired with his 1,708 during Monday's seven-games of qualifying.

Marsala came into this season with a goal of being more competitive and so far, he is off to a strong start. He finished in fourth at the PBA50 Lightning Strikes Open in Fort Myers, he cashed the following week and now he wants to win his second PBA50 Tour title.

"I want to make the TV show and bowl for a title," Marsala said. "I've worked really hard, and I am getting to live my dream."

The St. Louis, Missouri native used to bowl on the PBA Tour back in the 1980s but stepped away due to a wrist injury. He let it heal enough and worked hard to give himself another chance to compete on tour. Great execution and staying relaxed were key to his qualifying rounds.

"I just need to stay focused, stay in the moment and do the best that I can," he said about the potential to make it to Tuesday's stepladder finals.

Boresch Jr., who started his day on Monday with a perfect 300 game, sits just 43-pins behind Marsala in second place with 3,313. Both men were on the A squad. The B squad leader was Ben Hoefs who shot 227, 226, 231, 257, 201, 268 and 242 for two-day total of 3,269.

Hoefs, who is bowling in his first PBA50 tournament this year, credits fellow PBA50 competitor Michael Haugen Jr. with helping him succeed at Bowlero Centreville.

"I crossed with Haugen today and he told me I needed more shape and more ball," Hoefs said. "I switched to a stronger asymmetrical ball, the Hammer Black Widow 2.0. When you have the right equipment in your hand those numbers add up."

The top 32 players advance to match play with all pins carrying over. John Neral was the cut line with 3,067.

Match play will begin at 8 a.m. ET Tuesday with eight-games streamed on FloBowling. The top five will move on to the stepladder finals which will be held inside the home of tournament sponsor, Bill Moore. He has two synthetic lanes in his basement which is known as Bud Moore Lanes, in honor of his dad. The stepladder finals will begin at 7 p.m. ET on FloBowling.

JOHN MARSALA WINS SECOND PBA50 TOUR TITLE

MAY 12, 2021 JILL WINTERS

Clifton, Va.- John Marsala made professional bowling history on Tuesday night at the PBA50 Bud Moore Classic. When he stepped up on lane 14 inside Bud Moore Lanes and flushed his seventh strike of the championship match in the foundation frame against Brad Angelo, he felt relief and a lot of emotion.

"Tears were coming and that made it really hard to throw the first one in the tenth," he said after closing out Angelo in the title match. "It made me feel like I belong out here and I can compete with the Hall of Famers."

The lefty was in control of the entire match starting off with a spare followed by six strikes-in-a-row on his way to the 255-226 victory. In the fifth frame, Marsala got a brief scare when the seven and 10-pin stood for a moment and then almost simultaneously fell to the right, as part of Marsala's important string of strikes.

"I was a little fast on that shot and when that fell for me, I had a bunch of momentum," he said of that key moment in the match. "My Phase II, it read the right part of the lane and I knew this was the ball to use."

The stepladder finals were held on two lanes inside the home of tournament sponsor, Bill Moore. Parker Bohn III, Amleto Monacelli and Walter Ray Williams Jr. were sitting just off to the side of the lanes watching this unique match along with spectators.

Marsala had never bowled in a tournament with fans sitting so close to him before and it was an experience he will never forget.

"The atmosphere was fantastic," he said. "I made history and my name will always be associated with this moment."

In the first stepladder match, lefty Mitch Sacks defeated Dan Knowlton 237-225. Sacks then ran into a bulldozer facing Angelo the No. 3 seed. Angelo started the match with the first 11 strikes-in-a-row leaving a 10-pin on his final shot to win the match 299-238.

Angelo, who led the tournament after day one, then moved on to face Lennie Boresch Jr. Angelo continued to roll. He started off with a spare followed by eight straight strikes en route to the 257-204 win to meet Marsala in the title match.

"This is the completion of a whole dream we had and after tonight, I hope the whole world knows about my dad, Bud," Bill said. "John is a great friend and he bowled awesome. This event is just a stepping stone, and we hope to get to pull it off again next year."

Marsala plans to compete in the rest of the PBA50 tournaments this season now that he is in the point race and conversation for Player of the Year.

"I came out here to win and I've proven I can do it," he said.

PBA50 BUD MOORE CLASSIC FINAL STANDINGS:

John Marsala \$7,500

Brad Angelo \$4,000

Lennie Boresch Jr. \$3,000

Mitch Sacks \$2,500

Dan Knowlton \$2,000

View the full PBA50 Bud Moore Classic standings: [PBA50 Bud Moore Classic | PBA](#)

MATCH SCORES

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Championship match – Marsala def. Angelo 255-226

2021 Kia PBA Playoffs Champion to be Crowned This Weekend on FOX

Final four compete for the \$100,000 top prize and WWE championship title belt Saturday and Sunday

Milford, Conn.—Four Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour players remain in the 2021 Kia PBA Playoffs, which will be decided this weekend on FOX Broadcast Channel. Saturday at 11 a.m. ET on Fox Sports' FS1, Kyle Troup will take on François Lavoie and Sam Cooley will square off with Cristian Azcona in the semifinals. The winners will battle each other Sunday at 2 p.m. ET on FOX, with the winner earning a Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour title, \$100,000, and a WWE championship title belt.

No. 1 Kyle Troup vs. No. 4 François Lavoie

Top seed Troup and fourth seed Lavoie both avoided upsets on the way to the semifinals. In the Round of 16, Troup eliminated No. 16 seed Andrew Anderson in a roll-off, then swept No. 9 seed and USBC Masters champion Thomas Larsen in the quarterfinals. Lavoie needed a roll-off in both his matches, taking out 13th seed Dick Allen in the Round of 16 and defending champion Bill O'Neill in the quarterfinals. Troup and Lavoie, the top two earners this season, faced each other in the final match of the Guaranteed Rate PBA Super Slam in April, which Lavoie won, 247-202.

No. 11 Sam Cooley vs. No. 15 Cristian Azcona

While the favorites took over the left side of the bracket, the right side was highlighted by upsets. 15th seed Cristian Azcona began his PBA Playoffs run with a 2-0 sweep over No. 2 seed Chris Via, then advanced to the semifinals by defeating 10th seed EJ Tackett in a roll-off. Cooley, who won his first title in the 2021 PBA Scorpion Championship, won a roll-off over No. 6 seed Jesper Svensson in the Round of 16, then took out third-seeded Tom Daugherty in the quarterfinals, also via roll-off.

The semifinal matches will use the familiar race-to-two-points format, in which each game is worth one point. If the players are tied after two games, a ninth-and-10th-frame roll-off decides the winner of the match.

In the championship match, the two finalists will compete in a best-of-five match, with the first player to win three games earning the 2021 Kia PBA Playoffs title. If the players each win two of the first four games, the match will be decided by a ninth-and-10th-frame roll-off.

The winner of the PBA Playoffs, which conclude May 16 on FOX Broadcast Channel, will earn \$100,000 and a custom WWE championship title belt.

Kia PBA Playoffs Upcoming Television Schedule

Saturday, May 15 at 11 a.m. ET on FS1 – Semifinals

Sunday, May 16 at 2 p.m. ET on FOX - Championship

Kia PBA Playoffs Champions Since 2019

2019 – Kris Prather

2020 – Bill O'Neill

MANSCAPED™ Designated Official Below-the-Waist Grooming Partner of The Professional Bowlers Association *Global Men's Grooming Company Strikes up a Partnership with Bowling's Major League*

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — A partnership right up the [MANSCAPED™](#) alley. The global leader in men's grooming and hygiene spares no effort when it comes to its coveted sports partnership roster, and today is pleased to announce its latest addition: [The Professional Bowlers Association \(PBA\)](#). As the host of the largest and most competitive bowling tournaments worldwide, the PBA is no stranger to hairy situations and welcomes MANSCAPED into the fold as **Official Below-the-Waist Grooming Partner** of its most popular upcoming competitions.

"We're constantly looking to diversify our sports marketing efforts in a meaningful and organic way," said Joey Kovac, Senior Director of Marketing at MANSCAPED. "When the opportunity came to work with The Professional Bowlers Association, we knew we couldn't let this one slip through our hands. These tournaments will be action-packed and shown live on everyone's favorite networks, and we can't wait to tune in."

"The PBA is thrilled to welcome MANSCAPED as an official PBA sponsor," said Colie Edison, Chief Executive Officer of the PBA "We look forward to the continued growth of professional bowling and are thankful for their support of the Tour and our sport."

MANSCAPED's logo - now synonymous with just about every sporting event out there - will be front and center at some of the most highly anticipated and widely broadcast PBA events of the season. Placement includes in the LED along and above the lanes as well as behind the players. The stacked lineup of tournaments are as follows:

- **Kia PBA Playoffs Semifinals – Saturday, May 15 at 11 a.m. ET on FS1**
 - Semifinal matches of the 2021 Kia PBA Playoffs, which will feature the four remaining players competing to advance to the Championship Finals.
- **Kia PBA Playoffs Finals – Sunday, May 16 at 2 p.m. ET on FOX**
 - Championship Finals of the 2021 Kia PBA Playoffs, which will feature the remaining two players competing for a \$100K first-place prize and a WWE Championship Title Belt.
- **PBA King of the Lanes – Saturday, June 19 – Sunday, June 20 starting at 2 p.m. ET on FS1**

- Five-part special event series featuring PBA professionals competing in head-to-head matches to determine a “King” of each show.
- **PBA Tour Finals – Saturday, June 26 – Sunday, June 27 starting at 12 p.m. ET on CBSSN**
 - Nine hours of live PBA Tour competition featuring the Tour’s top 8-point earners over the past two seasons competing for a PBA Tour title.
- **PBA Strike Derby – Sunday, July 11 at 2 p.m. on FS1**
 - Special event featuring PBA professionals competing in a home-run-derby-style tournament, bowling as many strikes as they can in two minutes.

Don’t miss the loud and lively competition, filled with strikes, spares, and the smoothest bowling balls you’ve ever seen. As MANSCAPED continues to keep the ball rolling on its sports marketing sponsorships, there’s no telling where they’ll take it next.

Limited Number of Tickets Available for 2021 PBA Tour Finals
First PBA Tour Title Event Open to Fans since March 2020

Allen Park, Mich. – The announcement fans have been waiting for! Tickets are available for the live viewing of the 2021 PBA Tour Finals at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Mich. on Saturday, June 26 and Sunday, June 27. The PBA Tour Finals will air live on CBS Sports Network and feature the top 8-point earners over a two-year span competing for a Tour Title.

For the first time since March 2020, 300 fans will be able to cheer for the world’s best bowlers at the historic Thunderbowl Arena Bay while following Covid-19 health and safety protocols to protect the safety of the PBA players and staff.

All ticketholders will be required to wear a face covering over their mouth and nose at all times except while actively eating or drinking in their ticketed area.

Tickets are available for Saturday and Sunday’s competition at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com).

Single-day ticket prices for the 2021 PBA Tour Finals are as follows:

General Admission Sale: \$20

Bleacher Seating Sale: \$30

CBS Sports Network will present nine total hours of coverage on June 26-27 starting with two back-to-back live shows on Saturday, June 26 at 12 p.m. ET, followed by five consecutive hours of coverage on Sunday, June 27 beginning at 12 p.m. ET.

The complete schedule and players are as follows:

Saturday, June 26

- 12 p.m. ET – Group 1 Positioning Round: Kyle Troup, EJ Tackett, Bill O’Neill, Chris Via
- 2 p.m. ET – Group 2 Positioning Round: Anthony Simonsen, Kris Prather, Jesper Svensson, Francois Lavoie

Sunday, June 27

- 12 p.m. ET – Group 1 Stepladder Finals
- 2 p.m. ET – Group 2 Stepladder Finals
- 4 p.m. ET – Championship Match

PBA Fans will be able to live stream the PBA Tour Finals on CBS Sports Network. Select highlights will be available on @PBATour social handles across Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube. International fans can watch live on [FloBowling.com](https://www.flobowling.com).

The PBA's main priority continues to be the health and safety of its players and staff. The PBA is taking all necessary precautions and following local and federal COVID-19 guidelines to reduce risks and modify procedures as needed. For a complete list of the PBA's COVID-19 related standards and procedures, please visit [PBA.com](https://www.pba.com)

Kyle Troup and Sam Cooley Advance to Kia PBA Playoffs Championship Match

The 2021 Kia PBA Playoffs Championship match airs live tomorrow at 2 p.m. ET on FOX

Milford, Conn.—Top seed Kyle Troup and No. 11 seed Sam Cooley will face off for the 2021 Kia PBA Playoffs Championship tomorrow, live at 2 p.m. ET on FOX Broadcast Channel. Both players swept their opponents, 2-0, in a race-to-two-points format in which each game is worth one point. Troup defeated No. 4 seed François Lavoie and Cooley eliminated No. 15 seed Cristian Azcona.

Lavoie, who defeated Troup in the final match of the Guaranteed Rate PBA Super Slam in April, built an early lead in the first game with the front six, but an open in the ninth frame gave Troup a chance.

"I definitely wanted to get a little revenge on him," said Troup of avenging his loss in the Super Slam. "When he gave me that chance in the first game, I had to commit to the ball change in the 10th. It worked out well and I felt very confident moving forward. It's very nice knowing I have the Rubicon and the UC2 that work well every time we bowl on this pair. That gives me a lot of confidence."

With the win over Lavoie, Troup will eclipse Walter Ray Williams Jr.'s single-season earnings record of \$419,700, accomplished during the 2002-03 season. Troup currently sits at \$369,200 this season and will add either \$100,000 for a Kia PBA Playoffs win or \$60,000 for a runner-up finish.

"I'm pretty speechless as far as that goes," said Troup. "To beat another major champion in the round of four and then to beat a record holder, the greatest of all time, is an honor."

Cooley, who eliminated Jesper Svensson in the Round of 16 and Tom Daugherty in the quarterfinals, both via tie-breaking roll-offs, didn't need a roll-off in the semifinals, winning both games over Azcona. After a 264-243 win in game one, the lanes appeared to get tricky for both players in game two.

"In the third frame when I six-pinned, I hit up on it a little bit too much and it instantly hooked," said Cooley. "I made a move the next time I got there and the ball never hooked. It never hit the strip where we'd broken it down. I moved back to where I was and threw it a little bit firmer."

Cooley clinched his trip to the championship match with a strike in the 10th frame.

"I was able to get away with one the next time I was on the right lane," said Cooley. "I tripped the 7-9 back, but then I pured it in the 10th to seal it. It's a pretty good feeling going into tomorrow."

Tomorrow, live on FOX at 2 p.m. ET, Troup will face Cooley in a best-of-five series to determine the 2021 Kia PBA Playoffs champion. If the players are tied after four games, a ninth-and-10th-frame roll-off will decide the winner. The champion will receive a PBA Tour title, \$100,000 and an official WWE championship title belt.

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Round of 16 Results (Saturday, Apr. 24 on FS1)

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Game 1 – Troup def. Anderson, 234-233

Game 2 – Anderson def. Troup, 225-212

Roll-off – Troup def. Anderson, 58-26

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Game 1 – Larsen def. Simonsen, 244-238

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Roll-off – Lavoie def. Allen, 59-50

No. 12 Bill O'Neill def. No. 5 Jakob Butturff, 2-1

Game 1 – Butturff def. O'Neill, 257-193

Game 2 – O'Neill def. Butturff, 227-222

Roll-off – O'Neill def. Butturff, 49-39

Round of 16 Results (Saturday, May 1 on FS1)

No. 15 Cristian Azcona def. No. 2 Chris Via, 2-0

Game 1 – Azcona def. Via, 258-226

Game 2 – Azcona def. Via, 238-215

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Game 1 – Tackett def. Prather, 267-170

Game 2 – Prather def. Tackett, 205-188
Roll-off – Tackett def. Prather, 38-26

Round of 16 (Sunday, May 2 on FS1)

No. 3 Tom Daugherty def. No. 14 Jason Sterner, 2-1

Game 1 – Daugherty def. Sterner, 245-204
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Kia PBA Playoffs Championship (Sunday, May 16 at 2 p.m. ET on FOX)

No. 1 Kyle Troup vs. No. 11 Sam Cooley

Kyle Troup Wins Kia PBA Playoffs for Eighth Career Title

Defeats Sam Cooley to win \$100,000 and a WWE championship title belt

Milford, Conn.—Top seed Kyle Troup defeated No. 11 seed Sam Cooley to win the 2021 Kia PBA Playoffs, 3-1, in a race-to-three-points competition, in which each game is worth one point. Troup's second Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour title of the season is also the eighth of his career. With the \$100,000 first-place prize, Troup has now earned a single-season PBA Tour record \$469,200 in 2021.

Troup won the first game, then fell victim to Cooley rolling the 31st televised perfect game in PBA Tour title-event history, knotting the match at one point apiece.

"I felt really confident," said Troup of his mindset entering game three despite Cooley having rolled 300. "I knew I pretty much lost that game by the seventh or eighth frame, so I switched my focus to rooting Sam on. I wanted to see him bowl 300 and get the extra \$10,000. It's one to one, all right, I just need to win a game. I really wanted to win game three to put the pressure on him to make him feel like it was a must-win situation."

Troup did win game three, taking advantage of an open frame from Cooley in the seventh after Troup had also struggled with missed spares, including a missed 9 pin in the sixth.

"I was frustrated about the bad break," said Troup of missing the 9 pin. "I flagged it. I had to get myself refocused. Once I did that, I was okay."

Troup doubled in the 10th to clinch game three and take a 2-1 lead entering the fourth game.

"I felt like I bowled a fantastic game four," said Troup. "The lanes were just toast. They were ugly."

Troup struck on his first shot in the 10th frame of game four, then left an 8-10 split on his next shot, needing one pin to clinch the victory. Troup took down the 8 pin and immediately hoisted the WWE championship title belt.

"I wanted to pick this belt up, give the Ric Flair 'Wooo,' and bring the belt back home," said Troup. "I know I have a lot of fans back home rooting me on and people around the world. It's so special to get this win."

Perhaps making it more special is Troup's eighth career title ties him with his father, Guppy, who was in attendance for all of Kyle's Playoffs victories, in all-time Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour titles.

"I caught up to him," said Kyle Troup, adding, "I'm thinking I'm getting to nine a lot faster than he is."

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Kia PBA Playoffs Championship (Sunday, May 16 at 2 p.m. ET on FOX)

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Game 2 – Cooley def. Troup, 300-248

Game 3 – Troup def. Cooley, 223-210

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Troup earns \$100,000, Cooley earns \$70,000 (\$60,000 for finishing second and \$10,000 for bowling a perfect game).

Champion Dick Allen Wins PBA Brighton Construction Myrtle Beach Open

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. (May 9, 2021) – Dick Allen of Lexington, S.C., defeated Mike Coffey of Melbourne, Fla., 212-190, to win the PBA Brighton Construction Myrtle Beach Open for his 27th PBA Regional title on Sunday at Myrtle Beach Bowl.

Allen qualified in the number one position for the four-man stepladder finals with a 15-game total of 3,686 pins, 111 pins ahead of n-Josh Johnson of Callahan, Fla., with 3,575. In third was Kristijonas Sergejevas of Lithuania 3,511 followed by Mike Coffey in fourth with 3,482.

In the opening match, Coffey defeated Sergejevas 183-171, then disposed of Johnson 253-229 to advance to the Championship title match.

In the title match, Allen started with a double-open-double, while Coffey had spare-double-open. The match was close and came down to the tenth frame where Coffey split and opened. Allen doubled to secure the win and the \$4,600 first-place prize.

Coffey pocketed \$2400 for second, Johnson \$1600, and Sergejevas earned \$1400 for fourth.

The PBA South Region's next event will be the PBA Sandhills Aberdeen Open on June 4-6th at Sand Hills Bowling Center in Aberdeen, N.C.

PBA BRIGHTON CONSTRUCTION MYRTLE BEACH OPEN

Myrtle Beach Bowl, Myrtle Beach, S.C., Sunday

Final Standings:

- 1, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., \$4,600.
- 2, Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., \$2,400.
- 3, n-Josh Johnson, Callahan, Fla., \$1,600.
- 4, Kristijonas Sergejevas, Lithuania, \$1,400.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Coffey def. Sergejevas, 183-171.

Semifinal – Coffey def. Johnson, 253-229.

Championship – Allen def. Coffey, 212-190.

Final Qualifying Standings (after 15 games, top 4 advanced to stepladder finals):

- 1, Dick Allen, 3,686.
- 2, n- Mike Johnson, 3,575.
- 3, Kristijonas Sergejevas, 3,511.
- 4, Josh Coffey, 3,482.
- 5, Chris Collins, Myrtle Beach, S.C., 3,442, \$1,200.
- 6, Carlos Granados, Orlando, Fla., 3,424, \$1,100.
- 7, Jason Duran, Littleton, Co., 3,413, \$1,050.
- 8, n-Nathaniel Potter, Morristown, Tenn., 3,309, \$1,000.
- 9, Matt Taylor, Zebulon, N.C., 2,937, \$950.
- 10, n-Ethan McDonald, Coats, N.C., 2,934, \$900.
- 11, Nate Garcia, Riverview, Fla., 2,893, \$875.
- 12, Roscoe Pretlow, Chesapeake, Va., 2,872, \$850.
- 13, Matthew Staninger, Charlotte, N.C., 2,871, \$825.
- 14, Bryan Hahlen, Greenwood, S.C., 2,862, \$800.
- 15, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 2,793, \$775.
- 16, Colin Champion, Spring Hill, Fla., 2,773, \$750.

300 Games: Hernan Ramirez, Kelly Lake, Carlos Granados, Mike Coffey.

n-denotes non-PBA member.

Dylan Macon Tops PBA Waxahachie Southwest Challenge Field

Waxahachie, Texas, (May 24, 2021) – Dylan Macon, a former PBA member from Lubbock, Texas, built a 110 pin lead going into the final game position round, then held off Tim Crites' late charge, and won the third annual PBA Waxahachie Southwest Challenge Sunday at Hilltop Lanes.

Macon finished Saturday's eight game qualifying round in 19th place, then rebounded averaging over 254 in the five game Cashier's Round to catapult to the lead. In the eight game modified round robin match play finals, Macon continued his torrid pace, averaging 235, though only winning five of his eight matches. Crites went 7-1 in the match play to narrow the lead, but Macon was not to be denied his first PBA win and the \$2,450 winner's check. As a non-member, Macon won't receive credit for a PBA title

The PBA Southwest Region's next tournament will be the PBA Fort Sill Southwest Open at Twin Oaks Lanes at Fort Sill, Okla., July 16-18.

PBA WAXAHACHIE SOUTHWEST CHALLENGE Hilltop Bowl, Waxahachie, Texas, Sunday

Final Standings (after 21 games, including match play bonus pins):

1	(N) Dylan Macon	Lubbock, Texas	5-3	4824	150	4974	\$2,450
2	(N) Tim Crites	Dallas, Texas	7-1	4717	210	4927	\$1,700
3	Brent Boho	Colgate, Wis.	6-2	4593	180	4773	\$1,400
4	(N) James McIver	Cape Coral, Florida	5-3	4602	150	4752	\$1,200
5	(N) Andres Villarreyna	Port Arthur, Texas	5-3	4550	150	4700	\$1,050
6	Austin Boulds	Creal Springs, Ill.	3-5	4574	90	4664	\$950
7	Arturo Quintero	Mexico	3-5	4523	90	4613	\$850
8	Anthony Desko	Parkville, MO	4-4	4477	120	4597	\$800
9	Bryan Pogor	Round Rock, Texas	5-3	4393	150	4543	\$750
10	(N) Peter Zmozynski	Depew, N.Y.	4-4	4416	120	4536	\$700
11	James Cantere	Oklahoma City, OK	2-6	4406	60	4466	\$675
12	Travis Tribolet	San Angelo, Texas	2-6	4394	60	4454	\$650
13	Gabriel Yanes	Corpus Christi, Texas	5-3	4271	150	4421	\$625
14	(N) Ryan Nguyen	Port Arthur, TX	1-7	4379	30	4409	\$600
15	Jon DeLaney	McKinney, Texas	4-4	4230	120	4350	\$575
16	(N) Zakary Edgerton	Allen, Texas	3-5	4202	90	4292	\$550

N-denotes non-PBA member

Anthony Pepe Wins AMF Country Club Lanes Open for Sixth Career PBA Regional Title

Baltimore, Md. (May 22, 2021) – Anthony Pepe of Long Island City, N.Y., compiled a 7-1 match play record and a 16-game total of 3,665 pins to win the PBA AMF Country Club Lanes Open at AMF Country Club Lanes on Saturday.

Pepe qualified fourth and started the match play round slowly, averaging 193 for the first three games. From that point on, he averaged 240 to take the lead. Pepe ended his day with a 161-pin advantage over qualifying leader Jeremy Domingo of Sewell, N.J. who finished runner-up.

Pepe's win on Saturday is his sixth PBA Regional title and eighth overall, two coming before he was a PBA member. Pepe earned \$2,500 while Domingo earned \$1,275 in his best career finish.

Next on the PBA East Region schedule is the Bowlero Wallingford Open in Wallingford, Conn. on June 18-20.

PBA AMF COUNTRY CLUB LANES OPEN AMF Country Club Lanes, Baltimore, Md., Saturday

Final Match Play Standings (after 16 games, including match play bonus pins)

- 1, Anthony Pepe, Long Island City, N.Y., 7-1, 3,665, \$2,500.
- 2, Jeremy Domingo, Sewell, N.J., 4-4, 3,504, \$1,275.
- 3, Carvel Waters, Ft. Washington, Md., 6-2, 3,466, \$1,050.
- 4, Fran Luzzi, Port Jervis, N.Y., 5-3, 3,436, \$950.
- 5, Keith Laing, Oakdale, Conn., 4-4, 3,406, \$850.
- 6, Jason Stadtler, Lafayette, N.J., 4-4, 3,393, \$775.
- 7, Paul Smith, Madison, Conn., 5-3, 3,386, \$725.
- 8, John Furey, Howell, N.J., 4-4, 3,366, \$675.
- 9, Troy Lint, Blandon, Pa., 3-5, 3,322, \$650.
- 10, Jon Van Hees, Hope Valley, R.I., 3-5, 3,286, \$625.
- 11, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1-7, 3,267, \$610.
- 12, Zachary Smith, Saugerties, N.Y., 2-6, 3,206, \$600

PBA to Award Highest-Ever Guaranteed First-Place SMART Scholarship in PBA Jr. National Championship; Increases Prize Funds in PBA Jr. Regional Tournaments

PBA increases top prize in PBA Jr. National Championship to \$16,000; guarantees \$1,000 first-place prize in all PBA Jr. Regional tournaments

New York, NY – The PBA is dedicated to growing the sport of bowling at all levels and is excited to announce its increasing SMART Scholarship funds for all PBA Jr. tournaments in 2021 offering more opportunities for youth bowlers to compete with the best and earn scholarships for their future education.

In its second year, the PBA Jr. National Championship will now guarantee a \$16,000 first-place SMART Scholarship, the highest SMART scholarship to ever be awarded, in both the boys' and girls' divisions. The top-prize has more than doubled since 2020.

Youth bowlers can sign up for the PBA Jr. National Championship which will begin at one of four Regional Qualifiers at Bowlero centers around the country on September 3-5, 2021. The first part of the event is open to all youth bowlers, who have not yet reached the age of 18 by August 1, 2021.

Each National Regional Qualifier will guarantee a first-place \$2,000 SMART Scholarship with scholarships being awarded to one out of every six (1:6) entries in each division.

Regional Qualifiers will take place at the following Bowlero locations:

Midwest Region

Bowlero Wauwatosa

11737 W Burleigh St, Wauwatosa, WI 53222

South Region

Bowlero Marietta

2749 Delk Rd, Marietta, GA 30067

Southwest Region

Bowlero Euless

1901 W Airport Hwy, Euless, TX 76040

West Region

Bowlero Mesa

1754 W Southern Ave, Mesa, AZ 85202

The East Regional Qualifier will be held in conjunction with the 22nd Parker Bohn III (PB3) Scholarship Tournament at Howell Lanes in Howell, NJ. The date of the event to be announced.

The top two girl and boy finishers in each Qualifier will advance to the National Championship to compete for a \$16,000 SMART Scholarship. The National Championship date will be held in conjunction with a PBA National Tour stop, to be named at a later date.

The PBA is also guaranteeing a \$1,000 first-place SMART scholarship in each PBA Jr. Regional tournament, which offer additional opportunities for youth bowlers to compete outside of the National Event.

The Regional tournaments, which began in May, will continue to take place across the country, with competition on the weekends to allow as many elite youth bowlers to participate. Youth bowlers, girls and boys, ages 17 and under are eligible to compete, with PBA Jr. Club members receiving priority discounted entry.

The remaining PBA Jr. Regional tournaments are as follows. More events to be announced on PBA.com.

PBA South Region: June 12-13

Victory Lanes

125 Morlake Drive, Mooresville, NC, 28117

PBA Midwest Region: July 30-August 1

Bowlero Lakeville

11129 162nd Street West, Lakeville, MN, 55044

PBA South Region: August 14-15

AMF Williamsburg Lanes

5544 Olde Towne Road, Williamsburg, VA 23188

PBA Central Region: August 28-29

AMF Arc Lanes

4901 Monroe Avenue, Evansville, IN 47715

PBA Midwest Region: October 2-4

HP Lanes

2012 Innis Rd, Columbus, OH 43224

PBA Southwest Region: October 9-10

Bowlero Thousand Oaks

4330 Thousand Oaks Boulevard, San Antonio, TX, 78217

PBA East Region: October 23-24

Bowlero North Brunswick

1 Carolier Ln, North Brunswick Township, NJ 08902

PBA West Region: December 4-5

Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl

6750 Regional St, Dublin, CA 94568

The PBA is looking for centers that are interested in hosting a PBA JR. Regional Tournament. Center operators or proprietors can contact Mike Sledz, PBA Membership Director at msledz@bowlerocorp.com or by phone at 206-332-9688, select option #1 to discuss.

For additional information, registration fees, and to sign up, please visit www.pba.com/junior.

2021 PBA King of the Lanes Series Presented by Pabst Blue Ribbon Begins Tuesday on FS1

The action opens with the inaugural King of the Lanes: Empress Edition at 8 p.m. ET

Portland, Maine—The PBA returns to Bayside Bowl for the 2021 PBA King of the Lanes Series presented by Pabst Blue Ribbon, which gets underway Tuesday, June 15 at 8 p.m. ET on FS1.

The inaugural King of the Lanes: Empress Edition will feature 11 PWBA stars battling for supremacy June 15 and 16, followed by 11 PBA Tour players vying for the crown in the King of the Lanes airing June 19 and 20.

Over the course of five hour-long telecasts in both the women's and men's series, contenders will bowl a one-game match for the right to face the reigning Empress or King. The winner of the Empress or King match retains the crown to be defended in each subsequent telecast.

Kelly Kulick is the appropriate choice to open the King of the Lanes: Empress Edition as the incoming Empress. Kulick won the 2010 PBA Tournament of Champions to become the first woman to win a PBA Tour title and recently won the PWBA Albany Open for her seventh career PWBA title (five of which are majors).

Kris Prather, who earned the title of King of the Lanes last season by taking the crown from Sean Rash and then successfully defending against Pete Weber, will enter as the reigning King.

King of the Lanes: Empress Edition Presented by Pabst Blue Ribbon Contenders Matches

Clara Guerrero vs. Daria Pajak

Guerrero, who finished fourth in the 2013 PBA Cheetah Championship, became a PWBA major champion when she won the 2016 PWBA Players Championship. Pajak, the 2017 PWBA Rookie of the Year, owns one PWBA Tour title, winning the 2017 PWBA Greater Detroit Open.

Danielle McEwan vs. Maria José Rodríguez

Five-time PWBA Tour champion (two majors) McEwan ranks third in 2021 PWBA Tour average and will face two-time PWBA champion (both majors) Rodríguez, who has cashed in all nine PWBA Tour events so far this season.

Missy Parkin vs. Diana Zavjalova

2011 USBC Queens champion Parkin was the first woman to join the PBA in 2004,. Parkin who has appeared in three PWBA Tour stepladder finals so far this season, faces four-time PWBA Tour champion (two majors) Zavjalova, who has made three match play appearances in the 2021 PWBA Tour season.

Liz Johnson vs. Ashly Galante

Johnson won her 25th PWBA Tour title earlier this year in the PWBA Lincoln Open. The all-time leader in major championships with 10, Johnson will take on PWBA Regional champion Ashly Galante, who has cashed five times so far this season.

Stefanie Johnson vs. Verity Crawley

Johnson owns three PWBA Tour titles including one major. Johnson has cashed in all nine events so far in 2021 and qualified for match play in six. She'll take on Crawley, who has advanced to two stepladder finals this season, including the USBC Queens, where she finished fourth.

King of the Lanes Presented by Pabst Blue Ribbon Contenders Matches

Five King of the Lanes telecasts begin June 19 at 2 p.m. ET on FS1. In addition to reigning King Prather, 10 contenders will attempt to claim the crown:

Chris Barnes vs. AJ Johnson

PBA Hall of Famer Barnes has 19 titles and will take on Johnson, who is seeking his first PBA Tour title, in a rematch of their fiery battle during the stepladder finals of the 2020 PBA Jonesboro Open.

Jesper Svensson vs. Parker Bohn III

In a contest between present-day versus legendary lefties, 10-time PBA Tour champion Svensson takes on Hall of Famer Bohn, a 35-time winner on the PBA Tour.

Chris Via vs. Anthony Neuer

Via and Neuer own the two biggest moments from the 2021 U.S. Open, with Via winning his first career PBA Tour title and Neuer becoming the first player since 1991—and fourth ever—to pick up the 7-10 split on television.

Tim Mack vs. Jason Sterner

International legend Mack, who now works as a Storm Tour rep, will face Sterner, who made it to the stepladder finals in both the USBC Masters and U.S. Open.

Tom Daugherty vs. François Lavoie

Two of the 2021 season's major champions duel in the final King of the Lanes telecast, with PBA World Championship winner Daugherty taking on Tournament of Champions winner Lavoie.

PBA King of the Lanes Series Presented by Pabst Blue Ribbon Television Schedule**Tuesday, June 15 – 8-9 p.m. ET on FS1**

Contenders Match: Clara Guerrero vs. Daria Pajak

Empress Match 1: Kelly Kulick vs. Contenders Winner

Tuesday, June 15 – 9-10 p.m. ET on FS1

Contenders Match: Danielle McEwan vs. Maria Jose Rodriguez
Empress Match 2: Winner from Empress 1 vs. Contenders Winner

Tuesday, June 15 – 10-11 p.m. ET on FS1

Contenders Match: Missy Parkin vs. Diana Zavjalova
Empress Match 3: Winner from Empress 2 vs. Contenders Winner

Wednesday, June 16 – 8-9 p.m. ET on FS1

Contenders Match: Liz Johnson vs. Ashly Galante
Empress Match 4: Winner from Empress 3 vs. Contenders Winner

Wednesday, June 16 – 9-10 p.m. ET on FS1

Contenders Match: Stefanie Johnson vs. Verity Crawley
Empress Match 5: Winner from Empress 4 vs. Contenders Winner

Saturday, June 19 – 2-3 p.m. ET on FS1

Contenders Match: Chris Barnes vs. AJ Johnson
King Match 1: Kris Prather vs. Contenders Winner

Saturday, June 19 – 3-4 p.m. ET

Contenders Match: Jesper Svensson vs. Parker Bohn III
King Match 2: Winner from King 1 vs. Contenders Winner

Saturday, June 19 – 4-5 p.m. ET on FS1

Contenders Match: Chris Via vs. Anthony Neuer
King Match 3: Winner from King 2 vs. Contenders Winner

Sunday, June 20 – 2-3 p.m. ET on FS1

Contenders Match: Tim Mack vs. Jason Sterner
King Match 4: Winner from King 3 vs. Contenders Winner

Sunday, June 20 – 3-4 p.m. ET on FS1

Contenders Match: Tom Daugherty vs. Francois Lavoie
King Match 5: Winner from King 4 vs. Contenders Winner

**Missy Parkin Reigns as Empress After First Night of PBA King of the Lanes:
Empress Edition presented by Pabst Blue Ribbon**

Defeats two-time Empress Daria Pajak to take the crown into action tonight beginning at
8 p.m. ET on FS1

Portland, Maine—Missy Parkin claimed the title of Empress of the Lanes when she defeated Daria Pajak, 209-193, to take the crown in the final two telecasts of the PBA King of the Lanes: Empress Edition presented by Pabst Blue Ribbon, which will air live tonight on Fox Sports' FS1 beginning at 8 p.m. ET.

Parkin won her contenders match against Diana Zavjalova in the third telecast of the evening to earn a match with Pajak, who had already won and successfully defended the Empress title in the first two telecasts.

"My ball, especially on the left lane, was starting to burn up a little bit," said Parkin of her win over Zavjalova. "Between games, I decided to switch balls. I used a stronger asymmetrical ball on the left lane and a stronger symmetrical ball on the right lane, and it worked out really well."

Parkin, the 2011 USBC Queens champion, looked like she might be in trouble against Pajak, but Parkin converted a 3-6-7-9-10 split in the fifth frame to shift the momentum in the match.

"I like picking up splits," said Parkin. "I just told myself to make the right move and make a good shot. That's what I did and luckily all the pins fell down."

After the split conversion, Parkin struck on five of her last seven shots to clinch the victory.

Pajak opened the King of the Lanes: Empress Edition series by winning a contenders match over Clara Guerrero, then beating inaugural Empress Kelly Kulick to earn the crown. Pajak then defended the title with a win over Danielle McEwan in the second telecast, keeping Pajak on the throne until falling to Parkin. In total, Pajak earned \$25,000 for her three-telecast run, picking up \$10,000 for each win and \$5,000 for her loss to Parkin.

Reigning as the Empress after three telecasts, Parkin will have up to two more chances to defend her crown. She'll face the winner of Liz Johnson and Ashly Galante, who will be bowling in the contenders match tonight at 8 p.m. ET.

"I'm going to keep an open mind," said Parkin. "The lanes transitioned pretty quickly, so I'm going to stay on top of that. The games I got tonight definitely gave me some great information for tomorrow."

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PBA King of the Lanes: Empress Edition Presented by Pabst Blue Ribbon Results

Tuesday, June 15 – 8-9 p.m. ET on FS1

Daria Pajak def. Clara Guerrero (earns \$3,000), 245-219

Daria Pajak (\$10,000) def. Kelly Kulick (\$5,000), 203-187, Pajak becomes the new Empress

Tuesday, June 15 – 9-10 p.m. ET on FS1

Danielle McEwan def. Maria José Rodriguez (\$3,000), 235-204

Daria Pajak (\$10,000) def. Danielle McEwan (\$5,000), 214-213, Pajak remains Empress

Tuesday, June 15 – 10-11 p.m. ET on FS1

Missy Parkin def. Diana Zavjalova (\$3,000), 207-152

Missy Parkin (\$10,000) def. Daria Pajak (\$5,000), 209-193, Parkin becomes the new Empress

PBA King of the Lanes Series Presented by Pabst Blue Ribbon Upcoming Television Schedule

Wednesday, June 16 – 8-9 p.m. ET on FS1

Contenders Match: Liz Johnson vs. Ashly Galante

Empress Match 4: Missy Parkin vs. Contenders Winner

Wednesday, June 16 – 9-10 p.m. ET on FS1

Contenders Match: Stefanie Johnson vs. Verity Crawley

Empress Match 5: Winner from Empress 4 vs. Contenders Winner

Saturday, June 19 – 2-3 p.m. ET on FS1

Contenders Match: Chris Barnes vs. AJ Johnson

King Match 1: Kris Prather vs. Contenders Winner

Saturday, June 19 – 3-4 p.m. ET

Contenders Match: Jesper Svensson vs. Parker Bohn III

King Match 2: Winner from King 1 vs. Contenders Winner

Saturday, June 19 – 4-5 p.m. ET on FS1

Contenders Match: Chris Via vs. Anthony Neuer

King Match 3: Winner from King 2 vs. Contenders Winner

Sunday, June 20 – 2-3 p.m. ET on FS1

Contenders Match: Tim Mack vs. Jason Sterner

King Match 4: Winner from King 3 vs. Contenders Winner

Sunday, June 20 – 3-4 p.m. ET on FS1

Contenders Match: Tom Daugherty vs. François Lavoie

King Match 5: Winner from King 4 vs. Contenders Winner

Stefanie Johnson Reigns as Empress of the Inaugural PBA King of the Lanes: Empress Edition Presented by Pabst Blue Ribbon

Dethrones 25-time PWBA champion Liz Johnson to leave Portland as Empress

Portland, Maine—Stefanie Johnson defeated Liz Johnson to claim the throne as Empress of the Lanes following the fifth and final telecast of the PBA King of the Lanes: Empress Edition presented by Pabst Blue Ribbon held at Bayside Bowl. Stefanie Johnson, a three-time PWBA Tour champion, rolled 216 to Liz Johnson's 189 to earn the crown.

"Liz Johnson is an icon," said Stefanie Johnson. "Just to be in her presence alone is incredible, and to beat the best of the best is just awesome."

To get a chance at Liz Johnson in the Empress match, Stefanie Johnson first had to win her contenders match against Verity Crawley. Stefanie Johnson began with the front nine, but a 10 pin on her first shot in the 10th ended her run at perfection.

"I got close," said Stefanie Johnson, "but the task at hand is always to win the match and that was my goal."

Stefanie Johnson finished with 278 to get past Crawley, who rolled six consecutive strikes late in the game to finish with 222.

"This crowd is absolutely electrifying," said Stefanie Johnson. "It's enlightening. I fed off of it. Obviously, I can hear them, but I have to stay laser-focused on what I'm doing. I wear my heart on my sleeve and I work really hard and to have the fruits of my labor payoff is amazing."

Liz Johnson became the Empress in the first of two telecasts on the evening by winning two matches by large margins. First, she defeated Ashly Galante in the contenders match, 248-187, then dethroned Empress Missy Parkin with a 232-181 victory. Parkin earned the title of Empress on the first night of competition by defeating Daria Pajak, who reigned for two telecasts after defeating inaugural Empress Kelly Kulick.

The PBA King of the Lanes presented by Pabst Blue Ribbon resumes Saturday, June 19, with Chris Barnes facing AJ Johnson in the contenders match and reigning King Kris Prather awaiting in the king match.

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Liz Johnson def. Ashly Galante (\$3,000), 248-187

Liz Johnson (\$10,000) def. Missy Parkin (\$5,000), 232-181, Johnson becomes the new Empress

Wednesday, June 16 – 9-10 p.m. ET on FS1

Stefanie Johnson def. Verity Crawley (\$3,000), 278-222

Stefanie Johnson (\$10,000) def. Liz Johnson (\$5,000), 216-189, Stefanie Johnson becomes the new Empress

PBA King of the Lanes Presented by Pabst Blue Ribbon Upcoming Television Schedule

Saturday, June 19 – 2-3 p.m. ET on FS1

Contenders Match: Chris Barnes vs. AJ Johnson

King Match 1: Kris Prather vs. Contenders Winner

Saturday, June 19 – 3-4 p.m. ET

Contenders Match: Jesper Svensson vs. Parker Bohn III

King Match 2: Winner from King 1 vs. Contenders Winner

Saturday, June 19 – 4-5 p.m. ET on FS1

Contenders Match: Chris Via vs. Anthony Neuer

King Match 3: Winner from King 2 vs. Contenders Winner

Sunday, June 20 – 2-3 p.m. ET on FS1

Contenders Match: Tim Mack vs. Jason Sterner

King Match 4: Winner from King 3 vs. Contenders Winner

Sunday, June 20 – 3-4 p.m. ET on FS1

Contenders Match: Tom Daugherty vs. François Lavoie

King Match 5: Winner from King 4 vs. Contenders Winner

Professional Bowlers Association Launches PBA Certified League Bowler Program

A brand-new membership program endorsed by the PBA is available today for bowling centers and active league bowlers

New York, NY – The Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) is excited to announce the launch of the PBA Certified League Bowler program – a brand-new membership program for bowling centers and active league bowlers endorsed by the PBA.

Bowling center proprietors can sign up for certification and be recognized by the PBA at PBACLB.com for a \$100 annual fee. Once a center is PBA certified, they are eligible to host PBA events, PBA CLB Tournaments, and offer the PBA CLB membership opportunity to their active league bowlers.

To become a PBA CLB member, bowlers must be associated with a certified center and will receive awards if they are participating in an active league. As of June 16, all Bowlero Corp centers and Bowland and HeadPinz entertainment centers are CLB certified.

Active and eligible league bowlers can also sign up at PBACLB.com starting today for \$14.95 a year and will receive the following.

PBA CLB Welcome Kit

- PBA CLB Accessory Bag
- PBA CLB Microfiber Bowling Towel
- PBA CLB Grip Sack
- Free Game Card (25 free games)

Perks and Discounts

- League average and game scores during season
- Digital rewards for reaching scoring plateaus
- PBA CLB award lapel pins
- Ability to compete in PBA CLB Tournaments

Upon registration, bowling centers must meet defined requirements to be approved, including having the latest version of BLS, official measurement requirements, and inspection of lanes by an authorized representative. Bowling centers with string machines are eligible.

Parker Bohn III Takes PBA King of the Lanes Presented by Pabst Blue Ribbon Crown into Tomorrow's Competition

Two more telecasts beginning at 2 p.m. ET conclude the 2021 PBA King of the Lanes series

Portland, Maine—PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III reigns as PBA King of the Lanes presented by Pabst Blue Ribbon after the first of two days of competition. Bohn dethroned Chris Barnes to earn the crown, then successfully defended against Anthony Neuer and will advance into tomorrow's action as the King.

"It's awesome," said Bohn. "Anthony and I had control of the pocket and the fans here in Portland didn't come here to watch us shoot open frames. The fans here know all about bowling and we are the show, but the fans make the show."

Bohn needed two strikes and nine pins in the 10th frame to clinch the victory over Neuer, which is exactly what Bohn did.

“Whenever you have an opportunity to shut someone out, you’d better take advantage of it,” said Bohn. “When I got the double I knew I needed just another great shot and hit the pocket and I’m going to get enough to win.”

In the first of three consecutive telecasts, Chris Barnes defeated AJ Johnson in the contenders match, then went on to dethrone reigning King Kris Prather, 245-225. The reign of King Barnes was short, falling to Bohn in the second telecast. Bohn defeated 10-time PBA Tour champion Jesper Svensson in the contenders match to get to Barnes. Bohn triumphed in the battle of Hall of Famers by the score of 253-233.

“Jesper and Anthony have so much power,” said Bohn, “and when that power is under control, they’re unstoppable. And then another titan like Chris Barnes, you’d better be on your A game, and fortunately for me today, I was right there.”

Bohn will return tomorrow to defend the crown, facing either Tim Mack or Jason Sterner, who will be competing in the contenders match at 2 p.m. ET.

“Only I control my own destiny,” said Bohn, “so I’m going to be back here tomorrow with a couple more great games and hopefully walk away with everything.”

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PBA King of the Lanes Presented by Pabst Blue Ribbon Results

Saturday, June 19 – 2-3 p.m. ET on FS1

Chris Barnes def. AJ Johnson (earns \$3,000), 196-190

Chris Barnes (\$10,000) def. Kris Prather (\$5,000), 245-225, Barnes becomes the new King

Saturday, June 19 – 3-4 p.m. ET

Parker Bohn III def. Jesper Svensson (\$3,000), 212-193

Parker Bohn III (\$10,000) def. Chris Barnes (\$5,000), 253-233, Bohn becomes the new King

Saturday, June 19 – 4-5 p.m. ET on FS1

Anthony Neuer def. Chris Via (\$3,000), 210-187

Parker Bohn III (\$10,000) def. Anthony Neuer (\$5,000), 247-245, Bohn remains King

PBA King of the Lanes Presented by Pabst Blue Ribbon Upcoming Television Schedule

Sunday, June 20 – 2-3 p.m. ET on FS1

Contenders Match: Tim Mack vs. Jason Sterner

King Match 4: Parker Bohn III vs. Contenders Winner

Sunday, June 20 – 3-4 p.m. ET on FS1

Contenders Match: Tom Daugherty vs. François Lavoie

King Match 5: Winner from King 4 vs. Contenders Winner

Jason Sterner Reigns as PBA King of the Lanes Presented by Pabst Blue Ribbon
Seizes the crown from Parker Bohn III and successfully defends against Tom Daugherty

Portland, Maine—Jason Sterner is the PBA King of the Lanes presented by Pabst Blue Ribbon at the conclusion of the 2021 PBA King of the Lanes Series. Sterner took the throne from PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III, then defeated Tom Daugherty to retain the crown.

“I’m a humble guy, but this might make me puff my chest up a little bit,” said Sterner. “I’m going to hold onto it as long as I can and they’re going to have to come get it.”

Sterner followed a spare in the ninth with all three strikes in the 10th to force Daugherty to get two strikes and nine to win. Daugherty left a single pin on his first shot in the 10th, leaving Sterner the reigning King.

“I really liked the move on that 4 pin,” Sterner said of his ninth frame. “I knew that gave Tom the opportunity, but I also knew I got to finish on the lane I wanted to, so I went up there, stuck to my routine and made three great shots.”

On his way to the crown, Sterner first beat Portland Lumberjacks manager Tim Mack in the contenders match, rolling the front eight on the way to a 267 game, the highest game by any player in the King of the Lanes Series. Sterner then dethroned Bohn, 245-215, to advance to the final telecast as King.

“I grew up watching Parker on TV, wanting to bowl him,” said Sterner, “and now I have the opportunity. He’s an inspiration. Every time I bowl him, it’s a tough match. I hated to take the crown from him, but I love him.”

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PBA King of the Lanes Presented by Pabst Blue Ribbon Results
Bayside Bowl – Portland, Maine

Saturday, June 19 – 2-3 p.m. ET on FS1

Chris Barnes def. AJ Johnson (earns \$3,000), 196-190

Chris Barnes (\$10,000) def. Kris Prather (\$5,000), 245-225, Barnes becomes the new King

Saturday, June 19 – 3-4 p.m. ET

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Sunday, June 20 – 2-3 p.m. ET on FS1

Jason Sterner def. Tim Mack (\$3,000), 267-204

Jason Sterner (\$10,000) def. Parker Bohn III (\$5,000), 245-215, Sterner becomes the new King

Sunday, June 20 – 3-4 p.m. ET on FS1

Tom Daugherty def. François Lavoie (\$3,000), 237-204
Jason Sterner (\$10,000) def. Tom Daugherty (\$5,000), 225-194, Sterner remains King

PBA Tour Finals Begin Saturday on CBS Sports Network

Eight elite players battle for a Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour title at Thunderbowl

Allen Park, Mich.—The PBA Tour Finals return to Thunderbowl as an elite field of eight PBA Tour professionals compete for the title. Earning their entries based on competition points over the past two seasons, the players will compete in qualifying rounds beginning Saturday at noon ET on CBS Sports Network. The stepladder finals and championship match air Sunday beginning at noon ET on CBSSN.

Here are some of the top storylines heading into the 2021 PBA Tour Finals:

Troup is the Defending Champion and Top Seed

Kyle Troup won the 2020 PBA Tour Finals for his third title of the season and sixth of his career. Since then, he's won two more titles, including the 2021 PBA Players Championship as his first career major. Troup has earned a single-season PBA record \$469,200 so far in 2021 and, if he can win the \$30,000 first-place prize available in the PBA Tour Finals, would be a mere \$800 away from reaching the half-million mark for the first time in PBA history. With Jason Belmonte withdrawing from the event for the second consecutive season, Troup takes over as the top seed.

Tackett's History of PBA Tour Finals Success

EJ Tackett won the PBA Tour Finals twice in the four-year history of the event and made it to the championship match three times. Tackett earned the inaugural PBA Tour Finals title by defeating Belmonte in 2017, finished second to Belmonte in 2018, then won again in 2019 with a victory over Jakob Butturff. Tackett and Anthony Simonsen are the only two players in the 2021 field to have competed in all four previous PBA Tour Finals events.

PBA Tour Finals Debuts

Two of the eight players in the elite field are making their PBA Tour Finals debuts. François Lavoie, who won the Kia PBA Tournament of Champions earlier this season as well as the Guaranteed Rate PBA Super Slam and has earned \$361,125 so far in 2021, enters the Tour Finals as the No. 7 seed. Right behind Lavoie in the No. 8 position is Chris Via, whose sustained performance in majors over the past couple years helped qualify him for the event. Since 2020, Via has finished in the top five in five of the seven majors he's bowled, finally getting his first win in the 2021 U.S. Open.

PBA Tour Finals Field

The top eight players based on combined 2020 and 2021 PBA Tour points qualified for the PBA Tour Finals. The top seed, Jason Belmonte, withdrew, allowing No. 9 qualifier Chris Via to get in as the eighth seed. All other players moved up one spot:

1. Kyle Troup
2. Anthony Simonsen
3. Kris Prather
4. EJ Tackett
5. Bill O'Neill
6. Jesper Svensson

7. François Lavoie
8. Chris Via

The players are divided into two groups for the qualifying and stepladder rounds. Troup, Tackett, O'Neill and Via make up Group 1. Simonsen, Prather, Svensson and Lavoie form Group 2.

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PBA Tour Finals Television Schedule

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Saturday, June 26 at 2 p.m. ET

Group 2 qualifying (Anthony Simonsen, Kris Prather, Jesper Svensson, François Lavoie)

Sunday, June 27 at Noon ET

Group 1 stepladder finals

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Group 2 stepladder finals

Sunday, June 27 at 4 p.m. ET

Championship match (Group 1 winner vs. Group 2 winner)

PBA Tour Finals Winners Since 2017

2017 – EJ Tackett

2018 – Jason Belmonte

2019 – EJ Tackett

2020 – Kyle Troup

PBA50 CUP ON MONDAY JUNE 23, 2021 JILL WINTERS

After an exciting start to the 2021 PBA50 season, bowlers are ready to get going again starting on Monday

Lubbock, Texas - The PBA50 Cup, presented by South Plains Lanes & Lubbock Sports Authority, will be the first of two tournaments held in Texas as the tour resumes.

The action will begin with two five-game blocks of qualifying on Monday starting at 9 a.m. Eastern, followed by five more games of qualifying on Tuesday before the field is cut to the top 16. The stepladder finals are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. You can watch all rounds on FloBowling.com.

Pete Weber, who picked up back-to-back wins already this season, comes in as arguably the hottest bowler. He has an eye on passing Walter Ray Williams Jr. for the most PBA50 Tour Titles at 15. Weber currently has 13.

The last PBA50 Cup was held in 2019 at Spectrum Lanes in Wyoming, Michigan. Brian Kretzer earned his first PBA50 Title which happened to be a major over Amleto Monacelli.

Follow PBA50 Cup scoring at pba.com

PBA50 CUP SCHEDULE

South Plains Lanes – Lubbock, Texas

Monday, June 28

A Squad: 9 a.m. – Noon Five games of qualifying

No re-oil

A Squad: 1:30-4:30 p.m. Five games of qualifying

Tuesday, June 29

A Squad: 9 a.m. – Noon Five games of qualifying

Top 16 advance to Match Play

No re-oil

Match Play Round 1: 1:30-5:30 p.m. Eight games

Wednesday, June 30

Match Play Round 2: Noon-4:30 p.m. Eight games

Top 5 advance to the stepladder finals

Re-oil

Stepladder Finals: 6:30-8 p.m.

**WILL MORE GREAT MOMENTS BE IN STORE WHEN PBA50 TOUR RESUMES
SEASON WITH PBA50 CUP?**

JUNE 22, 2021 JERRY SCHNEIDER

After the first five events of the 2021 PBA50 Tour season, there already have been what seems like a full season's worth of great moments on the tour for players 50 and over.

The PBA50 Tour season resumes after its spring/summer break with two stops in Texas — the PBA50 Cup June 27-30 at South Plains Lanes in Lubbock, and the Odessa Open at Diamond Lanes in Odessa July 2-5.

Here's a look at some of the major highlights so far this season:

PETE WEBER WINS BACK-TO-BACK TITLES FOR 13TH CAREER PBA50 TITLE

Pete Weber, a 37-time winner on the PBA Tour, becomes a contender for the all-time PBA50 Tour titles lead when he wins the Florida Blue Medicare PBA50 National Championship and PBA50 Granville Open back-to-back for his 12th and 13th career PBA50 Tour titles. The PBA50 National Championship win was his fifth PBA50 major (tying Amleto Monacelli) and his first PBA50 Tour title since winning the DeHayes Insurance Group Championship in August of 2017.

WALTER RAY WINS 15TH CAREER PBA50 TOUR TITLE TO BECOME CAREER TITLES LEADER

47-time Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour winner Walter Ray Williams Jr. becomes the all-time leader on both of PBA's national tours when he wins the season-opening Lightning Strikes Open for his 15th career 'senior' title. He had previously shared the career titles lead of 14 wins with John Handegard who held the mark for nearly two decades.

JASON COUCH WINS HIS FIRST PBA50 TOUR TITLE

In his rookie season on the PBA50 Tour, Jason Couch, a 16-time winner on the PBA Tour including three Tournament of Champions titles, wins the PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open for his first PBA50 Tour title. The lefthander defeated Michael Haugen Jr. 278-260 in the title match to hand Haugen his second consecutive runner-up finish of the season. Earlier in the finals, Haugen beat Chris Barnes 300-289 in a thrilling semifinal match in which both players combined for 22 out of a possible 24 strikes.

JOHN MARSALA WINS BUD MOORE CLASSIC IN SPECIAL SETTING

John Marsala wins the PBA50 Bud Moore Classic for his second PBA50 Tour title with a 255-226 championship match victory over Brad Angelo in the unique setting of the Bud Moore Lanes two-lane installation located in the home of tournament sponsor Bill Moore. Qualifying and match play rounds were conducted at AMF Bowlero Centreville in Centreville, Va. In the second match of the finals, Angelo left a 10 pin on his final shot to defeat Mitch Sacks 299-238 to advance to the semifinal match against Lennie Boresch Jr.

REMAINING PBA50/60 TOUR EVENTS IN 2021

PBA50 Cup presented by South Plains Lanes & Lubbock Sports Authority
Lubbock, Texas
June 27-30

PBA50 Odessa Open, presented by Diamond Lanes
Odessa, Texas
July 2-5

PBA50 South Shore Open

Olympia Lanes
Hammond, Ind.
July 26-29

PBA50 Spectrum Lanes Open

Wyoming, Mich.
August 1-4

PBA50 Dave Small's Championship Lanes Open

Anderson, Ind.
August 7-10

PBA50 JAX 60 Open

Jax Lanes
Jackson, Mich.
August 12-15

PBA60 Dick Weber Classic

Jax Lanes
Jackson, Mich.
August 17-19

PBA50 Suncoast Senior U.S. Open

Suncoast Bowling Center
Las Vegas
August 29-September 3

PBA50 Northern California Classic

Harvest Park Bowl
Brentwood, Calif.
September 5-8

USBC Super Senior Classic

Sam's Town Bowling Center
Las Vegas
September 9-13

USBC Senior Masters

Sam's Town Bowling Center
Las Vegas
September 13-19

The top 10 points leaders are as follows:

1. Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo. – 11,325

2. Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis. – Kenosha, Wis. – 7,315
3. Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla - Oxford, Fla. – 6,960
4. Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix – 6,680
5. Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y. – 6, 055
6. Tom Hess, Granger, Iowa – 5,105
7. Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas - 4,220
8. John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo. - 4,045
9. Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y. - 3,995
10. Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela – 3,405

The complete list of points is available at PBA.com.

Tyshaun Baxter, Jillian Martin, and Brandon Bohn win inaugural PBA Jr. South Regional

Mooreville, NC (JUNE 13, 2021) – The first ever PBA Jr. Regional tournament in the South was a success seeing three winners across three youth divisions at Victory Lanes in Mooreville, N.C. Tyshaun Baxter, Jillian Martin, and Brandon Bohn captured the U15 Mixed, U18 Girls, and U18 Boys Divisions, respectively.

U15 Mixed: Tyshaun Baxter of Thomasville, N.C. who qualified as the fourth seed in the four-person stepladder finals, climbed the ladder, defeating number one seed Nathan Thesier by one pin, 166-165, to win the title in the U15 Mixed division. Baxter added \$1100 to his SMART Fund account. In the first stepladder match, Baxter defeated Brandon McRoy of Greenville, N.C., 174-149, then defeated the second seed, Elijah McClain of Statesville, N.C., 209-191.

U18 Girls: Jillian Martin of Stow, Ohio, defeated Annalise Obryant of Ball Ground, Ga., 208-162 to win the U18 Girls division and added \$1000 scholarship funds to her SMART account. Martin, who earned the third seed in the stepladder finals, won her first match 187-161, against Kayla Starr of Crofton, Md. and the semifinal match, 177-155, against Kaytlen Peck of Fort Lawn, S.C.

U18 Boys: Brandon Bohn of Jackson, N.J., defeated James Bennett of Huntingtown, Md., 266-219 to win the U18 Boys division and earned the \$1300 SMART Fund Scholarship. Brandon who qualified for the stepladder finals in the second seed defeated Aaron Perry of Wake Forest, N.C. in the semifinal match 246-175. In the opening match Perry defeated Harrison Martin of Charlotte, N.C. 158-123.

The next PBA Jr. South Region event is the PBA Jr. Bowlero Williamsburg Regional in Williamsburg, Va. August 14 – Aug. 15, 2021.

PBA JR MOORESVILLE REGIONAL

Victory Lanes, Mooresville, N.C.

U15 Mixed Final Standings:

1. Tyshaun Baxter, Thomasville, N.C., 171 average, 1100 SMART points.
2. Nathan Thesier, Mooresville, N.C., 194 average, 550 SMART points.
3. Elijah McClain, Statesville, N.C., 180 average, 250 SMART points.
4. Brandon McRoy, Greenville, N.C., 176 average, 182 SMART points.

U15 Mixed Stepladder Results:

Match One – Baxter defeated McRoy, 174-149.

Semi-final Match – Baxter defeated McClain, 209-191.

Championship Match – Baxter defeated Thesier, 166-165.

U15 Mixed Final Match Play Standings (match play record and total pins after 14 games, including match play bonus pins)

1. Thesier, 8-0-0, 2,966.
2. McClain, 5-3-0, 2,670.
3. McRoy, 5-3-0, 2,624.
4. Baxter, 4-4-0, 2,527.
5. n-Addison Rudibaugh, East Liverpool, Oh., 4-4-0, 2,522.
6. Jared Burgio, Mocksville, N.C., 3-5-0, 2,408.
7. Hannah Perry, Wake Forest, N.C., 1-7-0, 2,335.
8. Joshua Hickmann, South Chesterfield, Va., 2-6-0, 2,171.

U18 Girls Final Standings:

1. Jillian Martin, Stow, Ohio, 195 average, 1000 SMART points.
2. Annalise Obryant, Ball Ground, Ga., 197 average, 500 SMART points.
3. Kaytlen Peck, Fort Lawn, S.C., 194 average, 250 SMART points.
4. Kayla Starr, Crofton, Md., 186 average, 182 SMART points.

U18 Girls Stepladder Results:

Match One – Martin defeated Starr, 187-161.

Semi-final Match – Martin defeated Peck, 177-155.

Championship Match – Martin defeated Obryant, 208-162.

U18 Girls Final Match Play Standings (match play record and total pins after 14 games, including match play bonus pins)

1. Obryant, 8-0-0, 2,997.
2. Peck, 8-2-0, 2,845.
3. Martin, 3-5-0, 2,825.
4. Starr, 4-4-0, 2,725.
5. Erica Bone, Belmont, N.C., 3-5-0, 2,717.
6. Cassidy Young, McDonough, Ga., 3-5-0, 2,630.
7. Morgan Kline, Myerstown, Pa., 4-4-0, 2,560.
8. Savannah Taillon, Concord, N.C., 3-5-0, 2,535.

U18 Boys Final Standings:

1. Brandon Bohn, Jackson, N.J., 198 average, 1300 SMART points.
2. James Bennett, Huntingtown, Md., 197 average, 650 SMART points.
3. Aaron Perry, Wake Forest, N.C., 194 average, 425 SMART points.
4. Harrison Martin, Charlotte, N.C., 192 average, 300 SMART points.

U18 Boys Stepladder Results:

Match One – Perry defeated Martin, 158-123.

Semi-final Match – Bohn defeated Perry, 246-175.

Championship Match – Bohn defeated Bennett, 266-219.

U18 Boys Final Match Play Standings (match play record and total pins after 14 games, including match play bonus pins)

1. Bennett, 7-1-0, 2,972.
2. Bohn, 3-5-0, 2,875.
3. Perry, 4-4-0, 2,838.
4. Martin, 4-4-0, 2,814.
5. Ethan Collier, Greer, S.C., 5-3-0, 2,794, 250 SMART points.
6. n-Ayden Reynolds, Dahlonga, Ala., 5-3-0, 2,782, 235 SMART points.
7. Anthony Hornick, Davidson, N.C., 4-4-0, 2,747, 215 SMART points.
8. Zach Beltz, Cincinnati, Ohio, 0-8-0, 2,521, 209 SMART points.

n- indicates non member

O'Neill, Simonsen Lead Respective Groups into PBA Tour Finals Stepladders

PBA Tour Finals stepladders begin tomorrow at noon ET on CBS Sports Network

Allen Park, Mich.—Bill O'Neill leads Group 1 and Anthony Simonsen leads Group 2 into tomorrow's stepladder finals of the 2021 PBA Tour Finals beginning at noon ET on CBS Sports Network. The winners of each stepladder will then face each other in a race-to-two-points championship match at 4 p.m. ET.

O'Neill rolled a four-game total of 912, boosted to 1,062 with bonus pins, to lead Group 1 into tomorrow's stepladder finals. The player with the highest score in each game received 50 bonus pins, with 25 going to second and 10 going to third.

"The number one seed is important," said O'Neill, "but it certainly isn't the be all, end all. I need to be smart with the pattern I pick and not fall into thinking the lanes will be exactly the same tomorrow as they were today."

Kyle Troup qualified second, Chris Via third and EJ Tackett fourth.

In Group 2, Simonsen began his four-game block with a 289 game, then held on to lead all players in his group with a total of 1,079 (984 plus 95 bonus pins).

“It’s unique with the scoring system and the bonus pins,” said Simonsen. “I get a number in my head I need to get to before we start, but then I just decided to hunker down and bowl a good game. If it was enough, it was enough.”

Trailing Simonsen are Kris Prather, Jesper Svensson and François Lavoie.

O’Neill and Simonsen will have their choice of lane pattern for their respective stepladder finals, choosing between the 38-foot Marshall Holman pattern and 46-foot Johnny Petraglia pattern, on which all players bowled two games each during qualifying.

The winners of each stepladder will battle in a race-to-two-points championship match with the Holman pattern on one lane and the Petraglia pattern on the other.

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3. Chris Via, 869 (182, 183, 238, 206 plus 60 bonus pins)
4. EJ Tackett, 804 (151, 192, 220, 211 plus 30 bonus pins)

Saturday, June 26 – Group 2 Qualifying

1. Anthony Simonsen, 1,079 (289, 227, 249, 219 plus 95 bonus pins)
2. Kris Prather, 1,068 (234, 239, 227, 258 plus 110 bonus pins)
3. Jesper Svensson, 1,041 (231, 279, 203, 243 plus 85 bonus pins)
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PBA Tour Finals Upcoming Television Schedule

Sunday, June 27 at Noon ET on CBSSN

Group 1 stepladder finals

Sunday, June 27 at 2 p.m. ET on CBSSN

Group 2 stepladder finals

Sunday, June 27 at 4 p.m. ET on CBSSN

Championship match (Group 1 winner vs. Group 2 winner)

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Anthony Simonsen Wins PBA Tour Finals for Eighth Career PBA Tour Title

Defeats Kyle Troup in the title match to avenge loss in last year's PBA Tour Finals

Allen Park, Mich.—Anthony Simonsen won the race-to-two-points championship match, 2-1, over Kyle Troup to win the 2021 PBA Tour Finals as Simonsen's eighth career Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour title. In a rematch of last season's PBA Tour Finals title match, Simonsen avenged his 2020 loss and claimed his first title since he won twice in 2019.

"I wanted to get out and bowl well," said Simonsen. "If you bowl well and you lose, it's a little easier to accept than when you bowl badly and lose. I was able to just bowl today and not have to manipulate everything."

In the race-to-two points format, Troup took the first game and Simonsen responded with a 279 in game two to force a ninth-and-10th-frame roll-off.

"We're bowling two games for a reason in this format," said Simonsen. "I wanted to get myself lined up and find a clear mindset going into the next game. Once I got into a rhythm, it was on from there."

Simonsen, the higher seed, elected to have Troup start the roll-off. Troup struck. Simonsen spared and then filled the 10th with three strikes, forcing Troup to get two strikes and a single pin to win. Troup struck on his first shot but left a 10 pin on the second shot, giving Simonsen his eighth career title.

"My double in the 10th was huge," said Simonsen. "Making him have to get up and double on a lane that didn't seem like any of us were super comfortable on. He made two really good shots, but the 10 pin is hard to knock over."

Simonsen and Troup made it to the championship match by winning their respective groups during yesterday's four-game qualifying block, then surviving the group stepladder finals earlier today.

Simonsen led Group 2 into the stepladder, then defeated Kris Prather in a roll-off in the Group 2 final match to advance to the championship against Troup.

Troup qualified as the second seed after four games of qualifying, then defeated Chris Via in a single game and Bill O'Neill in a roll-off to win the Group 1 stepladder and get to the championship match.

In the opening match of the Group 1 stepladder, Chris Via rolled the 32nd televised 300 game in a PBA Tour title event, knocking out two-time PBA Tour Finals champion EJ Tackett. Via, who joined Sean Rash and François Lavoie as the only players in PBA history to roll two televised perfect games in title events, also became the first player ever to bowl two televised perfect games in the same season, having rolled his first during the PBA Players Championship East Region Finals earlier this year. Via received a \$10,000 bonus for the feat.

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Sunday, June 27 – Group 1 Stepladder

Match 1 – Chris Via def. EJ Tackett (earns \$3,000), 300-236

Match 2 – Kyle Troup def. Chris Via (\$3,500 for finishing third in his group plus \$10,000 for bowling a perfect game), 253-220

Match 3 (race to two points) – Kyle Troup def. Bill O'Neill (\$7,500), 2-1

Game 1 – Troup def. O'Neill, 229-219

Game 2 – O'Neill def. Troup, 257-235

9th/10th-frame roll-off – Troup def. O'Neill, 50-49

Sunday, June 27 – Group 2 Stepladder

Match 1 – François Lavoie def. Jesper Svensson (\$3,000), 259-211

Match 2 – Kris Prather def. François Lavoie (\$3,500), 245-208

Match 3 (race to two points) – Anthony Simonsen def. Kris Prather (\$7,500), 2-1

Game 1 – Prather def. Simonsen, 231-208

Game 2 – Simonsen def. Prather, 256-243

9th/10th-frame roll-off – Simonsen def. Prather, 49-28

Sunday, June 27 – Championship Match (Race to Two Points)

Anthony Simonsen (\$30,000) def. Kyle Troup (\$17,000), 2-1

Game 1 – Troup def. Simonsen, 247-212

Game 2 – Simonsen def. Troup, 279-202

9th/10th-frame roll-off – Simonsen def. Troup, 50-49

PBA Launches New Scholarship with Gazmine Mason to Support BIPOC Youth Bowlers

PBA Jr. and Gazmine Mason Foundation Scholarship Applications Open Through August 1

New York, NY – The Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) in partnership with professional bowler, Gazmine “GG” Mason are excited to announce the PBA Jr. and Gazmine Mason Foundation Scholarship, a new scholarship that will provide opportunities for youth bowlers of color across the country to compete at bowling’s most elite level.

The PBA Jr. and Gazmine Mason Foundation Scholarship will award 20 youth bowlers’ guaranteed entry into the PBA Jr. National Championship Regional Qualifier events, the first part of the PBA Jr. National Championship, which will take place at five locations across the country September 3-5. The East Region Qualifier/22nd Parker Bohn III Scholarship Tournament will begin on September 2.

Midwest Region

Bowlero Wauwatosa

11737 W Burleigh St, Wauwatosa, WI 53222

South Region

Bowlero Marietta

2749 Delk Rd, Marietta, GA 30067

Southwest Region

Bowlero Euless

1901 W Airport Hwy, Euless, TX 76040

West Region

Bowlero Mesa

1754 W Southern Ave, Mesa, AZ 85202

East Region/22nd Parker Bohn III Scholarship Tournament

Howell Lanes

1002 U.S. 9, Howell Township, NJ 07731

*September 2-5

“The PBA is inspired by GG’s efforts in advocating for more representation in the sport of bowling, said Colie Edison, CEO of the PBA. “The launch of the PBA Jr. and Gazmine Mason Foundation Scholarship is an integral part of our diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives and we look forward to working with such a talented athlete and activist.”

Mason, who competes full-time on the PWBA Tour was the first African American (man or woman) to win a Singles and All-American Events Gold medal for Team USA in bowling. She’s a global ambassador for the sport that has not only recognized the lack of diversity in professional bowling but has been a leader in driving more visibility and change since 2017. Mason has a no-quit mentality that’s inspiring the future professionals of the sport.

“I’m so excited to partner with PBA Jr. on this new scholarship and encourage all the youth bowlers out there who have a love and passion for bowling to take a chance and apply,” said Gazmine Mason. “I tell myself the only way you can truly fail is if you quit, so when you feel like you let yourself down or the

result was not what you wanted, always keep moving forward because your next tournament is an opportunity to do better, and this is your opportunity!

BIPOC youth bowlers who have not yet reached the age of 18 by August 1, 2021, are encouraged to apply for the PBA Jr. and Gazmine Mason Foundation Scholarship. The application closes on August 1.

BOB LEARN JR. TAKES OVER TOP SPOT AT PBA50 CUP

Lubbock, Texas – Day two of qualifying at the PBA50 Cup, presented by South Plains Lanes & Lubbock Sports Authority, featured several back-and-forth changes at the top of the leaderboard.

Pete Weber held a 29-pin lead over Bob Learn Jr. heading into eight-game of match play round one. The two righties battled for the top spot. Learn jumped into the lead quickly after rolling a 247 to earn his first 30 bonus pins in game one, but Weber took the spot right back with scores of 247, 227, 223, 238 and 215.

Learn was able to win his final three head-to-head matches with scores of 238, 223 and 202 earning 90 valuable bonus pins to overtake Weber after posting a 6-2 match play record. Weber finished match play with a record of 3-5 for a combined total of 5,590, 24-pins behind Learn. The lower scoring pace was a change compared to day one.

“Pair-to-pair was much different than the first day,” Learn said. “During qualifying, it was a little easier because you had other players on your pair to get reads from but tonight it was anyone’s guess when we got started. It was really trying to navigate this house and get through the first couple of frames and figure out what each pair was doing.”

Learn wasn’t thrilled with the ball reaction he was seeing overall feeling like it was a struggle. He “juggled balls a little bit” going between three different options because he noticed the lanes were a little tighter to the right, yet the middles wanted to hook earlier. His first ball of choice was the Hammer Obsession Tour, which “I’ve had numerous opportunities to shoot 300 with this week.” Ultimately, he had what he needed in his hand to control the pocket and earned wins while also capitalizing on his solid spare shooting, despite missing one that cost him an additional 30 bonus pins.

The top-16 are back at South Plains Lanes starting at Noon Wednesday. They will bowl eight more games of match play before determining the top five who will advance to the stepladder finals, which begins at 6:30 p.m. Central. Watch the final qualifying round and the stepladder finals on [FloBowling.com](https://www.flobowling.com).

Top 10 at the 2021 PBA50 Cup:

1. Bob Learn Jr. 5,434 total pins 6-2-0 180 bonus pins 5,614 total pins
2. Pete Weber 5,500 total pins 3-5-0 90 bonus pins 5,590 total pins
3. John Marsala 5,400 total pins 6-2-0 180 bonus pins 5,580 total pins
4. Chris Barnes 5,396 total pins 5-3-0 150 bonus pins 5,546 total pins
5. Steven Smith 5,363 total pins 6-2-0 180 bonus pins 5,543 total pins
6. Amleto Monacelli 5,247 total pins 6-2-0 180 bonus pins 5,427 total pins
7. Mitch Beasley 5,262 total pins 5-3-0 150 bonus pins 5,412 total pins
8. Brian LeClair 5,244 total pins 4-4-0 120 bonus pins 5,364 total pins
9. Brad Angelo 5,270 total pins 3-5-0 90 bonus pins 5,360 total pins
10. Stoney Baker 5,154 total pins 4-4-0 120 bonus pins 5,274 total pins

SECOND ANNUAL PBA STRIKE DERBY PRESENTED BY PABST BLUE RIBBON AIRS JULY 11 ON FS1

12 PBA pros see who can strike the most and claim the Strike Derby trophy

Portland, Maine—The PBA Strike Derby presented by Pabst Blue Ribbon, in which 12 of the best Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour professionals compete in a timed contest to see who can roll the most strikes, airs from Bayside Bowl Sunday, July 11 at 2 p.m. ET on Fox Sports' FS1.

Each player will have two minutes to roll as many strikes as he can. After all 12 players have taken their turns, the top six will advance into match play. Those qualifying first and second will receive byes into the semifinals, while those qualifying third through sixth will need to win a match to reach the semifinals. All matches will also allot two minutes to each player.

Here are some things to look for heading into the 2021 PBA Strike Derby Presented by Pabst Blue Ribbon:

CHRIS BARNES WINS HIS FIRST PBA50 TITLE JULY 1, 2021 JILL WINTERS

Lubbock, Texas – Chris Barnes had a few extra coaches in his corner along with a comfort level on the lanes Wednesday evening that helped him win his first PBA50 Tour Title at the 2021 PBA50 Cup, presented by South Plains Lanes & Lubbock Sports Authority.

The Texas native has bowled a lot of tournaments at this bowling center making it feel almost like a home game for him, so he relied on his previous experiences and his notes to figure out the lanes as the No. 2 seed in the stepladder finals.

“I am a data gatherer who keeps notes on the pairs,” he said. “Having some of that inside knowledge pays off. That saves you 10-pins here or 20-pins there.”

That valuable information made him feel relaxed on the lanes while also bowling in front of his wife, Lynda and son, Ryan. Plus, his Storm Axiom Pearl allowed him to take advantage of his rev rate while blending out the wet-dry pattern.

Barnes faced No. 5 seed Bob Learn Jr. in the third match. Learn, who defeated Steven Smith 192-152 in the first match and beat John Marsala 226-216 in the second match, rolled his best game as he was climbing the stepladder. But his 248 wasn't enough as Barnes started with the front nine then left a 7-pin on his way to a 279 game.

In the championship match, Barnes faced Pete Weber who dominated the field in match play earlier in the day. Weber opened with a split in the first frame followed by five-in-a-row, before leaving a costly 7-10 in the seventh frame. Barnes had just one strike in his first five frames while staying clean and was down by 30-pins.

That's when an important coaching moment changed Barnes' fate. Ryan noticed his dad was getting a little bit forward in his second step. Once he relayed that information to his dad, Barnes went through his process on the next shot and realized Ryan was right.

“Dang, I am going to hate telling him that,” he jokes. “He coached me up in the middle and that was right before that string of seven strikes there at the end. So, there is no doubt he had a little impact on the outcome today.”

Barnes did have a little bit of a hiccup during that string of strikes in the ninth frame. He took a step off the approach and had to refocus. He was planning to make a move based on his shot in the seventh frame, but he hadn't fully committed to the adjustment, plus he didn't get his thumb all the way in the ball the way he wanted to.

“It was too important of a spot to throw a bad one or an undecided one, so I just reset, committed to what I was doing and just got my hand in the ball the right way,” he said. “Then things went pretty well.”

He went on to defeat Weber 247-224 to get his first PBA50 Title in just his fourth event of the year.

“Winning never gets old,” he said. “It felt like I bowled better as the tournament went on so hopefully, we carry this forward.”

Next up is the PBA50 Odessa Open, presented by Diamond Lanes, which begins 9 a.m. Central on Saturday. All qualifying rounds can be seen live on [FloBowling.com](https://www.flobowling.com).

2021 PBA50 CUP FINAL STANDINGS:

1. Chris Barnes \$12,500
2. Pete Weber \$6,500
3. Bob Learn Jr. \$4,500
4. John Marsala \$3,000
5. Steven Smith \$2,500

View the full 2021 PBA50 Cup standings: [PBA.com/PBA50Cup](https://pba.com/PBA50Cup)

MATCH SCORES

Match 1 – Learn def. Smith 192-152

Match 2 - Learn def. Marsala 226-216

Match 3 - Barnes def. Learn 279-248

Championship match – Barnes def. Weber 247-224

PBA REGIONAL TOUR MID-SEASON UPDATE JULY 2, 2021 JLAUFER

The PBA Regional Tour Heats Up as Players Compete to Earn Points into RPI

New York, NY – Competition for the top spots in the PBA Regional Players Invitational (RPI) is underway as players acquire points throughout the 2021 PBA Regional Tour season.

Since January 1, players have been competing in open field regional events and now have six months to continue earning points to qualify for the special event. The top eight players in points from the South, East, Midwest, West, Central, and Southwest, plus the top six players from the Northeast will automatically earn a spot.

In addition to the top 54 regional players, 26 senior bowlers will also earn spots in the RPI, including the top four seniors in points from the South, East, Midwest, West, Central, and Southwest, and the top two seniors from the Northwest.

To complete the 120-member field, each region will hold a special RPI Tournament Qualifier to fill the remaining 40 spots. Four RPI Tournament Qualifiers are available for sign-ups.

PBA50 Jeff Schrum Memorial RPI South

Liberty Lanes

Friday, July 16 – Sunday, July 18

PBA Strike It Big Oviedo RPI South Open

Oveido Bowling Center

Friday, October 1 – Sunday, October 3

PBA50 Early Anthony Classic

Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl

Friday, October 8– Sunday, October 10

PBA Earl Anthony Classic

Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl

Friday, October 8– Sunday, October 10

Players can sign up for the RPI Tournament Qualifiers and PBA Regional Tour events to qualify for the RPI at www.pba.com/pba-tour/pba-regional-tour.

Here are the current points leaders per region:

South Region: r2sports.com/SouthRegion

PBA50 South Region: r2sports.com/PBA50SouthRegion

East Region: r2sports.com/EastRegion

PBA50 East Region: r2sports.com/PBA50EastRegion

Midwest Region: r2sports.com/MidwestRegion

PBA50 Midwest Region: r2sports.com/PBA50MidwestRegion

West Region: r2sports.com/WestRegion

PBA50 West Region: r2sports.com/PBA50WestRegion

Central Region: r2sports.com/CentralRegion

PBA50 Central Region: r2sport.com/PBA50CentralRegion

Southwest Region: r2sports.com/SouthwestRegion

PBA50 Southwest Region: r2sports.com/PBA50SouthwestRegion

Northwest Region: r2sports.com/NorthwestRegion

PBA50 Northwest Region: r2sports.com/PBA50NortwestRegion

The RPI is scheduled to take place in January 2022 at South Point Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas with a total prize fund of \$100,000. Bowlers will compete in a three-day event starting with 16 games of qualifying, followed by a 32-player elimination bracket. The top 40 players after qualifying will cash.

Players in the top 50 PBA National Tour Points List after the completion of the 2021 PBA Summer Tour will not be eligible to bowl in the RPI Finals.

MONACELLI LEADS PBA50 ODESSA OPEN QUALIFYING AFTER TWO ROUNDS

JULY 3, 2021 JERRY SCHNEIDER

ODESSA, Texas – PBA Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli put together two solid rounds Saturday to lead qualifying for the PBA50 Odessa Open presented by Diamond Lanes with a 2,364 pinfall total for 10 games.

Trying for a 10th career PBA50 Tour win, the 59-year-old Monacelli bowled 1,114 with games of 233, 212, 235, 245 and 189 in Saturday's first round, and 1,226 with games of 277, 255, 244, 243 and 231 in the second round to average 236 for the day. He holds a 45-pin lead over Dan Knowlton in second with 2,319.

"I bowled well in both rounds but just had a bad last game in the first round," said Monacelli, who is also trying for his first win of the season. "I just had to concentrate on taking my time for good balance and to keep a slower ball speed."

“Ball speed is very important to get the pin carry,” he added. “Last week (in the PBA50 Cup) my timing was too fast and I wasn’t able to make consistent shots.”

Monacelli finished 10th in last week’s PBA50 Cup at South Plains Lanes, which was the second major of the season.

Hall of Famer Chris Barnes, who won the PBA50 Cup for his first title on the tour for players 50 and over, finished Odessa Open qualifying in ninth after the first day with 2,203.

Rounding out the top five with one more qualifying round to go before the field will be cut to the top 16 for match play were Tony Lanning in third, 2,302, followed by John Marsala in fourth with 2,282, and Brad Angelo in fifth with 2,262.

Marsala, trying for a second win this season, defeated Angelo 255-226 in the title match of the Bud Moore Classic in May for his second career PBA50 title.

The 61-player field will bowl the final five-game qualifying round Sunday morning to determine the top 16 players who will advance to match play Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Central. All 16 players will return Monday at noon for the final round of match play that will determine the top five for the stepladder finals scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

PBA50 Odessa Open presented by Diamond Lanes

Top 10 (after 10 games)

1. Amleto Monacelli, 2,364
2. Dan Knowlton, 2,319
3. Tony Lanning, 2,302
4. John Marsala, 2,282
5. Brad Angelo, 2,262
6. Mike Bailey, 2,260
7. Warren Eales, 2,235
8. Steven Smith, 2,218
9. Chris Barnes, 2,203
10. Don Blatchford, 2,176

MONACELLI RETAINS LEAD HEADING INTO PBA50 ODESSA OPEN FINAL ROUND

JULY 4, 2021 JERRY SCHNEIDER

ODESSA, Texas – After taking top-qualifier honors Sunday for the PBA50 Odessa Open presented by Diamond Lanes, Amleto Monacelli compiled a 5-3 record and averaged 227 in the first round of match play to retain his lead heading into Monday’s final eight-game match play round.

The 59-year-old Monacelli, who finished with a 5,474 23-game pinfall, including 30 bonus pins for each match win, was able to hold off a late charge by No. 2 qualifier Floridian Dan Knowlton who was able to retain his position in second 48 pins behind Monacelli.

Monacelli had a strong start in match play with games of 245, 237, 279, 243, 193, and 248, but found the going a little more challenging later in the round finishing with games of 163 and 213.

“It was a long day when you bowl 13 games but everything was good and I accomplished what I wanted to do,” said Monacelli, who is trying for a 10th career PBA50 Tour title. “At the end of match play the conditions were a little tricky so I had to change to a ball that had a more predictable smooth roll farther down the lane.”

Trying for his first PBA50 Tour title, Knowlton, who averaged 228 in the first round of match play, finished with a 5,426 pinfall and a 5-2-1 match play record.

Rounding out the top five heading into Monday's final round were Brad Angelo, 7-1, 5,337; Warren Eales, 4-4, 5,225, and Mike Bailey, 5-3, 5,220.

The 16-player match field will return for the final round Monday at Noon Central which will determine the top five players for the stepladder finals at 6:30 p.m.

PBA50 Odessa Open Standings

(23-game pinfall totals. Includes match play record and total pinfall including 30 bonus pins for each match win and 15 for a tie. Field returns Monday for final 8-game match play round to determine five players for stepladder finals)

1. Amleto Monacelli, 5-3, 5,474
2. Dan Knowlton, 5-2-1, 5,426
3. Brad Angelo, 7-1, 5,337
4. Warren Eales, 4-4, 5,225
5. Mike Bailey, 5-3, 5,220
6. Rolando Sebelen, 4-4, 5,195
7. Chris Barnes, 3-4-1, 5,119
8. John Marsala, 5-3, 5,094
9. Chris Warren, 4-4, 5,076
10. Tony Lanning, 3-5, 5,068
11. Bob Learn Jr., 5-3, 5,056
12. Mitch Beasley, 3-5, 4,956
13. Lennie Boresch Jr., 2-6, 4,950
14. Paul McCordic, 3-5, 4,910
15. Michael Haggitt, 3-5, 4,854
16. Tommy Martin, 2-6, 4,852

MONACELLI WINS PBA50 ODESSA OPEN FOR 10TH CAREER PBA50 TOUR TITLE

JULY 4, 2021 JERRY SCHNEIDER

Odessa, Texas -Amleto Monacelli added another milestone to his Hall of Fame career by winning the PBA50 Odessa Open presented by Diamond Lanes Monday for his 10th career PBA50 Tour title.

Entering the finals as the No. 2 seed, the 59-year-old Monacelli defeated top qualifier Dan Knowlton 236-224 in the title match for his first win of the season.

After converting the 1-2-4-10 washout in the first frame, striking in the second, and making another spare in the third frame of the title match, the 20-time PBA Tour winner went on to string six consecutive strikes which was enough to clinch the win.

"I wasn't thinking about a 10th PBA50 title," Monacelli said. "I was focusing on taking it shot by shot, stay in the moment and make the best shot possible. If something goes wrong, fix it, and trust your decision."

Monacelli put that philosophy to the test in a wild finish to the semifinal match when he threw a gutter on the first ball of the final frame, which fortunately, came after a strike in the ninth. Monacelli recovered by making the spare and then struck on the fill ball in the 10th to beat No. 3 seed Brad Angelo 213-210 to advance to the title match.

"I was playing close to the gutter and overthrew it," Monacelli said of his errant shot. "I knew it was too fast when I let it go and I said 'come on' throw a good shot. I moved further right and threw the ball straighter which was the right adjustment."

Knowlton, trying for his first PBA50 Tour win, earned top-qualifier honors for the finals by defeating then-tournament leader Monacelli in the match play position round, 290-223, earlier in the day.

Knowlton's runner-up finish was his second finals appearance of the season having finished fifth in the Bud Moore Classic in May.

In the opening stepladder match, No. 5 seed 2018 PBA50 Tour Rookie of the Year Rolando Sebelen, making his first career finals appearance, defeated Bud Moore Classic winner No. 4 seed John Marsala 221-217 to advance to the second stepladder match.

In the second match, Angelo beat Sebelen 279-238 to advance to the semifinal match against Monacelli. Angelo, who was also trying for his first win, has two runner-up finishes this season which came in the Bud Moore Classic and Granville Financial Open.

The PBA50 Tour will take a three-week break before returning to action with the PBA50 South Shore Open July 26-29 from Olympia Lanes in Hammond, Ind.

PBA50 Odessa Open Presented by Diamond Lanes

Final Standings

Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, \$7,500
Dan Knowlton, Dade City, Fla., \$4,000
Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., \$2,500
Rolando Sebelen, Dominican Republic, \$2,000
John Marsala, St. Louis, \$1,750

Stepladder Results

Match 1 – Sebelen def. Marsala, 221-217

Match 2 – Angelo def. Sebelen, 279-238

Semifinal – Monacelli def. Angelo, 213-210

Championship – Monacelli def. Knowlton, 236-224

Andrew Anderson Wins PBA Strike Derby Presented by Pabst Blue Ribbon

Defeats Anthony Simonsen in the championship match

Portland, Maine—Andrew Anderson out-struck 11 other PBA players to win the 2021 PBA Strike Derby presented by Pabst Blue Ribbon at Bayside Bowl, defeating Anthony Simonsen in the championship match. Anderson, the 2018 PBA Player of the Year, won in his PBA Strike Derby debut as Simonsen was the runner-up for the second straight year.

“I knew, against Simo, I would need to throw as many as I could,” said Anderson. “I knew he was going to get more shots off than me, so I had to make better shots. That’s all I could think about.”

Simonsen, the higher seed, chose to have Anderson bowl first. In two minutes, Anderson struck 11 times. Simonsen was unable to catch the total, striking nine times to finish second.

“My goal was to get 18 shots off every round,” said Anderson. “I did a couple practices and I could get to 20 shots, but they weren’t quality. Eighteen was the most I could get and still have enough good shots. I got some breaks along the way, but the energy from the crowd kept me going.”

In each round of the PBA Strike Derby, players were given two minutes to strike as many times as possible. After all 12 players had a turn in the qualifying round, the top six advanced to the match play bracket.

Anderson qualified as the No. 5 seed. He, along with four others, rolled nine strikes in the qualifying round, tying for fourth. Ties were broken first by longest string of strikes, then by fastest ball speed, leaving Kyle Troup, Anderson and Wes Malott inside the cut to the top six for match play. EJ Tackett and Sean Rash fell outside.

“I feel like this is my environment,” said Anderson. “When I grew up, I just rapid-fired shots. I tend to thrive in these types of situations. I love it.”

In head-to-head match play, Anderson put up 12 strikes to eliminate Troup, who managed five strikes. In the semifinals, Anderson defeated top seed Norm Duke, 8-4, to advance to the championship match with Simonsen.

“I just feel comfortable here,” said Anderson. “I bowl well in this building, my ball strikes quite a bit here and I threw a lot of messengers. I’m not really known for throwing a lot of pins around, but I felt like Troup and Simo a little bit today. It was awesome. What a fun time.”

Viewers can live stream the PBA on the FOX Sports and FOX NOW apps or at FOXSports.com. Select highlights will be available on @FOXSports social handles across Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube. International fans can watch live on FloBowling.com.

PBA Strike Derby Presented by Pabst Blue Ribbon Results

Bayside Bowl – Portland, Maine

Qualifying

Norm Duke, 11
Packy Hanrahan, 10 (5)
Anthony Simonsen, 10 (4)
Kyle Troup, 9 (4, 19.7 MPH)
Andrew Anderson, 9 (4, 19.0 MPH)
Wes Malott, 9 (4, 18.6 MPH)
EJ Tackett, 9 (3)
Sean Rash, 9 (2)
Jesper Svensson, 8
Tom Smallwood, 7
Kris Prather, 7
Marshall Kent, 6

Ties were broken first by longest string of strikes, then fastest single ball thrown during the round (in parentheses where applicable).

Match Play

No. 5 Andrew Anderson def. No. 4 Kyle Troup, 12-5

No. 3 Anthony Simonsen def. No. 6 Wes Malott, 10-6

Semifinals

No. 5 Andrew Anderson def. No. 1 Norm Duke, 8-4

No. 3 Anthony Simonsen def. No. 2 Packy Hanrahan, 10-6

Championship Match

No. 5 Andrew Anderson def. No. 3 Anthony Simonsen, 11-9

Kenneth Ryan Wins PBA Spring Hill Open For First PBA Regional Title

Spring Hill, Fla. (July 11, 2021) – Kenneth Ryan of Maitland, Fla., defeated Sean Riccardi of St. Petersburg, Fla., 223-200, to win the 32nd annual PBA Spring Hill Open for his very first PBA Regional title on Sunday at Spring Hills Lanes.

Ryan who qualified in second position for the four-man stepladder finals with a 17-game total of 3,688 pins, just nine pins behind the leader, Riccardi, with 3,697, won two games to claim the title.

In the opening match, Sean Wilcox of Altamonte Springs, Fla., defeated Colin Champion of Spring Hill, Fla. 207-181. Wilcox then lost to Ryan 204-192, who advanced to the championship match.

In the title match, Ryan took an early lead with a four bagger in frames four through seven. Riccardi struggled to put more than a double together in frames seven and eight, costing him the match.

Ryan earned \$3,700 for the first-place prize, Riccardi \$2,000 for second, Wilcox \$1,750 for third, and Champion earned \$1,500 for fourth.

The PBA South Region's next event will be the PBA50 Jeff Schrum Memorial RPI South Open on July 16-18th at Liberty Lanes in Gastonia, N.C.

PBA SPRING HILL OPEN

Spring Hill Lanes, Spring Hill, Fla., Sunday

Final Standings:

- 1, Kenneth Ryan, Maitland, Fla., \$3,700.
- 2, n-Sean Riccardi, St. Petersburg, Fla., \$2,000.
- 3, Sean Wilcox, Altamonte Springs, Fla., \$1,750.
- 4, Colin Champion, Spring Hill, Fla., \$1,500.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Wilcox def. Champion, 207-181.
Semifinal – Ryan def. Wilcox, 204-192.
Championship – Ryan def. n-Riccardi, 223-200.

Final Qualifying Standings (after 17 games, top 4 advanced to stepladder finals):

- 1, n-Sean Riccardi, 3,697.
- 2, Kenneth Ryan, 3,688.

- 3, Sean Wilcox, 3,641.
- 4, Colin Champion, 3,627.
- 5, Carlos Granados, Orlando, Fla., 3,626, \$1,300.
- 6, Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 3,575, \$1,100.
- 7, Trevor Roberts, Crystal River, Fla., 3,567, \$1,000.
- 8, Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 3,562, \$900.
- 9, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 3,113, \$850.
- 10, n-Austin Vogt, Largo, Fla., 3,093, \$800.
- 11, Christopher Smith, Palm Harbor, Fla., 3,081, \$750.
- 12, Cristian Azcona, Clermont, Fla., 3,044, \$700.
- 13, Bryan Hahlen, Greenwood, S.C., 3,041, \$675.
- 14, Carlos Tobon, Plantation, Fla., 3,025, \$650.
- 15, n-Scott Anderson, Cooper City, Fla., 2,985, \$625.
- 16, Hannah Brookins, Ocala, Fla., 2,853, \$600.

n-denotes non-PBA member.

2021 PBA Summer Tour Begins Saturday with PBA Lubbock Sports Open

First of five PBA Summer Tour titles to be awarded Sunday

Lubbock, Texas—After a one-year hiatus, the PBA Summer Tour returns with five PBA Tour titles to be decided between now and the end of August. The PBA Lubbock Sports Open begins Saturday and concludes with the four-player stepladder finals Sunday at 5 p.m. ET. Every round of competition will be streamed live on FloBowling.

Here are some of the top storylines heading into the 2021 PBA Lubbock Sports Open:

Two Defending Champions?

The last time the PBA Lubbock Sports Open was held was in January 2019, with Dick Allen defeating Sean Rash in the championship match. The last time a PBA Tour title was decided in South Plains Lanes was in June 2019, with Jakob Butturff defeating Stu Williams to win the Lubbock Sports Shootout as part of the PBA Summer Tour. For the sake of clarity, although both Allen and Butturff have a claim, Allen will officially enter as the defending champion.

Butturff's Success in Lubbock

Butturff has bowled in four of the five Summer Tour events at South Plains Lanes and has never finished lower than third. He won in his first appearance in 2016, finished third in 2017, second in 2018 and won again in 2019.

First-Time Champions

The first time South Plains Lanes hosted a national title event in 2015, EJ Tackett earned his first career PBA Tour title. Likewise, Butturff's win in 2016 was his first title. To date, Tackett and Butturff have combined to win 20 times (13 for Tackett and seven for Butturff), including three

majors (two for Tackett and one for Butturff). Coincidence or not, any player who has not yet won a PBA Tour title might be extra motivated to make this event his first.

Can Barnes Sweep Lubbock?

PBA Hall of Famer Chris Barnes won his first career PBA50 title in the PBA50 Cup held June 30 in South Plains Lanes. Barnes, who won the PBA Lubbock Sports Open in 2018 as his 19th and most recent PBA Tour title, will be looking to repeat his success from three weeks ago to win for the 20th time on the PBA Tour.

Troup Closing in on a Half Million Dollars

So far this season, Kyle Troup has earned a single-season PBA record \$489,200. If he can earn an additional \$10,800 over the course of five PBA Summer Tour events, he'll become the first player in PBA history to earn a half million dollars in a single season. A win in Lubbock would put him over the top.

PBA Lubbock Sports Open Live Streaming Schedule

South Plains Lanes – Lubbock, Texas

Saturday, July 24

9:30 a.m. ET – Qualifying (A Squad)

4:30 p.m. ET – Qualifying (B Squad)

Sunday, July 25

9:30 a.m. ET – Cashers Qualifying

1:15 p.m. ET – Match Play

5 p.m. ET – Stepladder Finals

All rounds will be streamed live on FloBowling. To subscribe, visit FloBowling.com.

PBA Lubbock Sports Open Winners Since 2015

2015 – EJ Tackett

2016 – Jakob Butturff

2017 – Marshall Kent

2018 – Chris Barnes

2019 (Lubbock Sports Open) – Dick Allen

2019 (Lubbock Sports Shootout) – Jakob Butturff

2020 – not held

Darryl Bower Wins PBA50 Jeff Schrum Memorial RPI South Open

GASTONIA, N.C. (July 18, 2021) – Darryl Bower of Middletown, Pa. defeated Marty Berke of Allentown, Pa., 210-145, in the final match to take the first prize in the PBA50 Jeff Schrum Memorial RPI South Open at Liberty Lanes Sunday. Both Bower and Berke earned spots into the PBA RPI Invitational, which will take place in Las Vegas in January 2022.

Bower easily won his 18th official career PBA Regional title with a string of five strikes from the third to the seventh frame. Berke, who faced trouble on the right lane, had three consecutive opens. Bower won \$3,500 for first place and Berke pocketed \$2,000 as the runner-up.

In the semifinal round, Berke defeated Gary Faulkner of The Villages, Fla., 199-172, while Bowers disposed of Dave Han of Alabaster, Ala., 212-189.

The PBA50 Jeff Schrum Memorial RPI South Open is named after Jeff Schrum, who was a South Region PBA member with seven PBA Regional titles, who lost his battle with cancer last June. Schrum bowled regularly on the PBA Regional and PBA50 National Tour.

The tournament drew ninety 50-and-older players. The PBA South Region's next tournament will be the PBA Clean Air Solutions/ Century Lanes Hampton Open August 16 in Hampton, Va.

PBA50 JEFF SCHRUM MEMORIAL RPI OPEN Liberty Lanes, Gastonia, N.C., Sunday

Championship:

Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa. (\$3,500) def. Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa. (\$2,000), 210-145.

Semifinal Round (losers earned \$1,500):

Berke def. Gary Faulkner, The Villages, FL., 199-172.

Bower def. Dave Han, Alabaster, Ala., 212-189.

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

Han def. Michael Painter, Moore, S.C., 623-574.

Berke def. Craig Auerbach, Ft. Walton Beach, FL., 596-592.

Faulkner def. Greg McMahan, Dandridge, Tenn., 572-569.

Bower def. James Lord, Charlotte, N.C., 599-558.

Round of 12 (total pinfall three games, losers eliminated and earned \$750 each):

Bower def. Mal Williams Jr., Greensboro, N.C., 605-602.

Han def. Chuck Richey Jr., Concord, N.C., 539-503.

Berke def. Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 650-600.

McMahan def. Terry Wiley, Vienna, Va., 640-594.

Round of 16 (total pinfall three games, losers eliminated and earned \$650 each):

Berke def. Gary Shultis, Levittown, N.Y., 580-570.

Bower def. Andrew Farrow Jr., Anderson, S.C., 591-565.

Han def. Jay Samelak, Greensboro, N.C., 642-522.

McMahan def. Roy Davis, Lumberton, N.C., 610-538.

Shawn Maldonado Leads PBA Lubbock Sports Open After First-Round Qualifying Averages 243 to lead 40 players into cashers qualifying

Lubbock, Texas—PBA Tour champion Shawn Maldonado led all players through eight games of qualifying in the PBA Lubbock Sports Open. Maldonado averaged 243.38 and holds a 24-pin

lead over second-place Toby Sambueno entering tomorrow's six-game cashers qualifying round at South Plains Lanes.

Maldonado won his first PBA Tour title earlier this year in the PBA Chameleon Championship and previously finished second in the 2016 PBA Lubbock Sports Open.

Defending champion Dick Allen also qualified for cashers round, rolling a 234 in the final game of qualifying to get inside the cut in a tie for 32nd. Jakob Butturff, who won the 2019 PBA Lubbock Sports Shootout, fell short of the cut, finishing 61st. It's the first time in five years Butturff, who also won in 2016, will miss the stepladder finals in a PBA Summer Tour event held in Lubbock.

Competition resumes tomorrow with six games of cashers qualifying at 9:30 a.m. ET. Following cashers qualifying, the top 16 players advance to match play beginning at 1:15 p.m. ET. The four-player stepladder finals start at 5 p.m. ET. All rounds will be streamed live on FloBowling. To subscribe, visit FloBowling.com.

PBA Lubbock Sports Open Top 10 Through 8 Games

South Plains Lanes – Lubbock, Texas

Shawn Maldonado +347
Toby Sambueno +323
Anthony Lavery-Spahr +316
Tom Daugherty +279
Andrew Anderson +264
Stu Williams +239
Nick Pate +239
Jason Sterner +237
Kyle Troup +235
Marshall Kent +227

Full PBA Lubbock Sports Open standings: <https://www.pba.com/tournaments/2021/pba-lubbock-sports-open-presented-storm-and-south-plains-lanes>

TOP SEED SHAWN MALDONADO WINS PBA LUBBOCK SPORTS OPEN FOR SECOND TITLE OF 2021

Defeats Jake Peters, 222-199, in the title match

Lubbock, Texas— Shawn Maldonado won his second PBA Tour title of 2021 by defeating Jake Peters in the championship match of the PBA Lubbock Sports Open at South Plains Lanes. Maldonado, who won his first career title earlier this season in the PBA Chameleon Championship, overcame a strange fifth frame in which both Peters and Maldonado opened.

After a rare gutter ball from Peters, who then got nine on his second shot, Maldonado had a chance to cut into Peters' lead but left a 7-10 split.

“When it went in the gutter, it was obviously a shock,” said Maldonado, “but I thought that was my chance. I was on a double, I threw it as well as I could, but left the pocket 7-10. That was a good shot, but I knew I had to make a ball change to face up a little better. That’s when I got rolling.”

Maldonado began a new string of strikes after the open frame in the fifth, eventually catching and passing Peters for the victory.

“I’m just as excited to get this win as I was to get the first one,” said Maldonado. “I’m confident, excited and thankful for the support I get back home. There are so many emotions right now.”

While a string of strikes helped him win the championship match, Maldonado credited his spare game with earning the No. 1 seed.

“I’ve been working on my spares,” said Maldonado. “In the past, I’ve had some good days when I make spares and then the next day my spare game is kind of off. Coming into the Summer Tour, I’ve really been working on my spare game and my touch. It paid off.”

With the win, Maldonado also takes the early lead in the PBA Summer Tour points race, with a \$40,000 bonus prize fund that includes \$20,000 for the player who accumulates the most competition points during the five events. The PBA Summer Tour continues Friday with the first day of qualifying of the PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles.

PBA LUBBOCK SPORTS OPEN FINAL STANDINGS

South Plains Lanes – Lubbock, Texas

Shawn Maldonado
Jake Peters
Anthony Simonsen
Dino Castillo

Match Scores

Match 1 – No. 3 Peters def. No. 4 Castillo, 230-176

Match 2 – No. 3 Peters def. No. 2 Simonsen, 263-212

Match 3 – No. 1 Maldonado def. No. 3 Peters, 222-199

PBA50 HEADS NORTH FOR SOUTH SHORE OPEN JULY 26, 2021

Hammond, Indiana – A familiar face in the world of professional bowling will be making his PBA50 debut Tuesday at the PBA50 South Shore Open.

USBC Hall of Famer Tim Mack will be in the field at the eighth event of the PBA50 season July 27-29 at Olympia Lanes in Hammond, Indiana.

The tournament will begin at 10 a.m. Eastern with the A squad's seven qualifying games followed by the B squad starting at 2:30 p.m. EST. They will switch starting times on Wednesday with seven more games of qualifying before the field is cut to the top 32. All pins will carryover into two rounds of match play on Thursday consisting of two-sets of six games.

The top five bowlers will advance to the stepladder finals, where all pins will be dropped. The finals will begin at 8 p.m. EST Thursday. You can watch every game live exclusively on FloBowling.

The oil pattern will be the PBA Del Ballard 35 and the winner will take home \$7,500 along with a PBA50 Tour title.

Brian LeClair is the defending champion having won the 2019 South Shore Open over Sammy Ventura.

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PBA50 SOUTH SHORE OPEN SCHEDULE

Olympia Lanes – Hammond, Indiana

Tuesday, July 27

All times are Eastern

A Squad: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Seven games of qualifying

B Squad: 2:30 – 6:30 p.m. Seven games of qualifying

Wednesday, July 28

B Squad: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Seven games of qualifying

A Squad: 2:30 – 6:30 p.m. Seven games of qualifying

Top 32 advance to Match Play

All pins carryover

Thursday, July 29

Match Play Round 1: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Six games of Match Play

Match Play Round 2: 3 – 6:30 p.m. Six games of Match Play

Top five advance to stepladder finals

Drop all pins

Stepladder Finals: 8-9:30 p.m.

PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles Starts Friday

One-hundred sixty doubles teams compete for PBA and PWBA titles

Houston—The 21st edition of the PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles begins Friday at 9 a.m. ET from Copperfield Bowl. For the sixth time in the event's history, PBA and PWBA titles will be on the line for PBA and PWBA members. The final eight-game round of match play takes place Sunday at 1:30 p.m. ET. All rounds of competition will be streamed live on FloBowling.

Here are some of the top storylines heading into the 2021 PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles:

Only One Previous Winning Team is Entered

Bill O'Neill and Shannon O'Keefe have won the event twice since 2015, when PBA and PWBA titles were first attached to the long-running event, claiming the 2015 and 2016 titles. None of the other winning teams since then will be competing this season—at least not as teammates. Neither Kyle Sherman nor Amanda Greene, the 2019 champions, are entered. The 2018 champions, EJ Tackett and Liz Johnson, are both entered, but not together. Tackett is teaming with Danielle McEwan and Johnson is paired with Anthony Simonsen. The 2017 champions, Jason Sterner and Birgit Noreiks, are competing alongside Heather D'Errico and Stu Williams, respectively.

Beauties vs. Beasts

Prior to the official start of the tournament, a special Beauties vs. Beasts exhibition will be held on Thursday. A five-game Baker match will pit the Beauties (Kelly Kulick, Anita Arnett, Taylor Bulhuis, Jordan Richard and Erin McCarthy) against the Beasts (Kris Prather, EJ Tackett, AJ Johnson, Anthony Lavery-Spahr and Tom Daugherty). The Beauties vs. Beasts match will stream live on FloBowling at 5 p.m. ET.

Maldonado Leads in Summer Tour Points

With his win in the PBA Lubbock Sports Open, Shawn Maldonado holds the early lead over all players in the race to win the \$20,000 first prize among a \$40,000 bonus prize fund based on competition points earned over the course of the five PBA Summer Tour events. The top 10 players at the conclusion of the Summer Tour will earn a share of the prize fund. Maldonado will be competing alongside Arnett this weekend.

PBA Summer Tour Points Leaders Through One Event

Shawn Maldonado, 2,500
Jake Peters, 1,500
Anthony Simonsen, 1,150
Dino Castillo, 950
Dom Barrett, 850
Michael Tang, 775
Darren Tang, 730
Kyle Troup, 730
Nick Pate, 685
Tom Daugherty, 655

Storm PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles Streaming Schedule Copperfield Bowl – Houston, Texas

Thursday, July 29

5 p.m. ET – Beauties vs. Beasts

Friday, July 30

9 a.m. ET – Qualifying (A Squad)
3 p.m. ET – Qualifying (B Squad)

Saturday, July 31

9 a.m. ET – Qualifying (C Squad)
3 p.m. ET – Qualifying (D Squad)

Sunday, August 1

9:30 a.m. ET – Semifinals
1:30 p.m. ET – Finals

All rounds will be streamed live on FloBowling. To subscribe, visit FloBowling.com.

Storm PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles Winners Since 2015

2015 – Bill O'Neill & Shannon O'Keefe
2016 – Bill O'Neill & Shannon O'Keefe
2017 – Jason Sterner & Birgit Noreiks (née Poppler)
2018 – EJ Tackett & Liz Johnson
2019 – Kyle Sherman & Amanda Greene
2020 – not held

Full Roster as of July 27

A Squad, Friday, July 30, 8 a.m. CDT (7 games)

3, Lauren Piotrowski, Scotia, N.Y. / Andrew Hall, Westorrough, Mass.
4, Arlea Glass, Leesburg, Va. / Walter Lee Gant Jr., Strasburg, Va.
5, Stefanie Johnson, McKinney, Texas / Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz.

- 6, Stephanie Zavala, Downey, Calif. / Dallas Leong, Las Vegas.
- 7, Corina Grasso, Fort Collins, Colo. / Tyson Branagan, Fort Worth, Texas.
- 8, Caitlin Cunningham, Birmingham, Ala. / Russ Oviatt, Sioux Falls, S.D.
- 9, Amy Dillon-Bruce, Wichita, Kan. / Mike Wolfe, Floyds Knobs, Ind.
- 10, Connie Esters, San Pedro, Calif. / Warren Waggett, Houston.
- 11, Jessa Heider, Houston / Scott Dodson, Waxahachie, Texas.
- 12, Sarah Wille, Hoffman Estates, Ill. / Gregory Young Jr., Viera, Fla.
- 13, Erica McPhail, Kempner, Texas / Allan Smith, Killeen, Texas.
- 14, Britney Brown, Lawton, Okla. / Joe Findling, Mesquite, Texas.
- 15, Beth Owen-Cipielewski, Bradenton, Fla. / Stephen Hahn, Sterling, Va.
- 16, Caitlyn Johnson, Beaumont, Texas / Ildemaro Ruiz Jr., Venezuela.
- 17, Tina Williams, Pflugerville, Texas / Adam Pogge, Little Elm, Texas.
- 18, Jovan Ebalagoza-Flores, San Antonio / Robert Lawrence, Austin, Texas.
- 19, Keondra Eaton, Baton Rouge, La. / Sedric Withrow, Westwego, La.
- 20, Joan Simi-Dalton, Lubbock, Texas / Nate Bolton, Parker, Colo.
- 21, Natalie Tackett, Bluffton, Ind. / Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind.
- 22, Susan Saccomen, Katy, Texas / Tom Russo, Richmond, Texas.
- 23, Liz Kuhlkin, Schenectady, N.Y. / Richard Teece, England.
- 24, Elise Bolton, Merritt Island, Fla. / Carlos Granados, Venezuela.
- 25, Madison Janack, Myrtle Beach, S.C. / Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan.
- 26, Kim Wallace, Richmond, Texas / John Austin Jr., League City, Texas.
- 27, Sabrina Duncan-Rose, Houston / Frank Rose, Houston.
- 28, CC Riojas, San Antonio / Stephen Riojas, San Antonio.
- 29, LaShun Vessel, Houston / Johnathan Norman, Houston.
- 30, TBD / TBD.
- 31, Patricia Cote, Carpenter, Wyo. / Russ Macklin, Laramie, Wyo.
- 32, Jessica Bingham, Fort Worth, Texas / Charles Riichey Jr., Concord, N.C.
- 33, Tannya Roumimper, Indonesia / Francois Lavoie, Canada.
- 34, Lara Kurt, Leland, N.C. / Julian Salinas, Richmond, Texas.
- 35, Lacey Broom, Spring, TX / Andy Silverman, Akron, Ohio.
- 36, Brette Joseph, Austin, Texas / Robert McBride, Dallas.
- 37, Michelle Sterner, Buffalo, N.Y. / Mike Austin, Conroe, Texas.
- 38, Chandres Bolden, San Antonio / Kenneth Bland Jr., Abilene, Texas.
- 39, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y. / EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind.
- 40, Addie Herzberg, Wichita, Kan. / Michael Tang, San Francisco.
- 41, Hayley Veitch, Kenner, La. / Curt Dupre, Metairie, La.
- 42, Jessica Thomas, San Antonio / Donzel Laney, Austin, Texas.

B Squad, Friday, July 30, 2:00 p.m. CDT (7 games)

- 3, Wendy Bartaire-Jimenez, France / Nathan Ruest-Lajoie, Canada.
- 4, Diandra Asbaty, Chicago / Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash.
- 5, Monique Collins, Houston / Chris Bryant, Austin, Texas.
- 6, Giselle Poss, Nashville, Tenn. / Kenny Ryan, Ocean, N.J.
- 7, Linda Walbaum, Brighton, Colo. / Kris Koeltzow, Wheat Ridge, Colo.
- 8, Brandi Branka, Belleville, Ill. / Dillon Polansky, Houston.
- 9, Shannon Sellens, Copiague, N.Y. / Shea Bittenbender, St. Louis.
- 10, Summer Jasmin, Beckley, W.Va. / Randy Miles Jr., New Braunfels, Texas.
- 11, Jordan Richard, Tecumseh, Mich. / Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich.
- 12, Sarah Klassen, Canada / Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo.
- 13, Taylor Bulthuis, New Port Richey, Fla. / David O'Sullivan, Orlando, Fla.
- 14, Lara Clevenger, Edgewater, Fla. / Thomas McNeal Jr, Seattle.

- 15, Lindsay Paredes, Spring, Texas / Kurt Gengelbach, Lewisville, Texas.
- 16, Daria Pajak, Poland / Christopher Sloan, Ireland.
- 17, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia / Dom Barrett, England.
- 18, Maria Bulanova, Russia / Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo.
- 19, Nicole Trudell, Bridgeport, Conn. / Matt Dzikiewicz, Rocky Hill, Conn.
- 20, Mads McDuff, Katy, Texas / Josh Sorola, Pasadena, Texas.
- 21, Amanda Broege, Ronkonkoma, N.Y. / Jonathan Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I.
- 22, Pamela Alvarez, Mexico / Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio.
- 23, Clara Guerrero, Colombia / Andres Gomez, Colombia.
- 24, Anita Arnett, Houston / Shawn Maldonado, Houston.
- 25, Shalin Zulkifli, Malaysia / Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla.
- 26, Heather Jones, Euless, Texas / Dimitri Cruz, Dallas.
- 27, Stephanie Casey, Yonkers, N.Y. / John Johnson, Golden, Colo.
- 28, Katie Thornton, Savannah, Ga. / James Grago, Wilmington, N.C.
- 29, Brianna Brown, Floresville, Texas / Justin Ledwig, Floresville, Texas.
- 30, Verity Crawley, England / Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas.
- 31, Leanne Hulsenberg, Pleasant View, Utah / Darren Tang, San Francisco.
- 32, Jennifer Russo, Monmouth Junction, N.J. / Pontus Andersson, Sweden.
- 33, KT Simpson, Emmett, Idaho / Matt Russo, Millstone Township, N.J.
- 34, Alexis Neuer, Lewisburg, Pa. / Anthony Neuer, Lewisburg, Pa.
- 35, Maria Rodriguez, Colombia / Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas.
- 36, Christine Gill, Lakewood, Colo. / Cristian Azcona, Clermont, Fla.
- 37, Sierra Ciesiolka, Harker Heights, Texas / Alec Keplinger, Coldwater, Mich.
- 38, Gretchen Anderson, Pasadena, Texas / Bobby Browder, Deer Park, Texas.
- 39, Melanie McDaniel, Aurora, Ill. / Brian Valenta, McDonough, Ga.
- 40, Kristie Lopez, Puerto Rico / Wesley Low, Palmdale, Calif.
- 41, Heidi Holloway, Las Vegas / Mike Klosin, Windham, N.H.
- 42, Angie Ramirez Perea, Colombia / Arturo Quintero, Mexico.

C Squad, Saturday, July 31, 8 a.m. CDT (7 games)

- 3, Amanda Vermilyea, Apple Valley, Minn. / Thomas Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich.
- 4, Cassandra Shivers-Williams, Norman, Okla. / Bryan Spencer, Linden, N.J.
- 5, Heather D'Errico, Rochester, N.Y. / Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y.
- 6, Stephanie Schwartz, Racine, Wis. / Steve Lemke, Nacogdoches, Texas.
- 7, Sabrena Divis, Gillette, Wyo. / Ted Pritts, Little Elm, Texas.
- 8, Bryanna Cote, Red Rock, Ariz. / Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio.
- 9, Anna Groce, Morrisville, N.C. / Zack Brown, Raleigh, N.C.
- 10, Kayla Crawford, Silvis, Ill. / Mike Dole, Loves Park, Ill.
- 11, Courtney Ermisch, Mukwonago, Wis. / Brent Boho, Colgate, Wis.
- 12, Kerry Moreland, Houston / Eric Manthei, Lumberton, Texas.
- 13, Birgit Noreiks, Germany / Stuart Williams, England.
- 14, Brandy Silva, Fort Worth, Texas / Chris Turner, Little Elm, Texas.
- 15, Brenda Padilla, Mansfield, Texas / DJ Archer, Spring, Texas.
- 16, Christina Barber, Corpus Christi, Texas / Xeno Garcia, Fort Worth, Texas.
- 17, Sarah Broussard, Baton Rouge, La. / Brett Stephen, Houston.
- 18, Breanna Clemmer, Clover, S.C. / AJ Chapman, Wichita, Kan.
- 19, Estefania Cobo, Puerto Rico / Ryan Barnes, Double Oak, Texas.
- 20, Dasha Kovalova, Ukraine / Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas.
- 21, Sydney Brummett, Fort Wayne, Ind. / Brandon Biondo, Carpentersville, Ill.
- 22, Andee Tadiello, Oakley, Calif. / Parker Capra, The Woodlands, Texas.
- 23, Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Keller, Texas / BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa.

24, Kayla Pashina, Minnetonka, Minn. / Chad Nelson, Owatonna, Minn.
25, TBD / Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas.
26, Kara Mangiola, Rochester, N.Y. / Matt Sanders, Indianapolis.
27, Kiyoko McDonald, Allen, Texas / Clint Johnson, Fort Worth, Texas.
28, TBD / Vernon Peterson, Winter Haven, Fla.
29, Catie Jensen, Fort Worth, Texas / Lee Lorts, Katy, Texas.
30, Monica Hall-Meals, Indianapolis / Ryan Pitman, Indianapolis.
31, Taylor Bailey, Joliet, Ill. / John Janawicz, Winter Haven, Fla.
32, Jackie Capra, Kingwood, Texas / Tony Capra, Kingwood, Texas.
33, Shannon O'Keefe, O'Fallon, Ill. / Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa.
34, Katie Garcia, Wichita, Kan. / Geoffrey Young, Keller, Texas.
35, Sonya Taylor, San Antonio / Daniel Lozano, San Antonio.
36, Debbie Ayers, La Mesa, Calif. / Jimmy Clark, Auburn, Maine.
37, Liz Johnson, Palatine, Ill. / Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas.
38, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J. / PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif.
39, Brenda Mack, Indianapolis / Tim Mack, Indianapolis.
40, Margie Gish, Kansas City, Mo. / Matthew Stephens, Houston.
41, Erin McCarthy, Omaha, Neb. / AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill.
42, Rita Heger, Spring, Texas / Jacob Heger, Spring, Texas.

D Squad, Saturday, July 31, 2 p.m. CDT (7 games)

3, Christina Hartl, Lancaster, Pa. / Kevin Bandrowski, Willow Street, Pa.
4, Cassandra Leuthold, Lincoln, Neb. / Sam Cooley, Australia.
5, Nichole DePaul, Fayette, Iowa / Steve Landry, Fayette, Iowa.
6, Christine Johnston, Canada / Kyle Duster, Scottsdale, Ariz.
7, Emily Eckhoff, Denver / Fero Williams, Norman, Okla.
8, Jessica Abel, Broadalbin, N.Y. / Jim Thomas, Binghamton, N.Y.
9, Abby Ragsdale, Aurora, Ill. / Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill.
10, Sandi Charles, Nolanville, Texas / Josh Maxson, Killeen, Texas.
11, Ashly Galante, Palm Harbor, Fla. / Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill.
12, Britney Russell, Houston / Kevin Foerster, Katy, Texas.
13, Amanda Falk, Tucson, Ariz. / Craig Elliott, San Antonio.
14, Jodi Woessner, Oregon, Ohio / Anthony Lavery-Spah, Pasadena, Texas.
15, Cathy Nelson, Lakeside, Texas / David Scardaville, Houston.
16, Cindy Mattingly, Puyallup, Wash. / Jason Miller, Plano, Ill.
17, Claudia Meeks, Shreveport, La. / Toney Nelson, Grapevine, Texas.
18, Maggie Ronquillo, Houston / Thomas Young, Houston.
19, Misaki Mukotani, Japan / Kim Bolleby, Sweden.
20, Haley Richard, Tipton, Mich. / Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla.
21, Kerry Smith, Lititz, Pa. / Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y.
22, Kelsi Anderson, San Antonio / Luis De Leon, San Antonio.
23, Lindsay Boomershin, Brigham City, Utah / Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind.
24, Neishka Cardona, Puerto Rico / Kendle Miles, Brigham City, Utah.
25, Chelsey Merklinger, Kinzers, Pa. / Jeffrey Smith, Lititz, Pa.
26, Missy Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif. / Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill.
27, Wanda Parker, Garland, Texas / Ronald Simms Jr., Richmond, Va.
28, Shalonda Brown, Austin, Texas / Joshua Thomas, Austin, Texas.
29, Shannon Pluhowsky, Dayton, Ohio / Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C.
30, Mallory Nutting, Auburn, Maine / Justin Urbano, Walingford, Conn.
31, Mary Jo Cox, Houston / Shawn Stark, Tomball, Texas.
32, Kayla Bandy, Salisbury, Md. / Austin Boulds, Creal Spring, Ill.

33, Gazmine Mason, Cranston, R.I. / Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C.
34, Lauren Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn. / Nick Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn.
35, Rina Zimmerman Sabo, Bennett, Colo. / Nicholas Burgess, Houston.
36, Teri Perkins, San Marcos, Texas / Danny Inocencio, College Station, Texas.
37, Genie Franklin, Frisco, Texas / Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas.
38, Tish Johnson, Colorado Springs, Colo. / Hank Boomershine, Perry, Utah.
39, Stacie Hartsfield, San Antonio / Jeff Hartsfield, San Antonio.
40, Melanie McAllister, Colorado Springs, Colo. / Keith Cipielewski, Bradenton, Fla.
41, Marcia Kloempken, Pleasant View, Utah / Steve Kloempken, Pleasant View, Utah.
42, Tristan Senegal, Baton Rouge, La. / Darrin Senegal, Baton Rouge, La.

MCCUNE LEADS AT PBA50 SOUTH SHORE OPEN JULY 28, 2021

Hammond, Indiana – Eugene McCune is right at home for this week's PBA50 South Shore Open, which began Tuesday. The Munster, Indiana native is bowling a short distance from home at Olympia Lanes, the same center where he won the 2018 PBA50 South Shore Open.

However, that win didn't count as a PBA50 tour title because he was a non-member at the time and considered an amateur. This time around he is a member, and he is ready to make it count.

In practice McCune tried to play straighter but quickly decided that was not the right strategy so he sent his son, Kevin, back to the paddock for his shiny Roto Grip RST. He moved left, threw the ball to the right, and let his rev rates do the rest.

He cruised through the first seven games of qualifying rolling games of 267, 237, 268, 236, 257, 255 and 258 for 1,778. Putting him in first place averaging 254, sitting at +378. Behind him is fellow B squad bowlers Amleto Monacelli at 1,753 and Bob Learn Jr. with 1,658 to round out the top three. Both Monacelli and Learn had 300 games.

"I was standing 20 boards left and getting out to five using revs," he said about attacking the lane conditions. "All I had to do was get it off my hand. It's good to have days like that."

McCune, who works about 18 hours a day between two jobs, doesn't get much time to practice so he bowls regional events when he can to try and stay tournament ready.

"I used to bowl league here (Olympia Lanes) and we just had a senior regional this past weekend, so I had enough practice there," said the 53-year-old. "I ended up winning that for my third senior regional of the year."

Norm Duke was the high bowler for the A squad averaging 235.29 with a 1,647. He had games of 225, 238, 240, 200, 244, 253 and 247 to get to +247.

"It's squad one and it takes three or four games to settle in," Duke said. "Once I settled in, we were good to go."

Duke started by using his Roto Grip Idol and finished up a Roto Grip Rubicon.

The B squad will hit the lanes first starting at 10 a.m. Eastern on Wednesday with seven more games of qualifying followed by the A squad beginning at 2:30 p.m. all on FloBowling.com. The 101-player field will then be cut to the top 32 and all pins will carryover into match play on Thursday.

View the full standings at [PBA50 South Shore Open](#) | PBA.

Eugene McCune 1,778
Amleto Monacelli 1,753
Bob Learn Jr. 1,658
Norm Duke 1,647
Lennie Boresch Jr. 1,626
Joel Carlson 1,617
Parker Bohn III 1,611
Tom Hess 1,606
Mark Sullivan 1,605
Brad Angelo 1,602

DUKE TAKES OVER LEAD AT PBA50 SOUTH SHORE OPEN JULY 28, 2021 JILL WINTERS

Hammond, Indiana – When a bowler feels comfortable in a bowling center it can have a big impact on their performance. Norm Duke has bowled a handful of tournaments at Olympia Lanes and that experience helped him move into first place on Wednesday after 14-games of qualifying at the 2021 PBA50 South Shore Open.

Duke paired his opening day qualifying total of 1,647 with scores of 215, 280, 236, 267, 266, 269 and 204 for 1,737 to improve to 3,384 overall. As was the theme from day one, the second squad posted the highest scores of the day. Pete Weber jumped from a tie for 18th place after seven games to a tie for fourth place with Amleto Monacelli after game 14.

“When you move lanes, you try to get as lined up as quick as possible,” Duke said.
“Experience is definitely an advantage if you have got it.”

He was able to rely on his Roto Grip Rubicon for all seven games, the same ball he had late success with on Tuesday.

“I know those guys that are bowling for the lead with me are strong, so my mindset is buckle down for tomorrow,” Duke said.

As for the B squad, Eugene McCune posted the highest second block with games of 187, 287, 185, 259, 203, 225 and 243 to increase his total to 3,367, which moved him down one spot to second place.

McCune, who averaged 254 on day one, noticed big differences from pair-to-pair and a quick transition within games.

"I'd get a four-bagger then open three or four times, so it was frustrating," he said. "I started throwing it 100-miles-per-hour toward the headpin and just had to grind it out."

He started out with his 900Global Aspect moved on to his Storm Phaze II and went back to his Roto Grip RST X-1 from the first day to finish out his final two games.

"I put up good scores that guys were doing the previous day and felt good about that," he said.

The field was cut to the top 32 and Kevin Anderson was the last bowler in with 2,913 total pins, averaging 208.07.

All pins carryover into two sets of six-games of match play beginning at 10 a.m. Eastern Thursday broadcasted live on FloBowling.com. Then the top five will advance to the stepladder finals scheduled to start at 8 p.m.

View the full standings at [PBA50 South Shore Open | PBA](#)

Top 10 PBA50 South Shore Open

1. Norm Duke 3,384
2. Eugene McCune 3,367
3. Bob Learn Jr. 3,211
4. Amleto Monacelli 3,202
5. Pete Weber 3,202
6. Brad Angelo 3,174
7. Brian LeClair 3,171
8. Christopher Keane 3,158
9. Tom Hess 3,155
10. Lennie Boresch Jr. 3,151
11. Parker Bohn III 3,127

HOMETOWN FAVORITE MCCUNE WINS AT PBA50 SOUTH SHORE OPEN

Hammond, Indiana – Munster, Indiana resident Eugene McCune is used to working long days, but you would think after winning a PBA50 title the hard-throwing righty would sit back and enjoy his victory at the 2021 PBA50 South Shore Open on Thursday.

Instead, he collected his trophy and \$7,500 check, smiled for some pictures, and headed to work at the Horseshoe Casino.

The hometown favorite was triumphant inside Olympia Lanes after he defeated Norm Duke, 225-205, in the title match.

"It feels good to win again here," McCune said about the bowling center that is not far from his house.

Back in 2018, he won in his PBA50 debut at the South Shore Open but at the time he wasn't a PBA50 member, so he didn't get credit for the title.

"It's nice to have an official title."

McCune, who was the number one seed after two rounds of match play, started the championship match with five strikes over the first six frames to take a 30-pin lead over Duke, who up to that point, was climbing the stepladder as the fifth seed. McCune was able to stay clean for the rest of the match to get the win.

"This win means the world to me, and it was great to have my son, Kevin here," McCune said.

In the first match, Duke defeated Lennie Boresch Jr. 244-203. Then it was a showdown of PBA Hall of Famers as he beat Parker Bohn III, 242-232.

Amleto Monacelli, who had posted an impressive match play record of 10-1-1 on the day, was Duke's next opponent. Monacelli struggled to find success on the lanes losing, 223-158.

The PBA50 now heads to Wyoming, Michigan for the Spectrum Lanes Open, which begins at 10 a.m. Eastern August 2 live on FloBowling.

2021 PBA50 SOUTH SHORE OPEN FINAL STANDINGS:

Eugene McCune \$7,500

Norm Duke \$4,000

Amleto Monacelli \$3,000

Parker Bohn III \$2,500

Lennie Boresch Jr. \$2,000

[View the full standings at PBA50 South Shore Open | PBA](#)

MATCH SCORES

Match 1 – Duke def. Boresch Jr. 244-203

Match 2 – Duke def. Bohn III 242-232

Match 3 – Duke def. Monacelli 223-158

Championship match – McCune def. Duke 225-205

MCEWAN, TACKETT PACE FIRST TWO SQUADS OF MIXED DOUBLES QUALIFYING JULY 30, 2021 JEF GOODGER

The duo combines to average 229.5 in leading all doubles teams through the first half of qualifying

Houston—Five-time PWBA Tour champion Danielle McEwan and 13-time PBA Tour champion EJ Tackett lead all players from A and B squads after the opening day of qualifying of the PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles tournament at Copperfield Bowl. Tackett and McEwan scored 3,213 (+413) over seven games to take the early lead with C and D squads set to compete tomorrow. Tackett, then teaming with Liz Johnson, won the event in 2018, and is competing alongside McEwan for the first time.

The top three teams of the day came from A Squad. Trailing Tackett and McEwan are Richie Teece & Liz Kuhlkin (+372) and Jakob Butturff & Stefanie Johnson (+283). The B Squad leaders, Wes Malott and Verity Crawley, sit fourth overall with 3,042 (+242) in total pinfall.

Competition resumes tomorrow with C and D squads bowling their seven games of qualifying beginning at 9 a.m. ET. Among the many players in action tomorrow are Shannon O’Keefe and Bill O’Neill, who won the event twice since it became an official PBA/PWBA title event and once more before that.

At the conclusion of D squad, the top quarter of the field will advance to the semifinals on Sunday. All rounds will be streamed live on FloBowling. To subscribe, visit FloBowling.com.

PBA/PWBA STRIKING AGAINST BREAST CANCER MIXED DOUBLES TOP 10 THROUGH 7 GAMES (A AND B SQUADS ONLY)

Copperfield Bowl – Houston

A Squad

Danielle McEwan and EJ Tackett, +413
Liz Kuhlkin and Richie Teece, +372
Stefanie Johnson and Jakob Butturff, +283
Madison Janack and Packy Hanrahan, +161
Hayley Veitch and Curt Dupre, +159
Lara Kurt and Julian Salinas, +136
Addie Herzberg and Michael Tang, +121
Stephanie Zavala and Dallas Leong, +109
Britney Brown and Joe Findling, +82
Caitlyn Johnson and Ildemaro Ruiz Jr., +56

B Squad

Verity Crawley and Wes Malott, +242
Maria Jose Rodriguez and Nathan Bohr, +217
Nicole Trudell and Matt Dzikiewicz, +197
Leanne Hulsenberg and Darren Tang, +173
Giselle Poss and Kenny Ryan, +167
Shalin Zulkifli and Nate Garcia, +150
Clara Guerrero and Andres Gomez, +136
Alexis Neuer and Anthony Neuer, +120
Maria Bulanova and Brad Miller, +115
Summer Jasmin and Randy Miles Jr., +96

UPCOMING STREAMING SCHEDULE

Copperfield Bowl – Houston

Saturday, July 31

9 a.m. ET – Qualifying (C Squad)

3 p.m. ET – Qualifying (D Squad)

Sunday, August 1

9:30 a.m. ET – Semifinals

1:30 p.m. ET – Finals

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Tackett, McEwan Maintain Lead Into Mixed Doubles Semifinal Round

Hold a 34-pin advantage over second-place Chris Via and Bryanna Coté

Houston—Bowling in the first of four qualifying squads, 13-time PBA Tour champion and five-time PWBA Tour champion Danielle McEwan posted a score of 3,213 (+413), which held up as the top score after all four squads completed seven games of qualifying in the PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles at Copperfield Bowl.

Tackett and McEwan lead 40 teams into tomorrow's five-game semifinal round. After the semifinals, the top eight teams will advance to the eight-game match play round. At the conclusion of match play, the team with the most total pinfall will be crowned the champions.

Sitting behind Tackett and McEwan are 2021 U.S. Open champion Chris Via and two-time PWBA Tour champion Bryanna Coté at +379. Currently in eighth place at +258 are five-time PBA Tour champion Ryan Shafer and Kerry Smith, who led all D Squad teams.

Earning the 40th spot in the semifinals were Kayla Crawford and Mike Dole, who defeated Rina Zimmerman Sabo and Nicholas Burgess in a roll-off to claim the final position in the semifinals.

Competition resumes tomorrow with the semifinals at 9:30 a.m. ET and the finals at 1:30 p.m. ET. All rounds will be streamed live on FloBowling. To subscribe, visit FloBowling.com.

PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles Top 40 Through 7 Games

Copperfield Bowl – Houston

Danielle McEwan and EJ Tackett, +413
Bryanna Coté and Chris Via, +379
Liz Kuhlkin and Richie Teece, +372
Tannya Roumimper and François Lavoie, +342
Liz Johnson and Anthony Simonsen, +300
Breanna Clemmer and AJ Chapman, +292
Stefanie Johnson and Jakob Butturff, +283
Kerry Smith and Ryan Shafer, +258
Cassandra Leuthold and Sam Cooley, +257
Verity Crawley and Wes Malott, +242
Carolyn Dorin-Ballard and BJ Moore, +237
Taylor Bailey and John Janawicz, +230
Maria Jose Rodriguez and Nathan Bohr, +217
Nicole Trudell and Matt Dzikiewicz, +197
Leanne Hulsenberg and Darren Tang, +173
Jodi Woessner and Anthony Lavery-Spahr, +169
Giselle Poss and Kenny Ryan, +167
Madison Janack and Packy Hanrahan, +161
Hayley Veitch and Curt Dupre, +159
Shalin Zulkifli and Nate Garcia, +150
Kelly Kulick and PJ Haggerty, +142

Lara Kurt and Julian Salinas, +136
Clara Guerrero and Andres Gomez, +136
Birgit Noreiks and Stu Williams, +135
Erin McCarthy and AJ Johnson, +135
Brenda Padilla and DJ Archer, +125
Estefania Cobo and Ryan Barnes, +122
Addie Herzberg and Michael Tang, +121
Alexis Neuer and Anthony Neuer, +120
Maria Bulanova and Brad Miller, +115
Kara Mangiola and Matt Sanders, +114
Stephanie Zavala and Dallas Leong, +109
Shannon Pluhowsky and Tommy Jones, +102
Kayla Pashina and Chad Nelson, +100
Summer Jasmin and Randy Miles Jr., +96
Christine Gill and Cristian Azcona, +86
Shannon O'Keefe and Bill O'Neill, +86
Amanda Vermilyea and Tom Smallwood, +84
Britney Brown and Joe Findling, +82
Kayla Crawford and Mike Dole, +81

Upcoming Streaming Schedule

Copperfield Bowl – Houston

Sunday, August 1

9:30 a.m. ET – Semifinals

1:30 p.m. ET – Finals

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Tackett and McEwan Lead from Start to Finish to Win Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles

Build a 212-pin lead over second place to claim the PBA and PWBA titles

Houston—EJ Tackett and Danielle McEwan took the early advantage in the Storm PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles by leading A Squad qualifying, then held onto the lead all the way through the rest of qualifying, the semifinals and ultimately the finals to win the tournament. The victory is Tackett's 14th PBA Tour title and McEwan's sixth PWBA Tour title.

With 20 games bowled by each player in the event, Tackett and McEwan accumulated a +1,279 score over 40 total games to secure a 212-pin margin over second-place François Lavoie and Tannya Roumimper.

This is the second win for Tackett in the Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles, also claiming the title in 2018 with Liz Johnson. In 2019, Tackett also competed alongside Johnson while McEwan teamed with Anthony Simonsen. Johnson and Simonsen were set to compete together in 2020 due to Tackett and McEwan having a conflicting event, but both events were canceled. This year, the foursome opted to stick with the new lineups and claimed two of the top three spots, with Johnson and Simonsen finishing third.

Also making the top eight were Wes Malott and Verity Crawley, Tommy Jones and Shannon Pluhowsky, Chris Via and Bryanna Coté, Jakob Butturff and Stefanie Johnson, and Richie Teece and Liz Kuhlkin.

The win moves Tackett into the lead in the PBA Summer Tour points race through two events. At the conclusion of all five Summer Tour events, the player with the most competition points will receive \$20,000 from the \$40,000 bonus prize fund. The top 10 players will get a share, depending on their final position, of the prize fund.

The PBA Summer Tour continues this weekend with the PBA Jonesboro Open from Jonesboro, Ark. with qualifying beginning Saturday at 10 a.m. ET on FloBowling. To subscribe, visit FloBowling.com.

PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles Final Standings

Copperfield Bowl – Houston

Danielle McEwan and EJ Tackett, +1,279
Tannya Roumimper and François Lavoie, +1,067
Liz Johnson and Anthony Simonsen, +1,026
Verity Crawley and Wes Malott, +934
Shannon Pluhowsky and Tommy Jones, +924
Bryanna Coté and Chris Via, +851
Stefanie Johnson and Jakob Butturff, +851
Liz Kuhlkin and Richie Teece, +602

PBA AND LANETALK TO LAUNCH WORLD'S LARGEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT ON SEPTEMBER 20 AUGUST 2, 2021 JLAUFER

Bowlers of all skill levels around the world can participate in the PBA Global Showdown powered by Lanetalk for a chance to win \$50,000 in cash and prizes

New York, NY – After the success of the Professional Bowlers Association's (PBA) first-ever virtual global bowling tournament in partnership with Lanetalk in April, the two are excited to announce the launch of the PBA Global Showdown, the world's largest bowling tournament set to begin on September 20.

The global bowling tournament will be even bigger and better this fall as bowling centers around the world can sign up to be a host center at no cost at pba.com/showdown.

With additional host centers, the PBA Global Showdown will see thousands of more bowlers competing to win the first-place prize of \$20,000 out of a \$50,000 prize fund, sponsored by the PBA. Bowlers will also have the chance to win prizes throughout the tournament from Motiv and KR Strikeforce.

The competition officially begins September 20 with the Qualifying Round. Amateur and professional bowlers around the world ages 18+ are eligible to participate at over 500 registered host centers. A list of local registered host centers will be available at pba.com/showdown and be updated as new centers join the Showdown.

The tournament, hosted on the Lanetalk app, will feature four stages of competition with bowlers from the United States and abroad placed within two groups. The stages are as follows:

Stage 1: Qualifying Round (September 20-October 10)

Bowlers will have 21 days to bowl their best two consecutive games. Scores must be submitted through the Lanetalk app. During these three weeks, bowlers will have unlimited attempts. The top 2,500 bowlers in each group (5,000 altogether) will advance to the Quarterfinals.

Stage 2: Quarterfinals (October 13-October 26)

The top 5,000 bowlers will have 14 days to bowl their best two consecutive games. Scores must be submitted through the Lanetalk app. During these two weeks, bowlers will have unlimited attempts. The top 1,000 bowlers will advance to the Semi-Finals.

Stage 3: Semi-Finals (October 29-November 4)

The top 1,000 bowlers will have seven days to bowl their best two consecutive games. Scores must be submitted through the Lanetalk app. During these seven days, bowlers have unlimited attempts. The top six bowlers will advance to the Grand Finale.

Stage 4: Grand Finale (November 14)

The final six bowlers will compete in a live-streamed event on November 14th from their local host bowling center. The bowlers will have one attempt to submit a single game score. The four bowlers with the highest scores will advance and have another attempt to submit a single game score. The two bowlers with the highest scores will advance and have one final attempt to submit a single game score. The bowler with the best score will be crowned the PBA Global Showdown Champion winning the first-place prize of \$20,000.

For more information on the PBA Global Showdown, please visit pba.com/showdown and like the official Facebook page - [@PBAGlobalShowdown](https://www.facebook.com/PBAGlobalShowdown) to follow the competition.

Kip Roberts Wins PBA50 Ed Tenan Memorial Open

HAMPTON, VA. (July 25, 2021) – Kip Roberts of Glen Allen, Va. defeated Charlie Toney of Oak Hill, W.Va., 238-209, in the final match to take the first prize in the PBA50 Ed Tenan Memorial South Open at SpareTimes Fun Center on Sunday. This was Kips first PBA50 Regional win and 16th overall PBA Regional title.

Roberts started the title match with five consecutive strikes, while Toney struggled with an early open in the second frame. Roberts stayed clean throughout the rest of the game and cruised his way to victory. Roberts won \$2,000 for first place and Toney pocketed \$1,000 as the runner-up.

In the semifinal round, Roberts defeated Dave Bowers of Knoxville, Tenn., 193-158, while Toney disposed of Roy Davis of Lumberton, N.C., 191-166.

The PBA50 Ed Tenan Memorial Open is named after Ed Tenan, who passed away in 2020 due to covid complications. He was a South Region PBA member with one PBA Regional title. Ed served in the US Army and bowled regularly on the PBA Regional and PBA50 National Tour.

Tenan's wife Cathy and son Travis, presented the champion trophy and check in honor of Ed. The event was sponsored by the PBA Booster Club of Hampton Roads, Va.

The tournament drew 50 players, all 50-year-old or more. The PBA South Region's next tournament will be the AMF Williamsburg PBA Jr. Open August 14 - 15, 2021 in Williamsburg, Va.

PBA50 ED TENAN MEMORIAL OPEN **SpareTimes Bowling Center, Hampton, Va., Sunday**

Championship:

Kip Roberts, Glen Allen, Va. (\$2,000) def. Charlie Toney, Oak Hill, W.Va. (\$1,000), 238-209.

Semifinal Round (losers earned \$850):

Roberts def. Dave Bowers, Knoxville, Tenn., 193-158.

Toney def. Roy Davis, Lumberton, N.C., 191-166.

Round of 8 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$700 each):

Roberts def. Jeff Campbell, Newport News, Va., 591-560.

Bowers def. Troy McKinney, Yorktown, Va., 579-542.

Toney def. Mark Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 623-555.

Davis def. n-James Hamby, Powhatan, Va., 615-588.

Round of 12 (total pinfall three games, losers eliminated and earned \$650 each):

Roberts def. n-Mark Dixon, Salem, Va., 607-595.

Bowers def. Dave Johnson, Ashtabula, Ohio, 575-547.

Toney def. Greg Wilson, Warrenton, Va., 563-538.

Davis def. Jimmy Jean, Kathleen, Ga., 634-626.

Round of 16 (total pinfall three games, losers eliminated and earned \$600 each):

Dixon def. Keeno Lampman, Phoenix, N.Y., 607-526.

Bowers def. Gilbert Salang, Virginia Beach, Va., 627-513.

Wilson def. Steve Lickliter, Marietta, Ohio, 649-635.

Davis def. Phillip Peelish, Fayetteville, W.Va., 533-471.

n- Denotes nonmember

ROOKIE KNOWLTON LEADS AFTER DAY ONE OF QUALIFYING AT PBA50 SPECTRUM LANES OPEN

AUGUST 3, 2021 JILL WINTERS

Wyoming, Michigan – PBA50 Rookie Dan Knowlton has quickly made a name for himself with three top 10 finishes so far this season. Now, he looks to pick up his first PBA50 Tour title after leading the first day of qualifying at the PBA50 Spectrum Lanes Open.

The 50-year-old rolled 1,898 for a 237.25 average. He holds a 25-pin lead over this tournament's defending champion from 2019 Eugene McCune.

"It's been awesome," Knowlton said about his debut season. "I didn't expect to have this much success for sure. I haven't bowled a whole lot the last 25 years competitively, so it is a pleasant surprise."

The Dade City, Florida resident used a Hammer Obsession Tour early and then about halfway through the eight-game block he switched to his symmetric, Brunswick Knock Out because he felt like he needed more down-lane recovery.

"I pretty much had everything in front of me all day and I didn't get too far away from the pocket," he said about his approach. "It was about execution"

Knowlton has gotten off to a strong start on tour. He finished 6th at the Johnny Petraglia BVL Open, 5th at the Bud Moore Classic and 2nd at the Odessa Open.

Pete Weber was the leader for the b squad at 1,857 sitting in 3rd place overall. Bob Learn Jr. sits in 4th and Parker Bohn III rounds out the top five.

Qualifying rounds continue with eight games Tuesday starting with the B squad at 9 a.m. Eastern. After the A squad finishes, the top 32 will advance to match play on

All pins will carry over into two rounds of match play consisting of two-sets of six games.

The top five bowlers will advance to the stepladder finals, where all pins will be dropped. The finals will begin at 7 p.m. EST Wednesday. You can watch every game live exclusively on FloBowling.

Follow PBA50 Spectrum Open scoring at [PBA50 Spectrum Lanes Open | PBA](#)

Top 10 PBA50 SPECTRUM OPEN

1. Dan Knowlton 1,898
2. Eugene McCune 1,873
3. Pete Weber 1,857

4. Bob Learn Jr. 1,851
5. Parker Bohn III 1,846
6. Tom Hess 1,831
7. Rolando Sebelen 1,824
8. John Burkett 1,804
9. Michael Calvin 1,784
10. John Shreve Jr. 1,781

PBA SUMMER TOUR CONTINUES SATURDAY WITH PBA JONESBORO OPEN

AUGUST 3, 2021 JEF GOODGER

The third of five PBA Summer Tour events takes place at Hijinx Family Entertainment Center

Jonesboro, Ark.—The PBA Summer Tour returns to Hijinx Family Entertainment Center with the PBA Jonesboro Open beginning Saturday at 10 a.m. ET. Defending champion Kyle Troup and PBA Summer Tour points leader EJ Tackett lead a strong field of PBA players into the event, which will culminate in the stepladder finals Sunday at 5 p.m. ET. All rounds of competition will be streamed live on FloBowling.

Here are some of the top storylines heading into the 2021 PBA Jonesboro Open:

TROUP LOOKS TO DEFEND TITLE, PASS \$500,000 IN EARNINGS

Last season, Kyle Troup bowled 290 to defeat Chris Barnes for the PBA Jonesboro Open title. It was Troup's fourth career title and first of three he won in 2020. He's already won twice more this season and will be looking to win his ninth career title this weekend. Troup continues to creep closer to the half-million-dollar mark in season earnings, currently sitting at a PBA Tour-record \$487,900.

A JONESBORO SUMMER

For the first time since 2018, the PBA Jonesboro Open will be held as part of the Summer Tour. Tommy Jones won the inaugural event in 2016, followed by François Lavoie in 2017 and Andrew Anderson as part of his 2018 PBA Player of the Year season. In 2019 and 2020, the PBA Jonesboro Open was held early in the season, with Norm Duke claiming his 40th career title in 2019 and Troup earning the championship in 2020.

TACKETT LEADS SUMMER TOUR POINTS RACE

EJ Tackett and Danielle McEwan won the Storm PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles this past weekend, giving Tackett his 14th career PBA Tour title and also moving him into the lead in the PBA Summer Tour points race. The best 10 players at the conclusion of all five events will receive a share of the \$40,000 bonus prize fund, with the top player earning \$20,000. Tackett now holds a slight edge over Shawn Maldonado, with Anthony Simonsen—who finished third in both events—sitting in third.

PBA SUMMER TOUR POINTS LEADERS THROUGH TWO EVENTS

1. EJ Tackett, 2,785
2. Shawn Maldonado, 2,617.5
3. Anthony Simonsen, 2,300
4. François Lavoie, 1,665
5. Jake Peters, 1,500
6. Darren Tang, 1,295
7. Richie Teece, 1,160
8. Tommy Jones, 1,155
9. Anthony Lavery-Spahr, 1,130
10. Chris Via, 1,105

PBA JONESBORO OPEN LIVE STREAMING SCHEDULE

Hijinx Family Entertainment Center – Jonesboro, Ark.

Saturday, August 7

10 a.m. ET – Qualifying (A Squad)

4 p.m. ET – Qualifying (B Squad)

Sunday, August 8

9:30 a.m. ET – Cashers Qualifying

1 p.m. ET – Match Play

5 p.m. ET – Stepladder Finals

All rounds will be streamed live on FloBowling. To subscribe, visit [FloBowling.com](https://www.flobowling.com).

PBA JONESBORO OPEN WINNERS SINCE 2016

2016 – Tommy Jones

2017 – François Lavoie

2018 – Andrew Anderson

2019 – Norm Duke

2020 – Kyle Troup

BOHN III LEADS AFTER QUALIFYING ROUNDS AT PBA50 SPECTRUM LANES OPEN AUGUST 3, 2021 JILL WINTERS

Wyoming, Michigan - Winning on the PBA50 Tour is far from easy, just ask Parker Bohn III who is leading after two-days of qualifying at the PBA50 Spectrum Lanes Open.

The lefty posted an eight-game total of 1,900 on Tuesday with games of 289, 204, 205, 248, 260, 256, 227 and 211. Paired with his first block of 1,846, Bohn holds a 32-pin lead over last week's PBA50 South Shore Open winner Eugene McCune. Bohn finished 4th at that tournament.

"A good finish last week, that breeds confidence," Bohn said. "If I go out there and play my game everybody else, as far as I am concerned, will have a tough time catching me."

Bohn, who last won a PBA50 title in 2017, was able to create some hold on the lanes and get the right reaction in the pocket using primarily his Brunswick Prism Hybrid and his Zenith Pearl when needed. The ball was coming off his hand clean resulting in flush strikes and even off hits that led to several five and six-baggers which propelled his scores.

When thinking about Wednesday's 12-games of match play and the stepladder finals, Bohn wants to keep the good vision he has on the lanes and go one frame at a time.

"I want to go out there and give 12 quality shots," the 58-year-old said. "Good luck to whoever is bowling me."

After the B squad took to the lanes first and completed its second block of games on Tuesday, Pete Weber was atop the leaderboard, before landing in a tie for 6th with Mitch Beasley by the end of the day. Weber is seeking his 14th PBA50 title.

"I bowled a lot better than my score shows because I had seven or eight 9-pins and three 7-10's in one game," he said. "As long as I feel like I am throwing the ball good everything should go fine."

With the field now cut to the top 32, they will bowl six-games of match play starting at 9 a.m. Eastern and six-more games beginning at 2 p.m. The top five bowlers will advance to the stepladder finals which will begin at 7 p.m. Watch every game exclusively on FloBowling.com.

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Top 10 PBA50 SPECTRUM OPEN

1. Parker Bohn III 3,746
2. Eugene McCune 3,714

3. Bob Learn Jr.	3,706
4. Dan Knowlton	3,696
5. Kerry Painter	3,693
6. Mitch Beasley	3,662
7. Pete Weber	3,662
8. Michael Calvin	3,627
9. John Burkett	3,589
10. Tom Hess	3,584

BOHN III SEALS THE DEAL AT PBA50 SPECTRUM LANES OPEN

AUGUST 4, 2021 JILL WINTERS

Wyoming, Michigan - A moment that all bowlers practice and prepare for played out during the championship match on Wednesday at the PBA50 Spectrum Lanes Open. Parker Bohn III had the opportunity to strike out to defeat top seed, Bob Learn Jr. to win a title.

"I was able to step up in the 10th frame and throw all three shots that were more imperative than any of the other ones," the 58-year-old said. "The other ones position you to give you an opportunity, but in the 10th frame is where you have the chance to seal the deal."

Bohn became the only player to defeat Learn on the day, winning 214-192. Learn had gone 12-0 during match play to earn the top seed.

Prior to the 10th frame, Learn held a 10-pin lead in the 8th frame but then he left the dreaded 2-8-10 split to give Bohn the chance to put the match away.

"I was not figuring he was going to have the unfortunate circumstances there in the ninth," Bohn said. "As a player you are sitting there on the bench, not rooting against your opponent, you just want to have an opportunity to win. At that point in time that was my opportunity to stand tall and fortunately it went my way."

After the win, Bohn shared an embrace with his mother-in-law who showed him on her phone that a room full of family members were watching and celebrating his win together back home. Bohn, who lost his mother in March, dedicates his win to her and hopes his victory will help propel his children to want to win this weekend in a bowling tournament as well.

To get to the championship match, no. 2 Bohn defeated no. 4 Tom Hess 244-193. The lefty had the first seven-in-a-row before a stone 9-pin caused him to drop down on the lanes in shock. Once the ball left his hand, he thought it was perfect, yet that 9-pin ended his string.

“I have let a couple wins slip through the cracks over the last couple of years but being victorious now just eliminates everything in the past,” he said.

In the first stepladder match, Hess beat John Shreve Jr. 277-201 then he defeated Eugene McCune, 224-178, in the second match.

2021 PBA50 SPECTRUM LANES OPEN FINAL STANDINGS:

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| 1. Parker Bohn III | \$7,500 |
| 2. Bob Learn Jr. | \$4,000 |
| 3. Tom Hess | \$2,500 |
| 4. Eugene McCune | \$2,000 |
| 5. John Shreve Jr. | \$1,800 |

View the full 2021 PBA50 Spectrum Lanes Open standings [PBA50 Spectrum Lanes Open | PBA](#)

Match Scores

Match 1 – Hess def. Shreve Jr. 277-201

Match 2 - Hess def. McCune 224-178

Match 3 – Bohn def. Hess 244-193

Championship match – Bohn def. Learn Jr. 214-192

Dom Barrett Leads PBA Jonesboro Open into Cashers Round

Eight-time PBA Tour champion averages 227.88 to lead all qualifiers

Jonesboro, Ark.—Eight-time PBA Tour champion Dom Barrett leads 39 players advancing to cashers qualifying in the PBA Jonesboro Open at Hijinx Family Entertainment Center. Barrett averaged 227.88 through eight games of qualifying and holds a 13-pin advantage over second-place Michael Davidson entering tomorrow’s five-game cashers qualifying round.

Barrett, who owns two major championships among his eight titles, has won PBA Tour titles in five different countries, but has yet to claim a title on the PBA Summer Tour.

Three of the five former champions in Jonesboro advanced to cashers qualifying: François Lavoie (22nd), Andrew Anderson (27th) and Tommy Jones (28th). Norm Duke, who won in 2019, did not compete.

Defending champion Kyle Troup missed the cut to cashers qualifying, finishing 60th. Also missing the cut were the top two players through two events in the PBA Summer Tour points race. EJ Tackett, who won the Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles with Danielle

McEwan, finished 52nd. Close behind Tackett, in 54th, was PBA Lubbock Sports Open champion Shawn Maldonado.

Competition resumes tomorrow with five games of cashers qualifying at 9:30 a.m. ET. Following cashers qualifying, the top 16 players advance to match play beginning at 1 p.m. ET. The four-player stepladder finals start at 5 p.m. ET. All rounds will be streamed live on FloBowling. To subscribe, visit FloBowling.com.

PBA Jonesboro Open Top 10 Through 8 Games

Hijinx Family Entertainment Center – Jonesboro, Ark.

Dom Barrett +223
Michael Davidson +210
Mykel Holliman +178
Eric Jones +175
Jakob Butturff +173
Anthony Simonsen +161
Deo Benard +157
Callum Borck +127
Sam Cooley +121
David Krol +121

Matt Russo Wins PBA Jonesboro Open for First Career PBA Tour Title

Defeats No. 1 seed Mykel Holliman in championship match

Jonesboro, Ark.—Twenty-four-year-old Matt Russo became the newest PBA Tour champion when he defeated Mykel Holliman, 225-197, in the championship match to win the PBA Jonesboro Open at Hijinx Family Entertainment Center. Russo qualified in the second position for the stepladder finals and eliminated seven-time PBA Tour champion Jakob Butturff in the semifinal match before besting Holliman.

When Russo, who would finish the title match first, came up in the ninth and 10th frames, Holliman's maximum possible score was 210. Russo spared in the ninth and struck on his first shot in the 10th, meaning he'd need count to clinch the victory. Russo struck two more times, emphatically posting a 225 for his first PBA Tour title.

Holliman, the 2019 PBA Tour Rookie of the Year, was in third place after first-round qualifying, second after cashers qualifying and then won all eight of his matches to earn the top seed for the stepladder. His final match win, during position round, was against Russo to clinch the top seed.

That match was Russo's only loss in match play, who lurked near the middle of the pack, albeit well inside the cut, during qualifying before winning his first seven matches to claim the second seed.

Russo's first opponent on the stepladder, Butturff, eliminated 16-year-old Eric Jones in the opening match of the stepladder finals.

Although he missed the cut to cashers qualifying, EJ Tackett earned enough points with his 52nd-place finish to retain the lead in the PBA Summer Tour points race with two events left to

play. After finishing 13th in Jonesboro, Anthony Simonsen is now just 30 points back of Tackett. The 10 best players on the PBA Summer Tour will receive a portion of the \$40,000 bonus prize fund, with the top performer earning \$20,000.

The PBA Summer Tour resumes Saturday with qualifying for the PBA Bowlerstore.com Open Presented by Moxy's Xtra Pair in Coldwater, Ohio.

PBA Jonesboro Open Final Standings

Hijinx Family Entertainment Center – Jonesboro, Ark.

1. Matt Russo
2. Mykel Holliman
3. Jakob Butturff
4. Eric Jones

Match Scores

Match 1 – No. 3 Butturff def. No. 4 Jones, 216-178

Match 2 – No. 2 Russo def. No. 3 Butturff, 234-207

Match 3 – No. 2 Russo def. No. 1 Holliman, 225-197

BOHN III LEADS AT PBA50 DAVE SMALL'S CHAMPIONSHIP LANES OPEN AUGUST 8, 2021 JILL WINTERS

Anderson, Indiana – Parker Bohn III is on a winning streak.

In the span of five days, the lefty won his fifth PBA50 title, another regional title and now he leads at the PBA50 Dave Small's Championship Lanes Open. During his seven-game qualifying block on Sunday, Bohn shot 223, 245, 247, 245, 225, 225 and 247 for 1,657, a 236.71 average.

"I don't know what is going on right now," he said, "but whatever the Bohns have looking over them, I hope it continues to stay that way."

While watching the A squad attack the lanes and seeing some players struggle, Bohn decided to keep his target in front of him. He used his Purple Hammer, while keeping his speed down and tempo in a good rhythm, to cruise to the top of the standings.

Tom Adcock led the A squad with 1,627. He leaped over Walter Ray Williams Jr. for the squad lead after rolling a 300 in game seven.

He credits his strong finish of 278, 230 and 300 with making a change to his 900 Global Zen.

"I made 12 good shots that last game and thank goodness I actually struck on them all," he said. "The lanes came to me after I made the ball change and then I was off to the races."

Adcock, who is 30-pins behind Bohn, took advice from Storm rep and fellow PBA50 bowler Mitch Beasley on where to play, plus watched what Norm Duke and Tim Mack were doing to manage the "tricky and definitely demanding" conditions. They are bowling on the Mike Aulby 38-foot oil pattern.

Qualifying rounds continue with seven more games Monday starting with the B squad at 8 a.m. Eastern. After the A squad finishes, the top 32 will advance to match play on Tuesday.

You can watch every game live exclusively on FloBowling.

Follow PBA50 Dave Small's Championship Open scoring at [PBA50 Dave Small's Championship Lanes Open | PBA](#)

Top 10 PBA50 DAVE SMALL'S CHAMPIONSHIP OPEN

1. Parker Bohn III	1,657
2. Tom Adcock	1,627
3. Walter Ray Williams Jr.	1,563
4. Amleto Monacelli	1,536
5. Mitch Beasley	1,497
6. Lennie Boresch Jr.	1,491
7. Keith Lesko	1,480
8. Steve Gagnon	1,479
9. Sammy Ventura	1,479
10. Dale Csuhta	1,478

ADCOCK DOMINATES QUALIFYING ROUNDS AT PBA50 DAVE SMALL'S CHAMPIONSHIP LANES OPEN AUGUST 9, 2021 JILL WINTERS

Anderson, Indiana – After finishing his first seven-games of qualifying on Sunday with a 300 game, Tom Adcock's high scores continued Monday at the PBA50 Dave Small's Championship Lanes Open.

The Decatur, Illinois resident averaged 250 in his second seven-game qualifying block shooting scores of 257, 236, 263, 245, 269, 233 and 247 to dominate the field. He holds a 248-pin lead over Amleto Monacelli.

A similar shape on the lanes from day-one to day-two allowed Adcock's swing to get looser and his confidence to soar. He used the Storm Tour IQ all day and "it came off the hand so good."

“My ball struck a lot,” he said about his ball reaction. “The light hits, the slappers, the snap 10s. I tripped a couple 4s. My look was as good as it could be.”

Since Sunday, Adcock was thinking about a conversation he had decades ago with former team challenge teammate, Del Ballard Jr. He asked the PBA Hall of Famer if he ever got nervous. Ballard’s response was he only got nervous when the conditions were hard, and his ball wasn’t seeing the lane right. So far, the two balls Adcock has used during qualifying have kept him confident, relaxed, and ready to compete for a PBA50 title.

Monacelli started his second qualifying block with a 740 series, before adding games of 200, 258, 201 and 194 for 3,129. He also relied on just one ball, an Obsession Tour.

“When I bowl really well, I am not thinking about scoring, I am focusing on execution and feeling the right things,” he said about his game plan. “This is what I used to do in the ‘80s and ‘90s, so let’s keep doing it. I felt really good.”

Adcock, Monacelli and the rest of the top 32 will start with six-games of match play at 9 a.m. Eastern Tuesday followed by six more games. The top five will then advance to the stepladder finals scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. You can watch match play and the finals exclusively on FloBowling.com.

Follow PBA50 Dave Small’s Championship Open scoring at [PBA50 Dave Small's Championship Lanes Open | PBA](#)

Top 10 PBA50 DAVE SMALL’S CHAMPIONSHIP OPEN

1. Tom Adcock	3,377
2. Amleto Monacelli	3,129
3. Lennie Boresch Jr.	3,101
4. Parker Bohn III	3,049
5. Walter Ray Williams Jr.	3,040
6. Dan Knowlton	3,027
7. Tom Hess	3,003
8. Edward Silva	3,001
9. Brad Angelo	2,996
10. Norm Duke	2,984

PBA Summer Tour Moves to Coldwater for Bowlerstore.com Classic Presented by Moxy’s Xtra Pair

Penultimate PBA Summer Tour event will be held at Pla-Mor Lanes in Coldwater, Ohio

Coldwater, Ohio—The fourth of five PBA Summer Tour events as part of the 2021 Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour season begins Saturday from Pla-Mor Lanes with a full day of qualifying. Three squads will bowl eight games each beginning at 8 a.m. ET and the event will culminate with the four-player stepladder finals Sunday at 5 p.m. ET. Every round of competition will be streamed live on FloBowling.

Here are some of the top storylines heading into the 2021 PBA Bowlerstore.com Classic presented by Moxy's Xtra Pair:

Tommy Jones Defends 2019 Title

Because the event was not held last season, 2019 champion Tommy Jones enjoyed an extra year as reigning champion in Coldwater. Jones has performed well on the 2021 Summer Tour, including a sixth-place finish in Jonesboro, Ark. this past weekend following a finish of fifth, with Shannon Pluhowsky, in the Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles.

Coldwater and Major Champions

Each of the three players to win at Pla-Mor Lanes since the event became a national PBA Tour stop are major champions. Rhino Page, who won in Coldwater in 2017, went on to win the U.S. Open for his first major two months later. Jakob Butturff, the 2018 winner in Coldwater, won his first major the following season in the 2019 USBC Masters. Jones was already a two-time major champion when he won the Bowlerstore.com Classic in 2019, but still found a way to make post-Coldwater history a few months later, bowling 300 in the title match to win the 2020 PBA Hall of Fame Classic during his own Hall of Fame-induction weekend.

Total Pins and Frequent Cuts

The second day of competition features a different format, which we'll also see in the PBA Chesapeake Open, from the previous Summer Tour events. After eight games of qualifying, the top third of the field will advance to a four-game cashers round on Sunday. Following the cashers round, the top 16 will advance to bowl three more games, after which the top eight move on to bowl two more games. After the round of eight, the top four players based on 17 games of total pinfall will advance to the stepladder finals.

Tackett Holds Narrow Advantage in Summer Tour Points Race

Although he missed the cut, finishing 52nd in the PBA Jonesboro Open was just enough to keep EJ Tackett in front of the PBA Summer Tour points race with two events to play. Tackett is now a mere 30 points ahead of Anthony Simonsen, who finished third in each of the first two events and 13th in Jonesboro. PBA Lubbock Sports Open champion Shawn Maldonado is third and PBA Jonesboro Open winner Matt Russo is fourth. Butturff, who finished third in Jonesboro and won in 2018 in Coldwater, is in fifth. The best 10 players at the conclusion of all five events will receive a share of the \$40,000 bonus prize fund, with the top player earning \$20,000.

PBA Summer Tour Points Leaders Through Three Events

1. EJ Tackett, 2,895
2. Anthony Simonsen, 2,865
3. Shawn Maldonado, 2,717.5
4. Matt Russo, 2,545
5. Jakob Butturff, 1,975
6. Tommy Jones, 1,930
7. François Lavoie, 1,870
8. Sam Cooley, 1,840
9. Jake Peters, 1,665
10. Dom Barrett, 1,630

PBA Bowlerstore.com Classic Presented by Moxy's Xtra Pair Live Streaming Schedule

Pla-Mor Lanes – Coldwater, Ohio

Saturday, August 14

8 a.m. ET – Qualifying (A Squad)
1:30 p.m. ET – Qualifying (B Squad)
7 p.m. ET – Qualifying (C Squad)

Sunday, August 15

11 a.m. ET – Cashers Qualifying (four games)
1:30 p.m. ET – Top 16 (three games)
3 p.m. ET – Top 8 (two games)
5 p.m. ET – Stepladder Finals

All rounds will be streamed live on FloBowling. To subscribe, visit [FloBowling.com](https://www.flobowling.com).

PBA Bowlerstore.com Classic Presented by Moxy's Xtra Pair Winners Since 2017

2017 – Rhino Page
2018 – Jakob Butturff
2019 – Tommy Jones
2020 – not held

BOHN III WINS BACK-TO-BACK PBA50 TITLES AUGUST 10, 2021 JILL WINTERS

Anderson, Indiana – To say that Parker Bohn III is on a hot streak would be an understatement.

He has won two PBA Regional titles and back-to-back PBA50 Tour titles in just 10-days. His latest win came Tuesday at the PBA50 Dave Small's Championship Lanes Open.

The legendary lefty defeated Tom Hess, Norm Duke and Tom Adcock to earn his sixth career PBA50 title, but it was no easy task.

He struck four times in his match against Hess and five times against Duke, but more importantly, remained clean in those matches. In each game, he only had one strike on the left lane. But when it came time to the championship match, Bohn delivered yet again. He started with the front five and cruised to a 233-157 victory over Adcock.

"I have won 10 matches in a row in a stepladder format," he said about his winning streak. "I've surpassed cloud nine. It's just unbelievable."

He has won back-to-back titles and made three TV shows in a row before on the PBA Tour, but this has been unprecedented.

Bohn and his family believe he is getting some extra help from above. They lost both his mother and his wife's brother this year.

"I think they are pulling all of the cards out of the deck that are bad ones for me and they are letting the good ones shine," he said.

He was confident that rolling 200 games against Hess and Duke would never get the job done. But a 204 and a 205 were enough because his opponents struggled with the demanding lane conditions. Bohn was shocked when Duke opened in back-to-back frames in the 6th and 7th frames, sticking while shooting at a 10-pin and chopping the 6-10.

"I'm sitting on the bench thinking what is going on around here right now," Bohn said about Duke's open frames. "It was survival of the fittest. I was able to overcome because I filled frames."

"Every one of my PBA titles has been with a Brunswick ball," Bohn said. "I can't thank them enough for the player that I have become."

In the first match, No. 4 seed Hess had a better handle on the lanes than Lennie Boresch Jr. to pick up the 226-181 win. Hess advanced to face Bohn in the second match where both players held slight leads. Bohn's double in the 8th and 9th frames resulted in a first pump. He got the 204-202 win.

2021 PBA50 DAVE SMALL'S CHAMPIONSHIP LANES OPEN FINAL STANDINGS:

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| 1. Parker Bohn III | \$7,500 |
| 2. Tom Adcock | \$4,000 |
| 3. Norm Duke | \$3,200 |
| 4. Tom Hess | \$2,500 |
| 5. Lennie Boresch Jr. | \$2,100 |

View the full standings at [PBA50 Dave Small's Championship Lanes Open | PBA](#)

MATCH SCORES

Match 1 – Hess def. Boresch Jr. 226-181

Match 2 – Bohn III def. Hess 204-202

Match 3 – Bohn III def. Duke 205-169

Championship match – Bohn III def. Adcock 233-157

Darren Tang in Front of Bowlerstore.com Classic Through Eight Games of Qualifying Averages 217.5 to lead 32 players into cashers qualifying

Coldwater, Ohio—After eight games of qualifying, Darren Tang leads the PBA Bowlerstore.com Classic presented by Moxy's Xtra Pair at Pla-Mor Lanes. Tang qualified seven pins ahead of U.S. Open champion Chris Via, who is 12 pins ahead of Jakob Butturff, the 2018 champion in Coldwater. The trio separated themselves from the rest of the field, with fourth-place Michael Tang, Darren's brother, sitting 42 pins behind Butturff.

Darren Tang, who posted a +140 score over eight games, is looking for his first career PBA Tour title and is in the most advantageous spot entering cashers qualifying, in which all 32 players will bowl four more games before the field is cut to the top 16. Darren Tang is currently 107 pins ahead of 17th.

Also making the cut to cashers qualifying were each of the top five players in the PBA Summer Tour points race. EJ Tackett, who leads the points race, claimed the 32nd and final spot with a -13 block, one pin ahead of his brother, Zac. No. 2 Anthony Simonsen is 23rd, No. 3 Shawn Maldonado is 26th, No. 4 Matt Russo is 21st and No. 5 Butturff is third. The Bowlerstore.com Classic is the penultimate event in the PBA Summer Tour as part of the 2021 Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour season.

Competition resumes Sunday with four games of cashers qualifying at 11 a.m. ET. Following cashers qualifying, the top 16 players bowl three more games, after which the top eight players bowl two more games to determine the top four for the stepladder finals beginning at 5 p.m. ET. All rounds will be streamed live on FloBowling. To subscribe, visit FloBowling.com.

PBA Bowlerstore.com Classic presented by Moxy's Xtra Pair Top 10 Through 8 Games Pla-Mor Lanes – Coldwater, Ohio

1. Darren Tang +140
2. Chris Via +133
3. Jakob Butturff +121

4. Michael Tang +79
5. Nick Pate +70
6. Packy Hanrahan +62
7. Anthony Lavery-Spahr +60
8. Kris Prather +53
9. JR Raymond +52
10. AJ Johnson +49

**DARREN TANG WINS PBA BOWLERSTORE.COM CLASSIC FOR FIRST PBA TOUR TITLE
AUGUST 15, 2021 JEF GOODGER**

Takes over first place in the PBA Summer Tour points race

Coldwater, Ohio—Darren Tang won his first Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour title by defeating Kyle Troup, 254-174, in the championship match of the PBA Bowlerstore.com Classic presented by Moxy's Xtra Pair at Pla-Mor Lanes. The win also moved Tang into the lead in the PBA Summer Tour points race with one event left to play.

Tang led the Bowlerstore.com Classic after every round of competition, averaging 217.53 over 17 games in the notoriously difficult bowling center, to earn the top seed for the stepladder finals.

Troup qualified second and eliminated Anthony Simonsen in the semifinal match to reach the championship. Had Troup been able to win, he would've become the first player in PBA Tour history to break the half-million-dollar mark in single-season earnings. Instead, Troup now sits \$3,100 short with one event left on the PBA Summer Tour.

Tang's best previous finish was second, a feat he accomplished three times. His most recent runner-up finish came as the top seed in the 2020 PBA Hall of Fame Classic, losing to Tommy Jones, who rolled a perfect game.

With the win in Coldwater, Tang moved from 11th to first in the PBA Summer Tour points race, now holding a 65-point advantage over Simonsen, who remains second. Shawn Maldonado, who finished fourth in Coldwater, is still third. EJ Tackett, the Summer Tour points leader entering the event, finished 27th to drop to fourth. The 10 best players on the PBA Summer Tour will receive a portion of the \$40,000 bonus prize fund, with the top performer earning \$20,000.

The final event of the PBA Summer Tour begins Saturday with qualifying for the PBA Chesapeake Open in Chesapeake, Va.

**PBA BOWLERSTORE.COM CLASSIC PRESENTED BY MOXY'S XTRA PAIR FINAL
STANDINGS**

Pla-Mor Lanes – Coldwater, Ohio

1. Darren Tang
2. Kyle Troup
3. Anthony Simonsen
4. Shawn Maldonado

MATCH SCORES

Match 1 – No. 3 Simonsen def. No. 4 Maldonado, 243-191

Match 2 – No. 2 Troup def. No. 3 Simonsen, 222-164

Match 3 – No. 1 Tang def. No. 2 Troup, 254-174

View the [full PBA Bowlerstore.com Classic presented by Moxy's Xtra Pair standings](https://www.pba.com/standings).

NORM DUKE WINS ALL FOUR STEPLADDER MATCHES TO CAPTURE PBA50 DAVID SMALL'S JAX 60 OPEN TITLE

AUGUST 16, 2021 JERRY SCHNEIDER

JACKSON, Mich. -- Hall of Famer Norm Duke won all four stepladder matches while battling through an on-going wrist injury Sunday to win the PBA50 David Small's JAX 60 Open for his first PBA50 Tour title of the season.

Duke, the No. 4 seed for the finals, defeated top seed Brad Angelo 238-227 in the championship match for his sixth career title on the tour for players 50 and over.

"You pray every shot because you never know when it's going to be your last," said the 57-year-old Duke. "It's also added incentive to throw strikes because that's less shots you have to make."

In the opening match Duke def. local favorite No. 5 seed Larry Verble 197-171 but the injury didn't become readily apparent until the second match when he struggled through the pain to beat No. 3 seed Ryan Shafer 268-171.

"When you bowl as many games as we do every day, all day, you just hope you don't do irreparable damage," said Duke, whose forearm was heavily taped for the finals.

It was in the second match against Shafer that Duke had to pull up on the approach during his delivery midway through the match but was able to hang on to the ball as he crossed the foul line to avoid a foul.

"It (the pain) really wasn't an issue until that shot but I was able to hang in and manage it," Duke said of the injury.

In the semifinal match Duke beat Eugene McCune 248-235 to advance to the title match. McCune earned the No. 2 seed thanks to an 11-1 record and 237 average in match play earlier Sunday to make a surge from 20th in qualifying to make the finals.

Duke's sixth career title ties him with Steve Neff, Dick Weber and Parker Bohn III on the all-time list. His last title on the PBA50 Tour came in the 2018 Security Federal Savings Bank Championship.

"You don't want to go a year without winning whether it's a tournament or a league," said the 40-time winner on the PBA Tour. "Winning something is the important thing."

Trying for a third consecutive PBA50 Tour win this season, Bohn failed to make the finals finishing the tournament in eighth.

Next on the schedule is the PBA60 Dick Weber Classic, for players 60 and over, at JAX 60 Lanes Aug. 17-19.

PBA50 DAVID SMALL'S JAX 60 OPEN FINAL STANDINGS

1. Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., \$7,500
2. Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., \$4,000
3. Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., \$2,500
4. Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., \$2,000
5. Larry Verble, Mason, Mich., \$1,825

STEPLADDER RESULTS

Match 1 – No. 4 Norm Duke def. No. 5 Larry Verble, 197-171

Match 2 – Duke def. No. 3 Ryan Shafer, 268-171

Semifinal match – Duke def. No. 2 Eugene McCune, 248-235

Championship match – Duke def. No. 1 Brad Angelo, 238-227

2021 PBA SUMMER TOUR CONCLUDES WITH PBA CHESAPEAKE OPEN AUGUST 17, 2021 JEFF GOODGER

Final PBA Summer Tour title to be decided this weekend

Chesapeake, Va.—The final event of the PBA Summer Tour as part of the Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour season takes place this weekend at AMF Western Branch Lanes. The

PBA Chesapeake Open will award one more champion and determine the top 10 players receiving a share of the Summer Tour bonus prize fund. Qualifying begins Saturday at 9 a.m. ET and the tournament will culminate in the stepladder finals Sunday at 3 p.m. ET. Every round of competition will be streamed live on FloBowling.

Here are some of the top storylines heading into the 2021 PBA Chesapeake Open:

O'NEILL DEFENDS 2019 TITLE

Bill O'Neill only competed in one of the first four 2021 PBA Summer Tour events, finishing 23rd with Shannon O'Keefe in the PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles, but O'Neill will compete in the final Summer Tour event to defend his title. O'Neill won the 2019 PBA Chesapeake Open as his second title of the season, which he followed with two more titles in 2020. O'Neill has yet to win in 2021.

TROUP STILL CHASING THE HALF-MILLION MARK

With his second-place finish in Coldwater, Troup now sits at \$496,900 in 2021 Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour earnings, a single-season record. Troup is \$3,100 short of becoming the first player ever to earn \$500,000 in a single season and could get there by finishing second or better in Chesapeake.

SIMONSEN LOOKING FOR A SUMMER TOUR TITLE

Anthony Simonsen finished third in the Bowlerstore.com Classic. It was the third time this summer he's finished third to go with a 13th-place performance in the PBA Jonesboro Open. Simonsen's consistency has him second in the PBA Summer Tour points race as the only player in the top five who has yet to win a title. A win for Simonsen in Chesapeake would guarantee him the overall Summer Tour top prize, but he may also be able to secure the bonus with another good finish.

SUMMER TOUR BONUS PRIZE FUND TO BE DIVVIED UP

The PBA Chesapeake Open is the last chance for players to get a share of the \$40,000 bonus prize fund for the PBA Summer Tour points leaders. The top 10 players will receive a share, with the No. 1 overall player receiving \$20,000. Entering the event, Bowlerstore.com Classic champion Darren Tang is in the lead, 65 points ahead of Simonsen.

With 2,500 points going to the winner, 17 players are still in the running to claim the \$20,000 bonus, although those near the bottom of that list would need a lot of players near the top to perform especially poorly. All players in the field are within reach of the top 10, as a win would get even a player with zero points inside.

PBA SUMMER TOUR POINTS LEADERS THROUGH FOUR EVENTS

1. Darren Tang, 4,080
2. Anthony Simonsen, 4,015
3. Shawn Maldonado, 3,667.5
4. EJ Tackett, 3,160
5. Matt Russo, 2,910
6. Jakob Butturff, 2,750
7. Kyle Troup, 2,427.5
8. Dom Barrett, 2,345
9. Jake Peters, 2,260
10. Sam Cooley, 2,075
11. Chris Via, 2,030
12. Tommy Jones, 1,982
13. Anthony Lavery-Spahr, 1,947.5
14. François Lavoie, 1,870
15. Nick Pate, 1,740
16. Jason Sterner, 1,730
17. Richie Teece, 1,660

PBA CHESAPEAKE OPEN LIVE STREAMING SCHEDULE

AMF Western Branch Lanes – Chesapeake, Virginia

Saturday, August 21

9 a.m. ET – Qualifying (A Squad)

3 p.m. ET – Qualifying (B Squad)

Sunday, August 22

9 a.m. ET – Cashers Qualifying (four games)

11:30 a.m. ET – Top 16 (three games)

1:30 p.m. ET – Top 8 (two games)

3 p.m. ET – Stepladder Finals

All rounds will be streamed live on FloBowling. To subscribe, visit [FloBowling.com](https://www.flobowling.com).

PBA CHESAPEAKE OPEN WINNERS SINCE 2019

2019 – Bill O'Neill

2020 – not held

METZNER EARNS DAY ONE LEAD AT PBA60 DICK WEBER CLASSIC AUGUST 17, 2021 JILL WINTERS

Jackson, Michigan – Terry Metzner is off to a hot start at the PBA60 Dick Weber Classic.

The Kentwood, Michigan native averaged 249.71 over his seven-game qualifying block on Tuesday to take a 4-pin lead over Robert P. Brown.

Metzner has bowled several state tournaments at JAX60 before but that was prior to the bowling center getting new lanes.

"I just stayed right up the back of my hand and let the ball work," the 62-year-old said. "Tom Carter from Brunswick laid me out a Melee ball that worked fantastic."

He used the Melee almost the entire day, including in his final game a 269, where he had a string of seven straight strikes. He credits the group of Super Seniors he was paired with for keeping him calm and focused.

"I was bowling with a great group of guys that relaxed me," he said. "Dick Gran, Tom Carter, Walter Ray Williams Jr. and Jim Storts. They pushed me and I liked that."

The 110-player field will bowl seven-games of qualifying starting at 8 a.m. Eastern on Wednesday. The top 32 will then advance and bowl six-games of match play round one starting at 3 p.m., exclusively on FloBowling.com.

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Top 10 PBA60 Dick Weber Classic

1. Terry Metzner	1,748
2. Robert P. Brown	1,744
3. Mark Williams	1,684
4. Dave Sill	1,674
5. John Kirker Jr.	1,668
6. Bill Essman	1,662

7. Tom Baker	1,648
8. Ron Mohr	1,644
9. Gary Kammes	1,643
10. Tom Carter & Rick Woloszyn	1,642

Jackson Veitch, Brianna Rogers, and Lance Morris win PBA Jr. Williamsburg, Va. South Regional

Williamsburg, Va. (AUGUST 15, 2021) – The second PBA Jr. Regional tournament in the South was a great success seeing three winners across three youth divisions at AMF Williamsburg Lanes in Williamsburg, Va. Jackson Veitch, Brianna Rogers, and Lance Morris captured the U15 Mixed, U18 Girls, and U18 Boys Divisions, respectively.

U15 Mixed: Jackson Veitch of Edinburg, Va. who qualified as the number one seed in the four-person stepladder finals, easily won his match against Christopher Rhea Jr. of Newport News, Va., 179-151, to win the title in the U15 Mixed division. Veitch added \$1000 to his SMART Fund account. In the first stepladder match, Chance McLane of Chesapeake Beach, Va. defeated Clayton Washington of Midlothian, Va., 193-174, McLane then lost to Rhea Jr., 177-167.

U18 Girls: Brianna Rogers of Florence, S.C., defeated Amanda Granata of Florham, N.J., 211-158 to win the U18 Girls division and added \$1000 scholarship funds to her SMART account. Rogers, who earned the third seed in the stepladder finals, won her first match 187-168, against Kaytlen Peck of Fort Lawn, S.C. and the semifinal match, 216-160, against Juliana Kerrigan Peck of Ashland, Va.

U18 Boys: Lance Morris of Beattyville, Ky., defeated Andru Blaney of Indian Head, Md., 244-210 to win the U18 Boys division and earned the \$1000 SMART Fund Scholarship. Brandon who qualified for the stepladder finals in the third seed defeated Tristan Rock-Rolison of Seale, Ala. in the opening match 179-156. Then Morris went on to defeat Mason Doan of Royersford, Pa. in the semifinal match 220-181.

The next PBA Jr. South Region event is the PBA Jr. National Championship event in Marietta, Ga., September 3-4, 2021.

PBA JR WILLIAMSBURG REGIONAL AMF Williamsburg Lanes, Williamsburg, Va.

U15 Mixed Final Standings:

1. n-Jackson Veitch, Edinburg, Va., 198 average, 1000 SMART points.
2. n-Chrisopher Rhea Jr., Newport News, Va., 178 average, 500 SMART points.
3. Chance McLane, Chesapeake Beach, Md., 175 average, 300 SMART points.
4. Clayton Washington, Midlothian, Va., 176 average, 200 SMART points.

U15 Mixed Stepladder Results:

Match One – McLane defeated Washington, 193-174.

Semi-final Match – Rhea Jr. defeated McLane, 177-167.

Championship Match – Veitch defeated Rhea Jr., 179-151.

U15 Mixed Final Match Play Standings (match play record and total pins after 14 games, including match play bonus pins)

1. n-Veitch, 7-1, 3,003.
2. n-Rhea Jr., 5-3, 2,667.
3. Washington, 5-3, 2,625.
4. McLane, 5-3, 2,598.
5. Matthew Kiker, Florence, S.C., 3-5, 2,472, 100 SMART points.
6. Aiden Watts, Prince Frederick, Md., 1-7, 2,425, 96 SMART points.
7. Caidin Lambrecht, Unadilla, N.Y., 3-5, 2,320.
8. Elijah McClain, Statesville, N.C., 3-5, 2,273.

U18 Girls Final Standings:

1. Brianna Rogers, Florence, S.C., 185 average, 1000 SMART points.
2. Amanda Granata, Florham, N.J., 187 average, 400 SMART points.
3. Juliana Kerrigan, Ashland, Va., 188 average, 200 SMART points.
4. Kaytlen Peck, Fort Lawn, S.C., 171 average, 132 SMART points.

U18 Girls Stepladder Results:

Match One – Rogers defeated Peck, 187-168.

Semi-final Match – Rogers defeated Kerrigan, 216-160.

Championship Match – Rogers defeated Granata, 211-158.

U18 Girls Final Match Play Standings (match play record and total pins after 14 games, including match play bonus pins)

1. Granata, 6-2, 2,830.
2. Kerrigan, 4-4, 2,788.
3. Rogers, 7-1, 2,742.
4. Peck, 4-4, 2,524.
5. Kiersten Michel, Chesapeake, Va., 3-5, 2,446.
6. Amelia Lemanowicz, Mount Arlington, N.J., 4-4, 2,407.
7. Elizabeth Weeks, Florence, S.C., 2-6, 2,380.
8. Brienna Cooper, Manassas Park, Va., 2-6, 2,364.

U18 Boys Final Standings:

1. Lance Morris, Beattyville, Ky., 205 average, 1000 SMART points.
2. Andru Blaney, Indian Head, Md., 208 average, 500 SMART points.
3. Mason Doan, Royersford, Pa., 203 average, 350 SMART points.
4. Tristan Rock-Rolison, Seale, Ala., 195 average, 225 SMART points.

U18 Boys Stepladder Results:

Match One – Morris defeated Rock-Rolison, 179-156.

Semi-final Match – Morris defeated Doan, 220-181.

Championship Match – Morris defeated Blaney, 244-210.

U18 Boys Final Match Play Standings (match play record and total pins after 14 games, including match play bonus pins)

1. Blaney, 6-2, 3,093.
2. n-Doan, 4-4, 2,978.

3. Morris, 4-4, 2,967.
4. n-Rock-Rolison, 3-5, 2,775.
5. Tyler Michel, Chesapeake, Va., 4-4, 2,851, 200 SMART points.
6. Ethan Fiore, Valrico, Fla., 4-4, 2,817, 169 SMART points.
7. Chris Bald, Raleigh, N.C., 4-4, 2,788.
8. Jyles Matthews, Charlotte, N.C., 3-5, 2,780.

n- indicates non member

BROWN TAKES OVER LEAD AT PBA60 DICK WEBER CLASSIC AUGUST 18, 2021 JILL WINTERS

Jackson, Michigan – Robert P. Brown had himself a day on Wednesday filled with a lot of highs and a few lows at the PBA60 Dick Weber Classic.

He started the day with 279, 236, 278, 248, 238, 214 and 257 for 1,750, an average of 250. That gave him a 75-pin lead over Ron Mohr after 14-games of qualifying. But over his six-games of match play, the righty finished with a 2-4 record, bringing his overall total with bonus pins to 4,982. His lead shrunk to just 5-pins.

“You average 250 and you just look up there and go, ‘I don’t know how I did it, but apparently I did,’” Brown said about his second qualifying block. “In match play, a lot of my opponents bowled really well. You needed 250s and 270s to win some matches on this pattern, but I wasn’t quite able to do that like I was in qualifying.”

Brown, who finished 21st at the PBA50 David Small’s Jax60 Open held at the same bowling center, had a strategy to battle the transition coming into this event and relied on a few new balls that helped him post high scores.

“I used a dull Storm Phaze II for two games then I switched to my Reality, which I had shined up,” the Wyoming native said. “That was a pretty good one-two punch. Then, I threw a Track Hybrid late in game six and in game seven. Some patterns just match up with what you try to do pretty well.”

Brown’s best finish on the PBA50 was 7th place in June at the PBA50 Cup in Lubbock, Texas. The 61-year-old is seeking his first PBA50 Tour title.

Mohr also had himself a strong day on Wednesday. He started the day in 8th place and shot 222, 279, 256, 213, 268, 280 and 257 for 1,775, a 253.57 average over his seven-game qualifying block. He posted a 3-3 record in match play to climb into 2nd place.

The field of bowlers, ages 60 and over, will begin six more games of match play starting at 9 a.m. Eastern. The top-five bowlers will then advance to the stepladder finals scheduled to start at 2 p.m., exclusively on FloBowling.com.

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Top 10 PBA60 Dick Weber Classic

1. Robert P. Brown	4,982
2. Ron Mohr	4,977
3. Walter Ray Williams Jr.	4,899
4. Bill Essman	4,881
5. John Kirker Jr.	4,839
6. Edward Silva	4,831
7. Terry Metzner	4,792
8. Charlie Toney	4,773
9. Tony Rodriguez Jr.	4,768
10. Todd Kjell	4,756

MOHR COLLECTS 12TH SENIOR TITLE AT PBA60 DICK WEBER CLASSIC

AUGUST 19, 2021 JILL WINTERS

Jackson, Michigan – Ron Mohr is one of the most prolific senior bowlers and he just added another title to his impressive career.

The PBA Hall of Famer had a pretty perfect Thursday, which included a 300 game in match play, at the 2021 PBA60 Dick Weber Classic. He earned the top spot in the stepladder finals and just waited for his opportunity to get back in the winner's circle. It just so happens this was the same building where he won his first senior title.

Mohr met John Kirker Jr. who was coming off of three-straight wins against Todd Kjell, Walter Ray Williams Jr. and Robert P. Brown. Kirker seemed to have the championship lanes figured out after rolling clean games of 225, 258 and 258, but the transition got the best of him. Mohr defeated Kirker 207-162 to pick up his third PBA60 title and his 12th PBA/Senior Tour title overall.

The 65-year-old admits he rarely gets emotional, but he did have to fight back some tears after the victory because “you never know when it might be your last.”

“Anytime you win anything with Dick Weber’s name on it, how could you get a greater honor than that,” Mohr said. “He was the Parker Bohn of that era. The perfect ambassador like Parker is right now.”

The former air traffic controller credits his former profession with helping him focus on what is important and staying in the moment. That has benefited him on tour as he has transferred those skills to making rapid decisions as lanes transition. Mohr had bowled several games on the championship pair this week, so he was familiar with their characteristics.

“The key on that pair was to stay deep enough on the right lane and to stay ahead on the left lane,” he said. “That was one of the lowest scores I had bowled all week, but I made eight or nine quality shots and that is generally enough to win.”

He chose to use his Roto Grip RST X-1, which he calls his good news, bad news ball. The ball goes where he throws it and fortunately it all worked out in his favor.

“Who knows how much longer we can be full-time out here and be competitive, so this would be a pretty awesome bookend if that is the way it works out,” the Las Vegas resident said.

2021 PBA60 DICK WEBER CLASSIC FINAL STANDINGS:

1. Ron Mohr	\$7,500
2. John Kirker Jr.	\$4,000
3. Robert P. Brown	\$3,000
4. Walter Ray Williams Jr.	\$2,500
5. Todd Kjell	\$2,000

View the full standings at [PBA60 Dick Weber Classic | PBA](#)

MATCH SCORES

Match 1 –Kirker Jr. def. Kjell 225-166

Match 2 – Kirker Jr. def. Williams Jr. 258-225

Match 3 – Kirker Jr. def. Brown 258-215

Championship match – Mohr def. Kirker Jr. 207-162

Mike Coffey Wins PBA Century Lanes Clean Air Solutions Hampton Open

HAMPTON, VA. (August 18, 2021) – Mike Coffey of Melbourne, Fla. won his third PBA Regional title at the PBA Clean Air Solutions Hampton Open at Century Lanes on Wednesday, defeating A.J. Chapman of Manchester Iowa, 244-237 in the final match.

Coffey started the title match with five consecutive strikes, while Chapman started with strike – spare – triple. The match was close until Coffey doubled in the eighth and ninth to lock out Chapman. Coffey won \$2,600 for first place and Chapman received \$1,400 as the runner-up.

In the semifinal round, Coffey defeated Packy Hanrahan of Wichita, Ks., 245-234, while Chapman disposed of Cristian Azcona of Clermont, Fla., 227-214.

This event was an unusual midweek regional set up to accommodate the touring pros that just completed the PBA Bowlerstore.com Classic presented by Moxy's Xtra Pair in Coldwater, Ohio.

The PBA South Region's next tournament will be the PBA50 Cantwell Law Offices Rogersville Open August 27-29, 2021 in Rogersville, Tenn.

PBA CLEAN AIR SOLUTIONS HAMPTON OPEN Century Lanes, Hampton, Va., Wednesday

Championship:

Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla. (\$2,600) def. A.J. Chapman, Manchester, Iowa. (\$1,400), 244-237.

Semifinal Round (losers earned \$1100):

Coffey def. Packy Hanrahan, Wichita, Ks., 245-234.

Chapman def. Cristian Azcona, Clermont, Fla., 227-214.

Round of 8 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$900 each):

Coffey def. Shawn Maldonado, Houston, Tx., 596-542.

Chapman def. Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 745-679.

Hanrahan def. Sam Cooley, Australia, 733-609.

Azcona def. Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 566-530.

Round of 12 (total pinfall three games, losers eliminated and earned \$700 each):

Hanrahan def. Zachary Tackett, Virginia Beach, Va., 678-638.

Coffey def. Chris Bolosan, Newport News, Va., 642-568.

Robinson def. Kip Roberts, Glen Allen, Va., 670-629.

Chapman def. Ryan Carlisi, Trenton, N.J., 655-537.

Round of 16 (total pinfall three games, losers eliminated and earned \$625 each):

Hanrahan def. Richard Teece, England, 662-634.

Bolosan def. Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Az., 634-586.

Robinson def. Bryan Hahlen, Greenwood, S.C., 665-586.

Chapman def. Anthony Lavery - Spahr, Pasadena, Tx., 737-662.

Tom Daugherty on Top of PBA Chesapeake Open After First Round

Two-time winner in 2021 averages 250.38 to lead first day of competition

Chesapeake, Va.—Four-time Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour champion Tom Daugherty leads all players through eight games of qualifying in the PBA Chesapeake Open at AMF Western Branch Lanes. With a 250.38 average, Daugherty's +403 score gives him a 36-pin advantage over second-place Sean Rash entering tomorrow's cashers qualifying.

Daugherty already has two victories in 2021, including the Guaranteed Rate PBA World Championship for his first career major. He ranks third among all players in 2021 earnings, banking \$190,400 so far. Even with a sub-200 score in his final game of qualifying, he was able to maintain a 250 average in besting the field.

Also among the 49 competitors making the cut were several players still in the running to claim victory in the PBA Summer Tour points race, including each of the current top four. Leader Darren Tang is in sixth (+314), No. 2 Anthony Simonsen qualified 11th (+281), third-ranked Shawn Maldonado is in 38th (+153) and No. 4 EJ Tackett qualified 20th (+234). Sixth-ranked Jakob Butturff took the 49th and final spot with a +125 block.

Defending champion Bill O'Neill is still in the mix, averaging 221.75 to qualify 30th for cashers round. Kyle Troup, who needed to finish second or better to become the first player in PBA Tour history to earn \$500,000 in a single season, missed the cut and finished 76th.

Competition resumes Sunday with four games of cashers qualifying at 9 a.m. ET. Following cashers qualifying, the top 16 players bowl three more games, after which the top eight players bowl two more games to determine the top four for the stepladder finals beginning at 3 p.m. ET. All rounds will be streamed live on FloBowling. To subscribe, visit FloBowling.com.

PBA Chesapeake Open Top 10 Through 8 Games

AMF Western Branch Lanes – Chesapeake, Va.

1. Tom Daugherty +403
2. Sean Rash +367
3. Anthony Lavery-Spahr +360
4. Chris Via +340
5. Tommy Jones +338
6. Darren Tang +314
7. Tim Foy Jr. +307
8. Ryan Ciminelli +302
9. Sean Wilcox +285

10. Marshall Kent +284

Full PBA Chesapeake Open standings: <https://www.pba.com/tournaments/2021/pba-chesapeake-open>

**SEAN RASH WINS PBA CHESAPEAKE OPEN FOR 17TH PBA
TOUR TITLE
AUGUST 22, 2021 JEF GOODGER**

Defeats top seed Tom Daugherty in championship match

Chesapeake, Va.—On his 39th birthday, Sean Rash claimed his 17th Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour title by winning the PBA Chesapeake Open at AMF Western Branch Lanes. Rash, the No. 2 seed, eliminated 20-time PBA Tour champion Tommy Jones in the semifinal match, then defeated top seed Tom Daugherty, who won two of his four career titles earlier this season, in the championship match.

Daugherty finished with a 212 game, forcing Rash to strike on his first shot in the 10th frame to have a chance. After a re-rack, Rash rolled the strike he needed, then fired his next shot down the middle to get enough count to make it official. Rash finished with a score of 228 to win his first title since the 2020 PBA Cheetah Championship.

The victory moves Rash out of a tie with Hall of Famer Jason Couch and into a tie with Hall of Famer Carmen Salvino in all-time titles. It also jumps Rash into seventh in the PBA Summer Tour points race, which will net him a share of the \$40,000 bonus prize fund. With his second-place finish, Daugherty also moved inside the top 10, finishing one spot behind Rash in eighth.

Darren Tang, who won his first PBA Tour title last weekend in the PBA Bowlerstore.com Classic presented by Moxy's Xtra Pair, finished seventh in Chesapeake to clinch the \$20,000 bonus for leading the PBA Summer Tour points race. Tang finished in the top 12 in four of the five Summer Tour events to build a 35-point margin over runner-up Anthony Simonsen.

Tang entered the final event of the PBA Summer Tour with a 65-point lead over Simonsen, who finished sixth in Chesapeake, which was not enough to catch Tang. Simonsen will receive \$7,000 for placing second.

PBA CHESAPEAKE OPEN FINAL STANDINGS

AMF Western Branch Lanes – Chesapeake, Va.

1. Sean Rash
2. Tom Daugherty
3. Tommy Jones
4. Ryan Ciminelli

MATCH SCORES

Match 1 – No. 4 Jones def. No. 3 Ciminelli, 250-202

Match 2 – No. 2 Rash def. No. 4 Jones, 248-216

Match 3 – No. 2 Rash def. No. 1 Daugherty, 228-212

View the [full PBA Chesapeake Open standings](#).

PBA SUMMER TOUR POINTS FINAL STANDINGS

1. Darren Tang, 4,825 (\$20,000)
2. Anthony Simonsen, 4,790 (\$7,000)
3. Shawn Maldonado, 3,902.5 (\$4,000)
4. EJ Tackett, 3,665 (\$3,000)
5. Jakob Butturff, 3,175 (\$1,000)
6. Tommy Jones, 3,132.5 (\$1,000)
7. Sean Rash, 3,090 (\$1,000)
8. Tom Daugherty, 3,072.5 (\$1,000)
9. Matt Russo, 3,010 (\$1,000)
10. Chris Via, 2,655 (\$1,000)

PBA Jr. and Gazmine Mason Foundation Scholarship Winners Announced

First-Ever Scholarship to Support BIPOC Youth Bowlers Selects 22 Winners

New York, NY – The Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) in partnership with professional bowler, Gazmine “GG” Mason are excited to announce the PBA Jr. and Gazmine Mason Foundation Scholarship recipients.

In its first year, 22 exceptional youth bowlers ranging in ages from 13-18, representing 15 states across the United States, have been selected based on their academics, creativity, and commitment to the sport of bowling.

The PBA and Gazmine Mason launched the PBA Jr. and Gazmine Mason Foundation Scholarship together in an effort to advocate for more representation in the sport.

"The inaugural PBA Jr. and Gazmine Mason Foundation class is an inspiring group of diverse youth bowlers with bright futures ahead," said Colie Edison, CEO of the PBA. "Each and every one is deserving of this opportunity and I look forward to seeing these talented bowlers compete at an elite level."

The 22 recipients have earned guaranteed entry into the PBA Jr. National Championship Regional Qualifier events, the first part of the PBA Jr. National Championship, which will take place at five locations across the country September 3-5. The East Region Qualifier/22nd Parker Bohn III Scholarship Tournament will begin on September 2.

"I'm so proud to see the positive response and number of applications we received for the first-ever PBA Jr. and Gazmine Mason Foundation Scholarship," said Gazmine Mason. "The majority of these youth bowlers haven't competed in a PBA Jr. tournament and to give them an opportunity is just amazing. I wish them lots of luck!"

Join us in congratulating the 2021 PBA Jr. and Gazmine Mason Foundation Scholarship recipients:

Kendall Battles (18) – Philadelphia
Daveon Bickcom (15) – Chicago
Essence Collins (15) – Aurora, Colo.
Nila Dulcio (16) – Sugar Hill, Ga.
Aaliyah Friend (16) – Winston-Salem, N.C.
Tyler Galbreath (15) – San Antonio, Texas
Diamond Gist (15) – Hammond, Ind.
Jasmine Hall (15) - Huntsville, Ala.
Daniel Hong (17) – Fullerton, Calif.
Stephanie Hong (17) – Fullerton, Calif.
Jewel Johnson (15) – Harrisburg, Pa.
Michael Jones (15) – Laurel, Md.
Kiernyn Knox (17) – West Orange, N.J.
Walther Lents (17) – Daytona Beach, Fla.
Caroline Lewis (16) – Kenosaha, Wis.
Brianna McCall (13) – Houston
Bryan McCall (13) – Houston
Emmanuel McPherson (17) – Green Bay, Wis.
Tori Richardson (12) – Waterloo, Iowa
King Simmons (15) – Chicago
Kai Strothers (13) – Plainfield, N.J.
Allie Williams (17) – Philadelphia, Miss.

The PBA Jr. National Championship Regional Qualifiers are the first part in the PBA Jr. National Championship open to youth bowlers, who have not yet reached the age of 18 by August 1, 2021.

Each Regional Qualifier will guarantee a first-place \$2,000 SMART Scholarship with scholarships being awarded to one out of every six (1:6) entries in each division.

For additional information, eligibility, and to register please visit pba.com/junior.

MATTHEW ANDERSON WINS HOUSTON EMERALD BOWL SOUTHWEST CHALLENGE

AUGUST 24, 2021 REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Houston, Texas – Matthew Anderson, from Las Vegas, won his first PBA Regional event in the PBA Houston Emerald Bowl Southwest Challenge on Sunday; an event open to PBA members who do not have a PBA title or non-members who haven't won a PBA event.

Anderson was on his way to victory by averaging 237 in the first seven games of the modified eight game round robin finals to overtake Sean Sadat of Houston. Anderson held onto the lead in the final game, defeating Sadat, 268-178, to claim the \$2,400 first-place prize.

Sadat who led the event from game two through game 19, finished second and collected \$1,800. Tyler Wright, from Prairieville, Lou., finished third, winning \$1,500, while Gabriel Alvarez, of Wichita, Kan., cashed for \$1,250 for fourth place.

The PBA Southwest Region moves to Ayres Lanes in Liberal, Kan. for the PBA Liberal Southwest Open, September 17-19. The event will offer a \$4,000 first place prize.

**PBA HOUSTON EMERALD BOWL SOUTHWEST CHALLENGE, presented by
Bowling Dynamix
Emerald Bowl, Houston, Texas, Sunday**

Final Standings (after 21 games, including match play bonus pins):

1. N- Matthew Anderson Las Vegas 7-1 5085 \$2,400
2. N- Sean Sadat Houston, Texas 4-4 4943 \$1,800
3. N-Tyler Wright Gonzales, Lou. 6-2 4887 \$1,500
4. N- Gabriel Alvarez Wichita, Ks 6-2 4823 \$1,250
5. N- Seth Rutledge Richardson, TX 6-2 4752 \$1,050
6. N- Daniel Inocencio College Station, Texas 6-2 4735 \$950
7. N- Connor Egan East Northport, NY 4-4 4733 \$850
8. Gabriel Yanes Corpus Christi, Texas 4-4 4613 \$800
9. N- John McGee Houston, Tx 4-4 4598 \$775
10. N-Nick Nguyen Port Neches, TX 4-4 4566 \$750
11. N-Ryan Barnes Double Oak, Texas 2-7 4566 \$725
12. N- Joshua Sorola Baytown 3-5 4542 \$700
13. N- Chasten Pojas Wahiawa, Hi 3-5 4531 \$675
14. N- David Hayes Terre Haute, IN 3-5 4520 \$650
15. N-Ryan Nguyen Port Arthur, TX 1-7 4447 \$625
16. N- Scott Teel Azle, TX 1-7 4404 \$600

N-denotes non-PBA member.

Tom Baker Wins PBA50 Rogersville South Open

ROGERSVILLE, TENN. (Aug. 29, 2021) – Tom Baker of King, North Carolina, defeated Dave Martin of Chesapeake, Virginia, 216-161, in the final match to take the first prize in the PBA50 Daniel Cantwell Law Offices Rogersville Open at East End Lanes Sunday.

Baker, who won \$2,000 and his thirty seventh official career PBA regional title did it in without pressure tripling in the eighth- ninth -tenth frames to win. Martin pocketed \$1,100 as the runner-up.

In the semifinal round, Baker def. Steve Lickliter of Beckley, W.Va., 182-179, while Martin disposed of Scott Thomsen of Sumter, S.C., 248-214.

The tournament drew sixty 50-and-older players. The PBA South Region's next tournament will be the PBA60 Kingsport Open August 30th - Sept. 1 in Kingsport, Tenn.

PBA50 DANIEL CANTWELL LAW OFFICES ROGERSVILLE OPEN East End Lanes, Rogersville, Tenn., Sunday

Championship:

Tom Baker, King, N.C. (\$2,000) def. Dave Martin, Chesapeake, Va. (\$1,100), 216-161.

Semifinal Round (losers earned \$900):

T. Baker def. Steve Lickliter, Beckley, W. Va., 182-179.

Martin def. Scott Thomsen, Sumter, S.C., 248-214.

Round of 8 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$720 each):

T. Baker def. David Bowers, Knoxville, Tenn., 619-502.

Martin def. Jeff Bellinger, Columbia, S.C., 657-635.

Thomsen def. Greg McMahan, Dandridge, Tenn., 702-641.

Lickliter def. Dave Davison, Monessen, Pa., 656-644.

Round of 12 (total pinfall three games, losers eliminated and earned \$625 each):

McMahan def. Mike Byers, Charleston, S.C., 573-490.

T. Baker def. Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 718-607.

Lickliter def. Charlie Toney, Oak Hill, W. Va., 702-639.

Bellinger def. W.R. Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 706-627.

Round of 16 (total pinfall three games, losers eliminated and earned \$550 each):

Byers def. Michael Painter, Moore, S.C., 664-657.

Bellinger def. Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., 597-570.

Toney def. Tommy Reeves, Gastonia, N.C., 625-568.

S. Baker def. Greg Wilson, Warrenton, Va., 635 (10) – 635(6).

PBA50 TOUR HEADS WEST TO CLOSE OUT 2021 SEASON AUGUST 30, 2021 JOHNNY CAMPOS

Brentwood, Calif. – The 2021 PBA50 Tour season travels west for the final three stops of the year, starting with the PBA50 Senior U.S. Open at Harvest Park Bowl, Labor Day weekend.

The event will begin on Saturday and concludes with the stepladder finals on Tuesday, Sept. 7 at 7:30 p.m. ET / 4:30 p.m. PT. That tournament will be followed by two stops at Sam's Town Bowling Center in Las Vegas – the PBA60 Super Senior Classic Sept. 9-13 and the USBC Senior Masters Sept. 13-19.

The 2020 PBA50 Tour was canceled last year because of the COVID-19 pandemic, so the defending champions are from the 2019 season.

Tore Torgersen of Norway won the 2019 PBA50 Senior U.S. Open by beating PBA Hall of Famer Mika Koivuniemi of Finland in the title match. Torgersen won it as a non-member, so it did not count as an official PBA50 title. Torgersen is not on the roster to compete and defend his title.

Ty Dawson of Sunnyvale, Calif., won the PBA60 Super Senior Classic in 2019, and PBA Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli of Venezuela claimed the 2019 USBC Senior Masters title.

Monacelli won 20 titles on the PBA National Tour and has won 10 PBA50 titles, including the USBC Senior Masters twice. The two-time PBA Player of the year just turned 60 and will be eligible for all three upcoming tournaments.

"I'm ready to defend the Senior Masters title," he said. "It's such a prestigious and tough tournament, because it doesn't matter who averages the most. You need to bowl good and win many matches to make it to the show."

Monacelli attributes mental preparation for the win noting, "that last win was unbelievable. I was very surprised at my mental toughness during the whole tournament, and I think that was the key."

Monacelli is also ready to bowl in his first PBA60 event at Sam's Town.

"I have been bowling very well, so of course I have some confidence going into that tournament," he said. "I have a lot of respect for those guys, but I need to bowl good and do the right things, just like I normally try to do."

His main competition could be PBA Hall of Famers Ron Mohr and Walter Ray Williams Jr. Mohr has won the past four PBA60 Player of the Year honors and is coming off a win in this year's PBA60 Dick Weber Classic. Williams, the leader in PBA50 titles with 15, ranks 10th in points despite fighting through various health issues this season.

Another PBA Hall of Fame bowler, Pete Weber, enters the final PBA50 swing as the leader in points, earnings and average. But he holds only a precarious 2,680-point lead over PBA50 “youngster” Brad Angelo, while hoping to win his third PBA50 Player of the Year award. Weber won the honor in 2015 and 2016.

Weber won back-to-back PBA50 titles earlier this year and has posted four other top-10 finishes – all since retiring from the PBA National Tour in March.

“I don’t know if retiring has had anything to do with my success this year, but I’m a lot more relaxed on the lanes now,” Weber said. “The ball’s coming off my hand pretty good and I have a lot of confidence. The shorter patterns get me a little, but I’m feeling strong again.”

The final two PBA50 events are both majors, so points will be worth 1.5 times those of a standard event. That could be a boost for some of the bowlers, such as Angelo, Chris Barnes and Monacelli who are chasing Weber for the PBA50 points lead and the PBA50 Player of the Year honors.

But Weber, who has won both of those tournaments twice, is only focused on his performance.

“I’m not even thinking about those guys,” said Weber, who recently turned 59. “If they step up and beat me, then great for them. I gotta do what I gotta do.”

“I have always liked the majors because it’s not just throw the ball anywhere and strike. You’ve got to make shots, keep the ball in the play area and be able to make your spares. With the two majors coming up now, I’ve had pretty good success in both of those. I’m feeling pretty confident going into it.”

All of the PBA50 Senior U.S. Open rounds will be streamed live on FloBowling, while BowlTV.com will stream the PBA60 Super Senior Classic and the USBC Senior Masters competition.

AMLETO MONACELLI LEADS PBA50 SENIOR U.S. OPEN AFTER FIRST ROUND

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021 JOHNNY CAMPOS

Brentwood, Calif. – Becoming a super senior last month did nothing to slow down PBA Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli in Sunday’s first round of the PBA50 Senior U.S. Open.

Bowling in his first tournament since turning 60 on August 27, Monacelli averaged better than 230 for the first eight games to lead the 78-man field at Harvest Park Bowl.

He had games of 205, 267, 233, 198, 258, 222, 258 and 202 for a pinfall total of 1,843, giving him a 28-pin lead over three-time PBA50 champ Hugh Miller of Mercer Island, Wash., who was second at 1,815.

David Leverage of Peoria, Ariz., was in third with 1,810, 15 pins better than Tom Hess of Granger, Iowa, at 1,795. Former Major League pitcher John Burkett of Fort Worth, Texas, rounded out the top five with 1,741.

Monacelli said he tried to focus on just making good shots on the tough conditions in the major event.

"Maybe because they're a little tougher, so it makes my game sharper because I'm more aware that I have to make really good shots," the 10-time PBA50 champion said. "So I can read the lanes properly and make better decisions. When the lanes are a little more open, it's more about carrying and you pay less attention to make really good shots.

"My focus is always about making every shot the best possible. I never felt good in practice, but in the tournament I went to my fundamentals. I knew that I needed to get the right timing and the right state of mind. It's a combination of both."

Monacelli said he used the same ball, the Hammer Obsession Tour, for all eight games.

PBA Hall of Fame bowlers Ron Mohr (10th), Chris Barnes (12th), Pete Weber (19th), and Walter Ray Williams Jr. (21st) also were among the top 24. But Norm Duke had to withdraw midway through the first session because of an injury.

The 78-player field will bowl another eight-game qualifying round on Monday to determine the top 24 players who will advance to two rounds of match play on Tuesday at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Pacific time. That will determine the top five for the stepladder finals scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

PBA Senior U.S. Open

Top 10 (after 8 games)

1. Amleto Monacelli, 1,843
2. Hugh Miller, 1,815
3. David Leverage, 1,810
4. Tom Hess, 1,795
5. John Burkett, 1,741
6. Rob Rosenau, 1,740
7. Jason Couch, 1,738
8. John Marsala, 1,737
9. Ron Case, 1,735
10. Ron Mohr, 1,730

ROY BUCKLEY, PBA HALL OF FAMER, DIES AT AGE 77

SEPTEMBER 6, 2021 JOHNNY CAMPOS

PBA Hall of Fame bowler Roy Buckley of Westerville, Ohio, died late Saturday night at the age of 77.

He had been suffering from stage 4 lung cancer.

Buckley's death comes on the heels of the loss of another PBA Hall of Famer, Harry "Tiger" Smith, who died last month.

Buckley won seven PBA titles in his career, and was a full-time pro from 1970-82. He made 17 career telecasts and won his last title on the national tour in 1981, when he beat Earl Anthony to win the Buffalo Open.

Buckley, who finished with career earnings of about \$650,000, was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame in 1992 for superior performance.

He also won a pair of team titles in the American Bowling Congress Tournament (now USBC Open Championships) in 1975 and 1976 on the Munsingwear No. 2 team, along with teammates Barry Asher, Nelson Burton Jr., Bud Horn and Norm Meyers.

Buckley grew up in the Columbus, Ohio area, and was inducted into the Ohio State USBC Hall of Fame in 1988.

He was known for being a steady casher on the PBA Tour. Between the years of 1971 and 1978, the only two bowlers to earn at least \$30,000 were Buckley and Anthony.

"We knew it was in bad shape, but I didn't know it was going to be that quick," said Johnny Petraglia, who has talked to Buckley about a week ago. "He was such a good friend for so many years when I went on the tour and started the tour, especially because my wife, Pat, and Alice (Buckley's wife) hung out with them a lot. It's heartbreaking."

There have been no plans for services made by his family at this time.

CLOSING 300 VAULTS TOM HESS INTO THE LEAD OF THE PBA50 SENIOR U.S. OPEN

SEPTEMBER 6, 2021 JOHNNY CAMPOS

Brentwood, Calif. – After getting off to a slow start in the second round, Tom Hess had a perfect finish on Labor Day to take a commanding lead in the PBA50 Senior U.S. Open.

The PBA50 rookie out of Granger, Iowa bowled the only perfect game of the tournament so far in the final game of an 1,848 second-round set. That gave him a 16-game total of 3,643 (a 227.69 average) to take a 145-pin lead over first-round leader Amleto Monacelli of Venezuela.

"I kind of got out of my own way today, got a little comfortable, got them kind of figured out and made a whole bunch of really good shots," said Hess, who was in fourth place after the first round. "We're off to a pretty good start here, but there's still a lot of bowling left."

Monacelli, who is trying to win this event for a third time, struggled early in the second round, but rallied to move into second with a 3,498 total.

Chris Warren, who won his only PBA50 title in the 2018 USBC Senior Masters, was in third another 20 pins back with 3,478. David Leverage of Peoria, Ariz., was fourth at 3,472, and two-time PBA50 champ John Marsala of St. Louis fifth with 3,465.

Hess had games of 171, 246, 194, 222, 221, 268, 226 and 300 to pull away from the field. He said there was a reason for his slow start.

"For me, the lanes were a little different than they were yesterday, and they hooked a little more today at the start," said Hess, who won the 2011 USBC Masters. "I started the day open, open, open, open. I had 35 in the fourth in Game 1.

"Yesterday I started with the Reality, then switched to the new RST X-2 in the middle of Game 2. Because they hooked a little more today, it looked like I was going to start with the X-2, which I did. But it just wasn't comfortable. It didn't feel right because it was a little warmer in the center this morning when we started. So things were a little bit off."

Hess switched back to the Reality in the fifth frame of the first game, tried a few other balls midway through the round, and then closed out the day using a Zen.

"It's ironic that today the game plan I had coming in didn't pan out," he said. "It was something completely different."

Hess could have shot even better in the round if a couple of single pins had cooperated.

"In Game 6, it was four-bagger, blower 7, smash 7, sheet," he said. "That could have been a 300 as well. And the last game was one of the best 300s I've ever bowled in my life!

"But when my game plan didn't work, I just played smart, didn't keep fighting it and made it work. I did what the lanes told me to do and made a whole bunch of good shots."

The field was cut to the top 24 for two rounds of match play competition set for Tuesday at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Pacific time. That will determine the top five for the stepladder finals scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m.

A couple of players made big moves on Monday to survive the first cut.

Mitch Beasley of Clarksville, Tenn., started the day in 55th place, but rolled an 1,810 block in Round 2 to move up to 16th place with 3,326, while Michael Haugen Jr. of Phoenix jumped from 35th to 11th with 3,371.

Pete Weber, who entered the tournament as the PBA50 leader in points, earnings and average, grabbed the final spot for match play with a 3,248 total despite rolling a 165 in his final game. He converted the 2-4-8-10 split in the 10th and then got seven on his fill ball. But Ricky Schissler of Brighton, Colo., closed with a 153 and finished a pin behind Weber.

PBA Senior U.S. Open

Top 10 (after 16 games)

1. Tom Hess, 3,643
2. Amleto Monacelli, 3,498
3. Chris Warren, 3,478
4. David Leverage, 3,472
5. John Marsala, 3,465
6. Hugh Miller, 3,464
7. Rolando Sebelen, 3,427
8. Chris Barnes, 3,404
9. Brad Angelo, 3,396
10. Jason Couch, 3,388

TOM HESS WINS PBA50 SENIOR U.S. OPEN FOR SECOND CAREER MAJOR TITLE

SEPTEMBER 8, 2021 JOHNNY CAMPOS

Brentwood, Calif. – Tom Hess made his first PBA50 title a major effort on Tuesday night.

After earning the top seed for the stepladder finals, Hess blew past fellow PBA50 rookie Chris Barnes, 256-209, in the title match to claim the PBA50 Senior U.S. Open championship at Harvest Park Bowl.

Barnes, a PBA and USBC Hall of Famer, was going for his second win this season, and is in position to win both PBA50 Player of the Year and PBA50 Rookie of the Year honors.

But Hess, 51, is also in the thick of the race for both honors with his second career major title. The Granger, Iowa right-hander, also won the 2011 USBC Masters on the national tour.

“Words can’t express how I feel right now,” Hess said. “This makes me a two-time national titlist – and they’re both majors. One of them is on the senior tour, but it’s not easy to win out here. The tour is full of Hall of Famers, and I stepped up and did my job. No longer am I a one-hit wonder.”

Hess opened the title match with three straight strikes before leaving a 10-pin in the fourth.

Barnes, who had a couple of close calls in the early stepladder matches, stayed close with a spare in the first followed by a three-bagger. But then he suffered back-to-back opens, leaving the 4-6-7 split in the fifth and the 1-2-4-10 washout in the sixth.

Hess answered with a five-bagger to all but put the match away.

“I knew that if I went and bowled up to my capabilities, I was going to win,” Hess said. “Chris is a Hall of Famer, and I knew it was going to be a close match. I just tried to stay present and stay focused.

“If I went through my process, the results were going to be there. I was able to get up there and throw 10 really, really good shots and came away with the win.”

Hess led the tournament after two rounds of match play, going 11-5 and averaging almost 226 for the 32 games. He finished just 16 pins ahead of Amleto Monacelli (who is also in the PBA and USBC Halls of Fame) of Venezuela, the No. 2 seed.

The two bowlers ran away from the rest of the finalists, finishing more than 300 pins ahead of No. 3 seed Chris Warren of Grants Pass., Ore.

Barnes and Rolando Sebelen of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, actually tied for the fourth spot in the stepladder. Barnes won a one-ball rolloff to break the tie and then eliminated Sebelen, 215-188.

Warren, a six-time winner on the PBA Tour, opened with three strikes against Barnes, but faltered in the end. Warren could have won the match going in to the 10th frame, but got a 7-count on his first ball to hand Barnes a 187-186 decision.

Monacelli, who led after the first and third rounds, opened the semifinal match with five straight strikes. But he whiffed a 7-pin midway through the game. Barnes struck out in the 10th to shut him out and won the match, 237-222.

After winning the title and a \$10,000 check, Hess got emotional when he was addressing the crowd.

"I get all the joy when things go good, and my wife (Sue) gets all the heartaches when things are going bad," he said. "For her not to be here, that's part of getting choked up. I couldn't walk up there and give her a hug.

"Winning the Masters was a dream come true. This is just adding to that dream."

The tour now moves to Sam's Town Bowling Center in Las Vegas for the USBC Super Seniors Classic, which starts on Thursday. The event will be live-streamed on bowltv.com.

PBA Senior U.S. Open

Final standings

1. Tom Hess, Granger, Iowa, \$10,000
2. Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, \$5,500
3. Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, \$3,500
4. Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., \$2,500
5. Rolando Sebelen, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, \$2,000

STEPLADDER RESULTS

Match 1 – No. 4 Chris Barnes def. No. 5 Rolando Sebelen, 215-188

Match 2 – Barnes def. No. 3 Chris Warren, 187-186

Semifinal match – Barnes def. No. 2 Amleto Monacelli, 237-222

Championship match – No. 1 Tom Hess def. Barnes, 256-209

PBA Jr. National Championship Regional Qualifiers Results

20 youth bowlers, top two boys and two girls from five regional qualifiers to advance to PBA Jr. National Championship

New York, NY – The top youth bowlers from around the country hit the lanes Labor Day weekend to compete in the PBA's prestigious youth competition – the PBA Jr. National Championship Regional Qualifiers, the first part of the PBA Jr. National Championship.

The Regional Qualifiers took place at four Bowlero locations in the United States on Sep. 4-6. Each regional featured the same format for the boys' and girls' divisions – two squads of six-game qualifying rounds, followed by four qualifying games for the top 50 percent of players. After 10 games, the top 12 players in each division advanced to match play for six final games. The top finishers were determined by total pinfall.

The long-running Parker Bohn III Scholarship Tournament (PB3) served as an additional qualifier for the East Region. The top two boys and girls in the PB3 event automatically secured a spot in the PBA Jr. National Championship.

The youth bowlers brought their A-game, but several athletes stood out in each region including 17-year-old, Jillian Martin of Stow, Ohio. Martin, the first-ever PBA Jr. Girls National Champion began her title defense winning the Girls Division in the Central Region for the second year in a row.

Annalise O'Bryant of Ball Ground, Ga. who won the Girls Division in the South Region last year made it back-to-back wins capturing the top spot in the Girls Division once again. O'Bryant didn't advance to the National Championship televised Finals in 2021 but will make a run in 2022.

The East Region Qualifier also saw repeat champions in both divisions. Victoria Varano of Stony Point, N.Y. who finished runner-up in the National Championship secured the top spot in the Girls Division and Randal Dunbar of Milford, Mass., won the top spot in the Boys Division.

Dawson Peterson of Stewartville, Minn. rolled a perfect 300 game over the weekend and finished in 10th place overall in the Boys Division in the Central Region.

The top two boys' and girls' finishers per region are as follows.

Central Region – Bowlero, Wauwatosa, Wis.

Boys Regional Champion: Landin Jordan, Sycamore, Ill. – 3,609

Boys Runner-up: Alexander Horton, Doulgassville, Pa. – 3,522

Girls Regional Champion: Jillian Martin, Stow, Ohio – 3,447

Girls Runner-up: Gianna Brandolino, Channahon, Ill. – 3,288

South Region – Bowlero, Marietta, Ga.

Boys Regional Champion: Rylan Breese, Wilmington, N.C – 3,436

Boys Runner-up: Connor Breaman, Greer, S.C. – 3,393

Girls Regional Champion: Annalise O'Bryant, Ball Ground, Ga. – 3,535

Girls Runner-up: Briana Rogers, Florence, S.C. – 3,508

Southwest Region – Bowlero, Euless, Tex.

Boys Regional Champion: Zachary Smulle, Frisco, Texas – 3,601

Boys Runner-up: Eric Jones, Edmond, Okla. – 3,525

Girls Regional Champion: Paige Wagner, Great Bend, Kan. – 3,196

Girls Runner-up: Avery Domaquin, San Diego, Calif. – 3,177

West Region – Bowlero, Mesa, Ariz.

Boys Regional Champion: Kyler Orosco, Agoura Hills, Calif. – 3,539

Boys Runner-up: Noah Akiona, Waimanalo, Hawaii – 3,486

Girls Regional Champion: Katelyn Abigania, San Diego, Calif. – 3,187

Girls Runner-up: Samantha Kanehailua, Pearl City, Hawaii – 3,161

East Region (PB3) – Howell Lanes, Howell, N.J

Girls Regional Champion: Victoria Varano, Stony Point, N.Y.

Girls Runner-up: Kayla Starr, Crofton, Md.

Boys Regional Champion: Randal Dunbar, Milford, Mass.

Boys Runner-up: Ty Carra, Lake Hiawatha, N.J.

300 games: Dawson Peterson; Stewartville, Minn.

Scores from each Regional Qualifier are available at www.pba.com/junior/tournament-schedule#qualifier.

Each regional tournament guaranteed a first place \$2,000 SMART Scholarship. SMART scholarships were also awarded to one out of every six (1:6) entries in each division.

The top two boy and girl finishers from each Regional Qualifier will move on to the National Championship to compete for a \$16,000 SMART Scholarship, which is the largest single SMART scholarship to ever be awarded. The National Championship date will be held in conjunction with a PBA National Tour stop, to be named at a later date.

The PBA is committed to advancing the sport of bowling at every level and the PBA Jr. National Championship is one of many opportunities for PBA Jr. youth bowlers to compete with the best and earn scholarships for their future education.

The PBA Jr. Club is exclusively for ages 17 and under. For additional information and to learn more, please visit pba.com/junior.

**FOUR PBA REGIONAL TITLES AWARDED IN THE PBA SOUTH REGION'S ANNUAL FOUR-TOURNAMENT
LABOR DAY SERIES
SEPTEMBER 10, 2021 REGIONAL DIRECTOR**

Tournaments Held in Rogersville, Tenn., Kingsport, Tenn., and Mooresville, N.C.

Four PBA Regional titles were awarded in the South Region's annual extended Labor Day tournament series for PBA50 and PBA60 competitors. The series ended Monday with the PBA50 Mooresville Convention & Visitors Bureau Open at Victory Lanes in Mooresville, N.C.

PBA Hall of Famer Tom Baker of King, N.C., Gregory Turner of Temple Hills, Md.; Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio; Dale Csuhta of Wadsworth, Ohio, and Michael Haggitt of Springfield, Ohio, each won titles.

Baker kicked off the series by defeating Dave Martin of Chesapeake, Va., 216-161, in the final of the PBA50 Daniel Cantwell Law Offices Rogersville Open in Rogersville,

Tenn., on Aug. 29. The win secured Baker's 37th Regional title and a first-place prize of \$2,000.

Three days later in Kingsport, Tenn., Turner captured the second title of the weekend at the PBA60 Kingsport Convention Center Open at Warpath Lanes defeating Darryl Bower 216-214. Bower needed a double in the tenth to win, but left a stubborn 8-pin on his second shot. Turner's win was his first Regional title and \$2,000 for first-place.

Kretzer and Csuhta were next, winning the PBA50/60 Mooresville Baker Doubles Open at Victory Lanes in Mooresville, N.C. They defeated the team of Chris Keane of Cape Coral, Fla. and Dan Knowlton of Dade City, Fla., 193-189, for the title and collected \$4,200.

In the series finale, Haggitt put together three early strikes and fended off Chris Collins of Myrtle Beach, S.C. to win 188-170. Haggitt took home \$3,000 and his second PBA50 Regional title for the Mooresville win.

PBA50 tournaments are open to players ages 50 and older; PBA60 events are for players ages 60 and older.

PBA50 DANIEL CANTWELL LAW OFFICES ROGERSVILLE OPEN East End Lanes, Rogersville, Tenn., Sunday August 29, 2021

Championship:

Tom Baker, King, N.C. (\$2,000) def. Dave Martin, Chesapeake, Va. (\$1,100), 216-161.

Semifinal Round (losers earned \$900):

T. Baker def. Steve Lickliter, Beckley, W. Va., 182-179.

Martin def. Scott Thomsen, Sumter, S.C., 248-214.

Round of 8 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$720 each):

T. Baker def. David Bowers, Knoxville, Tenn., 619-502.

Martin def. Jeff Bellinger, Columbia, S.C., 657-635.

Thomsen def. Greg McMahan, Dandridge, Tenn., 702-641.

Lickliter def. Dave Davison, Monessen, Pa., 656-644.

Round of 12 (total pinfall three games, losers eliminated and earned \$625 each):

McMahan def. Mike Byers, Charleston, S.C., 573-490.

T. Baker def. Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 718-607.

Lickliter def. Charlie Toney, Oak Hill, W. Va., 702-639.

Bellinger def. W.R. Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 706-627.

Round of 16 (total pinfall three games, losers eliminated and earned \$550 each):

Byers def. Michael Painter, Moore, S.C., 664-657.

Bellinger def. Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., 597-570.

Toney def. Tommy Reeves, Gastonia, N.C., 625-568.
S. Baker def. Greg Wilson, Warrenton, Va., 635 (10) – 635(6).

**PBA60 KINGSPORT CONVENTION CENTER & BLUE RIDGE PROPERTIES OPEN
Warpath Lanes, Kingsport, Tenn., Wed. Sept. 3, 2021**

Final Standings: 1, Gregory Turner, Temple Hills, Md., \$2,000. 2, Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., \$1,100. 3, Dale Csuhta, Wadsworth, Ohio, \$1,000. 4, Dave Johnson, Ashtabula, Ohio, \$900.

Stepladder Results: Game 1: Bower def. Johnson, 234-227. Semifinal: Bower def. Csuhta, 225-216. Championship: Turner def. Bower, 216-214.

Final Qualifying Standings (after 16 games):

1. Turner, 3,899.
2. Csuhta, 3,823.
3. Bower, 3,782.
4. Johnson, 3,768.
5. Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 3,743, \$825
6. Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 3,687, \$750.
7. Ken Shealy, Myrtle Beach, S.C., 3,581, \$700.
8. Tom Baker, King, N.C., 3,580, \$675.

300 Games: Ken Shealy, Darryl Bower, Greg McMahan, Brian Gottry.

**PBA50/60 MOORESVILLE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU BAKER DOUBLES
Victory Lanes, Mooresville, N.C., Saturday Sept. 4, 2021**

Final Standings:

1. Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio/Dale Csuhta, Wadsworth, Ohio, \$4200.
2. Dan Knowlton, Dade City, Fla./Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., \$2,400.
3. Donald Hogue, Akron, Oh./Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, \$2000.
4. Chuck Richey Jr., Concord, N.C./Charley Toney, Oak Hill, W.Va., \$1,800.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Hogue/Profitt def. Richey/Toney, 194-161.
Semifinal – Kretzer/Csuhta def. Hogue/Profitt, 223-210.
Championship – Kretzer/Csuhta def. Knowlton/Keane, 193-189.

Final Qualifying Standings (after 20 games, top 4 advanced to stepladder finals):

1. Knowlton/Keane, 4,133.
2. Kretzer/Csuhta, 4,093.
3. Richey/Toney, 4,054.

4. Hogue/Profitt, 4,034.
5. Glenn Smith, New York, N.Y./Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 3,985, \$1,600.
6. Steve Kenyon, Grosse Ile, Mich./James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 3,957, \$1400.
7. Dick Gran, Bradenton, Fla./Eddie Graham, Kettering, Ohio, 3,949, \$1,300.
8. Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del./Troy McKinney, Yorktown, Va., 3,915, \$1,200.

PBA50 MOORESVILLE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU OPEN
Victory Lanes, Mooresville, N.C., Monday Sept. 6, 2021

Championship:

Mike Haggitt, Springfield, Ohio (\$3,000) def. Chris Collins, Myrtle Beach, S.C., (\$1,600), 188-170.

Semifinal Round (losers earned \$1,100):

Haggitt def. Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 198-166.

Collins def. Chris Johnson, Nashville, N.C., 244-190.

Round of 8 (three games total pinfall, losers earned \$900 each):

Johnson def. Michael Painter, Moore, S.C., 632-591.

Collins def. Eddie Graham, Kettering, Ohio, 714-666.

Haggitt def. Joseph Boothe, Belvedere, S.C., 585-497.

Kretzer def. Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 659-262(injury).

Round of 12 (three games total pinfall, losers earned \$725 each):

S. Baker def. Keith Kolozsi, Conway, S.C., 614-546.

Haggitt def. Mike Preston, Gainesville, Fla., 591-545.

Graham def. Scott Thomsen, Sumter, S.C., 663-528.

Johnson def. Donald Hogue, Akron, Ohio, 643-636.

Round of 16 (three games total pinfall, losers earned \$625 each):

Kolozsi def. Steve Kenyon, Grosse Ile, Mich., 579-496.

Haggitt def. Greg McMahan, Dandridge, Tenn., 669-649.

Graham def. Dale Csuhta, Wadsworth, Ohio, 641-581.

Johnson def. Justin Lewis, Knoxville, Tenn., 703-592.

MONACELLI LEADS AT 2021 USBC SUPER SENIOR CLASSIC
SEPTEMBER 10, 2021, JILL WINTERS

Las Vegas, Nevada – Before Amleto Monacelli begins to defend his title at the 2021 USBC Senior Masters next week, he is leading after day one at the 2021 USBC Super Senior Classic.

His six-game qualifying block included games of 258, 247, 212, 238, 213 and 246 for 1,414 total pins, an average of 235.67.

Since earning his 10th career PBA50 title in July at the PBA50 Odessa Open, Monacelli has been feeling confident about his game. Monacelli is one of 157 bowlers all age 60 and older in the field. The Venezuelan turned 60 on Aug. 27.

Following Monacelli, who is on the B squad, is New York resident Glenn Smith. Smith led the way for the A squad with games of 214, 233, 269, 248, 185 and 212 for 1,361, an average of 226.83, followed closely by Ed Silva at 1,357 and Hugh Miller at 1,354. Russ Davies rounds out the top five with 1,343.

The 2019 USBC Super Senior Classic defending champion Ty Dawson is in 6th at 1,313.

The B squad will take to the lanes first at Sam's Town Bowling Center starting at Noon EST Saturday for six more games of qualifying followed by the A squad starting at 5 p.m. EST. You can watch all qualifying rounds and the rest of the tournament at BowlTV.com.

Top 10 2021 USBC Super Senior Classic

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| 1. Amleto Monacelli | 1,414 |
| 2. Glenn Smith | 1,361 |
| 3. Ed Silva | 1,357 |
| 4. Hugh Miller | 1,354 |
| 5. Russ Davies | 1,343 |
| 6. Ty Dawson | 1,313 |
| 7. Eric Forkel | 1,307 |
| 8. Ron Mohr | 1,306 |
| 9. Widmar Vargas | 1,303 |
| 10. Donald Blatchford & Michael Warren | 1,293 |

MILLER TAKES OVER THE LEAD AT 2021 USBC SUPER SENIOR CLASSIC SEPTEMBER 11, 2021 JILL WINTERS

Las Vegas, Nevada – Lefty Hugh Miller posted two days of consistent scores to earn the top spot on the leaderboard after qualifying rounds at the 2021 USBC Super Senior Classic. And he is likely looking for a bit of redemption.

The Mercer Island, Washington native was the runner-up at the 2019 USBC Super Senior Classic and on Saturday, he bowled a 730 series in his final three games for a six-game total of 1,355 to go with his 1,354 from Friday. He holds a 12-pin lead over fellow A squad bowler Glenn Smith with 2,697.

Day one leader Amleto Monacelli battled through the final day of qualifying on Saturday. He shot 218, 208, 204, 168, 237 and 228 for 1,263. His 12-game total of 2,677 puts him in 3rd, averaging 223.08 average. He is followed by Ed Silva in 4th and Walter Ray Williams Jr. has moved into 5th place.

There was some extra bowling inside Sam's Town Bowling Center for Kevin Foley and Greg Turner who tied for the final spot in the top 40. They bowled a one-game roll-off and Foley won 203-190.

The 2019 USBC Super Senior Classic defending champion Ty Dawson was 3-pins behind Foley and Turner and missed the cut.

The top 40 will now compete in a Cashers' Round for six-games beginning at Noon EST on Sunday. After that, the top 12 will bowl six-games of head-to-head round-robin match play starting at 6 p.m. EST. The field will be divided into two even groups with the chance to earn a spot in a group stepladder. You can watch the rest of the tournament live on BowlTV.com.

Top 10 2021 USBC Super Senior Classic

1. Hugh Miller	2,709
2. Glenn Smith	2,697
3. Amleto Monacelli	2,677
4. Ed Silva	2,632
5. Walter Ray Williams Jr.	2,615
6. Michael Warren	2,609
7. Ken Gibson	2,585
8. Widmar Vargas	2,578
9. Charles Moore	2,577
10. Marshall Warren	2,574

MONACELLI EARNS TOP SEED AT 2021 USBC SUPER SENIOR CLASSIC

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 JILL WINTERS

Las Vegas, Nevada – Less than three weeks ago Amleto Monacelli turned 60 to become eligible to compete at 2021 USBC Super Senior Classic. He is now one win away from winning his first Super Senior Title.

Sunday began with the Cashers' Round and after six-games Monacelli took over the tournament lead by just 3-pins over his current roommate, Glenn Smith. The top 12 players in the field were then split into two groups, A and B for six-games of round-robin match play.

Monacelli posted a record of 4-2 and a total pinfall of 5,624 to earn the top overall seed in the stepladder finals at Sam's Town Bowling Center, while Smith is the second seed overall with a 24-game total pinfall of 5,480. They both automatically advance to the stepladder finals on Monday.

Walter Ray Williams Jr. posted a 5-1 record in Group A to earn the next highest score in the group behind Monacelli to become the No. 1 seed in the group stepladder. He will bowl the winner of the first match between 2019 USBC Super Senior Classic runner-up Hugh Miller and Michael Karch.

As for Group B, Ron Mohr and Darryl Bower will be in the first group stepladder match with the winner set to face Widmar Vargas.

The group stepladder finals will begin at noon EST Monday with each group winner advancing to the stepladder finals starting at 2 p.m. Eastern live on BowlTV.com.

Charles Moore finished 5th and Michael Warren was 6th in Group A. Butch Warren was 5th and Noel Vazquez was 6th in Group B.

2021 USBC Super Senior Classic Group Stepladder Finals

Group A

Amleto Monacelli advances to stepladder finals

1. Walter Ray Williams Jr.
2. Hugh Miller
3. Michael Karch

Group B

Glenn Smith advances to stepladder finals

1. Widmar Vargas
2. Ron Mohr
3. Darryl Bower

**JAKE PETERS AND JEFF JOHNSON WIN PBA AND PBA50 REGIONAL TITLES AT
THE COVETED PETERSEN CLASSIC
SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 DDZIOMBA**

Wauwatosa, Wis. – Two PBA Regional titles were awarded at the coveted Petersen Classic in August with Jake Peters of Henderson, Nev. winning the PBA Petersen Classic Midwest/Central Championship and Jeff Johnson of Freeport, Ill., capturing the PBA50 Petersen Classic Midwest/Central Championship.

The competition was close in the PBA Petersen Classic Midwest/Central Championship with the top four bowlers (Peters, Toby Sambueno, Jonathan Schalow, and Quinton Bohlen) separated by only 60 pins heading into the position round final game. Two strong games in the position round allowed Peters and Sambueno of Henderson, Nev. to leap from second to first, and fourth to second, respectively.

Peters rolled a 235 to defeat Schalow of Evansville, Wis. at the same time Sambueno rolled 238 to best Bohlen of Milwaukee, Wis. Peters won \$1,400 for first, Sambueno \$875 for second, Schalow \$555 for third, and Bohlen earned \$450 for fourth.

In the PBA50 Petersen Classic Midwest/Central Championship, Jeff Johnson of Freeport, Ill. suffered only one loss in match play to earn the top position. Tom Adcock of Decatur, Ill. was close behind Johnson up to the position round game, but just as he dominated in match play, Johnson rolled a 254 to Adcock's 207. Johnson earned \$1,400 for the win and Adcock pocketed \$875 for second.

Lennie Boresch, Jr. of Kenosha, Wis., took third for \$555 and Steve Wiemer of Springfield, Mo., earned \$450 for his fourth-place finish. Wiemer led for most of the tournament, succumbing to Johnson in the second half of match play. Boresch was solid throughout qualifying and match play and was always in contention.

The pinnacle of the both events was the presentation of the championship trophy where Peters and Johnson each earned a Petersen Classic bowling pin, with all the wear and tear.

The PBA will kick off the Petersen Classic in 2022.

The next PBA50 Midwest Region tournament is at Rose Bowl in Muscatine, Iowa for the Mike Berlin Classic on Oct. 8-10. The tournament will be historic as it will be the first time the Midwest Region will host a PBA Regional, PBA50, and a PBA women's tournament at the same time and place.

**PBA Petersen Classic Midwest/Central Championship
Bowlero Wauwatosa, Wauwatosa, WI, Saturday, 8/17/21 – Sunday, 8/18/21**

Final Match Play Standings (after 16 games, including match play bonus pins)

1. Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 5-3-0, 3,203, \$1,400
2. Toby Sambueno, Henderson, Nev., 6-2-0, 3,185, \$875
3. Jonathan Schalow, Evansville, Wis., 5-3-0, 3,168, \$555
4. Quinton Bohlen, Spillville, Iowa, 4-4-0, 3,098, \$450
5. Timothy Curran, St. Louis, Mo., 3-5-0, 3,029, \$375
6. Mitchell Shumway, Milwaukee, Wis., 4-4-0, 2,994, \$340
7. N – Nate Purches, Marlborough, Mass., 3-5-0, 2,972, \$320
8. Kevin McCune, Munster, Ind., 2-6-0, 2,814, \$310

**PBA50 Petersen Classic Midwest/Central Championship
Bowlero Wauwatosa, Wauwatosa, WI, Saturday, 8/17/21 – Sunday, 8/18/21**

Final Match Play Standings (after 16 games, including match play bonus pins)

1. Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 7-1-0, 3,168, \$1,400
2. Tom Adcock, Decatur, Ill., 4-4-0, 3,102, \$875
3. Lennie Boresch, Jr, Kenosha, Wis., 3-5-0, 3,019, \$555
4. N – Steve Wiemer, Springfield, Mo., 4-4-0, 3,004, \$450
5. N – George Reichl, Palatine, Ill, 4-4-0, 2,994, \$375
6. Russ Hunt, Richland, Wash., 3-5-0, 2,984, \$340
7. Tom Hess, Granger, Iowa, 3-4-1, 2,964, \$320
8. SS - Robert Kicmal, La Grange, Ill., 3-4-1, 2,921, \$310

Key:

N – Designates Non-Member entry

SS – Designates Super Senior entry

**MONACELLI WINS 2021 USBC SUPER SENIOR CLASSIC
SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 JILL WINTERS**

Las Vegas, Nevada – The championship match of the 2021 USBC Super Senior Classic featured one of the most decorated Super Seniors, Ron Mohr, against a newly minted Super Senior, Amleto Monacelli.

Going into Monday, Monacelli was the leader after day one of qualifying and day three of competition inside Sam's Town Bowling Center. He watched No. 4 seed Mohr climb his way into the championship game. And to stop the surging Mohr, Monacelli was nearly perfect.

Monacelli came out victorious 279-201. This win gives him even more confidence as he quickly turns his focus to defending his 2019 title at the 2021 USBC Senior Masters also at Sam's Town Bowling Center.

The stepladder finals began with Mohr and No. 3 seed Walter Ray Williams Jr. Mohr won 247-218. Then Mohr defeated Glenn Smith 224-217. That set-up the star-studded match-up between Mohr, who won the PBA60 Dick Weber Classic last month, and Monacelli, who won his 10th PBA50 Tour Title at the Odessa Open in July.

The final event of the year, the 2021 USBC Senior Masters, begins at 11 a.m. EST Tuesday with the A squad, followed by the B squad at 3 p.m. EST and the C squad will start at 7 p.m. Eastern live on BowlTV.com.

Top 10 2021 USBC Super Senior Classic Final Standings:

1. Amleto Monacelli	\$7,500
2. Ron Mohr	\$6,225
3. Glenn Smith	\$5,000
4. Walter Ray Williams Jr.	\$3,700
5. Widmar Vargas	\$2,750
6. Michael Karch	\$2,750
7. Hugh Miller	\$2,250
8. Darryl Bower	\$2,250
9. Charles Moore	\$1,850
10. Butch Warren	\$1,850

MATCH SCORES

Match 1 – Mohr def. Williams Jr. 247-218

Match 2 – Mohr def. Smith 224-217

Championship match – Monacelli def. Mohr 279-201

MOTIVATED HESS SHINES ON OPENING DAY OF 2021 USBC SENIOR MASTERS

LAS VEGAS - Tom Hess of Granger, Iowa, walked into the 2021 United States Bowling Congress Senior Masters full of confidence and with a list of goals that certainly are within reach if he's able to turn in another masterful performance this week at Sam's Town Bowling Center.

The 51-year-old right-hander is riding the momentum of a win at the recent Professional Bowlers Association 50 Senior U.S. Open and nearing the finish line of a memorable rookie campaign on the PBA50 Tour.

Hess wasted no time finding the spotlight again Tuesday during the opening round of qualifying at the USBC Senior Masters, rolling games of 228, 268, 247, 262 and 206 to top the 223-player standings with a 1,211 total.

Walt Blackston of Hawthorne, California, made a run at the lead Tuesday evening, and his 277 finish landed him just behind Hess with a 1,197 total. David Leverage of Peoria, Arizona, is third with 1,159 and followed by Parker Bohn III of Jackson, New Jersey (1,141), and Tom Adcock of Decatur, Illinois (1,116).

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Of the five games Hess bowled in his first visit to Sam's Town in two decades, he's most proud of the 206 he tossed to finish his first run at this week's 40-foot oil pattern.

"I got comfortable, was able to keep control of the lane and I was able to do what I wanted to do," Hess said. "Unfortunately, at the end, my ball speed got a little quick as I got amped up, which happens sometimes when I'm bowling well. I'm most proud of the last six frames, though, considering I had about 61 in the fifth but was able to put the strikes together when I needed them to save the game. You can't win this tournament in one day, but it sure does feel good to get off to a good start."

The list of what's on the line for Hess this week includes becoming the fourth bowler in history to win both the USBC Masters and Senior Masters, locking up the 2021 PBA50 Player and Rookie of the Year awards and boosting his chances of being selected to represent the United States at the upcoming International Bowling Federation Masters (formerly Senior) World Championships.

An additional goal was winning a PBA50 Tour title to go along with his 2011 Masters win and PBA Tour major, and checking that box only added to his confidence heading into one of his favorite formats this week.

USBC and PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber of St. Ann, Missouri, a two-time winner at the Senior Masters, leads the 2021 PBA50 points race and is followed by Brad Angelo of Lockport, New York, Chris Barnes of Denton, Texas, and Hess. Angelo is the front-runner for rookie-of-the-year honors.

Throughout his career, Hess has been known for his fiery personality, and while fans and fellow competitors still can tell from many lanes away if he's bowling well or not, he has learned to harness his passion and learn from both the ups and the downs on the lanes.

At the PBA50 David Small's Jax 60 Open last month, the final standard event of the 2021 PBA50 Tour season, Hess was the top qualifier and looking to make his second consecutive championship-round appearance.

He described the rest of his performance as tentative and said he felt he caught himself "bowling to not miss the show" rather than continuing to do the things that got him into that position in the first place. He finished the event in seventh place.

Instead of letting the disappointment negatively affect him at the Senior U.S. Open, Hess used the experience to motivate him in his run to the title, which came with an inspired 256-209 win over Barnes in the championship match.

Remembering the things he has experienced and learned over the last six months also will be important this week at Sam's Town, but so will pushing out the thoughts of all the implications and focusing on the things he can control.

"I've been bowling really well, and I'm on a roll, and I'm just trying to keep the momentum going," Hess said. "I'm trying to take it one shot and one frame at a time. There is a lot at stake this week, and that drives me. As competitors, we want to bowl with that kind of pressure, but we also have to be careful to not think about it. I'll talk about it off the lanes, and I'll be honest about being nervous, but when I'm on the approach, I need to stay focused."

Competition at the Senior Masters will continue Wednesday at 11 a.m. Eastern. After three days of qualifying, 15-game pinfall totals will determine the 63 bowlers who will join defending champion Amleto Monacelli of Venezuela in the double-elimination bracket.

Monacelli, who recently turned 60 and won the 2021 Super Senior Classic on Monday, is tied for 74th place after the opening round with a 991 total. He is guaranteed the No. 64 seed in the bracket if he falls out of the cut, but he can improve his seeding for match play during qualifying.

After five games, Terry Thompson of Jennings, Louisiana, is in 64th place with a 1,004 total, a 200.8 average.

Bowlers advancing to bracket play will compete in three-game total-pinfal matches until the top five bowlers are determined for Sunday's stepladder finals. The winner will take home a \$20,000 top prize.

Even if Hess isn't the guy holding the trophy at the end of the week, he'll know he did all he could to help the pieces fall into place. When it's all over, though, there's one thing on the line that might stand out more than the others.

"I've put in my application to represent Team USA in the World Championships, and even though my two national titles in the PBA are majors, I think it would mean more to me to be able to go represent Team USA and bowl for the red, white and blue," Hess said. "I've got my fingers crossed for that, but I'm also here focused on my other goals. If I can perform again at the Senior Masters, I hope it will show the selection committee that I deserve to be on that team."

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Tuesday's Results

QUALIFYING - ROUND 1 (Five games - top 100)

1, Tom Hess, Granger, Iowa, 1,211. 2, Walt Blackston (a), Hawthorne, Calif., 1,197. 3, David Leverage, Peoria, Ariz., 1,159. 4, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,141. 5, Tom Adcock, Decatur, Ill., 1,116. 6, Chris Barnes, Denton, Texas, 1,104.

7, Kevin Anderson, Mt. Juliet, Tenn., 1,102. 8, Tony Manna (a), Papillion, Neb., 1,094. 9, Michael Strnad, Mesa, Ariz., 1,091. 10, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 1,089. 11, Michael Karch (a), Edgewood, Wash., 1,088. 12, Michael Tountas (a), Tucson, Ariz., 1,082.

13, Dan Knowlton, Dade City, Fla., 1,079. 14, Jim Montgomery, Surprise, Ariz., 1,078. 15, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,077. 16, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,075. 17, Robert Reed (a), Weed, Calif., 1,071. 18, David Rosenberg (a), Rolla, Mo., 1,070.

19, Doug Kempt, Arcadia, Calif., 1,069. 20, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 1,068. 21, Donnie Hogue, Akron, Ohio, 1,067. 22(tie), Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., and Charles Richey Jr., Concord, N.C., 1,066. 24, Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 1,065.

25, William Graham (a), Surprise, Ariz., 1,064. 26, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,056. 27, Eric Collier (a), Bixby, Okla., 1,055. 28, John Gould, Yuba City, Calif., 1,054. 29, Alvin Lou (a), El Cajon, Calif., 1,053. 30, Bill Vannoy, Jacksonville, N.C., 1,047.

31, Daniel Miyamoto, Pearl City, Hawaii, 1,045. 32, Bob Rosenau, Redding, Calif., 1,043. 33(tie), Steve Gagnon, Canada, and Jimmie Dillingham, Tacoma, Wash., and Jack Wofford, Flagstaff, Ariz., and Steven Badovinac (a), Parker, Colo., 1,042.

37, John Congro (a), Las Vegas, 1,038. 38, Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 1,035. 39(tie), William Nichols, Bella Vista, Ark., and Jay Nephew, Houston, 1,031. 41, Steven Davis, Manteca, Calif., 1,030. 42(tie), Steve Kloempken (a), Pleasant View, Utah, and Ronald Boroff, Mansfield, Texas, 1,028.

44(tie), Timothy Myers (a), Milwaukie, Ore., and Brandon Libel (a), Wathena, Kan., 1,027. 46, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,025. 47, John Di Santis, Wilmington, Del., 1,023. 48(tie), Michael Haggitt, Springfield, Ohio, Robert Groth (a), Winchester, Calif., Gregory Turner, Temple Hills, Md., and Eric Adolphson, Concord, Calif., 1,022.

52, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 1,020. 53, Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 1,019. 54(tie), Robert Genzer (a), Moore, Okla., and John Debenedetta (a), Las Vegas, 1,018. 56, Phil Karwoski, Greenacres, Fla., 1,016.

57, Warren Eales (a), Chandler, Ariz., 1,014. 58(tie), Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, Tony

Johnson, Canton, Ohio, and Larry Birkedahl (a), St. Cloud, Minn., 1,013. 61, David Taylor, Seminole, Fla., 1,009. 62, Glenn Smith, New York, 1,008. 63, Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,006. 64, Terry Thompson, Jennings, La., 1,004. 65(tie), Shane Horsman (a), Fircrest, Wash., and Jeffrey Dodson, Waxahachie, Texas, 1,000.

67(tie), Steve Jansson, Barnes, Wis., and Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 999. 69(tie), Robert Worrall II (a), Colorado Springs, Colo., and Elliott Morris (a), Sun Valley, Nev., 998. 71, Michael Calvin (a), Warren, Mich., 995. 72, Herman Ferguson (a), Los Angeles, 994.

73, Robert Brown, Cody, Wyo., 993. 74(tie), Toby Lee (a), San Bernardino, Calif., Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, and Eric Forkel, Henderson, Nev., 991. 77(tie), Paul Fleming, Fort Worth, Texas, and Michael Vella, Medford, N.Y., 989.

79, Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 985. 80, Mike Hanson (a), Spokane, Wash., 983. 81, Tony Lanning, Yukon, Okla., 982. 82(tie), Steve Smith, San Diego, David Schumacher (a), Bloomfield Hills, Mich., and John Katsaros (a), La Quinta, Calif., 981.

85, Gary Morgan, Henderson, Nev., 980. 86(tie), Stephen Wright (a), Cypress, Texas, and Curtis Matlock, Cloquet, Minn., 979. 88, Widmar Vargas, Sun City Center, Fla., 977. 89, Keith Dommer (a), Tucson, Ariz., 976. 90, Timothy Regan, East Northport, N.Y., 975.

91, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 973. 92(tie), Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., John Marsala, St. Louis, and Gerald Sikora (a), Lake Havasu City, Ariz., 972. 95(tie), Scott Kilgore (a), Farmington, Utah, and Jerry Johnson (a), Las Vegas, 969.

97, Dan Peters (a), Henderson, Nev., 967. 98(tie), Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., Tom Sellers (a), Barstow, Calif., and Stanley Waite (a), Dover, Del., 966.

HESS MAINTAINS LEAD, NEWCOMER MAKES STATEMENT AT 2021 USBC SENIOR MASTERS

LAS VEGAS - When Walt Blackston of Hawthorne, California, walked into Sam's Town for his opening round of qualifying at the 2021 United States Bowling Congress Senior Masters, he put first-squad leader Tom Hess on notice and wasted no time backing it up.

Though Blackston came up a few pins short of Hess' score, the 59-year-old right-hander's confidence remained high, and he returned to Sam's Town Bowling Center on Wednesday for another noteworthy performance.

The rotation of the squads meant Blackston would bowl earlier in the day for Round 2, and he used the opportunity to raise the bar. Games of 200, 234, 227, 244 and 187 vaulted him to the top of the standings after two of the day's three squads with a 10-game total of 2,289.

"It's all about having no fear," Blackston said. "At home, we bowl on conditions that are burned up way more than what we're seeing here, and if you can bowl on that, you can bowl on anything. I'm proud of my performance, and I'm happy to be here. I just love bowling. That's the biggest thing."

Hess also was able to continue his momentum and ultimately reclaimed the lead, but that won't change the fact that Blackston now is a player to watch at the premier event for USBC members age 50 and older.

Competition will continue throughout the day Thursday, after which, 15-game pinfall totals will determine the 63 players joining defending champion Amleto Monacelli of Venezuela in the double-elimination bracket.

Hess, of Granger, Iowa, tops the 223-player field with a 2,343 total, a 234.3 average.

He is followed by Blackston, Parker Bohn III of Jackson, New Jersey (2,263), David Leverage of Peoria, Arizona (2,249), and Chris Barnes of Denton, Texas, and John Gould of Yuba City, California, who are tied for fifth place with 2,203.

Hess is coming off a win at the 2021 Professional Bowlers Association 50 Senior U.S. Open and looking to become the fourth bowler in history to win both the USBC Masters and Senior Masters. He is the 2011 Masters champion.

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Blackston is a longtime truck driver whose passion for bowling meant traveling with bowling balls, allowing him to take the fast lane to the bowling lanes, no matter where he was in the country.

He also is a lifetime bowling fan who turned on the TV each week to watch many of the competitors who now are watching him on the lanes at Sam's Town.

Blackston finished Tuesday's round on the double-burn with a 277 game and 1,197 five-game total. Wednesday's block on the burn didn't end as well, but even with a 187 final game, he managed a 1,092 set and had a great time competing.

"I fell off a little bit at the end, but it's still fun," Blackston said. "It's so much fun. These guys are the best in the world, and I'm just out here tickling their feet."

Recently, Blackston made the decision to stay closer to home to care for his mother, but not being on the road also means more time to focus on his bowling game.

He describes himself as a "regular guy," though his performance this week has been anything but that.

Blackston will be back on the lanes Thursday at 11 a.m. Eastern for his final round of qualifying, which will come on the fresh variation of the week's 40-foot oil pattern.

Even with a 293-pin advantage over 64th place in his debut on the national stage, he still is being careful not to look too far ahead.

"Tomorrow, my mindset is to come in here and knock 'em dead, just like every other day," Blackston said. "If I make it to match play, I'll adjust my mindset for that at that time. It won't matter who it is I'm bowling. The plan will be to take no prisoners."

Monacelli, who recently turned 60 and won the 2021 Super Senior Classic on Monday, is in 23rd place with a 2,134 total. His 1,143 total in Wednesday's second round helped him skyrocket from a tie for 74th place. He is guaranteed the No. 64 seed in the bracket if he falls out of the cut, but he can improve his seeding for match play during qualifying.

After 10 games, Brandon Libel of Wathena, Kansas, and Keith Dommer of Tucson, Arizona, are tied for 64th place with 1,996, a 199.6 average.

Bowlers advancing to bracket play will compete in three-game total-pinfall matches until the top five bowlers are determined for Sunday's stepladder finals. The winner will take home a \$20,000 top prize.

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Wednesday's Results

**QUALIFYING - ROUND 2
(10 games - top 100)**

1, Tom Hess, Granger, Iowa, 2,343. 2, Walt Blackston (a), Hawthorne, Calif., 2,289. 3, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 2,263. 4, David Leverage, Peoria, Ariz., 2,249. 5(tie), Chris Barnes, Denton, Texas, and John Gould, Yuba City, Calif., 2,203.

7, Michael Haggitt, Springfield, Ohio, 2,199. 8, Charles Richey Jr., Concord, N.C., 2,192. 9, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 2,182. 10, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 2,178. 11, Michael Karch (a), Edgewood, Wash., 2,174. 12, Tom Adcock, Decatur, Ill., 2,168.

13, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 2,165. 14, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 2,158. 15, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 2,155. 16, Robert Reed (a), Weed, Calif., 2,154. 17, Dan Knowlton, Dade City, Fla., 2,148. 18, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 2,143.

19, Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 2,141. 20, Tony Manna (a), Papillion, Neb., 2,138. 21(tie), William Graham (a), Surprise, Ariz., and Bill Vannoy, Jacksonville, N.C., 2,137. 23, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 2,134. 24, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 2,130.

25, Michael Tountas (a), Tucson, Ariz., 2,118. 26, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 2,117. 27, Daniel Miyamoto, Pearl City, Hawaii, 2,103. 28, Bob Rosenau, Redding, Calif., 2,102. 29, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 2,080. 30, Jim Montgomery, Surprise, Ariz., 2,079.

31, Ronald Boroff, Mansfield, Texas, 2,072. 32, Walter Ray Williams Jr, Oxford, Fla., 2,071. 33(tie), Donnie Hogue, Akron, Ohio, and Eric Forkel, Henderson, Nev., 2,062. 35, Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 2,059. 36, John Debenedetta (a), Las Vegas, 2,058.

37(tie), Eric Adolphson, Concord, Calif., and Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 2,056. 39, Michael Lucente, Warren, Mich., 2,054. 40, Doug Kempt, Arcadia, Calif., 2,053. 41, David Schumacher (a), Bloomfield Hills, Mich., 2,049. 42(tie), Jay Nephew, Houston, and Daniel Inocencio (a), College Station, Texas, 2,037.

44, Steve Gagnon, Canada, 2,036. 45, David Rosenburg (a), Rolla, Mo., 2,035. 46(tie), Kevin Anderson, Mount Juliet, Tenn., John Congro (a), Las Vegas, and Noel Vazquez, Sacramento, Calif., 2,028.

49, Steve Smith, San Diego, 2,023. 50, Widmar Vargas, Sun City Center, Fla., 2,018. 51, Mike Hanson (a), Spokane, Wash., 2,016. 52, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 2,014. 53, Steve Bohn (a), Norwood, Minn., 2,010. 54, Alvin Lou (a), El Cajon, Calif., 2,008.

55, Robert Brown, Cody, Wyo., 2,007. 56(tie), Steven Badovinac (a), Parker, Colo., and Ed Silva, Manteca, Calif., 2,006. 58, John Marsala, St. Louis, 2,005. 59, Paul Fleming, Fort Worth, Texas, 2,003. 60, Jack Wofford, Flagstaff, Ariz., 2,002.

61, Eric Collier (a), Bixby, Okla., 2,000. 62, Steve Kloempken (a), Pleasant View, Utah, 1,999. 63, Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,998. 64(tie), Brandon Libel (a), Wathena, Kan., and Keith Dommer (a), Tucson, Ariz., 1,996. 66, Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 1,995.

67, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 1,994. 68, Jay Hess, Gotha, Fla., 1,992. 69, Jimmie Dillingham, Tacoma, Wash., 1,990. 70, John Di Santis, Wilmington, Del., 1,987. 71(tie), Gary Morgan, Henderson, Nev., and Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 1,985.

73(tie), Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, and Jon DeLaney, McKinney, Texas, 1,983. 75, George Aboud (a), San Jose, Calif., 1,982. 76, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 1,979. 77, Rick Francis, Elk Grove, Calif., 1,978. 78, Larry Birkedahl (a), St. Cloud, Minn., 1,976.

79, Steve Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 1,973. 80, Michael Vella, Medford, N.Y., 1,965. 81(tie), Timothy Myers (a), Milwaukie, Ore., and Herman Ferguson (a), Los Angeles, 1,964. 83, Toby Lee (a), San Bernardino, Calif., 1,963. 84, Robert Worrall II (a), Colorado Springs, Colo., 1,962.

85, Michael Calvin (a), Warren, Mich., 1,961. 86, Steven Davis, Manteca, Calif., 1,959. 87, William Nichols, Bella Vista, Ark., 1,958. 88(tie), Pete McCordic (a), Katy, Texas, and John Chovanec (a), Sugar Land, Texas, 1,953. 90, Tony Lanning, Yukon, Okla., 1,952.

91, Rick Meneley, Santa Maria, Calif., 1,949. 92, David Kirsch (a), Eden, N.Y., 1,945. 93(tie), Michael Strnad, Mesa, Ariz., and Dennis Horan Jr., Oakley, Calif., 1,942. 95, E. Lee Lorts, Katy, Texas, 1,939. 96, Curtis Matlock, Cloquet, Minn., 1,938.

97, Glenn Smith, New York, 1,930. 98(tie), Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., and Dan Peters (a), Henderson, Nev., 1,929. 100(tie), Terry Thompson, Jennings, La., and Michael Taylor (a), Emmett, Idaho, 1,925.

QUALIFYING CONCLUDES AT 2021 USBC SENIOR MASTERS

LAS VEGAS - Just 10 days ago, United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famer Tim Mack wasn't even sure he'd be able to raise his hand at roll call for the 2021 USBC Senior Masters, let alone complete 15 games of qualifying.

Now, the 50-year-old right-hander has pushed through a debilitating shoulder injury and is among the 64 bowlers headed into the event's iconic double-elimination match-play bracket, and he'll be back on the lanes at Sam's Town Bowling Center on Friday morning.

BowlTV.com is providing wire-to-wire coverage of the Senior Masters, including the stepladder finals, scheduled for Sunday at 1 p.m. Eastern. Match play at the premier event for USBC members age 50 and older will take place throughout the day Friday and Saturday.

Mack's scores got progressively better over the three qualifying rounds this week, and the equipment choice he made to attack the fresh 40-foot oil pattern Thursday paid off with a 1,137 five-game total, more than enough to catapult him from 102nd place into the top 50. He qualified 46th with a 3,060 total.

"I bowl now, not knowing when my last ball is going to be, so I bowl every game like it could be my last," said Mack, who will face defending champion Amleto Monacelli of Venezuela in the opening round of match play. "I'm going to dig my spikes in and hunker down because I don't know what's going to happen with my arm. It could be two games, two days, two months or two years. Obviously, I'm bowling against the best seniors on the planet, but I'll give it all I have."

Tom Hess of Granger, Iowa, maintained the top spot in the Senior Masters standings for the third consecutive day and claimed the No. 1 seed in the bracket with a 3,543 total, a 236.2 average.

He was followed in the standings by Walt Blackston of Hawthorne, California (3,421), Chris Warren of Grants Pass, Oregon (3,351), Parker Bohn III of Jackson, New Jersey (3,343), and Jason Couch of Clermont, Florida (3,301). Warren posted the event's first perfect game during the third round Thursday.

Hess' performance also marked the third consecutive Professional Bowlers Association 50 Tour event in which he has been the qualifying leader. He went on to win the 2021 PBA50 Senior U.S. Open, which preceded this week's Senior Masters.

In his opening match at Sam's Town on Friday morning, he will face left-hander Jay Hess of Gotha, Florida, who advanced in the No. 64 spot.

Jay Hess tied with Kevin Anderson of Mount Juliet, Tennessee, with a 3,000 total, but Anderson took the No. 63 position because he had the highest block during qualifying.

The left side of the bracket will take the lanes at noon Eastern, and the right side will take the spotlight at 2:30 p.m. EDT.

"This tournament really is two tournaments," said Tom Hess, the 2011 USBC Masters champion. "I won the first tournament, and as we move forward, my mindset isn't going to change a whole lot. I can't control what the guy on the other lane does. I can only control me. Right now, the way I'm bowling, if I go make the shots I need to make, I think I'll be just fine."

Bowlers advancing to bracket play will compete in three-game total-pinfal matches until the five bowlers are determined for Sunday's stepladder finals. The winner will take home a \$20,000 top prize.

Monacelli, who recently turned 60 and won the 2021 Super Senior Classic at Sam's Town on Monday, rebounded from a subpar start at the Senior Masters and landed in 19th place with a 3,200 total.

He was guaranteed the No. 64 seed in the bracket if he remained out of the cut, but he was able to

improve his seeding for match play during qualifying.

For Mack, a heavy dose of cortisone into his bowling shoulder may be a temporary fix to an ongoing problem, but it has given him one more week to chase his dream of a professional title on the national stage.

The 2021 Senior Masters is the final event on the 2021 PBA50 schedule and comes immediately after he was forced to bow out of the PBA50 Senior U.S. Open, the first withdrawal of his bowling career.

As a lifetime athlete and former college football player who spent decades traveling the world and becoming a global bowling sensation, being physically limited and unable to compete just wasn't acceptable for Mack.

"I went from the low of lows and sheer sadness, when I didn't know if I was going to bowl unless I got something for my shoulder and some other medication to take the inflammation down," Mack said. "Fortunately, I found a great doctor and clinic in San Francisco, and I got immediate relief. I went from being done to having this incredible opportunity in a place where I've had incredible success, and I wanted to make the most of it."

Following the visit to the doctor, Mack flew home to Indianapolis to watch his daughter play soccer and then arrived in Las Vegas in time for the first round of qualifying. He missed the official practice session, so his first warm-up shot at the Senior Masters was the first ball he'd thrown since the Senior U.S. Open.

There also was some additional motivation for Mack to compete this week, as his mother, Joan, already had booked a flight to watch in person.

"I knew it all was a little crazy, but my mom booked the trip out here, and she's getting a little older, so I don't know how many more opportunities there will be for us to do this together," Mack said. "Plus, I don't know how many more chances I'll have to bowl."

Following the Senior Masters, he'll have further assessment of his latest injuries. The initial reports show the damage is so severe that he'll need both of his shoulders replaced, but it's all familiar territory, unfortunately.

Over the years, Mack has had seven surgeries on his left knee, including a full knee replacement. During the 2021 Masters, Mack was on-site as a representative for Storm Products, but he was on crutches from his latest operation.

"My eyes still work, and I've gained more knowledge and understanding of the lanes by watching so much bowling over the last couple of years," said Mack, who was inducted into the USBC Hall of Fame in 2018 in the Pioneer category. "I've always felt like I could still compete at the highest level, but my body hasn't allowed me to do it. I've done whatever I could to try to get myself in the position to try to compete, and while I'm not what I once was, my heart and mind still work, and I won't quit until my arm just doesn't work anymore."

The 2021 Senior Masters started with 223 competitors vying for one of the 63 open spots in the bracket with Monacelli.

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Thursday's Results

**QUALIFYING - ROUND 3
(15 games - top 100)**

1, Tom Hess, Granger, Iowa, 3,543. 2, Walt Blackston (a), Hawthorne, Calif., 3,421. 3, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 3,351. 4, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,343. 5, Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 3,301. 6, Charles Richey Jr., Concord, N.C., 3,296.

7, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,294. 8, Chris Barnes, Denton, Texas, 3,289. 9, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 3,280. 10, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3,262. 11, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 3,261. 12, Robert Reed (a), Weed, Calif., 3,255.

13, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 3,252. 14, Michael Haggitt, Springfield, Ohio, 3,248. 15, Tom Adcock, Decatur, Ill., 3,246. 16, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3,229. 17, Dan Knowlton, Dade City, Fla., 3,212. 18, David Leverage, Peoria, Ariz., 3,201.

19, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,200. 20, John Gould, Yuba City, Calif., 3,184. 21, Paul Fleming, Fort Worth, Texas, 3,180. 22, Tony Manna (a), Papillion, Neb., 3,170. 23, Bill Vannoy, Jacksonville, N.C., 3,168. 24, Michael Karch (a), Edgewood, Wash., 3,163.

25, Eric Forkel, Henderson, Nev., 3,157. 26, Steven Badovinac (a), Parker, Colo., 3,150. 27, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 3,146. 28, Daniel Miyamoto, Pearl City, Hawaii, 3,141. 29, John Marsala, St. Louis, 3,118. 30, John Congro (a), Las Vegas, 3,109.

31, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3,106. 32, David Rosenburg (a), Rolla, Mo., 3,101. 33, Michael Tountas (a), Tucson, Ariz., 3,096. 34, Jimmie Dillingham, Tacoma, Wash., 3,094. 35, Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 3,093. 36, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 3,091.

37, Mike Hanson (a), Spokane, Wash., 3,089. 38, Walter Ray Williams Jr, Oxford, Fla., 3,087. 39, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 3,082. 40, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 3,074. 41, Michael Lucente, Warren, Mich., 3,073. 42(tie), Bob Rosenau, Redding, Calif., and Herman Ferguson (a), Los Angeles, 3,069.

44, Robert Brown, Cody, Wyo., 3,066. 45, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 3,062. 46, Tim Mack, Indianapolis, 3,060. 47, Steve Gagnon, Canada, 3,059. 48, Steve Kloempken (a), Pleasant View, Utah, 3,056.

49, Jim Montgomery, Surprise, Ariz., 3,053. 50, Widmar Vargas, Sun City Center, Fla., 3,047. 51, Timothy Myers (a), Milwaukie, Ore., 3,046. 52, Donnie Hogue, Akron, Ohio, 3,044. 53, Rick Meneley, Santa Maria, Calif., 3,043. 54, David Cirigliano, Phoenix, 3,031.

55, Daniel Inocencio (a), College Station, Texas, 3,030. 56, John DeBenedetta (a), Las Vegas, 3,029. 57, Alvin Lou (a), El Cajon, Calif., 3,026. 58, Doug Kempt, Arcadia, Calif., 3,024. 59, Steve Smith, San Diego, 3,014. 60, Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 3,012.

61, Eric Adolphson, Concord, Calif., 3,007. 62, William Graham (a), Surprise, Ariz., 3,005. 63(tie), Kevin Anderson, Mount Juliet, Tenn., and Jay Hess, Gotha, Fla., 3,000.

DID NOT ADVANCE

65, Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 2,995. 66, David Schumacher (a), Bloomfield Hills, Mich., 2,994. 67(tie), Ricky Schissler, Denver, and Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 2,992. 69, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 2,989. 70, Michael Calvin (a), Warren, Mich., 2,983.

71(tie), Dennis Horan Jr., Oakley, Calif., and Robert Worrall II (a), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2,981. 73, Michael Warren (a), Dallas, 2,979. 74, Ronald Boroff, Mansfield, Texas, 2,977. 75, Jay Nephew, Houston, 2,973. 76, Steve Bohn (a), Norwood, Minn., 2,970.

77, Tony Rodriguez Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 2,969. 78(tie), Ed Silva, Manteca, Calif., and Glenn Smith, New York, 2,961. 80, Russ Hunt, Richland, Wash., 2,959. 81, Rusty Walter (a), Plain City, Ohio, 2,957. 82(tie), Brandon Libel (a), Wathena, Kan., and Gerald Sikora (a), Lake Havasu City, Ariz., 2,955.

84, Gregory Turner, Temple Hills, Md., 2,947. 85(tie), David Kirsch (a), Eden, N.Y., Steve Jansson, Barnes, Wis., and Jack Wofford, Flagstaff, Ariz., 2,943. 88, John Chovanec (a), Sugar Land, Texas, 2,942. 89, Kerry Painter, Henderson, Nev., 2,941.

90, Jon DeLaney, McKinney, Texas, 2,932. 91, Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 2,931. 92, John Di

Santis, Wilmington, Del., 2,927. 93(tie), Noel Vazquez, Sacramento, Calif., and Pete McCordic (a), Katy, Texas, 2,923. 95, Michael Taylor (a), Emmett, Idaho, 2,922.

96, Curtis Matlock, Cloquet, Minn., 2,920. 97, John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 2,919. 98(tie), Steve DiMartino, Upper Saddle River, N.J., and Eric Collier (a), Bixby, Okla., 2,918. 100, Jeffrey Dodson, Waxahachie, Texas, 2,917.

BARNES AMONG UNBEATEN BOWLERS AT 2021 USBC SENIOR MASTERS

LAS VEGAS - Turning 50 as a top-tier competitive bowler is anything but the first step toward days of leisure and endless relaxation.

For Chris Barnes of Denton, Texas, becoming eligible for senior competition has meant balancing his time on the Professional Bowlers Association Tour with five months of events on the PBA50 Tour, along with all of life's off-lane responsibilities.

This week, the 19-time PBA Tour champion is at Sam's Town Bowling Center for the final tournament of the PBA50 Tour season and finds himself among the 16 undefeated bowlers after the first day of match play at the United States Bowling Congress Senior Masters.

BowlTV.com is providing wire-to-wire coverage of the USBC Senior Masters, including the stepladder finals, scheduled for Sunday at 1 p.m. Eastern.

There also are 16 bowlers remaining in the Elimination Bracket, and all 32 surviving competitors will be back on the lanes at Sam's Town on Saturday at noon Eastern.

Match play at the premier event for USBC members 50 and older will continue throughout the day Saturday, and the final five bowlers will advance to Sunday's championship round. The winner will take home a \$20,000 top prize.

As the season and Senior Masters wind down, Barnes also is in the running for PBA50 Player and Rookie of the Year. Oh, and the USBC Masters is one of the few missing pieces from his hall-of-fame resume, so winning the senior edition in his debut would be extremely special.

The 51-year-old right-hander with one PBA50 Tour title this season qualified eighth for this week's 64-player double-elimination match-play bracket and picked up wins against Alvin Lou of El Cajon, California (694-564), and longtime friend John Burkett of Southlake, Texas (705-686).

Of the unbeaten players, eight are competing in the Senior Masters for the first time and two - Barnes and top seed Tom Hess of Granger, Iowa - also are battling for the postseason awards.

The group includes 2018 Senior Masters champion Chris Warren of Grants Pass, Oregon, 2018 runner-up Norm Duke of Clermont, Florida, and 2017 Super Senior Classic winner Ron Mohr of Las Vegas.

Duke, Hess, Warren, Doug Kent of Newark, New York, and Parker Bohn III of Jackson, New Jersey, all have won the Masters, a major on the PBA Tour. Warren is one of three bowlers in history to win both.

"In looking at my next match and farther into the bracket, I know it won't get any easier, so I'll need to keep getting sharper and sharper," said Barnes, who will face Dino Castillo of Highland Village, Texas, in the next round. "When you get some opportunities in matches, you need to take advantage, because you probably won't get very many of them. The deeper you go, the opportunities are even fewer."

In his match against Burkett, Barnes was down 59 pins after the first game but was able to cut that deficit to eight pins after two games.

He got into a position in the final game where hitting the pocket in the 10th frame would've been enough to advance without difficulty, but he left the 3-6-7-10 split on his first offering.

"It was on the tighter lane, and I talked myself into a pretty bad shot," said Barnes, who owns three runner-up finishes at the Masters. "I didn't want to throw it hard. I ended up throwing it slow and right, and I got around it. Really, the only way I could go high, but I was fortunate to leave something I thought I could make. I made my customary move in that situation and aced the spare to shut him out."

Barnes and Burkett recently practiced together on the lanes at Burkett's house. They bowled on the 2019 Senior Masters pattern and discussed strategy, some of which included how to effectively use urethane.

Burkett ended up going that route in their match Friday at Sam's Town, and Barnes' own advice nearly earned him an early trip to the Elimination Bracket.

The list of bowlers who did end up in the Elimination Bracket and will be back on the lanes Saturday includes a pair of two-time Senior Masters champions, Pete Weber of St. Ann, Missouri, and Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Florida, standout rookie Brad Angelo of Lockport, New York, and defending champion Amleto Monacelli of Venezuela.

Monacelli lost his first match to first-time participant Tim Mack of Indianapolis, 700-670, and Mack remained unbeaten with a victory against Michael Haggitt of Springfield, Ohio.

Weber and Angelo are the other two players vying for this year's PBA50 Player of the Year award, and Angelo entered the Senior Masters as the front-runner for PBA50 Rookie of the Year.

Barnes' practice session with Burkett was a small part of the work he has been putting in as he tries to figure out how to continue to be successful as he gets older. He also spent time on the lanes with Team USA assistant coach Mark Baker and then visited Storm's headquarters in Utah, where the staff helped him with equipment and drillings.

"The mindset hasn't changed, just how much your body will allow changes," Barnes said. "I can't grind through as many games as I used to, so it has to be efficient and more focused. I've been out of whack, and that just has to do with getting older. You start cheating it a little bit, and suddenly, you're not throwing it very well. Mark Baker really helped me out, and I learned some things from the Storm team."

The extra work is helping the pieces fall into place, or stay there, and Barnes is coming off a runner-up finish to Hess at the 2021 PBA50 Senior U.S. Open.

The dedication is keeping him competitive on both tours, but it is moments like he experienced against Burkett keeping him motivated, even when his schedule now includes traveling to support his sons Ryan and Troy, who are at different colleges and involved in a variety of activities. Barnes is married to USBC Hall of Famer Lynda Barnes.

"Moments like today are fun and the reason I'm still out here competing and putting in the work between events, even when my body hurts," Barnes said. "This really is the fun part - matches like this with the adrenaline flowing, the crowd cheering and a great energy and buzz in the building. That's what gets me up in the morning and out on the lanes."

The 2021 Senior Masters started with 223 competitors vying for one of the 63 open spots in the bracket with Monacelli.

The Super Senior Classic, won last weekend by Monacelli, and Senior Masters are taking place at the 56-lane Sam's Town Bowling Center together for the fifth time, a routine that began in 2016.

For more information on the Super Senior Classic, visit BOWL.com/SuperSenior. To learn more about the USBC Senior Masters, visit BOWL.com/SeniorMasters.

2021 USBC SENIOR MASTERS
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Friday's Results

MATCH PLAY

Double elimination, three-game matches decided by total pinfall

ROUND 1

(Winners remain in Winners Bracket. Losers move to Elimination Bracket).

- (1) Tom Hess, Granger, Iowa, def. (64) Jay Hess, Gotha, Fla., 681-544.
(32) David Rosenburg, Rolla, Mo., def. (33) Michael Tountas, Tucson, Ariz., 640-497.
(17) Dan Knowlton, Dade City, Fla., def. (48) Steve Kloempken, Pleasant View, Utah, 726-641.
(16) Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, def. (49) Jim Montgomery, Surprise, Ariz., 598-551.
- (9) Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, def. (56) John DeBenedetta, Las Vegas, 569-526.
(24) Michael Karch, Edgewood, Wash., (41) Michael Lucente, Warren, Mich., 635-576.
(40) John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, def. (25) Eric Forkel, Henderson, Nev., 679-591.
(8) Chris Barnes, Denton, Texas, def. (57) Alvin Lou, El Cajon, Calif., 694-564.
- (5) Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., def. (60) Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 626-611.
(28) Daniel Miyamoto, Pearl City, Hawaii, def. (37) Mike Hanson, Spokane, Wash., 698-610.
(44) Robert Brown, Cody, Wyo., def. (21) Paul Fleming, Fort Worth, Texas, 592-547.
(53) Rick Meneley, Santa Maria, Calif., def. (12) Robert Reed, Weed, Calif., 652-629.
- (52) Donnie Hogue, Akron, Ohio, def. (13) Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 635-605.
(20) John Gould, Yuba City, Calif., def. (45) Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 696-634.
(29) John Marsala, St. Louis, def. (36) Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 671-598.
(4) Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., def. (61) Eric Adolphson, Concord, Calif., 746-623.
- (3) Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., def. (62) William Graham, Surprise, Ariz., 640-589.
(30) John Congro, Las Vegas, def. (35) Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 622-579.
(46) Tim Mack, Indianapolis, def. (19) Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 700-670.
(14) Michael Haggitt, Springfield, Ohio, def. (51) Timothy Myers, Milwaukie, Ore., 617-613.
- (54) David Cirigliano, Phoenix, def. (11) Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 645-639.
(22) Tony Manna, Papillion, Neb., def. (43) Bob Rosenau, Redding, Calif., 697-671.
(27) Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., def. (38) Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 749-626.
(6) Charles Richey Jr., Concord, N.C., def. (59) Steve Smith, San Diego, 606-575.
- (7) Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., def. (58) Doug Kempt, Arcadia, Calif., 627-578.
(39) Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., def. (26) Steven Badovinac, Parker, Colo., 642-572.
(42) Herman Ferguson, Los Angeles, def. (23) Bill Vannoy, Jacksonville, N.C., 700-605.
(10) Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., def. (55) Daniel Inocencio, College Station, Texas, 747-546.
- (15) Tom Adcock, Decatur, Ill., def. (50) Widmar Vargas, Sun City Center, Fla., 644-571.
(18) David Leverage, Peoria, Ariz., def. (47) Steve Gagnon, Canada, 668-569.
(31) Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, def. (34) Jimmie Dillingham, Tacoma, Wash., 706-557.
(2) Walt Blackston, Hawthorne, Calif., def. (63) Kevin Anderson, Mount Juliet, Tenn., 604-475.

ROUND 2 - WINNERS BRACKET

T. Hess def. Rosenburg, 648-605.
Mohr def. Knowlton, 694-646.
Castillo def. Karch, 671-668.

Barnes def. Burkett, 705-686.

Miyamoto def. Couch, 682-671.
Meneley def. Brown, 698-674.
Hogue def. Gould, 687-607.
Bohn def. Marsala, 649-598.

Warren def. Congro, 704-669.
Mack def. Haggitt, 645-629.
Cirigliano def. Manna, 611-607.
Kent def. Richey, 637-555.

Beasley def. Weber, 701-644.
Duke def. Ferguson, 668-581.
Leverage def. Adcock, 737-706.
Blackston def. Haugen, 652-590.

ROUND 1 - ELIMINATION BRACKET
(Losers eliminated, finish tied for 49th, earn \$1,000)

J. Hess def. Tountas, 569-507.
Forkel def. Lou, 662-636.
Kloempken def. Montgomery, 709-645.
Lucente def. DeBenedetta, 551-522.

J. Johnson def. Hanson, 659-623.
Adolphson def. Sullivan, 657-638.
Fleming def. Reed, 661-506.
Boresch def. T. Johnson, 621-542.

Graham def. Bower, 615-502.
Williams def. Smith, 641-583.
Monacelli def. Myers, 763-546.
Angelo def. Rosenau, 709-685.

Badovinac def. Kempt, 594-570.
Dillingham def. Anderson, 637-524.
Inocencio def. Vannoy, 675-577.
Gagnon def. Vargas, 592-506.

ROUND 2 - ELIMINATION BRACKET
(Losers eliminated, finish tied for 33rd, earn \$1,100)

Haggitt def. J. Hess, 624-545.
Manna def. Forkel, 676-647.
Kloempken def. Congro, 647-627.
Richey def. Lucente, 657-595.

Ferguson def. J. Johnson, 633-611.
Adolphson def. Adcock, 625-609.
Weber def. Fleming, 759-618.
Boresch def. Haugen, 637-556.

Knowlton def. Graham, 705-610.
Williams def. Karch, 646-578.
Monacelli def. Rosenburg, 666-589.
Angelo def. Burkett, 796-711.

Badovinac def. Brown, 672-608.

Dillingham def. Gould, 575-554.
Couch def. Inocencio, 628-533.
Marsala def. Gagnon, 652-584.

BARNES EARNS TOP SEED FOR FINALS AT 2021 USBC SENIOR MASTERS

LAS VEGAS - Chris Barnes of Denton, Texas, is in a familiar position after earning the No. 1 seed for the finals of the 2021 United States Bowling Senior Masters, but his perspective from the top rung of the stepladder is much different than the last time he was there.

The USBC and Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer is nearly a decade older than the last time he successfully navigated the double-elimination format, also used at the USBC Masters, without a loss. His sons are grown and away at college. His sister, Laura Sullivan, won't get to hear how this one turns out.

Barnes already has won just about everything a bowler can win, but a victory Sunday would make a memorable finish to an emotional year, while also earning him redemption in a format where he has fallen short in the past.

"It has been a tough year with my sister passing from lung cancer, and I missed some tournaments during that time, but when something like that happens, the bowling part doesn't even matter," Barnes said. "It put some things in perspective. I do love being out here and competing, and she loved bowling, too. I have her initials on my shoes, so she'll always be part of it."

The stepladder finals of the 2021 USBC Senior Masters will be broadcast live on BowlTV on Sunday at 1 p.m. Eastern, and the winner will take home a \$20,000 top prize.

In the final Winners Bracket match Saturday at Sam's Town, Barnes defeated two-time Masters champion Doug Kent of Newark, New York, 656-639, to lock up the top spot. Kent, also a USBC and PBA Hall of Famer, will enter the stepladder as the second seed.

The two will be joined on the show by No. 3 Pete Weber of St. Ann, Missouri, No. 4 Tom Hess of Granger, Iowa, and No. 5 Donnie Hogue of Akron, Ohio.

The three earned their way into the finals by battling through the Elimination Bracket and then surviving a four-bowler, three-game shootout Saturday night.

Weber opened the final game with nine consecutive strikes, before a 9 pin ended his run at the second perfect game of the week. He finished with the highest score of the round, a 727 series, to take the third spot.

The USBC and PBA Hall of Famer is looking to become the first three-time winner at the Senior Masters and take home the 2021 PBA50 Player of the Year award. He has two PBA50 wins this season, and his titles at the Senior Masters came in 2013 and 2016.

Hess and Hogue had 667 and 650, respectively. David Leverage of Peoria, Arizona, shot 644 and was eliminated, finishing sixth overall.

In the final frame, Hess delivered three strikes to claim his spot. Hogue struck on his first shot, as well, which forced Leverage to mark for the fifth spot in the stepladder. He left the 3-6-10 combination on his first offering and chopped off the 3 pin to fall short.

Hess advanced to the shootout by surviving a series of four one-ball roll-offs with Dan Knowlton of Dade City, Florida, who missed a 4 pin after a strike in his final frame to force a 679 tie. Hess struck four consecutive times in overtime, while Knowlton left a 2 pin on his last attempt.

Total pinfall for three games determined the winner of each match in the 64-player double-elimination match-play bracket and the final shootout, while the championship round will be single-game

matches.

As the top seed in the double-elimination event, Barnes will have to be beaten twice to be denied his first PBA50 major title and the second win of his PBA50 rookie campaign. He won the PBA50 Cup in July for his first senior title. He also owns 19 PBA Tour wins.

The nuance of the format due to the finals being livestreamed, rather than on national TV, is something Barnes did not experience the three times he was the No. 1 seed for the championship round at the Masters.

He fell short in each opportunity, losing to Walter Ray Williams Jr. in 2004 and 2010 and Mike Fagan in 2012.

"I've led the regular Masters three times and wasn't able to finish it off, but this time is a little different with the double-elimination," Barnes said. "I'm actually pretty fortunate to be here. Dino (Castillo) had a chance to put me away and let me off the hook. Tom Hess and I had a battle after that. Then, I had really good ball reaction in the match before I bowled Doug, who I consider the most versatile guy in my era. I caught some pretty good fortune to come out ahead."

Barnes qualified eighth for match play this week, averaging 219.27 for 15 games, then averaged more than 232 in his six victories. His 6-0 record included wins over Kent, Hess and Hogue.

The 2021 Senior Masters started with 223 competitors vying for one of the 63 open spots in the bracket with defending champion Amleto Monacelli of Venezuela, and matches took place throughout the day Friday and Saturday.

Monacelli lost his opening match to Tim Mack of Indianapolis (700-670) and then won twice in the Elimination Bracket, before bowing out against Brad Angelo of Lockport, New York, 729-652. Angelo entered the week as the front-runner for PBA50 Rookie of the Year and a contender for the 2021 PBA50 Player of the Year award.

Monacelli finished tied for 25th place in his title defense. Angelo finished tied for 13th.

In addition to the possibility of a major title to end the PBA50 Tour season, Barnes also has a chance at both awards, but those are things he'll plan to put out of his mind. Hess is in the same position.

"I heard that Brad has all the numbers and scenarios listed out, so I know there's some other implications, but all I can do is focus on what I can control and the game I have ahead of me," Barnes said. "There certainly was a time when I got wrapped up in all those kinds of things and didn't really focus on the task at hand. Those are all side benefits. There are bigger things at stake and more things on my mind, and I certainly wouldn't be in this position without some great people, especially during such a tough year."

The Senior Masters and the Super Senior Classic, won Monday by Monacelli, are taking place at the 56-lane Sam's Town Bowling Center together for the fifth time, a routine that began in 2016.

For more information on the Super Senior Classic, visit BOWL.com/SuperSenior. To learn more about the USBC Senior Masters, visit BOWL.com/SeniorMasters.

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Saturday's Results

MATCH PLAY

Double elimination, three-game matches decided by total pinfall

ROUND 3 - WINNERS BRACKET

(Winners remain in Winners Bracket. Losers move to Elimination Bracket).

(1) Tom Hess, Granger, Iowa, def. (16) Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 659-635.
(8) Chris Barnes, Denton, Texas, def. (9) Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 622-617.
(53) Rick Meneley, Santa Maria, Calif., def. (28) Daniel Miyamoto, Pearl City, Hawaii, 612-543.
(52) Donnie Hogue, Akron, Ohio, def. (4) Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 668-667.

(3) Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., def. (46) Tim Mack, Indianapolis, 749-671.
(27) Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., def. (54) David Cirigliano, Phoenix, 687-632.
(10) Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., def. (39) Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 778-672.
(18) David Leverage, Peoria, Ariz., def. (2) Walt Blackston, Hawthorne, Calif., 577-548.

ROUND 3 - ELIMINATION BRACKET

(Losers eliminated, finish tied for 25th, earn \$1,250)

(14) Michael Haggitt, Springfield, Ohio, def. (22) Tony Manna, Papillion, Neb., 632-563.
(48) Steve Kloempken, Pleasant View, Utah, def. (6) Charles Richey Jr., Concord, N.C., 699-546.
(61) Eric Adolphson, Concord, Calif., def. (42) Herman Ferguson, Los Angeles, 660-578.
(7) Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., def. (13) Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 672-659.

(17) Dan Knowlton, Dade City, Fla., def. (38) Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 705-660.
(11) Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., def. (19) Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 729-652.
(34) Jimmie Dillingham, Tacoma, Wash., def. (26) Steve Badovinac, Parker, Colo., 603-583.
(5) Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., def. (29) John Marsala, St. Louis, 688-645.

ROUND 4 - WINNERS BRACKET

Barnes def. Hess, 731-647.
Hogue def. Meneley, 622-578.
Kent def. Warren, 699-644.
Leverage def. Duke, 634-614.

ROUND 4 - ELIMINATION BRACKET

(Losers eliminated, finish tied for 17th, earn \$1,500)

Miyamoto def. Haggitt, 641-516.
Kloempken def. Bohn, 699-641.
Adolphson def. Mohr, 684-608.
Weber def. Castillo, 699-531.

Knowlton def. Blackston, 630-559.
Angelo def. Beasley, 651-595.
Cirigliano def. Dillingham, 613-607.
Mack def. Couch, 680-662.

ROUND 5 - WINNERS BRACKET

Barnes def. Hogue, 772-589.
Kent def. Leverage, 720-616.

ROUND 5 - ELIMINATION BRACKET
(Losers eliminated, finish tied for 13th, earn \$2,000)

Miyamoto def. Kloempken, 770-704.
Weber def. Adolphson, 663-521.
Knowlton def. Angelo, 724-682.
Mack def. Cirigliano, 747-721.

ROUND 6 - WINNERS BRACKET
(Winner earns No. 1 seed for Sunday's BowlTV finals; loser is No. 2 seed)

Barnes def. Kent, 656-639.

ROUND 6 - ELIMINATION BRACKET
(Losers eliminated, finish tied for ninth, earn \$2,650)

Duke def. Miyamoto, 729-714.
Weber def. Warren, 719-688.
Knowlton def. Meneley, 752-574.
Hess def. Mack, 626-622.

ROUND 7 - ELIMINATION BRACKET
(Losers eliminated, finish tied for seventh, earn \$3,400)

Weber def. Duke, 696-669.
*Hess def. Knowlton, 679-679.
*Hess advanced from a series of one-ball roll-offs following the tie (10-10, 10-10, 10-10, 10-9).

ROUND 8 - ELIMINATION BRACKET
(Three highest scores advance to Sunday's BowlTV finals, high score is No. 3 seed, second high is No. 4, third high is No. 5, lowest score is eliminated, earns \$4,100).

Weber 727, Hess 667, Hogue 650, Leverage 644.

**HESS WINS USBC SENIOR MASTERS,
PBA50 ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AND PBA50 PLAYER OF THE YEAR
SEPTEMBER 19, 2021, JILL WINTERS**

Las Vegas, Nevada – Tom Hess has had an unbelievable rookie season on the PBA50 Tour, and he ended the year with a trifecta.

After leading 15-games of qualifying at the 2021 USBC Senior Masters, Hess looked destined to win it all. He only lost one match during double-elimination match play and that was against fellow PBA50 rookie Chris Barnes, 731-647. From that point on, Hess was challenged in matches with close friends Tim Mack and Dan Knowlton, and he willed his way to victories.

"This week, with all of the emotions of this event and the rollercoaster of matches," the 51-year-old paused, "I can't do what I do without the support I get at home. They believe in me, and I believe in me. I do now, and it's paying off in spades."

Hess came into Sunday's stepladder finals as the No. 4 seed. He defeated Donnie Hogue, 247-212 in the first match then battled some transition on the championship pair

in match two against PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber. Weber struggled to carry, and Hess was able to put together two sets of doubles using a 900 Global Zen Master on the left lane and a Roto Grip RST X-2 on the right lane. Those ball selections turned out to be the winning combination.

In the third match, Hess started out strike, spare then threw eight straight strikes on his way to a 269-216 win over Kent. This led Hess to face the only opponent who had been able to defeat him throughout the six-day major tournament. Hess would have to beat Barnes twice to win and he did just that.

Hess began the match strike, spare and followed with nine consecutive strikes finishing with 278. Barnes struggled to carry throughout the match leaving four 10-pins and three 4-pins. He started with his Storm Axiom and switched to his Roto Grip UFO Alert in the 9th frame to finish with 226.

Barnes elected Hess to start and finish the match and the strong look Hess had on the lanes continued. Hess started with a double then a spare. He then reeled off four strikes and stayed clean the rest of the way for 237. Barnes got off to a rough start leaving the 3-6-7-10 split in the first frame and only covered the 3-6-10. He followed that up with two spares and changed balls in the fourth frame which resulted in a turkey. But Barnes struggled to carry leaving two more 10-pins and a 4-pin in the seventh through ninth frames to finish with a 203.

With the win, Hess earned the \$20,000 first place check, his second straight PBA50 major title and third career major title. Along with that, Hess also locked up the title of 2021 PBA50 Rookie of the Year and PBA50 Player of the Year.

“What a season,” the emotional Iowa native said. “I’m a dream chaser. I got the opportunity to be out here and now I’m trying to take advantage of it the best I can.”

All week long, Hess knew this event had the potential to determine the winner of the PBA50 Rookie of the Year and PBA50 Player of the Year, but he remained focus on the task at hand, the USBC Senior Masters was “the only one that matters.” He credits a text he received from friend and PBA player Sean Rash telling him to “trust the process” and that helped Hess in trying to control his focus and his emotions.

Now Hess will partner with Rash at the PBA/PBA50 Tony Reyes/Terry Leon Memorial Jr./Sr. Doubles on Sept. 24. Hess also hopes that he will get the call that his performance this season on the PBA50 Tour will lead to an invite to bowl for his country.

“To represent Team USA would be a dream come true for a kid from Iowa,” Hess said.

With this victory, Hess is now one of only four players to ever win the USBC Masters and the USBC Senior Masters.

2021 USBC SENIOR MASTERS FINAL STANDINGS:

1. Tom Hess \$20,000
2. Chris Barnes \$11,000
3. Doug Kent \$8,000
4. Pete Weber \$6,500
5. Donnie Hogue \$5,000

View the full standings at [BOWL.com | 2021 Results](https://www.bowl.com/2021/standings)

MATCH SCORES

Match 1 – Hess def. Hogue 247-212

Match 2 – Hess def. Weber 201-183

Match 3 – Hess def. Kent 269-216

Championship match – Hess def. Barnes 278-226

Hess def. Barnes 237-203

PBA GLOBAL SHOWDOWN POWERED BY LANETALK BEGINS TODAY AT OVER 700 BOWLING CENTERS AROUND THE WORLD

SEPTEMBER 20, 2021 JLAUFER

Bowlers of all skill levels can compete in the world's largest virtual bowling tournament for a chance to win \$50,000 in cash and prizes

New York, NY – The Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) and Lanetalk's global bowling tournament – PBA Global Showdown powered by Lanetalk – begins today at over 700 bowling centers across over 20 countries around the world.

This international tournament brings thousands of bowlers together to compete from their local centers for a chance to win a first-place prize of \$20,000 out of a \$50,000 prize fund, sponsored by the PBA. Bowlers can also win prizes throughout the tournament from Motiv and KR Strikeforce.

Bowlers of all skill levels ages 18+ are eligible to join the competition for free and virtually face-off at a large selection of participating host centers equipped with Lanetalk. A full list of registered host centers is available at pba.com/showdown and will be updated as new centers join the Showdown.

"The PBA Global Showdown is an unparalleled opportunity for both amateur and professional bowlers," said Lev Ekster, Chief Strategy Officer of Bowlero Corp and Chief Operating Officer of the PBA. "The format is unique and provides bowlers not only a chance to compete from a local participating host center of their choice, but they can also connect with thousands of competitors around the world in the largest bowling tournament ever. We're excited to see who will win the \$20,000 Grand Prize."

The tournament, hosted on the Lanetalk app, will feature four stages of the competition with bowlers from the United States and abroad placed within two groups. The stages are as follows starting with the Qualifying Round.

Stage 1: Qualifying Round (September 20-October 10)

Bowlers will have 21 days to bowl their best two consecutive games. Scores must be submitted through the Lanetalk app. During these three weeks, bowlers will have unlimited attempts. The top 2,500 bowlers in each group (5,000 altogether) will advance to the Quarterfinals.

Stage 2: Quarterfinals (October 13-October 26)

The top 5,000 bowlers will have 14 days to bowl their best two consecutive games. Scores must be submitted through the Lanetalk app. During these two weeks, bowlers will have unlimited attempts. The top 1,000 bowlers will advance to the Semi-Finals.

Stage 3: Semi-Finals (October 29-November 4)

The top 1,000 bowlers will have seven days to bowl their best two consecutive games. Scores must be submitted through the Lanetalk app. During these seven days, bowlers have unlimited attempts. The top six bowlers will advance to the Grand Finale.

Stage 4: Grand Finale (November 14)

The final six bowlers will compete in a live-streamed event on November 14th from their local host bowling center. The bowlers will have one attempt to submit a single game score. The four bowlers with the highest scores will advance and have another attempt to submit a single game score. The two bowlers with the highest scores will advance and have one final attempt to submit a single game score. The bowler with the best score will be crowned the PBA Global Showdown Champion winning the first-place prize of \$20,000.

2021 PBA50 SEASON IN REVIEW SEPTEMBER 22, 2021 JEF GOODGER

The 2021 PBA50 Tour season saw records broken, legends snapping title droughts, a much-heralded rookie class battling all season not just for Rookie of the Year but also Bowler of the Year honors and there was even a championship decided in a man's basement.

THE STALWARTS

Walter Ray Williams Jr. began the season with his 15th career title, putting himself in sole possession of the all-time PBA50 Tour title record. Two more Hall of Famers—Pete Weber and Parker Bohn III—won their first (and second) PBA50 titles since the 2017 season, with each player picking up back-to-back wins during the season.

Norm Duke broke his own title drought, winning for the first time since the 2018 season. Williams, Duke, Weber and Bohn are four of the five winningest players in PBA Tour history and combined for six 2021 PBA50 championships.

THE ROOKIES

One of the main stories entering the 2021 PBA50 season, especially after the cancelation of the 2020 season, was the impressively strong rookie class, highlighted by (alphabetically) Brad Angelo, Chris Barnes, Jason Couch and Tom Hess.

Angelo led all rookies in points for most of the season, finishing in the top 10 nine times, including three runner-up finishes. Couch was the first rookie to win, taking the title in his second ever event, the Johnny Petraglia BVL Open. Barnes was the first rookie to win a major, claiming the PBA50 Cup. But it was Tom Hess, who won each of the last two majors—the Senior U.S. Open and USBC Senior Masters—to claim the PBA50 Rookie of the Year Award and, at the same time, the PBA50 Bowler of the Year Award.

The 61-year-old Williams earned the PBA60 Bowler of the Year Award for players age 60 and over in his first eligible season, as there was no 2020 PBA50 Tour season.

Here's a quick recap of the 2021 PBA50 Tour season:

PBA50 Lightning Strikes Open

Lightning Strikes Bowl

Fort Myers, Florida

Winner: Walter Ray Williams Jr. (15th career title)

Walter Ray Williams Jr. once again opened a PBA50 season with a victory, this time earning his record 15th career PBA50 title. In 2019, Williams won each of the first three PBA50 events to tie John Handegard's longstanding record of 14 PBA50 titles.

With a win over 2018 PBA50 Player of the Year Michael Haugen Jr. in a three-game total-pinfall championship match, Williams broke Handegard's record and now holds the record for both PBA Tour titles (47) and PBA50 Tour titles.

PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open

Maple Lanes Countryside

Clearwater, Florida

Winner: Jason Couch (1)

The first of the highly touted 2021 PBA50 rookie class to win: Jason Couch. In his second ever PBA50 event, the PBA Hall of Famer and 16-time PBA Tour winner qualified as the top seed and defeated Haugen in the championship match.

It was the second straight runner-up finish for Haugen, who bowled a 300 game in the semifinal match against Couch's fellow rookie, Chris Barnes, who bowled 289.

Florida Blue Medicare PBA50 National Championship

Spanish Springs Lanes

The Villages, Florida

Winner: Pete Weber (12)

For the first time since 2017, PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber claimed a PBA50 championship when he beat Lennie Boresch Jr. in the championship match of the PBA50 National Championship. The win was the 12th PBA50 title for Weber and fifth major championship.

Weber previously won both the U.S. Open and USBC Senior Masters on two separate occasions.

PBA50 Granville Financial Open

Sandhills Bowling Center

Aberdeen, North Carolina
Winner: Pete Weber (13)

Weber's 13th career PBA50 title moved him into third in all-time PBA50 titles, trailing only Handegard and Williams. Weber was the top seed for the stepladder for the second straight event and then beat Angelo to win back-to-back titles for the first time since 2016, when he won four in a row among his record six in a single season.

PBA50 Bud Moore Classic

Bowlero Centreville/Bud Moore Lanes
Centreville, Virginia
Winner: John Marsala (2)

For the first time in professional bowling history—quite possibly professional sports history—a championship was decided in a man's home. Qualifying and match play were held at Bowlero Centreville, leading to the stepladder finals held at Bud Moore Lanes in Bill Moore's basement.

John Marsala was the top seed and bested Angelo, who bowled a 299 game earlier in the stepladder, in the championship match to win Marsala's second career PBA50 title.

PBA50 Cup

South Plains Lanes
Lubbock, Texas
Winner: Chris Barnes (1)

The second rookie to win on the 2021 PBA50 Tour was Chris Barnes, claiming a major championship as his first title. Qualifying as the second seed, Barnes rolled 279 to defeat Bob Learn Jr. in the semifinal match, then battled once-again top seed Weber for the title. A 247 for Barnes earned him the win as he continued his chase for the Rookie of the Year Award.

PBA50 Odessa Open

Diamond Lanes
Odessa, Texas
Winner: Amleto Monacelli (10)

Following a gutter-ball scare in the semifinal match against Angelo, second seed Monacelli pulled out a three-pin win and then moved into the championship match, in which he defeated Dan Knowlton.

The win added Monacelli to the short list of players who have won double-digit titles on both the PBA Tour (on which Monacelli has 20 titles) and PBA50 Tour.

PBA50 South Shore Open

Olympia Lanes
Hammond, Indiana
Winner: Eugene McCune (2)

For the second time in his PBA50 career, Eugene McCune won the PBA50 South Shore Open. For the first time, it counted as an official title. When McCune won the event in 2018, he wasn't a PBA member, so

while he received the check and trophy, he wasn't credited with a title. He won his first official PBA50 title in 2019 at the Spectrum Lanes Open.

As the top seed, McCune ended Norm Duke's run through the stepladder, with McCune defeating Duke 225-205.

PBA50 Spectrum Lanes Open

Spectrum Lanes

Wyoming, Michigan

Winner: Parker Bohn III (5)

Parker Bohn III put an end to his PBA50 winless streak, winning the PBA50 Spectrum Lanes Open for his first victory since 2017. In between, Bohn made nine stepladder finals appearances, but wasn't able to get a win until he defeated Bob Learn Jr. in the championship match.

It was Learn's only loss that day, having earned the top seed with a 12-0 match play record. Bohn, the second seed, beat Tom Hess in the semifinal match before defeating Learn.

PBA50 Dave Small's Championship Lanes Open

Championship Lanes

Anderson, Indiana

Winner: Parker Bohn III (6)

After a four-year wait between his previous two titles, Bohn barely had to wait four days to get this one. Similar to the way Bohn ended a title drought on the PBA Tour with back-to-back wins in 1997, Bohn ended his PBA50 title drought with two straight wins in 2021.

Bohn also won two regional titles surrounding his PBA50 national wins, giving him four victories in 10 days.

PBA50 David Small's JAX 60 Open

JAX 60

Jackson, Michigan

Winner: Norm Duke (6)

Another title drought came to an end when PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke won all four stepladder matches to win the PBA50 David Small's JAX 60 Open for his sixth career PBA50 title and first since 2018. Duke defeated Larry Verble, Ryan Shafer, Eugene McCune and ultimately Brad Angelo to claim the title. It was Angelo's third runner-up finish of the season.

PBA60 Dick Weber Classic (PBA60 event)

JAX 60

Jackson, Michigan

Winner: Ron Mohr (3)

In an event held exclusively for players age 60 and over, Ron Mohr emerged victorious for his third career PBA60 title to go with 11 PBA50 titles. Mohr was the top seed and won the title match against John Kirker Jr. to claim the title.

PBA50 Senior U.S. Open

Harvest Park Bowl
Brentwood, California
Winner: Tom Hess (1)

The Rookie of the Year race got even closer when Tom Hess beat Chris Barnes in the championship match of the PBA50 Senior U.S. Open. Hess became the third rookie to win this season and put himself within 700 points of both Barnes and frontrunner Angelo for the Rookie of the Year Award, which is based on competition points.

USBC Super Senior Classic (PBA60 event)

Sam's Town Bowling Center
Las Vegas, Nevada
Winner: Amleto Monacelli (1)

A fresh 60 years old as of August 27, Monacelli won the first PBA60 event he was eligible to enter, earning the top seed for the finals and defeating Mohr to take the title.

USBC Senior Masters

Sam's Town Bowling Center
Las Vegas, Nevada
Winner: Tom Hess (2)

Tom Hess entered his rookie season with three goals: to win a title, to be Rookie of the Year and to be Bowler of the Year. He accomplished the first goal in the Senior U.S. Open. When Hess defeated Pete Weber, who led in Player of the Year points entering the event, in the second match of the USBC Senior Masters stepladder finals, it left both Hess and top seed Chris Barnes with an opportunity to win Player of the Year with a Masters victory.

Then, when Hess eliminated No. 2 seed Doug Kent in the semifinals, the title match for the final event of the 2021 PBA50 season became even more important: the winner would win the USBC Senior Masters (which would be the second major for either Barnes or Hess) and also claim Bowler of the Year and Rookie of the Year honors.

Barnes, who was undefeated through the double-elimination match-play bracket, had to be beaten twice, which is exactly what Hess did to him, rolling 278 and 237 to Barnes' 226 and 203. Closing the season with two major championships earned Hess Bowler of the Year and Rookie of the Year honors.

Hess also became just the third player in PBA50 history to win both the Senior U.S. Open and USBC Senior Masters in the same season, joining Tom Baker (2006) and Weber (2016).

FINAL 2021 PBA50 POINTS STANDINGS

Tom Hess, 29,475
Pete Weber, 27,245
Chris Barnes, 26,485
Brad Angelo, 24,550
Amleto Monacelli, 21,605
Parker Bohn III, 18,630
John Marsala, 16,960
Lennie Boresch Jr., 16,910

Norm Duke, 15,945
Walter Ray Williams Jr., 15,565

2021 PBA50 CHAMPIONS

Majors in bold

PBA60 events in italics

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PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open: Jason Couch (1)

PBA50 National Championship: Pete Weber (12)

PBA50 Granville Financial Open: Pete Weber (13)

PBA50 Bud Moore Classic: John Marsala (2)

PBA50 Cup: Chris Barnes (1)

PBA50 Odessa Open: Amleto Monacelli (10)

PBA50 South Shore Open: Eugene McCune (2)

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PBA50 Dave Small's Championship Lanes Open: Parker Bohn III (6)

PBA50 David Small's JAX 60 Open: Norm Duke (6)

PBA60 Dick Weber Classic: Ron Mohr (3)

PBA50 Senior U.S. Open: Tom Hess (1)

USBC Super Senior Classic: Amleto Monacelli (1)

USBC Senior Masters: Tom Hess (2)

UPCOMING PBA REGIONAL TOUR RPI EVENTS SEPTEMBER 24, 2021

Spots Available to Compete in Special PBA Regional Players Invitational Qualifier Events

New York, NY – Competition for spots in the PBA Regional Players Invitational (RPI) continues as players acquire points throughout the 2021 PBA Regional Tour season.

Since January 1, players have been competing in open field regional events and have until December 5 to earn points to qualify for the special event. The top eight players in

points from the South, East, Midwest, West, Central and Southwest, plus the top six players from the Northwest will automatically earn a spot.

In addition to the top 54 regional players, 26 senior bowlers will also earn spots in the RPI, including the top four seniors in points from the South, East, Midwest, West, Central, and Southwest, and the top two seniors from the Northwest.

To complete the 120-member field, each region will hold a special RPI Tournament Qualifier to fill the remaining 40 spots. The South Region held it's PBA50 qualifier in July; Darryl Bower of Middletown, Pa. and Marty Berke of Allentown, Pa. finished first and second to qualify for the RPI.

The remaining RPI Tournament Qualifies are open for registration. Players can sign up at www.pba.com/pba-tour/pba-regional-tour.

Southwest Region:

PBA50 Waxahachie Southwest Open (Sept. 24 – Sept. 26)
Hilltop Lanes, Waxahachie, Texas

PBA Oklahoma City Open (Oct. 1 – Oct. 3)
Planet Bowl, Oklahoma City, Okla.

South Region:

PBA Strike It Big Oviedo RPI South Open (Oct. 1 – Oct. 3)
Oviedo Bowling Center, Oviedo, Fla.

Central Region:

PBA50 Mel Westrich Memorial/Brunswick Central Open (Oct. 1 – Oct. 3)
Delphos Recreation Center, Delphos, Ohio

PBA Bluffton Central Open (Oct. 8 – Oct. 10)
EZ Bowl, Bluffton, Ind.

East Region:

PBA AMF Strathmore Lanes RPI Open (Oct. 1 – Oct. 3)
AMF Strathmore Lanes, Aberdeen, N.J.

PBA50 Boulevard Lanes Open (Nov. 5 – Nov. 7)
Boulevard Bowl, Schenectady, N.Y.

West Region:

PBA50 Earl Anthony Classic (Oct. 8. – Oct. 10)
Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl, Dublin, Calif

PBA Earl Anthony Classic (Oct. 8. – Oct. 10)
Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl, Dublin, Calif

Northwest Region:

PBA50 Gary Mage Classic (Oct. 15 – Oct. 17)
Paradise Lanes, Tacoma, Wash.

PBA Jim Kent Memorial (Oct. 15 – Oct. 17)
Paradise Lanes, Tacoma, Wash.

Midwest Region:

PBA Plaza Bowl RPI Midwest Open (Nov. 5 – Nov. 7)
Plaza Bowl, Clinton, Iowa

PBA50 Greater Freeport Midwest RPI Open (Dec. 3 – Dec. 5)
4 Seasons Bowling Center, Freeport, Ill.

Here are the current points leaders per region:

South Region: r2sports.com/SouthRegion
PBA50 South Region: r2sports.com/PBA50SouthRegion

East Region: r2sports.com/EastRegion
PBA50 East Region: r2sports.com/PBA50EastRegion

Midwest Region: r2sports.com/MidwestRegion
PBA50 Midwest Region: r2sports.com/PBA50MidwestRegion

West Region: r2sports.com/WestRegion
PBA50 West Region: r2sports.com/PBA50WestRegion

Central Region: r2sports.com/CentralRegion
PBA50 Central Region: r2sports.com/PBA50CentralRegion

Southwest Region: r2sports.com/SouthwestRegion
PBA50 Southwest Region: r2sports.com/PBA50SouthwestRegion

Northwest Region: r2sports.com/NorthwestRegion
PBA50 Northwest Region: r2sports.com/PBA50NorthwestRegion

The RPI will take place Jan. 2 – Jan. 5 at South Point Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas with a total prize fund of \$100,000. Bowlers will compete in a three-day event starting with 16 games of qualifying, followed by a 32-player elimination bracket. The top 40 players after qualifying will cash. More details on the format are available at PBA.com.

Players in the top 50 PBA National Tour Points List after the completion of the 2021 PBA Summer Tour will not be eligible to bowl in the RPI Finals.

KYLE SHERMAN WINS TEN PIN ALLEY MIDWEST OPEN

SEPTEMBER 25, 2021 REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Fitchburg, Wis. – Kyle Sherman of O'Fallon, Mo. defeated Tim Gruendler of St. Louis, Mo.. An all Missouri championship match was close, until an error by Gruendler in the ninth frame, opened the Gateway Arch for Sherman to close with a 196-165 victory on Saturday.

Sherman, who qualified in seventh place, posted a perfect 6-0 match play record. In the Semifinal Round, he defeated Ryan Lakota of Shorewood, Ill. with a clutch double in the tenth frame for the 219-215 victory. Gruendler was the second qualifier and had a 5-3-0 record. In the Semifinal Round, he defeated Russ Oviatt of Sioux Falls, S.D. with a 237-169 win.

This is Sherman's fourth regional title, the first since 2017. That year he won the Southwest Regional event in Oklahoma City, Ok. The other two were in the hometown area of St. Charles, Mo. in 2014 and in Hoffman Estates, Ill. in 2015. The win earned Sherman \$2,000 while Gruendler earned \$1,100 as the runner-up.

PBA TEN PIN ALLEY OPEN

Ten Pin Alley, Fitchburg, WI, Saturday

Championship Round: Sherman defeated Gruendler, 196-165.

Semifinal Round (losers earned \$800):

Sherman defeated Lakota, 219-215.

Gruendler defeated Oviatt, 237-169.

Round 2 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$675 each):

Russ Oviatt, Sioux Falls, S.D., defeated Kevin McCune, 2-1.

Tim Gruendler defeated S-Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 2-1.

Ryan Lakota, Shorewood, Ill., defeated Jonathan Schalow, 2-1.

Sherman defeated Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 2-0.

Top 4 qualifiers received a Round 1 bye

Round 1 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$575 each): Tim Gruendler, St. Louis, Mo., defeated Chris Hill, Franklin, Wis., 2-1.

Jonathan Schalow, Evansville, Wis., defeated Brad Miller, Lee's Summit, Mo., 2-0.

Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo. defeated Shaun Taliaferro, Waunakee, Wis., 2-0.

Other Cashier:

13th place – N-William Hibbard, Indianapolis, Ind., 1,449, \$450

15th place – S-Chris Gibbons, Madison, Wis., 1,439, \$275

S-designates senior entry

N-designates non-member entry

BRAD MILLER WINS PBA BOWL-A-VARD LANES MIDWEST OPEN

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Madison, Wis. – Brad Miller of Lee's Summit, Mo. defeated Chris Hill of Franklin, Wis. to win the PBA Bowl-A-Vard Lanes Open. Miller was in control of the final match winning 267-188, and secured a second straight Midwest region Lindenwood alumni victory.

Miller led the seven-game qualifying with a 234 average. He continued his dominance throughout the bracket match play finals with a 4-0 record, dispatching one opponent after another. In the quarterfinal round, Miller threw a 255, 269 at Russ Oviatt's 202, 235 for a 2-0 win. Miller then increased his 262 two-game match play average with a 275 against Kevin McCune's 201.

Hill qualified second with a 229 average. He defeated Nick DeCesaro in the quarterfinal round with a 2-0 victory in the best of three games match. Kyle Sherman doubled in the eighth and ninth frames but left the door open when he failed to get a strike in the tenth frame. Hill then snatched the victory with a strike in the tenth and 200-181 score.

This is Miller's fifth regional title, the first since 2018. He has two Southwest regional titles, both in Junction City, Kan. in back-to-back years of 2018 and 2019. His first Midwest regional title was in St. Charles, Mo. in 2016 and he added Omaha, Neb. in 2018. The win earned Miller \$2,000 while Hill earned \$1,100 as the runner-up.

PBA BOWL-A-VARD LANES MIDWEST OPEN
Bowl-A-Vard Lanes, Madison, Wis., Sunday

Championship Round: Miller defeated Hill, 267-188.

Semifinal Round (losers earned \$775 each):
Miller defeated K. McCune, 275-201.
Hill defeated Sherman, 200-181.

Round 2 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$650 each):
Brad Miller, Lee's Summit, Mo., defeated Russ Oviatt 2-0.
Kevin McCune, Munster, Ind. defeated S-Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 2-1.
Chris Hill, Franklin, Wis., defeated Nick DeCesaro 2-0.
Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., defeated Timothy Curran 2-1.

Top 4 qualifiers received a Round 1 bye

Round 1 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$550 each): S-Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind. defeated Tim Gruendler, St. Louis, Mo., 2-0.
Nick DeCesaro, Kenosha, Wis., defeated S-Chris Gibbons, Madison, Wis., 2-0.
Timothy Curran, St. Louis, Mo., defeated James Rogers, Waukegan, Ill., 2-1.

S-designates senior entry

BARNES WINS IN WAXAHACHIE

PBA Hall of Famer, Chris Barnes, of Denton, Texas, won his first PBA50 Southwest Region event at Hilltop Lanes in the PBA50 Waxahachie Southwest Open Sunday.

Barnes averaged over 253 for the eight games of qualifying, including a 300 game, to grab the top spot, then maintained the top position throughout the rest of the tournament to claim the \$2,500 first place check.

Though Barnes led throughout, he was challenged throughout the event. Tony Lanning, from Yukon, Okla., started the eight game match play finals with games of 279, 290, 267, and 256, to vault into contention. Stoney Burke, now living in Wills Point, Texas, also put on a late charge to challenge Barnes.

Only 54 pins separated these three heading into the final game position round. Barnes closed out the event defeating Lanning 212-211 to claim the victory.

The PBA Southwest Region's next tournament will be the PBA Oklahoma City Southwest Open at Planet Bowl, October 1-3. The PBA Odessa Super Open at Diamond Lanes follows October 15-17. The Odessa event will offer a projected first place prize of \$5,000.

PBA50 WAXAHACHIE SOUTHWEST OPEN
Hilltop Bowl, Waxahachie, Texas, Sunday

Final Standings (after 21 games, including match play bonus pins):

- 1, Chris Barnes, Denton, Texas, 6-2, 5,196, \$2,500
- 2, Tony Lanning, Yukon, OK, 4-4, 5,116, \$1,600
- 3, Stoney Burke, Jr., Wills Point, Texas, 5-3, 5,086, \$950
- 4, n-Derek Williams, Groves, Texas, 5-3, 5,074, \$782.50
ss-Pete Thomas, Oklahoma City, 5-2-1, 5,074, \$782.50
- 6, John Burkett, Fort Worth, Texas, 5-3, 4,977, \$700
- 7, Jeff Atkins, Hot Springs Village, Ark., 2-6, 4,911, \$650
- 8, John Austin Jr., League City, Texas, 4-4, 4,880, \$600
- 9, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 3-4-1, 4,876, \$575
- 10, n-Gerry Gentry, Jr., Topeka, Kan., 3-4-1, 4,861, \$550
- 11, Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 1-6-1, 4,704, \$525
- 12, Stephen Keblish, Arlington, Texas, 3-5, 4,699, \$500

n-denotes non-PBA member

300 Game: Chris Barnes, Pete Thomas

PBA Modifies Amateur Cash Rule for Active Collegiate Bowlers

Rule change to allow active collegiate players the ability to compete and cash in PBA events

New York, NY – Effective immediately, the Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) has modified the amateur cash rule to allow active collegiate players the ability to compete and cash in PBA events. The rule change meets the requirements set forth by USBC Collegiate Bowling.

The modifications to 13.2.4 Amateur Cash Rule will allow the non-member maximum two-cash rule to be waived for current collegiate bowlers who are able to provide proof of status as a current member of a USBC Collegiate bowling team. Approved collegiate players may cash and compete as often as they'd like.

“The talent on the collegiate level is at an all-time high,” said PBA Tour Commissioner Tom Clark. “While current collegiate rules prohibit active players from joining the PBA, this new rule offers more opportunities for them to compete at the highest level of the game. PBA fans, players and tournament hosts will benefit, and it will help collegiate players make a smoother transition to PBA membership once their college careers are over.”

Collegiate players may compete in PBA-member-only events if entries are available after PBA member registration. Players must still pay non-member entry fees for all events and will not earn Official titles, Champions banners, competition points or seasonal awards while competing as a non-PBA member.

It is the collegiate players’ responsibility to determine whether or not participation in a PBA event as a non-member violates his college or athletic association rules, or if participation will affect his or her amateur status.

For more information on the PBA’s official rules and regulations, please visit [PBA.com/player-resources/pba-rulebook](https://pba.com/player-resources/pba-rulebook)

Tom Daugherty is Victorious in PBA Strike It Big Oviedo RPI Open

OVIDEO, FL. (Oct. 3, 2021) – PBA Tour National Champion Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Fla., defeated Ryan Ciminelli of Monroe, N.C., 234-221, to win the PBA Strike It Big Oviedo RPI Open for his 19th PBA Regional title on Sunday at Oviedo Bowling Center.

Daugherty qualified in the number two position for the four-man stepladder finals with a 17-game total of 3,824 pins, 177 pins behind the leader Ciminelli, with 4,001. In third was Gary Faulkner Jr. of Memphis, Tenn., 3,802 followed by n-John Janawicz of Winter Haven, Fla., in fourth with 3,799.

In the opening match, Faulkner Jr. defeated Janawicz 203-199, Faulkner Jr. then lost to Daugherty 268-242, which allowed Daugherty to advance to the Championship match.

In the title match, both players started with a double. Ciminelli split and opened in the third frame while Daugherty stayed clean and doubled in the tenth to secure the win. Daugherty earned \$3,200 for the first-place prize.

Ciminelli pocketed \$1,700 for second, Faulkner \$1300 for third, and Janawicz earned \$1100 for fourth.

Four players earned berths into the PBA Resident Pro Invitational (RPI) in Las Vegas on January 2-5, 2022 including Ciminelli, Faulkner Jr., Mike Coffey, and Sean Connolly. Tour players in the Top 50 points list are not eligible to compete in the RPI.

The PBA South Region's next event will be the PBA50 Cherokee Lanes Canton Open on Oct. 8-10, 2021 at Cherokee Lanes in Canton, Ga.

PBA STRIKE IT BIG OVIEDO RPI OPEN

Oviedo Bowling Center, Oviedo, Fla., Sunday

Final Standings:

- 1, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., \$3,200.
- 2, Ryan Ciminelli, Monroe, N.C., \$1,700.
- 3, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., \$1,300.
- 4, n-John Janawicz, Winter Haven, Fla., \$1,100.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Faulkner Jr. def. n-Janawicz, 203-199.
Semifinal – Daugherty def. Faulkner Jr., 268-242.
Championship – Daugherty def. Ciminelli, 234-221.

Final Qualifying Standings (after 17 games, top 4 advanced to stepladder finals):

- 1, Ciminelli, 4,001.
- 2, Daugherty, 3,824.
- 3, Faulkner Jr., 3,802.
- 4, n-Janawicz, 3,799.
- 5, Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 3,776, \$1,000.
- 6, Sean Connolly, Apopka, Fla., 3,714, \$900.
- 7, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 3,688, \$875.
- 8, Toby Sambueno, Orlando, Fla., 3,635, \$850.
- 9, Kenneth Ryan, Farmingdale, N.J., 3,236, \$825.
- 10, Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C., 3,206, \$800.
- 11, Adam Monks, Conway, S.C., 3,135, \$775.
- 12, Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 3,127, \$750.
- 13, Mike Moore, Orlando, Fla., 3,087, \$725.
- 14, n-Logan Harvey, Titusville, Fla., 3,078, \$700.
- 15, Nick Christy, Newport, N.C., 3,065, \$675.
- 16, n-Mark Thomas, Oviedo, Fla., 3,041, \$650.

300 Games: Kenneth Ryan

n-denotes non-PBA member.

SHAWN MALDONADO WINS PBA PLANET BOWL OKLAHOMA CITY SOUTHWEST OPEN OCTOBER 5, 2021 REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Oklahoma City, Okla. – Houston's Shawn Maldonado improved on his second-place finish in last year's PBA Oklahoma City Southwest Open capturing his 13th PBA Regional title in this year's event.

Maldonado battled 2020 PBA Southwest Region Rookie of the Year Dimitri Cruz throughout the tournament, as they held onto first and second position after each round. Cruz held a 34-pin lead going into the final game position round, but could not hold off Maldonado, who won the deciding game 227-185.

Maldonado earned \$2,700 for the victory, as Cruz collected \$1,800 for second. Last year's winner, high school junior Eric Jones, added \$1,450 to his SMART scholarship fund finishing in third place.

The event also served as the PBA Regional Players Invitational (RPI) qualifier. Three players earned their invitation including, Cruz, Trey Ford III, and Ildemaro Ruiz Jr. The fourth qualifier is to be determined.

The Southwest Region returns to Diamond Lanes in Odessa, Texas, for the PBA Odessa Southwest Super Open on October 15-17 with a first-place prize of \$5,000.

PBA OKLAHOMA CITY SOUTHWEST OPEN
Planet Bowl, Midwest City, Okla., Sunday

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

Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 5-3, 4,865, \$2,700.
Dimitri Cruz, Denton, Texas, 5-3-0, 4,827, \$1,800.
n-Eric Jones, Edmond, Okla., 5-3, 4,795, \$1,450 SMART.
Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 5-3, 4,723, \$1,215.
Chris Barnes, Denton, Texas, 6-2, 4,703, \$1,100.
Ildemaro Ruiz, Jr., McKinney, Texas, 3-5, 4,687, \$1,000.
Brad Miller, Lee's Summit, Mo., 5-3, 4,675, \$900.
Fero Williams, Norman, Okla., 4-4, 4,670, \$800.
Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 3-5, 4,618, \$750.
Beau Peterson, Newton, Kan., 4-4, 4,616, \$750.
Francois Lavoie, Canada, 4-4, 4,607, \$700.
Joseph Grondin, San Pedro, Calif., 3-5, 4,536, \$650.
Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 5-3-0, 4,535, \$625.

Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 3-5, 4,497, \$600.

Sam Butler, Texarkana, Texas, 3-5, 4,455, \$575.

n-Cameron Hurwitz, Rochester, NY, 1-7, 4,234, \$550.

n- non PBA member

300 games: Cody Meiers, Garrett Andrus

Chris Paul CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational Airs Sunday, Oct. 17 on FOX

Athletes and entertainers compete alongside professional bowlers to benefit the Chris Paul Family Foundation

Phoenix, Ariz.—The 11th edition of the Chris Paul (CP3) PBA Celebrity Invitational features athletes, entertainers and professional bowlers competing on the lanes at Bowlero Gilbert to benefit the Chris Paul Family Foundation. The CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational will air at 2 p.m. ET or 4:30 p.m. ET on FOX Broadcast Channel, varying per market, before or after local NFL games.

Returning celebrities include host and Phoenix Suns star Chris Paul, who has won the CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational four times, and Pro Football Hall of Famer Terrell Owens, who is looking to reclaim the title he won in 2016. New to the event and filling out the celebrity field are comedian and actor Hannibal Buress, EXTRA host and former Bachelorette star Rachel Lindsay and, stepping onto the lanes for the first time, Chris Paul's father, Charles Paul Sr.

The celebrities will be competing alongside PBA Tour stars Sean Rash, Bill O'Neill, AJ Johnson, Darren Tang and Andrew Anderson as well as PWBA Tour star Gazmine "GG" Mason.

"I'm so grateful for everyone who has given up their time over the years," said Paul. "All of them always want the trophy, but I think (Rash and I) are going to win this year. It's always good to get out here and throw the ball a little bit."

The telecast will feature three events in a two-hour window starting with all five celebrity/pro doubles teams competing in a speed-striking round to determine seeding for the stepladder finals. The finals, at the end of the telecast, will feature a fast-paced five-frame games, with the pros bowling odd-numbered frames and the celebrities bowling the even frames.

In addition to the main tournament for the coveted CP3 trophy, the event will feature a Celebrity Super Clash, in which each celebrity rolls one shot and the low score is eliminated each round until only one celebrity remains as the victor. Paul won the Celebrity Super Clash in 2015 and Owens won it in 2018.

Rounding out the telecast, reigning PBA Strike Derby champion Andrew Anderson will attempt to bowl as many strikes as he can in two minutes to raise money for the Chris Paul Family Foundation. For each strike Anderson throws, Bowlero Corp, parent company to the PBA, will donate \$1,000.

Viewers can live stream the PBA on the FOX Sports and FOX NOW apps or at FOXSports.com. Select highlights will be available on @FOXSports social handles across Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube. International fans can watch live on FloBowling.com.

CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational

Bowlero Gilbert – Phoenix, Ariz.

Sunday, October 17 – 2 p.m. ET or 4:30 p.m. ET (check local listings)

CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational Teams

Chris Paul and Sean Rash

Terrell Owens and AJ Johnson

Hannibal Buress and Bill O'Neill

Rachel Lindsay and Gazmine Mason

Charles Paul Sr. and Darren Tang

Previous CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational Winners (host city)

2008 – LeBron James and Jason Couch (Winston-Salem, N.C.)

2010 – Chris Paul and Jason Belmonte (New Orleans)

2011 – Chris Paul and Jason Belmonte (New Orleans)

2012 – Blake Griffin, Jerry Ferrara, Pete Weber (Los Angeles)

2013 – Chris Hardwick and Chris Barnes (Los Angeles)

2015 – French Montana and Ronnie Russell (Los Angeles)

2016 – Terrell Owens and Pete Weber (Los Angeles)

2017 – Chris Paul and Chris Barnes (Los Angeles)

2018 – Chris Paul and Norm Duke (Houston)

2019 – Mookie Betts and Tommy Jones (Houston)

Previous CP3 Celebrity Clash Winners

2011 – Nelly

2012 – Jesse Williams

2013 – Quinton Aaron

2015 – Chris Paul

2016 – John Burkett

2017 – Mookie Betts

2018 – Terrell Owens

2019 – Tyler Crispen

JACK BIONDOLILLO, THE ORIGINAL PBA TV 300 GAME BOWLER, PASSES AWAY AT 81 OCTOBER 6, 2021 MARK LONDON

The original PBA TV 300 game bowler, Jack Biondolillo, died Saturday October 2, 2021 at the age of 81 from dementia with complicating kidney failure. A true Texas bowling legend, the native Houstonian is most famous for just one game, but what a game it was. Biondolillo rolled the very first live nationally televised 300 game in the opening match of the 1967 PBA Tournament of Champions defeating Les Schissler, 300-216, earning a \$10,000 bonus in front of a reported 15 million viewers on ABC-TV.

Two PBA titles, a National Doubles win with USBC Hall of Famer Don Ellis, and an October 1971 Japan Gold Cup were among his biggest wins. There was also time as a pro shop and center manager at various Houston area bowling centers, and as an analyst for a Houston television bowling show with former ABC Sports commentator Dan Lovett.

In an April 2017 Bowlers Journal International article marking the game's 50 th anniversary, Biondolillo fondly recalled those last three strikes.

"I remember squatting down on one knee, knowing that tenth frame shot was there. That eleventh one was a little high, but the pins still fell straight back. "The best strike of all was that last one. Just watch those pins, you watch how the pins fell off the left side of the deck," Biondolillo said with a hint of pride in his voice.

"Lollipop" or "Lolli" as he was known to friends, still felt he let the tournament get away due to of all things, a glass of ice water. After defeating Mike Durbin in the match preceding the 300 game, Jack reached for a glass of water before the semifinal match with Don Johnson.

"There were five glasses of ice water on a tray just off camera. I was really warm and reached for a glass as (famed University of Oklahoma football coach) Bud Wilkinson, sitting right behind the tray tried to stop me, but it was too late. The cold water felt great, but it also stopped flow of adrenaline. He told me afterward he would let players drink lukewarm water on the sidelines, but not ice water because it cooled off the body too much too quickly. I firmly believe I would have won that tournament had it not been for that glass of ice water. I was in that groove where everything was working. Afterwards, everything stopped," Biondolillo said.

Johnson ousted Biondolillo in the semifinal, 228-172, before falling to Jim Stefanich in a two frame rolloff 48-36 after tying at 227.

Jack was also the first to feel something even recent TV 300 game shooters experience, the drop of adrenaline during the next match. In his final interview weeks ago, he mentioned it after watching the last several TV 300 games.

"After those last few 300's this year, I saw there was a difference how they threw the ball the next game. It's a hell of a thing to overcome to be that charged up, then it's gone just like that. Wished I had figured it out," he said.

Over thirteen seasons on the PBA Tour, Biondolillo had 26 top five finishes, six runner up finishes and two titles, both wins in 1963. He defeated Don Carter in the Birmingham Coca-Cola PBA Open, then Ray Bluth for the Tucson PBA Open. A 1968 ankle injury from slipping on baby powder on an approach hampered his later tour career, eventually retiring after a 1972 runner up finish at his home house, old Stadium Bowl in Houston, within the shadow of the famed Astrodome to Paul Colwell.

Biondolillo was known as one of the most demonstrative players on PBA telecasts, common today, but not so much in the 1960's.

"Johnny King, Carmen Salvino, and I were the most colorful reacting bowlers on the TV shows then. It wasn't acted or rehearsed, we reacted," Biondolillo said with a chuckle.

Evidence of this can be found on the handful of PBA and Championship Bowling telecasts surviving on YouTube. There's Jack, showing his playful pleasure or disdain as the crowd showed its appreciation. One such reaction was part of the Pro Bowlers Tour telecast opening sequence in the early 1970's. The bowler jumping into the air with bent legs at the end of the image sequence is Jack, his reaction to the seventh strike of the historic 1967 perfect game.

The last time Jack attended a PBA event was in Houston in 2017 for a special Super Bowl show. Here he is with four other PBA TV 300 shooters. Fellow Houstonian Pete McCordic (his 1987 game paid the first \$100,000 bonus), Parker Bohn III (1998), Jack (1967), Jason Belmonte (2012), and Norm Duke (2003).

Biondolillo was inducted into the Greater Houston USBC Hall of Fame in 1981 and the Texas State USBC Hall of Fame in 1988.

Years later, Biondolillo used that playful pleasure as color commentator with former Houston television sports anchor and ABC Sports commentator Dan Lovett on "Funtime Bowling."

"It's a mix of everything. We set up special challenge matches between high schoolers, men, women, older people, local celebrities, pros — you name it, we have them bowling. The idea is just to have fun. There's no prize money or anything like that," Biondolillo told the Houston Chronicle in a 2006 story.

Lovett and fellow KTRK-TV anchors and employees were also part of a Tuesday night group who visited Stadium Bowl he managed at the time for a weekly night out in the 1970's after the 10 p.m. newscast.

"We'd close the door and bowl all night. There was Ron Franklin (later with ESPN), Ed Brandon the weatherman, Bill Worrell, who does the Rockets games; and even cameramen and whoever else worked in TV. We'd have so much fun Tuesday nights. We just bowled and drank. It was a blast, but they all hated me Wednesday morning when they had to go to work dead tired," Biondolillo said in the same 2006 Houston Chronicle article.

Born in Houston August 30, 1940, Biondolillo grew up in Midtown Houston, then the Oak Forest neighborhoods, did well academically and played football before graduating from St. Thomas High School. After declining a chance to attend college due to asthma, his father Joe suggested sticking with bowling, something Jack was starting to become

known for in various centers around the city with the strong strike ball delivery soon to be seen PBA a few years later.

“Jack had one of best styles the state of Texas ever produced. When he was really on, his ball was something else,” according to BPAA and Texas State USBC Hall of Famer Jamie Brooks.

Jack also enjoyed horse racing, golf, and fishing. The latter was illustrated in a deep sea rodeo tournament by being the first to catch a 6' 3" 25 pound sailfish ever caught off Texas' Matagorda Peninsula.

Jack was also generous with his time coordinating fundraising bowling events for Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and providing instruction to youth and high school bowling many times enlisting help from his local and nationally known celebrity friends who eagerly helped.

In his later years, Biondolillo remarked with family he lived his life five times over, traveling around the world, getting to know and work with well-known celebrities in and out of bowling who helped in fund raising, many becoming lifelong friends.

Biondolillo is survived by sisters Margaret and Barbara, daughters Tori and Tina, five grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. A memorial service is planned for Saturday October 16, 2021 at Memorial Drive United Methodist Church in Houston at 10:00 am followed by a reception.

Terrell Owens, AJ Johnson Win CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational
Owens also triumphs in the Celebrity Super Clash

Phoenix, Ariz.—Pro Football Hall of Famer Terrell Owens was the big winner in the 2021 CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational, earning victory in the main event along with PBA Tour player AJ Johnson as well as outlasting all other celebrities to win the Celebrity Super Clash. The 11th edition of the CP3 PBA Celebrity invitational, hosted by Phoenix Suns star Chris Paul to benefit the Chris Paul Family Foundation, paired athletes and entertainers with professional bowlers in a doubles bowling tournament at Bowlero Gilbert.

“I came here for two things,” said Owens. “Obviously to support Chris’ foundation, but the other one, I came here for the hardware. We accomplished that. I’m very happy for this moment.”

It was the second win for Owens in both the doubles event, which he won with Pete Weber in 2016, and the Celebrity Super Clash, which Owens won in 2018. Johnson was making his CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational debut.

“This is incredible,” said Johnson. “I can’t say enough about (Owens’) spare shooting. He was pretty clutch. It made it easier for me to do my job.”

Owens and Johnson struck six times in two minutes in the Doubles Seeding Round to qualify for the No. 2 seed in the stepladder finals. The duo eliminated Paul and Sean Rash in the semifinal match before defeating the top seeds, comedian Hannibal Buress and 13-time PBA Tour champion Bill O’Neill, for the title.

In the Celebrity Super Clash, each celebrity rolled one shot, with the low score eliminated each round, until only one player—Owens—remained as the winner. Owens outlasted Buress, Paul, The Bachelorette star Rachel Lindsay and Charles Paul Sr., Chris’ father, to win the Celebrity Super Clash.

PBA Tour players included Johnson, Rash, O’Neill, Gazmine Mason, Darren Tang and Andrew Anderson.

Anderson, the reigning PBA Strike Derby champion, had two minutes to roll as many strikes as he could in the Chris Paul Family Foundation Fundraiser, with PBA parent company Bowlero Corp. donating \$1,000 per strike to the Chris Paul Family Foundation. After Anderson rolled 11 strikes, PBA CEO Colie Edison announced Bowlero would double the donation amount to \$22,000.

CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational Final Standings

Bowlero Gilbert – Phoenix, Ariz.

1. Terrell Owens and AJ Johnson
2. Hannibal Buress and Bill O’Neill
3. Chris Paul and Sean Rash
4. Charles Paul Sr. and Darren Tang
5. Rachel Lindsay and Gazmine Mason

Match Scores (Five-frame Games)

Match 1 – No. 5 Paul Sr./Tang def. No. 4 Lindsay/Mason, 108-54

Match 2 – No. 3 Paul/Rash def. No. 5 Paul Sr./Tang, 129-83

Match 3 – No. 2 Owens/Johnson def. No. 3. Paul/Rash, 108-86

Match 4 – No. 2 Owens/Johnson def. No. 1 Buress/O’Neill, 109-84

Celebrity Super Clash Final Standings

1. Terrell Owens
2. Hannibal Buress
3. Chris Paul
4. Rachel Lindsay
5. Charles Paul Sr.

Round 1

Owens, 8

Buress, 7

Lindsay, 8

Paul Sr., 6 (Paul Sr. eliminated)

Paul, 9

Round 2

Owens, 9

Buress, 6

Lindsay, 4 (Lindsay eliminated)

Paul, X

Round 3

Owens, 9

Buress, 7

Paul, 6 (Paul eliminated)

Round 4

Owens, 9

Buress, 7 (Buress eliminated)

**MIRACLE IN LEICESTER AS EUROPE WIN 2021 WEBER CUP
OCTOBER 18, 2021 ANONYMOUS (NOT VERIFIED)**

Team Europe 18-17 Team USA

EUROPE WIN THE 2021 WEBER CUP

Stuart Williams/Dominic Barrett 224-243 **Anthony Simonsen/Chris Barnes**

Thomas Larsen 254-244 Tom Daugherty

Jesper Svensson/Richard Teece 254-199 Kyle Troup/Chris Via

Stuart Williams 254-254 Chris Barnes (Roll-Off 79-69)

Jesper Svensson 246-278 **Chris Via**

Richard Teece 243-245 **Anthony Simonsen**

Thomas Larsen 254-213 Tom Daugherty

Jesper Svensson 256-256 Anthony Simonsen (MVP Match) - (Roll-Off 60-49)

Europe 278-268 USA

Europe have reclaimed for Weber Cup for the first time since 2017 from 11-15 down in a nail-biting final day 18-17.

Leicester is the city of the underdogs, but nobody could quite predict what unfolded at the Morningside Arena, Leicester with Europe looking like they were down and out doing into the evening session.

The evening started with the penultimate doubles contest where Anthony Simonsen and Chris Barnes edged the USA closer to the finish line at 15-11 but that's where the USA started to falter.

Thomas Larsen has grown into the week at his first Weber Cup with fans and squeezed past Tom Daugherty as the bowling gods looked down on him in a tight encounter. Larsen made a key spare in the sixth whilst Daugherty made an uncharacteristic shot in the seventh leaving Larsen on top. As it closed in, Larsen struck in the ninth to look like he would wrap up victory, late drama saw the Dane leave three standing after his first ball in the last frame, but Daugherty failed to take advantage giving Europe a vital point at 12-15.

Jesper Svensson and Richard Teece formed a formidable duo to beat Kyle Troup and Chris Via as the momentum swung from one side to the other.

Arguably the match of the tournament came when Williams clashed with good friend Barnes. In regulation, it finished in a tie forcing the first roll-off of the week. After two throws each, it was level at 60-60 going into the third frame where Williams made 19 meaning a strike would seal a win for Barnes and the USA. Barnes made nine too before missing what looked like a simple spare to give Williams a vital win 79-69 and reduce the gap to one frame.

Nine strikes from Via sealed a convincing win over Svensson at 278-246 to put the USA back on track at 16-14. With momentum in the USA's favour once again, Simonsen came up against a buoyed Teece who struggled early on allowing Simonsen in to put his side just one point away from retaining the Weber Cup.

Larsen replicated an earlier win over Daugherty by downing him for a second time in the session, this time 254-213 where it did seem like Larsen was struggling and Daugherty was ready to deliver the winning moment for the USA. At frame seven, Daugherty had the advantage and could bowl a maximum of 278 whilst Larsen could only make 265. It turned at this point with late mistakes opening the door for Larsen to claim another point and keep Europe in the hunt at 15-17.

Svensson bowled the MVP match against Simonsen with very little to separate the pair, so much so a roll-off was to settle matters after a draw in-game at 256 all. Simonsen bowled well all week but just couldn't see it over the line as Europe rallied in front of a packed home crowd.

Europe went into the decider knowing they'd won both baker matches so far and with that mental advantage, they took their first leg up towards victory in the sixth frame. Troup left one pin hanging and from then on, Europe seized on it. Captain Barrett delivered when it mattered most with two strikes. Barrett's opposite number Barnes faltered, and it meant Svensson deservedly bowled the winning strike picking up the MVP trophy in the process.

Barrett: "Just look at these guys, as a team, unbelievable. These guys, the whole weekend have been unbelievable. Stu really got us started. Jesper is our backbone. What a debut for Richie. I don't know how Thomas finds the heart and digs deep."

"Hats off to the Americans they're a fantastic team with great bowlers. I said before, they're the hardest team we've ever played, and I think that stands true. To come all this way and to be a part of this atmosphere, isn't easy."

Barnes: "I couldn't be prouder of my team. They bowled great the whole time. Some fantastic moments and they gave us things to remember. We took advantage the last day and a half. It seemed every time we had the chance to put them away, we left a little sluther of a crack in the door and the Europeans walked straight through it. They came up big in every situation in the last 10 or 12 matches and they stole this one away. It was unbelievable how good they were down the stretch."

Ciminelli Wins 18th Annual PBA Fayetteville South Open

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. (October 17, 2021) – Ryan Ciminelli of Monroe, N.C. defeated Colin Champion of Spring Hill, Fla., 279-268, to win the 18th annual PBA Fayetteville South Open presented at Lafayette Lanes.

Ciminelli qualified in the number one position for the four-man stepladder finals with a 16-game total of 3,933 pins, 28 pins ahead of Gary Faulkner Jr. of Memphis, Tenn., with 3,905. In third was Kenneth Ryan of Farmingdale, N.J. 3,859 and Colin Champion fourth with 3,795.

In the opening match Champion defeated Kenneth Ryan with a double in the tenth 206-204. Champion then disposed of Faulkner 236-224 to advance to the Championship match.

In the title match, Champion started with a spare then struck through the ninth. Ciminelli went double strike nine spare then off the sheet to force Champion to double in the tenth to win. Champion did not answer the call leaving a four pin in the tenth frame losing 268-279 to Ciminelli.

Ciminelli earned \$2,700 for his 15th PBA Regional title. Champion pocketed \$1,400 for second, Faulkner Jr. took home \$1,100 for third place and Ryan earned \$1000 for fourth.

The PBA South Region's next event will be the PBA50 PLYGEMS Rocky Mt. Open on Oct. 22 at Rocky Mt. Bowling Center in Rocky Mt., Va.

PBA FAYETTEVILLE SOUTH OPEN
Lafayette Lanes, Fayetteville, N.C., Sunday

Final Standings:

- 1, Ryan Ciminelli, Monroe, N.C., \$2,700.
- 2, Colin Champion, Spring Hill, Fla., \$1,400.
- 3, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., \$1,200.
- 4, Kenneth Ryan, Farmingdale, N.J., \$1,000.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Champion def. Ryan, 206-204.
Semifinal – Champion def. Faulkner Jr., 236-224.
Championship – Ciminelli def. Champion, 279-268.

Final Qualifying Standings (after 16 games, top 4 advanced to stepladder finals):

- 1, Ciminelli, 3,933.
- 2, Faulkner Jr., 3,905.
- 3, Ryan, 3,859.
- 4, Champion, 3,795.
- 5, Bryan Hahlen, Greenwood, S.C., 3,693, \$1,000.
- 6, Matt Taylor, Zebulon, N.C., 3,673, \$900.
- 7, Sean Connolly, Apopka, Fla., 3,612, \$825.
- 8, Shawn Jones, Faber, Va., 3,608, \$775.
- 9, Chris Collins, Myrtle Beach, S.C., 3,605, \$750.
- 10, Mark Tarkington, Elizabeth City, N.C., 3,569, \$725.
- 11, Josh Lewis, Asheville, N.C., 3,554, \$700.
- 12, Gregory Tack, Port Murray, N.J., 3,518, \$675.
- 13, Carlos Granados, Orlando, Fla., 3,468, \$650.
- 14, Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C., 3,452, \$625.
- 15, Trevor Roberts, Crystal River, Fla., 3,447, \$600.
- 16, Roscoe Pretlow, Chesapeake, Va., 3,390, \$575.

300 Games: Mark Tarkington, Gary Faulkner Jr.

DEO BENARD WINS SECOND PBA REGIONAL TITLE IN ODESSA SOUTHWEST OPEN

OCTOBER 20, 2021 REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Odessa, Texas – Seventeen year old Deo Benard, of Henderson, Nev., won his second PBA Regional Title at the third annual PBA Odessa Southwest Super Open at Diamond Lanes on Sunday.

Benard battled fellow teen, sixteen year old Eric Jones, from Edmond, Okla., for the lead throughout the qualifying rounds before overtaking him in the match play finals. Benard held an 84 pin lead going into the final game position round, and sealed the victory defeating Jones, 240-202, to claim the \$5,000 first-place prize.

Benard finished with a 21-game total of 4,872 pins, including match play bonus pins. Jones had 4,720 total pins to earn \$2,800 for second place. Michael Ruben, visiting from Selden, N.Y., finished third with 4,681 pinfall to win \$2,100, and Sean Lavery-Spahr, of Pasadena, Texas, collected \$1,700 for fourth place.

The PBA Southwest Region's fall schedule will continue with the PBA50 Beaumont Southwest Open, Nov. 27-29.

PBA ODESSA SOUTHWEST SUPER OPEN
Diamond Lanes, Odessa, Texas, Sunday

Final Standings (21 games):

Deo Benard, Henderson, Nev., 6-2, 4,872, \$5,000.
(N-Y) Eric Jones, Edmond, Okla., 6-2, 4,720, \$2,800 to SMART.
Michael Ruben, Selden, N.Y., 6-2, 4,681, \$2,100.
Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2-5, 4,657, \$1,700.
Shawn Maldonado, Houston, Texas, 5-3, 4,569, \$1,300.
Ildemaro Ruiz, Jr., Venezuela, 4-4, 4,549, \$1,100.
Beau Peterson, McPherson, Kan., 4-4, 4,496, \$900.
Mike Bailey, Irving, Texas, 4-, 4,481, \$800.
Scott McCleery, Lubbock, Texas, 4-4, 4,392, \$750.
Maria Rodriguez, Austin, Texas, 3-5, 4,353, \$700.
Noah Gallegos, Denver, Colo., 2-6, 4,227, \$650.
(N) Sean Sadat, Wichita, Kan., 1-7, 4,193, \$600.
N- denotes non PBA member
Y- Youth bowler
300 Game- Ildemaro Ruiz Jr.

Professional Bowlers Association Announces 2022 Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour Schedule

Guaranteed Rate Returns as Title Sponsor

New York, NY – The 2022 Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour schedule was announced today, and an action-packed season awaits the world's greatest bowlers.

The 64th Professional Bowlers Association Tour's road to the PBA Playoffs begins in January with the first of 13 official events. Players will battle for titles and positioning until April, when the top 16 players on the points list earn a trip to the Playoffs. Every match of the PBA Playoffs elimination bracket will be televised, with the ultimate finals match on FOX Broadcast Channel, Sunday, May 15.

Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C. is the defending champion of the PBA Playoffs. Troup won a record \$496,900 in 2021, propelled by his victory at the PBA Players Championship to start the season.

Among the 13 regular season Tour events are five major championships, each awarding \$100,000 first place prizes, with the Playoffs winner also collecting \$100,000, for a record six events paying six-figure first prizes. In total, players will be vying for a season purse of approximately \$4 million.

All of the majors feature distinct characteristics and traditions that have defined the history of bowling:

- On January 15 the PBA Players Championship once again starts things off with five regional qualifying locations for PBA members and the finals in Euless, Texas;
- In early February, the prestigious U.S. Open returns to famed Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis;
- At the end of February, the PBA's signature event, the PBA Tournament of Champions, is back at historic AMF Riviera Lanes in Fairlawn, Ohio;
- In March, the PBA World Championship is the main event of World Series of Bowling XIII which is being held for the first time in Wauwatosa, Wis.;
- April starts with the conclusion of the always exciting double elimination match play of the USBC Masters in Las Vegas, where the final Playoffs field and seedings will be decided.

Guaranteed Rate, one of the top 5 retail mortgage lenders in the United States, continues as title sponsor of the PBA Tour and will also serve as the PBA World Series of Bowling XIII's presenting sponsor. Read more about their sponsorship at [Rate.com](https://www.rate.com).

FOX Sports is the primary television home of PBA Tour season coverage for the fourth consecutive year, with more than 50 hours upcoming on FS1, and eight hours on FOX Broadcast Channel.

CBS Sports Network will again present the PBA Tour Finals, featuring the top eight players from a two-year rolling points system, live in June.

FloSports continues in 2022 as the live streaming partner of the PBA for early round coverage of all events, and exclusive start-to-finish coverage of the PBA Storm Cup – four Tour events critical to deciding the Playoffs field, emanating from Jackson, Mich.; Kokomo, Ind.; Lubbock, Texas; and Colorado Springs, Colo.

As part of the 2022 TV season, unofficial PBA special events on FOX Sports were announced that feature top youth and collegiate players:

- The PBA Jr. National Championship Finals, featuring the top youth boys' and girls' players in the country, returns at the site of the Players Championship in Texas;
- The inaugural PBA Collegiate Invitational team event will happen at the WSOB in Wauwatosa and showcase the excitement and rising stars of the college ranks.

The PBA League will also make its return to raucous Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, in July, for the elite team competition's ninth season after one year off due to the pandemic, with 10 teams of PBA Tour stars hoping to hoist the Elias Cup. The Portland Lumberjacks are the two-time defending champions of the PBA League, which will also include fan-favorite individual TV events, the PBA Strike Derby and PBA League All Star Clash.

Fans will be part of the drama by attending events in nearly 20 different markets and taking in more than 70 hours of national TV coverage, plus hundreds more hours of competition live-streamed. Ticket sales will be announced at a later date.

The PBA welcomes back returning Product Registered Companies – Brunswick (Columbia 300, Ebonite, DV8, Hammer, Radical, Track, Ultimate Bowling and Powerhouse), Storm (Roto Grip, 900 Global, 3G, Master Accessories), MOTIV, MOTIV Footwear, BIG Bowling, Turbo, VISE, Dexter, Genesis, JOPO, Creating the Difference, KR Strikeforce Accessories and Footwear, California Bowling (SWAG and Lane Masters Accessories).

2022 Guaranteed PBA Tour Schedule FOX, FS1, CBS Sports Network, and FloBowling

PBA Players Championship East Region Finals – Saturday, Jan. 22, 4 p.m. ET on FS1 (LIVE)
Bowlero Euless, Euless, Tex.

PBA Players Championship South Region Finals – Saturday, Jan. 22, 6 p.m. ET on FS1 (LIVE)
Bowlero Euless, Euless, Tex.

PBA Players Championship Midwest Region Finals – Sunday, Jan. 23, 4 p.m. ET on FS1 (LIVE)
Bowlero Euless, Euless, Tex.

PBA Players Championship Southwest Region Finals – Sunday, Jan. 23, 6 p.m. ET on FS1 (LIVE)
Bowlero Euless, Euless, Tex.

PBA Players Championship West Region Finals – Monday, Jan. 24, 7 p.m. ET on FS1 (LIVE)
Bowlero Euless, Euless, Tex.

PBA Players Championship Finals – Saturday, Jan. 29, 8:30 p.m. ET on FS1 (LIVE)
Bowlero Euless, Euless, Tex.

PBA Jr. National Championship Finals and PBA/PBA Jr. Doubles – Sunday, Jan. 30, 2:30 p.m. ET on FS1
Bowlero Euless, Euless, Tex.

U.S. Open – Sunday, Feb. 6, 5 p.m. ET on FS1 (LIVE)
Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, Ind.

David Small's PBA Best of the Best Championship – Wednesday, Feb. 9, 6:30 p.m. ET on FloBowling (LIVE)
JAX60, Jackson, Mich.

David Small's PBA Kokomo Championship – Wednesday, Feb. 16, 6:30 p.m. ET on FloBowling (LIVE)
Heritage Lanes, Kokomo, Ind.

PBA Tournament of Champions Finals – Sunday, Feb. 27, 1 p.m. ET on FOX (LIVE)
AMF Riviera Lanes, Fairlawn, Ohio

WSOB PBA Roth/Holman Doubles Championship Finals – Sunday, March 6, 12 p.m. ET on FS1 (LIVE)
Bowlero Wauwatosa, Wauwatosa, Wis.

WSOB PBA World Championship Finals – Sunday, March 13, 1 p.m. ET on FOX (LIVE)
Bowlero Wauwatosa, Wauwatosa, Wis.

WSOB PBA Cheetah Championship Finals – Monday, March 14, 8 p.m. ET on FS1 (LIVE)
Bowlero Wauwatosa, Wauwatosa, Wis.

WSOB PBA Scorpion Championship Finals – Tuesday, March 15, 8 p.m. ET on FS1 (LIVE)
Bowlero Wauwatosa, Wauwatosa, Wis.

WSOB PBA Shark Championship Finals – Wednesday, March 16, 8 p.m. ET on FS1 (LIVE)
Bowlero Wauwatosa, Wauwatosa, Wis.

WSOB PBA Collegiate Invitational – Sunday, March 20, 2:30 p.m. ET on FS1
Bowlero Wauwatosa, Wauwatosa, Wis.

PBA Lubbock Sports Open – Sunday, March 20, 4:30 p.m. ET on FloBowling (LIVE)
South Plains Lanes, Lubbock, Texas

PBA Colorado Springs Open – Thursday, March 24, 8:30 p.m. ET on FloBowling (LIVE)
Harmony Bowl, Colorado Springs, Colo.

USBC Masters – Sunday, April 3, 1 p.m. ET on FOX (LIVE)
Gold Coast Bowling Center, Las Vegas

PBA Playoffs Round of 16, Sunday, April 10, 12 p.m. ET on FS1
Location TBC

PBA Playoffs Round of 16, Sunday, April 10, 2 p.m. ET on FS1
Location TBC

PBA Playoffs Round of 16, Saturday, April 16, 1 p.m. ET on FS1
Location TBC

PBA Playoffs Round of 16, Sunday, April 17, 6 p.m. ET on FS1
Location TBC

PBA Playoffs Quarterfinals, Sunday, April 24, 12 p.m. ET on FS1
Location TBC

PBA Playoffs Quarterfinals, Sunday, May 1, 12 p.m. ET on FS1
Location TBC

PBA Playoffs Semifinals, Sunday, May 8, 12 p.m. ET on FS1
Location TBC

PBA Playoffs Finals, Sunday, May 15, 1 p.m. ET on FOX (LIVE)
Location TBC

PBA Tour Finals Qualifying Rounds, *June on CBS Sports Network. *Timing TBC.
Location TBC

PBA Tour Finals Divisional Finals and Championship Final, June* on CBS Sports Network.
*Timing TBC.
Location TBC

PBA League Anthony Division Finals – Wednesday, July 6, 8 p.m. ET on FS1 (LIVE)
Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine

PBA League Carter Division Finals – Thursday, July 7, 8 p.m. ET on FS1 (LIVE)
Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine

PBA League Elias Cup Finals – Sunday, July 10, 1 p.m. ET on FS1 (LIVE)
Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine

PBA League Strike Derby – Saturday, July 16, 1 p.m. ET on FS1 (LIVE)
Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine

PBA League All Star Clash – Sunday, July 17, 1:30 p.m. ET on FS1

Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine

Glenn Smith Wins First PBA50 Regional Title in PlyGem Rocky Mount Virginia South Open

Rocky Mount, Va. (Oct 24, 2021) – Glenn Smith of New York defeated Greg McMahan of Dandridge, Tenn., 245-212, to win his first PBA Regional title in the PBA50 PlyGem Rocky Mount, Virginia South Open at Rocky Mount Bowling Center on Sunday.

Smith started the championship match with two nine-counts followed by four consecutive strikes, while McMahan started with a spare and four consecutive strikes. After a split in the sixth frame, McMahan lost his shot and failed to defend off Smith.

Smith earned \$2,000 for the win, while McMahan earned \$1,100 for his second-place effort.

The PBA South Region's next tournament will be the PBA/PBA50 Decker Appraisal Doubles South Open in Bristol, Va., on Nov 5-7, 2021.

PBA50 PLYGEMS WINDOWS ROCKY MOUNT SOUTH OPEN Rocky Mount Bowling Center, Rocky Mount, VA., Sunday

Championship (single game):

Glenn Smith, New York (\$2,000), def. Greg McMahan, Dandridge, Tenn. (\$1,100), 245-212.

Semifinal Round (single game, losers earned \$850):

Smith def. Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, - 223-215.

McMahan def. Michael Painter Moore, S.C., - 225-160.

Round of 8 (total pinfall three games, losers eliminated earned \$725 each):

Smith, def. James Campbell, Clearwater, Fla., - 621-551.

McMahan def. Chris Johnson, Nashville, N.C., - 696-511.

Profitt, def. Ken Shealy, Myrtle Beach, S.C., - 564-492.

Painter def. Jeffrey Campbell, Newport News, Va. - 598-517.

Round of 12 (total pinfall three games, losers eliminated earned \$625 each):

Ja. Campbell def. Chuck Richey, Jr., Concord, N.C., - 696-614.

Je. Campbell def. Jeff Keller, Chesapeake, Va., - 649-587.

Profitt def. Dave Han Alabaster, Ala., - 668-596.

Johnson def. Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., - 643-629.

Round of 16 (total pinfall three games, losers eliminated earned \$560 each):

Richey, Jr. def. Steve Hollandsworth, Christiansburg, Va., - 536-528.

Han def. Gordon Hope III, Chesapeake, Va. - 564-544.

Je. Campbell def. Mike Moore, Marietta, Ohio, - 659-634.

Johnson def. Jay Davis, Jr., Silver Spring Md., - 556-527.

PBA Global Showdown Champion to be Crowned Sunday

Six Competitors Advance to Grand Finale Livestreamed at 10 a.m. ET // 4 p.m. CET

New York, NY – Over 13,500 bowlers across 27 countries entered the PBA Global Showdown powered by Lanetalk in September. Now after 100,000 games and over 50,000 hours of competition, just six players remain in contention to become the first-ever PBA Global Showdown Champion.

In less than a week, the final six players will compete in the Grand Finale on **Sunday, Nov. 14 at 10 a.m. ET // 4 p.m. CET** for a \$20,000 first-place prize and prizes from KR Strikeforce and Motiv. The competition will be streamed live for free at pba.com/showdown.

“The PBA Global Showdown has been a truly game-changing competition,” said Lev Ekster, Chief Strategy Officer of Bowlero Corp and Chief Operating Officer of the PBA. “It has given an opportunity to thousands of bowlers of all skill levels from all over the world to compete for a huge prize fund and has driven guests back into bowling centers hard hit by Covid. I can’t wait to see who will be crowned our champion.”

Bowling fans from around the world will not want to miss a minute of the Grand Finale competition, as six of the best amateur bowlers, representing five countries, will compete from their local participating PBA Global Showdown host bowling centers in an elimination-style competition.

The six finalists each have one attempt to submit a single game score. The four bowlers with the highest scores will advance and have another attempt to submit a single game score. The two bowlers with the highest scores will advance and have one final attempt to submit a single game score. The bowler with the best score will be crowned the PBA Global Showdown Champion and win the first-place prize of \$20,000.

PBA Hall of Famer **Chris Barnes** and PBA on Fox Analyst **Randy Pedersen** will also be calling the action in live play-by-play commentary.

The six finalists that have advanced to the finals are:

- **Ahmad Aidil (25) – Malaysia**
 - Home center: Mega Mall Bowling Centre
 - Bowled 171 attempts averaging 259
- **Marius Kvitnes (35) – Norway**
 - Home center: TP Bowlingsenter
 - Bowled 55 attempts averaging 224
- **Ramon Hilferink (28) – Netherlands**
 - Home center: Bowling En Partycentrum 's-Heerenberg
 - Bowled 10 attempts averaging 265
- **Romeo Gagenoiu (44) – Romania**
 - Home center: IDM Bowling
 - Bowled 9 attempts averaging 272
- **Trygve Johansen (29) – Norway**
 - Home center: Evje Bowling

- Bowled 27 attempts averaging 239
- **Tyler Whittle (26) – United States**
 - Home center: AMF Lynnhaven Lanes, Virginia Beach, Va.
 - Bowled 12 attempts averaging 256

The PBA Global Showdown powered by Lanetalk is the world's largest virtual bowling tournament bringing together bowlers of all skill levels from around the world. The international competition began in September seeing thousands compete from their local registered centers for a chance to win a first-place prize of \$20,000 out of a \$50,000 prize fund, sponsored by the PBA, and prizes from KR Strikeforce and Motiv.

For more information on the PBA Global Showdown, please visit pba.com/showdown and like the official Facebook page - [@PBAGlobalShowdown](https://www.facebook.com/PBAGlobalShowdown) to follow the competition.

Dick Allen and James Campbell Are Victorious In Decker Appraisal Services Doubles

Bristol, Va. (Nov. 7, 2021) – The first-time team of Dick Allen, of Lexington, S.C., and James Campbell, of Clearwater, Fla., defeated Zack Brown, of Raleigh, N.C., and Chris Johnson, of Nashville, N.C., 196-157 Sunday winning the PBA/PBA50 Decker Appraisal Services Baker Doubles.

In the opening stepladder match, the team of Brown-Johnson bowled against the team of Bryan Hahlen, of Greenwood, S.C., and James Lord, of Charlotte, N.C. Brown-Johnson had early open frames, but bounced back with five strikes in a row from the seventh frame through the second ball in the tenth frame to advance over Hahlen-Lord, 214-181

In the second stepladder match, Brown-Johnson had an easy win over Brian Kretzer, of Dayton, Ohio, and Jeff Fehr, of Cincinnati, Ohio, 257-225. In that win, Brown-Johnson had a 6-bagger from the fifth frame through the first ball in the tenth.

Allen-Campbell, who were in third place during the qualifying round on Sunday, led the 12-game baker style qualifying on Sunday to qualify for the championship match. In the final, Brown-Johnson started with three open frames, while Allen-Campbell stayed clean through the sixth frame. With only one open frame, it was an easy win for the new champions.

The PBA South Region's next event will be the PBA60 Wilson & Sons Pest Control Super Senior Open, Nov. 12-14, at George Pappas' Liberty Lanes in Gastonia, N.C.

PBA/PBA50 DECKER APPRAISAL SERVICES BAKER DOUBLES Interstate Bowl, Bristol, Va., Sunday

Final Standings:

1. Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C./James Campbell, Clearwater, Fla., \$4,500.
2. Zack Brown, Raleigh, N.C./Chris Johnson, Nashville, N.C., \$2,500.
3. Jeff Fehr, Cincinnati, Ohio/Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, \$2,000.
4. Bryan Hahlen, Greenwood, S.C./James Lord, Charlotte, N.C., \$1,800.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Brown/Johnson def. Hahlen/Lord, 214-181.

Semifinal – Brown/Johnson def. Fehr/Kretzer, 257-225.

Championship – Allen/Campbell def. Brown/Johnson, 196-157.

Final Qualifying Standings (after 20 games, top 4 advanced to stepladder finals):

1. Allen/Campbell, 4,732.
2. Brown/Johnson, 4,922.
3. Fehr/Kretzer, 4,579.
4. Hahlen/Lord, 4,425.
5. Tim Foy Jr, Seaford, Del./Chuck Richey, Jr., Concord, N.C., 4,223, \$1,600.
6. Nathaniel Potter, Morristown, Tenn./Greg McMahan, Dandridge, Tenn., 4,222, \$1,400.
7. Gary Faulkner, Jr, Memphis, Tenn./Dan Knowlton, Dade City, Fla., 4,177, \$1,260
8. Jacobi Brinkley, Suffolk, Va./David Martin, Chesapeake, Va., 4,152, \$1,180.
9. Kennon McFalls, Belmont, N.C./Jeffrey Campbell, Newport News, Va., 4,132, \$1,100.
10. Mark Tarkington, Elizabeth City, N.C./Bill Vannoy, Lexington, S.C., 4,094, \$1,060.
11. Ronnie Horton, Christiansburg, Va./Kevin Anderson, Mt. Juliet, Tenn., 4,046, \$1,030.
12. Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C./Troy McKinney, Yorktown, Va., 3,827, \$1,000.

Pabst Blue Ribbon Announced as Official Beer of the PBA Tour Professional Bowlers Association and Pabst Blue Ribbon Announce Multi-Year Partnership Deal

New York, NY – The Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) announced today a multi-year partnership that makes Pabst Blue Ribbon, America's lager, the Official Beer Partner of the PBA.

"A 300! A perfect game!" is how Colie Edison, CEO of the PBA, describes the partnership with Pabst Blue Ribbon. Edison goes on, "We are thrilled to welcome Pabst Blue Ribbon, an iconic American brand embraced by fans throughout the country, as the Official Beer of the PBA Tour. Much like the PBA, Pabst Blue Ribbon has a distinctive brand identity with passionate, lifelong fans. We look forward to extending the visibility and engagement of professional bowling to new audiences through our partnership."

As the Official Beer of the PBA Tour, Pabst Blue Ribbon will receive an array of exclusive, first-to-market branding, messaging, and naming opportunities, including the presenting rights to the beloved PBA League, the Tour's team-bowling series featuring 10 five-player teams. One of the teams will be Pabst

Blue Ribbon's very own PBR Milwaukee Pounders – a 2020 expansion team (formerly the Brew City Ballers) managed by PBA legend Marshall Holman.

Throughout the PBA Tour season on FOX Sports, Pabst Blue Ribbon will be integrated into all telecasts with a "PBR Beer Frame" in the fifth frame, plus a new "PBR 6-Pack Alert" that will feature a \$1000 bonus prize. If the sixth strike is not achieved, \$500 will be added to the "PBR 6-Pack Alert Jackpot" and grow each match.

Pabst Blue Ribbon will also receive additional exclusive partnership benefits across PBA's multiple platforms including streaming and digital media as well as inclusion in its esports property, "PBA Bowling Challenge," with over 31M downloads.

"Pabst Blue Ribbon has been a favorite at bowling alleys across the country for close to a century. Whether it's at a League Night, a casual gathering with college friends at the local lanes, even Punk Rock Bowling in Las Vegas, we've been there," says Nick Reely, VP of Marketing - PBR. "So, to get the chance to partner with the PBA, and further integrate Pabst Blue Ribbon into the bowling community and culture, it's a huge level up for us and we're excited about the scale it offers our brand."

More than 70 hours of national television and 1,000 hours of live streaming coverage of the 64th season of the Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour begins on FOX Sports, Saturday, Jan. 22, with the PBA Players Championship. Qualifying rounds for the first major of the year begin Saturday, Jan. 15 on FloBowling.

Digital live streams of telecasts will be available on FOX Sports and FOX NOW apps or at FOXSports.com, plus select highlights will be available on @PBATour social handles across Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube. International fans can watch live on FloBowling.com

For more information and dates on the 2022 PBA Tour season, please visit pba.com.

PBA Announces Nominees for 2021 Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year

Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year, Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year, Steve Nagy Sportsmanship and Tony Reyes Community Service Honors to be Announced in December

New York, NY – The Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) is pleased to announce nominees have been selected for the PBA Tour's four major end-of-season awards – Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year, Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year, Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award, and the Tony Reyes Community Service Award.

The 2021 award winners will be announced in December:

Monday, Dec. 13: Tony Reyes Community Service Award

Tuesday, Dec. 14: Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award

Wednesday, Dec. 15: Harry Golden Rookie of the Year

Thursday, Dec. 16: Chris Schenkel Player of the Year

Player of the Year honors will award the Tour's top player. This year's nominees consist of the 2021 season's top seven earners. Candidates in alphabetical order: are, Australia's **Sam Cooley; Tom**

Daugherty of Riverview, Fla., Canada's **Francois Lavoie**; **Shawn Maldonado** of Houston; **Anthony Simonsen** of Little Elm, Texas; **Kyle Troup** of Taylorsville, N.C.; and **Chris Via** of Springfield, Ohio.

The Harry Golden Rookie of the Year honors return after a hiatus in 2020 due to complications created by the COVID-19 pandemic. Rookie players from 2020 are eligible for this year's honors and nominees in alphabetical order: are, **Deo Benard** of Henderson, Nev.; **Wesley Low Jr.** of Palmdale, Calif.; Mexico's **Benjamin Martinez**; **Anthony Neuer** of Lewisburg, Pa.; **Matt Russo** of Fairview Height, Ill.; and **Zac Weidman** of Indianapolis, Ind.

The Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award will be given out to the player who has shown exemplary sportsmanship, and the Tony Reyes Award will recognize a PBA member who has done extraordinary community service and/or charitable contributions in the calendar year.

The PBA Player of the Year and the Rookie of the Year will be selected by a panel of veteran bowling writers and the entire PBA membership. The Nagy Sportsmanship Award winner is selected by PBA Tour players who have bowled in at least half of the current season's tournaments. The Reyes Award recipient is selected by a special panel of PBA leaders.

Last year's winners of the PBA's four prestigious awards were Jason Belmonte, Player of the Year; Brad Miller, Nagy Sportsmanship Award, and Danny Wiseman, Tony Reyes Community Service Award. There was no Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year for 2020 due to the complications created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Kolozsi Wins Twelfth Annual PBA60 Wilson & Sons Pest Control South Open

Gastonia, N.C. (Nov. 15, 2021) – Keith Kolozsi, of Conway, S.C., defeated Greg McMahan of Dandridge, Tenn., 208-195 in the championship match to win the PBA60 Wilson & Sons Pest Control Super Senior South Open title at George Pappas' Liberty Lanes Sunday. Kolozsi collected \$3,500 for the win; along with his 12th PBA title compiled a 4-1 match play record averaging 233 for his 13 games. McMahan earned \$2,000 for his second place finish. In the semifinal round, Kolozsi defeated Charlie Toney of Oak Hill, W.Va., 268-215 while McMahan defeated Glenn Smith of New York, N.Y., 247-195.

The PBA60 event is for bowlers who have reached their 60 th birthday prior to the start of the event. The PBA South Region's next tournament will be the PBA Timmy See Memorial Member/Non-Member Doubles, December 3-5, 2021.

PBA60 WILSON & SONS PEST CONTROL SUPER SENIOR SOUTH OPEN

George Pappas' Liberty Lanes, Gastonia, N.C., Sunday

Championship (Single Game Match):

Keith Kolozsi, Conway, S.C., (\$3,500) def. Greg McMahan, Dandridge, Tenn., (\$2,000), 208-195

Semifinal Round (Single Game Match, losers eliminated and earned \$1,300):

Kolozsi def. Charlie Toney of Oak Hill, W.Va., 268-215.

McMahan def. Glenn Smith, New York, N.Y., 247-195.

Round of 8 (Three Games Total Pinfall, losers eliminated and earned \$900 each):
 Kolozsi, 255,234,194 – 683, def. Tom Baker, King, N.C., 215,235,182 - 632.
 McMahan, 192,211,185 – 588, def. Tommy Reeves, Gastonia, N.C., 173,203,167 – 543.
 Toney, 195, 277, 211 – 683, def. Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 219,179,236 – 634.
 Smith, 208,237,214 – 659, def. Jay Davis, Jr., Silver Spring, Md., 225,205,211 - 641.
 Round of 12 (Three Games Total Pinfall, losers eliminated and earned \$750 each):
 McMahan, 259,224,259 – 742, def. Jeff Bellinger, Columbia, S.C., 267,210,224 – 701.
 Baker, 255,247,211 - 713, def. Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 238,199,237 – 674.
 Gallo Jr., 193,203,247 – 643, def. Larry Felts Jr., Simpsonville, S.C., 160,203,186 – 549.
 Smith, 232,247,217 – 696, def. Barry Slater, Locust, N.C., 225,213,257 – 695.
 Round of 16 (Three Games Total Pinfall, loser eliminated and earned \$650 each):
 McMahan, 243,203,227 – 673, 8-count, def. Bill White, Inman, S.C., 243,217,213 – 673, 6-count.
 Gallo Jr., 237,214,245 – 696, def. Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 214,210,183 – 607.
 Brosius, 225,213,183 – 621, def. Wayne Garren, Candler, N.C., 194,189,201 – 584.
 Slater, 238,257,227 – 722, def. Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 243,201,186 – 630.

PBA HALL OF FAMER TEATA SEMIZ DIES AT 87

Whether Anthony "Teata" Semiz was on the bowling approach or on the mic singing karaoke, his smooth, fluid, effortless style was always recognizable and on point.

He won three titles on the Professional Bowlers Association tour and eight more on the senior circuit, where he was one of the dominant players after his 50th birthday.

Semiz, a member of both the PBA and USBC Halls of Fame, died Tuesday morning at the Hospice Care facility in Andover, N.J. at the age of 87.

He was inducted into the USBC Hall of Fame in 1991 in the Superior Performance category and into the PBA Hall of Fame in 1998 in the Veterans/Senior category.

Semiz had recently suffered a broken hip, which led to other medical issues.

"About three weeks ago he broke his hip and they had to do surgery," said his son, Tom. "The surgery came out OK, but then he started having swallowing issues. He couldn't swallow, so we had to put a feeding tube in him. Then it was really downhill.

"His heart was weak to begin with, and he started bleeding internally. Then his kidneys started shutting down. They finally said there's nothing else we can do for him. They told us he needed to go on Hospice. And probably five days after that he passed away."

The elder Semiz, who was living in Hopatcong, N.J., also had been suffering with dementia for the past few years, and had a hard fall about three years ago that made matters even worse, according to his son.

"He fell in the middle of the night, and if I hadn't been home, he wouldn't have been around here this long," Tom Semiz said. "After the rehab (for the fall), the dementia got even worse and I had to make a call to put him in a home."

That ended Teata's lengthy career on the lanes, which started when he was 14.

Even though he was never really a full-time player on the PBA Tour, Semiz managed to put together some impressive career numbers.

On the national PBA Tour, he won the 1968 Ebonite Open over Don Johnson, the 1970 Bellows-Valvair Open over Nelson Burton Jr., and the 1977 Burger King Open over Marshall Holman.

As a senior player, Semiz was even better, and at one point had the most career wins (8) and was the oldest player to win a senior title at the time (1997) when he was 63.

"My dad's only issue with the PBA Tour was he never took it seriously, in my eyes," Tom Semiz said. "My dad liked to do other things besides bowl. He never took it seriously and never did it full time. So he did pretty good considering. He worked in pro shop, played golf, and he could sing Sinatra all day and all night!"

Teata Semiz also did well when bowling with the next generation of PBA bowlers. Three of his eight senior titles were in the Senior/Touring Pro Doubles.

He won the event in 1986 with PBA Hall of Famer Joe Berardi, in 1991 with USBC Hall of Fame bowler Rick Steelsmith, and the 1993 with Rich Abboud.

"I feel like we just really clicked that week we won," said Steelsmith, now the head coach at collegiate powerhouse Wichita State. "By the end of the week I felt like we knew each other pretty well. I came away understanding that he's pretty much one of the nicest guys you'll ever meet, but at the same time, on the lanes he was probably one of the fiercest competitors you will come across. I learned a lot bowling with him and was honored to bowl with him and honored to have my first title be paired up with him in doubles."

It was the only PBA title on the national tour for Abboud, who gained some confidence as well as a victory while bowling with Semiz.

"On the afternoon of the TV finals, we're talking strategy for the lanes," Abboud said. "With him being a Hall of Famer, I asked him if he wanted to bowl anchor and finish the matches. He looked me right in the eye and said, 'You'll be finishing the games. I have total confidence in you making good shots when you need to.'

"Here's a guy with 100 times my credentials on the lanes telling me I'm the guy! Talk about a confidence shot in the arm! That was one of the few times in my bowling life I was absolutely dominant on the lanes! The guy was magic in that tournament and now I know why."

Both Steelsmith and Abboud struck out in the 10th to seal their victories with Semiz.

On the senior tour, Semiz often traveled with Ron Winger, who also was one of his top competitors on the lanes.

"We had a lot of fun together," said Winger, 80, who works in the pro shop at the South Point Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. "We used to sing karaoke after the tournament together and had a lot of great times during the golden years, which is what I call them, on the senior tour. "He surely is one of the great players who was well respected by everyone. When we got the news that he had died, there was a nice moment of silence for him during the Senior Shootout that's going on here. I'm going to miss him."

Semiz and fellow Hall of Famer Dave Soutar were teammates on the golf course during many of the PBA Senior events.

"It was always Teata and I against Gene Stus and Dick Weber," said Soutar, who kept in touch with Semiz over the years. "We always had a great time, and he was just a great guy."

"Like my wife (Judy) says, now I'm the only one left out of that group."

Semiz continued to bowl well after leaving the senior circuit, bowling an 803 series when he was 80.

"But the last couple of years that he bowled, just subbing in leagues, he was averaging about 185-190," Tom Semiz said. "He just had no more ball speed left. But he just enjoyed bowling." Teata Semiz is survived by children Tom Semiz, Lori McKay, Michael Semiz and Marissa Semiz, and seven grandchildren.

Teata Semiz was a navy veteran, so there will be a military service on Saturday, Dec. 11, at 12 noon at the North New Jersey Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Sparta, N.J.

"There will be a minister, with the navy doing a gun salute," Tom Semiz said. "There will not be a viewing, because his wishes were to be cremated, which we are going to do. And then he will be laid to rest there."

PBA Legend Mark Roth Dies at 70

New York, NY – The sports world lost one of its greatest competitors on Saturday when Mark Roth died at the age of 70.

Roth, one of the all-time greats on the Professional Bowlers Association Tour, had been battling with various health issues for the past few years and had recovered from heart attacks in 2009 and again in 2019.

A few days prior to Roth's death, his wife, Denise, notified his fans that Mark, who also had diabetes, was suffering from congestive heart failure with complications from pneumonia.

Roth, a Brooklyn, N.Y., native, won 34 PBA titles in his storied career, including eight victories in 1978 – a PBA record that still stands. He was voted the Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year on three consecutive years, from 1977-79, and again in 1984. Roth also won the PBA High Average Award six times in his career.

He was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame in 1987 and to the United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame in 2009.

Roth dominated the PBA Tour in the 1970s, and is famous for boosting the modern power game with his powerful cranking release. He is credited for revolutionizing the sport and inspired a generation of bowlers with his hard-throwing style.

He won his final career title, the IOF Foresters Open in Canada, in 1984 to cap off another big year. He was the leading money winner (\$158,712) and finished the season with four titles, including two majors, the BPAA U.S. Open and the Angle Touring Players Championships. Also, during that year, Roth eclipsed the \$1 million mark in career earnings with his victory at the Greater Detroit Open.

In recent years, he was honored by and was a big part of the PBA Tour.

For the PBA's 50th Anniversary, Roth was named the fifth Greatest Player in history. For the PBA's 60th Anniversary, his 7-10 conversion and record eight titles in 1978 were among the

PBA's Greatest moments. The Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship has been held in the famed doubles team's honor, and the PBA League MVP Award annually is named after Mark Roth.

"Mark is an icon," said Tom Clark, PBA Tour Commissioner. "He revolutionized the game with his powerful style, and was a hero to generations of bowlers. He loved bowling and it was an honor to have him involved with the PBA. Our thoughts are with his wife Denise and all that Mark touched with his unique talent."

Details of a memorial and services have not yet been announced.

Mike Bailey Wins PBA50 Beaumont Southwest Open

Beaumont, Texas, (November 30, 2021) –At the third annual PBA50 Beaumont Southwest Open, Mike Bailey from Carrollton, Texas, grabbed an early lead in the eight game qualifying round, maintained the lead after the Sunday morning Cashers Round and held on to the lead throughout the match play finals to win his second PBA50 Southwest Region title, and his ninth overall regional win. Bailey finished the event 58 pins ahead of Lee Lorts, from Katy, Texas, 4,671 pinfall to 4,613.

Bailey earned \$2,500 with the victory as Lorts collected \$1,500 for second place. Rick Lawrence, of Waxahachie, Texas, finished third for \$1,150.

The PBA Southwest Region continues an active December with the PBA Grand Casino/Hotel/Resort Southwest Invitational for 32 players who earned their way into the prestigious event. The final event in 2021 will be the PBA/PBA50 Houston Southwest Doubles presented by Mike Austin's Bowling Dynamix at Emerald Bowl in Houston, December 17-19. The winning team there will earn \$7,000.

PBA50 BEAUMONT SOUTHWEST OPEN Crossroads Bowling Center, Beaumont, Texas, Sunday

Final Qualifying Standings (after 21 games):

1 Mike Bailey	Carrollton, Texas	5-3	4521	150	4671	\$2,500
2 Lee Lorts	Katy, Texas	7-1	4403	210	4613	\$1,500
3 Rick Lawrence	Waxahachie, Texas	4-4	4474	120	4594	\$1,000
4 Stephen Keblish	Arlington, Texas	4-4	4346	120	4566	\$840
5 David Scardaville	Houston, Texas	3-5	4337	90	4427	\$750
6 Mark Williams	Beaumont, Texas	4-4	4237	120	4357	\$700
7 Paul McCordic	Sugar Land, Texas	3-5	4241	90	4331	\$650
8 Mike Austin	Conroe, Texas	2-6	4207	60	4267	\$600

Tickets on Sale for 2022 PBA Tour Events Through February

Tickets available through PBA Tournament of Championships

New York, N.Y. – The PBA is excited to announce that tickets are now available for the live viewing of the 2022 Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour season's Finals events from January through February.

A limited number of tickets can be purchased starting today for the PBA Players Championship – featuring five Regional Finals and the Championship Finals in Euless, Tex., the PBA Jr. National Championship Finals and PBA/PBA Jr. Doubles in Euless, Tex., the U.S Open in Indianapolis, Ind., and the PBA Tournament of Champions, which returns to historic AMF Riviera Lanes in Akron, Ohio.

Ticket prices vary per event. For more details and to purchase tickets, please visit each event's EventBrite page, noted below.

[PBA Players Championship East Region Finals](#)

Saturday, Jan. 22, 4 p.m. ET on FS1 (LIVE)

Bowlero Euless, Euless, Tex.

Ticket price: \$40 for admission to East and South Region Finals

[PBA Players Championship South Region Finals](#)

Saturday, Jan. 22, 6 p.m. ET on FS1 (LIVE)

Bowlero Euless, Euless, Tex.

Ticket price: \$40 for admission to East and South Region Finals

[PBA Players Championship Midwest Region Finals](#)

Sunday, Jan. 23, 4 p.m. ET on FS1 (LIVE)

Bowlero Euless, Euless, Tex.

Ticket price: \$40 for admission to Midwest and Southwest Region Finals

[PBA Players Championship Southwest Region Finals](#)

Sunday, Jan. 23, 6 p.m. ET on FS1 (LIVE)

Bowlero Euless, Euless, Tex.

Ticket price: \$40 for admission to Midwest and Southwest Region Finals

[PBA Players Championship West Region Finals](#)

Monday, Jan. 24, 7 p.m. ET on FS1 (LIVE)

Bowlero Euless, Euless, Tex.

Ticket price: \$20

[PBA Players Championship Finals](#)

Saturday, Jan. 29, 8:30 p.m. ET on FS1 (LIVE)

Bowlero Euless, Euless, Tex.

Ticket price: \$30

[PBA Jr. National Championship Finals and PBA/PBA Jr. Doubles](#)

Saturday, Jan. 29, 3:30 p.m. (TAPED)

Bowlero Euless, Euless, Tex.

Ticket price: \$25

[U.S. Open](#)

Sunday, Feb. 6, 5 p.m. ET on FS1 (LIVE)

Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, Ind.

Ticket price: \$30 - \$65

[PBA Tournament of Champions Finals](#)

Sunday, Feb. 27, 1 p.m. ET on FOX (LIVE)
AMF Riviera Lanes, Fairlawn, Ohio
Ticket price: \$5 - \$70

In addition to tickets for the televised Finals, the PBA is delighted to have professional – amateur events at select stops and spectator passes throughout qualifying rounds. Fans can purchase spectator passes and sign up for pro-ams through the local host centers.

Registration prices vary per event. For more details and to register for the pro-ams, please visit each event's webpage, noted below.

U.S. Open Bowl with the Pros

Sunday, Jan. 30, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. ET
Royal Pin Woodland, Indianapolis, Ind.

PBA Tournament of Champions Pro-Am

Saturday, Feb. 26, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. ET
AMF Riviera Lanes, Fairlawn, Ohio

Ticket sales for the remainder of the 2022 Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour season will be announced at a later date.

PBA fans can live stream the PBA on the FOX Sports and FOX NOW apps or at [FOXSports.com](https://www.foxsports.com). Select highlights will be available on @FOXSports social handles across Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube. International fans can watch live on [FloBowling.com](https://www.flobowling.com).

JAKE PETERS AND GEOFFREY YOUNG VICTORIOUS IN YULEE MEMBER/NON-MEMBER DOUBLES

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Yulee, Fla. – The team of Jake Peters of Henderson, Nev., and amateur Geoffrey Young of Roanoke, Texas, defeated Dick Allen of Lexington, S.C., and amateur Kory Driver of Ormond Beach, Fla., 198-140, in the PBA South Region Timmy See Memorial Member/Non-Member Doubles at Yulee Bowling Center on Sunday.

Peters and Young earned the \$4,700 first-place prize.

In the opening stepladder match, the team of Colin Champion of Spring Hill, Fla., and Ethan Fiore of Valrico, Fla., defeated the team of Kristijonas Sergejevas of Kaunas, Lithuania, and amateur Verity Crawley of Lake Wales, England 208-175. Then Allen and Driver defeated Champion and Fiore, 235-227, in the semi-finals, which set up the title match.

Allen and Driver earned \$2,400 for their second place finish, while Champion and Fiore took home \$2,000 for third, and Sergejevas and Crawley got \$1,800 for their fourth place effort.

PBA TIMMY SEE MEMORIAL MEMBER/NON-MEMBER DOUBLES

Yulee Bowling Center, Yulee, Fla., Sunday

Final Standings:

Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev./n-Geoffrey Young, Roanoke, Texas, \$4,700.
Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C./n-Kory Driver, Ormond Beach, Fla., \$2,400.
Colin Champion, Spring Hill, Fla./n-Ethan Fiore, Valrico, Fla., \$2,000.
Kristijonas Sergejevas, Lithuania/n-Verity Crawley, England, \$1,800.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Champion/Fiore def. Sergejevas/Crawley, 208-175.
Semi-final Match – Allen/Driver def. Champion/Fiore, 235-227.
Championship Match – Peters/Young def. Allen/Driver, 198-140.

Final Match Play Standings (after 8 regular team games, and 8 baker match play games, including match play bonus pins)

Peters/Young, 4-4-0, 5,366.
Allen/Driver, 6-2-0, 5,295.
Champion/Fiore, 3-5-0, 5,265.
Sergejevas/Crawley, 4-4-0, 5,251.
Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla./n-Paul Koehler, Stuart, Fla., 6-2-0, 5,203, \$1,600.
Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C./n-Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 6-2-0, 5,122, \$1,400.
Mike Preston, Gainesville, Fla./n-Chris Kruschke, Palatka, Fla., 3-5-0, 4,990, \$1,300.
Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla./n-Andrew Colon, San Antonio, Fla., 0-8-0, 4,921, \$1,200.
n-designates non-PBA member

Mark Sullivan Named 2021 PBA50 Dick Weber Sportsmanship Award Winner

Voted most sportsmanlike by his fellow PBA50 Tour competitors

New York, NY - Mark Sullivan of Indianapolis was voted by his peers to receive the 2021 PBA50 Dick Weber Sportsmanship Award, given to the player who best exemplifies the class and sportsmanship for which Weber was known during his career as a bowler and tournament director.

“I’m speechless,” said Sullivan. “It’s incredibly humbling to even be considered. Dick was one of my idols and he was so gracious to me when I got started in the Midwest Region in the early eighties. I’m totally blown away to receive an award named after him.”

Voting was open to PBA50 players who participated in at least half the 2021 PBA50 Tour events. The 95 eligible players first nominated deserving candidates, then voted on the five players who received the most nominations. Sullivan earned the award over fellow nominees Dick Gran, Jeff Johnson, Parker Bohn III and Lennie Boresch Jr.

“Those guys are all true professionals,” said Sullivan. “They conduct themselves with class and are great competitors. It’s an honor to be considered among that group.”

Sullivan competed in 13 events on the 2021 PBA50 Tour, cashing in 11 of them and posting a best finish of sixth in the PBA50 Granville Financial Open.

“When you’re competing, you’re kind of in your own little world,” said Sullivan. “I’m not aware of anything in particular I’ve done that would be deserving of this honor, but maybe that’s why I’m so surprised. It’s very humbling.”

Dick Weber, who, like Sullivan, was born in Indianapolis, was a founding member of the Professional Bowlers Association and won 30 PBA titles in his career, including four majors. Weber is considered by many to be the greatest ambassador bowling has ever seen and his name is appropriately attached to the PBA50’s sportsmanship award, first given out in 2008.

Previous PBA50 Dick Weber Sportsmanship Award Winners

2020 – no winner (season canceled)
2019 – Sammy Ventura
2018 – Chris Keane
2017 – Ted Staikoff
2016 – Kerry Fulford
2015 – Tom Carter
2014 – Chris Keane
2013 – Robert Harvey
2012 – Dave Soutar
2011 – Ray Randall
2010 – Robert Harvey
2009 – Larry Graybeal
2008 – Fred Baldwin

Tom Hess Earns 2021 PBA50 Bowler of the Year and Rookie of the Year Awards

Wins the season’s final two majors to clinch both honors

New York, N.Y. - PBA50 Tour rookie Tom Hess closed the 2021 season with victories in the Senior U.S. Open and USBC Senior Masters—defeating Chris Barnes in the title match of both—to claim the PBA50 Bowler of the Year and PBA50 Rookie of the Year Awards.

“It’s not very often you set a lofty goal like that and go get it done,” said Hess, who set personal pre-season goals to win both awards. “There was a lot of joy and a little relief too. It was nice justification that I’m good enough to compete out here and come through with so much on the line.”

Hess competed in 13 events during the [2021 PBA50 season](#) and finished in the top 10 seven times. He made it to the stepladder finals in five of those events, winning the two season-ending major championships to prevail in a close contest for the awards, both of which are based on competition points.

Going into the season's final event, the USBC Senior Masters, three players—Hess, Barnes and Brad Angelo—were still in contention for the Rookie of the Year Award. Those three, along with then-leader Pete Weber, were also vying for the Player of the Year Award.

Hess qualified fourth for the USBC Masters stepladder finals and defeated Donnie Hogue to earn a match with Weber, who qualified third. Hess got past Weber and No. 2 seed Doug Kent, setting up another major championship match with Barnes and guaranteeing the winner would receive both Bowler of the Year and Rookie of the Year honors.

Because Barnes was undefeated through the double-elimination match-play bracket, Hess had to win twice to claim the title. He did so, winning 278-226 and 237-203. Hess is the third player in PBA50 history to win the Senior U.S. Open and USBC Senior Masters in the same season, joining Tom Baker (2006) and Weber (2016).

"It's unreal," said Hess. "I tried to be as prepared as possible and work as hard as I could all year, but even the best in the world don't expect to have a season like that. Especially the last two months. To have the season end the way it did was just magical."

Hess is the first player since 2014, and third ever, to win both PBA50 Bowler of the Year and Rookie of the Year Awards in the same season, joining Norm Duke (2014) and Tom Baker (2005).

Previous PBA50 Bowlers of the Year

2020 – no winner (season canceled)
2019 – Walter Ray Williams Jr.
2018 – Michael Haugen Jr.
2017 – Brian LeClair
2016 – Pete Weber
2015 – Pete Weber
2014 – Norm Duke
2013 – Walter Ray Williams Jr.
2012 – Walter Ray Williams Jr.
2011 – Ron Mohr
2010 – Wayne Webb
2009 – Ron Mohr
2008 – Tom Baker
2007 – Tom Baker
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2005 – Tom Baker
2004 – Bob Glass
2003 – Bob Chamberlain
2002 – Mark Roth

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1999 – Dale Eagle
1998 – Pete Couture
1997 – Gary Dickinson
1996 – John Handegard
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1993 – Gary Dickinson
1992 – Gene Stus
1991 – John Handegard
1990 – John Hricsina
1989 – Jimmy Certain

Previous PBA50 Rookies of the Year

2020 – no winner (season canceled)
2019 – Eugene McCune
2018 – Rolando Sebelén
2017 – Michael Haugen Jr.
2016 – Eddie Graham
2015 – Mike Scroggins
2014 – Norm Duke
2013 – Pete Weber
2012 – Amleto Monacelli
2011 – Ricky Beck
2010 – Walter Ray Williams Jr.
2009 – Brian Voss
2008 – Wayne Webb
2007 – Sam Zurich
2006 – Bob Kelly
2005 – Tom Baker
2004 – David Ozio
2003 – Don Sylvia
2002 – Vince Mazzanti Jr.
2001 – Mark Roth
2000 – Guppy Troup
1999 – Mike Pullin
1998 – Johnny Petraglia
1997 – George Pappas
1996 – Dale Eagle
1995 – Pete Couture
1994 – Larry Laub

Warren Eales Receives 2021 Tony Reyes Community Service Award

Honored for years of helping the international bowling community compete professionally

New York, N.Y.—Warren Eales was selected by a PBA executive committee as the recipient of the 2021 Tony Reyes Community Service Award, recognizing Eales' efforts in assisting the international bowling community to be able to compete, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It was quite a surprise," said Eales of hearing the news from PBA Tour commissioner Tom Clark. "When I get a call from Tom, I always think it's an international player with an issue. It's a great honor and I'm very pleased I was able to help out and they thought this was worth recognizing. I'm elated all the way around."

Eales, who works as port director for U.S. Customs and Border Protection in Las Vegas, has been assisting international players for years with getting into and out of the United States to compete, but the pandemic created unique challenges during the end of the 2020 season and into 2021.

When the pandemic interrupted the World Series of Bowling in March of 2020, leaving the animal-pattern events unfinished, Eales approached Clark and offered assistance if and when the PBA was able to resume competition.

"There's a way to get athletes into the country called a National Interest Exemption," said Eales. "Individuals can't apply for it but a team or a league can apply on the players' behalf. All communication had to go through the PBA, but since U.S. Customs is involved and I'm familiar with the process, I was at least able to point Tom in the right direction and give guidance on any specific issues players were facing in different countries around the world."

Late in 2020, the PBA planned to conclude its season with the finals of the animal patterns, the PBA League and ultimately the PBA Playoffs. A total of 67 PBA and PWBA players qualified for one or more of those events. 18 of those players were from outside the United States, although seven were living in the country at the time.

With Eales' help, every single player who earned a spot was able to enter the country and compete.

"As a bowler and lifetime fan, I want to see these events go on," said Eales, who won the 2018 PBA50 Lucas Magazine Classic. "What do you do if you can't get the players who earned their way in? It was a bit of a relief to know it worked out."

The National Interest Exemptions are valid for a year, so the players who came over in late 2020 were also able to come and go as needed for the early 2021 PBA Tour events. For Eales, the motivation is simple: help the bowling community.

"I'm a fan, I'm a player, I've bowled since I was eight years old and I've followed the PBA from that time until now, so to be in a position to help the players and keep the events going is very gratifying," said Eales. "I'm in a unique position to be able to help professionally and happy to do it."

Eales is retiring at the end of the week after 35 years in U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

Established in 2013, the Tony Reyes Community Service Award recognizes a current PBA member who exemplifies extraordinary community service, charitable or educational contributions over the course of a PBA season. Reyes, who passed away in 2012, was an eight-

time PBA Regional champion, collegiate All-American and the 18th player in PBA history to bowl a 300 game on national television.

"It's very flattering to receive an award in Tony's name," said Eales. "I'm grateful for the recognition and for being considered for something like this. It's a great honor."

Previous Tony Reyes Community Service Award Recipients

2020 – Danny Wiseman

2019 – Chuck Gardner

2018 – Chris Barnes

2017 – Del Ballard Jr.

2016 – Rhino Page

2015 – Ed Godbout

2014 – Missy Parkin

2013 – Parker Bohn III

Jake Peters Named 2021 PBA Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award Winner

Deemed most sportsmanlike by his fellow PBA Tour competitors

New York, N.Y.—PBA Tour champion Jake Peters of Henderson, Nev. was named by his peers to receive the 2021 PBA Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award. Peters was the only nominee for the award, which receives nominations from and is voted on exclusively by national touring PBA Tour professionals.

"It's incredibly shocking," said Peters. "I was not expecting this whatsoever. The honor of being chosen by my peers is really awesome and having my name attached to this award is a true honor. It's unbelievable to find out I was the only nominee. It's really humbling to be recognized and supported by the players like this."

Peters, who has always been well liked by his fellow competitors, maintained his positive disposition this year despite suffering tremendous personal tragedy.

In late May, Peters lost his wife, Melissa, who had been fighting an aggressive form of breast cancer called HER2-positive. Peters was overwhelmed with the support of the bowling community throughout the entire battle and is further astounded by receiving the Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award from his fellow competitors.

"It makes me feel even more grateful for how amazing our community is," said Peters. "The players have been absolutely supportive through everything my family and I went through and I'm so humbled to be accepted and appreciated by them. I still look at myself as a we and Mel is just as big a part of my career as I am. I know she's up there telling me, 'You're welcome.'"

Peters competed in 11 events during the 2021 season, most notably finishing second in the PBA Lubbock Sports Open in July in his return to the PBA Tour. He plans to resume full-time competition in 2022.

"I feel really good," he said. "I'm focusing all my time and energy on being ready and hoping 2022 is my best season yet."

First presented in 1966, the PBA's sportsmanship award honors Steve Nagy, a PBA Hall of Famer and founding member who was instrumental to the success of the PBA Tour in its early years.

Previous Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award Winners

2020 – Brad Miller

2019 – Martin Larsen

2018 – Tom Smallwood

2017 – Chris Loschetter

2016 – Tom Smallwood

2015 – Josh Blanchard

2014 – Brett Spangler

2013 – Ryan Shafer

2012 – Martin Larsen

2011 – Jack Jurek

PBA Jonesboro Open Champion Matthew Russo is 2021 Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year

Edges Zach Weidman, Anthony Neuer for the honor

New York, N.Y.—Matthew Russo, whose victory in the PBA Jonesboro Open made him the only rookie to win a 2021 Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour title, was named the 2021 Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year after receiving the majority of votes from PBA membership and veteran bowling writers.

"I've been anxiously awaiting the news the last two or three weeks," said Russo. "Am I going to win? What could I have done better if I don't win? It was one of the best phone calls ever when (PBA Tour commissioner) Tom Clark called to tell me."

Russo, who along with his title also cashed more times than any other rookie, received 36% of the vote. Zach Weidman, who led rookies in earnings and points with two top-10 finishes in majors, came in second at 29%. Anthony Neuer, whose third-place finish in the U.S. Open included a 7-10 split conversion, was third with 19% of the vote.

Pursuing the Rookie of the Year Award was on Russo's mind all season.

"I had a feeling going into the season who the top rookies would be," said Russo, noting that several, including Weidman, Wesley Low Jr. and Benjy Martinez, made it to the regional finals telecasts in the season-opening PBA Players Championship.

"I had a chance to make the Players Championship show but I didn't," Russo continued. "I knew I was already behind, but I told myself to build on it event to event. My goal was to make a show and have a chance to win. I felt like I was close when I made the Chameleon cut. I lost to Butturff in match play but I felt like I was doing the right things and improving every week."

In early August, Russo earned the No. 2 seed for the stepladder finals in the PBA Jonesboro Open, getting a win back against Butturff in the semifinal match before defeating 2019 PBA Rookie of the Year Mykel Holliman for the title.

"Everything changed after that," said Russo. "It solidified that I can be out here and I can win. Ever since I was a kid, this was something I wanted to accomplish. I couldn't be more grateful."

The PBA Rookie of the Year Award is named after legendary PBA Tour tournament director Harry "Goose" Golden, who was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame in 1983.

Previous Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year Award Winners

2020 – not awarded due to the pandemic-interrupted season (2020 rookies retained eligibility through 2021)

2019 – Mykel Holliman

2018 – Kamron Doyle

2017 – Matt Sanders

2016 – François Lavoie

2015 – Jesper Svensson

2014 – Marshall Kent

2013 – EJ Tackett

2012 – Josh Blanchard

2011 – Scott Norton

Kyle Troup Wins 2021 Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year Award

Two titles and the single-season earnings record separate Troup from the pack

New York, N.Y.—On the strength of winning two Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour titles and setting the all-time single-season earnings record, Kyle Troup was named the 2021 Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year. Troup received the overwhelming majority of votes from PBA membership and veteran bowling writers, with François Lavoie finishing a distant second and Chris Via close behind Lavoie in third.

“Winning Player of the Year was one of my goals coming into the season,” said Troup. “In 2020, I won three titles and realized I might be closer than I thought to having a shot at it. I put a lot of work in at the end of the 2020 season that got me mentally prepared to shoot for winning a major and Player of the Year.”

In 2021, Troup won the season-opening PBA Players Championship for his first major title, banking a PBA record-tying \$250,000 first prize for the win. Troup also won the PBA Playoffs for his eighth career title, tying the total his father, Guppy, amassed on the PBA Tour.

“To catch my father with eight titles was such a humbling, great experience for my family and me,” said Troup. “One of my goals for next season is to pass Gup. I need to put the time in and keep working hard, but I think eventually I’m going to be the boss of the family when it comes to bowling.”

One of three players, along with Tom Daugherty and Shawn Maldonado, to win two titles in 2021, Troup also finished fifth in the Guaranteed Rate PBA World Championship and seventh in the Kia PBA Tournament of Champions, giving him three top-10 finishes in majors among nine top 10s overall. Troup also posted three runner-up finishes during the season.

“I need to stay present,” said Troup. “It’s a humbling feeling to join the list of great bowlers who have earned this honor, but now I need to work even harder, get smarter and get tuned up for the beginning of the year if I want to stay on top. There are a lot of guys who can pop off three or four wins in a season, so 2022 might be the toughest yet to win Player of the Year.”

In 2021, Troup competed in 16 events and led all players in competition points (19,922.5) and earnings (\$496,900), breaking the previous PBA record of \$419,700 set by Walter Ray Williams Jr. during the 2002-2003 season.

"I've always wanted to win titles, majors and get into the Hall of Fame, but to hold a record?" said Troup. "That's one thing I never really dreamed about. And to pass Walter Ray, one of the best ever to throw a bowling ball, is a special moment. It's very nice to have but I want to see the record broken in the future. I want to see someone win a million dollars in a year."

Troup will begin the 2022 season as the defending champion in the PBA Players Championship, which begins with the regional qualifying rounds on January 15.

Previous Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year Award Winners

2020 – Jason Belmonte
2019 – Jason Belmonte
2018 – Andrew Anderson
2017 – Jason Belmonte
2016 – EJ Tackett
2015 – Jason Belmonte
2014 – Jason Belmonte
2013 – Jason Belmonte
2012 – Sean Rash
2011 – Mika Koivuniemi

Find a list of all Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year Award winners dating back to 1963 here: <https://www.pba.com/player-resources/scholarships-and-awards/player-of-the-year>

2021 GUARANTEED RATE PBA TOUR SEASON IN REVIEW

DECEMBER 21, 2021 JEF GOODGER

In 2021, we saw five players win their first PBA Tour titles, four of the five majors go to first-time major champions, the shattering of an 18-year-old single-season earnings record, three televised perfect games including two by the same player for the first time in PBA Tour history and, for the first time since 1991, the 7-10 split converted on TV.

When it was over, Kyle Troup was named PBA Player of the Year, Matthew Russo Rookie of the Year and Darren Tang claimed the Summer Tour bonus.

Here's a quick recap of the 2021 Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour season:

PBA Players Championship
Bowlero Jupiter
Jupiter, Florida
Winner: Kyle Troup (7th career title)

The PBA Players Championship debuted its unique format, with players competing in five regional qualifiers to advance to regional stepladder finals, with the winner of each advancing to the overall stepladder finals for the season's first major and PBA record-tying first-place prize of \$250,000.

Kyle Troup led everything he could lead. He was the top seed in the East Region and won his match against Michael Davidson to advance to the finals. Troup then led the seeding round with the other regional winners to claim the top seed for the stepladder finals. Troup then dropped a 257 game on Dick Allen, giving Troup his first major title, seventh PBA Tour title and a quarter of a million dollars to start the season.

Kia PBA Tournament of Champions
Bowlero Jupiter
Jupiter, Florida
Winner: François Lavoie (5)

François Lavoie needed to win a roll-off over Tom Smallwood to earn the No. 5 seed for the Kia PBA Tournament of Champions stepladder, but from there, Lavoie ran through four potential—that is, probable—Hall of Famers on his way to making himself performance-eligible for HOF consideration.

Lavoie defeated Sean Rash, Jesper Svensson, Jason Belmonte and Anthony Simonsen to claim the title. It was Lavoie's fifth PBA Tour title and third major

Guaranteed Rate PBA World Championship
AMF University Lanes
Tampa, Florida
Winner: Tom Daugherty (3)

The first telecast from World Series of Bowling XII was the big one, with Tom Daugherty claiming his first major championship with a win over Jakob Butturff in the Guaranteed Rate PBA World Championship.

Daugherty earned the top seed for the World Championship throughout the course of multi-pattern qualifying and edged Butturff by six pins, 263-257.

PBA Roth/Holman Doubles Championship
AMF University Lanes
Tampa, Florida
Winners: Kris Prather (4) and Andrew Anderson (3)

It took three wins on the stepladder for second-year teammates Kris Prather and Andrew Anderson to earn the PBA Roth/Holman Doubles Championship. Prather and Anderson qualified third, beat former two-time Roth/Holman Doubles champions Kyle Troup and Jesper Svensson by a single pin, then took out perennial contenders EJ Tackett and Marshall Kent before clinching the title with a win over top seeds Tom Daugherty and BJ Moore.

It was the fourth PBA Tour title for Prather and third for Anderson.

PBA Cheetah Championship
AMF University Lanes
Tampa, Florida
Winner: Sam Cooley (1)

Sam Cooley became the first of what would become five first-time winners in 2021 with a win over Kris Prather in the championship match of the PBA Cheetah Championship.

In an eliminator format, Cooley bowled games of 225 and 258 to get to the title match, in which he bested Prather, 247-185.

PBA Chameleon Championship
AMF University Lanes
Tampa, Florida
Winner: Shawn Maldonado (1)

One night later, another player won his first title. Shawn Maldonado bowled the highest score in the first televised match, tied for the highest score with Jakob Butturff in the second match, setting up the championship match between Maldonado and Butturff. There, Maldonado bowled his best game of the night, rolling 250 on his way to his first PBA Tour title.

PBA Scorpion Championship
AMF University Lanes
Tampa, Florida
Winner: Tom Daugherty (4)

Tom Daugherty bookended World Series of Bowling XII with wins, first taking the PBA World Championship and then securing the Scorpion Championship with a 266-254 win over Kyle Troup in the title match. It was the second time in his career Daugherty won the Scorpion Championship.

Also notable: this was the last PBA Tour event bowled by Pete Weber and Walter Ray Williams Jr., who announced their retirements on the final day of match play. Both Weber and Williams were eliminated by Daugherty in match play, with Weber going out in the round of 16 and Williams in the round of eight.

USBC Masters
National Bowling Stadium
Reno, Nevada
Winner: Thomas Larsen (3)

Dane Thomas Larsen became the third first-time major champion of 2021, defeating Swede Jesper Svensson in the all-Scandinavian title match of the USBC Masters. It was Larsen's third PBA Tour title and first since 2014.

Larsen, the second seed, defeated Spencer Robarge in the semifinal match before knocking out top seed Svensson for the championship.

U.S. Open
National Bowling Stadium
Reno, Nevada
Winner: Chris Via (1)

In the final major of the season, Chris Via made his third stepladder appearance (four if you count the Players Championship regional finals, during which he shot 300 but didn't advance). It was also Via's fifth

stepladder appearance in his past seven major tournaments. This time, he won, making himself the third first-time champion in 2021 and fourth first-time major winner.

Via was the top seed and edged Jakob Butturff by a single pin in the title match. Butturff advanced by beating Anthony Neuer, who drew plenty of eyes to professional bowling with his 7-10 split conversion in a losing effort. It was the fourth televised 7-10 conversion in PBA history and first since 1991.

Guaranteed Rate PBA Super Slam
Bowlero Annandale
Annandale, Virginia
Winner: François Lavoie

The Guaranteed Rate PBA Super Slam featured the five 2021 PBA major champions battling for supremacy—and \$100,000—in a special exhibition. François Lavoie bowled the fourth-highest score in the round-robin match, pitting him against Chris Via in the semifinals. Lavoie got past Via by three pins, then trounced Kyle Troup in the finals, 247-202.

Kia PBA Playoffs
Bowlero Milford
Milford, Connecticut
Winner: Kyle Troup (8)

With his win in the Kia PBA Playoffs, Kyle Troup tied his father, Guppy, with eight PBA Tour titles, and broke the all-time PBA Tour single-season earnings record previously held by Walter Ray Williams Jr., who earned \$419,700 in the 2002-2003 season.

The \$100,000 Troup banked for beating Sam Cooley, 3-1, in a race-to-three-points match, put Troup at \$469,200 on the season.

PBA King of the Lanes: Empress Edition Presented by Pabst Blue Ribbon
Bayside Bowl
Portland, Maine
Reigning Empress: Stefanie Johnson

The two-night, five-show inaugural edition of the PBA King of the Lanes: Empress Edition ended with Stefanie Johnson on the throne. In the first Empress match of the series, Daria Pajak took the crown from Kelly Kulick, then successfully defended it against Danielle McEwan before dropping it to Missy Parkin. Liz Johnson then took the throne from Parkin before being dispatched by Stefanie Johnson.

PBA King of the Lanes Presented by Pabst Blue Ribbon
Bayside Bowl
Portland, Maine
Reigning King: Jason Sterner

The 2021 King of the Lanes began with Chris Barnes taking the throne from reigning 2020 King Kris Prather. Barnes dropped the crown to fellow PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III, who then successfully

defended his position against Anthony Neuer. At the end of the series, Jason Sterner reigned, having taken the crown from Bohn and then defended it against Tom Daugherty.

PBA Tour Finals
Thunderbowl Lanes
Allen Park, Michigan
Winner: Anthony Simonsen (8)

In a rematch of the 2020 PBA Tour Finals, which were won by Kyle Troup, Anthony Simonsen emerged the victor this time, defeating Troup in a roll-off to claim the title. It was Simonsen's eighth PBA Tour title and first since winning twice in 2019.

Earlier in the event, Chris Via rolled his second 300 game of the season, becoming the first player in PBA Tour history to bowl two televised 300 games in the same season.

PBA Strike Derby
Bayside Bowl
Portland, Maine
Winner: Andrew Anderson

Making his PBA Strike Derby debut, Andrew Anderson qualified fifth, then plowed his way through the bracket, taking out Kyle Troup, Norm Duke and ultimately Anthony Simonsen to claim the exhibition title.

PBA Lubbock Sports Open
South Plains Lanes
Lubbock, Texas
Winner: Shawn Maldonado (2)

The PBA Summer Tour began in Lubbock, with players competing for a PBA Tour title and beginning the points race toward the \$40,000 bonus prize fund for the top 10, with \$20,000 going to the player who earned the most points over the course of the five Summer Tour events.

Top seed Shawn Maldonado took the early lead in the points race, earning the second title of his career and of the season with a win over Jake Peters in the championship match.

PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles
Copperfield Bowl
Houston, Texas
Winners: EJ Tackett (14) and Danielle McEwan (6th PWBA Tour title)

EJ Tackett and Danielle McEwan led A squad qualifying of the PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles and stayed on top until the end, when they were hoisting the trophies. With a +1,279 score over 40 total games, Tackett and McEwan finished 212 pins ahead of second place.

PBA Jonesboro Open
Hijinx Family Entertainment Center
Jonesboro, Arkansas

Winner: Matthew Russo (1)

The next first-time PBA Tour champion showed himself in Jonesboro, with Matthew Russo winning the PBA Jonesboro Open from the No. 2 spot on the stepladder. Russo defeated Jakob Butturff in the semifinal match and Mykel Holliman in the championship match.

PBA Bowlerstore.com Classic
Pla-Mor Lanes
Coldwater, Ohio
Winner: Darren Tang (1)

The fifth first-time champion, Darren Tang, won the PBA Bowlerstore.com Classic from the top spot on the stepladder, bowling a 254 game to defeat Kyle Troup in the title match. Tang's win in Coldwater also propelled him to the overall lead in Summer Tour points with one event remaining.

PBA Chesapeake Open
AMF Western Branch Lanes
Chesapeake, Virginia
Winner: Sean Rash (17)

Sean Rash concluded a difficult Summer Tour with a win in Chesapeake, giving him 17 career titles and moving him into seventh in the Summer Tour points standings for a share of the bonus prize fund.

Rash qualified second and beat Tom Daugherty in the title match.

Darren Tang finished seventh, which was good enough to hang on to the top spot in the Summer Tour points race, narrowly edging runner-up Anthony Simonsen, who finished sixth in Chesapeake. Tang collected a \$20,000 bonus as the Summer Tour points leader.

CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational
Bowlero Gilbert
Phoenix, Arizona
Winners: Terrell Owens and AJ Johnson

Pro Football Hall of Famer Terrell Owens won the CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational for the second time, this time with AJ Johnson, who was making his CP3 debut. Owens previously won the event in 2016 with Pete Weber.

Owens also won the Celebrity Super Clash for the second time, previously having done so in 2018.

In addition to the competition, Strike Derby champion Andrew Anderson bowled 11 strikes in two minutes to earn a \$22,000 donation from Bowlero Corp. to the Chris Paul Family Foundation.

2021 GUARANTEED RATE PBA TOUR SEASON AWARDS
Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year: Kyle Troup
Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year: Matthew Russo
Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award: Jake Peters
Tony Reyes Community Service Award: Warren Eales

FINAL 2021 PBA TOUR POINTS STANDINGS

Kyle Troup, 19,922.5
Chris Via, 19,061
Tom Daugherty, 18,502.5
Jakob Butturff, 17,536
François Lavoie, 16,915
Anthony Simonsen, 16,305
EJ Tackett, 14,310
Kris Prather, 13,230
Sam Cooley, 12,324
Jesper Svensson, 12,115

FINAL 2021 PBA TOUR EARNINGS

Kyle Troup, \$496,900
François Lavoie, \$370,330
Tom Daugherty, \$197,400
Anthony Simonsen, \$188,325
Dick Allen, \$151,365
Chris Via, \$125,210
Sam Cooley, \$122,815
Jakob Butturff, \$111,850
Jesper Svensson, \$102,100
Kris Prather, \$91,080

2021 GUARANTEED RATE PBA TOUR CHAMPIONS

Majors in bold

Non-title exhibition events in italics

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PBA Bowlerstore.com Classic: Darren Tang (1)

PBA Chesapeake Open: Sean Rash (17)

CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational: Terrell Owens and AJ Johnson

Paul Fleming, Anthony Lavery-Spahr Win PBA50/PBA Houston Southwest Doubles Title

Houston, Texas, (Dec. 20, 2021) –Anthony Lavery-Spahr, from Pasadena, Texas, teamed up with Paul Fleming, of Fort Worth, Texas, to win the ninth annual PBA50/PBA Houston Emerald Bowl Southwest Doubles, presented by Bowling Dynamix on Sunday.

The winning duo finished fourth in Saturday's eight game qualifying round, then on Sunday, won their first nine games in the ten-game round robin match play to take the lead heading into the final game.

In the final position round game, Fleming/Lavery-Spahr took on the qualifying leaders – Hall of Famer Chris Barnes, now living in Denton, Texas, and Stu Williams, the Englishman, now living in Pflugerville, Texas. Barnes/Williams defeated Fleming/Lavery-Spahr, 491-470, but were out bowled by Tom Hess, from Urbandale, Iowa, and A.J. Johnson, of Oswego, Ill., who defeated Tom Adcock, of Decatur, Ill., and Jake Peters, from Henderson, Nev., 504-363 to edge Barnes/Williams by one pin for second place.

Fleming/Lavery-Spahr earned \$7,000 for first-place, Hess/Johnson collected \$3,750 for second, and Barnes/Williams received \$2,400 for third.

PBA50/PBA HOUSTON EMERALD BOWL SOUTHWEST DOUBLES, presented by Bowling Dynamix

Emerald Bowl, Houston, Texas, Sunday Final Match Play Standings (after 18 game, including match play bonus pins):

1	Paul Fleming / Anthony Lavery-Spahr	Ft. Worth, Texas/Pasadena, Texas	9-1-0	+1689	\$7,000.00
2	Tom Hess / AJ Johnson	Granger, Iowa/Oswego, Ill.	6-4-0	+1373	\$3,750.00
3	Chris Barnes / Stuart Williams	Double Oak, Texas/Pflugerville, Texas	5-4-1	+1372	\$2,400.00
4	Dino Castillo / Shawn Maldonado	Highland Village, Texas/Houston	3-7-0	+1108	\$1,900.00
5	Tom Adcock / Jake Peters	Decatur, Ill./Henderson, Nev.	4-6-0	+1079	\$1,650.00
6	Rick Benard / Deo Benard	Keller, Texas/Henderson, Nev.	4-6-0	+889	\$1,450.00
7	Daniel Inocencio / Dimitri Cruz	College Station, Texas/Denton, Texas	6-3-1	+819	\$1,300.00
8	Derek Williams / Justin Bui	Groves, Texas/Terrytown, Lou.	4-6-0	+817	\$1,200.00
9	Keith Lesko / AJ Chapman	Prosper, Texas/Manchester, Iowa	4-6-0	+715	\$1,150.00
10	Walter Ray Williams Jr. / Chris Via	Oxford, Fla./Springfield, Ohio	4-6-0	+684	\$1,100.00

n-Denotes non-PBA member

300 Games: Deo Benard, Anthony Lavery-Spahr

PBA50 TOUR ANNOUNCES 2022 SEASON SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 23, 2021 JEF GOODGER

PBA legends will compete in 17 events beginning in April

New York, N.Y.—The 2022 PBA50 Tour will open competition in April with a return to Fort Myers, Fla. for the PBA50 Lightning Strikes Open. Four major championships, three PBA60 exclusive events, five new venues and a collection of PBA Hall of Famers highlight the 17-event season that concludes in August.

All four PBA50 major championships return in 2022: the Florida Blue Medicare PBA50 National Championship in The Villages, Fla., April 24-28, USBC Senior Masters in Las Vegas, Nev., June 6-10, PBA Senior U.S. Open in Lubbock, Texas, July 2-6 and PBA50 Cup in Westland, Mich., July 18-21.

Pete Weber is the defending PBA50 National Champion, Chris Barnes will defend the PBA50 Cup and Tom Hess will defend both the USBC Senior Masters and PBA Senior U.S. Open.

Hess enters the season as the reigning PBA50 Player of the Year and PBA50 Rookie of the Year, having defeated Barnes in the championship match of both the Senior U.S. Open and USBC Senior Masters to clinch both awards.

The PBA50 Tour again begins in Florida and moves up the coast before going west and ultimately finishing in the Midwest. New events for 2022 include the PBA50 Mooresville Open in Mooresville, N.C. (last held in 2019) and the PBA50 Highland Park Lanes Open in Greeley, Colo. The PBA50 Bud Moore Classic will again hold its finals in Bud Moore Lanes at the home of Bill Moore, with qualifying this year taking place at Bowl America Dranesville in Sterling, Va. The PBA50 Cup moves from Lubbock, where the Senior U.S. Open will be held, to Vision Lanes in Westland.

Weber, who won two PBA50 titles in 2021 to give him 13 in his career, will be chasing Walter Ray Williams Jr., who won the season-opening event last season to set the all-time record with 15 PBA50 Tour titles. The win broke the tie at 14 Williams previously shared with John Handegard. Weber and Williams will have 14 PBA50 events in which to battle. Williams, along with all other players age 60 and over, will have three more chances to compete in PBA60-exclusive events.

In addition to the returning USBC Super Senior Classic and PBA60 Dick Weber Open, PBA60 players will close the season in the PBA60 Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl Open.

2022 PBA50 TOUR SCHEDULE

PBA50 Lightning Strikes Lanes Open, Lightning Strikes Lanes, Fort Myers, Fla. – April 18-22

Florida Blue Medicare PBA50 National Championship (major), Spanish Springs Lanes, The Villages, Fla. – April 24-28

PBA50 Granville Financial Open, Sandhills Bowling Center, Aberdeen, N.C. – May 1-4

PBA50 Mooresville Open, Victory Entertainment Center, Mooresville, N.C. – May 7-10

PBA50 Bud Moore Classic, Bowl America Dranesville (stepladder finals in Bud Moore Lanes), Sterling, Va. – May 13-16

USBC Super Senior Classic, Sam's Town, Las Vegas, Nev. – June 1-5

USBC Senior Masters (major), Sam's Town, Las Vegas, Nev. – June 6-12

PBA50 Odessa Open, Diamond Lanes, Odessa, Texas – June 26-29

PBA Senior U.S. Open (major), South Plains Lanes, Lubbock, Texas – July 2-6

PBA50 Highland Park Lanes Open, Highland Park Lanes, Greeley, Colo. – July 9-12

PBA50 Cup (major), Vision Lanes, Westland, Mich. – July 18-21

PBA50 South Shore Open, Olympia Lanes, Hammond, Ind. – July 25-28

PBA50 Spectrum Lanes Open, Spectrum Lanes, Wyoming, Mich. – August 1-4

PBA50 David Small's Championship Lanes Open, Championship Lanes, Anderson, Ind. – August 6-9

PBA50 David Small's JAX60 Open, JAX60, Jackson, Mich. – August 12-15

PBA60 Dick Weber Classic, JAX60, Jackson, Mich. – August 16-18

PBA60 Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl Open, Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl, Columbus, Ohio – August 19-22

JOEL CARLSON WINS THE PBA50 WESTERN BOWLING PROPRIETORS
INSURANCE GREATER FREEPORT MIDWEST RPI OPEN

DECEMBER 27, 2021 REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Freeport, IL – Joel Carlson of Omaha, Neb. defeated Lennie Boresch, Jr. of Kenosha, Wis., 264-215, in the position round of match play to win the PBA50 Western Bowling Proprietors Insurance Greater Freeport Midwest RPI Open. Carlson's win and Boresch's second place finish earned them each a spot in the PBA Regional Players Invitational (RPI) on January 2-5, 2022 in Las Vegas.

Prior to the final match, John Marsala and Tom Adcock had a chance to capture an RPI spot, separated by only seven pins, 60 and 67 pins behind second place respectively.

Boresch led the qualifying round over Adcock and Larry Verble by 22 and 23 pins. After seven match play games, Boresch increased his lead to 65 pins over Carlson. Carlson's huge 264 final game was enough to close the gap and finish in first place.

The event was the highest scoring Midwest Regional of the 2021 season.

**PBA50 Western Bowling Proprietors Insurance Greater Freeport Midwest RPI
Open
4 Seasons Bowl, Freeport, IL, Friday, December 3 – Sunday, December 5, 2021**

Final Match Play Standings (including match play bonus pins)

1. Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 5-3-0, 3,944, 237.13 avg, \$2,000
2. Lennie Boresch, Jr, Kenosha, Wis., 5-3-0, 3,930, 236.25 avg, \$1,200
3. Tom Adcock, Decatur, Ill., 6-2-0, 3,825, 227.81 avg, \$900
4. John Marsala, St Louis, Mo., 6-2-0, 3,779, 224.94 avg, \$700
5. Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 4-4-0, 3,742, 226.38 avg, \$675
6. Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 2-6-0, 3,683, 226.44 avg, \$650
7. N – Steven Brinkman, Sussex, Wis., 4-4-0, 3,608, 218 avg, \$625
8. Larry Verble, Mason, Mich., 0-8-0, 3,530, 220.63 avg, \$600

Other Cashers (after eight games)

9. Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 1,681, 210.13 avg, \$470
10. Tom Hess, Granger, Iowa, 1,674, 209.25 avg, \$460
11. Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 1,671, 208.88 avg, \$450

Super Senior Cashers (after eight games)

15. SS – Robert Kicmal, LaGrange, Ill., 1,642, 205.25 avg, \$293
16. SS – James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., 1,629, 203.63 avg, \$293

Key:

SS – Designates Super Senior entry
N – Designates Non-Member entry

PBA REGIONAL PLAYERS INVITATIONAL BEGINS MONDAY

DECEMBER 31, 2021 JEF GOODGER

Top Regional players from the 2021 season compete for a \$100,000 prize fund

Las Vegas—The 2022 PBA Regional Players Invitational (RPI) will feature the top 120 PBA regional players based on competition points earned during the 2021 season and take place January 3-5 at South Point Bowling Plaza. Every round of competition will be streamed live on pba.com and the [PBA Facebook page](#).

Here are some of the storylines heading into the RPI:

THE BEST 120 PBA REGIONAL PLAYERS

Based on competition points earned over the course of the 2021 PBA Regional season, the top 54 players (eight each from the West, Southwest, Midwest, Central, East and South regions and six from the Northwest region) earned automatic berths into the RPI. The top 26 PBA50 players (two from the Northwest and four from each of the other regions) also earned spots in the RPI. The remaining 40 spots were earned through tournament qualifiers held in each region.

Players who are in the top 50 in national PBA Tour points are ineligible to compete in the RPI.

With a \$100,000 total prize fund and \$20,000 to the winner, the RPI is specifically designed to showcase and reward PBA regional competitors.

[View the full roster here](#)

FATHERS AND SONS

Two father-son combinations will be competing in the RPI: 28-time regional champion Eugene McCune and his son, Kevin, and Craig Tuholski and his son, Chris. Kevin McCune recently won his first PBA Regional title to make the McCunes (along with Eugene's father, Don) the first three-generation champions in PBA history. The Tuholskis are both regional champions as well, with Craig holding 11 titles and Chris three, including two earned in 2021.

HALL OF FAMERS

Five members of the PBA Hall of Fame earned their way into the field: Tom Baker, Parker Bohn III, Ron Mohr, Pete Weber and Mark Williams. USBC Hall of Famer Lennie Boresch Jr. will also be competing.

WALTER RAY WILLIAMS JR. TROPHY

The winner of the RPI will receive a \$20,000 first prize and the Walter Ray Williams Jr. trophy, named in honor of the player with the most victories in PBA history. Williams has 47 PBA Tour titles, 15 PBA50 titles and 59 regional titles (35 standard, 23 PBA50 and one PBA60).

RPI COMPETITION SCHEDULE

South Point Bowling Plaza – Las Vegas

Monday, January 3

3 p.m. ET – Qualifying (8 games)

Tuesday, January 4

1 p.m. ET – Qualifying (8 games)

8 p.m. ET – Round of 32 match play (best of five)

10 p.m. ET – Round of 24 match play (best of five)

Wednesday, January 5

11:30 a.m. ET – Round of 16 match play (best of three)

1 p.m. ET – Round of 8 match play (best of three)

3 p.m. ET – Semifinals (one game)

3:30 p.m. ET – Championship (one game)