Sunday On ESPN: GEICO WSOB IX Concludes with World Bowling Tour Finals at 1 p.m. ET

RENO, Nev. (Jan. 3, 2018) – ESPN's coverage of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX presented by Eldorado Resorts Reno Properties concludes with the seventh World Bowling Tour Men's and Women's Finals presented by PBA Sunday at 1 p.m. EST from the National Bowling Stadium.

After competing in selected PBA-WBT international events in 2017, the top three points earners in men's and women's divisions earned berths in separate stepladder finals which are part of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA ESPN schedule.

Competing in the women's semifinal match will be No. 3 qualifier Shalin Zulkifli, an international star from Malaysia, against two-time defending WBT Finals champion Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, N.Y., the No. 2 qualifier. The winner will take on top qualifier Diana Zavjalova of Latvia for the championship and a \$12,000 first prize.

In the men's semifinal, No. 3 qualifier Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., will try to improve upon his thirdplace finish in 2017, meeting PBA World Championship runner-up Jesper Svensson of Sweden, in the semifinal match with the winner taking on top qualifier and PBA World Championship winner Jason Belmonte of Australia. The men's winner will also receive \$12,000.

Belmonte will be trying for his first WBT Finals victory after winning the PBA World Championship – his record third major title of the 2017 season – earlier in WSOB IX.

The WBT Finals will once again feature World Bowling's "Current Frame" scoring system, where players earn 30 pins a frame for each strike, 10 pins plus the total from their first shot of that frame for a spare, or actual total pinfall for the frame for an open frame. The alternative scoring format consists of 10 frames, the same as in a traditional game, but there are no additional shots in the 10th frame if a player strikes or spares. The maximum score is still 300 if a player strikes in all 10 frames.

The WBT Finals was established in 2011 when the PBA and World Bowling joined forces to conduct several PBA/WBT international events during the season. The Finals, which does not count for an official PBA title, was created to showcase the top men and women performers who competed in professional events around the globe.

PBA Spare Shots

2018 PBA LEAGUE DRAFT MOVES TO SATURDAY, FEB. 17, IN INDIANAPOLIS

The 2018 PBA League draft, originally scheduled for Monday, Feb. 12, is moving to Saturday, Feb. 17 at 10:30 a.m. at Woodland Bowl. The draft, which will fill vacancies on all eight PBA League teams, will be live streamed on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel.

Here's a revised summary of how the 2018 PBA League draft will work:

i. • Each team manager will protect up-to three players from their 2017 roster according to the following deadlines. Protected players for each team will be announced on the following Monday: the Dallas Strikers (manager Norm Duke) and Portland Lumberjacks (Tim Mack) will select their protected players by Sunday; Silver Lake Atom Splitters (Mark Baker) and Philadelphia Hitmen (Jason Couch) by Jan. 14; LA X (Andrew Cain) and NYC Kingpins (Carolyn Dorin-Ballard) by Jan. 21 and the Motown Muscle (Del Ballard Jr.) and Brooklyn Styles (Johnny Petraglia) by Jan. 28.

• The final roster spots will be filled during the 2018 PBA League draft on Saturday, Feb.
 17, at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis, site of the Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic. Xtra Frame will cover the draft live.

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v. • The draft order will be in reverse order of finishing positions in 2017 for both rounds (No. 8 Brooklyn will select first followed by Motown, NYC, L.A., Philadelphia, Silver Lake, Portland and Dallas. There will not be a "serpentine" reverse order this year. vi.

• Players eligible to be drafted will consist of the top 75 PBA players on the PBA Tour/WBT earnings list for 2017 plus 2018 events through the PBA Tournament of Champions, which ends Feb. 11. Note that players from 2017 teams left off the protected list will not be automatically eligible; they must be on the top 75 earnings list to be eligible. The eligibility list will be published on Monday, Feb. 12, and those players must then declare for the draft by Thursday, Feb. 15.

PBA STAR DANNY WISEMAN ELECTED TO USBC HALL OF FAME

Baltimore's **Danny Wiseman**, a 12-time PBA Tour champion and 2013 PBA Hall of Fame inductee, has been elected to the United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame along with former PWBA star **Tennelle Milligan**.

Wiseman, 50, won his only major title in the 2004 USBC Masters which was contested on speciallyconstructed lanes in the infield of Miller Park in Milwaukee. It was the first championship bowling event ever held in a major league baseball stadium. He will be inducted during ceremonies as part of the USBC Annual Meeting at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, Nev., on April 25.

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QUICK NOTES

• Three-time PBA Regional champion **Missy Parkin** and husband Drew are the elated parents of their first child, **Drew Steven Parkin Jr.,** who arrived on Dec. 30 at 6:41 a.m., weighing in at 8 lbs., 6 oz., and measuring 19 inches long.

• Former PBA member **Jack Horner** of Belpre, Ohio, died Dec. 30 at the age of 87. Horner, who was a PBA member from 1972 to 2001, owned one PBA regional title. He competed on the PBA50 Tour for several years compiling 11 match play appearances and 37 cashes in 129 tournaments. He was a member of the Parkersburg and West Virginia Bowling Halls of Fame.

• **Neil Gahl** of Wilton, N.Y., is the winner of a new high-performance ball from DV8; **Allen Pankow** of Lonsdale, Minn., will receive a new high-performance ball from MOTIV, and **Kelly Lake** of East Palatka,

Fla., wins a new Brunswick ball as December sweepstakes winners for subscribing to Xtra Frame. The monthly sweepstakes is sponsored by the respective PBA Product Registered partners. Monthly winners are selected from among new Xtra Frame subscribers, who are automatically entered when they enroll as a monthly or Xtra Frame Season Ticket (full year) subscriber.

• **Brian Knauer** is the December winner of a \$200 HotelPlanner.com certificate, redeemable for future lodging expenses, compliments of PBA's official travel partner. The monthly sweepstakes is open to anyone who books a hotel through the HotelPlanner.com link on<u>pba.com</u>. Those who book through HotelPlanner.com are automatically entered.

Belmonte, Zavjalova Win World Bowling Tour Finals

Two title matches come down to final frames in WSOB IX Finale

RENO, Nev. (Jan. 7, 2018) – Top World Bowling Tour Finals qualifiers Jason Belmonte of Australia and Latvia's Diana Zavjalova capped a 2017 PBA/WBT season with wins in the World Bowling Tour Men's and Women's Finals televised Sunday on ESPN from the National Bowling Stadium.

The Finals, which were part of GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX presented by Eldorado Resort Reno Properties and the 2017-18 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season, used the experimental "Current Frame" WBT scoring system which awards 30 points for a strike, 10 plus pinfall on first ball of the frame for a spare, and the total pinfall for the frame for an open. There are no bonus or "fill" shots in the 10th frame and the maximum score is still 300.

The World Bowling Tour Finals featured the top three players in WBT points in men's and women's divisions during the 2017 season with each division competing in a separate stepladder final.

Heading into the ninth frame of the drama-filled men's championship match with a 10-pin lead, No. 3 qualifier and last year's third-place finisher Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., failed to convert a 10 pin spare leaving the door open for a Belmonte win in the 10th.

In the 10th, Belmonte closed with a 267 game forcing Kent to strike to tie the match. Kent came through with a pressure-filled solid pocket hit to also close with 267 forcing a sudden-death roll-off. Belmonte won the roll-off with a strike in the first frame to Kent's eight-count after he left the 2-8.

"Yeah, I was worried," said Belmonte referring to Kent's fast start with the first five strikes in a row. "Fortunately, after the spare in the first frame I was able to put five strikes together to get back in the match and then it was like anything could happen at that point."

For Belmonte, it was his second consecutive WSOB IX win after his recent milestone PBA World Championship win on ESPN for a record third major win of the season and ninth of his career.

"It's a unique feeling the pressure you feel to get a strike when it comes down to one shot after you've travelled the world to get to this point," Belmonte added. "The pressure you feel to get a strike was like the inside of your body wanting to be on the outside."

In the semi-final match, Kent advanced to the championship match with a 231-224 win over No. 2 qualifier Jesper Svensson of Sweden, who finished second to Belmonte in the World Championship.

In another tightly contested title match, Zavjalova beat two-time defending champion Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, N.Y., 235-232, to win the women's final.

With the match even in the fifth frame, McEwan opened in the sixth after missing a 1-2-4-10 washout giving Zavjalova a 25-pin lead. However, McEwan was able to come back and overtake Zavjalova with an eight-pin lead after striking in the seventh, eighth and ninth frames while Zavjalova could only manage spares in those frames.

With the match coming down to the 10th, Zavjalova finished with a strike to post her 235. Needing a strike to win, McEwan left a solid 10 pin handing the win to Zavjalova.

"I didn't feel comfortable in the middle of the game, but that's going to happen now and then," said Zavjalova, who was competing in her first WBT final. "I just had to deal with what was in front of me and hope it was good enough to win.

"When Danielle put those three strikes together at the end of the game I thought I had lost the match," she added. "After I struck in the 10th it was out of my hands at that point—whatever happens, happens. It was just my day today."

In the semifinal, McEwan defeated international standout Shalin Zulkifli of Malaysia 244-231 to advance to the title match.

WORLD BOWLING TOUR FINALS Presented by PBA National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev. (aired Jan. 7 on ESPN)

Women's Finals

- 1, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, \$12,500.
- 2, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., \$7,500.

3, Shalin Zulkifli, Malaysia, \$5,000.

First match: McEwan def. Zulkifli, 244-231; Championship match: Zavjalova def. McEwan, 235-232.

Men's Finals

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- 2, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., \$7,500.
- 3, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, \$5,000.

First match: Marshall def. Svensson, 231-224; Championship match: Belmonte tied Marshall, 267-267. Belmonte won one-ball roll-off, 10-8.

Jason Belmonte Sweeps End-of-Year Stats, Sets PBA Average Record

Australia's two-handed star wins third PBA George Young Memorial High Average Award

CHICAGO (Jan. 9, 2018) – Australia's Jason Belmonte put an exclamation mark on another sensational year in Professional Bowlers Association competition by sweeping the PBA Tour's two most defining statistical categories for 2017 – official earnings and scoring average, which included a record scoring pace.

Belmonte concluded his 2017 season with a victory in the PBA World Championship in Reno, Nev., to become the first player in PBA history to win three major championships in a single season. The finishing touches to his four-title season included a Tour-best \$238,912 in total earnings, and a third George Young Memorial High Average Award after posting a record 229.39 average for 380 games bowled.

Belmonte, who previously won George Young High Average Awards for the 2012-13 and 2014 seasons, broke his own scoring record of 228.81 set during the 2012-13 season. He won the average contest by 2.5 pins-per-game over fellow two-handed competitor Jesper Svensson of Sweden, who scored at a 226.88 pace for 308 games in 2017. Svensson was the 2016 George Young Award winner with a 226.07 average.

Belmonte, who also led the PBA in earnings in 2012-13 and 2014, finished that race more than \$7,000 ahead of runner-up EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., who took \$220,708 to the bank last season.

For complete lists of PBA earnings and average leaders for 2017, as well as other stats and records, visit <u>pba.com</u> (<u>https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/TotalWinnings/95</u>).

EDITOR'S NOTE: Final top 20 2017 PBA Earnings and Average leaders are attached in a Word document to retain formatting.

Timeless PBA Legend Carmen Salvino to Make History in Indianapolis...Again

At age 84, PBA founding member to become only player to bowl in first and 60th anniversary PBA events

INDIANAPOLIS (Jan. 11, 2018) – When timeless Professional Bowler Association star Carmen Salvino laces up his bowling shoes and throws his first ball in competition in the Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic on Tuesday, Feb. 13, at Woodland Bowl, he'll set a record that will never be matched.

At age 84, PBA's most famous showman will become the only player to bowl in the first PBA tournament ever held – the 1959 Empire State Open at Schade's Academy in Albany, N.Y. – and the 2018 tournament at Woodland Bowl that will celebrate the PBA's 60th year of continuous competition.

He'll break his own record which he set when he bowled in the PBA's 50th anniversary gala in Las Vegas at the age of 74. And he'll improve upon his own record as the oldest player ever to bowl in a PBA Tour event.

"I bowled in the 50th in Las Vegas, and I'll probably be around to bowl in the 70th," he said with a chuckle. "I hope there are still bowling writers around, too. I need the press. I need people to get the word out. I'm still going for headlines.

"It makes sense to me to bowl (in Indianapolis)," the 17-time PBA Tour titlist and 1975 PBA Hall of Fame inductee said. "Not only did I bowl the first tournament in PBA history, but I was one of the seven guys who met before the meeting (in 1958) to create the PBA."

The formation meeting Salvino referred to was a gathering of 33 of the most famous bowlers of that era in Syracuse, N.Y., in 1958, where they each pledge \$50 to PBA founder Eddie Elias to become the founding members of the new organization.

Before that famous meeting, Dick Hoover, Dick Weber, Don Carter, Whitey Harris, Steve Nagy, Buzz Fazio and Salvino met in New Jersey with Elias, an attorney from Akron, Ohio, who was introduced to the group by Hoover.

"Elias had talked to Carter and he flew in to talk to us about creating a new tournament program for the bowling stars of the era," Salvino said.

"I was there representing Chicago. The group was composed of guys who were the most important bowlers in their regions. Elias was talking during the meeting and someone started talking; I think it was Fazio. I remember I had a Coke bottle, and I slammed it on a desk to make them shut up and listen. After that Eddie called me his sergeant-at-arms (Salvino laughed). Eddie would call me privately to talk about problems because he knew I wouldn't give him any crap; I'd always give him an honest answer."

Salvino, who exudes confidence and wears his age as a badge of courage, has a lifetime of stories to tell, but even in his advancing years, he is taking his competitive abilities as seriously as he did when he became a PBA founding member at age 25, back in 1958.

"I'm getting in shape," he said as he prepares for his 731st career PBA Tour event. "I'm lifting weights, having soreness in muscles I didn't know I had. I'm getting my (ball) speed up again. When people watch me throw the ball, they're going to be surprised I can throw the ball with speed and hook.

"What I've got to do (in Indianapolis) is get the first 11 (strikes) and then I'm going to turn around and ask my crowd for a standing ovation," he laughed, "and then I'm going to throw the 12th strike."

Salvino has enormous respect for today's young PBA stars, but he also issued a warning.

"These young kids are great bowlers," he said. "I'll probably make a little speech in the locker room before we start and I'll tell them I'm 84, and if I don't come in last, the guys I beat are going to hear from me.

"They needle me a lot, but that's what I love," he continued. "I'll give it right back to them. That's the part of the game I miss. If they don't needle you, that means they don't like you. I'm going to bowl because I can still go in the locker room and get that feeling that I'm 24 again. You can't buy that feeling."

Salvino is also coming to Indianapolis because it's an easy drive from his home in Schaumburg, Ill.; his wife of 61 years (Ginny) can come along, and he wants to hear the PBA Hall of Fame induction speeches by Chris Barnes, Ron Mohr and the late Don Mitchell's representative, which will be part of the Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Celebration dinner Saturday evening, Feb. 17.

"Ginny's coming to watch," he said with another laugh. "The woman's up for sainthood. Anyone who can be with me for 61 years and still be sane deserves sainthood."

Regarding the hall of fame ceremonies, he noted, "I want to hear from the guys who are inducted. On the lanes, you hear them from a different viewpoint, but hall of fame speeches always give you a different side of their personalities."

Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic competition will begin on Tuesday, Feb. 13, and it will conclude on Sunday, Feb. 18, when the top five players will compete in the live ESPN finals at 1 p.m. EST. The tournament, which is part of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule, will feature a format that was a standard for years – 24 games of qualifying followed by the top 24 qualifiers meeting in 24 games of head-to-head, round robin match play. All of the preliminary rounds will be live streamed on PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame (to subscribe, visit <u>xtraframe.tv</u>).

Admission tickets for the tournament and for the 60th anniversary celebration dinner can be purchased online (<u>https://www.pba.com/Tickets</u>). To enter the Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic pro/am, call Woodland Bowl at <u>317-844-4099</u>.

GO BOWLING! PBA 60TH ANNIVERSARY CLASSIC Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, Feb. 12-18

Monday, February 12

3 p.m. – Official tournament practice session

Tuesday, February 13

9 a.m. – A Squad, 8 qualifying games 4 p.m. – B Squad, 8 qualifying games

Wednesday, February 14

9 a.m. – B Squad, 8 qualifying games 4 p.m. – A Squad, 8 qualifying games Top 25 percent of field after 16 games advance to cashers' round

Thursday, February 15

9 a.m. - Cashers round, 8 games
Top 24 players after 24 games advance to round robin match play
6 p.m. - Top 24, 8 games round robin match play

Friday, February 16

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

6 p.m. – Top 24, 8 games round robin match play

Top 5 players after 48 games advance to live ESPN stepladder finals

Saturday, February 17

10:30 a.m. – PBA League Draft Noon, 2:30 p.m. – Pro/Am squads 6:30 p.m. – Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Celebration Dinner and Hall of Fame induction ceremonies (Marriott North)

Sunday, February 18

1 p.m. (EST) – Top 5, live ESPN stepladder finals

PBA Spare Shots

VOTING BEGINS TO SELECT 2017 PBA PLAYER, ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Voting among PBA members and veteran members of the bowling news media is underway to select the 2017 GEICO Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year and the Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year.

Candidates for PBA Player of the Year, in alphabetical order, are **Dom Barrett, Jason Belmonte, Ryan Ciminelli, Tommy Jones, Marshall Kent, Rhino Page, Sean Rash, Anthony Simonsen, Jesper Svensson** and **EJ Tackett**. Rookie of the Year candidates are**Andrew Anderson, AJ Chapman, Nick Kruml, Matt Sanders** and **Kyle Sherman**.

The winners of those two awards, plus the 2017 Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award winner (selected by PBA Tour players) and the 2017 Tony Reyes Memorial Community Service Award (selected by a special PBA panel) will be announced on Wednesday, Jan. 17, and all four winners will be presented their awards during a live presentation as part of the Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Celebration Dinner at the Marriott North in Indianapolis on Saturday, Feb. 17.

The celebration dinner, which also will include the PBA Hall of Fame induction ceremonies for **Chris Barnes, Ron Mohr** and the late **Don Mitchell** will be live streamed on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel. Tickets for the dinner, which is open to the public, are available on <u>pba.com (https://www.pba.com/Tickets</u>).

DALLAS, PORTLAND ANNOUNCE PLAYERS PROTECTED FOR PBA LEAGUE DRAFT

Dallas Strikers player-manager **Norm Duke** and Portland Lumberjacks manager **Tim Mack** has kicked off the 2018 PBA League draft program by protecting three players each from their 2017 rosters.

Duke, the only person who serves a dual role as an active player as well as team manager, will return **Tommy Jones** and **Bill O'Neill** to his roster for 2018 Elias Cup PBA League competition which will take place April 20-22 at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine. Duke's Dallas Strikers are the two-time defending champions and Duke is the reigning Mark Roth PBAL Most Valuable Player.

The hometown Lumberjacks, runners-up in 2017, will retain left-hander **Ryan Ciminelli**, veteran team anchor bowler **Wes Malott** and two-hander **Kyle Troup**.

Under PBAL rules for 2018, each team manager can protect up to three players from the team's 2017 roster. Next up, Silver Lake Atom Splitters manager **Mark Baker** and Philadelphia Hitmen manager **Jason Couch** will select their protected players, who will be announcednext Monday. LA X (**Andrew Cain**) and NYC Kingpins (**Carolyn Dorin-Ballard**) will make their selections by January 21, and the Motown Muscle (**Del Ballard Jr.**) and Brooklyn Styles (**Johnny Petraglia**) will round out the protected player process by January 28.

The PBA League draft will take place on Saturday, Feb. 17 at 10:30 a.m. at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis when managers will fill any open spots on their rosters. The draft will be live streamed on Xtra Frame. The draft order will be reverse order of finish from last year, beginning with No. 8 Brooklyn followed by Motown, NYC, LA, Philadelphia, Silver Lake, Portland and Dallas. Players eligible to be drafted will consist of the top 75 PBA on the National Tour/WBT earnings list for 2017 plus 2018 events through the PBA Tournament of Champions which ends Feb. 11.

CP3 PBA CELEBRITY INVITATIONAL RED CARPET INTERVIEWS SET FOR YOUTUBE

Leading up to the 2018 State Farm CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational presented by GoBowling.com, which will be telecast on ESPN on Super Bowl Sunday (Feb. 4) at 2 p.m. EST, PBA's YouTube channel will feature a series of red carpet interviews with PBA Tour stars and celebrity participants, starting with tournament host Houston Rockets All-Star guard **Chris Paul** on Jan. 15.

Following Chris Paul, the PBA YouTube interview schedule will include **Norm Duke**, Jan. 16; **Sean Rash**, Jan. 17; **James Harden**, Jan. 22; **EJ Tackett**, Jan. 23; **DJ Archer**, Jan. 24; **Terrell**

Owens, Jan. 29; Pete Weber, Jan. 30; Oscar Nunez, Jan. 31; Mookie Betts, Feb. 2 and Bill O'Neill, Feb. 3.

To view the CP3 red carpet interviews, or any of dozens of other PBA video clips, visit: https://www.youtube.com/user/PBAProBowlersAssn.

PETE WEBER RE-LIVES 2012 U.S. OPEN TITLE IN NEW PBA PLAYER'S PERSPECTIVE

The Xtra Frame Player's Perspective series returns Thursday with PBA legend **Pete Weber** re-living his emotional victory in the 2012 U.S. Open. Player's Perspective is a special series of personal conversations about key moments in PBA history, available first to Xtra Frame subscribers and a week later to all fans on PBA's YouTube channel.

Xtra Frame subscription packages are offered for seven days, a full month or a 12-month Xtra Frame Season Ticket. Visit <u>xtraframe.com</u> for details on how to subscribe.

A number of Player's Perspective features are currently available on PBA's YouTube channel. The new series will debut on Thursday in the coming weeks. Next up, on Jan. 18, will be **Rhino Page**'s insights into his personal breakthrough in winning the 2017 Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic in Clearwater, Ohio. Page's Player's Perspective will then debut on YouTube on Jan. 25. Additional perspectives will be announced in the coming weeks.

CODY HECKMAN WINS "BEAT THE CHEETAH CHAMPION" CHALLENGE

Cody Heckman of South Bend, Ind., is the winner of Concrete Software's "Cheetah Challenge," a justfor-fun sweepstakes conduct in conjunction with the PBA Cheetah Championship finals, presented by the company's PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game.

Under the contest rules, PBA Bowling Challenge players were invited to "bowl" a virtual game on their mobile devices to try to beat the 245 game **Jesper Svensson** rolled in actually winning the PBA Cheetah Championship. Every score that topped Svensson's 245 automatically entered the player into a drawing to win 5,000 Gold Pins (in-game currency) and a PBA bowling pin signed by Svensson.

Speaking of Concrete Software's PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game, this week marked the addition of another new PBA League venue to test your skills. The Motown Muscle venue was introduced on Jan. 4; Thursday will introduce the Philadelphia Hitmen venue to the game.

Everyone with a mobile device is invited to join the fun. The PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game app is a free download at Google Play and Apple App stores. Use these links: Google Play: <u>http://bit.ly/PBABowlingChallengeAnd</u> or Apple App Store: <u>http://bit.ly/PBABowlingChallengeiOS</u>

PBA STARS LAND BERTHS ON TEAM USA 2018

Led by **Kyle Troup** of Taylorsville, N.C., who captured the 2018 USBC Team USA Trials titles on Sunday, in Las Vegas, another group of PBA stars will bowl for the United States as members of Team USA 2018.

Troup finished the 2018 event with 21 ranking points over five qualifying rounds on five different lane conditions at The Orleans to earn his first berth on Team USA. The 26-year-old two-hander, who will represent Team USA in the 2018 QubicaAMF World Cup, will be joined on the team by PBA members **AJ Johnson** of Oswego, Ill.; **Jakob Butturff** of Tempe, Ariz., and **Darren Tang** of San Francisco, who earned berths based on qualifying; **Andrew Anderson** of Holly, Mich., and **Marshall Kent** of Yakima, Wash, who were picked by the National Selection Committee, and **Chris Barnes** of Double Oak, Texas; **Tommy Jones** of Simpsonville, S.C.; **EJ Tackett** of Huntington, Ind.; **Michael Tang** of San Francisco and **Chris Via** of Springfield, Ohio, who were selected by the National Selection Committee based on submitted resumes.

Several of the women's team members also have extensive PBA experience in PBA Tour, PBA Regional or PBA Women's Series competition, including team trials winner **Shannon O'Keefe** of O'Fallon, Ill. Others who earned or were selected for team berths include **Kelly Kulick**, Union, N.J.; **Stefanie Johnson**, McKinney, Texas; **Shannon Pluhowsky**, Dayton, Ohio; **Liz Kuhlkin**, Schenectady, N.Y.; **Danielle McEwan**, Stony Point, N.Y. and **Missy Parkin**, Laguna Hills, Calif.

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QUICK NOTES

• The PBA has learned that **Rob Hoffman** of Freehold, N.J., a PBA member since 1993, died Dec. 22 at the age of 52. He had a best regional and PBA50 regional finish of fourth. He was a member of the Monmouth County Bowling Hall of Fame and owned 32 sanctioned 300 games.

PBA Tournament of Champions Kicks Off 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour Season in U.S. Feb. 5-11

First major of 2018 to feature live ESPN telecast on Feb. 11 from historic AMF Riviera Lanes

FAIRLAWN, Ohio (Jan. 12, 2018) - As host of the Professional Bowlers Association Tournament of Champions from 1966 to 1994, AMF Riviera Lanes in Fairlawn, Ohio has been the scene of some of the most memorable moments in PBA history.

That tradition will resume when AMF Riviera Lanes hosts the return of the PBA's signature tournament Feb. 5-11 after a 24-year absence. The first major championship of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour 60th Anniversary season will culminate with a live ESPN finals telecastSunday, Feb. 11 at 1 p.m. EST.

Highlighting the list of PBA champions competing for the title will be a cast of former TOC winners including defending champion EJ Tackett, Jesper Svensson (2016), Jason Belmonte (2014, 2015); PBA Hall of Famers Pete Weber (1989, 2013), Norm Duke (1994), Johnny Petraglia (1971), Sean Rash (2012), Chris Barnes (2006) and Tommy Jones (2007).

With nine PBA major wins to his credit, the spotlight will be focused on Belmonte as the 34-year-old twohanded player from Australia has already established himself as one of PBA's all-time great players. During a PBA career that spans only 10 years, Belmonte is one major title away from tying Weber and Hall of Famer Earl Anthony for the most all-time major wins with 10.

When the TOC was last held at AMF Riviera Lanes in 1994, Duke won the event with a 217-184 victory over Eric Forkel. At that time, Belmonte was 11 years old and the PBA had never seen a two-handed player.

As the PBA's signature tournament, a player must have won a PBA title to be eligible to enter, and this time, Belmonte won't be the only two-handed player in the field. Of the 80 players who will compete this year, 70 will be PBA Tour winners – including two-handers Svensson (who became the youngest TOC winner ever when he won the 2016 title at age 21), Osku Palermaa of Finland and Texan Anthony Simonsen. An additional 10 players who are not national tour winners but own titles in PBA's other divisions (PBA50, regional, PBA50 regional), will have the opportunity to qualify for the field by competing in an eight-game TOC pre-tournament qualifier on Feb. 5.

Competition begins with two six-game qualifying rounds on Feb. 7 at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. The entire field will then return on Feb. 8 for a final six-game qualifying round at 11 a.m. After 18 qualifying games, the top 24 players will advance to the traditional TOC round-robin match play finals, bowling eight head-to-head-matches at 6 p.m. on Feb. 8, and on Feb. 9 at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Total pinfall for 42 games, including match play bonus pins, will determine the top five players for Sunday's stepladder finals.

PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame will provide full coverage of all preliminary rounds. Xtra Frame also will provide live coverage of a special best-of-three-game "King of Bowling" match between the reigning KOB, Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, and a challenger who will be selected in fan voting. For subscription and schedule information visit <u>www.xtraframe.tv</u>.

The PBA Tournament of Champions originated in Indianapolis in 1962, but was discontinued until 1965 when it returned as the Firestone Tournament of Champions at Firestone Bowlarama in Akron, in the first year of PBA's long-standing "Pro Bowlers Tour" series on ABC-TV. The event moved to Riviera Lanes in 1966 and continued there through 1994.

The 2018 Tournament of Champions will be the first of three consecutive PBA Tour events that are part of PBA's "Big February" schedule, all featuring live ESPN finals. Following the TOC will be the Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic Feb. 13-18 from historic Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis and the season's

second major, the Barbasol PBA Players Championship from Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl in Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 19-25.

Spectator passes for the TOC pre-tournament qualifier on Feb. 5 and the official practice session on Feb. 6 are \$10. Spectator passes for qualifying and match play rounds Feb. 7-9 range from \$15-\$20 with allday passes available for \$20 and \$30. Tickets for the stepladder finals range from \$30-\$50, if purchased in advance online at <u>www.pba.com/tickets</u>, and \$50-\$70 if purchased at the door. Tickets for all preliminary rounds will be available at the door.

Grassroots league bowlers who would like to participate in the TOC pro-am will have three opportunities on Saturday, Feb. 10. Squads will bowl at noon, 3 and 6 p.m. For pro-am entry information, contact AMF Riviera Lanes at <u>330-836-7985</u>.

PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS SCHEDULE AMF Riviera Lanes, Fairlawn, Ohio, Feb. 5-11 (all times Eastern)

Monday, February 5

3 p.m. - Pre-Tournament Qualifier (8 games)

Tuesday, February 6

2 p.m. - Practice Session 6:30 p.m. – Xtra Frame King of Bowling match (Wes Malott vs. challenger to be decided, best of three games)

Wednesday, February 7

11 a.m. - Qualifying Round 1 (6 games) 6 p.m. - Qualifying Round 2 (6 games)

Thursday, February 8

11 a.m. - Qualifying Round 3 (6 games) 6 p.m. - Match Play Round 1 (8 games)

Friday, February 9

11 a.m. - Match Play Round 2 (8 games) 6 p.m. - Match Play Round 3 (8 games)

Saturday, February 10 Noon, 3 p.m., 6 p.m. – Pro-am squads

Sunday, February 11 1 p.m. - ESPN Stepladder Finals

Advance tickets for stepladder finals are available by visiting <u>www.pba.com/tickets</u>. Contact AMF Riviera Lanes at (330) 836-7985 for additional ticket and pro-am entry information or visit <u>RivieraLanes@amf.com</u>

Another Stellar Season for Jakob Butturff Highlights 2017 PBA Regional Awards

CHICAGO (Jan. 16, 2018) - PBA Tour standout Jakob Butturff of Chandler, Ariz., didn't match his record-breaking 2016 season that included a record nine PBA Regional wins, but he did keep the momentum going with four wins in 2017, and that was enough to successfully defend his PBA West and Northwest Region Player of the Year honors.

Bowling in a combined nine tournaments in the West and Northwest, Butturff also compiled three other top-five finishes which included a second, third and a fifth place while also leading his fellow regional competitors with a 236 average.

Butturff's accomplishments in 2017 were among the highlights of the PBA Regional Award winners, announced today by Director of the PBA Regional and PBA50 Tours John Weber, recognizing Players of the Year, Rookies of the Year, PBA50 Players of the Year and Pat Patterson Award winners, for contributions to the regional program, in each of its eight regions.

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

Here's a summary of the 2017 PBA Regional Award winners:

EAST – Matt O'Grady of Rahway, N.J., made the most of his seven regional events to earn Player of the Year with five top-five finishes that included one title and three second-place finishes. Rookie of the Year

went to Ryan Galli of Binghamton, N.Y., who had two fifth-place finishes and made match play in four of his six tournament appearances. Ray Edwards dominated the PBA50 Player of the Year race with two wins and four other top-five finishes in seven tournaments. Mike Healy of Yonkers, N.Y., was the Pat Patterson Award winner.

SOUTH – Cristian Azcona of San Juan, Puerto Rico, earned Player of the Year with five top-five finishes in seven tournaments including one win and three runner-up finishes. PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., earned PBA50 Player of the Year with four wins and two runner-up finishes in six tournaments. Kristian Sieradzki of Seminole, Fla., earned Rookie of the Year, cashing in five events and making two match play appearances in seven tournaments. Krystal Hall of Fayetteville, N.C., earned the Pat Patterson Award.

CENTRAL – It was a busy year for Canadian Graham Fach, who bowled extensively on the PBA Tour in addition to competing in 15 events in the Central Region where he compiled eight top-five finishes including one title, two second and two third-place finishes. Kyle Mayberry of Dayton, Ohio, collected four top-three finishes in 16 tournaments which included one win, a second and two third-place finishes to earn Rookie of the Year. PBA Tour player and PBA50 Tour regular Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio, won PBA50 Player of the Year honors in both the Central and Midwest Regions with a combined three titles, one runner-up and one third-place finish. PBA Tour player Dave Wodka of Clarksville, Tenn., was the Pat Patterson Award winner.

MIDWEST – PBA Tour player AJ Johnson of Oswego, Ill., put together a four-title season in the PBA Midwest Region and added a third-place finish in seven tournaments he entered to win Player of the Year. AJ Chapman of Manchester, Iowa, earned Rookie of the Year with one second-place and one fourth-place finish in four tournaments. Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio, took home PBA50 Player of the Year in the Midwest as well as the Central Region with a combined three titles and two other top-five finishes. Kevin Kullman of Lockport, Ill., won the Midwest's Pat Patterson Award.

SOUTHWEST – Another one of the PBA's Tour Canadian stars, Francois Lavoie, was the Southwest Player of the Year Award winner with three titles and three runner-up finishes in 10 tournaments. Kyle Sherman of O'Fallon, Ill., earned Rookie of the Year with two top-four finishes that included a title and a fourth-place finish. Mike Austin of Conroe, Texas earned the Pat Patterson Award. The Southwest did not award a PBA50 Player of the Year award.

WEST – Kyle King of Glendale, Ariz., earned Rookie of the Year with the help of one win and one thirdplace finish while also cashing in 10 tournaments. PBA Tour and PBA50 Tour standout Michael Haugen Jr. of Phoenix earned PBA50 Player of the Year with one win and two runner-up finishes. PBA Tour veteran Josh Blanchard of Mesa, Ariz. was the Pat Patterson Award winner for the West.

NORTHWEST – Rookie of the Year honors went to San Francisco's Michael Tang who had a best finish of fourth. PBA Tour and PBA50 Tour veteran Hugh Miller of Mercer Island, Wash., earned PBA50 Player of the Year honors with one win and two second-place finishes in four events. Longtime PBA50 Tour player Bob Harvey of Boise won the Pat Patterson Award for contributions to PBA's regional program.

JAPAN – The Japan Region's Pat Patterson Award winner was Ebonite International. Player and Rookie of the Year will be announced at a later date.

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. In all, approximately 150 regional events were conducted in 2017.

Jason Belmonte Races Away with 2017 GEICO PBA Player of the Year Award

PBA also honors Indiana rookie Matt Sanders, Ohio's Chris Loschetter, PBA Hall of Famer Del Ballard Jr.

CHICAGO (Jan. 17, 2018) – For the fourth time in the past five seasons, Australia's Jason Belmonte has been selected by the bowling news media and his fellow competitors as the GEICO Chris Schenkel Professional Bowlers Association Player of the Year.

The PBA's most prized individual achievement award for the 2017 season was announced today by PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark, who also announced that Matt Sanders, an Evansville, Ind., native now living in Indianapolis, is the 2017 Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year; Chris Loschetter of Avon, Ohio, is the Steve Nagy PBA Sportsmanship Award winner, and PBA Hall of Famer Del Ballard Jr. of Keller, Texas, is the recipient of PBA's Tony Reyes Memorial Community Service Award.

All four will receive their awards during the Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Celebration Dinner and Hall of Fame induction ceremonies on Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Indianapolis Marriott North. The entire celebration dinner will be live streamed on PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame.

Belmonte, after becoming the first player in PBA history to win three major championships among his four titles in 2017, was a landslide winner in balloting among his fellow PBA members and veteran bowling writers. At age 34 he joined Mark Roth as a four-time winner of the award. Walter Ray Williams Jr. is the all-time leader with seven Player of the Year Awards, followed by the late Earl Anthony with six.

"I am absolutely thrilled to be the PBA's Player of the Year," Belmonte said. "2017 was a really successful year for me and winning these awards just makes those successes even better. It really motivates me to continue to push myself even harder. I want to thank all the members who voted and also thank the PBA for giving me the opportunity to bowl on the best tour in the world."

The most successful two-handed player in bowling history led the PBA in earnings (\$238,912) and scoring average (a PBA record 229.39 for 380 games bowled), capped his 2017 season with a victory in the PBA World Championship for his ninth career major title after winning the Barbasol PBA Players Championship and an unprecedented fourth United States Bowling Congress Masters title earlier in the season. He also won the inaugural Storm Lucky Larsen Masters in Sweden for his fourth title of the year.

It was a great "comeback" after a less-than-Belmonte-like year in 2016 when he didn't win a PBA title after winning Player of the Year honors for three consecutive years, but, as Belmonte said, "2016 wasn't a bad year. It was a bad year on TV because I was letting things get to me, like winning a fourth straight POY."

Belmonte has pledged to himself that won't happen again in 2018.

"I don't want to have that conversation, that I was too busy thinking about Player of the Year to bowl well," he said. "That's not going to happen; I'm not going to let myself do that. If another player has a better year than I do, it's not going to be because I was thinking about end of year awards."

2017 PBA Rookie of the Year Matt Sanders

Sanders, a 23-year-old left-hander and former two-time All-American with Marion University-Indiana, was the overwhelming choice over one of the strongest fields of rookies in recent PBA history.

He was the only rookie to win a PBA Tour title (in the Xtra Frame Billy Hardwick Memorial Open presented by Chris Hardwick at Billy Hardwick's All Star Lanes in Memphis, Tenn., in June). Sanders

qualified ninth for the match play elimination finals of the "throwback" plastic ball tournament, eventually defeating PBA50 Player of the Year Brian LeClair, 243-237, for the title.

He concluded his first season with a fifth-place finish in the PBA World Championship, losing a 10-7 sudden-death roll-off to Kyle Troup after they tied at 248-248 in the opening match of the World Championship finals.

"It's an honor just to be in the conversation with the bowlers who compete on tour," Sanders said. "I go into each tournament believing I can win. Sometimes, maybe I put a lot of pressure on myself to be the best I can be. I feel that when I'm at my best I can compete with anyone. I just need to relax and do what I do best and hopefully the rest will take care of itself.

"I bowled in 12 tournaments last year and to win one and finish fifth in the World Championship, I'm pretty satisfied with that. I plan to bowl a full schedule in 2018. Now it's up to me to build on a very satisfying 2017 season and see where that takes me."

Among PBA rookies in 2017, he was the average (215.84) and earnings (\$30,965) leader.

2017 Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award

Loschetter, a 37-year-old two-time PBA Tour champion, won the PBA's prestigious sportsmanship honor in voting among his fellow competitors, topping Denmark's Thomas Larsen and Canada's Francois Lavoie.

Loschetter, a two-time Junior Team USA member, completed a nine-year quest for his first PBA Tour title in the 2012 Wolf Open in Milwaukee and won his second as a member of the Merica Rooster Illusion team that won the 2016 PBA Team Challenge title in Las Vegas while still in recovery from his personal battle with testicular and abdominal cancer. Loschetter has been a member of the PBA League's Philadelphia Hitmen since the program's inception in 2013.

"I mentioned to some of my close friends that it's nice to be nominated, but I never expect it," Loschetter said. "It's very humbling; I'm honored to win it. I think a lot of it is how you treat people, probably more off the lanes and how you behave on the lanes. I think I used to be a bit more emotional but as I've grown older, I've calmed down.

"The big life change for me was really becoming a father," he added in regard to how his personality has evolved. "That definitely influenced me in how I want people to look at me. I want to be a good example for my son. Also, the way my parents raised me in church, to treat others the way you'd want to be treated. That made a big impact on me."

2017 Tony Reyes Memorial Community Service Award

PBA Hall of Famer Del Ballard Jr.'s life changed immediately, and dramatically, in May 2010 when he was diagnosed with tonsil cancer. As Ballard had demonstrated over a PBA career that lasted nearly three decades and included 13 titles, he was a fighter. He wasn't about to succumb to "The Big C" without a battle.

One evening after a treatment, Ballard, wife Carolyn and a handful of friends got together at Ballard's house and laid the groundwork for what would become "Ballard Vs. The Big C" – or BVBC for short. Within three years, their fund-raising bowling tournament raised more than \$145,000. As of 2017, Cancer Care Services, Baylor Health Care and the North Texas Laryngectomy Society have received in excess of \$300,000 to carry out research on cancer treatments focused on the head, neck and throat.

"I'm really kind of shocked; when Tom (Clark) called, I figured he was going to yell at me for something I did wrong," said Ballard, who is known for his dry sense of humor.

"It takes a lot of people to do what we've done," he added on a more serious note. "A lot of people support us. It's a pretty incredible thing. I was telling someone recently that you always want to turn something negative into a positive. At the time (he learned of his cancer) it was a big negative, but we turned it into a big positive.

"We'll keep at it; my group won't let me quit. All you have to do is go with me to one doctor's appointment and you'll understand why I do what I do. As bad as my experience was, it's minor compared to what I see others are going through."

Ballard remains an active member of the PBA Tour as a manufacturer's representative for Storm Products as well as serving as manager of the PBA League Motown Muscle.

PBA Spare Shots

PBA TOUR GETTING READY TO RETURN TO ACTION

It won't be long before the PBA Tour returns to action for a fun-filled, memory-packed year of competition under the Go Bowling! PBA Tour banner.

After the 2017 season's top players kick off the new year in the DHC PBA Japan Invitational in Tokyo, Jan. 23-27 (live streamed on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel), the season kicks into full gear with a slate of headline tournaments in February: the return of the PBA Tournament of Champions to historic AMF Riviera Lanes in Fairlawn, Ohio, Feb. 5-11; the Go Bowling! 60th Anniversary PBA Classic at historic Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis, Feb. 13-18; and the Barbasol PBA Players Championship plus the Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship presented by BowlerX.com at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl in Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 19-25.

Speaking of the Roth-Holman Doubles event, the tournament roster is already at "sold out" status with a full field of 53 teams, including a number of notables including:

• Past Roth-Holman Doubles champions **Norm Duke** and **Wes Malott** (2011 and 2015), **Anthony Simonsen** and **Connor Pickford** (2016), and defending champions **Kyle Troup** and **Jesper Svensson**.

• International partners **Pontus Andersson** and **Markus Jansson** of Sweden; England's **Dom Barrett** and Finland's **Osku Palermaa;** Thailand's **Kim Bolleby** and Sweden's **Daniel Fransson**; Canadians **Patrick Girard** and **Zach Wilkins**; Japan's **Shota Kawazoe**and Malaysia's **Zulmazran Zulkifli**; Sweden's **Martin Larsen** and England's **Stuart Williams**; South Africa's **Francois Louw** and Ireland's **Christopher Sloan**; Mexico's **Arturo Quintero** and Venezuela's **Ildemaro Ruiz.**

• Brotherly duos will include **Darren and Michael Tang** of San Francisco along with England's **Richie** and **Ray Teece**.

• Women in the field will include PBA Tour titlist **Liz Johnson** bowling with **Anthony Pepe;** Latvia's **Diana Zavjalova** bowling with 2017 PBA Rookie of the Year **Matt Sanders**, and the allfemale team of **Danielle McEwan** and **Tannya Roumimper** of Malaysia.

• PBA Hall of Famers in the field, in addition to Duke, will include newly-inducted **Chris Barnes** with future Hall of Famer **Tommy Jones; Pete Weber** with Thailand's **Yannaphon Larpapharat**; **Walter Ray Williams Jr.** with **Tom Smallwood;** and **Wayne Webb** with**David Wodka**.

• Reigning PBA Player of the Year **Jason Belmonte** will team up with long-time doubles partner **Bill O'Neill.** Last year's runners-up and past PBA Rookies of the Year **EJ Tackett** and **Marshall Kent** will team up again.

That's just part of the field. To view the complete entry list, click

here: <u>https://www.pba.com/content/files/downloads/2018%20ROSTER%20DOUBLES%20(Columbus).pdf</u> While the Roth-Holman PBA Doubles Championship is a month away, it'll be fun to watch. Xtra Frame will live-stream the qualifying rounds of the PBA Players Championship – which also will serve as qualifying for the doubles events – and the Baker doubles qualifying rounds leading up to the Roth-Holman Doubles stepladder finals that will air on ESPN on Sunday, March 5, at 1 p.m. EST.

SILVER LAKE, PHILADELPHIA PLAYERS PROTECTED FOR PBA LEAGUE DRAFT

The second group of players protected from the PBA League Draft have been named by Silver Lake Atoms Splitters manager **Mark Baker** and Philadelphia Hitmen manager **Jason Couch.** Members of the respective 2017 rosters who will remain with their teams in 2018 include the Atom Splitters' **Chris Barnes, Jesper Svensson** and **Tom Daugherty**. Couch has protected **Dom Barrett, Tom Smallwood** and **Ronnie Russell**.

The two-time defending Elias Cup champion Dallas Strikers, led by player-manager **Norm Duke**, previously protected **Tommy Jones** and **Bill O'Neill** (in addition to himself) while Portland Lumberjacks manager **Tim Mack** retained **Ryan Ciminelli, Wes Malott** and **Kyle Troup**.

Under PBAL rules for 2018, each team manager can protect up to three players from the team's 2017 roster. Next up, will be LA X (**Andrew Cain**) and NYC Kingpins (**Carolyn Dorin-Ballard**) who have until Sunday to make their selections. The Motown Muscle (**Del Ballard Jr.**) and Brooklyn Styles (**Johnny Petraglia**) will round out the protected player process by January 28. Protected players will be announced on the following Monday.

The PBA League draft will take place on Saturday, Feb. 17 at 10:30 a.m. at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis when managers will fill any open spots on their rosters. The draft will be live streamed on Xtra Frame. The draft order will be reverse order of finish from last year, beginning with No. 8 Brooklyn followed by Motown, NYC, LA, Philadelphia, Silver Lake, Portland and Dallas. Players eligible to be drafted will consist of the top 75 PBA players on the National Tour/WBT earnings list for 2017 plus 2018 events through the PBA Tournament of Champions which ends Feb. 11.

NEW CP3 PBA CELEBRITY INVITATIONAL RED CARPET INTERVIEWS NOW ON YOUTUBE

As we close in on the State Farm CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational presented by GoBowling.com telecast on ESPN on Super Bowl Sunday (Feb. 4) at 2 p.m. EST, PBA's YouTube channel is posting a series of red carpet interviews with PBA Tour stars and celebrity participants.

Upcoming PBA YouTube interviews will include **James Harden**, Jan. 22; **EJ Tackett**, Jan. 23; **DJ Archer**, Jan. 24; **Terrell Owens**, Jan. 29; **Pete Weber**, Jan. 30; **Oscar Nunez**, Jan. 31; **Mookie Betts**, Feb. 2 and **Bill O'Neill**, Feb. 3.

Currently available on PBA's YouTube channel are interviews with tournament host and Houston Rockets All-Star guard **Chris Paul, Norm Duke** and **Sean Rash**. To view the CP3 red carpet interviews, or any of dozens of other PBA video clips, visit:<u>https://www.youtube.com/user/PBAProBowlersAssn</u>.

RHINO PAGE'S BREAKTHROUGH WIN FEATURED IN NEW PBA PLAYER'S PERSPECTIVE

The Xtra Frame Player's Perspective series, a special collection of personal conversations about key moments in PBA history, includes new features every Thursday, first to Xtra Frame subscribers and a week later to all fans on PBA's YouTube channel. This week's Perspective features **Rhino Page**'s insights into

his personal breakthrough in winning the 2017 Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic. Page's Perspective will then debut on YouTube on Jan. 25.

Xtra Frame subscription packages are offered for seven days, a full month or a 12-month Xtra Frame Season Ticket. Visit <u>xtraframe.com</u> for details on how to subscribe.

A number of Player's Perspective features are currently available on PBA's YouTube channel. The next XF Player's Perspective will feature Chris Barnes discussing his 2015 DHC PBA Japan Invitational title match. The conversation will debut on Xtra Frame on Jan. 25 and on YouTube on Feb. 1. Additional perspectives will be announced in the coming weeks.

CONCRETE SOFTWARE OFFERS "BEAT THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY" CHAMPION CHALLENGE

Based in great part on the exceptional popularity of the recent "Cheetah Challenge," a sweepstakes inviting PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game users to try to beat the 245 game **Jesper Svensson** bowled in winning the 2017 Cheetah title, Concrete Software is going to conduct another similar event.

In honor of Go Bowling! PBA Tour's 60th Anniversary season, the PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game will be offering a PBA 60th Anniversary tournament inside the new Anniversary venue. To enter, download PBA Bowling Challenge and start bowling on Feb. 19 at noon. Beat the score of the actual PBA 60th Anniversary Classic winner's score, and you'll be eligible to win the sweepstakes.

The Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic finals will air on ESPN on Feb. 18 at 1 p.m. EST. Each tournament score that beats the real-life winner's score will count as an entry. One entry will be randomly selected as the winner and will receive a bowling pin signed by a PBA star plus 5,000 Gold Pins! Players can enter scores between 1 p.m. EST on Feb. 19 and 12:59 a.m. EST on Feb. 26. Here is a link to the official rules <u>http://bit.ly/PBA60th_OfficialRules</u>.

To give you an idea of how popular the "Cheetah Challenge" was, Cody Heckman of South Bend, Ind., was the winner, but he entered the contest 70 times! Overall, the Cheetah tournament drew 93,576 entries. Around 70 percent of the contest players entered the tournament at least 10 times. One participant had 553 entries alone. Others entered between 200 and 300 times trying to beat Svensson's 245 game.

Everyone with a mobile device is invited to join the fun. The PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game app is a free download at Google Play and Apple App stores. Use these links: Google Play: <u>http://bit.ly/PBABowlingChallengeAnd</u> or Apple App Store: <u>http://bit.ly/PBABowlingChallengeiOS</u>

PBA TOUR FINALS TAPING MOVED TO FRIDAY AND SATURDAY MAY 4-5

The CBS Sports Network taping dates and times for the PBA Tour Finals at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Mich., have been changed to Friday, May 4 at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, May 5 at noon, 2:30 and 5:30 p.m. ET. The taping dates were originally scheduled for May 5 and 6.

A pro-am squad is scheduled for Sunday, May 6 at noon. Additional details regarding the pro-am, tickets and telecast dates/times will be announced soon.

The 2018 edition of the PBA Tour Finals will involve eight elite PBA stars who have dominated PBA's earnings chart over a span of more than two years. The special event marks PBA's return to CBS Sports Network for a series of five two-hour prime-time telecasts as part of the 2017-18 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule.

As the 2018 PBA Tour season begins, leading the list of qualifiers for 2018, based on total PBA Tour earnings for 2016 and 2017 as of Nov. 1, are defending champion **EJ Tackett** followed by **Jason**

Belmonte, Anthony Simonsen, Jesper Svensson, Dom Barrett, Tommy Jones, Marshall Kent and Sean Rash.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: REGIONAL PROGRAM RETURNS JAN. 19-21

PBA's Regional tournament program returns to action in the PBA Central Region over the Jan. 19-21 weekend with the PBA/PBA50 Don Vay Memorial Central Classic at Legend Lanes in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

• The PBA South Region returns to action in February with the PBA and PBA50 Break Point Alley Challenge events, both open to players who have not won a PBA title. Break Point Alley in Tavares, Fla., will host the doubleheader over the Feb. 9-11 weekend.

• The PBA South Region's second weekend of competition includes the PBA50 Dave Edwards Toyota Spartanburg South Open at Paradise Lanes in Spartanburg, S.C., over the Feb. 16-18 weekend.

• For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit <u>pba.com</u>, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area...and remember, you can follow "live scoring" for all PBA Regional events on <u>pba.com</u> (easily accessible for Apple device users using the new PBA app).

Jason Belmonte Aims For PBA Major Titles Records in Upcoming PBA Tournament of Champions and Barbasol PBA Players Championship

CHICAGO, Ill. (Jan. 23, 2018) - If he hasn't already, Australian two-hander Jason Belmonte is most certainly on the verge of adding his name to a list of elite PBA icons.

Belmonte concluded the 2017 PBA Tour season by winning the PBA World Championship at the age of 34. With his victory over fellow two-hander Jesper Svensson of Sweden, 238-225, in the title match, the Australian star collected his ninth career major title and a record three in one season. He trails only PBA greats Earl Anthony and Pete Weber who are tied at the top of the all-time list of PBA major title winners with 10 each.

Belmonte's first assault on the majors record will come when the PBA Tournament of Champions – PBA's signature championship – returns to its historic home at AMF Riviera Lanes in the Akron suburb of Fairlawn, Ohio, Feb. 5-11 with the live ESPN finals airing Sunday, Feb. 11 at 1 p.m. ET.

"I'm honored to be one win away from arguably the two best bowlers who ever lived on the all-time majors list," Belmonte said after his World Championship win at the recent GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX. "I don't know how I'll feel if I get to 10 majors, but I'll tell you that winning No. 9 was a pretty good feeling."

In all, Belmonte's major wins make up more than half of his 16 career PBA Tour titles and include a record four USBC Masters titles (2013, 2014, 2015, 2017), two Tournament of Champions titles (2014, 2015) and two Barbasol PBA Players Championship titles (2011, 2017) in addition to his World Championship crown. He is a U.S. Open title away from the PBA Triple Crown (U.S. Open, TOC and PBA World Championship, Grand Slam (Triple Crown plus Masters) and the "Super Slam" (Grand Slam plus Players Championship). A third TOC title would put him in elite company with PBA Hall of Famers Mike Durbin and Jason Couch, who are the only players to accomplish that feat.

"To be in this position at this stage of my career is really something I couldn't have dreamed of," Belmonte added. "Obviously, going forward my immediate goals are to surpass Earl and Pete but it's not an easy task. "Having won the Tournament of Champions and the Players Championship twice, I'm going into those tournaments with confidence but to win a major is difficult for the simple reason they demand more from you than other tournaments."

Entering his 10th Tour season, Belmonte also will have his eye on setting a record for shortest time to reach 10 major titles. He already owns the mark for shortest time span to win nine major titles. Since winning his first major in the 2011 Players Championship at age 27, Belmonte has won his nine major titles over a span of seven seasons (2011-17). It took Anthony 11 seasons to win his first nine majors since winning the 1973 PBA National Championship for his first major (1973-83), and it took Weber 26 seasons to accomplish the same feat after winning the 1987 Tournament of Champions in 1987 (1987-2012). Both Weber, a right-handed bowler, and Anthony, a left-hander, would go on to win their 10th major titles in the next season they bowled.

Belmonte's success using his two-handed style has not been overlooked by the bowling world. His influence has created a legion of young bowlers who are taking up the two-handed delivery, and with increasing levels of success.

"I had no idea that the technique would become so popular," Belmonte said. "However, I understand that the more success I have – and other two-handers as well – it will create more and more awareness of the style and also intrigue for bowlers to try it. I believe the style is now seen not as just a gimmick style, but as a style to be taken seriously by fans, coaches and bowlers around the world."

After the TOC, Belmonte will compete in the Go Bowling! 60th Anniversary Classic – a standard PBA Tour event – at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis Feb. 13-18. He will then have another opportunity to win a major when the Barbasol PBA Players Championship, the second major of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season, returns to Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl in Columbus Feb. 19-25 with the finals airing live Sunday, Feb. 25 at 1 p.m. ET. The USBC Masters, U.S. Open and PBA World Championship will be held later in the year.

BELMONTE MAJORS SUMMARY (through 2017 PBA World Championship)

Career major tournaments: 40 Career major titles: 9 Career major Top 5 finishes: 19 Career major Top 10 finishes: 28

TOP 5 PBA MAJOR CHAMPIONS (with number of wins and age at last major win)

Earl Anthony, 10 (last major win at age 46) Pete Weber, 10 (last major win at age 50) Jason Belmonte, 9 (won 2017 PBA World Championship at age 34) Mike Aulby, 8 (last major win at age 38) W.R. Williams Jr., 8 (last major win at age 50)

Zaffino, White repeat as PBA/PBA50 Don Vay Memorial Doubles champions

Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio (Jan. 21, 2018) – Jeff Zaffino and partner Matt White, both of Warren, Pa., defeated Mike Llaneza of Columbus, Ohio and Zeke Bayt of Westerville, Ohio, 2-1, in a best-of-threegame title match to successfully defend their Professional Bowlers Association's PBA/PBA50 Don Vay Memorial Central Doubles Classic title, presented by Columbia 300, at Legend Lanes Sunday.

Teams in the PBA Central Region's first tournament of 2018 included one bowler age 50 or older, and one bowler under the age of 50. The title was the Zaffino's 28th and White's second. They also split a \$4,000 first prize. Zaffino and White won the 2017 event when they defeated PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J. and Patrick Allen of South Salem, N.Y., 2-0, in the title match.

In this year's event, Zaffino and White downed Neil Kassel of Beavercreek, Ohio, and Matt Staninger of Highland, Ind., 2-1, while Llaneza and Bayt blanked Dale Csuhta of Wadsworth, Ohio and Josh Conner of Columbus, Ohio, 2-0, in the best-of-three semifinal round to set up the championship match.

Llaneza and Bayt earned \$1,000 each for second place while the Csuhta/Conner and Kassel/Staninger teams each earned \$800 as semifinal round losers.

The event drew a field of 46 teams.

The next PBA Central Region event will be a PBA50 tournament in Canton, Ohio, March 2-4.

PBA/PBA50 DON VAY MEMORIAL CENTRAL DOUBLES CLASSIC presented by Columbia 300 Legend Lanes, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, Sunday

Championship (best of three games):

s-Jeff Zaffino/Matt White, Warren, Pa (\$4,000) def. z-Mike Llaneza, Columbus, Ohio/Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio (\$2,000), 482-333, 404-427, 472-352.

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

Llaneza/Bayt def. z-Dale Csuhta, Wadsworth, Ohio/Josh Conner, Columbus, Ohio, 2-0. Zaffino/White def. s-Neil Kassel, Beavercreek, Ohio/Matt Staninger, Highland, Ind., 2-1.

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

Kassel/Staninger def. z-Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio/n-Chad Roberts, Reynoldsburg, <u>Ohio, 3-2</u>. Csuhta/Conner def. def. z-Tom Baker, King, N.C./Chris Loschetter, <u>Avon, Ohio, 3-2</u>. Zaffino/White def. z-Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich./Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 3-2. Llaneza/Bayt def. s-Larry Verble, Mason, Mich./T.J. Schmidt, Mishawaka, Ind., 3-1.

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

Zaffino/White def. s-n-Brian Buehler, Alliance, Ohio/Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 3-2. Kassel/Staninger def. s-Dean Billings, Rootstown, Ohio/Joe Bailey, <u>Wooster, Ohio, 3-2</u>. Verble/Schmidt def. s-Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio/Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 3-0. Csuhta/Conner def. z-Sam Maccarone, Williamstown, N.J./Matt O'Grady, Rahway, <u>N.J., 3-2</u>.

n-denotes non-member; s-denotes PBA50 player; z-denotes PBA60 player

PBA Spare Shots

XTRA FRAME TO COVER EJ TACKETT'S BID FOR DHC PBA JAPAN INVITATIONAL REPEAT

Led by defending champion **EJ Tackett** and top qualifier **Jason Belmonte**, the PBA Tour's top 10 players based on 2017 earnings and four additional invitees are headed to Tokyo where Tackett will try for back-to-back DHC PBA Japan Invitational titles at Tokyo Port BowlSaturday and Sunday.

The first event of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season will be covered from start to finish, live on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel (visit <u>xtraframe.tv</u> for subscription information). The winner will earn US\$45,000 and a PBA Tour title if he/she is a PBA member.

PBA players in the field, in addition to Tackett and Belmonte, will be Jesper Svensson, Marshall Kent, Rhino Page, Ryan Ciminelli, Anthony Simonsen, Sean Rash, Yannaphon Larpapharat, Kyle Troup, Dom Barrett, Francois Lavoie, Parker Bohn III, Chris Barnes and Liz Johnson.

The field also will include one Korean PBA player, invited by tournament sponsor DHC, and 32 Japanese bowlers.

The 2018 tournament will feature a new format, with all 48 players bowling two six-game qualifying rounds on Saturday, Jan. 27 to cut the field to the top 16 for 16 games of head-to-head match play on Sunday. Xtra Frame coverage of the two qualifying rounds will begin at7:30 p.m. Friday and 12:20 a.m. EST on Saturday. Head-to-head match play coverage begins at 6:20 and 10:40 p.m. EST Saturday. The top five after 28 games will advance to the stepladder finals on Sunday beginning at 3:30 a.m. EST Sunday.

L.A. X, NYC ANNOUNCE PLAYERS PROTECTED FOR PBA LEAGUE DRAFT

Five teams have now declared their protected players for the 2018 PBA League season after L.A. X manager **Andrew Cain** and NYC WTT Kingpins manager **Carolyn Dorin-Ballard** disclosed their selections earlier this week. Each PBAL manager is allowed to retain up to three players from the team's 2017 roster for the 2018 season.

L.A. X will retain reigning PBA Player of the Year **Jason Belmonte**, England's **Stuart Williams** and Sweden's **Martin Larsen**. Dorin-Ballard's roster will return with original team member **Pete Weber**, **Marshall Kent** and Australia's **Sam Cooley**.

The last two managers to protect players from their 2017 rosters will be Motown Muscle manager **Del Ballard Jr.** and Brooklyn Styles manager **Johnny Petraglia**. Their selections will be announced next week.

Players previously retained by their respective teams include the following:

- Dallas Strikers: Player-manager Norm Duke, Tommy Jones, Bill O'Neill;
- Portland Lumberjacks: Ryan Ciminelli, Wes Malott, Kyle Troup;
- Silver Lake Atom Splitters: Chris Barnes, Jesper Svensson, Tom Daugherty;
- Philadelphia Hitmen: **Dom Barrett, Tom Smallwood, Ronnie Russell**.

The PBA League draft will take place on Saturday, Feb. 17 at 10:30 a.m. at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis when managers will fill any open spots on their rosters. The draft will be live streamed on Xtra Frame. The draft order will be reverse order of finish from last year, beginning with No. 8 Brooklyn followed by Motown, NYC, LA, Philadelphia, Silver Lake, Portland and Dallas. Players eligible to be drafted will consist of the top 75 PBA players on the National Tour/WBT earnings list for 2017 plus 2018 events through the PBA Tournament of Champions which ends Feb. 11.

BARNES, BELMO, DUKE OR PDW? WHO'S NEXT TO CHALLENGE FOR WES MALOTT'S CROWN? PBA fans have narrowed the field of challengers they'd like to see **Wes Malott** face in his next King of Bowling challenge match to these four players: **Chris Barnes, Jason Belmonte, Norm Duke** or **Pete Weber.**

Malott, who has successfully retained his PBA King of Bowling crown since 2009 – albeit with an interlude since the original series took place – will take on his newest challenger on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at AMF Riviera Lanes in Fairlawn, Ohio, in conjunction with PBA Tournament of Champions' return to the iconic bowling center. Based on fan voting on <u>pba.com</u> and Twitter between now and Friday at 8 p.m. EST.

To recap Malott's seven consecutive title defenses, he defeated Barnes in the first King of Bowling event in 2009 at Kegel Training Center in Lake Wales, Fla., 268-214, in the one-game finale. Malott subsequently won KOB matches against **Patrick Allen, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Rhino Page** and **Parker Bohn III** before the KOB special event went into hiatus. When it returned in April 2017, Malott rolled games of 238, 256 and 227 for a 721 three-game series at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, to defeat **EJ Tackett** and Belmonte, who recorded 664 and 640 series, respectively, in a threegame total pinfall revival of the KOB special event. Malott made it seven in a row when he turned back **Tommy Jones** in a best-of-three-game match at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla., in late June 2017,200-278, 258-238, 212-204.

Will PBA fans vote for a re-match with Barnes or Belmonte? Or will they vote to see if Malott can add Duke or PDW to his list of victims? We'll find out on Monday, Jan. 29.

NEW CP3 PBA CELEBRITY INVITATIONAL RED CARPET INTERVIEWS DEBUT ON YOUTUBE

Prior to the telecast of the 2018 State Farm CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational presented by GoBowling.com, on ESPN on Super Bowl Sunday at 2 p.m. EST, PBA's YouTube channel is posting a series of red carpet interviews from the special event. Interviews on tap include:**Terrell Owens**, Jan. 29; **Pete Weber**, Jan. 30; **Oscar Nunez**, Jan. 31; **Mookie Betts**, Feb. 2 and **Bill O'Neill**, Feb. 3.

Already available on YouTube are interviews with tournament host **Chris Paul; Norm Duke; Sean Rash; James Harden; EJ Tackett** and **DJ Archer**. To view all of the CP3 red carpet interviews, or any of dozens of other PBA video clips, visit:<u>https://www.youtube.com/user/PBAProBowlersAssn</u>.

CHRIS BARNES OFFERS "PBA PLAYER'S PERSPECTIVE" ON 2015 DHC JAPAN VICTORY

Newly-elected PBA Hall of Famer **Chris Barnes** will provide insight into his victory in the 2015 DHC PBA Japan Invitational as part of the PBA's ongoing series of PBA Player's Perspective interviews. Barnes will weigh in on his 18th career title beginning today in the newest edition of PBA Player's Perspective on Xtra Frame.

The Xtra Frame Player's Perspective series presents a new inside look at PBA competition every Thursday, followed a week later by availability of the exclusive interview on PBA's YouTube channel. Recent Perspective's posted on Xtra Frame and YouTube include **Pete Weber**re-living his emotional victory in the 2012 U.S. Open and **Rhino Page**'s insights into his personal breakthrough in winning the 2017 Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic in Clearwater, Ohio. Additional perspectives will be announced in the coming weeks.

Xtra Frame subscription packages are offered for seven days, a full month or a 12-month Xtra Frame Season Ticket. Visit <u>xtraframe.com</u> for details on how to subscribe.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: ZAFFINO, WHITE REPEAT AS DON VAY DOUBLES CHAMPS

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• The PBA South Region returns to action in February with the PBA and PBA50 Break Point Alley Challenge events, both open to players who have not won a PBA title. Break Point Alley in Tavares, Fla., will host the doubleheader over the Feb. 9-11 weekend.

• The PBA South Region's second weekend of competition includes the PBA50 Dave Edwards Toyota Spartanburg South Open at Paradise Lanes in Spartanburg, S.C., over the Feb. 16-18 weekend.

• For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit <u>pba.com</u>, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area...and remember, you can follow "live scoring" for all PBA Regional events on <u>pba.com</u> (easily accessible for Apple device users using the new PBA app).

Anthony Simonsen Leads Top 16 DHC PBA Japan Invitational Qualifiers into Match Play Defending champion E.J. Tackett advances to match play in 10th place

TOKYO, Japan (Jan. 27, 2018) – Three weeks after celebrating his 21st birthday, Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas, averaged 227 for his 12 qualifying games Saturday at Tokyo Port Bowl to lead the field of 16 finalists into Sunday's match play finals of the DHC PBA Japan Invitational, the first tournament of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season.

Simonsen, a three-time PBA Tour titlist, rolled games of 200, 215, 231, 243, 244, 248, 211, 218, 245, 229 and 238 in Saturday's two six-game qualifying rounds for a total of 2,724 pins and an 83-pin lead over Ryan Ciminelli of Clarence, N.Y. Reigning PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte of Australia was in third place, seven pins behind Ciminelli, and defending DHC PBA Japan Invitational champion EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., advanced to match play in 10th place, 156 pins behind Simonsen.

Simonsen, who has been bowling abroad for the past month, said he arrived in Japan full of confidence.

"This is my fourth tournament internationally in the last month," the Texas two-handed player said. "I bowled an event in Ireland last week and was fortunate to walk away with a win. I also won an event in Korea in late December so I feel like I'm definitely on my game right now and looking forward to extending my winning streak this week."

The PBA is providing live coverage of the DHC PBA Japan Invitational on its video streaming service, Xtra Frame. Two eight-game round-robin match play rounds will air at 6:20 and 10:40 p.m. EST today followed by the five-player stepladder finals at 3:30 a.m. EST Sunday.

For fans who prefer a more convenient time to watch, each XF segment from Japan will be available on demand in Xtra Frame's "What's New" section within approximately an hour of the live stream, and in the XF archives shortly thereafter.

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Tokyo Port Bowl, Tokyo, Japan, Saturday

Final Qualifying Round Standings (after 12 games; top 16 advanced to round-robin match play; top five after 28 games advance to stepladder finals):

1, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 2,724. 2, Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., 2,641. 3, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 2,634. 4, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 2,630. 5, Rhino Page, Orlando, 2,626. 6, Dom Barrett, England, 2,620. 7, Shuichi Heki, Japan, 2,582. 8, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 2,581. 9, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 2,578. 10, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 2,566. 11, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,555. 12, An Junsang, South Korea, 2,543. 13, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 2,540. 14, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 2,536. 15, n-Yuhi Shinbata, Japan, 2,534. 16, Yannaphon Larpapharat, Thailand, 2,524. Failed to advance: 17, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2,504. 18, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 2,492. 19, n-Tomoyuki Sasaki, Japan, 2,490. 20, w-Liz Johnson, Palatine, Ill., 2,488. 21, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2,460. 22, n-Yuta Saito, Japan, 2,432. 23, Kiyohito Komori, Japan, 2,406. 24, Nobuhito Fujii, Japan, 2,371. 25, w-Yuki Akivoshi, Japan, 2,368, 26, n-w-Yuri Sato, Japan, 2,365. 27, n-Iwao Mori, Japan, 2,360. 28, n-Yuki Murahama, Japan, 2,345. 29, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 2,329. 30, w-Hiroko Shimizu, Japan, 2,325. 31, Hiroki Takada, Japan, 2,317. 32, Junichi Yajima, Japan, 2,303. 33, n-Kosuke Shirai, Japan, 2,296. 34, w-Hiromi Matsunaga, Japan, 2,289. 35, n-Takahiro Sato, Japan, 2,278. 36, n-w-Kana Minowa, Japan, 2,260. 37, n-Atsushi Ibuki, Japan, 2,257. 38, n-Hiroki Nakane, Japan, 2,256. 39, n-Masaki Noda, Japan, 2,243. 40, n-w-Misaki Mukotani, Japan, 2,237. 41, w-Akiko Suzuki, Japan, 2,231. 42, n-w-Manae Kameshima, Japan, 2,224. 43, n-Arifumi Higa, Japan, 2,192. 44, n-w-Mirai Tanihara, Japan, 2,190. 45, n-Akira Watanabe, Japan, 2,167. 46, w-Nana Iida, Japan, 2,153. 47, Shota Amakasu, Japan, 2,143. 48, n-Akifumi Matsushita, Japan, 2,070.

w-denotes woman; n-denotes non-PBA member.

England's Dom Barrett Wins DHC PBA Japan Invitational

British star wins sixth title in opening event of 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season; TOC is next

TOKYO, Japan (Jan. 28, 2018) – England's Dom Barrett defeated Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C., 267-204, to win the DHC PBA Japan Invitational, the first tournament of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season, at Tokyo Port Bowl on Sunday.

For Barrett, the title was the sixth of his Professional Bowlers Association career and came on the heels of a less-than-memorable start to his 2018 season while competing in non-PBA events in Europe.

"I just finished bowling in Sweden and Finland," he said. "I physically felt good but I didn't get anywhere, so I was looking forward to this week. Japan is very special. You have to qualify to be here and there is a lot of history with this event. I led it two years ago and (PBA Hall of Famer) Amleto (Monacelli) beat me, so it was great to have another go at it."

Barrett, who earned 5 million Japanese yen (roughly \$46,000 US dollars), jumped into the tournament lead with a strong opening eight-game match play round. Troup, trying for his third PBA Tour title, overtook Barrett in the second round of match play, but Barrett defeated Troup in the final position round match to regain the top berth for the stepladder finals where he ran away from the American two-handed player.

Qualifying leader Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas, started the stepladder finals with a 248-244 win over Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash. He then eliminated Japanese star Shota Kawazoe, 278-257, before losing to Troup in the semifinal match, 227-180.

The PBA provided live coverage of the DHC PBA Japan Invitational on its video streaming service, Xtra Frame, and will continue its live streaming service when the Tour opens its mainland U.S. schedule with the PBA Tournament of Champions at AMF Riviera Lanes in Fairlawn, Ohio, Feb. 7-11. A Tournament of Champions pre-tournament qualifier precedes the start of the TOC on Feb. 5.

Xtra Frame subscriptions are available in a variety of packages: three-day (\$3.99), 30-day (\$7.99) and Xtra Frame Season Ticket (a full-year's coverage at an average cost of \$1.25 per week). Subscriptions are available by visiting "<u>xtraframe.tv</u>" and clicking on the "subscribe now" link. New monthly or Season Ticket subscribers are automatically entered into PBA's monthly sweepstakes where they have chances to win a new high-performance bowling ball from Brunswick, DV8 or MOTIV.

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Tokyo Port Bowl, Tokyo, Japan, Sunday

Final Standings

- 1, Dom Barrett, England, \$46,000.
- 2, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., \$23,000.
- 3, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, \$11,500.
- 4, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, \$9,210.
- 5, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., \$7,370.

Stepladder Results

Match One – Simonsen def. Kent, 248-244. Match Two – Simonsen def. Kawazoe, 278-257. Semifinal Match – Troup def. Simonsen, 227-180. Championship – Barrett def. Troup, 267-204. Final Match Play Standings (after 28 games, including match play bonus pins)

- 1, Barrett, 12-4, 6,522.
- 2, Troup, 11-5, 6,518.
- 3, Kawazoe, Japan, 11-5, 6,453.
- 4, Simonsen, 4-12, 6,315.
- 5, Kent, 9-7, 6,314.
- 6, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 9-7, 6,304, \$4,235.
- 7, Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., 7-9, 6,261, \$4,050.
- 8, An Junsang, South Korea, 10-6, 6,258, \$3,865.
- 9, Rhino Page, Orlando, 7-9, 6,225, \$3,685.
- 10, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 9-7, 6,213, \$3,405.
- 11, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 6-10, 6,140, \$3,225.
- 12, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 8-8, 6,123, \$3,040.
- 13, Yannaphon Larpapharat, Thailand, 7-8-1, 6,094, \$2,855.
- 14, Shuichi Heki, Japan, 8-8, 6,016, \$2,670.
- 15, n-Yuhi Shinbata, Japan, 5-11, 6,004, \$2,485.
- 16, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 4-11-1, 5,972, \$2,300.

n-denotes non-PBA member.

53rd PBA Tournament of Champions Storylines

Historic AMF Riviera Lanes in Fairlawn, Ohio to host season's first Go Bowling! PBA Tour major championship Feb. 5-11

FAIRLAWN, Ohio (Jan. 29, 2018) - As host of the Professional Bowlers Association Tournament of Champions from 1966 to 1994, AMF Riviera Lanes in Fairlawn, Ohio has been the scene of some of the most memorable moments in PBA history.

That tradition will resume when AMF Riviera Lanes hosts the return of the PBA's signature tournament Feb. 5-11 after a 24-year absence. The first major championship of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour 60th Anniversary season will culminate with a live ESPN finals telecastSunday, Feb. 11 at 1 p.m. EST.

The 2018 TOC will feature an expected field of 80 PBA champions, including defending champion EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., who will battle for one of the most prestigious titles in the sport.

In addition to the tournament's return to Fairlawn, Jason Belmonte's quest for a record-tying 10th major title, Liz Johnson's attempt to become the second woman to win the event, and the return of PBA greats Pete Weber and Walter Ray Williams Jr. to write another chapter in their storied careers are just a few of the compelling storylines for this year's event.

All preliminary rounds will be streamed live via the PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame. For Xtra Frame subscription and schedule information visit <u>http://www.xtraframe.tv/pba/</u>

Here's a look at some of the major storylines for the 53rd PBA Tournament of Champions:

TOC returns to traditional home: AMF Riviera Lanes hosts the return of the PBA's signature tournament after a 24-year absence. The first major championship of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour 60th Anniversary season will culminate with a live ESPN finals telecastSunday, Feb. 11 at 1 p.m. EST. When the TOC was last held at AMF Riviera Lanes in 1994, PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke won the event with a 217-184 victory over Eric Forkel.

TOC is a tournament for champions only: The 2018 TOC will include an exclusive field of PBA champions. In order to be eligible, a player must be a PBA member who has won a PBA Tour, PBA Regional, PBA50 Tour, PBA Regional, or PBA Women's Series title.

Four-time GEICO Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte will try for another milestone in PBA history: With nine PBA major wins to his credit, the 2017 GEICO Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year, is one major title away from tying PBA Hall of Famers Pete Weber and Earl Anthony for the most the all-time major wins with 10. The 34-year-old two-hander from Australia will be trying for his third TOC win after winning back-to-back in 2014 and 2015. Entering his 10th Tour season, Belmonte will also have his eye on setting a new mark for shortest time to reach 10 major titles. He has already set the mark for shortest time to win nine major titles (six seasons). A win would also put Belmonte in the exclusive three-time winners club joining Mike Durbin and Jason Couch.

EJ Tackett is defending champion: 2016 Player of the Year EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., will defend his title in the hopes of becoming the first player since Belmonte to win the TOC in back-to-back seasons (2014 and 2015). Tackett, a nine-time Tour winner, won the 2017 TOC in Shawnee, Okla., by defeating Tommy Jones, 208-203, in the title match.

Pete Weber tries for a record 11th major and third TOC title: PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber won the 2013 Tournament of Champions to tie Earl Anthony for most PBA major titles (10) and became the only player to win PBA's Triple Crown (Tournament of Champions, U.S. Open and World Championship) twice. At age 50, the 37-time PBA Tour winner also became the oldest player to win the TOC. If he wins, Weber would also join Mike Durbin and Jason Couch as three-time TOC winners.

Other two-handers in the field: While Jason Belmonte brought the unique two-handed delivery to prominence in his rookie season in 2009, five other players who have enjoyed success on the PBA Tour using the two-handed technique will also be competing. They include 2016 TOC champion Jesper Svensson of Sweden; five-time tour winner Osku Palermaa of Finland, three-time Tour champion Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas; two-time Tour winner Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C. and Shawn Maldonado of Houston. At age 20, Svensson became the youngest TOC champion and at age 22, he is the youngest player to reach seven PBA Tour titles. At age 19, Simonsen won the 2016 USBC Masters to become the youngest player to win a major title.

TOC past winners entered: Past champions entered include defending champion EJ Tackett (2017), Jesper Svensson (2016), Jason Belmonte (2014, 2015); PBA Hall of Famers Pete Weber (1987, 2013), Norm Duke (1994), Johnny Petraglia (1971), Chris Barnes (2006), and future Hall of Famers Sean Rash (2012) and Tommy Jones (2007).

Walter Ray Williams Jr. still trying for a TOC title: Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. has accomplished nearly everything there is to accomplish in PBA competition except winning the Tournament of Champions. A TOC title would make the all-time titles leader (47) the seventh player to complete the PBA Triple Crown (titles in the U.S. Open, PBA World Championship and TOC), and the third player in history to complete the PBA "Grand Slam" (titles in the U.S. Open, PBA World Championship, TOC and USBC Masters). Mike Aulby and Norm Duke are the only players who have completed the Grand Slam.

An historic event for women: Kelly Kulick made sports history in 2010 by becoming the first woman ever to win a PBA Tour event when she won the TOC in Las Vegas. USBC Hall of Famer Liz Johnson will make her bid to become the second woman to win the TOC in this year's event. Johnson became the second woman to win a PBA Tour tournament when she captured the 2017 PBA Chameleon Championship which was part of GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX in Reno, Nev.

Hall of Famer Johnny Petraglia to compete in final TOC: Another one of PBA's all-time greats, 14time PBA Tour champion and 1971 TOC champion Johnny Petraglia will compete in his final TOC. The 70year-old Petraglia is the only player in PBA history to win a national tour title (PBA Tour or PBA50 Tour) in six different decades.

International field: Nine countries are represented in the TOC field – Australia, Canada, Colombia, England, Finland, Sweden, Thailand, Venezuela, and the U.S.

TOC began in Indianapolis in 1962: Joe Joseph won the inaugural TOC at Play Bowl in Indianapolis with a two-game 480 pinfall total in 1962. Billy Golembiewski was second with 416 pins and Hall of Famer Carmen Salvino finished third with 409 in the two-game total pinfall championship round.

TOC admission and pro-am information: Spectator passes for the TOC pre-tournament qualifier on Feb. 5 and the official practice session on Feb. 6 are \$10. Spectator passes for qualifying and match play rounds Feb. 7-9 range from \$15-\$20 with all-day passes available for \$20 and \$30. Tickets for the stepladder finals range from \$30-\$50, if purchased in advance online at www.pba.com/tickets, and \$50-\$70 if purchased at the door. Tickets for all preliminary rounds will be available at the door.

Grassroots league bowlers who would like to participate in the TOC pro-am will have three opportunities on Saturday, Feb. 10. Squads will bowl at noon, 3 and 6 p.m. For pro-am entry information, contact AMF Riviera Lanes at <u>330-836-7985</u>.

PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS SCHEDULE AMF Riviera Lanes, Fairlawn, Ohio, Feb. 5-11 (all times Eastern)

Monday, February 5

3 p.m. - Pre-Tournament Qualifier (8 games)

Tuesday, February 6

2 p.m. - Practice Session 6:30 p.m. – King of Bowling exhibition match

Wednesday, February 7

11 a.m. - Qualifying Round 1 (6 games) 6 p.m. - Qualifying Round 2 (6 games)

Thursday, February 8

11 a.m. - Qualifying Round 3 (6 games) 6 p.m. - Match Play Round 1 (8 games)

Friday, February 9

11 a.m. - Match Play Round 2 (8 games) 6 p.m. - Match Play Round 3 (8 games)

Saturday, February 10

Noon, 3 p.m., 6 p.m. – Pro-am squads

Sunday, February 11

1 p.m. - ESPN Stepladder Finals

Advance tickets for stepladder finals are available by visiting <u>www.pba.com/tickets</u>. Contact AMF Riviera Lanes at (330) 836-7985 for additional ticket and pro-am entry information or visit <u>RivieraLanes@amf.com</u>

Belmonte Vs. Malott PBA King of Bowling Match Set for Facebook Live

Fans vote for Australian star to challenge for KOB crown in re-match on February 6 in Fairlawn, Ohio

CHICAGO (Jan. 29, 2018) – Professional Bowlers Association fans have selected Australia's Jason Belmonte, a four-time PBA Player of the Year, to try to end Wes Malott's reign as PBA King of Bowling in a ground-breaking live streaming event on Facebook Live onTuesday, Feb. 6, from AMF Riviera Lanes in Fairlawn, Ohio, kicking off the return of the PBA Tournament of Champions week to the historic bowling center in suburban Akron.

The best-of-three-game match will be available simply by visiting the PBA's page on Facebook (<u>https://www.facebook.com/ProfessionalBowlersAssociation/</u>) at 6:30 p.m. EST on Feb. 6. The special event will be the first PBA event to air exclusively on Facebook Live. The event will be produced by the PBA staff with PBA Hall of Famer Marshall Holman, newly-elected PBA Hall of Famer Chris Barnes and PBA Tour champion Rhino Page calling the action.

"The PBA has been steadily improving its presence on Facebook with an increase in video highlights and live press conferences on our page, which is up to 200,000 followers and had more than four million video views during the recent WSOB alone," said PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark in announcing the new Facebook Live relationship. "Taking this next step to a live event shown in its entirety, and working with the sports team at Facebook to make it happen, is exciting for the PBA as we navigate into our 60th Anniversary season.

"The PBA has always been on the cutting edge of presentation platforms for the greatest bowlers in the world, from national broadcast TV on ABC starting in 1962 to cable TV on ESPN starting in 1979 to direct-to-consumer streaming video of events on Strike Pass and Xtra Frame since 2001," he continued. "This next foray for the PBA Network – presenting a live event in its entirety on the Facebook platform – is another exciting step in providing our fans with diverse, comprehensive access to our players and to PBA competition at all levels.

"The PBA King of Bowling and the incredible run by Wes Malott has proven to be a popular series, with unprecedented access for viewers to the players in an intense one-on-one setting. We expect to have the most-watched bowling event in Facebook history on February 6."

Belmonte, a 16-time PBA Tour champion and the reigning GEICO Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year after winning an unprecedented three major championships in 2017, was selected as Malott's opponent in fan voting conducted on <u>pba.com</u> and Twitter. He narrowly out-polled PBA Hall of Famers Pete Weber and Norm Duke, and Barnes – all TOC title holders.

Belmonte will be the first player in the King of Bowling series, which got its start in 2009, to face Malott for a second time. In April 2017, Malott posted a 721 three-game series at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, to defeat EJ Tackett and Belmonte, who recorded 664 and 640 series, respectively, in a threegame total pinfall match. In eight title-defense matches thus far, Malott has never lost, defeating Barnes, Patrick Allen, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Rhino Page, Parker Bohn III, Tackett/Belmonte and, most recently, Tommy Jones.

The King of Bowling match will unofficially kick off the PBA Tournament of Champions' return to AMF Riviera Lanes for the first time since 1994. Qualifying and match play rounds will be held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday leading into Sunday's live ESPN finals at 1 p.m. EST. All preliminary rounds will be live streamed on PBA's Xtra Frame (visit <u>xtraframe.tv</u> for subscription information).

Winning at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis has Special Appeal to PBA Players

Three Indiana players would like to earn a banner in "Beer Thirty" lounge

INDIANAPOLIS (Jan. 30, 2018) – Every time Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis hosts a new Professional Bowlers Association tournament, it adds another chapter to its remarkable history as bowling's most versatile host bowling center, and it isn't just prize money and a title that attracts bowlers from around the world.

A lesser-known reality for Woodland Bowl's PBA champions is that they earn a banner for permanent display in the center's "Beer Thirty" lounge, an unusual "hall of fame" that commemorates an elite group of bowlers who have won titles in the only bowling center in the world that has hosted every different PBA major championship over the years, in addition to a number of other significant non-professional tournaments. There are currently 40 banners hanging in "Beer Thirty," including 38 representing players who have won titles at Woodland, plus one for PBA legend and Indianapolis native Dick Weber, and another for PBA veteran Ryan Shafer, celebrating a 300 game he rolled at the center.

Beer Thirty got its name because it offers 30 different kinds of beer, according to General Manager Jim Doty, and "because it's time for a beer at 5 o'clock somewhere..."

The newest banner winner could be the GoBowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic champion, if that player has not previously won at Woodland. The tournament will be part of a week celebrating PBA's first 60 years, and it has attracted a world-class field.

Among the players already entered, in addition to international bowlers from 17 different countries, are three PBA Tour winners from Indiana who would very much like to add their own banners to the Beer Thirty lounge collection: 25-year-old nine-time PBA Tour winner EJ Tackett of Huntington who also is one of five bowlers who have both PBA Rookie of the Year (2013) and Player of the Year (2016) honors; 38year-old four-time PBA titlist Ronnie Russell of Marion, and 2017 PBA Rookie of the Year Matt Sanders, an Evansville native now living in Indianapolis. Sanders won his first PBA Tour title during his rookie season.

The new PBA tournament, which is part of the Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule in 2018, is open to all PBA members. That will include players who have bowled in events hosted by Woodland Bowl ever since it opened, and others who have never set foot in the iconic center. The 60th Anniversary Classic will begin on Tuesday, Feb. 13, and conclude on Sunday, Feb. 18, when ESPN will televise the stepladder finals live at 1 p.m. EDT.

Among the players already entered in the Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic are PBA Hall of Famers Parker Bohn III, Norm Duke, 70-year-old Johnny Petraglia, 84-year-old Carmen Salvino and PBA's all-time titles leader, Walter Ray Williams Jr., plus Chris Barnes and Ron Mohr who will join the Hall of Fame at week's end.

As part of the festive week, the PBA's 60th Anniversary Celebration Dinner will include its 2018 PBA Hall of Fame induction ceremonies on Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Marriott North in Indianapolis. The late Don Mitchell, the founder of the Royal Pin Leisure Centers chain that includes Woodland Bowl, will be inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame along with Barnes, an 18-time PBA Tour champion from Double Oak, Texas, and Mohr, a PBA50 Tour star from Las Vegas.

Earlier Saturday, the PBA will hold its 2018 PBA League Draft at Woodland Bowl where the eight team managers will select two players each to complete their rosters for the PBA League Elias Cup competition in Portland, Maine, in April.

"We're honored to have Woodland Bowl chosen to host this very meaningful event," said Doty, Royal Pin Entertainment's General Manager. "Our long association with the Professional Bowlers Association has been a labor of love that brings back memories of past events that include many hall of fame members who have competed at Woodland Bowl."

Admission tickets for the GoBowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic can be purchased in advance online (<u>https://www.eventbrite.com/e/go-bowling-pba-60th-anniversary-classic-tickets-37388770820</u>) or at the door. To purchase tickets for the PBA 60th Anniversary Celebration Dinner, visit: <u>https://www.eventbrite.com/e/go-bowling-pba-60th-anniversary-classic-tickets-37388770820</u>) or at the <u>37388770820#tickets</u>.

Indianapolis area amateur bowlers who would like to bowl in the pro-am event on Saturday, Feb. 17, should call Woodland Bowl for details: <u>317-844-4099</u>.

All qualifying and match play rounds of the PBA 60th Anniversary Classic, plus the entire PBA 60th Anniversary Celebration Dinner and hall of fame inductions, plus the PBA League Draft, will be live streamed by PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame. To subscribe to Xtra Frame, visit <u>xtraframe.tv</u>. Three-day, 30-day and 12-month subscription packages are available.

SUNDAY ON ESPN: Ninth State Farm[®] CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational presented by Go Bowling! at 2 p.m. EST

CONROE, Texas (Jan. 30, 2018) – Houston Rockets All-Star guard and tournament host **Chris Paul** will try to defend his doubles title with a new partner in the Ninth State Farm[®] CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational presented by Go Bowling! Super Bowl Sunday at 2 p.m. ESTon ESPN.

Paul will be joined by several celebrities and PBA Tour stars who will compete in the multi-format event contested at Bowlero The Woodlands in Conroe, Texas which benefits the Chris Paul Family Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting youth, education, health, sports and social responsibility.

In addition to Paul, who is the defending champion of the doubles event (with PBA partner Chris Barnes), other participating celebrities include former NFL All-Pro and former Celebrity Invitational winner **Terrell Owens**, Boston Red Sox All-Star outfielder **Mookie Betts**, andPaul's All-Star Rockets teammate **James Harden**.

The alternate ball doubles format event will feature the following teams:

- Paul and PBA Hall of Famer and 38-time Tour winner Norm Duke
- Betts and eight-time Tour winner Bill O'Neill
- Owens and PBA Hall of Famer and 37-time Tour winner Pete Weber
- Harden and 2016 PBA Player of the Year EJ Tackett

Betts will be a threat for the title with partner O'Neill after having bowled a 300 game in the Pepsi PBA Scorpion Championship presented by GoBowling!, which was part of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX in November.

The telecast will also include a Baker format team competition with Paul, Harden, Houston Rockets forward **Trevor Ariza**, two-time Tour winner **DJ Archer** and fellow Texas PBA star **Dino Castillo** making up the Houston Strong team against Betts, Owens, 12-time Tour winner **Sean Rash**, and 2017 Teen Masters representatives **Hannah Diem** and **Logan Harvey** making up the Bowlero All-Stars team. In Baker team competition, each player will bowl two frames to complete the game.

In the third event of the telecast, all of the celebrities, plus actor/comedian **Oscar Nunez** and Rockets guard **Bobby Brown**, take part in the Go Bowling! Celebrity Super Clash, a one-ball sudden-death shootout where the player with the lowest pinfall per frame is eliminated.

PBA's "Big February" continues on ESPN with three consecutive live Go Bowling! PBA Tour Sunday telecasts at 1 p.m. ET, beginning with the PBA Tournament of Champions on Feb. 11; the Go Bowling! 60th Anniversary Classic, Feb. 18, and the Barbasol PBA Players Championship, Feb. 25.

CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational Past Winners:

- 2017 Chris Barnes/Chris Paul
- 2016 Pete Weber/Terrell Owens
- 2015 Ronnie Russell/French Montana
- 2013 Chris Barnes/Chris Hardwick
- 2012 Pete Weber/Jerry Ferrara/Blake Griffin
- 2011 Jason Belmonte/Chris Paul
- 2010 Jason Belmonte/Chris Paul
- 2009 Jason Couch/LeBron James

PBA Spare Shots

SUPER FEBRUARY SCHEDULE: PERFECT TIME TO TEST-DRIVE PBA'S XTRA FRAME COVERAGE

If you're a bowling fan who has been thinking about giving PBA's Xtra Frame live streaming service a try, you'll never have a better opportunity than signing up for the \$7.99, 30-day subscription package by February 1.

The February series of PBA events scheduled to air on Xtra Frame includes all of the preliminary rounds of two majors and two non-majors, the 2018 PBA League Draft and the PBA 60th Anniversary Celebration Dinner, which will include the PBA Hall of Fame induction ceremonies and presentation of awards to 2017 PBA Player of the Year **Jason Belmonte**, Rookie of the Year **Matt Sanders**, Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award winner **Chris Loschetter** and PBA Tony Reyes Memorial Community Service Award winner **Del Ballard Jr.** The Pre-Tournament Qualifier for the PBA Tournament of Champions also will be covered on Feb. 5 from AMF Riviera Lanes in Fairlawn, Ohio.

The 30-day subscription package schedule includes the TOC PTQ (Feb. 5), qualifying and match play rounds of the PBA Tournament of Champions (Feb. 7-9), the Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic (Feb. 13-16), and the Barbasol PBA Players Championship and the Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship presented by BowlerX.com (Feb. 20-23). The 2018 PBA League Draft will air on Xtra Frame on Saturday, Feb. 17, at 10:30 a.m., and the PBA 60th Anniversary Clebration Dinner will be covered Saturday evening beginning at 6:30 p.m. All times are Eastern.

As a 30-day subscriber, you also can access all of Xtra Frame's extensive archives including first-look at the new series of PBA Player's Perspectives, and previous events you may have missed (including the just-completed DHC PBA Japan Invitational that aired in the early morning hours in the U.S.).

While modern technology allows fans to watch Xtra Frame on their smartphones (sign up for a free app at Google Play or the Apple App store) as well as on their computers, it's also easy to hook up casting video devices to stream Xtra Frame's high-def content to your big-screen television set.

Xtra Frame also offers a low-cost three-day subscription for fans who want to watch a specific weekend event for \$3.99, or a full-year Season Ticket that covers a full 12 months for about \$1.25 a week. Complete information and enrollment information is available by visiting<u>xtraframe.tv</u>.

Beyond Xtra Frame, the PBA Network offers fans a wide series of options to follow the action coming in February and later in 2018 including:

- Game-by-game live scoring on PBA.com;
- Daily news releases for each day of competition on PBA.com;
- Post-tournament photo galleries on PBA.com;

• Updates on PBA's social media channels including Facebook

(www.facebook.com/ProfessionalBowlersAssociation), Twitter (@pbatour) and Instagram (pbatour).

- Recaps, video clips and interviews on PBA's YouTube channel;
- Individual player insights on their own Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts.

For Facebook users, recent changes may make it much easier to keep the PBA at the top of your news feed. Using your laptop or PC, visit the PBA home page using the link above. Click on the "following" button and hover over "see first" and click that. From a mobile device, find "follow" or "following" under the cover photo, press it and click on "see first." Either of those steps should bring PBA news to the forefront on your digital news feed.

MOTOWN, BROOKLYN ANNOUNCE PLAYERS PROTECTED FOR PBA LEAGUE DRAFT

The last two managers to protect players from their 2017 rosters for the 2018 PBA League Draft have made their selections. Motown Muscle manager **Del Ballard Jr.** has locked in **EJ Tackett, Francois Lavoie** and **Anthony Simonsen** while Brooklyn Styles manager**Johnny Petraglia** has retained a veteran trio including PBA Hall of Famers **Parker Bohn III** and **Walter Ray Williams Jr.** along with future hall of famer **Sean Rash.**

Before the PBA League draft takes place (on Saturday, Feb. 17 at 10:30 a.m. at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis), when managers will fill the two open spots on their rosters, all eligible PBA members who want to enter the draft will have to declare their intentions. The eligibility list will consist of PBA members who are in the top 75 PBA on the National Tour/WBT earnings list for 2017 plus 2018 events through the PBA Tournament of Champions which ends Feb. 11. Eligible players must then declare their intention to participate in the draft by Feb. 12.

The 2018 PBA League Draft will be live streamed on Xtra Frame. The draft order will be reverse order of finish from last year, beginning with No. 8 Brooklyn followed by Motown, NYC, LA, Philadelphia, Silver Lake, Portland and Dallas.

The complete list of protected players includes the following:

- Dallas Strikers: Player-manager Norm Duke, Tommy Jones, Bill O'Neill;
- Portland Lumberjacks: Ryan Ciminelli, Wes Malott, Kyle Troup;
- Silver Lake Atom Splitters: Chris Barnes, Jesper Svensson, Tom Daugherty;
- Philadelphia Hitmen: Dom Barrett, Tom Smallwood, Ronnie Russell;
- L.A. X: Jason Belmonte, Stuart Williams, Martin Larsen;
- NYC WTT KingPins: Pete Weber, Marshall Kent, Sam Cooley;
- Motown Muscle: EJ Tackett, Francois Lavoie, Anthony Simonsen;
- Brooklyn Styles: Parker Bohn III, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Sean Rash.

Players currently eligible to participate in the draft, in order of their combined earnings for the eligibility period, include the following. Any player who qualifies among the top 75 at the conclusion of the Tournament of Champions also will be added to the eligibility list:

Dick Allen Andrew Anderson Pontus Andersson Brad Angelo DJ Archer Zeke Bayt Josh Blanchard Kim Bolleby Charlie Brown Jakob Butturff AJ Chapman **Jeff Evans Graham Fach** Trey Ford **Daniel Fransson** Andres Gomez Muhammad Rafig Ismail Liz Johnson AJ Johnson Shota Kawazoe Nick Kruml Yannaphon Larpapharat Thomas Larsen **Brian LeClair Chris Loschetter** Francois Louw Shawn Maldonado Danielle McEwan Matthew McNiel Brad Miller **BJ Moore Brandon Novak** Matthew O'Grady **Greg Ostrander** Rhino Page **Osku Palermaa Anthony Pepe Connor Pickford Kristopher Prather** Matthew Sanders **Kyle Sherman Bryon Smith Jason Sterner** John Szczerbinski Darren Tang **Richie Teece Chris Via Chris Warren Cameron Weier Zacharay Wilkins** Dave Wodka

The PBA League will return to Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, in April. After the PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout April 17-18 (a PBA Tour title event), all PBAL teams will bowl an eight-game Baker "seeding tournament" on April 20. The PBAL quarterfinals will take place on April 21 with the No. 1 seeded team vs. No. 8 and No. 4 vs. No. 5 on the first ESPN show that airs on April 22, followed by team No. 2 vs. No. 7, and No. 3 vs. No. 6 in the show that will air on April 29. Semifinal and Elias Cup final matches will be contested on April 22 to air on ESPN on May 6 and 13, respectively.

FIVE NEW CP3 RED CARPET INTERVIEWS DEBUT ON YOUTUBE THIS WEEK

Leading into Sunday's telecast of the 2018 State Farm CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational presented by GoBowling.com (ESPN, 2 p.m. EST), PBA's YouTube channel will post the last five red carpet interviews in its series of conversations with participants in the special event. Interviews making their YouTube debuts

this week include: **Terrell Owens**, Monday; **Pete Weber**, Tuesday; **Oscar Nunez**, Wednesday; **Mookie Betts**, Friday and **Bill O'Neill**, Saturday.

Already available on YouTube are interviews with tournament host **Chris Paul; Norm Duke; Sean Rash; James Harden; EJ Tackett** and **DJ Archer**. To view all of the CP3 red carpet interviews, or any of dozens of other PBA video clips, visit:<u>https://www.youtube.com/user/PBAProBowlersAssn</u>.

TOM DAUGHERTY OFFERS "PBA PLAYER'S PERSPECTIVE" ON 2016 WOLF OPEN VICTORY

Florida's **Tom Daugherty** isn't one to hold back his emotions when he wins in PBA competition, and his victory in the 2016 PBA Wolf Open was no exception. Daugherty will weigh in on that event on Thursday in the newest edition of PBA Player's Perspective on Xtra Frame.

The Xtra Frame Player's Perspective series presents a new inside look at PBA competition every Thursday, followed a week later by availability of the exclusive interview on PBA's YouTube channel. Recent Perspective's posted on Xtra Frame and YouTube include **Pete Weber**re-living his emotional victory in the 2012 U.S. Open; **Rhino Page**'s insights into his win in the 2017 Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic and **Chris Barnes**' victory in the 2016 DHC PBA Japan Invitational. Additional perspectives will be announced in the coming weeks.

Xtra Frame subscription packages are offered for seven days, a full month or a 12-month Xtra Frame Season Ticket. Visit <u>xtraframe.com</u> for details on how to subscribe.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: "CHALLENGE" DOUBLEHEADER COMING FEB. 9-11

Next up on the PBA Regional calendar will be a PBA South Region doubleheader, PBA and PBA50 Break Point Alley Challenge events, both open to players who have not won a PBA title. Break Point Alley in Tavares, Fla., will host the doubleheader over the Feb. 9-11weekend.

• The PBA South Region's second weekend of competition includes the PBA50 Dave Edwards Toyota Spartanburg South Open at Paradise Lanes in Spartanburg, S.C., over the Feb. 16-18 weekend.

• For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit <u>pba.com</u>, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area...and remember, you can follow "live scoring" for all PBA Regional events on <u>pba.com</u> (easily accessible for Apple device users using the new PBA app).

QUICK NOTES

• PBA Hall of Famer **Mike Aulby** of Carmel, Ind., the first player in PBA history to complete the so-called "Super Slam" (winning titles in the U.S. Open, PBA Tournament of Champions, PBA World Championship, USBC Masters and PBA Players Championship), has been elected to a two-year term as president of the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame Board of Directors. He is the first bowler to serve in that role; all previous IBM/HF presidents have been industry leaders representing manufacturers or bowling associations.

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PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke Helps Host Chris Paul Win His Fourth State Farm[®] CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational Doubles Title

Houston Rockets star wins second consecutive title in multi-event extravaganza benefitting Paul's CP3 Family Foundation

THE WOODLANDS, Texas (Feb. 4, 2018) -- With the help of PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke, Houston Rockets All-Star guard Chris Paul won his second consecutive and fourth overall doubles title in the State

Farm[®] CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational presented by GoBowling! in a special televised Sunday on ESPN from Bowlero The Woodlands in the suburban Houston.

In the featured event of the ninth annual invitational event involving PBA stars and celebrity bowlers benefitting Paul's CP3 Family Foundation, Paul teamed with Duke for an error-free, 10 strike performance in the alternate-frame doubles format championship match to beat eight-time PBA Tour titlist Bill O'Neill and Boston Red Sox All-Star outfielder Mookie Betts, 259-226, in the title match.

Paul and Duke combined for the first six strikes in the match which ultimately proved too much for the O'Neill/Betts team to overcome. In the ninth frame, Paul sewed up the win by picking up the challenging 4-5 split in front of an enthusiastic sold out crowd at Bowlero The Woodlands.

"I've been blessed to have some great partners over the years and Norm certainly showed why he's a Hall of Famer," said Paul, who won last year's event with PBA Hall of Famer Chris Barnes. "It was up to me to stay there with him and keep the momentum going. Bowling's like every other sport where, when you get that momentum early, you want to keep it. If you do, good things are going to happen."

Paul also won doubles titles back-to-back in 2010 and 2011 with four-time PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte. For Duke, it was his first CP3 Celebrity Invitational win.

"Going into the finals I felt like we were the underdogs," said Duke. "Mookie is a talented player and Bill is one of the best in the land right now so we knew we were going to have our work cut out for us.

"We got through the semifinal match in good shape but right before practice for the title match Chris was kind of lost and asked me 'What should I do?' Chris is a guy who likes to play the inside part of the lane and hook the ball, but I suggested he try playing outside where I was playing and, sure enough, he made it work. We just started striking and we were on our way.

"I don't want to understate how big that 4-5 split conversion was," Duke added. "At that point the match still could have gone either way if he had missed it, but that was a great shot."

In the five-frame semifinal matches, the Duke/Paul team beat 2016 PBA Player of the Year EJ Tackett and Paul's Rockets teammate, James Harden, 109-90, and the Betts/O'Neill team beat the 2016 winners, newly-elected Pro Football Hall of Famer Terrell Owens and PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber, 130-73, to advance to the final match.

Sunday's telecast also featured a one-game Baker format team match with two-time PBA Tour winner DJ Archer of Houston, Paul, Harden, fellow Texan Dino Castillo and Rockets forward Trevor Ariza making up the Houston Strong team against 12-time Tour winner Sean Rash, Betts, Owens and 2017 Teen Masters representatives Hannah Diem of Seminole, Fla., and Logan Harvey of Titusville, Fla., making up the Bowlero All-Stars team. The Bowlero All-Stars overcame an open in the second frame to soundly defeat a struggling Houston Strong team, 215-158.

In the third event of the telecast all of the participating celebrities, including actor/comedian Oscar Nunez and Rockets guard Bobby Brown, took part in the Go Bowling! Celebrity Super Clash sudden-death shoot out where the low score in each frame was eliminated. It came down to a dual against Owens and Ariza in the eighth frame with Owens striking to win against Ariza's eight count.

The Chris Paul Family Foundation strives to positively impact individuals and families by providing resources that enrich and strengthen healthy development of strong communities.

PBA's February schedule of live ESPN telecasts continues with three consecutive live Go Bowling! PBA Tour finals on Sundays at 1 p.m. ET, beginning with the PBA Tournament of Champions on Feb. 11; the Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic, Feb. 18, and the Barbasol PBA Players Championship, Feb. 25.

State Farm[®] CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational presented by Go Bowling! Bowlero The Woodlands, The Woodlands, Texas Results from Sunday's ESPN telecast

Alternate Frame Doubles Format Semi-final (five frames)

Match One – Norm Duke/Chris Paul def. EJ Tackett/James Harden, 109-90. Match Two – Bill O'Neill/Mookie Betts def. Pete Weber/Terrell Owens – 130-73.

Championship (10 frames)

Duke/Paul def. O'Neill/Betts, 259-226.

CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational Winners:

2018 – Norm Duke/Chris Paul
2017 – Chris Barnes/Chris Paul
2016 – Pete Weber/Terrell Owens
2015 – Ronnie Russell/French Montana
2013 – Chris Barnes/Chris Hardwick
2012 – Pete Weber/Jerry Ferrara/Blake Griffin
2011 – Jason Belmonte/Chris Paul
2010 – Jason Belmonte/Chris Paul
2009 – Jason Couch/LeBron James

Chris Via Tops PBA Tournament of Champions PTQ As 80-Player Field is Set for Season's First Major

FAIRLAWN, Ohio (Feb. 5, 2018) – Two-time PBA regional titlist Chris Via, a two-handed player from Springfield, Ohio, led a field of 27 players earning spots in the PBA Tournament of Champions after Monday's pre-tournament qualifier at AMF Riviera Lanes, completing the field of 80 competitors who will battle for the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season's first major title.

The TOC field will include 53 Tour winners in addition to those players advancing through the PTQ. Those competing in the PTQ did not have a PBA Tour title but were eligible for the qualifier by virtue of being PBA regional winners.

Via, a current member of Team USA and a three-time Collegiate All-American, topped the qualifier with a 1,809 eight-game pinfall total (226 average), 56 pins ahead of Cristian Azcona of Puerto Rico, a threetime regional titlist, in second with 1,753. Via adds his name to the list of two-handers who will be competing in the TOC that also includes Jason Belmonte, Jesper Svensson, Kyle Troup, Anthony Simonsen, Osku Palermaa and Shawn Maldonado, who finished seventh in the qualifier.

After Tuesday's practice session, scheduled for 2-4 p.m. ET, TOC week continues with the King of Bowling Challenge in a ground-breaking live streaming event on Facebook Live featuring reigning title holder 10-time Tour winner Wes Malott taking on challenger four-time PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte at 6:30 p.m. The best-of-three-game match will be available by visiting the PBA's Facebook page at <u>https://www.facebook.com/ProfessionalBowlersAssociation/</u>. All preliminary TOC rounds will be streamed live on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame beginning with first round qualifying Wednesday at 11 a.m. ET. For Xtra Frame subscription and schedule information visit <u>www.xtraframe.tv</u>.

For the complete TOC entry list visit <u>https://www.pba.com/Rosters/Details/2519</u>

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

Pre-tournament Qualifying Round Results (after 8 games. Players advancing to the PBA Tournament of Champions which begins with Wednesday's first round qualifying)

1, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 1,809.

- 2, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 1,753.
- 3, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 1,735.
- 4, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,727.
- 5, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 1,719.
- 6, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 1,704.
- 7, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 1,686.
- 8, BJ Moore III, Greensburg, Pa., 1,679.
- 9, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,651.
- 10, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 1,643.
- 11, Matthew O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 1,630.
- 12, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 1,629.
- 13, Kyle Bigelow, Troy, Ohio, 1,617.
- 14, Michael Clark Jr, Cleveland, Ohio, 1,611.
- 15, Joe Bailey, Wooster, Ohio, 1,607.
- 16, Brad Miller, Maryland Heights, Mo., 1,605.
- 17, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 1,599.
- 18, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 1,597.
- 19, Kyle Mayberry, Mt. Vernon, Ohio, 1,595.
- 20, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,593.
- 21, Andrew Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich., 1,562.
- 22, JT Jackson, Sherman Oaks, Calif., 1,537.
- 23, Chris Arcaro, Carolina Beach, N.C., 1,527.
- 24, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 1,522.
- 25, Ed Carter, Austintown, Ohio, 1,513.
- 26, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,502.
- 27, Aaron Lorincz, Center Line, Mich., 1,491.

Wes Malott Extends PBA King of Bowling Reign With 2-0 Best-of-Three Match Win Over Jason Belmonte

FAIRLAWN, Ohio (Feb. 6, 2018) -- Ten-time PBA Tour winner and former PBA Player of the Year Wes Malott successfully defended his PBA King of Bowling crown for the eighth time by defeating challenger four-time PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte 2-0 in a best-of-three game match Tuesday at AMF Riviera Lanes.

The kick-off to the PBA Tournament of Champions, which begins Wednesday with first round qualifying, was the first-ever PBA event streamed via Facebook Live.

After winning the first game, 250-213, Malott came through with a clutch 10th-frame performance in the second game throwing three consecutive strikes to beat Belmonte 227-225. Belmonte, who finished the game first, threw the first two strikes in the 10th but left the 2-8 on his final ball leaving the door open for Malott.

"Anytime you can throw three strikes in the 10th to win it really makes the win more satisfying," said Malott. "Bowling against a great player like Jason I felt I had to get it done right then and there. I didn't feel good about it going another game."

After the second strike in the 10th, Malott made a concerted effort to get into a positive mindset for the final shot.

"I've been in those situations where when you need eight or nine (pins) to win you throw it away with a six or seven count," he said. "I cleared my mind of any negative thoughts and didn't take a lot of time on the approach. I just focused on making the best possible shot."

Since winning the inaugural King of Bowling challenge in 2009, Malott has successfully defended his crown with wins bowling against Chris Barnes, Patrick Allen, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Rhino Page, Parker Bohn III, EJ Tackett and Belmonte in a trios challenge and most recently, Tommy Jones.

Belmonte was chosen as Malott's opponent by fan voting from a list of TOC champions on <u>pba.com</u>. The three other finalists in the voting were Barnes, Pete Weber and Norm Duke.

The Tournament of Champions begins with first round qualifying Wednesday at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. ET. Qualifying and match play continue Thursday and Friday which will determine the top five for Sunday's live stepladder finals on ESPN at 1 p.m. ET.

Fans can catch TOC qualifying and match play rounds on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame. For subscription and schedule information visit <u>www.xtraframe.tv</u>.

Second Year Tour Player Andrew Anderson Averages 241 to

Lead PBA Tournament of Champions First Round

80-player field returns for second round this evening at 6 p.m. ET

FAIRLAWN, Ohio (Feb. 7, 2018) – Andrew Anderson, a two-time PBA regional winner from Holly, Mich., averaged 241 to take the first round lead in the PBA Tournament of Champions at AMF Riviera Lanes Wednesday.

Bowling in his second year on tour, the 2018 Team USA member fired a 1,448 six-game pinfall total with games of 232, 278, 212, 235, 256 and 235 to lead the 80-player field made up of PBA champions.

Anderson qualified for the TOC field by finishing third in the pre-tournament qualifier for non-tour winners on Monday. The TOC is the first major of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season.

"Bowling in the PTQ was really kind of an added benefit because I bowled well and was able to gain some confidence," the 22-year-old Anderson said. "Getting off to a good start is always good, now it's up to me to keep it going – no excuses."

"To come out on top after the first round is a surreal feeling," he added. "I was focused so hard on my bowling that I didn't really look at the standings until the very end of the round."

Anderson's best Tour finishes were third in last year's PBA Xtra Frame Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic and sixth in the Barbasol PBA Players Championship.

Anderson holds a 69-pin lead over one-time PBA Tour winner Connor Pickford of Charlotte, N.C., in second with 1,379. Rounding out the top five are 2018 DHC Japan Invitational winner Dom Barrett of England, 1,378; defending TOC champion EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,377, and DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 1,374.

The entire field will return this evening for second round qualifying at 6 p.m. ET. After Thursday's third and final qualifying round, the field will be cut to the top 24 players who will advance to the first match play round at 6 p.m. ET. After Friday's match play rounds at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., the top five players will be determined for Sunday's live stepladder finals on ESPN at 1 p.m. ET.

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PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

AMF Riviera Lanes, Fairlawn, Ohio, Wednesday

First Round Standings (after 6 games)

- 1, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 1,448.
- 2, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 1,379.
- 3, Dom Barrett, England, 1,378.
- 4, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,377.
- 5, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 1,374.
- 6, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,371.
- 7, Matthew O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 1,370.
- 8, (tie) Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., and Richie Teece, England, 1,367.
- 10, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 1,365.

- 11, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 1,362.
- 12, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 1,358.
- 13, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 1,356.
- 14, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 1,352.
- 15, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,349.
- 16, (tie) AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., and BJ Moore III, Greensburg, Pa., 1,345.
- 18, Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., 1,344.
- 19, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 1,339.
- 20, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, Texas, 1,335.
- 21, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 1,331.
- 22, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,330.
- 23, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 1,329.
- 24, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,326.
- 25, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 1,325.
- 26, (tie) Osku Palermaa, Finland, and Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 1,320.
- 28, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,315.
- 29, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 1,314.
- 30, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 1,310.
- 31, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,308.
- 32, (tie) Andres Gomez, Colombia, Yannaphon Larpapharat, Thailand, and Jon Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I., 1,306.
- 35, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,304.
- 36, (tie) Aaron Lorincz, Center Line, Mich., and Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,303.
- 38, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1,302.
- 39, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 1,299.
- 40, (tie) Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., and Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,298.
- 42, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 1,296.
- 43, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,294.
- 44, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 1,291.
- 45, (tie) Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., and Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,282.
- 47, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,280.
- 48, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,279.
- 49, (tie) Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, and Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., 1,278.
- 51, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 1,273.
- 52, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 1,271.
- 53, Kyle Bigelow, Troy, Ohio, 1,266.
- 54, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 1,258.
- 55, (tie) Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, and Brad Miller, Maryland Heights, Mo., 1,247.
- 57, Stuart Williams, England, 1,246.
- 58, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,243.
- 59, (tie) Rhino Page, Orlando, and Matthew Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 1,242.
- 61, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 1,235.
- 62, (tie) Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, and Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,232.
- 64, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 1,224.
- 65, Chris Arcaro, Carolina Beach, N.C., 1,214.
- 66, (tie) Andrew Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich., and Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,213.
- 68, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 1,208.
- 69, Cameron Weier, Tacoma, Wash., 1,202.
- 70, Graham Fach, Canada, 1,195.
- 71, Kyle Mayberry, Mt. Vernon, Ohio, 1,178.
- 72, Liz Johnson, Palatine, Ill., 1,176.
- 72, Joe Bailey, Wooster, Ohio, 1,176.
- 74, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,170.

75, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,151.
76, Michael Clark Jr., Cleveland, Ohio, 1,134.
77, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 1,092.
78, Ed Carter, Austintown, Ohio, 1,088.
79, John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 1,081.
80, JT Jackson, Sherman Oaks, Calif., 977.

Ronnie Russell Averages 232 to

Lead PBA Tournament of Champions After Second Round

FAIRLAWN, Ohio (Feb. 7, 2018) – Four-time PBA Tour champion Ronnie Russell of Marion Ind., averaged 232 for two rounds Wednesday to lead 80 PBA champions in the PBA Tournament of Champions at AMF Riviera Lanes.

Finishing 22nd after the first round earlier Wednesday with a 1,330 six-game pinfall total, Russell vaulted into the lead after bowling 1,460 in the second round finishing the day with 2,790 overall for 12 games.

The 38-year-old Russell bowled games of 208, 277, 267, 264, 198 and 246 in the second round.

"Overall, I'm bowling well but in the first round I wasn't maximizing my performance in the ninth and 10th frames," Russell said. "I was doing a better job of finishing games off in the second round.

"There have been times when I get on a good run but get ahead of myself and I lose the shot," Russell added. "I need to stay patient and stay within myself to avoid those mistakes. I was really encouraged by the way I came back in the last game after bowling 198."

Russell holds a 54-pin lead over Matt O'Grady of Rahway, N.J., in second with a 2,736 pinfall.

Four-time and reigning PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte of Australia finished third after two rounds with a 2,723 pinfall (226 average).

Belmonte, who won the Tournament of Champions in 2014 and 2015, also rocketed up the standings finishing 31st after the first round. Bowling 1,308 for his first six games, he came back with a 1,415 pinfall in the second round bowling games of 299, 205, 193, 214, 224, and 280.

Belmonte, who uses the unique two-handed delivery, is trying to win his 10th PBA major which would tie him for first on the all-time list with Pete Weber and Earl Anthony. A third TOC title would also tie him for most victories in PBA's signature tournament with Jason Couch and Mike Durbin.

In 2017, Belmonte won the USBC Masters, Barbasol PBA Players Championship and PBA World Championship to become the first player to win three majors in a season.

Rounding out the top five in the first major of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season were two more two-handers, Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas, who finished the day in fourth with 2,721 and Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C., who finished fifth with a 2,718 pinfall.

The entire field returns for Thursday mornings third and final qualifying round after which the field will be cut to the top 24 players who will advance to the first match play round at 6 p.m. ET. After Friday's match play rounds at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., the top five players will be determined for Sunday's live stepladder finals on ESPN at 1 p.m. ET.

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PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

AMF Riviera Lanes, Fairlawn, Ohio, Wednesday

Second Round Standings (after 12 games. Entire field returns for third qualifying round Thursday morning)

- 1, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 2,790.
- 2, Mat O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 2,736.
- 3, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 2,723.
- 4, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 2,721.
- 5, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 2,718.
- 6, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 2,693.
- 7, (tie) Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., and Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 2,687.
- 9, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 2,686.
- 10, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 2,678.
- 11, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 2,670.
- 12, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 2,662.
- 13, Yannaphon Larpapharat, Thailand, 2,659.

- 14, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 2,656.
- 15, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 2,655.
- 16, Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., 2,653.
- 17, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 2,652.
- 18, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 2,640.
- 19, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2,637.
- 20, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 2,627.
- 21, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 2,625.
- 22, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2,623.
- 23, Dom Barrett, England, 2,621.
- 24, Jon Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I., 2,616.
- 25, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 2,605.
- 26, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, Texas, 2,599.
- 27, (tie) Darren Tang, San Francisco, Francois Lavoie, Canada, and Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,595.
- 30, Richie Teece, England, 2,590.
- 31, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 2,588.
- 32, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 2,584.
- 33, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 2,578.
- 34, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 2,576.
- 35, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 2,570.
- 36, Matthew Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 2,569.
- 37, Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., 2,560.
- 38, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 2,558.
- 39, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 2,557.
- 40, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 2,553.
- 41, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 2,552.
- 42, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 2,551.
- 43, (tie) Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., and Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 2,546.
- 45, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 2,543.
- 46, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2,533.
- 47, Rhino Page, Orlando, 2,531.
- 48, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 2,521.
- 49, Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., 2,520.
- 50, Chris Arcaro, Carolina Beach, N.C., 2,506.
- 51, Stuart Williams, England, 2,505.
- 52, Aaron Lorincz, Center Line, Mich., 2,497.
- 53, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 2,489.
- 54, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 2,471.
- 55, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 2,469.
- 56, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 2,465.
- 57, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 2,463.
- 58, Joe Bailey, Wooster, Ohio, 2,460.
- 59, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2,457.
- 60, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 2,456.
- 61, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 2,452.
- 62, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 2,446.
- 63, Graham Fach, Canada, 2,440.
- 64, Brad Miller, Maryland Heights, Mo., 2,439.
- 65, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 2,431.
- 66, Kyle Mayberry, Mt. Vernon, Ohio, 2,430.
- 67, Liz Johnson, Palatine, Ill., 2,417.
- 68, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 2,407.
- 69, Cameron Weier, Tacoma, Wash., 2,396.

- 70, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 2,373.
- 71, Kyle Bigelow, Troy, Ohio, 2,371.
- 72, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 2,370.
- 73, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 2,360.
- 74, Andrew Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich., 2,325.
- 75, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 2,319.
- 76, Michael Clark Jr., Cleveland, Ohio, 2,286.
- 77, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 2,231.
- 78, Ed Carter, Austintown, Ohio, 2,214.
- 79, John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 2,123.
- 80, JT Jackson, Sherman Oaks, Calif., 1,960.

PBA Announces Seven-Event 2018 Xtra Frame PBA Tour Schedule

CHICAGO (Feb. 8, 2018) – Professional Bowlers Association players will have seven opportunities to win PBA Tour titles in a series of Xtra Frame PBA Tour tournaments during 2018, all of which will be live streamed from start to finish, exclusively on PBA's online bowling channel.

The Xtra Frame series will begin with the PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, April 16-18, leading into the PBA League Elias Cup competition, which is set for April 20-22. Each of the tournaments will offer a PBA Tour title if the winner is a PBA member. Each will conclude with a stepladder final. Tournament schedules and entry information will soon be available on <u>pba.com</u>.

The Xtra Frame series will include trips to Wilmington, N.C., May 18-20; Jonesboro, Ark., June 1-3; Aurora, Ill., June 29-July 2; Houston, Texas for the PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles, July 26-29; Middletown, Del., for Mid-County Lanes' 10th anniversary event, Aug. 17-19, and Coldwater, Ohio, Aug. 24-26.

2018 XTRA FRAME PBA TOUR SCHEDULE

April 16-18 – PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout, Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine May 18-20 – PBA Xtra Frame Wilmington Open, Tenpin Alley, Wilmington, N.C. June 1-3 – PBA Xtra Frame Jonesboro Open, Hijinx, Jonesboro, Ark. June 29-July 2 – PBA Xtra Frame Parkside Open, Parkside Lanes, Aurora, Ill. July 26-July 29 – Storm Xtra Frame PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles, Copperfield Bowl, Houston, Texas Aug. 17-19 – PBA Xtra Frame Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic, Mid-County Lanes, Middletown, Del. Aug. 24-26 – PBA Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic, Pla-Mor Lanes, Coldwater, Ohio

PBA Spare Shots

PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS FINALS RETURN TO HISTORIC LANES 27-28

Sunday's live ESPN finals of the PBA Tournament of Champions in its return to historic AMF Riviera Lanes in Fairlawn, Ohio, also will feature a return to the pair of lanes where so much of the TOC's history happened.

Sunday's 1 p.m. EST finals will be contested on lanes 27 and 28, the same pair of lanes where **Wayne Zahn** defeated top qualifier **Dick Weber**, 203-170, in the first Firestone TOC held at Riviera Lanes in 1966. It's the same pair of lanes that saw **Jack Biondolillo** roll the first nationally-televised 300 game in PBA history in 1967; where **Don Johnson** bowled his historic 299 game in winning the 1970 title, and where **Mike Durbin** became the first three-time TOC champion with victories in 1972, 1982 and 1984.

The roster of players who won TOC titles on lanes 27 and 28 is a who's who of future PBA Hall of Famers, including **Norm Duke**, who won the last TOC title contested on that pair of lanes in 1994.

What might be the most famous pair of lanes in the PBA's 60-year history has undergone a significant change over the years, transitioning from natural wood to synthetic surfaces, but one thing that won't change Sunday is the aura of nostalgia that will surround the setting as AMF Riviera Lanes adds another chapter to its colorful history.

If you'd like a taste of what the TOC was like in the good ol' days, watch 1971 champion Johnny Petraglia's Facebook Live interview from Tuesday morning as he prepared to bowl his final TOC at the age of 70. Click

here: <u>https://www.facebook.com/search/posts/?q=professional%20bowlers%20association%20(pba)</u>

Fans can follow the qualifying and match play rounds of the TOC this week on Xtra Frame (visit <u>xtraframe.tv</u> for subscription information), via Live Scoring on PBA.com and Live Scoring by Lanetalk at this link (<u>http://www.lanetalk.com/livescoring/?uuid=041ac2c4-fa3f-11e7-8972-005056a558aa)</u> which allows fans to follow the entire field on a single screen.

BIG CROWDS SET FOR TOC, 60th ANNIVERSARY CLASSIC, COLUMBUS DOUBLEHEADER

Capacity crowds will be on hand for the live ESPN finals of the PBA Tournament of Champions from AMF Riviera Lanes in Fairlawn, Ohio, Sunday, and for the Barbasol PBA Players Championship from Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl in Columbus, Ohio, on Sunday, Feb. 25, the PBA has announced.

A full house also is expected for the Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic finals from Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis on Sunday, Feb. 18, but a few tickets are still available (visit <u>https://www.pba.com/Tickets</u> to reserve tickets on a first-come basis).

All three live ESPN telecasts, part of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule, begin at 1 p.m. EST. The live Players Championship telecast will be part of a doubleheader in Columbus, followed by the finals of the Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship presented by BowlerX.com which will be lived streamed on ESPN3 at 4 p.m. EST on Feb. 25 and taped for broadcast by ESPN on Sunday, March 25, also at 1 p.m. EST.

TACKETT, JONES REFLECT ON 2017 TOC MATCH IN NEW "PBA PLAYER'S PERSPECTIVE"

The rivals in one of the 2017 season's most exciting title matches will reflect on their duel Thursday when the newest edition of PBA Player's Perspective on Xtra Frame features FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions winner **EJ Tackett** and runner-up **Tommy Jones**.

Tackett's 208-203 victory, which made him the youngest player ever to become title-eligible for the PBA Hall of Fame, came at Jones' expense when he failed to convert the 1-2-4-10 washout in the 10th frame. The win was Tackett's second major to go along with seven standard PBA Tour titles, fulfilling the "titles won" criteria for future hall of fame consideration, but he won't be "membership eligible" for induction until 2032 – his 20th year of PBA membership. Jones, an 18-time titlist, will become eligible for HOF induction in 2020.

The Xtra Frame Player's Perspective series presents a new inside look at PBA competition every Thursday, followed a week later by availability of the exclusive interview on PBA's YouTube channel. Recent Perspective's include **Pete Weber** re-living his emotional victory in the 2012 U.S. Open; **Rhino Page**'s insights into the 2017 Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic; **Chris Barnes**' victory in the 2015 DHC PBA Japan Invitational, and **Tom Daugherty**'s emotional win in the 2016 Wolf Open. Additional perspectives will be announced in the coming weeks.

Xtra Frame subscription packages are offered for seven days, a full month or a 12-month Xtra Frame Season Ticket. Visit <u>xtraframe.com</u> for details on how to subscribe.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: "CHALLENGE" DOUBLEHEADER THIS WEEKEND IN FLORIDA

Next up on the PBA Regional calendar will be a PBA South Region doubleheader, PBA and PBA50 Break Point Alley Challenge events, both open to players who have not won a PBA title. Break Point Alley in Tavares, Fla., will host the doubleheader this weekend.

• The PBA South Region's second weekend of competition includes the PBA50 Dave Edwards Toyota Spartanburg South Open at Paradise Lanes in Spartanburg, S.C., over the Feb. 16-18 weekend.

• For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit <u>pba.com</u>, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area...and remember, you can follow "live scoring" for all PBA Regional events on <u>pba.com</u> (easily accessible for Apple device users using the new PBA app).

QUICK NOTES

• **BJ Moore** and his wife T'nia welcomed their first child, son **Lincoln James Moore**, on Friday, Feb. 2. Lincoln arrived at 6 pounds, 9 ounces, and measured 18 inches long.

• The PBA extends its congratulations to frequent Chris Paul PBA Celebrity Invitational and former World Series of Bowling competitor **Terrell Owens** on his election to the National Football League Hall of Fame.

• **Kathy Pulliam** of Silver Spring, Md., wins a new Brunswick ball; **Angie Loyd** of Monument, Colo., is the winner of a new high-performance ball from DV8, and **Paul Heise** of Elyria, Ohio, will receive a new high-performance ball from MOTIV as January sweepstakes winners for subscribing to Xtra Frame. The monthly sweepstakes is sponsored by the respective PBA Product Registered partners. Monthly winners are selected from among new Xtra Frame subscribers, who are automatically entered when they enroll as a monthly or Xtra Frame Season Ticket (full year) subscriber.

• **Phyllis Burrill** is the January winner of a \$200 HotelPlanner.com certificate, redeemable for future lodging expenses, compliments of PBA's official travel partner. The monthly sweepstakes is open to anyone who books a hotel through the HotelPlanner.com link on<u>pba.com</u>. Those who book through HotelPlanner.com are automatically entered.

Russell is Top Qualifier for PBA Tournament of Champions; Belmonte Narrowly Makes Match Play Finishing 24th

FAIRLAWN, Ohio (Feb. 8, 2018) – Four-time PBA Tour winner Ronnie Russell of Marion, Ind., averaged 231 to earn top qualifier honors in the PBA Tournament of Champions Thursday and leading 24 players into this evening's first eight-game match play round at AMF Riviera Lanes.

Russell retained his second round lead with a 1,376 six-game pinfall total in the third round finishing qualifying with a 4,166 overall pinfall total for 18 games. He holds a 75-pin lead over Matt O'Grady of Rahway, N.J., in second who posted a 4,091 pinfall total.

"I've really been relying on my equipment to this point," said the 38-year-old Russell. "I've got a good rotation of two or three balls that I'm using and I'm making the right decisions at the right time for the most part.

"Heading into match play the plan is the old cliché, just take it one frame and one game at a time."

After finishing qualifying in third after the second round, two-time TOC winner and four-time PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte struggled in the third round finishing with a 237 game to narrowly make the 24th and final match play spot by seven pins.

Belmonte, who is trying for his 10th PBA major title to tie PBA Hall of Famers Pete Weber and Earl Anthony for most major wins, finished qualifying with a 3,920 pinfall. The two-hander got off to a bad start with games of 186, 187, 171 in the third round before finishing with games of 228, 188 and 237.

"I'm a little down on my energy because the jetlag seems to have affected me more than usual this trip," said the Australian. "Frankly I'm kind of exhausted right now. I'm hoping I can get the energy level back for tonight's (match play) round.

"Fortunately, there are a lot of games left and anything can happen in match play especially with the bonus pins," the 2014 and 2015 TOC winner added. "In a long format event like this there's a long way to go so there's a lot of opportunity to move up the standings."

Tonight's first match play round will consist of eight head-to-head single-game matches with 30 bonus points awarded for a match win.

Match play for the first major of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season continues Friday with rounds at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. ET. After Friday's match play the top five players will be determined for Sunday's live stepladder finals on ESPN at 1 p.m. ET.

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PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

AMF Riviera Lanes, Fairlawn, Ohio, Thursday

Third Round Standings (after 18 games. Top 24 advance to Thursday evening's first match play round)

- 1, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 4,166.
- 2, Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 4,091.
- 3, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 4,081.
- 4, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 4,065.
- 5, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 4,060.
- 6, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 4,054.
- 7, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 4,053.
- 8, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 4,049.
- 9, (tie) BJ Moore III, Greensburg, Pa., and Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 4,000.
- 11, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 3,984.
- 12, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 3,967.
- 13, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, Texas, 3,965.
- 14, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 3,964.
- 15, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 3,963.
- 16, Matthew Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 3,948.
- 17, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 3,947.
- 18, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 3,943.
- 19, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 3,939.
- 20, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 3,930.
- 21, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 3,929.
- 22, Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., 3,927.
- 23, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 3,925.
- 24, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 3,920.

Failed to advance:

- 25, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 3,913, \$3,000.
- 26, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 3,906.
- 27, Yannaphon Larpapharat, Thailand, 3,899.
- 28, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 3,897.
- 29, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 3,887.
- 30, Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., 3,883.
- 31, Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., 3,882.
- 32, Dom Barrett, England, 3,881.
- 33, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 3,880.
- 34, Jon Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I., 3,878.
- 35, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 3,871.
- 36, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 3,868.
- 37, Rhino Page, Orlando, 3,848.
- 38, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 3,846.
- 39, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 3,845.
- 40, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 3,835.
- 41, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 3,829.
- 42, Stuart Williams, England, 3,822.
- 43, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 3,820.
- 44, (tie) Chris Arcaro, Carolina Beach, N.C., and Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 3,817.
- 46, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 3,816.
- 47, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,811.
- 48, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 3,810.
- 49, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 3,808.
- 50, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 3,768.
- 51, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 3,758.
- 52, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 3,744.
- 53, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,737.
- 54, Richie Teece, England, 3,736.
- 55, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3,731.
- 56, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 3,714.
- 57, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 3,713.
- 58, Aaron Lorincz, Center Line, Mich., 3,707.
- 59, Joe Bailey, Wooster, Ohio, 3,705.
- 60, Graham Fach, Canada, 3,692.
- 61, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 3,691.
- 62, Brad Miller, Maryland Heights, Mo., 3,687.
- 63, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,677.
- 64, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,666.
- 65, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 3,665.
- 66, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 3,660.
- 67, Kyle Mayberry, Mt. Vernon, Ohio, 3,656.
- 68, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 3,645.
- 69, Cameron Weier, Tacoma, Wash., 3,618.
- 70, Kyle Bigelow, Troy, Ohio, 3,607.
- 71, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,575.
- 72, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 3,570.
- 73, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 3,567.
- 74, Andrew Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich., 3,549.
- 75, Liz Johnson, Palatine, Ill., 3,531.
- 76, (tie) Michael Clark Jr., Cleveland, Ohio, and Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 3,515.
- 78, Ed Carter, Austintown, Ohio, 3,329.

79, John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 3,262. 80, JT Jackson, Sherman Oaks, Calif., 3,096.

300 games (1) – Shawn Maldonado

Russell Posts 6-2 Record in First Match Play Round to Retain Lead in PBA Tournament of Champions

Jesper Svensson moves into second and Jason Belmonte rebounds to finish seventh heading into Friday's match play

FAIRLAWN, Ohio (Feb. 8, 2018) – Four-time PBA Tour winner Ronnie Russell of Marion, Ind., retained his lead in the PBA Tournament of Champions Thursday at AMF Riviera Lanes after the first match play round but had to withstand a challenge from 2016 TOC winner Jesper Svensson of Sweden who moved into second.

Russell posted a 6-2 match play record and finished with a 6,201 four-round overall pinfall total, which includes 30 bonus pins for each match win, to lead Svensson who also recorded a 6-2 record and finished 73 pins behind with 6,128.

In the first major tournament of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season, Russell reeled off match wins with games of 259, 266, 220, 267, 257, then lost with games of 158, 202 before winning the final match with 226.

"Bowling this well on a fresh condition isn't really my game so I was pretty happy with the good start," Russell said. "Everything was going well until I had trouble figuring out the pair of lanes in the sixth game. That was pretty frustrating but I was able to dig myself out of that whole and had a decent finish.

"I've been relying pretty heavily on my equipment choices so far in the tournament," he added. "I'm probably going to drill up a couple more balls so I can be more prepared for what I might experience tomorrow."

Svensson, a two-handed player who is already a seven-time Tour winner at age 22, became the youngest player to win the Tournament of Champions, when he captured the title in Shawnee, Okla., in 2016 at age 20, eight days short of his 21st birthday.

Finishing the day in third was 2017 PBA Rookie of the Year Matt Sanders of Evansville, Ind., with a 7-1 record and 6,092 pinfall. Two-hander Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas, recorded a 5-3 record in match play and 6,052 pinfall to finish in fourth. Simonsen won the 2016 United States Bowling Congress Masters at age 19 to become the youngest player to win a major.

Nearly failing to advance to match play after the final qualifying round earlier in the day, nine-time major winner Australian two-hander Jason Belmonte made a dramatic rebound posting a 5-3 match play record and 5,947 pinfall to move from 24th to seventh.

Belmonte, who won his fourth Player of the Year crown in 2017, is trying for his 10th PBA major title to would tie PBA Hall of Famers Pete Weber and Earl Anthony for the all-time major title record. A win would also make the 2014 and 2015 TOC winner the third player to win the major three times. Jason Couch and Mike Durbin are the other three-time winners.

Using PBA's traditional head-to-head match play format that advances 24 players from qualifying, 15 players in PBA history have advanced from the 24th match play position to win a tournament. Three have accomplished the feat in majors.

Match play continues Friday with rounds at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. ET. After Friday's match play the top five players will be determined for Sunday's live stepladder finals on ESPN at 1 p.m. ET.

Fans can catch the final match play rounds on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame. For subscription and schedule information visit <u>www.xtraframe.tv</u>.

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

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

- 1, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 6-2, 6,201.
- 2, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 6-2, 6,128.
- 3, Matt Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 7-1, 6,092.
- 4, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 5-3, 6,052.
- 5, Mat O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 4-4, 5,984.
- 6, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 4-4, 5,975.
- 7, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 5-3, 5,947.
- 8, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 5-3, 5,946.
- 9, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 3-5, 5,934.
- 10, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 5-3, 5,900.
- 11, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 5-3, 5,884.
- 12, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 3-5, 5,878.
- 13, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 4-3-1, 5,850.
- 14, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 5-3, 5,845.
- 15, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 2-6-0, 5,834.
- 16, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, Texas, 4-4, 5,828.
- 17, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 2-6, 5,814.
- 18, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 3-5, 5,811.
- 19, BJ Moore III, Greensburg, Pa., 4-4, 5,747.
- 20, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 3-5, 5,740.
- 21, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 3-5, 5,683.
- 22, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 3-5, 5,661.
- 23, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 2-6, 5,647.
- 24, Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., 2-5-1, 5,605.

Jesper Svensson Posts 11-3-2 Overall Record in Match Play to Move Into PBA Tournament of Champions Lead

24-player field will bowl final eight-game match play round at 6 p.m. ET to determine top five for Sunday's ESPN stepladder finals

FAIRLAWN, Ohio (Feb. 9, 2018) – Swedish two-hander Jesper Svensson posted a 5-1-2 record after Friday's first match play round and averaged 240 to move into the PBA Tournament of Champions lead at AMF Riviera Lanes with one match play round to bowl.

With an 11-3-2 overall record and 8,238 pinfall (including 30 bonus pins for each match win) after two match play rounds, the 2016 Tournament of Champions winner holds a 171–pin lead over four-time Tour

winner Ronnie Russell of Marion, Ind., in second who led afterThursday's first match play round. Russell finished the day with an 8,067 pinfall and 10-6 record.

The 24-player match play field will bowl the final eight-game round this evening at 6 p.m. ET to determine the five players who will compete in Sunday's live stepladder finals on ESPN at 1 p.m. ET.

Matt O'Grady of Rahway, N.J., a four-time regional winner, moved up to third after posting a 7-1 record Friday giving him an 11-5 record overall for two rounds. He bowled the tournament's second perfect game beating 12-time Tour winner Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., 300-278, in the seventh game.

Andrew Anderson, a two-time regional winner, holds the fourth spot with an 8,020 pinfall and 10-6 match play record. One-time Tour winner and 2017 PBA Rookie of the Year Matt Sanders of Evansville, Ind., notched a 11-5 record in match play and is in fifth with a 7,941 pinfall.

Both O'Grady and Anderson advanced to the TOC field through the pre-tournament qualifier. The PTQ enabled players who do not own Tour titles, but have titles in PBA's other divisions, to earn spots in the field.

Nine-time PBA Tour major champion Jason Belmonte of Australia inched closer to the top five despite an 8-8 match play record for two rounds. He sits sixth with a 7,852 pinfall.

Nearly failing to advance to match play after earning the 24th and final match play spot Thursday, Belmonte has made a steady climb to stay in contention.

Belmonte, who won his fourth Player of the Year crown in 2017, is trying for his 10th PBA major title to tie PBA Hall of Famers Pete Weber and Earl Anthony for the all-time major title record. A win would also make the 2014 and 2015 TOC winner the third player to win the major three times. Jason Couch and Mike Durbin are the other three-time winners.

Using PBA's traditional head-to-head match play format that advances 24 players from qualifying and awards 30 bonus pins for a match win, 15 players in PBA history have advanced from the 24th match play position to win a tournament. Three have accomplished it in majors.

The Tournament of Champions is the first major of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season.

Fans can catch the final round of match play this evening live on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame. Visit <u>www.xtraframe.tv</u> for schedule and subscription information.

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

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

- 1, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 11-3-2, 8,238.
- 2, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 10-6, 8,067.
- 3, Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 11-5, 8,058.
- 4, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 10-6, 8,020.
- 5, Matt Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 11-5, 7,941.
- 6, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 8-8, 7,852.
- 7, BJ Moore III, Greensburg, Pa., 10-6, 7,847.
- 8, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 8-8, 7,838.
- 9, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 9-7, 7,835.

- 10, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 7-9, 7,786.
- 11, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 6-9-1, 7,766.
- 12, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 8-8, 7,711.
- 13, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 10-6, 7,659.
- 14, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 6-10, 7,653.
- 15, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 6-10, 7,645.
- 16, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 7-8-1, 7,644.
- 17, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 7-9, 7,627.
- 17, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 8-8, 7,627.
- 19, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 7-8-1, 7,623.
- 20, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 8-8, 7,610.
- 21, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 5-11, 7,572.
- 22, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 7-9, 7,475.
- 23, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, Texas, 5-10-1, 7,472.
- 24, Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., 3-11-2, 7,326.

Jesper Svensson Earns Top Spot for PBA Tournament of Champions Stepladder Finals

Andrew Anderson, Jason Belmonte, BJ Moore and Matt O'Grady round out top five for live ESPN telecast Sunday at 1 p.m. ET

FAIRLAWN, Ohio (Feb. 9, 2018) – Two-hander Jesper Svensson of Sweden will bowl for his second PBA Tournament of Champions title and eighth career tour title as the top qualifier for the stepladder finals of the 53rd edition of PBA's signature championship Sunday at AMF Riviera Lanes.

The finals for the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season's first major will air Sunday at 1 p.m. ET on ESPN.

Svensson compiled a 16-6-2 match play record and 10,159 42-game pinfall total including match play bonus pins Friday to secure the top spot 147 pins ahead of No. 2 qualifier second-year pro Andrew Anderson of Holly, Mich., who finished with a 10,012 pinfall and 15-9 record in match play.

Svensson, who is already a seven-time Tour winner at age 22, became the youngest player to win the Tournament of Champions, when he captured the title in Shawnee, Okla., in 2016 at age 20, eight days short of his 21st birthday.

Nearly failing to advance to match play after earning the 24th and final match play spot after qualifying on Thursday, nine-time PBA Tour major winner Jason Belmonte of Australia made a dramatic drive to reach the No. 3 qualifying position for the finals finishing with a 9,928 pinfall and 14-10 match play record.

Belmonte, who won his fourth Player of the Year crown in 2017, is trying for his 10th PBA major title to tie PBA Hall of Famers Pete Weber and Earl Anthony for the all-time major title record. A win would also make the 2014 and 2015 Tournament of Champions winner the third player to win the major three times. Jason Couch and Mike Durbin are the other three-time winners.

Should Belmonte, a 16-time tour winner capture the title, he would become only the fourth player to come from the 24th qualifying position, using PBA's traditional head-to-head match play format, to win a major. The last player to accomplish the feat was Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III in the 2012 PBA World Championship.

If Belmonte advances to the championship match against Svensson, it would also set up a rematch of the 2017 PBA World Championship title match where Belmonte beat Svensson for the win. Belmonte defeated Svensson 238-225 for a record third major win during the season with previous wins coming in the United States Bowling Congress Masters and Barbasol PBA Players Championship.

BJ Moore of Greensburg, Pa., a PBA regional titlist, and Matt O'Grady of Rahway, N.J., a four-time regional winner, took the fourth and fifth stepladder spots, respectively. Moore finished with a 9,873 pinfall and O'Grady finished with a 9,824 to take the final spot. Both players had 15-9 records in match play.

Anderson, who owns one regional title as a PBA member, Moore and O'Grady advanced to the Tournament of Champions field through a pre-tournament qualifier. The PTQ enabled players who did not have tour titles, but owned titles in PBA's other divisions, to earn spots in the field.

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

Sixth Round Standings (after 42 games. Top five advance to Sunday's stepladder finals on ESPN at 1 p.m. ET. Includes match play record, total pinfall including bonus pins and money earned.)

- 1, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 16-6-2, 10,159.
- 2, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 15-9, 10,012.
- 3, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 14-10, 9,928.
- 4, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 15-9, 9,873.
- 5, Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 15-9, 9,824.
- 6, Matt Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 14-10, 9,814, \$6,500.
- 7, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 13-11, 9,780, \$6,000.
- 8, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 14-10, 9,764, \$5,500.
- 9, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 15-9, 9,723, \$5,000.
- 10, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 11-12-1, 9,718, \$4,800.
- 11, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 11-13, 9,703, \$4,700.
- 12, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 10-14, 9,691, \$4,700.
- 13, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 13-10-1, 9,678, \$4,500.
- 14, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 11-13, 9,522, \$4,400.
- 15, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 11-13, 9,515, \$4,300.
- 16, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 14-10, 9,495, \$4,200.
- 17, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 8-16, 9,494, \$4,100.
- 18, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 9-15, 9,469, \$4,000.
- 19, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 10-14, 9,464, \$3,900.
- 20, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 9-15, 9,445, \$3,800.
- 21, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 10-13-1, 9,408, \$3,700.
- 22, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 12-12, 9,326, \$3,600.
- 23, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, Texas, 8-15-1, 9,222, \$3,650.
- 24, Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., 6-16-2, 9,039, \$3,500.

300 games (3) - Matt O'Grady, Andrew Anderson, Kyle Troup

Matt O'Grady Defeats Jesper Svensson to Win 53rd PBA Tournament of Champions

Four-time PBA regional winner also beats BJ Moore, Jason Belmonte and Andrew Anderson on way to first PBA Tour title

FAIRLAWN, Ohio (Feb. 11, 2018) – Advancing from a pre-tournament qualifier earlier in the week all the way to the title match, four-time Professional Bowlers Association regional tournament winner Matt O'Grady of Rahway, N.J., won the 53rd PBA Tournament of Champions Sunday for his first PBA Tour title.

O'Grady, whose best previous PBA Tour finish was fourth, and best major finish was 13th, won three stepladder finals matches at AMF Riviera Lanes before beating top qualifier and 2016 Tournament of Champions winner Jesper Svensson, 207-193, in the title match of the first major of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season.

O'Grady held a three-pin lead over Svensson in the eighth frame but was able to pull away when he struck in the ninth frame and the first shot in the 10th. Except for strikes in the second and third frames, Svensson was not able to put another string of strikes together for the rest of the match.

"I feel like I'm sleepwalking—it's a dream come true," said the 31-year-old O'Grady, who won PBA's signature event that requires a player to be a PBA champion to be eligible to enter. "It just shows you what hard work can do. I've been working hard the past year to be able to compete at this level.

"I admit that in the past I haven't been as disciplined as I should be to be competitive out here on tour," O'Grady added. "I just had to commit to putting my head down, grit my teeth, and do the hard work you have to do."

For Svensson, it was his second consecutive runner-up finish in a major after finishing second in the PBA World Championship, the final major of the 2017 season.

O'Grady, who became the first player since Dave D'Entremont in the 1996 Tournament of Champions to win four stepladder matches for the title, started the championship round with a 219-174 victory over PBA regional winner BJ Moore of Greensburg, Pa., who finished fifth.

In the second match, O'Grady met four-time and reigning PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte of Australia, who was trying for a record-tying 10th major and third Tournament of Champions title. Needing a double in the 10th frame to pull out the win, Belmonte struck on the first ball but left a 10 pin on a pocket hit on the second shot giving O'Grady the 229-225 win.

"That was like climbing the mountain to win that match," O'Grady said. "Obviously, I still had a lot of work to do but there was a lot of relief after beating Jason, especially with everything he was bowling for."

Belmonte, who was the No. 3 qualifier, made a dramatic run to the finals just barely advancing to match play in the 24th and final position. Had he won, he would have been only the fourth player to win a major from that position.

Belmonte finished fourth but will have another opportunity to win a 10th major when the Barbasol PBA Players Championship is held Feb. 19-25 at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl in Columbus, Ohio.

In the semi-final match, O'Grady beat Andrew Anderson of Holly, Mich., a second-year tour player who owns one regional title, 194-185.

Anderson and Moore, making their first tour television appearances, also had to qualify for the tournament field through the pre-tournament qualifier which was for non-tour winners who owned a title in one of PBA's other divisions.

The 2018 Tournament of Champions marked the return of PBA's signature tournament to historic AMF Riviera Lanes where it had been conducted from 1966 to 1994.

The PBA Tour moves to Indianapolis for the PBA Go Bowling! 60th Anniversary Classic at Woodland Bowl which begins Tuesday and will conclude with the stepladder finals next Sunday (Feb. 18) at 1 p.m. ET on ESPN.

PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS AMF Riviera Lanes, Fairlawn, Ohio, Sunday Final Standings

- 1, Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., \$50,000.
- 2, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, \$25,000.
- 3, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich. \$13,000.
- 4, Jason Belmonte, Australia, \$11,000.
- 5, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., \$10,000.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – O'Grady def. Moore, 219-174. Match Two – O'Grady def. Belmonte, 229-225. Semifinal Match – O'Grady def. Anderson, 194-185. Championship – O'Grady def. Svensson, 207-193.

New York's Anthony Pepe Takes Early First Round Lead in Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic

INDIANAPOLIS (Feb. 13, 2018) – Anthony Pepe, a 29-year-old left-hander from Elmhurst, N.Y., averaged 252 for his first eight games in the Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic Tuesday to take the early first round lead at Woodland Bowl by 20 pins fellow lefty Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz.

Pepe, who is trying for his second Professional Bowlers Association Tour title, had a dazzling round, rolling games of 254, 266, 258, 257, 279, 202, 256 and 245 for a 2,017 total to pace the 75 players on A Squad. B squad, the other half of the tournament field, bowled its opening round at 4 p.m. EST.

Pepe, who came into the 2018 season off a solid performance in the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX in Reno, Nev., in late November, said he had a game plan for playing the lanes at Woodland Bowl based on previous experiences in the center.

"The biggest thing was I had an arsenal of bowling balls in wanted to use, and I was able to make the ball choices quickly," Pepe said. "I also came into the season with a lot of confidence after the World Series. After Matt O'Grady won the PBA Tournament of Champions last week, he said it was proof of what hard work can do, and I couldn't agree more."

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include the PBA 60th Anniversary Celebration dinner and hall of fame induction ceremonies Saturday, leading into Sunday's live 1 p.m. ESPN finals of the 60th Anniversary Classic.

Qualifying continues Wednesday with B and A squads bowling another eight games at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., respectively. After 16 games, the top 37 players will advance to an eight-game cashers round Thursday at 9 a.m. After 24 qualifying games, the top 24 will bowl eight-game head-to-head match play rounds Thursday at 6 p.m. and Friday at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. All preliminary rounds, plus the annual PBA League Draft on Saturday at 10:30 a.m., will be live stream on PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame. To sign up, visit <u>xtraframe.tv</u>.

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EARLY FIRST ROUND STANDINGS (Squad A top 60 after 8 games; Squad B bowled its 8 games at 4 p.m.)

- 1, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 2,017.
- 2, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 1,997.
- 3, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,945.
- 4, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,924.
- 5, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 1,869.
- 6, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 1,868.
- 7, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 1,855.
- 7, Aaron Lorincz, Center Line, Mich., 1,855.
- 9, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 1,853.
- 10, Gabriel Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1,832.
- 11, Dom Barrett, England, 1,821.
- 12, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,814.
- 13, Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., 1,797.
- 14, Stuart Williams, England, 1,796.
- 15, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 1,794.
- 16, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 1,791.
- 17, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,788.
- 18, AJ Chapman, Wichita, Kan., 1,782.
- 19, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 1,781.
- 20, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 1,775.
- 21, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,770.
- 22, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 1,759.
- 23, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,756.
- 24, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 1,755.
- 24, Kristian Sieradzki, Seminole, Fla., 1,755.
- 26, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,754.
- 27, Dwight Adams, Greensboro, N.C., 1,752.
- 28, Brad Miller, Maryland Heights, Mo., 1,750.
- 29, Matthew O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 1,744.
- 30, Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 1,743.
- 30, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 1,743.
- 32, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 1,742.
- 33, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 1,736.
- 34, Jean Perez, Puerto Rico, 1,734.
- 35, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 1,727.
- 36, Andrew Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich., 1,725.
- 37, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,723.
- 38, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,719.
- 39, Patrick Girard, Canada, 1,717.
- 40, Michael Tang, San Francisco, Calif., 1,716.

- 40, Graham Fach, Canada, 1,716. 42, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 1,715. 43, Marco Moretti, Costa Rica, 1,709. 44, Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., 1,705. 45, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 1,703. 46, Cameron Weier, Tacoma, Wash., 1,695. 47, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 1,689. 48, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,688. 48, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 1,688. 50, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,685. 51, Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., 1,672. 52, Kyle Bigelow, Troy, Ohio, 1,668. 53, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 1,662. 54, Rhino Page, Orlando, 1,659. 55, John Furey, Freehold, N.J., 1,654. 55, Daniel Fransson, Sweden, 1,654. 57, JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 1,631. 58, Chris Arcaro, Carolina Beach, N.C., 1,626.
- 59, Mitch Hupe, Towanda, Kan., 1,621.
- 59, Markus Jansson, Sweden, 1,621.

New York's Anthony Pepe Takes First Round Lead in Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic

INDIANAPOLIS (Feb. 13, 2018) – Anthony Pepe, a 29-year-old left-hander from Elmhurst, N.Y., averaged 252 for his first eight games in the Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic Tuesday to take the first round lead at Woodland Bowl by 20 pins fellow lefty Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz.

Pepe, who is trying for his second Professional Bowlers Association Tour title, had a dazzling round, rolling games of 254, 266, 258, 257, 279, 202, 256 and 245 for a 2,017 total to pace the 148-player field.

Pepe, who came into the 2018 season off a solid performance in the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX in Reno, Nev., in late November, where he had a runner-up finish in the PBA Chameleon Championship presented by Reno Tahoe, said he had a game plan for playing the lanes at Woodland Bowl based on previous experiences in the center.

"The biggest thing was I had an arsenal of bowling balls I wanted to use, and I was able to make the ball choices and moves on the lanes quickly," Pepe said. "I also came into the season with a lot of confidence after the World Series. After Matt O'Grady won the PBA Tournament of Champions last week, he said it was proof of what hard work can do, and I couldn't agree more."

The same hard-work philosophy applies to Brian Robinson of Morgantown, W.Va., a 28-year-old 10thyear PBA member who had previously advanced to match play twice in 58 tournaments. But after hurting his right wrist about 18 months ago, he switched to a two-handed delivery and averaged 246.5 for his eight games Tuesday, finishing the round in third place with a 1,972 total – 45 pins behind Pepe. Rounding out the top five were Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., with 1,945 pins and DJ Archer of Friendswood, Texas, with a 1,930 total.

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This week's tournament began with 84-year-old PBA Hall of Famer Carmen Salvino of Chicago, a PBA founding member who bowled in the organization's first PBA tournament in 1959 at age 25, becoming

the oldest bowler ever to participate in a PBA Tour event. The weeklong festivities will include the PBA 60th Anniversary Celebration dinner and hall of fame induction ceremonies Saturday along with the 2018 PBA League Draft. The tournament concludes Sunday with the live telecast of the stepladder finals at 1 p.m. Eastern on ESPN.

Qualifying continues Wednesday with B and A squads bowling another eight games at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., respectively. Based on 16-game pinfall totals, the top 37 players will advance to an eight-game cashers round Thursday at 9 a.m. After 24 games, the top 24 will bowl eight-game head-to-head match play rounds Thursday at 6 p.m. and Friday at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. All preliminary rounds, plus Saturday's League Draft at 10:30 a.m. and the 60th Anniversary dinner at 6:30 p.m., will be live stream on PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame. To sign up, visit <u>xtraframe.tv</u>.

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FIRST ROUND STANDINGS (after 8 games)

- 1, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 2,017.
- 2, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 1,997.
- 3, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W. Va., 1,972.
- 4, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,945.
- 5, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 1,930.
- 6, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,924.
- 7, Matt Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 1,910.
- 8, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 1,902.
- 9, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 1,900.
- 10, (tie) Andres Gomez, Colombia, and Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 1,869.
- 12, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 1,868.
- 13, (tie) Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, and Aaron Lorincz, Center Line, Mich., 1,855.
- 15, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 1,853.
- 16, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,839.
- 17, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,838.
- 18, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 1,837.
- 19, Richie Teece, England, 1,835.
- 20, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 1,833.
- 21, Gabriel Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1,832.
- 22, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,827.
- 23, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 1,826.
- 24, Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., 1,824.
- 25, Dom Barrett, England, 1,821.
- 26, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,819.
- 27, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,814.
- 28, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,813.
- 29, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 1,810.
- 30, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 1,802.
- 31, Richard McCormick, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1,801.
- 32, Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., 1,797.
- 33, Stuart Williams, England, 1,796.
- 34, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 1,794.
- 35, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 1,792.
- 36, (tie) Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla.; Tannya Roumimper, Indonesia, and Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 1,791.
- 39, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,788.
- 40, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 1,783.

- 41, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 1,782.
- 42, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 1,781.
- 43, Charlie Brown Jr, Grandville, Mich., 1,776.
- 44, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 1,775.
- 45, Sam Cooley, Australia, 1,771.
- 46, (tie) Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., and Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,770.
- 48, (tie) Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., and Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 1,759.
- 50, (tie) Thomas Larsen, Denmark and Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,756.
- 52, (tie) Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, and Kristian Sieradzki, Seminole, Fla., 1,755.
- 54, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,754.
- 55, Dwight Adams, Greensboro, N.C., 1,752.
- 56, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 1,751.
- 57, (tie) Brad Miller, Maryland Heights, Mo., and Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,750.
- 59, (tie) Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, and Kyle Cook, Centerville, Ohio, 1,749.
- 61, (tie) Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., and Yannaphon Larpapharat, Thailand, 1,748.
- 63, Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 1,744.
- 64, (tie) Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., and Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 1,743.
- 66, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 1,742.
- 67, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 1,736.
- 68, Jean Perez, Puerto Rico, 1,734.
- 69, (tie) Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., and Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 1,730.
- 71, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 1,728.
- 72, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 1,727.
- 73, (tie) Ryan Graywacz, Canastota, N.Y., and Andrew Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich., 1,725.
- 75, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,723.
- 76, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,719.
- 77, Patrick Girard, Canada, 1,717.
- 78, (tie) Michael Tang, San Francisco, Calif., and Graham Fach, Canada, 1,716.
- 80, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 1,715.
- 81, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 1,711.
- 82, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,710.
- 83, (tie) Marco Moretti, Costa Rica, and Francois Louw, South Africa, 1,709.
- 85, Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., 1,705.
- 86, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 1,703.
- 87, Zulmazran Zulkifli, Malaysia, 1,700.
- 88, Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 1,696.
- 89, (tie) Cameron Weier, Tacoma, Wash., and Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 1,695.
- 91, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 1,689.
- 92, (tie) AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., and Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 1,688.
- 94, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,685.
- 95, (tie) Zachery Tackett, Huntington, Ind.; Beau Peterson, Newton, Kan., and Steven Arehart,
- Chesapeake, Va., 1,672.
- 98, Jason Zook, Tampa, Fla., 1,669.
- 99, (tie) Kyle Bigelow, Troy, Ohio, and Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 1,668.
- 101, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,665.
- 102, David Krol, Nixa, Mo., 1,664.
- 103, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 1,662.
- 104, (tie) Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill., and Rhino Page, Orlando, 1,659.
- 106, (tie) John Furey, Freehold, N.J., and Daniel Fransson, Sweden, 1,654.
- 108, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,653.
- 109, Carleton Chambers, Detroit, 1,652.
- 110, (tie) Napatra Buspanikonkul, Thailand, and Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 1,642.
- 112, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 1,634.

- 113, JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 1,631.
- 114, Chris Arcaro, Carolina Beach, N.C., 1,626.
- 115, (tie) Mitch Hupe, Towanda, Kan., and Markus Jansson, Sweden, 1,621.
- 117, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 1,619.
- 118, Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 1,617.
- 119, Kristian Rogers, Salisbury, N.C., 1,614.
- 120, Christopher O'Neil, Decatur, Ill., 1,611.
- 121, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 1,608.
- 122, William Tarpein, McDonough, Ga., 1,605.
- 123, Russ Oviatt, Chandler, Ariz., 1,603.
- 124, Ray Teece, England, 1,602.
- 125, Tyler Wilds, Three Rivers, Mich., 1,598.
- 126, Kyle King, Glendale, Ariz., 1,593.
- 127, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,590.
- 128, Myles Duty, Modesto, Calif., 1,587.
- 129, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 1,583.
- 130, Chris Hartung, Goshen, Ind., 1,567.
- 131, Jason Britain, Springfield, Mo., 1,566.
- 132, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,561.
- 133, Noel Vega, Noblesville, Ind., 1,551.
- 134, Gary Kammes, Winfield, Ill., 1,548.
- 135, Justin Wyman, Fairport, N.Y., 1,527.
- 136, Kenneth Galitsky, Plainfield, Ind., 1,524.
- 137, Steve Walls, Jr., Canada, 1,499.
- 138, Tristan Butler, Fort Wayne, Ind., 1,498.
- 139, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 1,494.
- 140, Jackson Getting, Portsmouth, N.H., 1,490.
- 141, Tony Gilbert, Indianapolis, 1,483.
- 142, Timothy Regan, East Northport, N.Y., 1,452.
- 143, James Johnson, Waynesville, Mo., 1,443.
- 144, Patrick Norred, LaPorte, Ind., 1,413.
- 145, Sandra Gongora, Mexico, 1,403.
- 146, Carmen Salvino, Schaumburg, Ill., 1,400.
- 147, Greg Lair, Indianapolis, Ind., 1,284.
- 148, Matthew Ward, Fort Mohave, Ariz., 1,242.
- 300 Games: Gary Faulkner Jr., Marshall Kent, Andres Gomez.

Indiana's Matt Sanders Takes Early Second Round Lead in Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic

INDIANAPOLIS (Feb. 14, 2018) – Indiana native Matt Sanders, the 2017 Professional Bowlers Association Rookie of the Year, was feeling under the weather, but didn't bowl like it in rolling into the early second round lead in the Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary ClassicWednesday at Woodland Bowl.

The 24-year-old left-hander rolled games of 204, 222, 258, 278, 237, 279, 278 and 216 for 1,977 pins for the round and a 16-game total of 3,887 pins to pace the 73 players on B Squad, who completed their qualifying round Wednesday afternoon. The 75 players on A Squad bowled their final eight-game qualifying round at 4 p.m. EST.

Sanders, a former NAIA All-American with Marian University, was scoring at a 242.94 pace in build a 89pin lead over Kris Prather of Plainfield, Ill., after 16 games. Andrew Anderson of Holly, Mich., was third among the early finishers with 3,751 pins. "I got off to a slow start, but once I got going, I bowled pretty well," said Sanders, an Evansville native who recently relocated to Indianapolis. "It would really mean a lot to win a title in my home state, but I have to make it to the stepladder finals first."

Sanders won his first PBA Tour title in the Xtra Frame Billy Hardwick Memorial Open in Memphis last June. He also finished fifth in the 2017 PBA World Championship and finished sixth in last week's PBA Tournament of Champions, missing the ESPN finals by 10 pins.

In addition to Sanders, fellow Hoosiers Ronnie Russell of Marion (fifth place) and EJ Tackett of Huntington (17th) were in solid position to remain in contention for the 60th Anniversary Classic title.

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Based on 16-game qualifying totals, the top 37 players now advance to an eight-game cashers round Thursday at 9 a.m. After 24 qualifying games, the top 24 will bowl eight-game head-to-head match play rounds Thursday at 6 p.m. and Friday at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. All preliminary rounds, plus the annual PBA League Draft on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and the PBA 60th Anniversary Celebration Dinner Saturday at 6:30 p.m., will be live streamed on PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame. To sign up, visit <u>xtraframe.tv</u>.

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EARLY SECOND ROUND STANDINGS (Squad B leaders after 16 games; Squad A bowled its final 8 games at 4 p.m. Wednesday)

- 1, Matthew Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 3,887.
- 2, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 3,798.
- 3, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 3,751.
- 4, Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., 3,722.
- 5, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 3,697.
- 6, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 3,684.
- 7, Richie Teece, England, 3,665.
- 8, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 3,654.
- 9, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 3,636.
- 10, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 3,634.
- 11, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 3,615.
- 12, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 3,607.
- 13, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 3,598.
- 14, Charlie Brown Jr, Grandville, Mich., 3,597.
- 15, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 3,596.
- 16, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 3,594.
- 17, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 3,584.
- 18, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 3,568.
- 19, Tannya Roumimper, Indonesia, 3,567.
- 20, Richard McCormick, Cincinnati, Ohio, 3,560.
- 21, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 3,552.
- 22, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 3,544.
- 23, Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., 3,539.

24, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 3,525.25, Yannaphon Larpapharat, Thailand, 3,524.**300 Games:** Russ Oviatt, Richard McCormick.

Big Finishes Gives Marshall Kent the Lead in Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic

Indiana's Matt Sanders, Arizona's Jakob Butturff tied for second as top 37 qualifiers head into cashers round

INDIANAPOLIS (Feb. 14, 2018) – Thanks to a big finish, Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., overtook 20-something left-handers Matt Sanders of Indianapolis and Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz., to grab the second round lead in the Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic Wednesday at Woodland Bowl.

Kent, a 25-year-old four-time Professional Bowlers Association titlist and the tour's 2014 rookie of the year, fired games of 215, 244, 268, 202, 227, 266 and a 256 in his closing game to finish the second round with a 1,946 pinfall total and a 16-game total of 3.891 pins. He overtook Sanders, the early leader, and Butturff, who wound up tied with Sanders, four pins behind Kent.

"I got to play the way I really like to play," Kent said. "Stand left, throw right, crank it up and watch it float back to the pocket. It worked well tonight."

Sanders, the 2017 PBA Rookie of the Year, was feeling under the weather, but he didn't bowl like it earlier in the day when he rolled into the early lead. The 24-year-old left-hander rolled games of 204, 222, 258, 278, 237, 279, 278 and 216 to finish with a 16-game total of 3,887 pins. Butturff, 23, momentarily held the lead before closing with a 194 game to fall back into a tie for second.

Those three and 34 others advanced to Thursday morning's cashers round, remaining in contention for Sunday's five-player stepladder finals.

Sanders, a former NAIA All-American with Marian University, started slowly, but got hot in an event that has special meaning. An Evansville native, he recently relocated to Indianapolis.

"It would really mean a lot to win a title in my home state," Sanders said, "but I have to make it to the stepladder finals first."

Sanders won his first PBA Tour title in the Xtra Frame Billy Hardwick Memorial Open in Memphis last June. He also finished fifth in the end-of-2017-season PBA World Championship and finished sixth in last week's PBA Tournament of Champions, missing the ESPN finals by 10 pins. Butturff also owns two titles, both won in 2016.

In addition to Sanders, fellow Hoosiers Ronnie Russell of Marion (10th place) and EJ Tackett of Huntington (29th) were among the players who remain in contention.

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Based on 16-game qualifying totals, the top 37 players out of the starting field of 148 now advance to an eight-game cashers round Thursday at 9 a.m. After 24 qualifying games, the top 24 will bowl eight-game head-to-head match play rounds Thursday at 6 p.m. and Fridayat 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

All preliminary rounds, plus the annual PBA League Draft on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and the PBA 60th Anniversary Celebration Dinner Saturday at 6:30 p.m., will be live streamed on PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame. To sign up, visit <u>xtraframe.tv</u>.

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SECOND ROUND STANDINGS (after 16 games, top 37 advance to the cashers round at 9 a.m. Thursday)

- 1, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 3,891
- 2, (tie) Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, and Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 3,887.
- 4, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 3,798.
- 5, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 3,751.
- 6, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 3,746.
- 7, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 3,727.
- 8, Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., 3,722.
- 9, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 3,716.
- 10, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 3,697.
- 11, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 3,694.
- 12, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 3,684.
- 13, Richie Teece, England, 3,665.
- 14, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 3,654.
- 15, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 3,636.
- 16, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 3,634.
- 17, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 3,628.
- 18, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 3,622.
- 19, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W. Va., 3,615.
- 20, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 3,607.
- 21, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 3,600.
- 22, 23, Charlie Brown Jr, Grandville, Mich., 3,597.
- 24, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 3,596.
- 25, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 3,594.
- 26, Gabriel Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 3,589.
- 27, Dom Barrett, England, 3,586.
- 28, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 3,585.
- 29, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 3,584.
- 30, Graham Fach, Canada, 3,577.
- 31, Patrick Girard, Canada, 3,573.
- 32, (tie) Andrew Cain, Phoenix, and Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 3,568.
- 34, Tannya Roumimper, Indonesia, 3,567.
- 35, Brad Miller, Maryland Heights, Mo., 3,563.
- 36, Richard McCormick, Cincinnati, Ohio, 3,560.
- 37, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 3,557.

Did not advance

- 38, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 3,552.
- 39, (tie) Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., and Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 3,550.
- 41, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 3,544.
- 42, (tie) Jason Belmonte, Australia, and Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., 3,539.
- 44, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 3,525.
- 45, Yannaphon Larpapharat, Thailand, 3,524.
- 46, Mitch Hupe, Towanda, Kan., 3,517.
- 47, Jean Perez, Puerto Rico, 3,516.

- 48, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 3,514.
- 49, Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 3,505.
- 50, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 3,502.
- 51, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 3,500.
- 52, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 3,491.
- 53, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 3,484.
- 54, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,483.
- 55, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 3,482.
- 56, (tie) Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, and Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 3,481.
- 58, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 3,479.
- 59, Stuart Williams, England, 3,476.
- 60, (tie) Michael Tang, San Francisco, and Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., 3,465.
- 62, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 3,463.
- 63, Francois Louw, South Africa, 3,458.
- 64, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 3,445.
- 65, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 3,443.
- 66, Cameron Weier, Tacoma, Wash., 3,436.
- 67, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 3,433.
- 68, John Furey, Freehold, N.J., 3,430.
- 69, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 3,426.
- 70, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 3,421.
- 71, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 3,420.
- 72, (tie) Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., and Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 3,419.
- 74, Zulmazran Zulkifli, Malaysia, 3,418.
- 75, Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., 3,414.
- 76, Kyle Bigelow, Troy, Ohio, 3,412.
- 77, Aaron Lorincz, Center Line, Mich., 3,408.
- 78, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 3,406.
- 79, Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 3,397.
- 80, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 3,393.
- 81, Chris Arcaro, Carolina Beach, N.C., 3,391.
- 82, Rhino Page, Orlando, 3,379.
- 83, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,377.
- 84, Tyler Wilds, Three Rivers, Mich., 3,376.
- 85, Sam Cooley, Australia, 3,366.
- 86, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 3,355.
- 87, (tie) Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., and Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 3,353.
- 89, (tie) Andrew Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich., and Kyle Cook, Centerville, Ohio, 3,346.
- 91, Carleton Chambers, Detroit, 3,345.
- 92, Ray Teece, England, 3,339.
- 93, Ryan Graywacz, Canastota, N.Y., 3,335.
- 94, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 3,316.
- 95, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 3,315.
- 96, Napatra Buspanikonkul, Thailand, 3,314.
- 97, Beau Peterson, Newton, Kan., 3,313.
- 98, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill., 3,312.
- 99, Kristian Sieradzki, Seminole, Fla., 3,311.
- 100, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 3,306.
- 101, Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 3,300.
- 102, Kyle King, Glendale, Ariz., 3,293.
- 103, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 3,287.
- 104, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 3,282.
- 105, Zachery Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 3,277.

- 106, Markus Jansson, Sweden, 3,274. 107, David Krol, Nixa, Mo., 3,268. 108, Daniel Fransson, Sweden, 3,267. 109, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 3,266. 110, Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., 3,261. 111, Dwight Adams, Greensboro, N.C., 3,259. 112, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 3,258. 112, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3,258. 114, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 3,256. 115, Myles Duty, Modesto, Calif., 3,235. 116, Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 3,226. 117, Jason Zook, Tampa, Fla., 3,221. 118, Jason Britain, Springfield, Mo., 3,215. 119, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 3,214. 120, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 3,202. 121, Christopher O'Neil, Decatur, Ill., 3,199. 122, Marco Moretti, Costa Rica, 3,191. 123, Russ Oviatt, Chandler, Ariz., 3,184. 124, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 3,178. 125, Kristian Rogers, Salisbury, N.C., 3,168. 126, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 3,162. 127, Gary Kammes, Winfield, Ill., 3,153. 128, Noel Vega, Noblesville, Ind., 3,146. 129, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,136. 130, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 3,118. 131, Steve Walls, Jr., Canada, 3,098. 132, Chris Hartung, Goshen, Ind., 3,090. 133, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 3,052. 134, Justin Wyman, Fairport, N.Y., 3,023. 135, (tie) Timothy Regan, East Northport, N.Y., and William Tarpein, McDonough, Ga., 3,010. 137, Tony Gilbert, Indianapolis, 3,007. 138, Kenneth Galitsky, Plainfield, Ind., 2,891. 139, James Johnson, Waynesville, Mo., 2,880. 140, Jackson Getting, Portsmouth, N.H., 2,879. 141, Carmen Salvino, Schaumburg, Ill., 2,854. 142, Greg Lair, Indianapolis, Ind., 2,831. 143, Patrick Norred, LaPorte, Ind., 2,813. 144, Sandra Gongora, Mexico, 2,771,
- 145, Matthew Ward, Fort Mohave, Ariz., 2,612.
- 146, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 3,044.
- 147, Tristan Butler, Fort Wayne, Ind., 1,733.
- 148, JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 1,631.

300 Games: Russ Oviatt, Richard McCormick.

PBA Spare Shots

PBA'S 60 MOST MEMORABLE MOMENTS REVEAL BEGINS SUNDAY ON ESPN

For the past six months, the PBA has engaged in an extensive research project to try to identify "The 60 Most Memorable Moments in PBA History" with the help of past players, veteran bowling writers, industry representatives, etc.

The list that began with twice as many contending memories has been culled down to the 60 most memorable moments, and the top 10 will be revealed to the viewing public during Sunday's live ESPN coverage of the Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic...and Xtra Frame viewers will get a sneak peak at the top 10 during coverage of Saturday night's PBA 60th Anniversary Clebration dinner.

The remaining 50 moments will be revealed systematically in the weeks ahead, as part of the PBA's yearlong celebration of its first 60 years.

"It isn't a list of the best moments, or the most historic," said PBA Vice President of Marketing **Janay Haggerty**, who coordinated the project. "It boils down to the moments that made for the greatest memories, and as any PBA fan knows, there are hundreds of great memories to choose from. It'll be fun to hear the reaction of fans as we reveal the moments our panel of experts selected."

The 60 Most Memorable Moments in PBA History will be revealed on all of the PBA Network's media platforms – Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram, <u>pba.com</u>, etc. in the weeks ahead. To make sure you don't miss out, follow the PBA on Facebook ((<u>www.facebook.com/ProfessionalBowlersAssociation</u>) or Instagram (pbatour), subscribe to the PBA channel on YouTube (PBABowling) and tweet along on Twitter (@pbatour).

FIELD OF ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES SET FOR SATURDAY'S PBA LEAGUE DRAFT

The list of eligible players for the 2018 PBA League Draft that takes place Saturday in Indianapolis has been confirmed. Each of the eight PBA League managers will select two players from the eligibility list beginning at 10:30 a.m. ET at Woodland Bowl. The draft will be lived streamed on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel.

The eligibility list consists of PBA members who are in the top 75 PBA on the National Tour/WBT earnings list for 2017 plus 2018 events through the just-completed PBA Tournament of Champions. No new names were added based on TOC results, but two players – **Bryon Smith** and **Chris Warren** – voluntarily withdrew their names from consideration.

The draft order will be reverse order of finish from last year, beginning with No. 8 Brooklyn followed by Motown, NYC, LA, Philadelphia, Silver Lake, Portland and Dallas.

The complete list of players who are already on team rosters includes the following:

- Shipyard Dallas Strikers: Player-manager Norm Duke, Tommy Jones, Bill O'Neill;
- Port Property Portland Lumberjacks: Ryan Ciminelli, Wes Malott, Kyle Troup;
- Go Bowling! Silver Lake Atom Splitters: Chris Barnes, Jesper Svensson, Tom Daugherty;
- Sysco Philadelphia Hitmen: Dom Barrett, Tom Smallwood, Ronnie Russell;
- bowlingball.com L.A. X: Jason Belmonte, Stuart Williams, Martin Larsen;
- GEICO NYC WTT KingPins: Pete Weber, Marshall Kent, Sam Cooley;
- Barbasol Motown Muscle: EJ Tackett, Francois Lavoie, Anthony Simonsen;
- Brooklyn Styles: Parker Bohn III, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Sean Rash.

Only 16 of the eligible players listed below (in alphabetical order) will be drafted, so it's a certainty that a number of deserving players will have to wait another year:

Dick Allen Andrew Anderson Pontus Andersson Brad Angelo DJ Archer Zeke Bayt Josh Blanchard Kim Bolleby **Charlie Brown** Jakob Butturff AJ Chapman **Jeff Evans Graham Fach** Trev Ford Daniel Fransson Andres Gomez **Rafiq Ismail** Liz Johnson AJ Johnson Shota Kawazoe Nick Kruml Yannaphon Larpapharat Thomas Larsen **Brian LeClair Chris Loschetter** Francois Louw Shawn Maldonado **Danielle McEwan** Matthew McNiel Brad Miller **BJ Moore Brandon Novak** Matthew O'Grady **Greg Ostrander** Rhino Page Osku Palermaa **Anthony Pepe Connor Pickford Kristopher Prather Matthew Sanders Kvle Sherman Jason Sterner** John Szczerbinski Darren Tang **Richie Teece** Chris Via **Cameron Weier Zacharay Wilkins** Dave Wodka

The PBA League will return to Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, in April. After the PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout April 17-18 (a PBA Tour title event), all PBAL teams will bowl an eight-game Baker "seeding tournament" on April 20. The PBAL quarterfinals will take place on April 21 with the No. 1 seeded team vs. No. 8 and No. 4 vs. No. 5 on the first ESPN show that airs on April 22, followed by team No. 2 vs. No. 7, and No. 3 vs. No. 6 in the show that will air on April 29. Semifinal and Elias Cup final matches will be contested on April 22 to air on ESPN on May 6 and 13, respectively.

EVEN AT 84, CARMEN SALVINO ISN'T PLEASED WITH LEVEL OF PERFORMANCE

At 9 a.m. on Tuesday, PBA Hall of Famer **Carmen Salvino** made history again, throwing a ball in Professional Bowlers Association competition at age 84 to become the oldest player ever to compete in a

PBA Tour event. He got nine pins on his first shot, converted his spare and completed game one with a respectable 204.

The only person in the field who also bowled in the first PBA tournament ever held (1959, Albany, N.Y.), Salvino had a mixed day. He followed his 204 with games of 146, 135, 152, 169, and just when you might think he was tired or ready to throw in the towel, he had a 205 followed by a 258 before closing with a 131. For his 16 qualifying games, he averaged a modest 178, disappointing by personal standards he set in a 17-title career spanning all 60 years of the PBA's existence, but he partly blamed himself.

The biggest issue, he noted, was his recent lack of bowling in a competitive environment to get ready for the tournament.

"You can't practice for PBA Tour lane conditions at home. When you get out here, moving from one pair of lanes to the next, things change so much it's like bowling one game in this center and the next game in a completely different center," he said, offering sound advice for any would-be PBA competitor. "You can't practice for this level of competition by bowling in league play back home."

Salvino will likely conclude his tournament by bowling his final qualifying round Wednesday at 4 p.m. ET. Only the top 37 after 16 games will advance to Thursday's cashers round, remaining in contention for Sunday's 1 p.m. live ESPN stepladder finals.

But he won't concede this is his final PBA Tour event. "I bowled in the 50th anniversary event. I bowled in the 60th anniversary event and I'll probably bowl in the 70th anniversary tournament," he said. "I just hope the news media is still around to cover it when I do."

Visit "In the News" on <u>pba.com</u> later in the week for links to newspaper and television features about Salvino's historic appearance in Indianapolis.

CONCRETE SOFTWARE'S "BEAT THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY CLASSIC" CHAMPION CHALLENGE BEGINS MONDAY

In honor of Go Bowling! PBA Tour's 60th Anniversary season, the PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game is offering players a PBA 60th Anniversary tournament inside the new Anniversary venue. To enter, download PBA Bowling Challenge and start bowling on Monday, Feb. 19 at noon. Beat the Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic winner's score, and you'll be eligible to win the sweepstakes.

The Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic finals air Sunday at 1 p.m. EST on ESPN. Each tournament score that beats the winner's score will count as an entry. One entry will be randomly selected as the winner and will receive a bowling pin signed by the winner plus 5,000 Gold Pins! Players can enter scores as often as they wish between 1 p.m. EST on Feb. 19 and 12:59 a.m. EST on Feb. 26. Here is a link to the official rules <u>http://bit.ly/PBA60th_OfficialRules</u>.

Everyone with a mobile device is invited to join the fun. The PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game app is a free download at Google Play and Apple App stores. Use these links: Google Play: <u>http://bit.ly/PBABowlingChallengeAnd</u>

MARSHALL KENT PROVIDES HIS "PERSPECTIVE" ON 2017 OKLAHOMA OPEN VICTORY

Marshall Kent reveals personal insights into his 2017 victory over **Chris Barnes** to win the Oklahoma Open in Shawnee, Okla., in the newest edition of PBA Player's Perspective on Xtra Frame. The feature debuts today.

The Xtra Frame Player's Perspective series presents a new inside look at PBA competition every Thursday, followed a week later by availability of the exclusive interview on PBA's YouTube channel. Recent Perspective's include **Pete Weber** (2012 U.S. Open). **Rhino Page**(2017 PBA Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic); **Chris Barnes** (2015 DHC PBA Japan Invitational) **Tom Daugherty** (2016 Wolf Open) and **EJ Tackett/Tommy Jones** (2017 FireLake Tournament of Champions). Additional perspectives will be announced in the coming weeks.

Xtra Frame subscription packages are offered for three days, a full month or a 12-month Xtra Frame Season Ticket. Visit <u>xtraframe.com</u> for details on how to subscribe.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: AMATEURS WIN IN "CHALLENGE" DOUBLEHEADER

Amateurs **Justin Mandell** of Orlando, Fla., and **Hector Valenzuela** of Whitsett, N.C., were victorious in Sunday's PBA and PBA50 BreakPoint Alley Challenge events in Tavares, Fla. Both tournaments, presented by DV8, were open to bowlers who had not previously won a PBA title.

Mandell defeated **Anthony Coats** of Pflugerville, Texas, 203-191, to win the standard challenge event and \$1,600. Valenzuela defeated **Craig Auerbach** of Sunrise, Fla., 186-171, in the PBA50 event for a \$1,500 payday. Neither player earned credit for a PBA title because they were not PBA members at the time they won.

• The PBA South Region's second weekend of competition includes the PBA50 Dave Edwards Toyota Spartanburg South Open at Paradise Lanes in Spartanburg, S.C., over the Feb. 16-18 weekend.

• For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit <u>pba.com</u>, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area...and remember, you can follow "live scoring" for all PBA Regional events on <u>pba.com</u> (easily accessible for Apple device users using the new PBA app).

Perfect Game Helps Jakob Butturff Lead Field of 24 into Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic Match Play

Indiana's Matt Sanders, Ronnie Russell keep title hopes alive

INDIANAPOLIS (Feb. 15, 2018) – Helped by rolling the only 300 game of the round, 23-year-old Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz., took the lead at the end of the cashers round in the Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic Thursday at Woodland Bowl.

Butturff, an unorthodox double-jointed left-hander, entered the cashers round in a tie for second place, four pins out of the lead, but quickly overtook second-round leader Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., behind games of 268, 258, 290, 217, 185, 237, 300 and 209 for a 24-game average of 243.79 and a total of 5,851 pins – 98 pins ahead of Kent. Butturff is a two-time PBA Tour titlist, winning both titles during the 2016 season.

Following the cashers round, the field of 37 was trimmed to the top 24 for the start of round robin match play Thursday at 6 p.m. The finals two match play rounds are set for Friday at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. EST. After 48 games, the top five players will advance to Sunday'sstepladder finals.

Heading into the opening round of match play, Indianapolis' Matt Sanders was in third place with 5,622 pins followed by two-hander Keven Williams of Springfield, Mo., with a 5,593 total and Andrew Anderson of Holly, Mich., at 5,533 pins. Ronnie Russell of nearby Marion, Ind., was the other Hoosier to keep his title hopes alive, advancing in 13th place.

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and Sunday's live 1 p.m. ESPN finals of the 60th Anniversary Classic. The Indianapolis tournament is part of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule.

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GO BOWLING! PBA 60TH ANNIVERSARY CLASSIC Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, Feb. 14

CASHERS ROUND STANDINGS (after 24 games, top 24 advance to round robin match play)

- 1, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 5,851, \$100.
- 2, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 5,753, \$100.
- 3, Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, 5,622.
- 4, Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo.,, 5,593.
- 5, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 5,533.
- 6, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 5,512.
- 7, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 5,495.
- 8, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 5,480.
- 9, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 5,459.
- 10, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 5,428.
- 11, Graham Fach, Canada, 5,417.
- 12, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 5,400.
- 13, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 5,394.
- 14, Dom Barrett, England, 5,388.
- 15, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 5,374.
- 16, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 5,363.
- 17, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 5,356.
- 18, Charlie Brown Jr, Grandville, Mich., 5,355.
- 18, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 5,355.
- 20, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 5,354.
- 21, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 5,345.
- 22, Richie Teece, England, 5,319.
- 23, Richard McCormick, Cincinnati, Ohio, 5,309, \$100.
- 24, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 5,304.

Failed to advance

- 25, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 5,296, \$2,000.
- 26, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 5,286, \$1,950.
- 27, Patrick Girard, Canada, 5,274, \$1,900.
- 28, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 5,262, \$1,850.
- 29, Brad Miller, Maryland Heights, Mo., 5,260, \$1,775.
- 29, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 5,260, \$1,875.
- 31, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 5,248, \$1,700.
- 32, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 5,241, \$1,650.
- 33, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 5,240, \$1,600.
- 34, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 5,219, \$1,650.
- 35, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 5,216, \$1,500.
- 36, Gabriel Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 5,210, \$1,450.
- 37, Tannya Roumimper, Indonesia, 5,117, \$1,400.
- **300 Games:** Jakob Butturff.

Jakob Butturff Recovers, Regains Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic Lead

Final 16 games of match play set for Friday to determine Sunday's ESPN finalists

INDIANAPOLIS (Feb. 15, 2018) – Third-round leader Jakob Butturff lost his first four matches and dropped out of the lead in the Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic at Woodland Bowl Thursday night, but surged back with four straight wins to close his round and regain the lead.

Butturff, an unorthodox double-jointed left-hander, overtook Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., to start Thursday's competition, rolling games of 268, 258, 290, 217, 185, 237, 300 and 209 in the morning round. The two-time PBA Tour titlist lost head-to-head matches with games of 215, 245, 205 and 246 to start the evening round, but then won his last four matches with games of 211, 244, 182 and 216. Butturff finished the day with a 32-game total of 7,735 pins, including match play bonus pins, and a 94pin lead over Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash.

"The lanes were tighter on the back ends to start and my ball just wasn't finishing the way I wanted," the 23-year-old left-hander said. "It was a matter of staying patient, and we've got 16 more games to bowl on Friday, so we'll see what happens."

Kent, who also posted a 4-4 match play record, finished with 7,641 pins, 42 ahead of two-handed player Keven Williams of Springfield, Mo. Indianapolis' Matt Sanders was fourth with a 7,479 total and Andrew Cain of Phoenix was fifth with 7,410 pins – one pin ahead of Andrew Anderson of Holly, Mich. Williams, Cain and Anderson all are trying for their first PBA Tour titles.

The finals two eight-game match play rounds are set for Friday at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. EST. After 48 games, the top five players will advance to Sunday's live ESPN stepladder finals at 1 p.m. EST.

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GO BOWLING! PBA 60TH ANNIVERSARY CLASSIC Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, Feb. 15

FOURTH ROUND STANDINGS (after 32 games including match play bonus pins; top five after 48 games advance to ESPN stepladder finals Sunday at 1 p.m. EST)

- 1, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 4-4, 7,735.
- 2, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 4-4, 7,641.
- 3, Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo.,, 5-3, 7,599.
- 4, Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, 3-5, 7,479.
- 5, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 6-2, 7,410.
- 6, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 3-5, 7,409.
- 7, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 5-3, 7,404.
- 8, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 5-3, 7,370.
- 9, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 5-3, 7,353.
- 10, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 5-3, 7,346.
- 11, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 4-3-1, 7,325.
- 12, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 5-3, 7,305.
- 13, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 3-4-1, 7,303.
- 14, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 3-5, 7,272.

15, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 4-4, 7,256. 16, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 5-3, 7,249. 17, Graham Fach, Canada, 3-5, 7,204. 18, Dom Barrett, England, 3-4-1, 7,153. 19, Richie Teece, England, 3-4-1, 7,144. 20, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 3-5, 7,129. 21, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 4-4, 7,115. 22, Charlie Brown Jr, Grandville, Mich., 5-3, 7,005. 23, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 1-7, 6,894. 24, Richard McCormick, Cincinnati, Ohio, 3-5, 6,892. Failed to advance 25, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 5,296, \$2,000. 26, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 5,286, \$1,950. 27, Patrick Girard, Canada, 5,274, \$1,900. 28, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 5,262, \$1,850. 29, Brad Miller, Maryland Heights, Mo., 5,260, \$1,775. 29, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 5,260, \$1,775. 31, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 5,248, \$1,700. 32, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 5,241, \$1,650. 33, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 5,240, \$1,600. 34, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 5,219, \$1,550. 35, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 5,216, \$1,500. 36, Gabriel Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 5,210, \$1,450. 37, Tannya Roumimper, Indonesia, 5,117, \$1,400. 300 Games: Jakob Butturff.

Battle for Top Five on Tap as Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic Enters Final Round Butturff, Kent lead close pack of contenders into final eight games of match play

INDIANAPOLIS (Feb. 16, 2018) – Frontrunners Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz., and Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., are relatively comfortable heading into the final round of match play in the Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic at Woodland Bowl, but there will be an intense battle for the remaining three berths in Sunday's ESPN finals during the pivotal eight-game round tonight.

The final eight-game match play round begins at 6 p.m. EST today. After 48 games, the top five players will advance to Sunday's live ESPN stepladder finals at 1 p.m. EST.

Butturff, a 23-year-old left-hander who has hovered in or near the lead throughout the tournament, will be tournament leader after posting a 10-6 match play record and compiling 9,800 pins through the first 40 games. Kent, a 25-year-old right-hander, is second, 170 pins behind Butturff, with an 8-8 match play record and 9,630 total pins.

The chase for the final three five berths in Sunday's finals will involve five players who are within less than 100 pins of making the show, and two longer-shots who are within a 200-pin range.

Keven Williams, a third-year PBA member who has never finished higher than 34th place, entered Friday night's round in third place; 2017 PBA Rookie of the Year Matt Sanders of Indianapolis, was fourth; Japanese star Shota Kawazoe was fifth. Andrew Anderson of Holly, Mich., trailed Kawazoe by 60 pins and Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., was seventh, 88 pins out of fifth. A bit further off the pace were Kris Prather of Plainfield, Ill., and Ronnie Russell of Marion, Ind., who were 133 and 168 pins out of fifth place, respectively.

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GO BOWLING! PBA 60TH ANNIVERSARY CLASSIC Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, Feb. 16

ROUND FIVE STANDINGS (after 40 games including match play bonus pins; top five after 48 games advance to ESPN stepladder finals Sunday at 1 p.m. EST)

- 1, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 10-6, 9,800.
- 2, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 8-8, 9,630.
- 3, Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., 9-6-1, 9,579.
- 4, Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, 8-8, 9,449.
- 5, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 10-6, 9,443.
- 6, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 7-9, 9,383.
- 7, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 11-5, 9,355.
- 8, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 10-6, 9,310.
- 9, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 9-7, 9,275.
- 10, Richie Teece, England, 8-6-2, 9,218.
- 11, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 7-9, 9,212.
- 12, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 9-7, 9,192.
- 13, Dom Barrett, England, 9-6-1, 9,185.
- 14, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 8-7-1, 9,184.
- 15, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 6-9-1, 9,097.
- 16, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 6-10, 9,095.
- 17, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 8-8, 9,086.
- 18, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 8-8, 9,059.
- 19, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 7-9, 8,985.
- 20, Graham Fach, Canada, 7-9, 8,976.
- 21, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 6-10, 8,872.
- 22, Charlie Brown Jr, Grandville, Mich., 8-8, 8,847.
- 23, Richard McCormick, Cincinnati, Ohio, 7-9, 8,703.
- 24, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 3-13, 8,646.

300 Games: none.

Jakob Butturff Leads Field of 20-Somethings into Sunday's Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic ESPN Finals

Three title holders, two non-champions in finals including Japanese star Shota Kawazoe

INDIANAPOLIS (Feb. 16, 2018) – Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz., won seven of his final eight matches Friday night to lead the field of five 20-something finalists into Sunday's championship round of the Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic at Woodland Bowl. The stepladder finals will air live on Sunday at 1 p.m. EST.

Butturff, a 23-year-old left-hander who has hovered in or near the lead throughout the tournament, will be joined in the stepladder finals by four-time PBA Tour winner Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., 25; two-handed lefty Keven Williams of Springfield, Mo., 25; Indiana native Matt Sanders, 24, and Japan PBA star Shota Kawazoe, the oldest player in the field at 29.

Butturff, who won both of his PBA Tour titles in 2016 when he also won a PBA-record nine regional titles, averaged 236.29 for his 48 games, posting a 11,852 pinfall total to run away from Kent by 313 pins. Butturff's only fault in the final round was a 192 game in the only match he lost. Otherwise he didn't have a game lower than 234.

Kent, PBA's 2014 Rookie of the Year, won his most recent title in the 2017 Oklahoma Open. He finished with a 11,539 total.

Keven Williams, a third-year PBA member, has a high finish of 34th place in limited PBA Tour competition. He held off Sanders, the 2017 PBA Rookie of the Year, by two pins for fourth place.

The chase for the final berth in Sunday's finals boiled down to the final game where Kawazoe struck out in the 10th frame to win the spot by a single pin over Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa. Kawazoe, a 15-time Japan PBA champion, has moved to the United States to bowl full-time in PBA competition in pursuit of his life-long dream, a PBA Tour title.

The Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic is the second PBA Tour event of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season and is part of a series of celebratory events including the PBA 60th Anniversary Celebration dinner and hall of fame induction ceremonies Saturday.

All preliminary rounds, plus the annual PBA League Draft on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and the PBA 60th Anniversary Celebration Dinner Saturday at 6:30 p.m., will be live streamed on PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame. To sign up, visit <u>xtraframe.tv</u>.

GO BOWLING! PBA 60TH ANNIVERSARY CLASSIC Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, Feb. 16

FINAL MATCH PLAY STANDINGS (after 48 games including match play bonus pins; top five advance to ESPN stepladder finals Sunday at 1 p.m. EST)

- 1, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 17-7, 11,852.
- 2, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 12-12, 11,539.
- 3, Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., 12-11-1, 11,452.
- 4, Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, 13-11, 11,450.
- 5, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 13-11, 11,235.

Failed to advance

- 6, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 16-8, 11,234, \$7,000.
- 7, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 11-13, 11,223, \$6,000.
- 8, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 15-9, 11,170, \$5,500.
- 9, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 12-12, 11,160, \$5,500.
- 10, Dom Barrett, England, 15-8-1, 11,153, \$5,000.
- 11, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 12-11-1, 11,102, \$4,500.
- 12, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 13-11, 11,065, \$4,000.
- 13, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 10-14, 11,039, \$3,600.
- 14, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 13-11, 11,035, \$3,400.
- 15, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 11-13, 11,027, \$3,300.
- 16, Richie Teece, England, 11-11-2, 10,975, \$3,200.
- 17, Graham Fach, Canada, 12-12, 10,922, \$3,100.
- 18, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 9-14-1, 10,880, \$3,000.
- 19, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 12-12, 10,820, \$2,900.
- 20, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 11-13, 10,810, \$2,800.
- 21, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 10-14, 10,764, \$2,700.
- 22, Charlie Brown Jr, Grandville, Mich., 11-13, 10,744, \$2,600.

23, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 6-18, 10,430, \$2,500. 24, Richard McCormick, Cincinnati, Ohio, 8-16, 10,338, \$2,400. **300 Games:** Brandon Novak.

Matt O'Grady First Pick as PBA League Managers Complete 2018 Rosters

Sixth season of Elias Cup team competition returns to Portland, Maine, April 20-22

INDIANAPOLIS (Feb. 17, 2018) – Matt O'Grady of Rahway, N.J., fresh off his first PBA Tour victory in last week's PBA Tournament of Champions, was the first of 16 PBA members drafted Saturday at Woodland Bowl as the eight PBA League teams filled out their rosters for the 2018 PBA League Elias Cup competition April 20-22 at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine.

The PBA League Draft, held in Woodland Bowl's Beer Thirty Lounge, began with OceanView at Falmouth Brooklyn Styles' manager Johnny Petraglia, selecting O'Grady, a 31-year-old former Junior Team USA member, from a list of 49 eligible players.

"Matt has really dedicated himself the last six months," Petraglia said. "He's really stepped it up, worked hard to get himself into stape, and he's a great competitor. He's in a really good place and he'll be a great addition to our team."

"I'm elated," O'Grady said. "I've never been selected (for PBA League competition) before and I know the atmosphere is something I'll thrive in. I'm over the moon."

O'Grady, who tends to exhibit his excitement in competition, will feel at home in the Bayside Bowl environment which traditionally features a full house of boisterous, exuberant fans.

Following O'Grady, Barbasol Motown Muscle manager Del Ballard Jr. picked Japan PBA star Shota Kawazoe, the No. 5 qualifier for Sunday's Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic finals and another PBA League rookie. Sysco Philadelphia Hitmen manager Jason Couch also picked a PBAL first-timer, 2017 PBA Rookie of the Year Matt Sanders of Indianapolis.

PBA League veterans selected in the first round of picks included BJ Moore of Greensburg, Pa., by GEICO NYC WTT KingPins manager Carolyn Dorin-Ballard; Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic top qualifier Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz., by <u>bowlingball.com</u> L.A. X manager Andrew Cain; Dick Allen of Columbia, S.C., by Go Bowling! Silver Lake Atom Splitters manager Mark Baker; DJ Archer of Friendswood, Texas, by Port Properties Portland manager Tim Mack, and, with the final pick of the first round, Rhino Page of Orlando, Fla., by two-time defending champion Shipyard Brewing Dallas Strikers player-manager Norm Duke.

The final round of selections saw more members of the PBA's youth movement getting a chance to experience PBA League competition for the first time: Anthony Pepe of Elmhurst, N.Y., with the KingPins; AJ Johnson of Oswego, Ill., with the Atom Splitters; Thailand's Yannaphon Larpapharat with the hometown Portland Lumberjacks, and, with the final pick of the draft, Kyle Sherman of O'Fallon, Mo., with the Strikers.

"The PBA League has become so popular, and there are so many talented players who deserve to bowl in the league, you can't help but be disappointed if you don't get picked," said PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark. "The only thing we can do at this point is encourage our players to keep trying. Remember that seven first-time players were selected this year."

The draft order was in reverse order of how teams finished last year, beginning with the No. 8 OceanView Brooklyn Styles, followed by Barbasol Motown Muscle, GEICO NYC WTT KingPins, <u>bowlingball.com</u> L.A. X, Sysco Philadelphia Hitmen, Go Bowling! Silver Lake Atom-Splitters, Port Property Portland Lumberjacks and the two-time defending champion Shipyard Brewery Dallas Strikers.

The complete rosters for 2018, beginning with the three players each manager had earlier protected from his/her 2017 roster and followed by players drafted Saturday, includes the following:

• OceanView at Falmouth Brooklyn Styles (manager Johnny Petraglia): Parker Bohn III, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Sean Rash, Matt O'Grady, Jason Sterner.

• Barbasol Motown Muscle (manager Del Ballard Jr.): EJ Tackett, Francois Lavoie, Anthony Simonsen, Shota Kawazoe, Josh Blanchard.

• GEICO NYC WTT KingPins (manager Carolyn Dorin-Ballard): Pete Weber, Marshall Kent, Sam Cooley, BJ Moore, Anthony Pepe.

• <u>bowlingball.com</u> L.A. X (manager Andrew Cain): Jason Belmonte, Stuart Williams, Martin Larsen, Jakob Butturff, Osku Palermaa.

• Sysco Philadelphia Hitmen (manager Jason Couch): Dom Barrett, Tom Smallwood, Ronnie Russell, Matt Sanders, Chris Loschetter.

• Go Bowling! Silver Lake Atom Splitters (manager Mark Baker): Chris Barnes, Jesper Svensson, Tom Daugherty, Dick Allen, AJ Johnson.

• Port Property Portland Lumberjacks (manager Tim Mack): Ryan Ciminelli, Wes Malott, Kyle Troup, DJ Archer, Yannaphon (JoJo) Larpapharat.

• Shipyard Dallas Strikers: player-manager Norm Duke, Tommy Jones, Bill O'Neill, Rhino Page, Kyle Sherman.

The PBA returns to Portland in April. After the PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout April 17-18 (a PBA Tour title event), all PBAL teams will bowl an eight-game Baker format "seeding tournament" on April 20. The PBAL quarterfinals will take place on April 21 with the No. 1 seeded team vs. No. 8 and No. 4 vs. No. 5 on the first ESPN show that airs on April 22, followed by team No. 2 vs. No. 7, and No. 3 vs. No. 6 in the show that will air on April 29. Semifinal and Elias Cup final matches will be contested on April 22 to air on ESPN on May 6 and 13, respectively.

New Hall of Famers, Award Winners Honored During PBA's 60th Anniversary Celebration

INDIANAPOLIS (Feb. 17, 2018) – On the eve of the finals of the Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic finals at Woodland Bowl, a crowd of more than 300 PBA fans, industry leaders and members of the bowling news media gathered at the Marriott North for the PBA 60th Anniversary Celebration Dinner to recognize the PBA's three newest Hall of Famers – Chris Barnes, Ron Mohr and the late Don Mitchell; its 2017 award winners and to officially begin a year-long celebration of 60 years of professional bowling at its finest.

Kicking off the evening, PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark introduced PBA's four individual award winners. The entire celebration dinner was live streamed on PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame.

PBA Hall of Famer Del Ballard Jr. of Keller, Texas, who converted his own battle with tonsil cancer into a successful, ongoing "Ballard Vs. the Big C" fund-raising program, was selected as the recipient of PBA's Tony Reyes Memorial Community Service Award.

"This is such an honor because Tony Reyes was close to me as his tour rep when he won his PBA title. This award is very humbling," Ballard said. "All I did to earn it was supply the cancer. My wife and friends did the rest."

Ballard's life changed in May 2010 when he was diagnosed with tonsil cancer. One evening after a treatment, the 13-time PBA Tour titlist, wife Carolyn and a handful of friends got together at Ballard's house and laid the groundwork for what would become "Ballard Vs. The Big C'' – or BVBC for short. As of

2017, BVBC has raised in excess of \$300,000 to carry out research on cancer treatments focused on the head, neck and throat.

Chris Loschetter of Avon, Ohio, was selected by his fellow competitors as the Steve Nagy PBA Sportsmanship Award winner.

"I bet 10 years ago a lot of didn't think I'd win this award, but I've calmed down," Loschetter said. "I'm in awe of how talented you guys are. Many of you should win this award, and I'm sure some of you will. It's been an amazing journey and I'm grateful you guys think I'm deserving. I'll try to keep behaving myself on the lanes."

Loschetter, a 37-year-old two-time PBA Tour champion, completed a nine-year quest for his first PBA Tour title in the 2012 Wolf Open in Milwaukee and won his second with the Merica Rooster Illusion team that won the 2016 PBA Team Challenge title while still in recovery from his own battle with cancer. Loschetter has been a member of the PBA League's Philadelphia Hitmen since the program's inception in 2013.

Matt Sanders, an Evansville, Ind., native now living in Indianapolis, was recognized as the 2017 Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year after winning two titles and leading a strong class of PBA rookies in both earnings and average.

"Just coming out here and living my dream is something special," Sanders said. "I was lucky to have an awesome year and I loved every minute of it. Hopefully I can keep doing it."

Sanders, a former two-time NAIA All-American with Marion University-Indiana, was the only rookie to win a PBA Tour title in 2017 (in the PBA Xtra Frame Billy Hardwick Memorial Open) and he concluded his first season with a fifth-place finish in the PBA World Championship.

For the fourth time in the past five seasons, Australia's Jason Belmonte was recognized as the GEICO Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year.

"In my opinion this is the second greatest award a player can win behind being inducted into the hall of fame," Belmonte said. "It isn't something I take for granted; it inspires me to be better."

Belmonte, after becoming the first player in PBA history to win three major championships among his four titles in 2017 and setting a PBA average record (229.39) in the process, was a landslide winner in Player of the Year voting. At age 34 he joined Mark Roth as a four-time winner of the award, trailing only Walter Ray Williams Jr.'s seven POY Awards, and the late Earl Anthony with six.

Mitchell, the first hall of fame inductee, succumbed to cancer in 2012 at age 80. He went from managing a small bowling center in Indianapolis to developing the Royal Pin Leisure Centers chain, which has hosted dozens of showcase events at all levels of bowling. Its centerpiece – Woodland Lanes on Indianapolis' north side – has hosted every major championship the PBA has offered, which made it a natural choice to host the Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic.

Mitchell's bowling center empire grew from one center in 1974 to multiple centers with more than 300 lanes and five pro shops. He was a vocal advocate for the PBA as the sport's most prominent promotional vehicle, and he put his money behind his passions. He was equally enthusiastic as a bowler, competing in 50 USBC Open Championships. He is the first bowling proprietor elected to the PBA Hall of Fame exclusively based on his role as a bowling center owner.

Following a video tribute from a number of players who were benefactors of Mitchell's hospitality and dedicated, son David said, "I know Dad is looking down on us and smiling. We're very appreciative of this award. Dad would probably say he was very proud to receive the award, but didn't do much to earn it.

"Don Mitchell had bowling running through his blood," David Mitchell continued. "He brought first-class bowling experiences to the bowlers of Indianapolis. If you asked bowlers on tour about their favorite bowling center, many of them would say Woodland Bowl. I know the recognition he's receiving tonight would make him burst at the seams. It's a great honor."

Mohr was a late starter. The Fort Wayne, Ind., native moved to Alaska at age 23 and got a job in a bowling center in Anchorage. He began dating a girl whose father worked for the FAA at the time President Ronald Reagan fired all of the striking air traffic controllers who refused his order to return to work. Mohr wound up working as an air traffic controller in Alaska for 25 years.

He also had a chance to develop bowling skills and in 1988 earned a berth on Team USA, where he got his first taste of elite level competition. When he retired from his air traffic controller position in 2008, he decided to try the PBA50 Tour. In his breakout season in 2009, Mohr won three of his nine career PBA50 Tour titles en route to his first POY award (he won again in 2011). In nine full seasons as a "senior" bowler, he has finished in the top 10 in earnings and averages each year, and has never had a season averaging below 220. He currently is the two-time defending PBA60 Player of the Year.

In presenting Mohr, his friend and fellow PBA50 competitor Mike Dias said, "Ron's workout regime is legendary. He does 45 consecutive minutes of sit ups every day. I get so tired watching, I have to get a drink. But Ron bowls like he works out. He puts everything he has into every shot." "Wow. What an incredible journey. Induction into the PBA Hall of Fame is an individual honor, but it doesn't happen by yourself," Mohr said, recognizing the many friends and industry associates who played a role in his career. He also thanked PBA Hall of Famer Marshall Holman, "my role model who showed me that intensity and passion can make great things happen." Of Walter Ray Williams Jr. Mohr said, "he showed me the desire to win doesn't diminish with age." And of Parker Bohn III: "he shows us all the world would be a better place if we all had a little bit of Parker Bohn in us."

Barnes, an 18-time PBA Tour title winner, was a consensus selection. He was a late-comer to PBA competition an All-America career at Wichita State University, a starring role with Team USA and a prolific nine-year career as a "professional amateur," finally joining the PBA just before his 28th birthday.

The Kansas native, now living in Double Oak, Texas, is one of five players to win both PBA Rookie and Player of the Year honors, and one of six players to complete the PBA Triple Crown (2005 U.S. Open, 2006 PBA Tournament of Champions and 2011 PBA World Championship). Now 47, and he ranked among the top 10 in PBA earnings for 16 consecutive seasons, surpassing the \$1 million milestone in career earnings in a then-record 170 events.

"When Chris called me to present him into the PBA Hall of Fame, I began to wonder what you had to do to get in," said former PBA star and Barnes' personal coach, Mark Baker. "There are a number of boxes to check off, and Chris checked them all."

Baker said the first time he worked with Barnes, he asked Baker for help and Baker answered, "No thanks, I'm good." Barnes asked, "What do you mean?" Baker responded, "You're the best player in the world, I don't want to screw you up."

"It's great to think my name will be among the greatest our sport has known, but nothing happens on its own," Barnes said. "Looking back, I never thought of myself as a great player, but I kept driving myself to find out what was wrong and how I could fix it.

"I've probably received more help from coaches than anyone else in this room, mostly because I needed it," he added.

"It's been a life-long goal to stand up here tonight, to be able to stand atop the mountain, so thank you very, very much."

The Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic weekend concludes Sunday with live ESPN coverage of the stepladder finals at Woodland Bowl at 1 p.m. EST. Finalists include No. 5 Shota Kawazoe of Japan; No. 4 Matt Sanders of Indianapolis; No. 3 Keven Williams of Springfield, Mo.; No. 2 Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., and No. 1 Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz.

Arizona's Jakob Butturff Wins Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic

Tournament leader finishes business to collect third PBA Tour title

INDIANAPOLIS (Feb. 18, 2018) – After leading the Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic almost from the beginning, Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz., finished his business at Woodland Bowl Sunday with a 244-154 victory over Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., to claim his third PBA Tour title.

Butturff, a 23-year-old left-hander, cruised to the \$30,000 first prize behind an opening string of three strikes and another string of four late in the game after Kent ran into big trouble early in the game when he left three splits and failed to convert any of them.

It was an especially rewarding win for Butturff after leading the 2017 U.S. Open by a stunning 617 pins, only to lose the title to Rhino Page in the title match.

"This title means the world to me," Butturff said. "The thought of the U.S. Open was in my mind before practice, but I told myself I was not going to get my nerves get to me this time. When Marshall struggled early in the match, I just put my foot to the metal.

"Redemption was on my mind, but I just wanted to make a better showing than I did in the U.S. Open."

Kent advanced to the championship match with a 218-210 win over two-handed lefty Keven Williams of Springfield, Mo., who had never finished higher than 34th place in his limited three-year PBA career. Kent jumped into an early lead with four strikes, but left the 2-8-10 split and a five-count "washout," failing to convert either one to let Williams back into the match. After a strike nine-count in the 10th to give Williams a chance, the 25-year-old two-hander struck on his first shot in the 10th, but then left a 3 pin on his second shot to end his upset bid.

Japan's Shota Kawazoe, in his debut on American television, rallied to defeat Indianapolis' Matt Sanders in the opening match, 183-160. After starting with back-to-back splits and open frames, Kawazoe struck on four of his next five shots while Sanders, the 24-year-old 2017 PBA Rookie of the Year, was unable to strike until the seventh frame. A pair of splits and opens in the final two frames sealed his fate.

In the second match, Williams started his television debut with four strikes, but Kawazoe again came from behind, throwing four strikes in a row to take the lead into the 10th frame. Needing to convert the 10 pin in the 10th frame, the 16-time Japan PBA champion missed, handing Williams a 229-225 win and a berth in the semifinal match.

The Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic was the third event of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season and was part celebratory week that included the PBA 60th Anniversary Celebration dinner and hall of fame induction ceremonies Saturday. The PBA now heads to Columbus, Ohio, where Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl will host the season's second major championship, the Barbasol PBA Players Championship, and the Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship.

All preliminary rounds of the Players Championship and Roth-Holman

Doubles Tuesday through Friday will be live streamed on PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame. To sign up, visit <u>xtraframe.tv</u>. The Players Championship finals will air live on ESPN next Sunday at 1:30 p.m. The Roth-Holman Doubles finals will be live streamed on ESPN3 at 5 p.m. and taped for delayed broadcast on ESPN on Sunday, March 25, at 2 p.m. All times are Eastern.

GO BOWLING! PBA 60TH ANNIVERSARY CLASSIC Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, Feb. 18

FINAL STANDINGS

- 1, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., \$30,000.
- 2, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., \$15,000.
- 3, Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., \$13,000.
- 4, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, \$11,000.
- 5, Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, \$10,000.

Stepladder Results

Match One – Kawazoe def. Sanders, 183-160. Match Two – Williams def. Kawazoe, 229-225. Semifinal Match – Kent def. Williams, 218-210. Championship – Butturff def. Kent, 244-154.

Jason Belmonte Averages 249 to Take Barbasol PBA Players Championship Lead After Two Rounds

Belmonte and doubles partner Bill O'Neill lead Roth/Holman PBA

Doubles Championship after two rounds

COLUMBUS, Ohio (Feb. 20, 2018) – Defending champion Jason Belmonte of Australia began work on winning a record-tying 10th Professional Bowlers Association major title by averaging 249 after the first two rounds in the Barbasol PBA Players Championship Tuesday at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl.

In the second major of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season, the four-time PBA Player of the Year, who is also trying for his third Players Championship title, leads the 120-player field with a 2,494 10-game pinfall total. He bowled a 1,274 five-game pinfall in Tuesday's first round with games of 243, 255, 229, 300 and 247 and followed with a 1,220 pinfall in the second round on games of 213, 257, 247, 224 and 279.

"I'm leading right now but that's not my goal at this point," said the 34-year-old Belmonte, a 16-time Tour winner. "The scoring pace is pretty high and because of that nothing is guaranteed. You can shoot 210 or 220 and lose 50 or 60 pins. Thankfully, I was making good guesses on the adjustments and ball choices I needed to make today."

With a win, Belmonte, who also won the 2011 Players Championship, would join Pete Weber and Earl Anthony who are tied for most PBA major titles.

Belmonte holds a 97-pin lead over PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla. in second, who finished with a 2,397 pinfall. Duke, the 53-year-old winner of seven PBA majors, bowled 1,215 for five games in the first round and 1,182 in the second.

Competition continues with two five-game qualifying rounds Wednesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. ET. After Thursday's sixth qualifying round (30 games), the field will be cut to the top five players for the live ESPN finals Sunday at 1:30 p.m. ET.

The qualifying rounds of the Players Championship will also determine the standings for the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship presented by BowlerX.com. After Thursday's final qualifying round, the top 14 doubles team will advance to two Baker format qualifying rounds on Friday which will determine the top five doubles teams for the taped ESPN telecast that will follow the Players Championship finals at 5 p.m. Fans will be able to catch the doubles final via livestream on ESPN3.

Belmonte, along with doubles partner eight-time PBA Tour winner Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., also lead the Doubles Championship standings with a 4,873 combined 10-game pinfall total. They hold a 133-pin lead over Duke and his partner 10-time Tour winner Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, who combined 4,740.

All qualifying rounds for the Players Championship and Doubles Championship are streamed live on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame. For subscription and schedule information visit <u>www.xtraframe.tv</u>.

BARBASOL PBA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl, Columbus, Ohio, Tuesday

Second Round Standings (after 10 games)

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 2,494.
- 2, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 2,397.
- 3, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2,379.
- 4, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 2,374.
- 5, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 2,373.
- 6, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 2,361.
- 7, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 2,348.
- 8, (tie) Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, and Patrick Girard, Canada, 2,343.
- 10, Stuart Williams, England, 2,340.
- 11, Cameron Weier, Tacoma, Wash., 2,334.
- 12, Daniel Fransson, Sweden, 2,325.
- 13, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 2,297.
- 14, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 2,294.
- 15, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 2,293.
- 16, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 2,290.
- 17, Richie Teece, England, 2,289.
- 18, Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., 2,284.
- 19, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 2,283.
- 20, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 2,278.
- 21, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 2,275.
- 22, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 2,274.
- 23, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 2,268.
- 24, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 2,267.
- 25, Dom Barrett, England, 2,266.
- 26, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 2,265.
- 27, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 2,261.
- 28, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 2,256.
- 29, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2,255.

- 30, (tie) Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., and Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, 2,253.
- 32, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 2,248.
- 33, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 2,242.
- 34, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 2,236.
- 35, Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 2,226.
- 36, Dave Wodka, Clarksville, Tenn., 2,223.
- 37, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 2,221.
- 38, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 2,218.
- 39, (tie) Osku Palermaa, Finland, Yannaphon Larpapharat, Thailand, and Liz Johnson, Palatine, Ill., 2,206.
- 42, Zulmazran Zulkifli, Malaysia, 2,202.
- 43, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 2,200.
- 44, Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 2,197.
- 45, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 2,194.
- 46, Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 2,191.
- 47, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 2,183.
- 48, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 2,180.
- 49, Kyle King, Glendale, Ariz., 2,179.
- 50, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 2,176.
- 51, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 2,169.
- 52, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,168.
- 53, Mitch Hupe, Towanda, Kan., 2,167.
- 54, Rhino Page, Orlando, 2,165.
- 55, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 2,156.
- 56, (tie) David Haynes, Las Vegas, and Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 2,154.
- 58, (tie) Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., and Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2,153.
- 60, Brad Miller, Maryland Heights, Mo., 2,152.
- 61, Ryan Lakota, Shorewood, Ill., 2,142.
- 62, Markus Jansson, Sweden, 2,139.
- 63, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 2,138.
- 64, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 2,136.
- 65, Sandra Gongora, Mexico, 2,129.
- 66, (tie) Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., and Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 2,127.
- 68, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill., 2,125.
- 69, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 2,124.
- 70, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 2,123.
- 71, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 2,119.
- 72, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 2,116.
- 73, (tie) Michael Schlabach, Goshen, Ind., Napatra Buspanikonkul, Thailand, and Francois Lavoie, Canada, 2,115.
- 76, Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., 2,113.
- 77, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 2,112.
- 78, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 2,107.
- 79, Kevin Kullman, Lockport, Ill., 2,104.
- 80, Dwight Adams, Greensboro, N.C., 2,101.
- 81, Francois Louw, South Africa, 2,099.
- 82, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 2,097.
- 83, Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., 2,096.
- 84, Sam Cooley, Australia, 2,094.
- 85, Michael Tang, San Francisco, 2,089.
- 86, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 2,083.
- 87, Tannya Roumimper, Indonesia, 2,082.
- 88, Chris Arcaro, Carolina Beach, N.C., 2,078.
- 89, (tie) Ray Teece, England, and Graham Fach, Canada, 2,076.

- 91, Charlie Brown Jr, Grandville, Mich., 2,075.
- 92, (tie) Kyle Cook, Centerville, Ohio, and Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 2,074.
- 94, Jean Perez, Puerto Rico, 2,060.
- 95, Kristian Rogers, Salisbury, N.C., 2,057.
- 96, Kyle Bigelow, Troy, Ohio, 2,056.
- 97, (tie) Wayne Webb, Columbus, Ohio, and Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 2,049.
- 99, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 2,048.
- 100, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 2,043.
- 101, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 2,037.
- 102, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 2,029.
- 103, (tie) Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, and Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 2,027.
- 105, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 2,023.
- 106, Justin Wyman, Fairport, N.Y., 2,019.
- 107, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 2,011.
- 108, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 2,005.
- 109, Matthew Staninger, Highland, Ind., 1,988.
- 110, Gabriel Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1,981.
- 111, Russ Oviatt, Chandler, Ariz., 1,970.
- 112, Robert Mushtare, Carthage, N.Y., 1,963.
- 113, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 1,938.
- 114, Tristan Butler, Fort Wayne, Ind., 1,911.
- 115, Timothy Steria, Watertown, N.Y., 1,908.
- 116, CJ Kirchner, Herrin, Ill., 1,888.
- 117, Andrew Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich., 1,887.
- 118, Myles Duty, Modesto, Calif., 1,827.
- 119, Matthew Ward, Fort Mohave, Ariz., 1,713.
- 120, Eric Cottrell, Grove City, Ohio, 1,647.

300 games - Patrick Girard, Michael Tang, Jason Belmonte, Trey Ford III, Stuart Williams

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Second Round Standings (after 10 games)

- 1, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa./Jason Belmonte, Australia, 4,873.
- 2, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla./Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 4,740.
- 3, Jesper Svensson, Sweden/Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 4,657.
- 4, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind./Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 4,621.
- 5, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio/Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 4,609.
- 6, Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla./Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 4,505.
- 7, Patrick Girard, Canada/Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 4,499.
- 8, Daniel Fransson, Sweden/Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 4,494.
- 9, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas/Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 4,474.
- 10, Dom Barrett, England/Osku Palermaa, Finland, 4,472.
- 11, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y./Liz Johnson, Palatine, Ill., 4,459.
- 12, Francois Lavoie, Canada/Stuart Williams, England, 4,455.
- 13, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa./Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 4,453.
- 14, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo./Yannaphon Larpapharat, Thailand, 4,448.
- 15, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa/Mitch Hupe, Towanda, Kan., 4,445.
- 16, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas/Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 4,435.
- 17, (tie) Shota Kawazoe, Japan/Zulmazran Zulkifli, Malaysia, and Anthony Simonsen, Austin,
- Texas/Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 4,420.

- 19, Brad Miller, Maryland Heights, Mo./Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 4,419.
- 20, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill./Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 4,416.
- 21, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan./Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 4,413.
- 22, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y./Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 4,411.
- 23, Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky./Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 4,394.
- 24, Ray Teece, England/Richie Teece, England, 4,365.
- 25, Darren Tang, San Francisco/Michael Tang, San Francisco, 4,357.
- 26, Andres Gomez, Colombia/Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 4,352.
- 27, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas/Sam Cooley, Australia, 4,349.
- 28, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas/Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 4,333.
- 29, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich./Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 4,329.
- 30, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y./Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 4,317.
- 31, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill./Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 4,308.
- 32, Markus Jansson, Sweden/Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 4,293.
- 33, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia/Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, 4,290.
- 34, Justin Wyman, Fairport, N.Y./Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 4,284.
- 35, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore./David Haynes, Las Vegas, 4,281.
- 36, Dave Wodka, Clarksville, Tenn. /Wayne Webb, Columbus, Ohio, 4,272.
- 37, Rhino Page, Orlando/Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., 4,261.
- 38, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C./Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 4,250.
- 39, Kevin Kullman, Lockport, Ill./Ryan Lakota, Shorewood, Ill., 4,246.
- 40, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio/Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 4,242.
- 41, Arturo Quintero, Mexico/Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 4,231.
- 42, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio/Graham Fach, Canada, 4,173.
- 43, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y./Tannya Roumimper, Indonesia, 4,165.
- 44, Kyle King, Glendale, Ariz./Russ Oviatt, Chandler, Ariz., 4,149.
- 45, Chris Arcaro, Carolina Beach, N.C./Kristian Rogers, Salisbury, N.C., 4,135.
- 46, Christopher Sloan, Ireland/Francois Louw, South Africa, 4,126.
- 47, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich./Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., 4,124.
- 48, Jean Perez, Puerto Rico/Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 4,109.
- 49, Andrew Cain, Phoenix/Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 4,072.
- 50, Dwight Adams, Greensboro, N.C./Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 4,039.
- 51, Gabriel Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla./Matthew Staninger, Highland, Ind., 3,969.
- 52, Andrew Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich./Charlie Brown Jr, Grandville, Mich., 3,962.

Stoney Baker Wins PBA50 Spartanburg Southern Open

Spartanburg, S.C. (February 18, 2018) – Stoney Baker of Canton, Ga., defeated Scott Thomsen of Sumter, S.C., in a one-ball sudden death roll off that went two frames to win the PBA50 Dave Edwards Toyota Spartanburg Southern Open presented by Global 900 at Paradise Lanes Sunday.

Baker, who won \$2,000 along with his 28th career regional title, left a 4 pin on his second roll-off attempt after the players tied at 237-237 and both threw strikes with their first roll-off shots. Needing a strike to win or nine pins to extend the match, Thomson left the 2-5 on his second shot to hand Baker the title. Thomsen pocketed \$1,000 as the runner-up.

In the semifinal round, Baker defeated Dick Gran of Hartville, Ohio, 186-170, while Thomsen disposed of Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio, 232-178.

The tournament drew 81 age 50-and-older players. The PBA South Region's next tournament will be the PBA50 Fayetteville Southern Open March 9.

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

Championship (single game):

Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga. (\$2,000) def. Scott Thomsen, Sumter, S.C. (\$1,000), 237-2347, 10-10, 9-8 in one-ball sudden death roll-off.

Semifinal Round (single game, losers earned \$800):

Thomsen def. Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 232-178. S. Baker def. Dick Gran, Hartville, Ohio, 186-170.

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

Gran def. Greg McMahan, Dandridge, Tenn., 2-1. Thomsen def. Mac Sanders, Taylors, S.C., 2-0. Kretzer def. Doug Becker, Clermont, Fla., 2-1. S. Baker def. Mike Byers, Charleston, S.C., 2-0.

Round of 12 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$575 each):

Byers def. Charlie Tomey, Spartanburg, S.C., 2-0. Thomsen def. Dave Bleggi, Jacksonville, N.C., 2-0. Becker def. Glenn Smith, New York, N.Y., 2-0. Gran def. Tom Baker, King, N.C., 2-1.

Round of 16 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$500 each):

Tomey def. Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 2-0. Gran def. Tom Brodowski, New Hyde Park, N.Y., 2-0. Bleggi def. Doug O'Bryant, Ball Ground, Ga., 2-1. Smith def. Chuck Walker, Blaine, Tenn., 2-1.

300 Game: Dick Gran.

Australia's Jason Belmonte Retains Lead in Barbasol PBA Players Championship

Heading Into Final Two Qualifying Rounds

Belmonte and O'Neill extend lead in Roth/Holman Doubles Championship

COLUMBUS, Ohio (Feb. 21, 2018) – Australian Jason Belmonte took another step closer in his journey to win a record-tying 10th Professional Bowlers Association major title averaging 244 after four rounds to retain his lead in the Barbasol PBA Players ChampionshipTuesday at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl.

In Wednesday's third round, the two-hander who owns 2017 and 2011 Players Championships titles among his nine major wins, posted a 1,173 five-game pinfall total and followed up with 1,217 in the fourth round later in the day to bring his overall four-round pinfall total for 20 games to 4,884.

Belmonte posted games of 243, 236, 223, 224 and 247 in the third round and 278, 238, 279, 204 and 218 in the fourth round. The four-time PBA Player of the Year holds a 67-pin lead over four-time tour winner and last week's Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic runner-up Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash, in second with 4,817.

Belmonte, a 16-time tour winner, is one major victory behind Pete Weber and Earl Anthony who lead the all-time majors list with 10 wins.

Finishing the day in third was Kristopher Prather of Plainfield, Ill., who started the day in 27th but rocketed to third finishing with 4,725. He bowled games of games of 258, 198, 279, 278 and 266 in Wednesday's fourth round to help him move into the top five.

Rounding out the top five were one-time tour winners Stuart Williams and Richie Teece, both of England, with 4,686 and 4,667, respectively.

PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke, a 38-time Tour titlist and winner of seven majors, who was second after Tuesday's second round dropped to 17th with a 4,511 pinfall for four rounds. The Players Championship is the only major missing from the 53-year-old's resume.

Competition continues with two five-game qualifying rounds Thursday at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. ET. After Thursday's sixth qualifying round (30 games), the field will be cut to the top five players for the live ESPN finals Sunday at 1:30 p.m. ET.

The qualifying rounds of the Players Championship also determine the standings for the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship presented by BowlerX.com. After Thursday's final qualifying round, the top 14 doubles team will advance to two Baker format qualifying rounds on Friday which will determine the top five doubles teams for the taped ESPN telecast that will follow the Players Championship finals at 5 p.m. Fans will be able to catch the doubles final live on ESPN3.

Belmonte, and doubles partner eight-time PBA Tour winner Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., also retained their lead in the Doubles Championship standings with a combined 9,489 20-game pinfall total. They hold a 265-pin lead over Kent and EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind. in second with 9,224.

Rounding out the top five doubles teams were Prather and Brandon Novak of Chillicothe, Ohio in third with 9,156; Duke and Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, 9,142, and Canadians Patrick Girard and Zach Wilkens with 9,033.

All qualifying rounds for the Players Championship and Doubles Championship are streamed live on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame. For subscription and schedule information visit <u>www.xtraframe.tv</u>.

BARBASOL PBA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl, Columbus, Ohio, Wednesday

Fourth Round Standings (after 20 games)

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 4,884.
- 2, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 4,817.
- 3, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 4,725.
- 4, Stuart Williams, England, 4,686.
- 5, Richie Teece, England, 4,667.
- 6, (tie) AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, and Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 4,631.
- 8, Patrick Girard, Canada, 4,617.
- 9, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 4,606.
- 10, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 4,605.
- 11, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 4,604.
- 12, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 4,595.
- 13, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 4,564.
- 14, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 4,551.
- 15, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 4,538.
- 16, Dom Barrett, England, 4,514.
- 17, (tie) Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, and Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 4,511.

- 19, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 4,491.
- 20, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 4,490.
- 21, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 4,482.
- 22, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 4,475.
- 23, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 4,472.
- 24, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 4,471.
- 25, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 4,469.
- 26, Cameron Weier, Tacoma, Wash., 4,468.
- 27, Daniel Fransson, Sweden, 4,459.
- 28, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 4,449.
- 29, (tie) Thomas Larsen, Denmark, and Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 4,442.
- 31, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 4,440.
- 32, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 4,432.
- 33, (tie) Osku Palermaa, Finland, and Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 4,431.
- 35, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 4,429.
- 36, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 4,425.
- 37, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 4,421.
- 38, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 4,416.
- 39, (tie) Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, and Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 4,415.
- 41, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 4,411.
- 42, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 4,407.
- 43, Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 4,391.
- 44, Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., 4,372.
- 45, Liz Johnson, Palatine, Ill., 4,367.
- 46, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 4,356.
- 47, (tie) Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., and Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill., 4,345.
- 49, Rhino Page, Orlando, 4,343.
- 50, Michael Tang, San Francisco, 4,340.
- 51, Ryan Lakota, Shorewood, Ill., 4,339.
- 52, Sam Cooley, Australia, 4,338.
- 53, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 4,328.
- 54, Dave Wodka, Clarksville, Tenn., 4,325.
- 55, Yannaphon Larpapharat, Thailand, 4,319.
- 56, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 4,314.
- 57, Brad Miller, Maryland Heights, Mo., 4,313.
- 58, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 4,299.
- 59, Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., 4,287.
- 60, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 4,274.
- 61, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 4,271.
- 62, (tie) Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., and Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 4,264.
- 64, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 4,261.
- 65, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 4,259.
- 66, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 4,256.
- 67, Kyle Cook, Centerville, Ohio, 4,254.
- 68, Ray Teece, England, 4,252.
- 69, Francois Louw, South Africa, 4,251.
- 70, (tie) Kyle Bigelow, Troy, Ohio, and Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 4,243.
- 72, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 4,237.
- 73, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 4,236.
- 74, Zulmazran Zulkifli, Malaysia, 4,229.
- 75, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 4,227.
- 76, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 4,223.
- 77, Chris Arcaro, Carolina Beach, N.C., 4,219.

78, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 4,217. 79, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 4,196. 80, Tannya Roumimper, Indonesia, 4,193. 81, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 4,185. 82, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 4,182. 83, Kyle King, Glendale, Ariz., 4,173. 84, Mitch Hupe, Towanda, Kan., 4,167. 85, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 4,162. 86, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 4,154. 87, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 4,145. 88, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 4,143. 89, Gabriel Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 4,141. 90, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 4,137. 91, Michael Schlabach, Goshen, Ind., 4,136. 92, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 4,131. 93, Matthew Staninger, Highland, Ind., 4,129. 94, Charlie Brown Jr, Grandville, Mich., 4,121, 95, Dwight Adams, Greensboro, N.C., 4,118. 96, Markus Jansson, Sweden, 4,117. 97, Sandra Gongora, Mexico, 4,110. 98, Robert Mushtare, Carthage, N.Y., 4,100. 99, Graham Fach, Canada, 4,095. 100, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 4,090. 101, Justin Wyman, Fairport, N.Y., 4,068. 102, Kristian Rogers, Salisbury, N.C., 4,045. 103, Wayne Webb, Columbus, Ohio, 4,023. 104, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 4,014. 105, Kevin Kullman, Lockport, Ill., 4,006. 106, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 4,000. 107, Napatra Buspanikonkul, Thailand, 3,989. 108, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 3,988. 109, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 3,973. 110, Timothy Steria, Watertown, N.Y., 3,965. 111, Jean Perez, Puerto Rico, 3,946. 112, Russ Oviatt, Chandler, Ariz., 3,831. 113, Andrew Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich., 3,814. 114, CJ Kirchner, Herrin, Ill., 3,811. 115, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 3,761. 116, Tristan Butler, Fort Wayne, Ind., 3,752. 117, Myles Duty, Modesto, Calif., 3,661.

- 118, Matthew Ward, Fort Mohave, Ariz., 3,353.
- 119, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 2,127.
- 120, Eric Cottrell, Grove City, Ohio, 2,093.

300 games - Marshall Kent, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Matt Staninger

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Fourth Round Standings (after 20 games)

- 1, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa./Jason Belmonte, Australia, 9,489.
- 2, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind./Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 9,224.
- 3, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio/Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 9,156.

- 4, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla./Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 9,142.
- 5, Patrick Girard, Canada/Zach Wilkins, Canada, 9,033.
- 6, Jesper Svensson, Sweden/Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 8,980.
- 7, Darren Tang, San Francisco/Michael Tang, San Francisco, 8,946.
- 8, Dom Barrett, England/Osku Palermaa, Finland, 8,945.
- 9, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas/Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 8,921.
- 10, Ray Teece, England/Richie Teece, England, 8,919.
- 11, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas/Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 8,911.
- 12, Francois Lavoie, Canada/Stuart Williams, England, 8,909.
- 13, Daniel Fransson, Sweden/Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 8,874.
- 14, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y./Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 8,863.
- 15, Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla./Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 8,854.
- 16, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas/Sam Cooley, Australia, 8,849.
- 17, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa./Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 8,820.
- 18, Brad Miller, Maryland Heights, Mo./Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 8,803.
- 19, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill./Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 8,801.
- 20, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio/Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 8,799.
- 21, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa/Mitch Hupe, Towanda, Kan., 8,798.
- 22, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y./Liz Johnson, Palatine, Ill., 8,792.
- 23, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas/Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 8,780.
- 24, Arturo Quintero, Mexico/Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 8,768.
- 25, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo./Yannaphon Larpapharat, Thailand, 8,761.
- 26, Justin Wyman, Fairport, N.Y./Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 8,672.
- 27, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas/Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 8,659.
- 28, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich./Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 8,653.
- 29, Shota Kawazoe, Japan/Zulmazran Zulkifli, Malaysia, 8,640.
- 30, Andres Gomez, Colombia/Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 8,627.
- 31, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, IL/Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 8,619.
- 32, Rhino Page, Orlando/Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., 8,607.
- 33, Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky./Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 8,587.
- 34, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia/Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, 8,558.
- 35, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y./Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 8,510.
- 36, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich./Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., 8,504.
- 37, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan./Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 8,500.
- 38, Markus Jansson, Sweden/Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 8,431.
- 39, Dave Wodka, Clarksville, Tenn. /Wayne Webb, Columbus, Ohio, 8,348.
- 40, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C./Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 8,346.
- 41, Kevin Kullman, Lockport, Ill./Ryan Lakota, Shorewood, Ill., 8,345.
- 42, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y./Tannya Roumimper, Indonesia, 8,324.
- 43, Andrew Cain, Phoenix/Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 8,291.
- 44, Gabriel Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla./Matthew Staninger, Highland, Ind., 8,270.
- 45, Chris Arcaro, Carolina Beach, N.C./Kristian Rogers, Salisbury, N.C., 8,264.
- 46, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio/Graham Fach, Canada, 8,240.
- 47, Christopher Sloan, Ireland/Francois Louw, South Africa, 8,239.
- 48, Kyle King, Glendale, Ariz./Russ Oviatt, Chandler, Ariz., 8,004.
- 49, Jean Perez, Puerto Rico/Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 7,946.
- 50, Andrew Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich./Charlie Brown Jr, Grandville, Mich., 7,935.
- 51, Dwight Adams, Greensboro, N.C./Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 7,879.

COLUMBUS, Ohio (Feb. 21, 2018) – Australian Jason Belmonte took another step closer in his journey to win a record-tying 10th Professional Bowlers Association major title averaging 244 after four rounds to retain his lead in the Barbasol PBA Players ChampionshipWednesday at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl.

Jason Belmonte to Try for 10th Major Title From Top Qualifying Position in Barbasol PBA Players Championship Finals

Belmonte and Bill O'Neill also lead field of 14 doubles teams advancing to Friday's Roth/Holman Doubles Championship Baker qualifying rounds

COLUMBUS, Ohio (Feb. 22, 2018) – After earning top qualifier honors for the Barbasol PBA Players Championship stepladder finals Thursday, defending champion Jason Belmonte of Australia is just one match win away from capturing a record-tying 10th Professional Bowlers Association major title.

After Thursday's sixth round, the four-time PBA Player of the Year finished with a 7,337 30-game pinfall total to earn the top qualifying berth for Sunday's live Players Championship stepladder finals which will be televised by ESPN at 1:30 p.m. ET from Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl.

A win in the title match would move Belmonte into a tie with Pete Weber and Earl Anthony for most career major victories.

At 34, Belmonte would become the youngest by far to win 10 majors with Anthony winning his 10th major at age 46, and Weber, who won his 10th at age 50.

In the second major of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season, Belmonte, a 16-time tour winner whose major titles include the 2011 and 2017 Players Championships, led after every round and set a new average mark for highest qualifying average to make a stepladder final in a major averaging 244.57 for his 30 games.

"Today I was as focused as I could be which enabled me to put my foot on the pedal and continue to throw the best shots I could possibly throw," Belmonte said. "If I didn't strike, I wanted to make every spare. I didn't want to take anything for granted.

"I'm in the best position I can be in to win," he added. "Now I just need to continue to do the same thing I've done all week for one game and hopefully the rest will take care of itself." In the PBA Tournament of Champions, Belmonte made a run at his 10th major title but finished fourth in the finals at AMF Riviera Lanes in Fairlawn, Ohio on Feb. 11.

While Belmonte sits in the coveted top position for the finals, four challengers will be battling for the opportunity to meet him in the championship match.

Qualifying second for the finals and making his second consecutive television appearance after his runner-up finish in last week's Go Bowling! PBA60 Anniversary Classic, was four-time Tour winner Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash. Kent finished 278 pins behind Belmonte with a 7,059 pinfall.

Making his first television appearance and qualifying third for the finals was Kris Prather of Milton, Fla., who finished with a 6,995 pinfall for 30 games. Patrick Girard of Canada made his first TV finals appearance in 13 years and third overall to take the fourth qualifying position finishing with a 6,924 pinfall.

Two-time PBA Tour winner Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich., who began the tournament in 93rd after the first round battled all the way back to earn the fifth and final TV finals position with a 6,903 pinfall. The 2009 PBA World Championship winner doubled in the 10th frame of the final game of qualifying to make it into the finals.

The Players Championship qualifying rounds also determined 14 doubles team that will advance to Friday's Mark Roth/Marshall Holman Doubles Championship presented by BowlerX.com final two Baker

format qualifying rounds. After Friday's rounds the top five doubles teams will be determined for the taped ESPN telecast that will follow the Players Championship finals at 5 p.m. Fans will also be able to catch the doubles final live on ESPN3.

Belmonte and Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., also dominated the Doubles Championship after six rounds finishing with a combined 14,235 30-game total. The pair will lead the 14 doubles teams that advanced to Friday's final two Baker format qualifying rounds.

BARBASOL PBA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl, Columbus, Ohio, Thursday

Sixth Round Standings (after 30 games. Top five players advance to live ESPN stepladder finals Sunday at 1:30 p.m. ET)

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 7,337.
- 2, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 7,059.
- 3, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 6,995.
- 4, Patrick Girard, Canada, 6,924.
- 5, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 6,903.

Other cashers

- 6, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 6,898, \$8,000.
- 7, Stuart Williams, England, 6,890, \$7,000.
- 8, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 6,875, \$6,000.
- 9, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 6,853, \$5,500.
- 10, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 6,847, \$5,000.
- 11, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 6,833, \$4,500.
- 12, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 6,832, \$4,200.
- 13, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 6,823, \$4,000.
- 14, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 6,793, \$3,600.
- 15, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 6,791, \$3,400.
- 16, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 6,783, \$3,200.
- 17, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 6,760, \$3,000.
- 18, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 6,743, \$2,800.
- 19, Liz Johnson, Palatine, Ill., 6,737, \$2,600.
- 20, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 6,726, \$2,400.
- 21, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 6,719, \$2,300.
- 22, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 6,715, \$2,200.
- 23, Richie Teece, England, 6,709, \$2,100.
- 24, Dom Barrett, England, 6,697, \$2,000.
- 25, Cameron Weier, Tacoma, Wash., 6,691, \$1,900.
- 26, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 6,690, \$1,800.
- 27, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 6,684, \$1,700.
- 28, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 6,672, \$1,600.
- 29, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 6,667, \$1,550.
- 30, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 6,663, \$1,500.

Failed to cash

- 31, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 6,658.
- 32, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 6,640.
- 33, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 6,634.
- 34, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 6,626.
- 35, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 6,621.
- 36, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 6,616.

- 37 (tie), Daniel Fransson, Sweden, and Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 6,614.
- 39, Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 6,602.
- 40, Michael Tang, San Francisco, 6,597.
- 41, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 6,581.
- 42, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 6,574.
- 43, Ryan Lakota, Shorewood, Ill., 6,571.
- 44, Brad Miller, Maryland Heights, Mo., 6,558.
- 45 (tie), Andres Gomez, Colombia, and Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 6,535.
- 47, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill., 6,511.
- 48, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 6,510.
- 49, Yannaphon Larpapharat, Thailand, 6,509.
- 50, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 6,508.
- 51, Rhino Page, Orlando, 6,504.
- 52, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 6,495.
- 53, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 6,494.
- 54, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 6,483.
- 55 (tie), Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky., and Sam Cooley, Australia, 6,482.
- 57, Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, 6,480.
- 58, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 6,479.
- 59, Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., 6,475.
- 60, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 6,468.
- 61, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 6,448.
- 62, Ray Teece, England, 6,439.
- 63, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 6,435.
- 64, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 6,433.
- 65, Kyle Cook, Centerville, Ohio, 6,431.
- 66, Francois Louw, South Africa, 6,429.
- 67, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 6,427.
- 68, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 6,423.
- 69, Chris Arcaro, Carolina Beach, N.C., 6,419.
- 70, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 6,404.
- 71, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 6,397.
- 72, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 6,385.
- 73, Markus Jansson, Sweden, 6,380.
- 74, Kyle Bigelow, Troy, Ohio, 6,374.
- 75 (tie), Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., and Dave Wodka, Clarksville, Tenn., 6,372.
- 77, Michael Schlabach, Goshen, Ind., 6,361.
- 78, Zulmazran Zulkifli, Malaysia, 6,349.
- 79, Tannya Roumimper, Indonesia, 6,333.
- 80, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 6,307.
- 81, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 6,288.
- 82, Mitch Hupe, Towanda, Kan., 6,285.
- 83, Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., 6,277.
- 84, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 6,271.
- 85, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 6,254.
- 86, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 6,241.
- 87, Charlie Brown Jr, Grandville, Mich., 6,240.
- 88, Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., 6,218.
- 89, Matthew Staninger, Highland, Ind., 6,204.
- 90, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 6,199.
- 91, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 6,191.
- 92, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 6,183.
- 93, Dwight Adams, Greensboro, N.C., 6,175.

- 94 (tie), Andrew Cain, Phoenix, and Robert Mushtare, Carthage, N.Y., 6,172.
- 96, Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 6,170.
- 97, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 6,146.
- 98, Gabriel Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 6,128.
- 99, Wayne Webb, Columbus, Ohio, 6,105.
- 100, Napatra Buspanikonkul, Thailand, 6,104.
- 101, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 6,099.
- 102, Kyle King, Glendale, Ariz., 6,094.
- 103, Kevin Kullman, Lockport, Ill., 6,089.
- 104, Timothy Steria, Watertown, N.Y., 6,078, \$100.
- 105, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 6,070.
- 106, Kristian Rogers, Salisbury, N.C., 6,059.
- 107, Graham Fach, Canada, 6,054.
- 108, Sandra Gongora, Mexico, 6,008.
- 109, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 6,000.
- 110, Justin Wyman, Fairport, N.Y., 5,958.
- 111, Russ Oviatt, Chandler, Ariz., 5,957.
- 112, Andrew Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich., 5,898.
- 113, CJ Kirchner, Herrin, Ill., 5,740.
- 114, Tristan Butler, Fort Wayne, Ind., 5,611.
- 115, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 5,595.
- 116, Myles Duty, Modesto, Calif., 5,534.
- 117, Matthew Ward, Fort Mohave, Ariz., 5,061.
- 118, Jean Perez, Puerto Rico, withdrew.
- 119, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., withdrew
- 120, Eric Cottrell, Grove City, Ohio, withdrew.

300 games – Sean Rash, Brad Angelo, Tim Steria

MARK ROTH/MARSHALL HOLMAN PBA DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP Presented by BowlerX.com

Sixth Round Standings (after 30 games; top 14 teams advance to Baker format qualifying Friday)

- 1, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa./Jason Belmonte, Australia, 14,235.
- 2, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind./Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 13,743.
- 3, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio/Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 13,653.
- 4, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas/Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 13,543.
- 5, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla./Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 13,520.
- 6, Patrick Girard, Canada/Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 13,505.
- 7, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas/Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 13,445.
- 8, Darren Tang, San Francisco/Michael Tang, San Francisco, 13,429.
- 9, Dom Barrett, England/Osku Palermaa, Finland, 13,369.
- 10, Francois Lavoie, Canada/Stuart Williams, England, 13,358.
- 11, Brad Miller, Maryland Heights, Mo./Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 13,349.
- 12, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas/Sam Cooley, Australia, 13,329.
- 13, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio/Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 13,276.
- 14, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas/Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 13,268.

Failed to advance

- 15, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y./Liz Johnson, Palatine, Ill., 13,245.
- 16, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y./Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 13,240.
- 17, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa./Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 13,218.

- 18, Daniel Fransson, Sweden/Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 13,188.
- 19, Arturo Quintero, Mexico/Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 13,169.
- 20, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo./Yannaphon Larpapharat, Thailand, 13,149.
- 21, Ray Teece, England/Richie Teece, England, 13,148.
- 22, Jesper Svensson, Sweden/Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 13,116.
- 23, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa/Mitch Hupe, Towanda, Kan., 13,108.
- 24, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich./Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 13,102.
- 25, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas/Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 13,048.
- 26, Shota Kawazoe, Japan/Zulmazran Zulkifli, Malaysia, 13,039.
- 27, Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky./Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 12,992.
- 28, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill./Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 12,986.
- 29, Andres Gomez, Colombia/Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 12,968.
- 30, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y./Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 12,934.
- 31, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, IL/Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 12,908.
- 32, Justin Wyman, Fairport, N.Y./Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 12,833.
- 33, Markus Jansson, Sweden/Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 12,828.
- 34, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan./Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 12,795.
- 35, Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla./Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 12,782.
- 36, Rhino Page, Orlando/Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., 12,781.
- 37, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C./Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 12,735.
- 38, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia/Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, 12,734.
- 39, Kevin Kullman, Lockport, Ill./Ryan Lakota, Shorewood, Ill., 12,660.
- 40, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich./Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., 12,645.
- 41, Andrew Cain, Phoenix/Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 12,576.
- 42, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y./Tannya Roumimper, Indonesia, 12,516.
- 43, Chris Arcaro, Carolina Beach, N.C./Kristian Rogers, Salisbury, N.C., 12,478.
- 44, Dave Wodka, Clarksville, Tenn. /Wayne Webb, Columbus, Ohio, 12,477.
- 45, Christopher Sloan, Ireland/Francois Louw, South Africa, 12,429.
- 46, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio/Graham Fach, Canada, 12,342.
- 47, Gabriel Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla./Matthew Staninger, Highland, Ind., 12,332.
- 48, Andrew Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich./Charlie Brown Jr, Grandville, Mich., 12,138.
- 49, Kyle King, Glendale, Ariz./Russ Oviatt, Chandler, Ariz., 12,051.
- 50, Dwight Adams, Greensboro, N.C./Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 11,770.

PBA Spare Shots

DON JOHNSON'S 299 IS PBA'S MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT; MORE "MOMENTS" TO COME

On Saturday, April 4, 1970, eventual PBA Hall of Famer **Don Johnson** had already locked up the Firestone Tournament of Champions title with his 11th consecutive strike at Riviera Lanes in Fairlawn, Ohio. As opponent **Dick Ritger** and millions of ABC-TV fans watched, Johnson threw what appeared to be another perfect shot in pursuit of a \$10,000 perfect game bonus.

But the 10 pin stood, and Johnson fell to the approach in disbelief and disappointment. That iconic image, captured on black-and-white film by an Akron Beacon-Journal photographer, is arguably the most reproduced photo in bowling history, and it spawned an artistic interpretation by **Marc Moon** that graced the cover of the 1971 PBA Tour Program.

Johnson's historic 299 also has been selected as the "most memorable moment" in the PBA's 60-year history, as revealed during Sunday's ESPN telecast of the Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic from Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis. That moment along with the other "top 10" moments kicked off the unveiling of all 60 "most memorable moments" that will be revealed, one a day, Monday through Friday,

on the PBA's social media outlets beginning next Monday and continuing until all 60 moments are announced.

Sunday's top 10 – which were previewed to the more than 300 attendees at the PBA 60th Anniversary Celebration dinner and hall of fame ceremonies Saturday night – include the following. Note the list actually includes 11 "memorable moments" due to a tie for 10th place. Keep in mind the list, selected by a large group of long-time industry veterans, players, PBA officials, etc., is focused on the "most memorable moments" in PBA history, not necessarily the "greatest" accomplishments:

1) **Don Johnson**'s 299 game in championship game of the 1970 Firestone Tournament of Champions. He fell to floor after leaving a 10 pin on his final shot, rising to a standing ovation at Riviera Lanes.

2) Eddie Elias' meeting with PBA's 33 founding members in Syracuse, N.Y., in 1958.

3) **Kelly Kulick** becoming the first woman to win a PBA Tour title in the 2010 PBA Tournament of Champions in Las Vegas.

4) **Pete McCordic** winning a \$100,000 bonus with a nerve-wracked 300 game on ABC-TV in 1987.

5) **Pete Weber** striking in the 10th frame to claim a record fifth U.S. Open title by one pin in 2012, then uttering his famous, "Who Do You Think You Are, I Am!"

6) **Earl Anthony** surpassing the \$1 million career earnings milestone for the first time in winning the 1982 PBA National Championship.

7) **Del Ballard Jr.**, needing two strikes and 7 pins to win the 1991 Fair Lanes Open over Pete Weber, gets the first two but rolls a gutter ball on last shot to lose.

8) **Mark Roth** becoming the first player to convert the 7-10 split in a 1980 televised PBA final.

9) **Bob Learn Jr.** throws 44 out of a possible 48 strikes, including a 300 game, for a record four-game TV total of 1,129 pins to win the PBA Flagship Open in an arena in his hometown of Erie, Pa., in 1996.

10) A tie between the 2011 TOC from Red Rock in Las Vegas where Mika

Koivuniemi defeated **Tom Daugherty** in the biggest margin of victory ever, 299-100 (lowest game ever bowled on TV) and then goes on to win the \$250,000 record first prize. It was the PBA's first live telecast on ABC-TV since 1997. The second half of the tie involves **Randy Pedersen** needing a strike to defeat **Ernie Schlegel** to win the 1995 Touring Players Championship. But Pedersen's seemingly perfect shot leaves a stone 8 pin, prompting Schlegel to go into a wild celebration.

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CONCRETE SOFTWARE'S "BEAT THE CHAMPION" CHALLENGE IS UNDERWAY

The PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game's PBA 60th Anniversary Classic Challenge is underway. If you are a mobile devise user, you can download the free PBA Bowling Challenge app, look for the PBA 60th Anniversary venue, and start bowling immediate. If you bowl a game that tops the 244 **Jakob Butturff** bowled in winning the Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic, you'll be eligible to win the sweepstakes.

Each score you bowl that beats Butturff's 244 will count as an entry. One entry will be randomly selected as the winner and will receive a bowling pin signed by Butturff plus 5,000 Gold Pins! Players can enter scores as often as they wish until 12:59 a.m. EST on Monday, Feb. 26. Here is a link to the official rules <u>http://bit.ly/PBA60th_OfficialRules</u>.

Everyone with a mobile device is invited to join the fun. The PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game app is a free download at Google Play and Apple App stores. Use these links: Google Play: <u>http://bit.ly/PBABowlingChallengeAnd.</u>

TWO NEW SPONSORS JOIN LINEUP FOR PBA LEAGUE, XTRA FRAME EVENT IN PORTLAND

The PBA has announced two new corporate sponsors have joined the lineup for its upcoming return trip to Bayside Bowl in Portland. OceanView at Falmouth will be the titled sponsor of the 2018 PBA League Elias Cup competition, and Port Property Management will be the titled sponsor for the PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout leading into the PBA League competition.

The PBA Xtra Frame Port Property Management Maine Shootout, a single-elimination match play event offering a PBA Tour title if the winner is a PBA member, will be held April 17-18 and will be covered from start to finish, live on PBA's Xtra Frame live streaming channel.

The OceanView at Falmouth PBA League competition will begin with a "seeding" round for all eight teams on Friday, April 20, followed by quarterfinal, semifinal and Elias Cup championship rounds on Saturday and Sunday. All of the weekend rounds will be live streamed on ESPN3 and taped for delayed telecast on ESPN on four consecutive Sundays at 1 p.m. EST, beginning on April 22.

SKECHERS JOINS PBA'S ESPN TELECAST ADVERTISING FAMILY

Skechers, one of America's leading footwear manufacturers, has joined the lineup of advertisers participating in the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour telecast series on ESPN.

"Skechers is excited to be a part of the current schedule of PBA Tour telecasts on ESPN. The audience of the PBA Tour fits our demographic profile nicely for our 'wide fit' line promoted by **Howie Long** and our line of Skechers slip resistant "work" footwear," said Skechers Senior Vice President of Advertising **Gary Patrick**.

PBA's series of live telecasts in February will be followed by coverage of the Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship, the USBC Masters and the PBA League Elias Cup series in late March and April, reaching millions of American sports fans.

SEAN RASH SHARES "PERSPECTIVE" ON 2017 GENE CARTER'S PRO SHOP CLASSIC WIN

In the newest edition of PBA Player's Perspective on Xtra Frame, **Sean Rash** reflects upon his 2017 PBA Xtra Frame Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic victory. The Xtra Frame interview debuts today; the Perspective will be available on PBA's YouTube channel on March 1.

Xtra Frame Player's Perspectives currently archived on Xtra Frame and available on PBA's YouTube channel include **Pete Weber** (2012 U.S. Open), **Rhino Page** (2017 PBA Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic), **Chris Barnes** (2015 DHC PBA Japan Invitational), **Tom Daugherty** (2016 Wolf Open), **EJ Tackett/Tommy Jones** (2017 FireLake Tournament of Champions), and **Marshall Kent** (2017 Oklahoma Open).

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PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: STONEY BAKER WINS IN TWO-BALL ROLL-OFF

Stoney Baker of Canton, Ga., defeated **Scott Thomsen** of Sumter, S.C., in a one-ball sudden death roll off that went two frames to win the PBA50 Dave Edwards Toyota Spartanburg Southern Open presented by Global 900 at Paradise Lanes in Spartanburg, S.C., Sunday.

Baker, who won \$2,000 along with his 28th career regional title, left a 4 pin on his second roll-off attempt after the players tied at 237-237 and both threw strikes with their first roll-off shots. Needing a strike to win or nine pins to extend the match, Thomsen left the 2-5 on his second shot to hand Baker the title. Thomsen pocketed \$1,000 as the runner-up.

In the semifinal round, Baker defeated **Dick Gran** of Hartville, Ohio, 186-170, while Thomsen disposed of **Brian Kretzer** of Dayton, Ohio, 232-178.

• PBA's 2018 regional tournament season kicks into full gear in March, beginning with the March 2-4 weekend when Strike Zone Lanes in Canton, Ohio, hosts the PBA50 Strike Zone Lanes Central Classic presented by Brunswick; Holiday Lanes in Lakewood, Colo., hosts the PBA Dreams Never Die Southwest Super Regional presented by Denver Broncos' star **CJ Anderson** and Storm, and Gold Country Lanes in Sutter Creek, Calif., hosts the Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort Championship.

• The March 9-11 PBA Regional weekend calendar includes the PBA50 Fayetteville South Open at Lafayette Lanes in Fayetteville, N.C.; the Colorado Springs Southwest Super Regional at Harmony Bowl in Colorado Springs, Colo., and the Sands Regency tripleheader including the West/Northwest Winter Challenge presented by Hammer, West/Northwest Winter Classic presented by Ebonite and the PBA50 Winter Classic presented by Track – all at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno.

• A busy weekend is on tap for PBA Regional competitors over the March 16-18 weekend when the schedule includes the Trumbull County Tourism Bureau Central/East Open presented by Radical at Bell-Wick Bowl in Hubbard, Ohio; the PBA50 Showtime Lanes Midwest/Central Open in Virden, Ill.; the Jac's Lanes Valdosta South Open in Valdosta, Ga., and the Odessa Southwest Open at Astro Bowl in Odessa, Texas.

• PBA's March 23-25 regional tournament schedule includes the PBA50 Rossi Lanes Open in Elmira, N.Y.; the PBA50 Monte Skeels Allstate Midwest/Central Open at Liberty Lanes in Carpentersville, Ill.. and the Caveman Bowl Northwest/West Open presented by DV8 in Grants Pass, Ore.

• Closing out the March PBA Regional schedule will be the Copperfield Bowl Southwest Challenge for non-title winners over the March 30-April 1 weekend in Houston, Texas.

• For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit <u>pba.com</u>, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area...and remember, you can follow "live scoring" for all PBA Regional events on <u>pba.com</u> (easily accessible for Apple device users using the new PBA app).

Belmonte and O'Neill Run Away With Top Qualifier Spot for Roth/Holman Doubles Championship Finals

Doubles Championship to be taped by ESPN Sunday at 5 p.m. ET after live Barbasol PBA Players Championship finals

COLUMBUS, Ohio (Feb. 23, 2018) – Barbasol PBA Players Championship top qualifier Jason Belmonte of Australia and eight-time PBA Tour winner Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., averaged 236.57 as a team to earn top qualifier honors for the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship presented by BowlerX.com stepladder finals.

After each player's 30 games of qualifying during the Players Championship earlier in the week and 16 games of Baker format qualifying Friday, Belmonte and O'Neill led the field with a 17,979 pinfall total at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl.

The Doubles Championship will be taped by ESPN Sunday at 5 p.m. ET after the Barbasol PBA Players Championship live finals which are scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Fans can also catch the livestream of the Roth/Holman Doubles finals on ESPN3. The Doubles Championship will air on ESPN March 25 at 2 p.m. ET. Belmonte and O'Neill, looking for their first doubles title, held a commanding 327-pin lead over 2016 PBA Player of the Year EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., and four-time tour winner Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., who finished second with a 17,652 pinfall. Kent also qualified second for the Players Championship finals.

For Belmonte and O'Neill it's their fourth consecutive Doubles Championship finals appearance having finished fourth in their three previous appearances. Kent and Tackett will be hoping to improve on their runner-up finish in 2017.

Qualifying third were Kris Prather of Milton, Fla., who qualified third for the Players Championship finals, and Brandon Novak of Chillicothe, Ohio, with a 17,382 pinfall.

Texans DJ Archer and Shawn Maldonado qualified fourth combining for a 17,316 pinfall. Archer will be trying for his third PBA Tour and Maldonado his first.

Brothers Michael and Darren Tang of San Francisco moved from seventh after the day's first Baker round to take the fifth qualifying spot with a 17,273 pinfall. The Tang's, former collegiate standouts at San Jose State, combined for games of 249, 226, 185, 277, 290, 213, 257 and 205 to beat out two-time doubles champions PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke and 10-time tour winner Wes Malott who finished sixth with 17,201.

In 2017 Michael, 22, finished second in the United States Bowling Congress Masters, and Darren, 24, finished fourth. Both players will be trying for their first PBA Tour title.

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

MARK ROTH/MARSHALL HOLMAN PBA DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP Presented by BowlerX.com Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl, Columbus, Ohio, Friday

Eighth Round Standings (after 76 games. Top five doubles teams advance to Sunday's Baker format stepladder finals to be taped by ESPN at 5 p.m. ET)

- 1, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa./Jason Belmonte, Australia, 17,979.
- 2, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind./Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 17,652.
- 3, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio/Kristopher Prather, MIlton, Fla., 17,382.
- 4, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas/Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 17,316.
- 5, Darren Tang, San Francisco/Michael Tang, San Francisco, 17,273.
- 6, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla./Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 17,201, \$7,000.
- 7, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas/Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 17,153, \$6,500.
- 8, Patrick Girard, Canada/Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 17,145, \$6,000.
- 9, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio/Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 17,053, \$5,500.
- 10, Francois Lavoie, Canada/Stuart Williams, England, 17,039, \$5,000.
- 11, Brad Miller, Maryland Heights, Mo./Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., \$4,500.
- 12, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas/Sam Cooley, Australia, 16,928, \$4,000.
- 13, Dom Barrett, England/Osku Palermaa, Finland, 16,870, \$3,500.
- 14, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas/Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 16,751, \$3,000.

Michigan's Tom Smallwood Wins All Four Stepladder Matches to Capture Barbasol PBA Players Championship Title

Smallwood defeats defending champion and top qualifier Jason Belmonte 259-239 for second major and third career tour title

COLUMBUS, Ohio (Feb. 25, 2018) – Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich., won four consecutive stepladder finals matches, including the title match against defending champion Jason Belmonte of Australia, to win the Barbasol PBA Players Championship at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl Sunday for his second major and third career PBA Tour title.

With a 10-pin lead heading into the final frame, the 40-year-old Smallwood struck on his first ball in the 10th to beat Belmonte, 259-239, in the title match for his first tournament win since the 2013 PBA Scorpion Championship.

The victory thwarted Belmonte's attempt for a record-tying 10th major and 17th career tour title. Belmonte was the No. 1 qualifier for the finals, and as top qualifier, needed only to beat Smallwood for the title.

It was an uphill battle for Smallwood for the entire tournament. After finishing 93rd after the first round, he battled back to eventually earn the No. 5 qualifying position for the stepladder finals.

"That's one of the assets of my game to grind through matches and never quit," said Smallwood, whose first major came in the 2009 PBA World Championship. "I'm good with the pressure and if I'm not striking a lot I can hang in there to stay in contention. This tournament was a great example of that."

Smallwood's stepladder journey to the title started with a 237-206 win over Canadian Patrick Girard, trying for his first tour title, who missed the headpin four times in the first match.

Smallwood then edged out No. 3 qualifier Kris Prather of Plainfield, Ill., who was making his first TV finals appearance, 236-235. With both players working on a string of four strikes and tied heading into the 10th frame, Smallwood was able to take the win with a strike on his first ball and nine on his second shot after Prather struck and then left a seven-count split.

Smallwood then moved on to meet four-time tour winner Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., who was coming off a runner-up finish in last week's PBA 60th Anniversary Classic. Smallwood again escaped with a one-pin victory, 225-224, when he spared in the 10th frame and threw a nine count on his final ball.

"I just kept telling myself to keep everything slow," said Smallwood. "It was important to read what the ball was doing going down the lane and not overthink it. I just concentrated on keeping the ball in play.

"You could say there was more pressure on some shots than others, but in reality, there's pressure on every shot," Smallwood added. "I'm not complaining, this is what I live for."

It marked the second consecutive major that the winner won all four stepladder matches for the title. Matt O'Grady of Rahway, N.J., won the PBA Tournament of Champions on Feb. 11 by sweeping all four finals matches.

BARBASOL PBA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl, Columbus, Ohio, Sunday Final Standings

- 1, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., \$40,000.
- 2, Jason Belmonte, Australia, \$20,000.
- 3, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., \$12,000.

4, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., \$11,000. 5, Patrick Girard, Canada, \$10,000. **Stepladder Results:** Match One – Smallwood def. Girard, 237-206. Match Two – Smallwood def. Prather, 236-235. Semifinal Match – Smallwood def. Kent, 225-224. Championship – Smallwood def. Belmonte, 259-239.

PBA Spare Shots

BARBASOL "FACIAL" RESULTS IN ADJUSTED FINAL SCORE FOR TOM SMALLWOOD

Upon further review, **Tom Smallwood**'s final shot in winning the Barbasol PBA Players Championship at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl Sunday was officially recorded as a "zero" due to a foreign substance – shaving cream – on his ball.

After throwing two strikes in the 10th frame to lock up his victory over **Jason Belmonte**, Smallwood was given a "Barbasol facial" by fellow Brunswick staffer **Jon Van Hees** before he had a chance to throw his final shot. Smallwood then delivered his fill ball – leaving the 2-8 – which initially gave him a winning total of 267. But when tournament director **Kirk von Krueger** noticed some of the shaving cream had landed on the ball, Smallwood's final shot was disgualified and the final score of the match became 259-239.

TOM SMALLWOOD CLOSES IN ON ELITE EIGHT FIELD FOR 2018 PBA TOUR FINALS

Speaking of **Tom Smallwood**, his win in Columbus, Ohio, helped him move into contention for a berth in the 2018 PBA Tour Finals which will take place May 4-6 at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Mich. The PBA Tour Finals, which will be televised by CBS Sports Network as part of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule, will include the top eight players in combined PBA Tour/World Bowling Tour earnings from 2016 through the Port Property Management PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout, which will take place April 17-18 at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine.

With only the USBC Masters (April 9-15) in Syracuse, N.Y., and the Maine tournament remaining on the combined earnings list, the top eight players are: **EJ Tackett** (\$380,828), **Jason Belmonte** (\$380,357), **Jesper Svensson** (\$296,456), **Dom Barrett** (\$254,490),**Anthony Simonsen** (\$236,834), **Marshall Kent** (\$223,745), **Tommy Jones** (\$175,652) and, in the No. 8 position, **Sean Rash** (\$154,472).

With a \$30,000 first prize at stake in the USBC Masters, the 2018 season's third major championship, and \$10,000 to the winner in Maine, a handful of other players – led by Smallwood – have a chance to break into the elite eight field. Smallwood's combined earnings are \$153,057, just over \$1,000 behind Rash. Mathematically in contention behind Smallwood are **Ryan Ciminelli** (\$137,080), **Francois Lavoie** (\$128,055) and **Kyle Troup** (\$123,440).

PORT PROPERTY MANAGEMENT PBA XTRA FRAME MAINE SHOOTOUT NEARLY FULL

And speaking of the Port Property Management PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout, the capacity field of 64 players is on the brink of being filled. The singles tournament that leads into the PBA League competition at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, April 20-22, had fewer than 10 spots available as of today.

Players ranked among the top 75 on the PBA Tour's 2017 aggregate earnings list have first priority to enter by the Monday, March 5, deadline (if the field isn't filled prior to Monday).

The PBA Xtra Frame Tour event involves a unique best-of-three-game, single-elimination match play format. A "draw party" will be held on Monday, April 16, to randomly selected bracket positions for all 64 players. Match play elimination round one on Tuesday will involve four sessions with 16 players with 32

winners advancing to round two later in the day. The 16 survivors from round two will continue the bestof-three-game competition on Wednesday until the field is reduced to two players who will bowl for the championship at 7:30 p.m. EST.

The entire Maine Shootout will be live streamed on Xtra Frame, PBA's subscription-based online bowling channel. To sign up for a subscription, visit <u>xtraframe.tv</u>. **Josh Blanchard** (2015) and **Ryan Ciminelli** (2016) are the champions of the two previous Xtra Frame Maine Shootout events.

PBA ADDS LUBBOCK SPORTS OPEN TO XTRA FRAME PBA TOUR SCHEDULE

The PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Open, presented by Ebonite, will return to the PBA Tour's schedule of Xtra Frame tournaments in 2018. The Lubbock event, scheduled for the June 8-10 weekend at South Plains Lanes in Lubbock, Texas, brings the series of tournaments covered exclusively by Xtra Frame to eight. **Marshall Kent** of Yakima, Wash., is the defending champion in Lubbock.

PBA BEGINS UNVEILING REMAINING "MEMORABLE MOMENTS"

The countdown continues. While the PBA has revealed its top 10 moments on a list of the 60 most memorable moments in history as part of the PBA 60th Anniversary Celebration Season, there are still 49 additional moments to unveil...and the unveiling has begun.

One additional memorable moment will be disclosed Monday through Friday on PBA's social media outlets. To make sure you don't miss out, follow the PBA on Facebook (<u>www.facebook.com/ProfessionalBowlersAssociation</u>) or Instagram (pbatour), subscribe to the PBA channel on YouTube (PBABowling) and tweet along on Twitter (@pbatour).

If you missed one, each week's five new "moments" will be recapped in PBA Spare Shots in the ensuing week until the entire list of 60 memorable moments is complete.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: REGIONALS KICK INTO FULL SWING IN MARCH

PBA's 2018 regional tournament season kicks into full gear in March, beginning with this weekend when Strike Zone Lanes in Canton, Ohio, hosts the PBA50 Strike Zone Lanes Central Classic presented by Brunswick; Holiday Lanes in Lakewood, Colo., hosts the PBA Dreams Never Die Southwest Super Regional presented by Denver Broncos' star **CJ Anderson** and Storm, and Gold Country Lanes in Sutter Creek, Calif., hosts the Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort Championship.

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QUICK NOTES

• **Reminder**: In case you missed the live telecast, ESPN2 will re-air the Barbasol PBA Players Championship finals Saturday (March 3) at 9 a.m. EST.

• **Larry Williams** is the February winner of a \$200 HotelPlanner.com certificate, redeemable for future lodging expenses, compliments of PBA's official travel partner. The monthly sweepstakes is open to anyone who books a hotel through the HotelPlanner.com link on<u>pba.com</u>. Those who book through HotelPlanner.com are automatically entered.

• **Stanley Targonski** of Enfield, Conn., will receive a new high-performance ball from MOTIV, **Cedrick Bell** of Gilbert, Ariz., wins a new Brunswick ball, and **Nicole Celso** of Winter Springs, Fla., is the winner of a new high-performance ball from DV8 as February sweepstakes winners for subscribing to Xtra Frame. The monthly sweepstakes is sponsored by the respective PBA Product Registered partners. Monthly winners are selected from among new Xtra Frame subscribers, who are automatically entered when they enroll as a monthly or Xtra Frame Season Ticket (full year) subscriber.

Harry Sullins Wins PBA50 Strike Zone Lanes Central Classic

Canton, Ohio (March 4, 2018) – Harry Sullins of Chesterfield Twp., Mich. defeated Dean Billings of Rootstown, Ohio by 87 pins to win the PBA50 Strike Zone Lanes Central Classic presented by Brunswick at Strike Zone Lanes Sunday.

Sullins finished with a perfect 12-0 match play record and a total of 4,813 pins for 20 games, including match play bonus pins. The title was Sullins' first of the year in the PBA Central Region and his 22nd career PBA50 Regional title. He also earned \$1,500.

The next PBA Central Region event will be in Hubbard, Ohio, March 16-18.

PBA50 STRIKE ZONE LANES CENTRAL CLASSIC PRESENTED BY BRUNSWICK Strike Zone Lanes, Canton, Ohio, Sunday

Final Match Play Standings (after 20 games, including match play bonus pins):

1, ss-Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 12-0, 4,813, \$1,500. 2, Dean Billings, Rootstown, Ohio, 9-3, 4,726, \$1,000. 3, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 5-6-1, 4,648, \$800. 4, Neil Kassel, Beavercreek, Ohio, 8-4, 4,623, \$750. 5, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 6-6, 4,524, \$700. 6, Tony Majcher, Rolling Meadows, Ill., 7-4-1, 4,471, \$650. 7, Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 7-5, 4,470, \$600. 8, Rick Zakrajsek, Lorain, Ohio, 5-5-2, 4,451, \$580.

9, Larry Verble, Mason, Mich., 6-5-1, 4,443, \$565. 10, ss-Dale Csuhta, Wadsworth, Ohio, 8-4, 4,381, \$550. 11, Glenn Smith, <u>New York, 7-5</u>, 4,372, \$535. 12, Richie Brown, Marion, Ohio, 3-9, 4,259, \$520. 13, Ray Edwards, Middle Island, N.Y., 3-8-1, 4,216, \$515. 14, ss-Dick Gran, Hartville, Ohio, 3-9,

4,172, \$510. 15, Terry Wellman, Marengo, Ohio, 2-10, 4,106, \$505. 16, R.J. Alman, Murrysville, Pa., 2-10, 4,054, \$500.

ss-denotes PBA60 player

Ivan Yee wins PBA Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort Championship

Sutter Creek, Calif. (March 12, 2017) – Ivan Yee of San Francisco defeated amateur Raymond Lussier of San Jose, Calif., 243-193, to win the Professional Bowlers Association West Region's Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort Championship at Gold Country Lanes on Sunday.

This was Yee's first PBA Regional title, and earned him \$2,500. Lussier earned \$1,300 for his second place finish.

In the semifinal round, Yee defeated Lanndyn Carnate of Modesto, Calif., 179-159, and Lussier defeated Tony Rodriguez Jr. of Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 203-165, to set up the championship match. Carnate and Rodriguez each earned \$1,000 as semifinal round losers.

The Sutter Creek event was part of the QubicaAMF PBA Regional Tour. For more information about QubicaAMF, visit <u>www.qubicaamf.com</u> or, for social media posts, visit <u>http://bit.ly/QAMFSponsorship1</u>.

PBA Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort Championship Gold Country Lanes, Sutter Creek, Calif., Sunday

Championship: Ivan Yee, San Francisco (\$2,500) def. n-Raymond Lussier, San Jose, Calif., (\$1,300), 241-193.

Semifinal Round (losers earned \$1,000): Yee def. Lanndyn Carnate, Modesto, Calif., 179-159. Lussier def. Tony Rodriguez Jr., Visalia, Calif., 203-165.

Round of 8 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$700 each):

Yee def. Arron Pawloski, Brentwood, Calif., 2-1. n-Lussier def. Joe Goldstein Sr., San Bruno, Calif., 2-1. Carnate def. Robyn Renslow, Brentwood, Calif., 2-1. Rodriguez def. n-Mark Del Cerro, Hayward, Calif., 2-1.

n-denotes non-member

Ricky Schissler Rolls 300 to Win PBA Lakewood Southwest Super Regional Title

Lakewood, Colo., (Sunday, March 6) – Ricky Schissler of Brighton, Colo., rolled a perfect game to defeat former USBC Masters champion Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas, in the final match of the sixth annual PBA Lakewood Storm Southwest Super Regional, presented by New American Funding, at Holiday Lanes on Sunday.

Schiissler, a PBA member since 1988, thrilled his the hometown crowd with a 300-215 victory over Simonsen to complete an unlikely climb to his first title in standard PBA regional competition. The 53year-old Schissler won his only previous PBA title last October in a PBA50 regional in Junction City, Kan., last October. His first title in standard regional competition, which included a \$5,000 prize, came after Schissler completed a long climb to the title after qualifying in 12th place.

Schissler first defeated amateur Michael Smith from Centennial, Colo., 2-0, in a best-of-three-game Round of 16 match. In the Round of 12, he escaped with a 2-0 victory over Canada's Francois Lavoie, PBA's 2016 Rookie of the Year. In the Round of 8, Schissler put away 2016 PBA Player of the Year E.J. Tackett, of Huntington, Ind., 2-0, which moved him into the semifinal round where he eliminated Michael Steele of Abilene, Texas, 215-180.

Simonsen, who turned 21 in January, earned his berth in the title match by eliminating Anthony Coats of Pflugerville, Texas, 2-1, in the Round of 8, and defeating PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., 218-180, in his semifinal match.

The Southwest Region's next event is another Super Regional event, also offering a projected \$5,000 first place, at Colorado Springs' Harmony Lanes, March 9-11. The PBA Odessa Southwest Open follows March 16-18 at Astro Bowl.

PBA LAKEWOOD SOUTHWEST SUPER REGIONAL sponsored by Storm and New American Funding Holiday Lanes, Lakewood, Colo., Sunday

Championship:

Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo. (\$5,000), def. Anthony Simonsen, (\$2,750), 300-215.

Semifinal Round (losers earned \$1,500):

Simonsen def. Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 218-180 Schissler def. Michael Steele, Abilene, Texas, 215-165.

Round of 8 (best of three games, losers earned \$1,100 each):

Schissler def. EJ Tackett, Evansville, Ind., 2-0. Simonsen def. Anthony Coats, Pflugerville, Texas, 2-1. Duke def. Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon Mo., 2-1. Steele def. Jason Duran, Littleton, Colo. 2-1.

Round of 12 (best of three games, losers earned \$850):

Steele def. Mark Myers, Glendale, Ariz., 2-1. Schissler def. Francois Lavoie, Canada, 2-0. Sherman def. n-Frank Guccione, Castle Rock, Colo., 2-0. Coats def. Kris Koeltzow, Wheat Ridge, Colo., 2-1.

Round of 16 (best of three games, losers earned \$700):

Steele def. Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 2-0. n-Schissler def. n-Michael Smith, Centennial, Colo., 2-1. Coats def. n-Rick Schafer, Aurora, Colo., 2-1. Guccione def. Mike Dias, Littleton, Colo., 2-0.

300 games: Jason Duran, Ricky Schissler.

n-denotes non-member

PBA Spare Shots

PBA REGIONAL PROGRAM HEADS INTO 49TH SEASON

As the PBA celebrates its 60th anniversary season in 2018, the PBA Regional program – born in 1969 with the inaugural PBA Regional Players Championship at Kingpin Lanes in Cincinnati – heads into its 49th year of providing a proving ground for aspiring PBA Tour players as well as a closer-to-home, more affordable arena for bowlers who were unable to compete full-time on the PBA Tour.

Over the years, the PBA Regional program has cultivated its own set of stars. Some players who used the regional program to develop their skills, like PBA Hall of Famers **Pete Weber, Walter Ray Williams Jr.** and **Mike Scroggins**, became superstars. Others – like **Chris Warren** (feature photo), **Dale Traber** and **Ross Packard** – became highly successful at the regional levels. A few – like **Harry Sullins, Tom Baker** and **Ron Mohr** – found the PBA50 regional program as a perfect outlet to extend their careers.

Since its inception, the PBA Regional program has conducted nearly 6,400 tournaments and awarded titles to just under 1,850 different players.

As the regional program heads into the 2018 season, here are top 10 lists of players who have excelled in PBA's regional competition. The top 10 in combined standard and PBA50 regional titles is a tie between frequent PBA Midwest Region opponents, **Dale Traber** of Cedarburg, Wis., and **Pete Weber** of St. Ann, Mo., both with a total of 52 titles. Weber and **Chris Warren**, a Texas native who found a new home in Grants Pass, Ore., are tied for most standard PBA Regional titles with 47. Sullins, who hails from Chesterfield Township, Mich., leads the PBA50 Regional list with 22 titles, four ahead of PBA Hall of Famer **Tom Baker** of King, N.C.

During openings in the PBA Tour schedule, regional competition is abundant in all seven domestic PBA Regions: East, South, Central, Midwest, Southwest, West and Northwest. Schedules and entry information can be found on <u>pba.com</u>, and a "frequently asked questions" for regional newcomers can be found under the "FAQs" tab on <u>pba.com</u> (<u>https://www.pba.com/Resources/Faqs</u>).

Career Standard and PBA50 Regional Titles

- 52 Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis. Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo.
- 51 Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore.
- 47 Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla.
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- 43 Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash.
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- 30 Dennis Horan, Oakley, Calif. Jeff Richgels, Madison, Wis.

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- 12 Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind.

PBA'S "60 MOST MEMORABLE MOMENTS" UNVEILING CONTINUES: 56 THRU 60

The countdown to unveil the complete list of the PBA''s "60 most memorable moments" in its 60-year history continues, one a day, Monday through Friday, on PBA's social media outlets. The top 10 moments were announced on PBA's ESPN telecast of the Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic. Last week, "memorable moments" 60 through 56 were unveiled. Here are those five moments as the countdown continues:

56) **Pete Weber** tied for sixth place on the all-time PBA Tour titles list by winning his 26th title in the 2001 Great Lakes Classic. During that telecast, Weber also rolled a 299 in the semifinal match. It was one of the early telecasts under the "new" PBA ownership.

57) **Sean Rash** became the first player to bowl two nationally-televised 300 games in PBA Tour competition in the 2015 TOC semifinal match. His first came in the PBA Wolf Open in Shawnee, Okla., in 2014.

58) The PBA Lane Maintenance program was created midway through the 1971 season.

59) **Bob Vespi** and **Chris Warren** staged a tense duel in the 1991 Florida Open title match with Warren throwing three strikes in the 10th to win, 211-208.

60) The Dallas Strikers recorded the PBA League's first televised team Baker 300 game in 2016 at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine.

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NEW JERSEY "BOWLER" WINS 60TH ANNIVERSARY "CHALLENGE" SWEEPESTAKES

John Ezekiel of Paulsboro, N.J., tried to out-score Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic champion **Jakob Butturff**'s 244 winning total 100 times, but it only took one of those scores to win Concrete Software's "PBA 60th Anniversary Classic Challenge" sweepstakes.

The sweepstakes invited PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game users to "bowl" as often as they wanted to try to beat Butturff's winning score for a chance to win a bowling pin signed by the winner plus 5,000

Gold Pins. Ezekiel was one of 15,255 players who bowled a total of 48,749 games in the contest, including one player who tried 339 times.

PBA HALL OF FAMER LEN NICHOLSON'S NEW BOOK NOW AVAILABLE

As PBA Director of Lane Maintenance beginning in the 1970s, PBA Hall of Famer Len Nicholson experienced the PBA Tour from a unique perspective. Many of his personal insights involving some of the sport's greatest stars are now available in his new book, "My Memories and Stories of The PBA Hall of Famers." The book is available for \$25. To order, send a note to Nicholson at savrsprt@yahoo.com for details.

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World Bowling, PBA Announce 2018 World Bowling Tour Schedule *Nine-event schedule begins March 10-18 with Brunswick Euro Challenge in Munich*

CHICAGO (March 9, 2018) – World Bowling, the international governing body for tenpin bowling, and the Professional Bowlers Association have announced a nine-tournament PBA International-World Bowling Tour schedule for 2018, beginning March 10-18 when England's Dom Barrett will try to defend his title in the Brunswick Euro Challenge at Dream-Bowl Palace in Munich, Germany.

The PBA International-WBT schedule awards PBA Tour titles if the winner is a PBA member and, if a woman, she does not accept "handicap pins" as part of her score. The PBA-WBT series awards points which are used to qualify players for the end-of-season WBT Men's and Women's Finals.

The Brunswick Euro Challenge also could play a role in the 2018 PBA Tour Finals set for early May in Allen Park, Mich. Composite PBA and WBT earnings for 2016 through the PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, April 17-18, will determine the eight players who will compete at Thunderbowl Lanes in May.

The 2018 schedule includes the United States Bowling Congress Masters and Queens, and the Busan Cup in South Korea and the Storm PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles, both new to the PBA-WBT schedule. Returning are the Storm Lucky Larsen Masters in Malmo, Sweden; the WBT Thailand in Bangkok, and the PBA World Championship which will be part of PBA World Series of Bowling X. Closing the WBT schedule will be the World Bowling Men's World Championships in Hong Kong, which is open only to players representing World Bowling member federations.

Additional tournaments that comply with World Bowling and PBA International rules are under consideration and may be added to the schedule.

2018 PBA INTERNATIONAL-WORLD BOWLING TOUR SCHEDULE (Events designated as PBA-WBT tournaments will award a PBA Tour title if the winner is a PBA member and does not accept handicap pins)

March 10-18 – PBA-WBT Brunswick Euro Challenge, Dream-Bowl Palace, Munich, Germany April 8-15 – USBC Masters, Oncenter Convention Center, Syracuse, N.Y. (PBA-WBT event) May 20-26 – PBA-WBT Busan Cup, Rainbow Square Bowling Center, Busan, Korea July 26-29 – Storm PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles, Copperfield Bowl, Houston, Texas (PBA title to male partner, PWBA title to female partner if a member of his/her respective organization) Aug. 25-Sept. 9 – PBA-WBT Storm Lucky Larsen Masters, Baltiska Bowlinghallen, Malmo, Sweden Sept. 22-28 – PBA-WBT Thailand, Blu-O Rhythm and Bowl Siam Paragon, Bangkok, Thailand Oct. 24-31 – U.S. Open, Northrock Lanes, Wichita, Kan. (PBA-WBT event, tentative) November/December – PBA World Championship, tba (PBA-WBT event, tentative) Nov. 24-Dec. 5 – World Bowling Men's World Championships, SCAA Bowling Centre, Hong Kong

Walter Ray Williams Jr. Successfully Defends in Fayetteville for 106th Title

Fayetteville, N.C. (March 11, 2018) – PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., defeated fellow Hall Of Famer Tom Baker of King, N.C., 279-157, to win his 106th Professional Bowlers Association title in the PBA50 Fayetteville Southern Open at LaFayette Lanes Sunday.

Williams, who was defending his 2017 title, won easily after Baker started his game with a pocket 7-10 split and could never recover. Williams earned \$1,600 prize while Baker earned \$1,000 as the runner-up.

Williams' PBA titles include a composite total of PBA Tour, PBA Regional, PBA50 Tour and PBA50 Regional victories.

In the semifinal round, Williams eliminated Mike Hastings of Millsboro, Del., 246-178, while Baker took out Scott Thomsen of Sumter, S.C., 232-192.

The PBA South Region's next tournament will be the PBA Jac's Lanes Valdosta South Open March 16-18.

FAYETTEVILLE SOUTHERN OPEN LaFayette Lanes, Fayetteville, N.C., Sunday

Championship:

Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla. (\$1,600), def. Tom Baker, King, N.C. (\$1,000), 279-157.

Semifinal Round (losers earned \$800):

T. Baker def. Scott Thomsen, Sumter, S.C., 232-192. Williams def. Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 246-178.

Round of 8 (three games total pinfall, losers eliminated and earned \$650 each):

Hastings def. Mac Sanders, Taylors, S.C., 730-618. Thomsen def. Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 613-576. Williams def. Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 683-614. T. Baker def. Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 728-686.

Round of 12 (three games total pinfall, losers eliminated and earned \$550 each):

S. Baker def. Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 691-608. Hastings def. Dave Kneas, Annapolis, Va., 602-532. Thomsen def. Mike Byers, Charleston, S.C., 574-475. Faulkner def. Scott Fiorillo, Alexandria, Va., 560-517.

Round of 16 (three games total pinfall, losers eliminated and earned \$500 each):

Fiorillo def. J.D. Wilson, Lexington, S.C., 691-633. Thomsen def. Jeff Bellinger, Columbia, S.C., 633-616. Kneas def. Mike Craig, Westerville, Ohio, 697-638. Brosius def. Tommy Martin, Millington, Tenn., 581-579. 300 Game: Stoney Baker

Francois Lavoie Wins PBA Colorado Southwest Super Regional Open

Colorado Springs, Colo., (March 13, 2018) – Former PBA and PBA Southwest Region Rookie of the Year Francois Lavoie, a Canadian citizen now living in Wichita, Kan., defeated former PBA member Frankie Guccione of Castle Rock, Colo., 255-244, to win the \$5,000 first prize in the fourth annual PBA Colorado Springs Southwest Super Regional Open at Harmony Lanes Sunday.

After staying close through nine frames, Lavoie needed two strikes in the 10th frame to clinch the victory. He struck on the first shot, but failed on his second, giving Guccione a chance to win his first PBA tournament. Needing 20 pins in his 10th frame, Guccione left a 7 pin on his first shot and then shocked the crowd as his spare attempt slipped into channel, allowing Lavoie to claim his fifth PBA Regional victory.

Lavoie qualified seventh, earning a bye into the best-of-three-game Round of 12 elimination matches where he defeated amateur Jeffrey Carter of Westminster, Colo., 2-0; No. 2 qualifier Sean Lavery-Spahr of Pasadena, Texas, 2-0, and PBA50 Tour champion Mike Dias of Lafayette, Colo., 214-210, in the semifinal round. Guccione qualified eighth, also earning a bye before defeating collegiate amateur Nick Burgess of Jersey Village, Texas, 2-0. Guccione then upset tournament leader Devin Bidwell of Wichita, 2-1, to advance to the semifinal round where he eliminated Ronald Johnson III of Durango, Colo., 210-182.

Guccione earned \$2,700 for second place. Johnson and Dias each earned \$1,500 as semifinal round losers.

The PBA Southwest Region's next event is the PBA Odessa Southwest Open at Astro Bowl in Odessa, Texas, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 16-18.

PBA COLORADO SPRINGS SOUTHWEST SUPER REGIONAL OPEN Harmony Lanes, Colorado Springs, Colo., Sunday

Championship:

Francois Lavoie, Canada, (\$5,000) def. n-Frankie Guccione, Castle Rock, Colo. (\$2,700), 255-244.

Semifinal Round (losers earned \$1,500):

Lavoie def. Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 214-210. n-Guccione def. Ronald Johnson III, Durango, Colo.., 200-182.

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

Lavoie def. Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2-0. Dias def. Roger Petrin, Wichita, Kan., 2-0. Johnson III def. n-Robert Worrall, Colo. Springs, Colo., 2-1 . n-Guccione def. Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan. 2-1.

Round of 12 (best of three games, losers earned \$825):

Lavoie def. n-Jeffrey Carter, Westminster, Colo., 2-0. n-Guccione def. n-Nick Burgess, Jersey Village, Texas 2-0. Petrin def. Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 2-0. Johnson III def. Mitch Hupe, Canada, 2-0.

Round of 16 (best of three. Losers, earned \$700)

n-Burgess def. Brad Miller, Maryland Heights, Mo., 2-1.

Johnson III def. Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 2-0. Carter def. n-Derek Kozlak, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2-0. Petrin def. Beau Peterson, Newton, Kan., 2-1.

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300 game: Sean Lavery-Spahr FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Haynes, Horan and Boyle Win PBA Sands Regency Winter Classic Titles

Reno, Nev. (March 11, 2018) – David Haynes of Las Vegas posted an 8-4 match play record and a 20-game total of 4,653 pins Sunday to win his 8th career PBA Regional title in the PBA Sands Regency West/Northwest Winter Classic Open presented by Storm.

Haynes, who earned \$2,000, defeated PJ Haggerty of Roseville, Calif., by three pins at the National Bowling Stadium.

In Sunday's companion PBA50 Open, Dennis Horan Jr. of Oakley, Calif., went 6-3-1 in match play and knocked down 4,270 total pins in his PBA50 debut to defeat Ron Mohr of Las Vegas by 123 pins. Mohr had 4,147 pins for his 18 games, including match play bonus pins. In addition to his first PBA50 title, Horan earned \$1,500 while Mohr received \$1,000

Leading into the weekend, Scott Boyle of Salida, Calif., defeated David Allen of Las Vegas, 299-202, to win Friday's PBA Sands Regency Winter Challenge presented by Storm along with the \$1,500 first prize and his first PBA Regional title.

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In the semifinal round, Boyle defeated Matt McGill of Grants Pass, Ore., 254-218, and Allen defeated Mark DelCerro of Hayward, Calif., 277-179, to set up the championship match.

PBA SANDS REGENCY WINTER CLASSIC presented by Storm National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Sunday

Final Match Play Standings (after 20 games, including match play bonus pins):

1, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 8-4, 4,893, \$2,000. 2, PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 7-5, 4,890, \$1,200. 3, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 8-4, 4,830, \$1,000. 4, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 8-4, 4,686, \$900. 5, Lanndyn Carnate, Modesto, Calif., 6-6, 4,603, \$800. 6, Myles Duty, Modesto, Calif., 5-7, 4,552, \$700. 7, Joe Goldstein Jr., San Bruno, Calif., 8-4, 4,546, \$625. 8, Matt McGill, Grants Pass, Ore., 6-6, 4,541, \$600. 9, Adam Wilson, Reno, Nev., 5-7, 4,427, \$575. 10, Scott Boyle, Salida, Calif., 5-7, 4,393, \$550. 11, Mark DelCerro, Hayward, Calif., 4-8, 4,304, \$525. 12, Amber Vega, Orangevale, Calif., 2-10, 4,049, \$500.

PBA50 SANDS REGENCY WINTER CLASSIC presented by Storm National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Sunday

Final Match Play Standings (after 18 games, including match play bonus pins):

1, Dennis Horan Jr., Oakley, Calif., 6-3-1, 4,270, \$1,500. 2, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 5-5, 4,147, \$1,000. 3, n-Gerald Vertigan, Yorba Linda, Calif., 5-5, 4,104, \$700. 4, Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., 6-4, 4,093, \$650. 5, Dave Dayton, Reno, Nev., 5-4-1, 4,087, \$625. 6, Mark Mazzulla, Brentwood, Calif., 6-4, 4,055, \$600. 7, Rory Peterson, Sacramento. Calif., 3-7, 4,038, \$575. 8, Darren Peters, Temecula, Calif., 6-4, 4,032, \$550. 9, Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 5-5, 3,976, \$525. 10, John Perry, Oak Park, Calif., 2-8, 3,597, \$500.

PBA SANDS REGENCY WINTER CHALLENGE presented by Storm National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Friday

Championship: Scott Boyle of Salida, Calif., (\$1,500) def. David Allen, Las Vegas, (\$1,100) 232-218

Semifinal Round (losers earned \$800): Boyle def. Matt McGill, Grants Pass, Ore., 254-218. Allen def. Mark DelCerro, Hayward, Calif., 277-179

Round of 8 (best of five games, losers eliminated and earned \$550 each): Boyle def. n-Warren Crawford, McKinleyville, Calif., 3-0. Allen def. n-Tim Ursillo, Spring Valley, Calif., 3-2. McGill def. Skip Pavone, San Jose, Calif., 3-2. DelCerro def. n-Nicholas Duplan, Citrus Heights, Calif., 3-0.

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PBA Spare Shots

BUSY MONTH OF LIVE XTRA FRAME COVERAGE ON TAP IN APRIL

PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame, returns in April with a full schedule of programming including preliminary rounds of the USBC Masters, a PBA Xtra Frame Tour event in Maine, the first three PBA50 Tour events of 2018 and the 2018 season's first PWBA events.

The April schedule, available for the monthly Xtra Frame subscription rate of \$7.99, includes the following. Three-day and full season subscription plans are also available. To enroll as an Xtra Frame viewer, visit <u>xtraframe.tv</u>:

• April 10-14 - USBC Masters qualifying and elimination match play rounds, The Oncenter Convention Center, Syracuse, N.Y. (defending champion: **Jason Belmonte**).

• April 16-18 - Port Property Management PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout, Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine (defending champion: **Ryan Ciminelli)**.

• April 20 – Oceanview at Falmouth PBA League Team seeding tournament, Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine.

• April 22-23 - PBA50 Florida Open, Lane Glo Bowl, New Port Richey, Fla. (defending champion: **Brian** LeClair)

• April 25-28 - PBA50 UnitedHealthcare National Championship presented by Spanish Springs Lanes & Radical, Spanish Springs Lanes, The Villages, Fla. (defending champion: **Lennie Boresch Jr.**)

• April 27-28 - PWBA Las Vegas Open, South Point Bowling Plaza, Las Vegas (new event).

• April 30-May 2 - PBA50 Mooresville Ford Open presented by Columbia 300, George Pappas Victory Lanes, Mooresville, N.C. (defending champion: **Norm Duke**).

BRUNSWICK EURO CHALLENGE FINALS SET FOR SUNDAY

The finals of the Brunswick Euro Challenge, a PBA International-World Bowling Tour event, will be live streamed Sunday from Dream-Bowl Palace in Munich, Germany, by StreamForce4Bowling (<u>https://www.youtube.com/user/StreamForce4Bowling</u>).

Sunday's finals begin at 3:30 a.m. Eastern. In Step One, qualifiers 13 through 64 will bowl six games with the top 16 advancing to Step Two along with qualifiers 1-12 for another six-game round, beginning at 6:15 a.m. The top eight from Step Two will move on to Step Three, an eight-game round-robin match play round with 30 bonus pins to match winners, at 8:45 a.m. Step Four, based on combined pinfall totals from Step Two and Three, will produce three players for the championship round beginning at 11:45 a.m. The No. 3 qualifier will bowl one game against No. 2. The winner takes on the top qualifier in the one-game title match.

First prize will be roughly \$14,150 plus a PBA Tour title if the winner is a PBA member (women who accept handicap pins are not eligible for a PBA title). England's **Dom Barrett** is defending champion.

PBA'S "60 MOST MEMORABLE MOMENTS" UNVEILING CONTINUES: 51 THRU 55

The countdown to unveil the complete list of the PBA''s "60 most memorable moments" in its 60-year history continues, one a day, Monday through Friday, on all PBA Network outlets. The top 10 moments were announced on PBA's ESPN telecast of the Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic. Last week, "memorable moments" 55 through 51 were unveiled. Here are those five moments as the countdown continues:

51) Prior to the 1974 PBA Midas Open finals, a lane breakdown forced the PBA to use lanes from non-adjoining pairs for the finals. In the second game, **Jim Stefanich** threw the PBA's third perfect game on TV, the first and only time that feat occurred. **Dick Ritger**won the title, but Stefanich won a \$10,000 bonus plus a new Lincoln-Mercury Cougar.

52) At age 57, **John Handegard** defeated **Mark Williams**, 278-247, to win the 1995 PBA Northwest Classic in Kennewick, Wash., becoming the oldest player to win a PBA Tour title. 53) **Michael Haugen Jr.** overcame a 53-pin deficit through six frames to win the 2008 PBA Tournament of Champions, 215-214, over **Chris Barnes** at Red Rock Lanes in Las Vegas. Haugen's five-strike rally forced Barnes to get 20 pins in the 10th to force a tie. After converting a spare, Barnes left the 4 pin on his last shot.

54) In 1962, **Don Carter** won four titles, earned \$49,972 in prize money and recorded an incredible 18 top-five finishes.

55) **Mike Durbin** became the first bowler to win the Firestone PBA Tournament of Champions three times when he defeated **Mike Aulby**, 246-163, at Riviera Lanes in Fairlawn, Ohio. Durbin, who also won the event in 1972 and 1982, was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame earlier that week.

To check on releases of subsequent "moments" as they are revealed, check the PBA Network: PBA on Facebook (<u>www.facebook.com/ProfessionalBowlersAssociation</u>) or Instagram (pbatour); subscribe to the PBA channel on YouTube (PBABowling); tweet along on Twitter (@pbatour), and on the web: <u>https://www.pba.com/PBANetwork/MostMemorableMoments</u>.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: WALTER RAY BOOST TITLES TOTAL TO 106

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• A busy weekend is on tap for PBA Regional competitors over the March 16-18 weekend when the schedule includes the Trumbull County Tourism Bureau Central/East Open presented by Radical at Bell-Wick Bowl in Hubbard, Ohio; the PBA50 Showtime Lanes Midwest/Central Open in Virden, Ill.; the Jac's Lanes Valdosta South Open in Valdosta, Ga., and the Odessa Southwest Open at Astro Bowl in Odessa, Texas.

• PBA's March 23-25 regional tournament schedule includes the PBA50 Rossi Lanes Open in Elmira, N.Y.; the PBA50 Monte Skeels Allstate Midwest/Central Open at Liberty Lanes in Carpentersville, Ill.. and the Caveman Bowl Northwest/West Open presented by DV8 in Grants Pass, Ore.

• Closing out the March PBA Regional schedule will be the Copperfield Bowl Southwest Challenge for non-title winners over the March 30-April 1 weekend in Houston, Texas.

• For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit <u>pba.com</u>, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area...and remember, you can follow "live scoring" for all PBA Regional events on <u>pba.com</u> (easily accessible for Apple device users using the PBA app).

QUICK NOTES

• Upon further review, the PBA has discovered **Patrick Allen** is tied with **Dennis Horan** and **Jeff Richgels** for 10th place on the PBA Regional titles list, each with 30 wins.

Sweden's Jenny Wegner Wins Brunswick Euro Challenge

Handicap pins thwart Anthony Simonsen's 10th frame comeback

MUNICH, Germany (March 18, 2018) – Thanks to the assistance of eight handicap pins awarded to all women bowlers in the tournament, Sweden's Jenny Wegner won the PBA International-World Bowling Tour Brunswick Euro Challenge Sunday at Dream-Bowl Palace, thwarting a 10th frame comeback bid by tournament leader Anthony Simonsen.

Simonsen, the top qualifier, quickly fell behind when Wegner, the 2016 Qubica AMF World Cup women's champion, started the title match with five strikes. But the contest changed direction when the 23-yearold Swedish kindergarten teacher failed to convert the 1-2-4-10 washout in the seven frame. She still had the match under control until she left the 2-8 in both the ninth and 10th frames. Despite failing to convert the 1-8 spare in her final frame, the eight handicap pins-per-game awarded to all women in the tournament allowed Wegner hold off Simonsen for the title.

Simonsen, who had thrown only one strike on the right lane previously in the match, threw two strikes before leaving the 10 pin on his final shot for an actual 213-211 margin, but with her handicap pins, Wegner won by a 219-213 margin.

Simonsen, a 21-year-old two-handed player from Austin, Texas, started the seven-game Step Three match play round with games of 300, 287 and 278 – an 865 series – to expand his lead and he comfortably maintained his position all the way to the championship match.

In the first match of the three-player stepladder finals, Thailand's Yannaphon Larpapharat dug himself into a 21-pin hole after failing to convert a pair of splits, and Wegner had a double and a turkey in a clean game for a 233-214 win to advance to the title match.

Next on the Go Bowling! PBA Tour's 2018 schedule will be the United States Bowling Congress Masters April 8-15 at the Oncenter Convention Center in Syracuse, N.Y., where defending champion Jason Belmonte of Australia will try for an unprecedented fifth Masters title, which also would result in a PBA record-tying 10th major championship.

PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel will live stream all qualifying and three-game double-elimination match play rounds of the Masters before the finals air live on ESPN on April 15 at 1 p.m. EDT. For Xtra Frame subscription information, visit <u>xtraframe.tv</u>.

BRUNSWICK EURO CHALLENGE

Dream-Bowl Palace, Munich, Germany, Sunday

Final Standings:

- 1, w-Jenny Wegner, Sweden, \$14,150.
- 2, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, \$10,460.
- 3, Yannaphon Larpapharat, Thailand, \$6,700.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Wegner def. Larpapharat, 233-214. Championship – Wegner def. Simonsen, 219-213.

Final Step 3 Standings (after 13 games, including 30 match play bonus pins for each match win; prize money is converted from Euros to U.S. dollars):

- 1, Simonsen, 5-2, 3,408.
- 2, w-Wegner, 6-1, 3,281.
- 3, Larpapharat, 5-2, 3,271.
- 4, Stuart Williams, England, 2-5, 3,217, \$4,180.
- 5, w-Siti Safiyah Amirah, Malaysia, 2-5, 3,210, \$3,690.
- 6, w-Cherie Tan, Singapore, 3-4, 3,150, \$3,440.
- 7, David Simard, Canada, 3-4, 3,119, \$3,080.
- 8, w-Mai Ginge Jensen, Denmark, 2-5, 3,107, \$2,710.

Step 2 Cashers (after six games):

- 9, w-Daphne Tan, Singapore, 1,420, \$2,340.
- 10, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,410, \$2,340.
- 11, w-Shayna Ng, Singapore, 1,409, \$2,340.
- 12, w-Ghislaine Stigter-Van Der Tol, Netherlands, 1,408, \$2,340.
- 13, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 1,395, \$1,970.
- 14, w-Bernice Lim, Singapore, 1,393, \$1,970.
- 15, w-Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 1,390, \$1,970.
- 16, Adrian Ang, Malaysia, 1,385, \$1,970.
- 17, Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia, 1,380, \$1,720.
- 18, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 1,372, \$1,720.
- 19, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 1,371, \$1,720.
- 20, w-Anggie Ramirez Perea, 1,358, \$1,720.
- 21, w-Esther Cheah, Malaysia, 1,351, \$1,600.
- 22, Annop Arromsaranon, Thailand, 1,345, \$1,600.
- 23, Jaroslav Lorenc, Czechoslovakia, 1,343, \$1,600.
- 24, Emil Ågren, Sweden, \$1,600.
- 25, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, Texas, 1,289, \$1,480.
- 26, Syafiq Ridhwan, Malaysia, 1,286, \$1,480.
- 27, Timmy Tan, Malaysia, 1,270, \$1,480.
- 28, w-Cajsa Wegner, Sweden, 1,243, \$1,480.

Step 1 Cashers (after six games):

- 29 (tie), Darren Tang, San Francisco, and Wicky Yeung, Hong Kong, 1,405, \$1,350.
- 31 (tie), w-Tannya Roumimper, Indonesia, and Hassan Alshaikh, Saudi Arabia, 1,401, \$1,350.
- 33, Jimmy Mortensen, Denmark, 1,400, \$1,350.
- 34, Patrick Weichert, Germany, 1,397, \$1,350.
- 35, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,387, \$1,230.
- 36, Francois Louw, South Africa, 1,370, \$1,230.
- 37, Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., 1,367, \$1,230.
- 38 (tie), John Wells, England, and Niko Oksanen, Finland, 1,361, \$1,230.

40, Dom Barrett, England, 1,360, \$1,230. 41, Oliver Morig, Germany, 1,351, \$1,230. 42, Jamie McDermott, Jamie, Germany, 1,350, \$1,230. 43, w-Jazreel Tan, Singapore, 1,349, \$1,230. 44, Richie Teece, England, 1,347, \$1,230. 45, w-Sin Li Jane, Malaysia, 1,340, \$1,107. 45, Manuel Otalora, Colombia, 1,338, \$1,107. 46, Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland, 1,337, \$1,107. 48, w-Hui Fen New, Singapore, 1,336, \$1,107. 49. Raymond Teece, England, 1,335, \$1,107. 50, Nathan Ruest-Lajoie, Canada, 1,332, \$1,107. 51, Karl Wahlgren, Sweden, 1,316, \$1,107. 52, Markus Jansson, Sweden, 1,300, \$1,107. 53, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 1,299, \$1,107. 54, Tobia Börding, Germany, 1,296, \$1,107. 55, w-Shalin Zulkifli, Malaysia, 1,284, \$984. 56, Rasmus Edvall, Sweden, 1,270, \$984. 57, Kwun Ho Lau, Hong Kong, 1,240, \$984. 58, Christoph Schurian, Germany, 1,231, \$984. 59, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 1,228, \$984. 60, Timo Schroeder, Germany, 1,223, \$984. 61, Andres Juliusson, Israel, 1,221, \$984. 62, w-Birgit Pöppler, Germany, 1,216, \$984. 63, Surasak Manuwong, Thailand, 1,211, \$984. 64, Moued Saad Algahtani, Saudi Arabia, 1,121, \$984.

w-denotes woman (women received 8 handicap pins per game).

Tom Adcock Wins PBA50 Showtime Lanes Midwest/Central Open

VIRDEN, Ill. (March 18, 2018) – Tom Adcock of Decatur, Ill., defeated Dean Mueller of Vernon Hills, Ill., 192-177, to win the Professional Bowlers Association PBA50 Showtime Lanes Midwest/Central Open at Showtime Lanes Sunday.

Adcock, an amateur, collected his third PBA50 Regional win in the last three years at Showtime Lanes and earned \$1,500. But because he isn't a PBA member, he doesn't receive credit for a PBA title.

Adcock defeated Steve Jaros of Yorkville, Ill., 2-0, and Mueller edged Jeff Johnson of Freeport, Ill., 2-1, in the best-of-three-game semifinal round to set up the championship match. Mueller earned \$850 for second place. Jaros and Johnson each earned \$600 as semifinal round losers.

The Midwest Region's next event is the PBA50 Monte Skeels Allstate Midwest/Central Open at Liberty Lanes in Carpentersville, Ill., on March 23-24.

PBA50 Showtime Lanes Midwest/Central Open Showtime Lanes, Virden, Ill., March 18, Sunday

Championship: n-Tom Adcock, Decatur, Ill., (\$1,500) def. Dean Mueller, Vernon Hills, Ill., (\$850), 192-177.

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

n-Adcock def. Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 2-0. Mueller def. Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 2-1.

Round of 8 (best of five games, losers eliminated and earned \$450 each):

n-Adcock def. n-John Marsala, Foley, Mo., 3-2. Mueller def. Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3-2. Jaros def. Steve Bergan, Belleville, Ill., 3-1. Johnson def. Mike Mineman, St Louis., 3-1.

n-denotes non-member

Chris Polizzi Wins First PBA Title in Jac's Lanes Valdosta South Open

VALDOSTA, Ga. (March 18, 2018) – Chris Polizzi of Spring Hill, Fla. wins his first Professional Bowlers Association title Sunday, defeating PBA Tour titlist Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Fla., 235-212, to win the Second Annual PBA Jac's Lanes Valdosta South Open at Jac's Lanes.

Daugherty, who qualified in the number one position for the stepladder finals with a 17-game pinfall of 4,108, led the event by more than 300 pins over Brandon Curtis of Manson, N.C., who finished with a 3,801 total.

In first stepladder match, Polizzi defeated four-time PBA Tour champion Dick Allen of Columbia, S.C., 243-184, and he then eliminated Curtis, 198-180, in the semifinal match.

Polizzi earned \$2,500 while Daugherty pocketed \$1,300 for second, Curtis earned \$1,100 for third and Allen took home \$1,000 for his fourth-place finish.

The PBA South Region's next event will be the PBA50 Sarasota South Open April 18-20 at Sarasota Lanes in Sarasota, Fla.

PBA JAC'S LANES VALDOSTA SOUTH OPEN Jac's Lanes, Valdosta, Ga., Sunday

Final Standings:

- 1, Chris Polizzi, Spring Hill, Fla., \$2,500.
- 2, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., \$1,300.
- 3, Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C., \$1,100.
- 4, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., \$1,000.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Polizzi def. Allen, 243-184. Semifinal – Polizzi def. Manson, 198-180. Championship – Polizzi def. Daugherty, 235-212.

Final Qualifying Standings (after 17 games, top 4 advanced to stepladder finals):

Daugherty, 4,1080.
 Manson, 3,801.
 Allen, 3,705.
 Polizzi, 3,702.
 Chris Arcaro, Carolina Beach, N.C., 3,643, \$800.
 n-Kristijonas Sergejevas, Lake Wales, Fla., 3,607, \$675.
 Sean Wilcox, Altamonte Springs, Fla., 3,555, \$625.
 Jason Zook, Tampa, Fla., 3,529, \$600.

Round of 16 Cashers (eliminated after 15 games):

- 9, David Maycock, Bermuda, 3,146, \$575.
- 10, Mike Vitalone, Lake Worth, Fla., 3,140, \$550.
- 11, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,080, \$525.
- 12, Kristen Rogers, Salisbury, N.C., 3,021, \$520.
- 13, Zach Seals, Kingsland, Ga., 3,019, \$515.
- 14. Andrew Colon, Zephyrhills, Fla., 2,995, \$510.
- 15, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 2,994, \$505.
- 16, Daniel Ober, Tampa, Fla., 2,960, \$500.

Round of 24 Cashers (eliminated after 12 games):

- 17, Anthony Caso, Spring Hill, Fla., 2,428, \$435.
- 18, Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 2,412, \$430.
- 19, Dave Han, Birmingham, Ala., 2,404, \$425.
- 20, Dale Coleman, High Springs, Fla., 2,394, \$420.
- 21, Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., 2,391, \$412.50.
- 21. Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 2,391, \$412.50.
- 23, Charles Clifford Jr., Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., 2,385, \$405.
- 24, Cody Mullis, Crystal River, Fla., 2,377, \$400.

n-denotes non-member.

PBA AND FOX SPORTS ANNOUNCE MULTI-YEAR, MULTI-PLATFORM RIGHTS DEAL

Professional Bowling Returns to Broadcast TV in 2019 with 29 Shows Across FOX and FS1

LOS ANGELES and CHICAGO – The Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) and FOX Sports today announced a multi-year, multi-platform agreement making FOX Sports the new television partner for the Go Bowling! PBA Tour starting in 2019. The package will bring a substantial schedule of live PBA events to television, including prime time events and a new bracket-style, multi-week PBA Playoffs tournament that concludes with a unique PBA championship finale. The announcement was made by PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark and William Wanger, FOX Sports EVP of Programming, Live Operations and Research.

"The PBA has been searching for the best possible broadcast partner to serve our fans, players and the bowling industry, and we have determined that partner is FOX Sports," Clark said. "We are particularly excited that the PBA Tour returns to broadcast television, where it started 56 years ago, with shows on FOX next year."

In 2019, FOX Sports will televise four PBA Tour shows on FOX and 25 on FS1 in a series of two-hour telecasts. All programs will also be streamed on FOX Sports GO. Details pertaining to the FOX Sports-PBA package regarding PBA Tour locations, dates and times, and the television announcing team will be released at a later date.

"FOX Sports is thrilled to add the highly rated PBA Tour to our extensive lineup, joining other sport partners including the NFL, the FIFA World Cup, MLB, NASCAR, MLS, UFC, NHRA, Supercross, USGA, college football and basketball, and others," said Wanger. "We believe that adding a FOX Sports look and feel to bowling will help bring the sport to a whole new level."

The PBA was represented in the transaction by Ed Desser of Desser Sports Media (www.desser.tv).

The agreement between FOX Sports and the PBA extends a non-stop television presence for professional bowling that began in 1962 with ABC Television's 36 years of continuous coverage of the Pro Bowlers Tour and 38 consecutive years of coverage on ESPN, beginning with ESPN's formation in 1979.

Both parties plan to supplement the broadcast and cable coverage of the PBA Tour's premier events with livestreaming of preliminary rounds by PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel as well as extensive use of the FOX Sports and PBA Network outlets including Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram and their respective websites.

Anthony Lavery-Spahr Wins Fifth PBA Regional Title in Odessa Southwest Open

Odessa, Texas, (March 20, 2018) – Anthony Lavery-Spahr of Pasadena, Texas, opened the seventh annual PBA Odessa Southwest Open, presented by Brunswick, with games of 279, 300 and 279 – an 858 series – to build a huge lead over twin brother Sean as he coasted to his fifth PBA Regional title and second in a row at Astro Bowl on Sunday.

Anthony Lavery-Spahr held a 200-pin lead after the eight-game qualifying round and won five of his eight matches, tying another, in the modified round-robin finals to finish with 5,078 total pins, including match play bonus pins, to finish 240 pins ahead of his twin brother who also resides in Pasadena.

Sean Lavery-Spahr finished second after a 223-202 win over Joe Findling of Mesquite, Texas, in the final position round match. Sean Lavery-Spahr finished with 4,838 pins, edging Adam Pogge of Austin, Texas, by four pins to collect the \$1,650 second prize. Pogge earned \$1,100 for third place.

Also of note, 71-year-old amateur Phil Bailey from San Angelo, Texas, not only bowled in the event, but finished sixth against a field comprised mostly of players young enough to be his grandchildren.

The PBA Southwest Region's next event is the PBA Houston Copperfield Southwest Challenge at Copperfield Bowl, March 30-April 1. Challenge event entries are limited to amateurs and PBA members who have never won a PBA event. The PBA Grand Casino/Hotel/Resort Southwest Open follows April 6-8, at FireLake Lanes in Shawnee, Okla.

PBA ODESSA SOUTHWEST OPEN, presented by Brunswick Astro Bowl, Odessa, Texas, Sunday

1, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 5-2-1, 5,078, \$2,500. 2, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 4-4, 4,838, \$1,650. 3, Adam Pogge, Austin, Texas, 5-3, 4,834, \$1,100. 4, Michael Steele, Abilene, Texas, 7-1, 4,744, \$950. 5, Joe Findling, Mesquite, Texas, 3-5, 4,743, \$860. 6, n-Phil Bailey, San Angelo, <u>Texas, 5-3</u>, 4,639, \$790. 7, Anthony Coats, Pflugerville, Texas, <u>5-3</u>, 4,633, \$740. 8, David Scardaville, Houston, Texas, 4-4, 4,583, \$690.

9, Mason Edmondson, Amarillo, <u>Texas, 4-3</u>-1, 4,569, \$650. 10, Tyler Albracht, Amarillo, Texas, 4-4, 4,521, \$620. 11, Juan Garza, Lubbock, Texas, 3-5, 4,456, \$600. 12, n-Jason Tidwell, Odessa, Texas, 3-5, 4,432, \$570. 12, Cody Meiers, Lubbock, Texas, 3-5, 4,432, \$570. 14, n-Zach Wojciechowski, Lubbock, Texas, 1-7, 4,414, \$540. 15, Mark Morgan, Killeen, Texas, 5-3, 4,394, \$520. 16, n-Scotty Pope Jr., Odessa, Texas, 2-6, 4,057, \$500.

300 game: Anthony Lavery-Spahr

n-denotes non-member

SUNDAY ON ESPN: Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship Presented by BowlerX.com at 2 p.m. ET

COLUMBUS, Ohio (March 21, 2018) – Australia's Jason Belmonte and partner Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., will be the top qualifiers when the Go Bowling! PBA Tour returns to ESPN Sunday at 2 p.m. EDT for the finals of the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship presented by BowlerX.com from Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl.

In the opening Baker format stepladder match, where each player on the team alternates frames, brothers Michael and Darren Tang of San Francisco will face off against Texans DJ Archer and Shawn Maldonado.

The Tang brothers, who were collegiate standouts with San Jose State, will be looking for their first PBA Tour titles. Maldonado will also be trying for his first tour win while Archer will be trying for his third.

The Tang brothers each made the USBC Masters stepladder finals in 2017 with Michael finishing second for his best tour finish and Darren finishing fourth. Darren's best tour finish was second in the 2016 PBA Cheetah Championship.

The winner of the opening match will then take on Brandon Novak of Chillicothe, Ohio and Kris Prather of Plainfield, Ill., who are also looking for their first PBA Tour titles, in the second stepladder match. Prather is coming off a fourth-place finish in the Barbasol PBA Players Championship and an eighth-place finish in the 60th Anniversary Classic.

The match two winner will then meet 2016 PBA Player of the Year and nine-time tour winner EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., and four-time tour titlist Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., in the semifinal match. Kent is coming off a second-place finish in the Go Bowling! 60th Anniversary Classic and third-place finish in the Players Championship.

Belmonte, who will be trying for his 17th Tour title, is coming off a fourth-place finish in the Tournament of Champions and runner-up finish in the Players Championship. O'Neill, trying for his ninth tour title, finished sixth in both the Players Championship and 60th Anniversary Classic. Belmonte, the reigning four-time PBA Player of the Year, and O'Neill have made it into the Roth/Holman Doubles finals three previous times, finishing fourth on each occasion.

The Doubles Championship finalists earned their spots in the stepladder finals through their combined qualifying scores and a separate 16-game Baker format qualifying round held in conjunction with the Players Championship.

The Doubles Championship is named in honor of the PBA Hall of Famers who were three-time PBA doubles champions. Both will be on hand to present the championship trophies to the winners.

PBA Spare Shots

PBA'S "60 MOST MEMORABLE MOMENTS" UNVEILING CONTINUES: 46 THRU 50

The countdown to unveil the complete list of the PBA''s "60 most memorable moments" in its 60-year history continues, one a day, Monday through Friday, on all PBA Network outlets. Last week, "memorable moments" 46 through 50 were unveiled. Here are those five moments as the countdown continues:

46) In 1999, the PBA contested its first outdoor event, The New York City PBA Experience, on a two-lane installation in Manhattan's Bryant Park. **Eric Forkel** won. In another first, Milwaukee's Miller Park became the first major league stadium to host a PBA title event when **Danny Wiseman** (featured photo) won the 2004 USBC Masters. Madison Square Garden hosted several PBA events including three U.S. Opens and Joe Louis Arena in Detroit hosted the largest crowd in PBA History when 7,212 fans watched **Dave Husted**win the 1995 U.S. Open title.

47) After qualifying for the finals during the inaugural World Series of Bowling at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Mich., **Tom Smallwood** won the 2009 PBA World Championship in Wichita, Kan., defeating **Wes Malott**, 244-228. Smallwood's rags-to-riches story after being laid off from his job in the auto industry became a national news story during the nation's economic downturn.

48) The PBA Regional Tour was launched in 1969 with its inaugural event - the Regional Players Championship - at Kingpin Lanes in Cincinnati. **Tom Hennessey** topped a field of 12 regional players representing the PBA's new six-region program. Since then, the PBA Regional program has awarded nearly 6,400 titles to more than 1,840 different bowlers.

49) PBA Hall of Famer **Nelson "Bo" Burton Jr.** set a four-game TV record during the finals the 1984 Angle Open at Dick Weber Lanes in Florissant, Mo., rolling games of 278, 279, 257 and 236 for a 1,050 total to pick up his 17th title.

50) In 1989, Venezuela's **Amleto Monacelli** became the first foreign-born player to win the PBA Player of the Year award after winning four titles. He won POY again in 1990 and became the first foreign player inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame in 1997.

To check on releases of subsequent "moments" as they are revealed, check the PBA Network: PBA on Facebook (<u>www.facebook.com/ProfessionalBowlersAssociation</u>) or Instagram (pbatour); subscribe to the PBA channel on YouTube (PBABowling); tweet along on Twitter (@pbatour), and on the web: <u>https://www.pba.com/PBANetwork/MostMemorableMoments</u>.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE:

• **Matt O'Grady** of Rahway, N.J. defeated 2017 PBA Rookie of the Year **Matt Sanders** of Indianapolis, 244-216, to claim his third consecutive PBA Trumbull County Tourism Bureau Central/East Open title presented by Radical at Bell-Wick Bowl in Hubbard, Ohio, Sunday.

O'Grady, who won his first PBA Tour title in the PBA Tournament of Champions in Fairlawn, Ohio, in February, picked up his sixth PBA Regional title of his career and the \$2,600 first prize.

Frank Snodgrass of Center Line, Mich., defeated **John Furey** of Howell, N.J., 236-185, and **Ryan Shafer** of Horseheads, N.Y., 256-237, before losing to O'Grady in the semifinal match stepladder, 269-166.

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Adcock defeated **Steve Jaros** of Yorkville, Ill., 2-0, and Mueller edged **Jeff Johnson** of Freeport, Ill., 2-1, in the best-of-three-game semifinal round.

• PBA's March 23-25 regional tournament schedule includes the PBA50 Rossi Lanes Open in Elmira, N.Y.; the PBA50 Monte Skeels Allstate Midwest/Central Open at Liberty Lanes in Carpentersville, Ill.. and the Caveman Bowl Northwest/West Open presented by DV8 in Grants Pass, Ore.

• Closing out the March PBA Regional schedule will be the Copperfield Bowl Southwest Challenge for non-title winners over the March 30-April 1 weekend in Houston, Texas.

• For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit <u>pba.com</u>, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area...and remember, you can follow "live scoring" for all PBA Regional events on <u>pba.com</u> (easily accessible for Apple device users using the PBA app).

QUICK NOTES

• A "Pro Bowlers Tour" retro t-shirt is the newest item available exclusively from the PBA Store (<u>http://pba.firelakedesigns.com/</u>) where PBA League fans also can find t-shirts and baseball caps specific to their favorite team (<u>http://pba.firelakedesigns.com/categories/apparel/league/</u>), a line of PBA legends signature t-shirts, and more. It's full of great gift ideas for the PBA fan in your life with Mother's and Father's Days on the horizon.

• The PBA has learned that **Art Pappa**, an Akron, Ohio, native and PBA charter member, died in Las Vegas in mid-February. He was 92.

• USBC and the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America have announced the 2019 U.S. Open will be held Oct. 23-30 at Victory Lanes in Mooresville, N.C. The finals will air on CBS Sports Network.

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Champions defeat San Francisco's Tang brothers to end streak of three straight fourth-place finishes

COLUMBUS, Ohio – After fourth-place finishes as partners in three previous Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championships, Australia's Jason Belmonte and his "best mate," Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., finally won in their fourth try.

With the tournament's namesake PBA Hall of Fame partners in the crowd for the finals of the event that was presented by BowlerX.com, Belmonte and O'Neill defeated brothers Darren and Michael Tang of San Francisco, 205-185, at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl. The finals of the fourth event of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season aired Sunday on ESPN.

After a dominating performance in the preliminary qualifying rounds where they averaged a combined 238.31 for 76 games, earning the top berth in the finals by 327 pins, Belmonte and O'Neill finished in convincing style. The win was the 17th of Belmonte's career and the ninth for O'Neill.

The championship came down to age-and-experience out-matching the youthful exuberance of third-year PBA member Darren Tang, 24, and his 22-year-old brother Michael, a PBA Tour rookie. O'Neill and Belmonte threw only four strikes in the title match – including one double – and converted six single-pin spares. It was enough to stave off the Tangs, who had won three consecutive matches to reach the title contest, but were unable to put together back-to-back strikes in the final match. And one missed 10 pin spare by Darren Tang in the eighth frame was a setback that proved costly.

"The lanes transitioned in a way I didn't see coming, but during the semifinal match you could see they weren't right," O'Neill said. "Marshall (Kent) isn't going to bowl a game like he did very often. We decided we'd be content to hit the pocket and if (the pins) fell, they fell. We were hoping we could get it done with a 2-oh game, and fortunately that's what we did."

"It wasn't playing defense; it was more that we were playing safe," Belmonte said of the team's conservative approach. "The adjustment either one of us could have made to be more aggressive was a risk, so if (the Tangs) couldn't show us they were going to put together a string of strikes, there was no reason to take that risk.

"We bowled amazing all week," Belmonte continued. "Winning was kind of getting the monkey off our back. We've been there three other times when we didn't perform amazingly and today we didn't have to perform amazingly, but we did exactly what we needed to do."

In the alternate-frame format, where each teammate bowled five frames on one lane, the Tang brothers came out of the gate on fire, putting together a string of six strikes early on their way to a 223-203 win over Texans Shawn Maldonado and DJ Archer in game one. Splits and open frames in the final two frames by the Tangs were the only flaws that kept the score close in the end.

In game two, Brandon Novak of Chillicothe, Ohio, and Kris Prather of Plainfield, Ill., looked like they were going to eliminate the brother team when they put together a string of five early strikes. But the Tangs started with three strikes, converted two single-pin spares and combined for three strikes to take the see-saw battle into the 10th frame where Michael Tang doubled and Prather, after a strike on his first ball, left a 10 pin on his second. The Tangs escaped with a 243-235 decision.

The semifinal contest against two of the PBA's top high-rev power players, Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., and EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., was a struggle for both teams as they quickly degraded an oil pattern that had already undergone the wear-and-tear of two earlier matches. Kent was especially vulnerable, throwing three consecutive splits he was unable to convert. Michael Tang also failed to

convert a split, but otherwise the brothers left single pins they were able to spare in posting a 172-151 win to advance to the title match.

PBA players now head to Syracuse, N.Y., where the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour continues with the United States Bowling Congress Masters. As defending champion, Belmonte is automatically seeded into the 64-player three-game total pinfall double-elimination match play finals field and will try for an unprecedented fifth Masters title. If successful, he'll also tie for the PBA record for major championships won with 10, joining the late Earl Anthony and PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber in that elite group.

All qualifying and match play rounds of the USBC Masters in the Oncenter Convention Center in Syracuse, Tuesday, April 10 through Saturday, April 14, will be live streamed on PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame. To sign up, visit <u>xtraframe.tv</u>. The stepladder finals will air live on ESPN on Sunday, April 15, at 1 p.m. ET.

MARK ROTH-MARSHALL HOLMAN PBA DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP presented by BowlerX.com Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl, Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 20-25 (aired on ESPN, March 25)

Final Standings:

- 1, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa./Jason Belmonte, Australia, \$24,000.
- 2, Darren Tang/Michael Tang, San Francisco, \$12,000.
- 3, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind./Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., \$10,000.
- 4, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio/Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., \$9,000.
- 5, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, Texas/DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, \$8,000.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – D. Tang/M. Tang def. Maldonado/Archer, 223-203. Match Two – D. Tang/M. Tang def. Novak/Prather, 243-235. Semifinal Match – D. Tang/M. Tang def. Tackett/Kent, 172-151. Championship – O'Neill/Belmonte def. D. Tang/M. Tang, 205-185.

Mike Mineman Wins PBA50 Monte Skeels Allstate Midwest/Central Open

Carpentersville, Ill. (March 26, 2018) – Mike Mineman of St. Louis, defeated Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio, 212-196, to win the Professional Bowlers Association PBA50 Monte Skeels Allstate Midwest/Central Open at Liberty Lanes Saturday.

Mineman earned \$1,500 in winning his first regional title of the year and seventh of his career.

Mineman defeated Walt Schaub of Schaumburg, Ill., 222-203 and Kretzer edged Jeff Johnson of Freeport, Ill., 196-151, in the semifinal round to set up the championship match.

Kretzer earned \$850 for second place. Schaub and Johnson each earned \$600 as semifinal round losers.

The Midwest Region's next event is at Strike N Spare II in Lockport, Ill., on May 26.

PBA50 Monte Skeels Allstate Midwest/Central Open Liberty Lanes, Carpentersville, Ill., March 23, Saturday

Championship: Mike Mineman, St. Louis, (\$1,500) def. Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, (\$850), 212-196.

Semifinal Round (best game, losers earned \$600):

Mineman def. n-Walt Schaub, Schaumburg, Ill., 222-203. Kretzer def. Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 196-151.

Round of 8 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$500 each):

n-Schaub def. n-John Marsala, Foley, Mo., 2-0. Kretzer def. Dave Traber, Hebron, Ill., 2-1. Johnson def. n-Jeffery Rampart, Kenosha, Wis., 2-1. Mineman def. Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., 2-0.

Round of 16 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$400 each):

n-Schaub def. Curt Aemisegger, Wauconda, Ill., 2-0. n-Marsala def. Scott Merritt, Iowa City, Iowa, 2-1. Mineman def. Scott Weber, LaSalle, Ill., 2-0. Traber def. Brad Sipes, Bloomington, Ill., 2-0. Traber def. John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 2-0. n-Rampart, def. Dennis Erckfritz, Cherry, Ill., 2-0. Kretzer, def. Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 2-1. Johnson, def. Lennie Boresch, Kenosha, Wis., 2-1. n-denotes non-member

Parker Bohn III Wins PBA50 Rossi Lanes Open for 28th Title

Elmira, N.Y. (March 25, 2018) – PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., defeated Rick Graham of Lancaster, Pa., 245-212, to win the PBA50 Rossi Lanes Eastern Open at Rossi Lanes Sunday.

Bohn, who was just returning from bowling in Germany, qualified second, earning byes for two rounds. In Sunday's finals, he defeated defending champion David Kneas of Annapolis, Md., 2-0, in the best-of-three-game Round of 8 before eliminating 2016 Rossi Lanes champ Brian Boghosian of Springfield, Mass., 202-163, in the semifinal round.

Graham, who turned 50 last August, was the qualifying leader. He defeated Darryl Bower of Middletown, Pa., 2-0, in the Round of 8, and Don Herrington of Ballston Lake, N.Y., 200-198, in his semifinal round match.

The win was worth \$3,000 for Bohn, while Graham won \$1,500 as the runner-up. This was the second runner-up finish for Graham in the three PBA50 regionals he has competed in since turning 50.

The next PBA East Region event is the PBA Bowlers Discount Pro Shop Open presented by Hammer hosted by AMF Towson Lanes in Towson, Md., April 13-15.

PBA50 ROSSI LANES EASTERN OPEN Rossi Lanes, Elmira, N.Y., Sunday

Championship: Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J. (\$3,000) def. Rick Graham, Lancaster, Pa., (\$1,500), 245-212.

Semifinal Round (losers earned \$900):

Bohn def. n-Brian Boghosian, Springfield, Mass., 202-163. Graham def., Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y. 200-198.

Round of 8 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$700 each):

Bohn def. David Kneas, Annapolis, Md., 2-0. Graham def. Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 2-0. Boghosian def. Mike Healy, Yonkers, N.Y., 2-0. Herrington def. Sam Maccarone, Blackwood, N.J., 2-1.

Round of 12 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$650 each):

Bower def. Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 2-0. Maccarone def. Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 2-1. Kneas def. Bill Neumann, Rensselaer, N.Y., 2-1. Boghosian def. Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 3-1.

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

Bower def. John DiSantis, Wilmington, Del., 2-0. Maccarone def. Gary Bondarchuk, Langhorne, Pa., 2-0. Kneas def. Robert Boehm, Nutley, N.J., 2-0. Boghosian def. Conn Casey, Canada, 2-0.

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PBA Spare Shots

PBA'S "60 MOST MEMORABLE MOMENTS" UNVEILING CONTINUES: 41 THRU 45

The countdown to unveil the complete list of the PBA''s "60 most memorable moments" in its 60-year history continues, one a day, Monday through Friday, on all PBA Network outlets. Last week, "memorable moments" 41 through 45 were unveiled. Here are those five moments as the countdown continues:

41) With his 259-189 win over **Chris Barnes** in the 2008 PBA World Championship, **Norm Duke** became the first and only bowler to win three consecutive PBA major championships: Denny's World Championship (Indianapolis in February 2008), 65th Denny's U.S. Open (North Brunswick, N.J., in March 2008) and his second PBA World Championship (Wichita in October 2008).

42) The PBA launched its online streaming service, Xtra Frame, during the 2007 Lumber Liquidators Championship in Baltimore. The service promised fans a live "Match of the Week." Today, Xtra Frame features more than 1,200 hours of live bowling from the PBA Tour, PBA50 Tour, PWBA Tour, PBA Xtra Frame Tour Series and select PBA Regional Tour and special events each year. Xtra Frame evolved from PBA's Strike Pass, a vision of the new PBA owners to bring bowling to the World Wide Web back in 2002.

43) Liz Johnson became the first woman to advance to a PBA Tour TV finals during the 2005 PBA Banquet Open in Wyoming, Mich., defeating **Wes Malott**, 235-228, before losing to **Tommy Jones**, 219-192, in the championship match.

44) In 1973 **Don McCune** used chemicals to soften the surface of his bowling balls, creating hooking power no other player could match. Legal at the time, McCune's ingenuity led to a six-title season, a tour-best \$69,000 in earnings and PBA Player of the Year honors...and a bunch of new rules regulating altering bowling balls. The ultimate impact was a new era of bowling balls designed to create hooking power.

45) **Del Ballard Jr.** made history by winning \$100,000, the richest first prize in PBA history, when he defeated **Pete Weber**, 247-209, in the 1987 Seagram's Coolers U.S. Open at Narrows Plaza Bowl in Tacoma, Wash.

To check on releases of subsequent "moments" as they are revealed, check the PBA Network: PBA on Facebook (<u>www.facebook.com/ProfessionalBowlersAssociation</u>) or Instagram (pbatour); subscribe to the PBA channel on YouTube (PBABowling); tweet along on Twitter (@pbatour), and on the web: <u>https://www.pba.com/PBANetwork/MostMemorableMoments</u>.

TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR CBS SPORTS NETWORK TAPINGS OF PBA TOUR FINALS

Tickets are now available for the May 4 and May 5 CBS Sports Network tapings of the PBA Tour Finals at Thunderbowl Lanes in suburban Detroit. The PBA Tour Finals will feature the top eight players in PBA Tour earnings for the past two seasons. Round robin match play tapings on May 4 are at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. ET. The semifinal and final rounds on May 5 will be taped at noon, 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, \$20 and \$30, may be purchased by visiting <u>https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pba-tour-finals-tickets-42645582084</u>. Tickets also will be available at the door.

The USBC Masters (April 10-15) in Syracuse, N.Y., and the PBA Xtra Frame Port Property Management Maine Shootout at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine (April 16-18) are the final two events that will affect the combined earnings list. Going into those events, the top eight players are: **EJ Tackett** (\$380,828), **Jason Belmonte** (\$380,357), **Jesper Svensson** (\$296,456), **Dom Barrett** (\$254,490), **Anthony Simonsen** (\$236,834), **Marshall Kent** (\$223,745), **Tommy Jones** (\$175,652) and, in the No. 8 position, **Sean Rash** (\$154,472).**Tom Smallwood** is right behind Rash with a \$153,057 total.

The PBA Tour finals will air on five consecutive Tuesdays at 9:30 p.m. ET on CBS Sports Network beginning May 15.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: PB3 WINS THIRD PBA50 REGIONAL TITLE

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Bohn, who had just returned from bowling in the Brunswick Euro Challenge in Munich, Germany, qualified second, earning byes for two rounds. In the finals, he defeated defending champion **David Kneas** of Annapolis, Md., 2-0, in the best-of-three-game Round of 8 before eliminating 2016 Rossi Lanes champ **Brian Boghosian** of Springfield, Mass., 202-163, in the semifinal round.

Graham, who turned 50 last August, was the qualifying leader. He defeated **Darryl Bower** of Middletown, Pa., 2-0, in the Round of 8, and **Don Herrington** of Ballston Lake, N.Y., 200-198, in his semifinal round match.

• Quebec native **Ray Lussier** of San Jose, Calif., defeated **Jakob Butturff** of Tempe, Ariz., 244-236, to win the PBA Northwest/West DV8 Open at Caveman Bowl in Grants Pass, Ore., Sunday for a \$2,000 first prize and his first PBA Northwest/West Region title.

Butturff defeated **Blaine Weninger** of Happy Valley, Ore., 228-206, in the semifinal match after defeating **Warren Crawford** of McKinleyville, Calif., in the opening match, 279-217.

• **Mike Mineman** of St. Louis defeated **Brian Kretzer** of Dayton, Ohio, 212-196, to win the PBA50 Monte Skeels Allstate Midwest/Central Open at Liberty Lanes in Carpentersville, Ill., Saturday. Mineman earned \$1,500 along with his seventh overall PBA Regional title. In the semifinal round, Mineman defeated **Walt Schaub** of Schaumburg, Ill., 222-203, and Kretzer edged **Jeff Johnson** of Freeport, Ill., 196-151, to set up the championship match.

• Closing out the March PBA Regional schedule will be the Copperfield Bowl Southwest Challenge for non-title winners over Easter weekend in Houston, Texas.

• For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit <u>pba.com</u>, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area...and remember, you can follow "live scoring" for all PBA Regional events on <u>pba.com</u> (easily accessible for Apple device users using the PBA app).

QUICK NOTES

• Listen to PBA CEO/Commissioner **Tom Clark**'s interview with Herb FM Sports Radio's **Chris Heidel** regarding the PBA's new television agreement with FOX Sports on <u>https://www.iheart.com/podcast/herbfm-sports-radio-28673959/</u>

Jay Nephew Tops PBA Houston Southwest Challenge Field

Houston, Texas, (April 3, 2018) – Houston's Jay Nephew won his last seven matches in the eightgame modified round robin finals to pull away from the field and win his first Professional Bowlers Association title in the Houston Copperfield Bowl Southwest Challenge, presented by 900 Global, on Easter Sunday.

Nephew, who finished second in last year's Copperfield event, had previously won a Challenge event as a non-member, but didn't earn a PBA title because he was an amateur until 2015. Along with his title he earned the \$2,000 winner's check.

After qualifying fifth in the 13-game qualifying portion of the event, Nephew started the match play finals with a loss in his first match, but won his next six matches to build a 24-pin lead over amateur Jacob Heger from Spring, Texas, going into the final position round match where he defeated Heger, 247-183, for the win. Heger maintained second place over former USBC Queens champion Maria Rodriguez, a Colombia native now living in Austin, Texas, who finished third.

The PBA Southwest Region's next event is the PBA Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Open at FireLake Lanes in Shawnee, Okla., April 6-8. The PBA Junction City Southwest/Midwest Open follows May 5-7 at Junction City Bowl in Junction City, Kan.

PBA COPPERFIELD BOWL HOUSTON SOUTHWEST CHALLENGE, presented by Global 900 Copperfield Bowl, Houston, Texas, Sunday

Final Standings (after 21 games, including match play bonus pins):

1, Jay Nephew, Houston, Texas, 7-1, 4,637, \$2,000. 2, n-Jacob Heger, <u>Spring, Texas, 6-1-1</u>, 4,519, \$1,200. 3, w-Maria Rodriguez, Pflugerville, <u>Texas, 5-3</u>, 4,470, \$950. 4, David Tullos, <u>Spring, Texas, 6-1-1</u>, 4,461, \$800. 5, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 5-2-1, 4,439, \$750. 6, n-Terry Gelner, Jr., <u>Cameron, TX, 6-2</u>, 4,425, \$700. 7, n-Bob Hale, Louisville, Ky., 3-4-1, 4,406, \$660. 8, n-Steve Wright, <u>Cypress, Texas, 2-6</u>-0, 4,355, \$640.

9, Gabriel Yanes, Shertz, Texas, 5-3, 4,301, \$620. 10, Adam Pogge, Austin, Texas, 3-5, 4,297, \$600. 11,

n-Daniel Inocencio, College Station, Texas, 4-4, 4,218, \$580. 12, n-J. Troy Boyd, Deer Park, Texas, 4-4, 4,128, \$560. 13, n-Sean Corbett, <u>San Antonio, texas, 2-6</u>-0, 4,091, \$540. 14, n-Skylar Glanovsky, Fort Smith, Ark., <u>2-6</u>, 4,082, \$520. 15, Zakary Edgerton, Greenville, Texas, <u>2-6</u>, 4,063, \$510. 16, Vaughn Cruz, Helotes, Texas, 0-8, 4,043, \$500.

n-denotes non-member

PBA Spare Shots

JASON BELMONTE ESCAPES SERIOUS INJURY ON EVE OF USBC MASTERS

Australia's **Jason Belmonte**, arguably the most successful bowler in USBC Masters history, may limp into Syracuse, N.Y., next week after escaping serious injury earlier this week while helping his grandmother move.

Belmonte, in a Facebook post where he included a photo of his foot covered with colorful ice packs, said his father accidentally ran over his right (push away) foot with a one-ton trailer.

"It's fine," the defending Masters champion reported. "A little sore, but I can walk just fine. (I) was helping my grandmother move and my foot got in the way of the trailer. But no breaks. All good."

In addition to trying to defend his 2017 Masters title, the Australian two-handed star also will be trying to win the Masters for a fifth time (he's the only four-time winner), and if he's successful, he will join the late Earl Anthony and Pete Weber as the third player in PBA history to win 10 major championships.

Belmonte will bowl the qualifying rounds beginning Tuesday, but because he's automatically seeded into the 64-player double-elimination match play field, his real competition will begin next Friday. All qualifying and three-day match play elimination rounds of the Masters will be covered live, exclusively by PBA's Xtra Frame online video streaming channel.

PBA'S XTRA FRAME COVERAGE OFFERS HOURS OF EXCLUSIVE COVERAGE IN APRIL

Now that the "madness" is over, PBA's Xtra Frame will resume its exclusive coverage of PBA action in a big way, beginning with coverage of all qualifying and three-game match play elimination rounds of the USBC Masters from the Oncenter Convention Center in Syracuse, Tuesday, April 10, through the final matches on Saturday, April 14, to determine the five finalists for Sunday's live ESPN telecast at 1 p.m. ET.

Following the Masters, Xtra Frame heads to Portland, Maine, for the "draw party" to determine the bracket positions for the 64 players enter in the PBA Xtra Frame Port Property Management Maine Shootout. Coverage of the draw party on Monday, April 16, at 12:50 p.m.will be followed by the elimination matches Tuesday and Wednesday, including the semifinal and title matches beginning at 5:50 p.m. The XF Maine Shootout will be the final qualifying event to determine the eight-player field for the PBA Tour Finals May 4-6 at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Mich.

On the heels of the Maine Shootout, Xtra Frame will cover all eight OceanView at Falmouth PBA League teams as they bowl a "seeding" tournament on Friday, April 20, to determine the matchups for Saturday's opening round of best-of-two-game Baker team matches.

Following its Maine schedule, Xtra Frame heads south to kick off the 2018 PBA50 Tour season with startto-finish coverage of the PBA50 Florida Open from New Port Richey, Fla., April 21-23; the PBA National Championship presented by Radical – the senior tour's first major of the year – from The Villages, April 24-28, and the PBA50 Mooresville Ford Open from Mooresville, N.C., April 29-May 2.

Also in April will be the first event of the 2018 PWBA season, the Las Vegas Open, April 27-28.

Fans can watch the entire month of coverage for only \$7.99. A three-day subscription is also available, for \$3.99, and the 12-month Season Ticket plan is offered for about \$1.25 week. To sign up for the plan that works best for you, visit <u>xtraframe.tv</u>.

PBA'S "60 MOST MEMORABLE MOMENTS" UNVEILING CONTINUES: 36 THRU 40

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36) At age 50, **Walter Ray Williams Jr.** swept every major statistical category during the 2009-10 PBA Tour season en route to a record seventh Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year honor. Williams also was named Bowler of the Decade for the second consecutive decade – a feat unprecedented in the sports world. A season earlier Williams became the first player to surpass \$4 million in PBA career earnings.

37) PBA Hall of Famer **Pete Weber** became the first player to complete the PBA Triple Crown for a second time when he defeated **Jason Belmonte**, 224-179, to win the 2013 PBA Tournament of Champions at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis. He also became the oldest player to win the TOC at age 50.

38) The 1991 PBA Tournament of Champions was delayed 40 minutes due to a bomb threat at Riviera Lanes. It turned out to be a hoax and **David Ozio** went on to defeat **Amleto Monacelli**, 236-203, for the title which led to 1991 PBA Player of the Year honors.

39 In 2016 at age 20 years and 357 days, **Jesper Svensson** defeated **Mitch Beasley**, 231-221, to become the youngest player to win the PBA Tournament of Champions. The previous record was set in 1976, 40 years earlier, when **Marshall Holman** won the TOC at age 21 years, 207 days.

40) In 1994, **Bryan Goebel** defeated **Norm Duke**, 296-280, in the title match of the PBA True Value Open in Peoria, Ill. Goebel left the 3-6-9-10 on his final shot to lose a \$200,000 perfect-game bonus offered by True Value in its own tournament and Duke's 280 game still remains the highest losing score in a televised title match.

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PBA HALL OF FAMER DANNY WISEMAN GETS ANOTHER 15 MINUTES OF FAME

Baltimore's **Danny Wiseman** has had his share of time in the spotlight as a 12-time PBA Tour champion and PBA Hall of Fame inductee, but he got an unexpected "15 minutes of fame" on opening day of the Major League Baseball season when he attended the Orioles' home opener against the Minnesota Twins – and caught the game-winning 11th-inning walk-off home run by Baltimore's **Adam Jones.**

Well, he sort of caught the ball. Wiseman admitted the sizzling line drive went right through his hands and hit him the chest. But, he noted, he got the ball...and a sizeable welt.

"It won't out-rank my (USBC) Masters win (at Miller Park in Milwaukee) or my title in Baltimore in 1990, but in terms of excitement, yah, it ranks right up there," Wiseman said.

For a more detailed explanation, check out Wiseman's television interview: <u>https://www.facebook.com/107752155919763/videos/2011323902229236/</u>

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• April's busy regional schedule continues over the April 6-8 weekend with the <u>PBA Grand</u> <u>Casino/Hotel/Resort Southwest Open, presented by Hammer, at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee,</u> <u>Okla., and the PBA and PBA50 Earl Anthony West/Northwest Memorial doubleheader at Earl Anthony's</u> Dublin Bowl in Dublin, Calif.

• The only PBA Regional event on the April 13-15 calendar is the <u>PBA Bowlers Discount Pro Shop East</u> <u>Open, presented by Hammer, at AMF Towson Lanes in Towson, Md.</u>

• As the PBA50 Tour season closes in, PBA50 players will have a final tuneup opportunity in the PBA50 Sarasota South Open at Sarasota Lanes in Sarasota, Fla., April 18-20.

• The April 20-22 PBA Regional calendar includes the <u>Debbie & Leo Nunan Memorial Central Open</u> <u>presented by Track</u> at AMF Stardust Lanes in Grove City, Ohio; and <u>PBA South Point West Challenge for</u> <u>non-champions plus the South Point Member/Non-Member Doubles, both presented by Brunswick, in Las</u> <u>Vegas.</u>

• Closing out the month over the April 27-29 weekend will be the <u>PBA Rockaway Lanes East Open,</u> <u>presented by Storm, in Rockaway</u>, N.J., and the PBA Brighton Construction Myrtle Beach South Open at Myrtle Beach Bowl in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

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QUICK NOTES

• Martha Smith of Clyo, Ga., is the winner of a new high-performance ball from DV8, **Dennis LeFevre** of Los Banos, Calif., will receive a new high-performance ball from MOTIV and **Marvin Toennies** of Arnold, Mo., wins a new Brunswick ball as March sweepstakes winners for subscribing to Xtra Frame. The monthly sweepstakes is sponsored by the respective PBA Product Registered partners. Monthly winners are selected from among new Xtra Frame subscribers, who are automatically entered when they enroll as a monthly or Xtra Frame Season Ticket (full year) subscriber.

• **Ted Bogumil** is the March winner of a \$200 HotelPlanner.com certificate, redeemable for future lodging expenses, compliments of PBA's official travel partner. The monthly sweepstakes is open to anyone who books a hotel through the HotelPlanner.com link on <u>pba.com</u>. Those who book through HotelPlanner.com are automatically entered.

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17-Year-Old Trey Ford III Wins PBA FireLake/Grand Casino Resort Southwest Open

Shawnee, Okla., (April 9, 2018) – Trey Ford III, a 17-year-old two-handed bowler from Bartlesville, Okla., threw three strikes in the 10th frame of the championship match to defeat David (Boog) Krol of Nixa, Mo., 245-229, in the seventh annual PBA FireLake/Grand Casino Resort Southwest Open presented by Hammer, to win his first PBA Regional title and become the youngest player ever to win a PBA Regional title.

Ford, who began bowling PBA events as a 13-year-old amateur, became PBA's youngest member ever when he joined the organization with parental consent at age 15 years, 157 days in 2016. He previously had a second-place finish in a PBA Southwest Region event at FireLake last September, and won Sunday's \$2,700 first prize at the age of 17 years, 226 days.

After leading the 13 games of qualifying and receiving byes into the Round of 8, Ford eliminated two Wichita State collegiate players to advance to the finals. Thomas McNeal Jr. of Puyallup, Wash., was Ford's first victim, losing 2-0 in the best-of-three-game Round of 8. Jacob Kersten, originally from Clarkston, Mich., came up short in the one game semifinal round, 236-222.

Krol, also a two-handed player, qualified in second place and had a similar road to the final. In his opening match, he defeated Scott McCleery of Lubbock, Texas, 2-0, and then put away another Wichita State Shocker, Cortez Schenck of Scottsdale, Ariz., 192-191. Krol collected \$1,800 for second place while Schenck and Kersten each added \$1,125 to their SMART scholarship accounts.

The pro-am portion of the event on Friday included a fundraiser for the Shawnee area Big Brothers Big Sisters chapter. FireLake General Manager Chris Skillings announced more than \$10,000 was raised for that cause.

The PBA Southwest Region's returns to Junction City, Kan., May 4-6, for the PBA Southwest Region Junction City Bowl Southwest/Midwest Open.

PBA FIRELAKE GRAND CASINO RESORT SOUTHWEST OPEN presented by Hammer

FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Okla., Sunday

Championship:

Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., (\$2,700) def. David (Boog) Krol Jr., Nixa, Mo., (\$1,800), 245-229.

Semifinal Round (losers earned \$1,125):

Ford def. n-Jacob Kersten, Wichita, Kan., 236-222. Krol def. n-Cortez Schenck, Wichita, Kan., 192-191.

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

Krol def. Scott McCleery, Lubbock, Texas, 2-1. Ford def. n-Thomas McNeal, Wichita, Kan., 2-0. n-Schenck def. Joe Findling, Mesquite, Texas, 2-0. n-Kersten def. Marshall Morrison, Wills Point, Texas, 2-1.

Round of 12 (best of three games, losers earned \$650):

McCleery def. n-Blake Starr, Yukon, Okla., 2-0. n-McNeal def. Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 2-1. Findling def. Roger Petrin, Wichita, Kan., 2-0. n-Kersten def. Mike Bailey, Allen, Texas, 2-0.

Round of 16 (best of three games, losers earned \$550):

Lesko def. n-Sean Sadat, Houston, Texas, 2-1. McCleery def. Chris Skillings, Tecumseh, Okla., 2-1. Findling def. Zakary Edgerton, Greenville, Texas, 2-0. n-Kersten def. n-Jack Zuniga, Tulsa, Okla., 2-1.

300 games: Anthony Lockwood

n-denotes non-member

Jacob Kent Averages 228 to Take USBC Masters First Round Lead

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By Matt Cannizzaro, USBC Communications

The year Jacob Kent of Newark, New York, was born, his father, USBC and PBA Hall of Famer Doug Kent, won the first of his two USBC Masters titles.

Jacob grew up seeing that trophy, and many others, on a daily basis, and it motivated him to want one of his own someday.

The younger Kent now is 26 years old and has his sights set on the 2018 edition of the Masters trophy, which is up for grabs this week at the Oncenter Convention Center. He paced the sold-out 360-player field through the first of three days of qualifying, averaging 228 for five games Tuesday.

Kent's 1,140 total landed him seven pins ahead of France's Gaetan Mouveroux (1,133), who was followed by Anthony Lavery-Spahr of Little Elm, Texas, and Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas (1,130), and Sean Rash of Montgomery, Illinois (1,123). Defending champion Jason Belmonte of Australia finished the day in 26th place with a 1,066 total.

"This is one of the tournaments I look forward to every year," Kent said. "I think it's one of the most prestigious events besides the U.S. Open, and I definitely think it's the hardest to win because of how the match-play style is. It's very difficult to make it to the TV show. For my dad to win it two times is special, and it would be awesome if I was ever able to win, too. Having a third title in the family would be absolutely incredible and a dream come true."

Because Jacob Kent works full-time at a bank and part-time at his family's bowling center, Doug Kent's Rose Bowl Lanes, he doesn't have much time to bowl, but he did everything to make sure he was ready for this week's event.

All qualifying and match play rounds of the Masters are covered live on Xtra Frame, the PBA's online bowling channel. For subscription information, visit PBA.com.

And, where competing approximately 60 miles from home might add pressure for some bowlers, Kent is embracing the opportunity to represent upstate New York on the lanes. Getting to sleep in his own bed also is a comforting bonus.

Oh, and there's the unlimited support and sage fatherly advice from a 10-time PBA champion, whose list of accomplishments includes six standard PBA Tour titles and four majors, which earned him the No. 43 spot on the 2009 list of the 50 Greatest Players in PBA History.

"My dad always says he's past his prime, but he still throws it amazing," said Jacob Kent, a former Junior Team USA member and collegiate national champion with Robert Morris-Illinois in 2013. "He's always willing to give advice and reminds me to take it one shot at a time and not try to win the tournament in one shot or the first game. It's a long format, so don't think that one game is going to cost you the whole tournament and knock you out. It's just a matter of grinding it out, being yourself and taking it one shot at a time."

All competitors at the Oncenter Convention Center this week will bowl 15 games of qualifying over three days to determine the match-play field. The top 63 players will join Belmonte in the double-elimination bracket, where three-game total pinfall determines who advances.

Match play will take place Friday and Saturday and determine the five players for the championship stepladder, which will be televised live on ESPN on Sunday, beginning at 1 p.m. Eastern.

As the defending champion, Belmonte is guaranteed the No. 64 spot in the bracket, but bowling qualifying gives him a chance to improve his seeding, as well as get a feel for the bowling center and oil pattern.

The Australian two-hander is seeking his fifth Masters title since 2013 and record-tying

10th career major victory. PBA Tour star Pete Weber and the late Earl Anthony share the record.

Jacob Kent's five games Tuesday were contested on the "burn" squad, meaning one group of competitors already had bowled on the lanes before his squad. Each of the next two rounds, Kent will face a fresh version of the 40-foot oil pattern, which will require a completely different game plan.

When he returns to the lanes Wednesday at 8 a.m. Eastern, the young right-hander will rely on a combination of what he experienced in practice Monday and what he saw throughout the day Tuesday. He'll also consider what he learned in previous Masters appearances.

"I was kind of young and still learning a lot about the game when I bowled the Masters before, and I didn't see it the way I do now, which is a lot like my dad does," Kent said. "It's a lot safer, and I know not to go for the home run all the time, but when it's there, you have to go for it. That's one thing I did today. I know I had a really good ball reaction compared to a lot of people, so I really tried to go after it and use it to my advantage to get as much as I could. I hope I can do that tomorrow, too, though I'll be playing much straighter."

When Doug Kent claimed his second Masters title in 2006, Jacob was in high school and unable to make the trip to Milwaukee due to his workload at school. By then, though, he was old enough to understand the significance of winning such a prestigious event once, let alone multiple times, a feat accomplished by just eight bowlers since the event debuted in 1951.

"My dad's first title was the Masters in 1991, so I think it would be really cool if somehow I could carry on that legacy and win my first title at the Masters, too," Kent said.

Doug Kent finished the first day of qualifying Tuesday tied for 130th place with a 986 total.

The 2018 Masters features a total prize fund of \$270,000 and is a major event on the PBA Tour. The winner will take home \$30,000.

For complete Masters first round results click on http://scores.bowl.com/2018_Masters/Qualifying1.pdf

PBA Spare Shots

OKLAHOMA'S TREY FORD III BECOMES YOUNGEST PBA REGIONAL TITLIST AT AGE 17

Trey Ford III, a 17-year-old two-handed bowler from Bartlesville, Okla., threw three strikes in the 10th frame of the championship match to defeat **David (Boog) Krol** of Nixa, Mo., 245-229, in the seventh annual PBA FireLake/Grand Casino Resort Southwest Open presented by Hammer at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla., Sunday, winning his first PBA Regional title and becoming the youngest player ever to win a PBA Regional title.

Ford, who began bowling PBA events with parental consent as a 13-year-old amateur, became PBA's youngest member ever when he joined the organization at age 15 years, 157 days in 2016. He previously had a second-place finish in a PBA Southwest Region event at FireLake last September, and won Sunday's \$2,700 first prize at the age of 17 years, 226 days.

After leading the 13 games of qualifying and receiving byes into the Round of 8, Ford eliminated two Wichita State collegiate players to advance to the finals. **Thomas McNeal Jr.** of Puyallup, Wash., was Ford's first victim, losing 2-0 in the best-of-three-game Round of 8.**Jacob Kersten**, originally from Clarkston, Mich., came up short in the one game semifinal round, 236-222.

Krol, also a two-handed player, qualified in second place and had a similar road to the final. In his opening match, he defeated **Scott McCleery** of Lubbock, Texas, 2-0, and then put away another Wichita State Shocker, **Cortez Schenck** of Scottsdale, Ariz., 192-191.

The pro-am portion of the event on Friday included a fundraiser for the Shawnee area Big Brothers Big Sisters chapter. FireLake General Manager **Chris Skillings** announced more than \$10,000 was raised for that cause.

FURTHER REVIEW COSTS PETE WEBER A REGIONAL TITLE

Research into Trey Ford's first PBA Regional victory also uncovered a mistake dating back to 1979 when **Pete Weber** won his first regional in early fall in St. Louis, also at age 17. At the time, however, Weber was credited with a PBA Regional title although he didn't become a PBA member until Nov. 30 of that year. So while he was the youngest player ever to win a PBA Regional at that time, he should not have been credited with a title because he wasn't a member.

The correction means Weber now has 46 standard regional titles, one behind **Chris Warren** of Grants Pass, Ore., and Weber, who has won five PBA50 regional titles, has 51 overall – one behind **Dale Traber** of Cedarburg, Wis. (39 standard and 13 PBA50).

NEXT 10 DAYS WILL BE MEANINGFUL FOR TOM SMALLWOOD & FRIENDS

The next 10 days will be especially meaningful to **Tom Smallwood** of Saginaw, Mich., and, presumably, fellow PBA Tour competitors **Bill O'Neill** of Langhorne, Pa.; **Ryan Ciminelli** of Clarence, N.Y.; Canada's **Francois Lavoie;** two-hander **Kyle Troup** of Taylorsville, N.C., and Texan **Wes Malott** as they pursue the eighth and final berth in the 2018 PBA Tour Finals which will take place May 4-5 at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Mich.

The PBA Tour Finals, which will be televised by CBS Sports Network as part of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule, will include the top eight players in combined PBA Tour/World Bowling Tour earnings from the start of the 2016 season through this week's USBC Masters and the Port Property Management PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout April 17-18 at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine.

Heading into the Masters, the top eight players in combined earnings were **EJ Tackett** (\$380,828), **Jason Belmonte** (\$380,357), **Jesper Svensson** (\$296,456), **Dom**

Barrett (\$254,490), **Anthony Simonsen** (\$236,834), **Marshall Kent** (\$223,745), **Tommy Jones**(\$175,652) and, in the No. 8 position, **Sean Rash** (\$154,472).

With a \$30,000 first prize at stake in the Masters and \$10,000 to the winner in Maine, Smallwood has the best chance to break into the elite eight-man field. Smallwood's combined earnings are \$153,057, just over \$1,000 behind Rash. Longer shots, but still mathematically in contention, are O'Neill (\$147,275), Ciminelli (\$137,080), Lavoie (\$128,055), Troup (\$125,780) and Malott (\$118,883).

The final results will be decided live on Xtra Frame during its exclusive coverage of the Maine Shootout on April 17-18. To watch that event, subscribe to Xtra Frame. Details can be found at <u>xtraframe.tv</u>.

PBA'S APRIL XTRA FRAME COVERAGE INCLUDES PBA TOUR, SENIORS, WOMEN

PBA's Xtra Frame live coverage of the best in bowling in April will include all qualifying and three-game match play elimination rounds of the USBC Masters from Syracuse today through the final matches on Saturday leading into Sunday's live ESPN telecast at 1 p.m. ETfollowed by the PBA Tour's return to Portland, Maine, for the Port Property Management PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout and the OceanView at Falmouth PBA League Elias Cup finals.

Coverage in Portland begins with the "draw party" to determine the bracket positions for the 64 players entered in the Maine Shootout next Monday at 1 p.m. Three-game single-elimination matches will be livestreamed on Tuesday and Wednesday, including the semifinal and title matches beginning at 6 p.m. ET on Wednesday, April 18. The XF Maine Shootout will be the final qualifying event to determine the eight players who will compete in the PBA Tour Finals May 4-5 in Allen Park, Mich.

Following the Maine Shootout, Xtra Frame will cover the PBA League "seeding" tournament on Friday, April 20, to determine the matchups for Saturday's opening round of best-of-two-game Baker team matches. PBA League telecasts will air four consecutive Sundays at 1 p.m. ET on ESPN, beginning on April 22.

Next up will be the start of the 2018 PBA50 Tour season where Xtra Frame will provide live start-to-finish coverage of the PBA50 Florida Open from New Port Richey, Fla., April 21-23, followed by the PBA50 UnitedHealthcare National Championship presented by Spanish Springs Lanes and Radical – the senior tour's first major of the year – from The Villages, April 24-28, and the PBA50 Mooresville Ford Open from Mooresville, N.C., April 29-May 2.

April also means the start of the 2018 PWBA season. Xtra Frame will cover preliminary rounds of the Las Vegas Open, April 27-28.

Fans can watch the entire month of coverage for only \$7.99. A three-day subscription is also available, for \$3.99, and the 12-month Season Ticket plan is offered for about \$1.25 week. To sign up for the plan that works best for you, visit <u>xtraframe.tv</u>.

PBA'S "60 MOST MEMORABLE MOMENTS" UNVEILING CONTINUES: 31 THRU 35

The countdown to unveil the complete list of the PBA''s "60 most memorable moments" in its 60-year history continues, one a day, Monday through Friday, on all PBA Network outlets. Last week, "memorable moments" 31 through 35 were unveiled. Here are those five moments as the countdown continues:

31) **Mike Aulby** won the 1996 Bayer/Brunswick Touring Players Championship to become the only player to win bowling's "Super Slam" consisting of all five majors (U.S. Open, PBA National/World Championship, PBA Tournament of Champions, USBC Masters & PBA Touring Players Championship). Aulby also won Showboat Invitational and Brunswick Memorial World Open titles, and remains the only player to win every 56-game format tournament the PBA has

offered. Aulby also was the first player to earn PBA Rookie (1979) and Player of the Year (1985) honors.

32) In 2017, **Jason Belmonte** became the only player to win the USBC Masters four times, defeating then-amateur **Michael Tang**, 279–212, in Las Vegas for his eighth PBA major title. By winning the 2015 Masters, Belmonte became the only player to win the event three consecutive time, defeating AJ Johnson in Green Bay, Wis.

33) In 1981, **Bill Beach** defeated **Bill Lillard**, 200-191, in the first "PBA Senior Tour" event, the PBA Senior Championship in New Orleans, La. The re-named PBA50 Tour has provided 50-and-older players with numerous memorable moments, including **Mark Roth**becoming the first player to earn both "PBA Senior" (2001) and PBA Player of the Year honors (1977-79 and 1984), and where **Joe Scarborough** bowled the first certified 900 series in PBA history in his first three games of the 2013 PBA50 Sun Bowl at The Villages.

34) In 1975, **Earl Anthony** became the first player to earn \$100,000 in a single season with his victory in the Buzz Fazio Open in Battle Creek, Mich. Anthony's seventh win of the year was worth \$5,000 and put his season earnings at \$100,890. Earlier that year, Anthony won a record third consecutive PBA National Championship in Toledo, Ohio...a feat he repeated in the same event in 1981, '82 and '83. In 2009, Anthony was selected as No. 1 on the PBA's list of the 50 Greatest Players during its 50th Anniversary Gala in Las Vegas.

35) **"Wrong Foot" Lou Campi** of Dumont, N.J., won the PBA's first event, the 1959 Empire State Open in Albany, N.Y., and collected a \$2,500 first prize.

To check on releases of subsequent "moments" as they are revealed, check the PBA Network: PBA on Facebook (<u>www.facebook.com/ProfessionalBowlersAssociation</u>) or Instagram (pbatour); subscribe to the PBA channel on YouTube (PBABowling); tweet along on Twitter (@pbatour), and on the web: <u>https://www.pba.com/PBANetwork/MostMemorableMoments</u>.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: BUTTURFF WINS 14TH REGIONAL TITLE IN DUBLIN

Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz., posted a 14-2 match play record and a 24-game total of 5,967 pins Sunday to win the PBA Earl Anthony West/Northwest Memorial at Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl in Dublin, Calif., Sunday while amateur **Dennis Acma** of San Ramon, Calif., won the PBA50 Earl Anthony Memorial.

Butturff cruised to his 14th PBA Regional title and the \$2,500 first prize by 299 pins over Canadian native **Ray Lussier** of San Jose, Calif., who had an 11-5 record and a 24-game total of 5,668 pins, including match play bonus pins.

Acma went 7-5 in the 12-game match play finals and knocked down 4,482 total pins for his 20 games to top **Bob Rosenau** of Redding Calif., by 35 pins. Acma collected \$1,500, but doesn't get credit for a PBA title because he isn't a PBA member.

• The only PBA Regional event on the April 13-15 calendar is the <u>PBA Bowlers Discount Pro Shop East</u> <u>Open, presented by Hammer, at AMF Towson Lanes in Towson, Md.</u>

• As the PBA50 Tour season closes in, PBA50 players will have a final tuneup opportunity in the PBA50 Sarasota South Open at Sarasota Lanes in Sarasota, Fla., April 18-20.

• The April 20-22 PBA Regional calendar includes the <u>Debbie & Leo Nunan Memorial Central Open</u> <u>presented by Track</u> at AMF Stardust Lanes in Grove City, Ohio; and <u>PBA South Point West Challenge for</u> <u>non-champions plus the South Point Member/Non-Member Doubles, both presented by Brunswick, in Las</u> <u>Vegas.</u> • Closing out the month over the April 27-29 weekend will be the <u>PBA Rockaway Lanes East Open</u>, <u>presented by Storm, in Rockaway</u>, N.J., and the PBA Brighton Construction Myrtle Beach South Open at Myrtle Beach Bowl in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

• For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit <u>pba.com</u>, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area...and remember, you can follow "live scoring" for all PBA Regional events on <u>pba.com</u> (easily accessible for Apple device users using the PBA app).

Big Second Round Helps Stuart Williams Take USBC Masters Lead by jschneider | Wednesday, April 11, 8:52 PM

England's Stuart Williams holds the overall lead through two rounds of the 2018 USBC Masters with a 2,219 pinfall total, a 221.9 average, which included sets of 1,048 on the burn Tuesday and 1,171 on the fresh Wednesday morning. He catapulted from 48th place into the lead with the second-highest block of the day.

For Williams, a veteran on the international bowling scene, the initial expectation this week was that the bigger scores would come from the burn squad, and that would be the time to get all you could. That was how he found early success at the 2017 event in Las Vegas.

When that wasn't exactly the case this year at the Oncenter Convention Center in Syracuse, his experience and versatility helped him adapt on the fly.

"The lanes were actually quite a bit harder on the burn than I think most people expected them to be, so I was a little anxious this morning with only shooting 48 over on what we thought would be the "easy" squad," said Williams, a 36-year-old right-hander who finished third at the 2013 Masters. "I came in and made a decision that I wasn't going to try and play to the right too much because it seemed like it was very difficult out there. I figured we were going to get into the middle of the lane anyway, so I might as well be there to start with, so I wouldn't miss the transition."

Like any bowling event, the USBC Masters presents competitors with an ever-changing puzzle that must be solved in a set period of time, or games, often through a series of educated guesses.

Through two days of qualifying at the 2018 USBC Masters, PBA Hall of Famer Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, has proven to be the among the most versatile problem solvers, turning in consistent performances on both variations of this week's 40-foot oil pattern - the fresh and the "burn."

The 48-year-old right-hander and three-time Masters runner-up rolled nearly identical scores during his first two qualifying blocks shooting 1,082 on the fresh lane condition Tuesday and 1,078 on the burn Wednesday for a 10-game total of 2,160, which is 10th overall.

"Over the years, I've been pretty lucky and gotten to lead this event three times, and most of those times, I had a look from a few different parts of the lane, so it didn't really matter if I bowled on the fresh or the hook or this type of player or that type of player," Barnes said. "Based on that, I'm looking for as many different avenues to get there, so that no matter what you bowl on, you have a plan of attack that will allow you to succeed."

Other competitors in the 360-player field claimed their spots near the top of the leaderboard with help from a big block on either the fresh or the burn, while grinding along on the other.

Williams is followed in the standings by 2016 Masters champion Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas (2,214), Kyle Cook of Centerville, Ohio (2,182), and Chris Loschetter of Avon, Ohio, and Sean Lavery-Spahr of Pasadena, Texas, who are tied for fourth place with 2,178.

The Masters stepladder finals will be broadcast live on ESPN on Sunday at 1 p.m. Eastern.

Defending champion Jason Belmonte of Australia is 32nd with a 2,100 total. The Australian two-hander is seeking his fifth Masters title since 2013 and record-tying 10th career major victory to tie PBA Hall of Famers Pete Weber and the late Earl Anthony who share the record.

As the defending champion, Belmonte is guaranteed the No. 64 spot in the bracket, but bowling qualifying gives him a chance to improve his seeding, as well as get a feel for the bowling center and oil pattern.

Another big performer Wednesday was Andrew Suscreba of Clifton, New Jersey, whose experience this week has been the opposite of Williams.

Suscreba, 25-year-old right-hander and former collegiate bowler at William Paterson, experienced a couple of hiccups and challenges with ball reaction Tuesday on the way to a 987 opening round on the fresh oil pattern, but he bounced back Wednesday with an 1,176 effort on the burn, the highest block of the day. He is eighth after two rounds with a 2,163 total.

Despite finishing the first day of competition tied for 128th place, Suscreba feels his strategy is sound, and he expects to see a better result when he bowls on the fresh again in Thursday's third round.

Qualifying at the Oncenter Convention Center continues Thursday at 8 a.m. Eastern, and 15-game pinfall totals will determine the match-play field. The top 63 players will join Belmonte in the double-elimination bracket, where three-game total pinfall determines who advances.

Match play will take place Friday and Saturday and determine the five players for the championship stepladder. All preliminary rounds are streamed live on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame. For subscription information visit www.xtraframe.tv.

For complete second round standings click on http://scores.bowl.com/2018_Masters/Qualifying2.pdf

Stuart Williams is Top Qualifier Heading Into USBC Masters Match Play

by jschneider | Thursday, April 12, 9:17 PM

By Aaron Smith, USBC Communications

England's Stuart Williams paced the field for the second consecutive day at the 2018 USBC Masters to finish as the top overall qualifier for the tournament's doubleelimination match-play bracket. After surging to the top of the standings at the Oncenter Convention Center on Wednesday, Williams added a 1,076 set Thursday to finish qualifying with a 15-game total of 3,295, a 219.6 average.

Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas, the 2016 USBC Masters champion, qualified second with 3,250, Team USA's Andrew Anderson of Holly, Michigan, was third with 3,247, tournament newcomer Brandon Biondo of Carpentersville, Illinois, was fourth with 3,234 and Sean Lavery-Spahr of Pasadena, Texas, rounded out the top five with 3,224.

Action at the 2018 Masters now shifts to match play, with the first half of the bracket taking the lanes Friday at 9 a.m. Eastern. Winners will be determined by three-game total pinfall.

Match play will continue throughout the day Friday and into Saturday, and the final five players will advance to the stepladder finals, which will be broadcast live on ESPN on Sunday at 1 p.m. Eastern.

Williams, a 36-year-old right-hander who now resides in Phoenix, averaged more than 224 during his two blocks on the tournament's fresh 40-foot lane condition. He's seen favorable ball reaction throughout the week, and now will rely on his experience to help him back to the stepladder finals. He finished third at the 2013 Masters held in North Brunswick, New Jersey.

"I've been able to have good ball reaction for most of this week from multiple angles, so that should play favorably for me in matches," said Williams, who won the 2011 Professional Bowlers Association Bayer Viper Open. "From here out, it's just about making good shots, hopefully staying ahead of the transition and making good choices."

Williams also thinks this week's challenging condition will lead to some interesting decisions in match play.

"I think with how challenging the pattern played, urethane will be out of play for most of the guys," Williams said. "I'm sure a few will try, but there seems to be way too much oil to the outside part of the lane. That'll bring a few more tactics into play for matches, like being able to break it down in different parts of the lane, so it should be interesting."

Williams will face Ramon Hilferink of the Netherlands in the first round of match play Friday. Hilferink earned the No. 64 seed in a four-way roll-off to determine the final two spots in the bracket.

Hilferink rolled a 190 game to hold on to the final spot, while Charlie Brown of Grandville, Michigan, will be No. 63 in the bracket after posting 201. Ryan Patterson of Washington, West Virginia, and Chad Roberts of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, were eliminated after games of 182 and 177, respectively. All four players finished qualifying with a 3,054 total, a 203.6 average.

Brown will start match play against Simonsen, who had a much different experience in Syracuse this week compared to his time in Las Vegas for the 2017 event, where he entered as the defending champion and automatically was seeded into match play.

With some extra excitement and fanfare heading into last year's event, the 21-year-old two-hander qualified 59th, slightly improving his spot in the bracket after being guaranteed the No. 64 spot. He admitted he really didn't settle into the right frame of mind as early as he would've liked. He won his first match but eventually finished tied for 17th place.

"It's different coming back to try and defend a title, especially at this event and with how the seeding works," said Simonsen, whose Masters win made him the youngest major champion in PBA history at 19 years and 39 days old. "It was tougher to get into tournament mode knowing I already was in the top 64, and I ended up getting a slower start in match play before everything kicked back to normal. Having to earn my spot this week, I was in the right mindset from the get go."

Simonsen will look to take what he's learned through qualifying at the Oncenter Convention Center and match his performance from 2016, where he went undefeated in match play and defeated Canada's Dan MacLelland in the title match, 245-207.

"I've figured out a trick to keep it around the pocket on the fresh and was able to get away with a couple of good games," said Simonsen, who owns three PBA Tour titles. "I'm going to stick with that as the game plan tomorrow. I'll have a couple of ball options available but plan on staying in that same zone."

This year's defending champion, Jason Belmonte of Australia, also improved his seeding, finishing qualifying in a tie for 42nd place with a 3,097 total.

Belmonte, who is seeking his fifth Masters title since 2013 and record-tying 10th career major, will bowl 2015 U.S. Open champion Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, New York, in his opening match Friday.

Other past champions advancing to match play include 2007 winner Sean Rash of Montgomery, Illinois, and Tom Hess of Urbandale, Iowa, who captured the title in 2011.

Rash will face Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, South Carolina, in the first round, while Hess squares off against Steven Arehart of Chesapeake, Virginia.

All competitors at the 2018 Masters bowled 15 games of qualifying over three days to determine the 63 players joining Belmonte in match play.

The Masters, a major title on the PBA Tour, will have livestream coverage leading up to the stepladder finals on <u>Xtra Frame</u>, the PBA's online bowling channel. For subscription information, <u>www.xtraframe.tv</u>

Dallas Strikers Bid for Third Straight Elias Cup Title as PBA League Returns to Maine OceanView at Falmouth PBA League Elias Cup finals to conclude Go Bowling! PBA Tour's ESPN schedule

PORTLAND, Maine (April 13, 2018) – Led by player-manager and PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke, the Shipyard Brewery Dallas Strikers will return to Bayside Bowl in Portland next week in pursuit of a third consecutive Professional Bowlers Association League title, cheered on by the most fun-loving fans in bowling.

The 2018 OceanView at Falmouth PBA League will celebrate its sixth season – and fourth year in Portland – with three days of team competition to decide the 2018 Elias Cup. The PBA League, which is part of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule, will conclude the PBA's 38th consecutive year of ESPN coverage with four consecutive Sunday telecasts, including the PBA League Elias Cup finals on Sunday, May 13, at 1 p.m. EDT.

Duke, who won the 2017 Mark Roth PBA League Most Valuable Player Award, will return with a solid core of Dallas Strikers stars including 2016 MVP Tommy Jones, veterans Bill O'Neill and Rhino Page, and newcomer Kyle Sherman of O'Fallon, Mo.

Chasing the Strikers will be the hometown Port Property Portland Lumberjacks, managed by Tim Mack; the Go Bowling! Silver Lake Atom Splitters, managed by Mark Baker; the Sysco Philadelphia Hitmen, managed by Jason Couch; <u>bowlingball.com</u> L.A. X, managed by Andrew Cain; the GEICO New York City WTT KingPins, managed by Carolyn Dorin-Ballard; the Barbasol Motown Muscle, managed by Del Ballard, and the OceanView at Falmouth Brooklyn Styles, managed by Johnny Petraglia.

Each of the 2018 teams will field a roster of previous team members, but a number of newcomers will get an opportunity to experience Portland's raucous fans for the first time. Rather than approaching their deliveries in silence, a long-time tradition in professional bowling, Bayside Bowl fans encourage the PBA players with loud chants, slogans and newly-created nicknames while waving "fatheads" and dressing in sometimes strange costumes.

Players who will experience Portland bowling fans for the first time include 2018 PBA Tournament of Champions winner Matt O'Grady of Rahway, N.J., with the Brooklyn Styles; Japanese star Shota Kawazoe with the Motown Muscle; Anthony Pepe of Elmhurst, N.Y., with the NYC KingPins; 2017 PBA Rookie of the Year Matt Sanders of Indianapolis with the Philadelphia Hitmen; AJ Johnson of Oswego, Ill., with the Silver Lake Atom Splitters, and Thailand's Yannaphon Larpapharat with the Portland Lumberjacks.

The PBA League's return to Portland will get underway with the Port Property Portland PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout April 16-18, a singles competition with a PBA Tour title at stake. The Maine Shootout will be covered from start to finish, live on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel (subscriptions are available at <u>xtraframe.tv</u>).

On Friday, April 20, all PBA League teams will bowl an eight-game Baker format "seeding tournament" to determine seeding positions for the Baker format single-elimination match play bracket. In Baker format team bowling, each of the five players bowls two frames to complete a game.

The PBAL quarterfinal matches will take place on Saturday, April 21, with the No. 1 seeded team vs. No. 8 and No. 4 vs. No. 5 on the first ESPN telecast that will air on Sunday, April 22. Immediately following on Saturday will be the second round of quarterfinal round matches between team No. 2 vs. No. 7, and No. 3 vs. No. 6. Those matches will air on ESPN on Sunday, April 29. All quarterfinal matches will be "best-of-two-game" Baker format team contests with a one-ball roll-off if necessary to break any ties.

Saturday's winning teams will advance to the semifinal round on Sunday at noon. The semifinal round winners will then bowl for the Elias Cup later on Sunday. The semifinal matches will air on ESPN on Sunday, May 6, with the Elias Cup finals airing on May 13, also at 1 p.m. ET.

All of the PBA League matches will be live streamed as they happen on ESPN3 and the ESPN app.

At the conclusion of the competition, the PBA will announce the Mark Roth PBA League Most Valuable Player.

PORT PROPERTY MANAGEMENT PBA XTRA FRAME MAINE SHOOTOUT SCHEDULE Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine, April 16-18

Monday, April 16

10 a.m. - Maine Shootout official practice session 1 p.m. - Port Property Management PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout draw party (to determine pairings for single-elimination match play) 4 p.m. – Full Plates Full Potential pro-am

Tuesday, April 17

10 and 11:30 a.m., 2:30 and 4 p.m. – Round of 64 best-of-three-game single elimination matches 7 and 8:30 p.m. – Round of 32 best-of-three-game single elimination matches

Wednesday, April 18

11 a.m. – Round of 16 best-of-three-game single elimination matches 2 p.m. – Round of 8 best-of-three-game single elimination matches 6 p.m. – Semifinal round best-of-three-game single elimination matches 7:30 p.m. – Championship match, best of three games

OCEANVIEW AT FALMOUTH PBA LEAGUE SCHEDULE Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine, April 20-22

Friday, April 20

7 p.m. – OceanView at Falmouth PBA League seeding tournament (8 games, Baker team format to determine pairings for PBA League competition)

Saturday, April 21

Noon – PBA League Quarterfinal Match 1, Teams #1 vs. #8 (best of two games, Baker format; ESPN telecast Sunday, April 22, 1 p.m. ET)

PBA League Quarterfinal Match 2, Teams #5 vs. #4 (best of two games, Baker format; ESPN telecast Sunday, April 22, 1 p.m. ET)

3:30 p.m. - PBA League Quarterfinal Match 3, Teams #2 vs. #7 (best of two games, Baker format; ESPN telecast Sunday, April 29, 1 p.m. ET)

PBA League Quarterfinal Match 4, Teams #6 vs. #3 (best of two games, Baker format; ESPN telecast Sunday, April 29, 1 p.m. ET)

Sunday, April 22

Noon – PBA League Semifinal Match #1, Winner Match #1 vs. Winner Match #2 (best of two games, Baker format; ESPN telecast Sunday, May 6, 1 p.m. ET)

PBA League Semifinal Match #2, Winner Match #3 vs. Winner Match #4 (best of two games, Baker format; ESPN telecast Sunday, May 6, 1 p.m. ET)

3:30 p.m. – PBA League Elias Cup Championship (ESPN telecast Sunday, May 13, 1 p.m. ET)

2018 PBA LEAGUE ROSTERS

• OceanView at Falmouth Brooklyn Styles (manager Johnny Petraglia): Parker Bohn III, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Sean Rash, Matt O'Grady, Jason Sterner.

• **Barbasol Motown Muscle** (manager Del Ballard Jr.): EJ Tackett, Francois Lavoie, Anthony Simonsen, Shota Kawazoe, Josh Blanchard.

• **GEICO NYC WTT KingPins** (manager Carolyn Dorin-Ballard): Pete Weber, Marshall Kent, Sam Cooley, BJ Moore, Anthony Pepe.

• **bowlingball.com L.A. X** (manager Andrew Cain): Jason Belmonte, Stuart Williams, Martin Larsen, Jakob Butturff, Osku Palermaa.

• **Sysco Philadelphia Hitmen** (manager Jason Couch): Dom Barrett, Tom Smallwood, Ronnie Russell, Matt Sanders, Chris Loschetter.

• **Go Bowling! Silver Lake Atom Splitters** (manager Mark Baker): Chris Barnes, Jesper Svensson, Tom Daugherty, Dick Allen, AJ Johnson.

• **Port Property Portland Lumberjacks** (manager Tim Mack): Ryan Ciminelli, Wes Malott, Kyle Troup, DJ Archer, Yannaphon Larpapharat.

• Shipyard Brewing Dallas Strikers: player-manager Norm Duke, Tommy Jones, Bill O'Neill, Rhino Page, Kyle Sherman.

HISTORY OF PBA LEAGUE ELIAS CUP CHAMPIONS

2013 NYC WTT KingPins presented by GEICO (Tommy Jones/Jack Jurek/John Szczerbinski/Scott Norton/Pete Weber/Kelly Kulick).

2014 Silver Lake Atom Splitters (Bryon Smith/Chris Barnes/Dom Barrett/Wes Malott/Tommy Jones).

2015 Bass Pro Shops Silver Lake Atom Splitters (Mika Koivuniemi/Chris Barnes/Craig Nidiffer/Tom Daugherty/Dick Allen)

2016 GoBowling.com Dallas Strikers (Norm Duke/Bill O'Neill/Shawn Maldonado/BJ Moore/Tommy Jones)

2017 Shipyard Brewing Dallas Strikers (Norm Duke/Bill O'Neill/Rhino Page/BJ Moore/Tommy Jones)

HISTORY OF MARK ROTH PBA LEAGUE MVP AWARD WINNERS

2014 Chris Barnes

2015 Dick Allen

2016 Tommy Jones

Williams, Belmonte Among Players Advancing to Second Day of USBC Masters Match Play

by jschneider | Friday, April 13, 6:20 PM

By Matt Cannizzaro, USBC Communications

Despite a disappointing final round of qualifying at the 2018 United States Bowling Congress Masters, Alex Hoskins of Brigham City, Utah, was able to sneak into this year's double-elimination bracket, and he took advantage of the opportunity by notching two wins Friday at the Oncenter Convention Center.

The 25-year-old right-hander defeated Denmark's Thomas Larsen (696-620) and Nick Pate of Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota (606-585), to remain undefeated in the 64-player bracket.

Also among the 16 unbeaten players are top qualifier Stuart Williams of England, 2007 USBC Masters champion Sean Rash of Montgomery, Illinois, USBC Hall of Famer Steve Kloempken of Pleasant View, Utah, and 2017 U.S. Open winner Rhino Page of Orlando, Florida.

"I definitely felt like I was out after the third round of qualifying," said Hoskins, who only rolled one game over 200 on the way to a 929 five-game set in Thursday's final qualifying round. "When I saw that I'd made it, it was kind of like I was playing with house money. I came out today with nothing to lose, no chip on my shoulder, and threw it pretty well the first two matches to come away with a couple of wins."

Match play at the 2018 Masters will continue Saturday at 9 a.m. Eastern with 16 matches - eight in the winners bracket and eight in the elimination bracket. The 32 competitors are vying for the coveted Masters trophy and \$30,000 top prize.

The list of players remaining in the elimination bracket includes defending champion Jason Belmonte of Australia, Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, 2009 PBA Player of the Year Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, and Pate, the 2016-2017 National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association Most Valuable Player. The five-player stepladder finals will be broadcast live on ESPN on Sunday at 1 p.m. Eastern.

Hoskins is competing in his second Masters and is looking to improve on the third-place finish he registered last year in his tournament debut.

On the way to the No. 2 spot for last year's championship round, Hoskins collected wins against Barnes, 2016 PBA Player of the Year EJ Tackett of Huntington, Indiana, Argentina's Lucas Legnani, USBC and PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber and Sweden's Martin Larsen, before falling to Belmonte in the match to determine the top seed.

The memorable run through match play did amazing things for the young right-hander's confidence, and he returned this year intent on proving that his success wasn't a fluke.

He also has watched last year's telecast on more than one occasion to see what he did right and what he could do differently. He described bowling on TV as the highest amount of pressure you can feel as a bowler and admits that nerves definitely were a factor.

"Getting through some big names last year really has helped show me that I belong out here, and I can compete with these guys," said Hoskins, who fell to Michael Tang, 227-217, in the semifinal of the 2017 Masters. "I wanted to come show that it wasn't a one-time thing. Even though I don't bowl out here full-time, it's nice to get a week out here to compete."

Hoskins will take on Larsen in Saturday's opening round.

Four left-handers remain in contention at the 2018 Masters, and the group includes a pair of U.S. Open winners - Page and Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, New York - the 2017 PBA Rookie of the Year (Matt Sanders of Evansville, Indiana) and a former member of Junior Team USA (Kenny Ryan of Farmingdale, New Jersey). Page and Ciminelli are in the winners bracket, and Sanders and Ryan are in the elimination bracket.

Page's U.S. Open victory, the first major title of his career, came just down the street at Flamingo Bowl in Liverpool, New York, and his friends joked that if he's able to also win this week's Masters, he should consider buying a house in Syracuse.

The 34-year-old's success at the Oncenter Convention Center has been well-earned after some recent changes in his game. Even after winning the U.S. Open in November, Page struggled in recent events, necessitating the changes.

"I just made some recent changes in my game, but I'm still fighting the old me a little bit," said Page, a six-time PBA Tour champion. "Confidence-wise, I feel great. When I execute the way I want to, it's very good, but there is a little fighting back and forth that I'm dealing with. I've also struggled in this tournament in the past, so being able to win a couple matches today has me feeling a lot better, and I'm looking forward to the rest of the week."

Page will meet Andrew Suscreba of Clifton, New Jersey, on Saturday morning.

Belmonte, who is seeking his fifth Masters title since 2013 and record-tying 10th career major, will bowl Tim Pfeifer of Oak Dale, Pennsylvania, in his opening match Saturday.

All competitors at the 2018 Masters bowled 15 games of qualifying over three days to determine the 63 players joining Belmonte in match play.

The Masters is a major title on the PBA Tour, and all rounds of qualifying and match play are being livestreamed on Xtra Frame, the PBA's online bowling channel. For subscription information, visit PBA.com.

Andrew Anderson Goes Undefeated in Match Play to Take Top Qualifier Honors For USBC Masters Finals by jschneider | Saturday, April 14, 6:20 PM

Andrew Anderson Goes Undefeated in Match Play to Take Top Qualifier Honors For USBC Masters Finals By Matt Cannizzaro, USBC Communications

Andrew Anderson's 2018 continues to get better and better, and he's now one win away from earning his first PBA Tour title as the top seed for the televised finals of the United States Bowling Congress Masters.

The 22-year-old right-hander from Holly, Michigan, set the tone for the week when he paced the field through the first squad of qualifying at the Oncenter Convention Center, and a combination of patience, consistency and mental toughness helped him navigate unscathed through three rounds of qualifying and the double-elimination match-play bracket.

In the three-game match to determine the No. 1 seed for Sunday's championship round, Anderson topped Alex Hoskins of Brigham City, Utah, 613-487. Hoskins will enter the USBC Masters stepladder as the No. 2 seed for the second consecutive year.

The two will be joined on the show by Joe Paluszek of Bensalem, Pennsylvania, USBC Hall of Famer Steve Kloempken of Pleasant View, Utah, and six-time PBA Tour winner Rhino Page of Orlando, Florida, who survived the four-player elimination match that determined the last three seeds.

The Masters stepladder will be broadcast live on ESPN, beginning at 1 p.m. Eastern, with the champion taking home the coveted Masters trophy and \$30,000 top prize.

"There have been some blessings in disguise this year, and I've experienced some upset moments that have really driven me to get that much better," said Anderson, who had a high set of 663 and low set of 613 in six matches this week. "I'm tired of not being good enough, so this year is kind of like my coming out party. I feel like I have something to prove to these guys, and I think I'm doing that so far, but a major and a title would be really nice."

Anderson began his year by earning a spot on Team USA 2018, and he followed that with the first TV appearance of his PBA Tour career a month later at the PBA Tournament of Champions, where he lost to eventual champion Matt O'Grady in the semifinal.

Though that experience didn't end with a trophy or a banner bearing his name, Anderson is ready to use what he learned from his TV debut to his advantage Sunday in Syracuse.

"It was my first show, and they said it was going to go fast," said Anderson, who has a pair of third-place finishes in his two full seasons on the PBA Tour. "It went terribly fast, and before I knew it, my shoes were off. This time, I really want to be the one holding the trophy. I want to be able to stick around and enjoy that, so I'm going to take the idea that I've been there before, and I can do it this time. I am thankful for the opportunity, and I want to take advantage of it."

Hoskins also will be drawing on the experience he gained in his TV debut, noting that the nerves he felt in 2017 have been replaced by excitement and confidence.

The 25-year-old right-hander snuck into the 64-player bracket this week in the No. 56 spot and rolled to five consecutive wins before running out of gas against Anderson. He lost in the same match last year, falling to Australia's Jason Belmonte, who went on to win his record fourth Masters title.

"I was basically just thrown out there last year and had no idea what to expect, since it was my first show," Hoskins said. "Even though this is only my second show, I can't even describe how valuable last year's experience was and how much that will help me tomorrow. I feel so much more confident and excited to bowl, compared to being incredibly nervous last year."

Anderson and Hoskins will be appearing on a PBA Tour telecast for the second time each, and Paluszek and Kloempken will make their debuts under the PBA's TV lights, meaning the top four seeds have a combined two PBA television appearances, while Page, a six-time PBA Tour champion, will make the 20th of his career.

Page's most recent win happened just a few miles away at Flamingo Bowl in Liverpool, New York, where he won the first major of his career - the 2017 U.S. Open - in November.

Page and Kloempken will meet in the opening match Sunday, with the winner moving on to face Paluszek.

The three emerged from the shootout match that included the final four players in the elimination bracket. Paluszek led the way with a 669 series to earn the No. 3 seed for TV and was followed by Kloempken (638) and Page (614), who will be No. 4 and No. 5, respectively. Andrew Suscreba of Clifton, New Jersey, rolled a 593 set and was eliminated.

Beyond Page's past success in Syracuse, Kloempken recently found the spotlight at the Oncenter Convention Center by rolling the first perfect game of the 2018 USBC Open Championships on the way to the lead in Regular Doubles with former Team USA member David Haynes of Las Vegas.

Hoskins also was a member of their team this year at the Open Championships, while Kloempken and Page have competed together in the past.

All competitors at the 2018 Masters bowled 15 games of qualifying over three days to determine the 63 players who joined Belmonte in match play.

Defending champion Jason Belmonte finished tied for 25th after losing his second match earlier in the day Saturday.

For complete Masters match play results click on http://scores.bowl.com/2018_Masters/Bracket.pdf

Michigan's Andrew Anderson Wins USBC Masters for First PBA Tour Title by jschneider | Sunday, April 15, 3:18 PM

Michigan's Andrew Anderson Wins USBC Masters for First PBA Tour Title By Aaron Smith, USBC Communications

Andrew Anderson completed his schooling of the 360-player field at the 2018 USBC Masters by capturing his first career PBA Tour title on Sunday.

The 22-year-old Team USA member from Holly, Michigan, went undefeated in match play at the Oncenter Convention Center this week and held off Alex Hoskins of Brigham City, Utah, in the championship match, 213-199, to win the coveted title and \$30,000 top prize. Hoskins claimed \$25,000 for the runner-up finish.

The USBC Masters is a major on the PBA Tour schedule, and Sunday's championship round was broadcast live on ESPN.

Anderson.Andrew action III_2018 Masters"This is surreal," said Anderson, who is working toward a degree in elementary education. "You think about it all the time, how cool it would be to hold up that trophy, and it's unbelievable. I can't believe that just happened."

Anderson and Hoskins were even early in the title tilt, before Anderson surged into the lead with four consecutive strikes starting in the fourth frame. He opened the door for Hoskins by chopping the 6-10 combination in the eighth frame, but Hoskins was unable to take advantage, recording an open of his own in the eighth frame.

Anderson finished the match first and had the opportunity to lock out Hoskins with a strike on the first delivery of his 10th frame, but he left a 4 pin. After converting the spare, Anderson left another 4 pin on his fill ball to give Hoskins a chance to throw three strikes for a one-pin victory.

"The shot in the eighth was just a bad, bad shot," Anderson said. "I threw the shots in the ninth and 10th really well, and I would throw those over and over again. A couple of 4 pins gave him an opportunity."

Hoskins recorded the first strike, but he left a 3-6-10 combination on his second shot to fall short.

Anderson has had a memorable 2018, which also includes earning a spot on Team USA and a third-place finish at the PBA Tournament of Champions. Sunday marked the second TV appearance of his professional career, and he was able to put his experience to work as his game plan came together.

"It really gave me so much more confidence," Anderson said. "I knew what to look for and was ready and more prepared. The game plan was always to be farther left than everybody, and the three righthanders ahead of me made a little more hook to the right for me, so that helped me feel comfortable going in."

Hoskins was making his second consecutive trip to the stepladder finals at the Masters. He finished third in his tournament debut last year in Las Vegas. Sunday, he again was looking to become the first amateur to win the Masters since Arizona's Brett Wolfe won the 2002 event.

Anderson.Hoskins_2018 USBC Masters"I surprisingly wasn't as nervous as I thought I'd be in that moment," Hoskins said of his final frame. "I was pretty calm and threw the first one really well. I think with how I saw the ball go through the pins, I felt like I needed to hit it a little harder on the second shot, and I got a little slow. It wasn't my best shot, and that's what it comes down to. He made better shots than I did, and that's why he's the winner."

Hoskins' start to his semifinal match against USBC Hall of Famer and co-worker at Storm, Steve Kloempken of Pleasant View, Utah, didn't bode well for a trip to the championship match as he opened in three of his first four frames.

After discussing what he was seeing on the lanes with his ball representatives, the 25-year-old righthander made a move and fired six consecutive strikes, including one in a must-strike situation to start the 10th frame, to record the win and advance to face Anderson, 213-197.

Kloempken survived a back-and-forth match with Joe Paluszek of Bensalem, Pennsylvania, to advance to the semifinal, 189-188. With Paluszek finishing first, Kloempken converted a 10 pin after a strike in the 10th frame to secure the win.

In Sunday's opening match, Kloempken rebounded from an early open frame to deliver seven consecutive strikes on his way to a 243-211 victory over 2017 U.S. Open champion Rhino Page of Orlando, Florida.

Competitors in the sold-out field this week bowled 15 games of qualifying, before a cut was made to the top 63, who joined defending champion Jason Belmonte of Australia in the double-elimination match-play bracket. Belmonte finished tied for 25th place.

2018 USBC MASTERS At Oncenter Convention Center Syracuse, N.Y.

Sunday's Results Final standings 1, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 213 (one game), \$30,000.

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- 2, Alex Hoskins (a), Brigham City, Utah, 412 (two games), \$25,000. 3, Steve Kloempken (a), Pleasant View, Utah, 629 (three games), \$15,000.
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- 4, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 188 (one game), \$10,000.
- 5, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 211 (one game), \$8,000.

Stepladder results Match One – Kloempken def. Page, 243-211. Match Two – Kloempken def. Paluszek, 189-188. Semifinal – Hoskins def. Kloempken, 213-197. Championship – Anderson def. Hoskins, 213-199.

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2018 PBA50 Tour Season Kicks Off in Sunshine State With Florida Open and PBA50 National Championship

Reigning PBA50 Player of the Year Brian LeClair begins season with injury concerns

CHICAGO, Ill. (April 16, 2018) – Reigning PBA50 Player of the Year Brian LeClair heads a list of PBA's top players ages 50 and over who will open the 2018 PBA50 Tour season in the Sunshine State on April 22 with the PBA50 Florida Open and the PBA50 National Championship.

The PBA50 Florida Open, formerly the Pasco County Florida Open, will be conducted April 22-23 at Lane Glo Bowl in New Port Richey followed by the season's first major championship, the PBA50 National Championship presented by Spanish Springs Lanes and Radical April 24-28, in The Villages.

Both events will be streamed live in their entirety on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame. For Xtra Frame subscription and schedule information visit <u>www.xtraframe.tv</u>.

LeClair enters the 2018 season with some trepidation because of an aggravated ACL injury to his left knee. He sustained the injury while bowling in a local tournament in early March and has been able to bowl only a few games over the last several weeks.

"I started bowling last week for the first time in more than a month," said the 53-year-old LeClair. "I probably won't know how well it will hold up until I start competing. I'm not so much worried about the pain because I can bowl through some of that – it's the stability that I'm worried about."

Ironically, it's the second consecutive year that LeClair has had to deal with an injury shortly before the start of the season. Last year it was a recurring back injury.

"Last year I had an issue with my back but was able to get it worked out before the season started," he said. "Now, I have this issue with the knee, which is very disappointing because I've been looking forward to the start of this season since the day after last season ended."

LeClair got his player of the year season off to a fast start with a 191-187 win over Norm Duke to win the 2017 Pasco County Florida Open. It was the first of two wins that made him the only player to win more than one title in 2017. His second win came in the Johnny Petraglia BVL Open.

He spent nearly two decades competing regularly on the PBA Tour without a win but his lengthy career was finally rewarded when he won PBA50 Player of the Year honors thanks to his two titles and a runnerup finish in the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open.

"I'm anxious to get back out there if all goes well and prove that last season wasn't a fluke," LeClair added. "As I said before, it was the most satisfying accomplishment in my career because I was able to achieve it bowling on a tour that included some of bowling's all-time greats." Among those greats scheduled to compete in the opening events of the season will be a host of Hall of Famers including Walter Ray Williams Jr., Pete Weber, Parker Bohn III, Amleto Monacelli, Johnny Petraglia, Mark Williams, Bryan Goebel and two-time PBA50 Player of the Year Ron Mohr, who was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame in 2018.

While not a major in 2017, top qualifier Lennie Boresch Jr. of Kenosha, Wis., led The Villages event wireto-wire and beat Bob Learn Jr., 264-213, in the title match for his second Sun Bowl In The Villages win and third career PBA50 Tour title.

Competition begins with Florida Open qualifying on Sunday, April 22 at 8 a.m. ET with one 10-game qualifying round followed by cashers and match play rounds beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, April 23. After match play the top five players will advance to the stepladder finals scheduled for 7 p.m. Practice for the event is scheduled for 9 a.m. - Noon on Saturday, April 21.

The PBA50 National Championship will get underway with the first of three six-game qualifying rounds on Wednesday, April 25, beginning at 9 a.m. followed by second and third rounds on April 26 and 27. The top 32 players will then advance to the first eight-game match play round at 9 a.m. on April 28 before a cut to the top 16 players for the second match play round at 2 p.m. which will determine the top five for the stepladder finals at 7 p.m. The practice session is scheduled for April 24 from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

For PBA50 Florida Open admission and pro-am information contact Lane Glo Bowl at (727) 376-1164. For PBA50 National Championship admission and pro-am information contact Spanish Springs Lanes at (352) 750-9440.

PBA50 FLORIDA OPEN SCHEDULE Lane Glo Bowl, New Port Richey, Fla. (All times Eastern)

Saturday, April 21 9 a.m. - Noon - Practice Session

Sunday, April 22 8 a.m. - A Squad qualifying (10 games) 1:30 p.m. - B Squad qualifying (10 games)

Monday, April 23

8:30 a.m. – Cashers Round (5 games) Noon – Match Play Round 1 Qualifying (5 games) 3:15 p.m. – Match Play Round 2 (6 games) *Top five advance to stepladder finals* 7 p.m. – Stepladder finals

PBA50 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE Presented by Spanish Springs Lanes and Radical Spanish Springs Lanes, The Villages, Fla.

Tuesday, April 24

A Squad Practice Session: 9-10 a.m. B Squad Practice Session: 10:15-11:15 a.m. C Squad Practice Session: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Pro-Am squads: 2, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 25

9 a.m. - A Squad qualifying (6 games) 1 p.m. - B Squad qualifying (6 games) 5 p.m. - C Squad qualifying (6 games)

Thursday, April 26

9 a.m. - B Squad qualifying (6 games) 1 p.m. - C Squad qualifying (6 games) 5 p.m. - A Squad qualifying (6 games)

Friday, April 27

9 a.m. - C Squad qualifying (6 games) 1 p.m. - A Squad qualifying (6 games) 5 p.m. - B Squad qualifying (6 games) *Top 32 advance to Match Play Round* 1

Saturday, April 28

9 a.m. - Match Play Round 1 (8 games) *Top 16 bowlers advance to Match Play Round 2* 2 p.m. - Match Play Round 2 (8 games) *Top five bowlers advance to stepladder finals* 7 p.m. – Stepladder finals

64-Player Match Play Bracket Pairings Set for Port Property Management PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout

Live Xtra Frame coverage begins at 10 a.m. ET Tuesday from Bayside Bowl in Portland

PORTLAND, Maine (April 16, 2018) – Matchups for the Professional Bowlers Association's Port Property Management PBA Maine Shootout, a 64-player single-elimination match play tournament, were decided by random draw at Bayside Bowl Monday, heading into the two-day best-of-three-game competition Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Maine Shootout is the first of eight PBA Tour Xtra Frame events scheduled for 2018, and it will be the final qualifying event in decided the top eight players in combined earnings from 2016 through this event who will compete in the PBA Tour Finals in May at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Mich.

The match play eliminations begin with Tuesday's starting field of 64 players, with winners advancing to the Round of 32 later Tuesday. Those winners will battle Wednesday in elimination rounds to determine the winner of the \$10,000 first prize and a PBA Tour title, if the winner is a PBA member. All of the competition will be covered live on PBA's exclusive online bowling channel, Xtra Frame.

Some of Tuesday's marque opening-round matches will include: PBA Tour titlists Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., vs. Dick Allen of Columbia, S.C., in Bracket A; 2018 Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic winner Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz., vs. PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke in Bracket B; Jason Belmonte vs. Sam Cooley in a Bracket C battle of Australians; and 2016 Xtra Frame Maine Shootout champion Ryan Ciminelli of Clarence, N.Y., vs. Jason Sterner of Rockledge, Fla., plus the PBA's all-time leading title winner, 58-year-old Walter Ray Williams Jr. vs. Sweden's 23-year-old two-handed star, Jesper Svensson, in Bracket D. The Bracket A and B winners will advance to the Round of 32 Tuesday at 7 p.m. while the Bracket C & D winners will bowl their second round at 8:30 p.m.

Round of 16, Round of 8, semifinal and championship rounds will be contested Wednesday, with the best-of-three-game title match scheduled for 7:30 p.m. EDT. Every match will be covered live on Xtra Frame. For subscription information, visit <u>xtraframe.tv</u>.

PORT PROPERTY MANAGEMENT PBA XTRA FRAME MAINE SHOOTOUT MATCH PLAY SCHEDULE Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine, *(all matches are best of three games, winners advance to Round of 32; losers are eliminated; all times are Eastern)*

TUESDAY, APRIL 17

10 a.m. - Round of 64, Bracket A

Martin Larsen, Sweden, vs. n-Alex Aguiar, Dartmouth, Mass. Joey Burruel, Glendale, Ariz., vs. Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas n-Jimmy Clark, Hermon, N.H., vs. Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa. n-Joseph Colcord, Portland, Maine, vs. DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., vs. Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn. Steven Black, Maricopa, Ariz., vs. Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich. Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., vs. Brad Miller, Maryland Heights, Mo. Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., vs. Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C.

11:30 a.m. - Round of 64, Bracket B

Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., vs. Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich. Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, vs. Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C. Cody Shoemaker, Hanover, Pa., vs. Andrew Cain, Phoenix Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., vs. Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla. John Furey, Howell, N.J., vs. n-Zachary Louten, Portland, Maine Shota Kawazoe, Japan, vs. Francois Lavoie, Canada Patrick Girard, Canada, vs. n-Rauno Kuusk, Portland, Maine n-Charlie Mitchell, Portland, Maine, vs. Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa.,

2:30 p.m. - Round of 64, Bracket C

Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., vs. Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y. Stuart Williams, England, vs. Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla. Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., vs. Dom Barrett, England Francois Louw, South Africa, vs. AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill. EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., vs. Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla. Sam Cooley, Australia, vs. Jason Belmonte, Australia Michael Klosin, Windham, N.H., vs. Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas Yannaphon Larpapharat, Thailand, vs. Andres Gomez, Colombia

4 p.m. - Round of 64, Bracket D

Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y. vs. Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla. BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., vs. Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J. Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., vs. Thomas Larsen, Denmark Charlie Brown Jr, Grandville, Mich., vs. Michael Markis, Tafton, Pa. Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., vs. Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., vs. Jesper Svensson, Sweden n-Joshua Porter, Arundel, Maine, vs. Osku Palermaa, Finland Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., vs. Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio 7 p.m. – Round of 32, Bracket A & B winners 8:30 p.m. – Round of 32, Bracket C & D winners

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

11 a.m. – Round of 16 best-of-three-game single elimination matches 2 p.m. – Round of 8 best-of-three-game single elimination matches 6 p.m. – Semifinal round best-of-three-game single elimination matches 7:30 p.m. – Championship match, best of three games

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Walter Ray Williams Jr. Wins PBA Bowlers Discount Open for 107th PBA Title

TOWSON, Md. (April 15, 2018) – PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams of Oxford, Fla., rolled the final five strikes to defeat Adam Chase of North Babylon, N.Y., 237-235, in the title match of the PBA Bowlers Discount Eastern Open presented by Hammer at AMF Towson LanesSunday, boosting his all-time PBA titles record total to 107.

Williams, who had a free weekend between the USBC Masters and the Port Property Management PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout in Portland, qualified second behind Australia's Sam Cooley. He disposed of Eric Cornog of Cherry Hill, N.J., 2-1, in the best-of-three-game Round of 8 before slipping past Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y., in the semifinal round, 172-163, when Shafer failed to strike in his 10th frame.

Chase, who was looking for his first PBA title, qualified fourth and eliminated Gary Haines of West Babylon, N.Y., 2-0, before ousting Steve Pavlinko Jr. of Sewell, N.J., 213-157, in his semifinal match. Chase saw his chance to beat Williams disappear when he left a 10 in on his second shot in the 10th frame after striking on his first shot.

For the 58-year-old Williams, the win meant \$2,500 in prize money along with his 33rd standard PBA Regional title to go along with 47 PBA Tour, 11 PBA50 Tour and 16 PBA50 Regional titles. Shafer and Pavlinko earned \$1,000 apiece.

The next PBA East Region event is the PBA Rockaway Lanes Open presented by Storm hosted by Rockaway Lanes in Rockaway, N.J., April 27-29.

PBA BOWLERS DISCOUNT EASTERN OPEN presented by Hammer AMF Towson Lanes, Towson, Md., Sunday

Championship: Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla. (\$2,500) def. Adam Chase, North Babylon, N.Y., (\$1,300), 237-235.

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

Williams def. Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 172-163. Chase def., Steve Pavlinko Jr., Sewell, N.J. 213-157.

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

Williams def. Eric Cornog, Cherry Hill, N.J., 2-1. Chase def. Gary Haines, W. Babylon, N.Y., 2-0. Shafer def. Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 2-1. Pavlinko def. Sam Cooley, Australia, 2-1.

Round of 12 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$650 each):

Pavlinko def. Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 2-0. Cornog def. Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 2-0. Haines def. Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 2-0. Wiseman def. Paul Kaminski, Yorkville, Ill., 2-0.

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

Pavlinko def. Scott Denlinger, Lancaster, Pa., 2-0. Foy def. n-Jarrett DeFalco, Leesburg, Va., 2-0. Kaminski def. n-Anthony Bonnell, Jr., Baltimore, 2-0. Haines def. n-Bryan Lindecamp, North East, Md., 2-1.

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Port Property Management PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout Field Down to 16

Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. among survivors at Bayside Bowl in Portland

PORTLAND, Maine (April 17, 2018) – The field of survivors in the Professional Bowlers Association's Port Property Management PBA Maine Shootout is down to 16 after two rounds of best-of-three-game, single elimination matches at Bayside Bowl Tuesday.

Among the players still in contention for Wednesday's final rounds, in addition to defending champion Ryan Ciminelli of Clarence, N.Y., is 58-year-old PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., who last won a PBA Tour title eight years ago.

"As long as I still have my sponsors, I'm going to keep bowling," the PBA's all-time titles record-holder said. "I don't care for this kind of tournament format, but maybe it's to my advantage at this point. I always believed the more games you bowled, the better bowlers would always win, but I'm not sure I could keep up with all of the young guys these days if that's what we had to do all of the time."

Williams, who won his record 47th PBA Tour title in the 2010 USBC Masters, still competes in all of the PBA Tour events against a majority of players half his age, and he's an active – and highly competitive – player on the PBA50 Tour. In between national tournaments, he bowls weekend PBA Regional events against both "kids" and seniors. On Sunday while on his way to Portland, Williams made a stop in Towson, Md., where he won another PBA Regional. He now has an all-time record of 107 victories at all levels of PBA tournament competition.

Tuesday, Williams swept 23-year-old Swedish two-handed star Jesper Svensson in his first best-of-threegame match, 194-184 and 225-215. In the evening Round of 16, he rallied from a one-game deficit to eliminate recently-inducted PBA Hall of Famer Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, 188-223, 257-226, 227-222.

Ciminelli, who won the last PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout held in 2016, advanced with a 219-181, 248-257, 288-263 victory over Jason Sterner of Rockledge, Fla., and a 256-159, 214-193 sweep of BJ Moore of Greensburg, Pa., in the Round of 16.

Also advancing was 2017 PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte of Australia who threw the tournament's first perfect game as part of a 217-191, 300-236 sweep of 2016 Player of the Year EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind. And in a battle of emerging stars, 22-year-old Andrew Anderson of Holly, Mich., fresh off winning his first PBA Tour title in the USBC Masters Sunday in Syracuse, N.Y., had to rally to oust highly-regarded rookie Kamron Doyle of Brentwood, Tenn., 189-252, 201-201, 10-9 in one ball roll-off, 238-227. In the second game, Anderson struck in the one-ball roll-off after they tied at 201 and Doyle left a wobbling 10 pin that eventually cost him the game.

All rounds of the Maine Shootout, the first of eight PBA Tour Xtra Frame events scheduled for 2018, is being covered live on PBA's exclusive online bowling channel, Xtra Frame. For subscription information, visit <u>xtraframe.tv</u>.

Round of 16, Round of 8, semifinal and championship rounds will be contested Wednesday, with the best-of-three-game title match scheduled for 7:30 p.m. EDT. Every match will be covered live on Xtra Frame.

PORT PROPERTY MANAGEMENT PBA XTRA FRAME MAINE SHOOTOUT MATCH PLAY SCHEDULE Bayside Bowl Portland Maine April 17 *(all matches a*

Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine, April 17 (all matches are best of three games, winners advance to Round of 32; losers are eliminated; all times are Eastern)

Round of 64 (best of three games, losers eliminated):

n-Alex Aguiar, Dartmouth, Mass., def. Martin Larsen, Sweden, 2-0 (265-238, 257-248). Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, def. Joey Burruel, Glendale, Ariz., 2-0 (188-175, 202-171). Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., def. n-Jimmy Clark, Hermon, N.H., 2-0 (237-175, 265-205). DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, def. n-Joseph Colcord, Portland, Maine, 2-0 (222-195, 223-179). Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., def. Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 2-1 (223-235, 279-248, 224-211). Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., def. Steven Black, Maricopa, Ariz., 2-0 (246-183, 233-195). Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., def. Brad Miller, Maryland Heights, Mo., 2-1 (204-216, 197-164, 202-180). Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., def. Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2-0 (258-256, 266-223). Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., def. Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., 2-1 (219-181, 248-257, 288-263). BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., def. Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 2-1 (254-233, 183-186, 256-172). Thomas Larsen, Denmark, def. Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 2-0 (239-224, 255-236). Charlie Brown Jr., Grandville, Mich., def. Michael Markis, Tafton, Pa., 2-0 (223-144, 216-213). Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, def. Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 2-0 (232-229, 190-184). Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., def. Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 2-0 (194-184, 225-215). Osku Palermaa, Finland, def. Joshua Porter, Arundel, Maine, 2-0 (220-170, 245-154). Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., def. Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 2-0 (210-161, 237-219). Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., def. Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 2-1 (212-232, 213-178, 246-189). Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, def. Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 2-1 (224-224, 193-192, 211-194). Cody Shoemaker, Hanover, Pa., def. Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 2-0 (268-178, 230-209). Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., def. Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 2-1 (179-213, 278-247, 213-190). John Furey, Howell, N.J., def. n-Zachary Louten, Portland, Maine, 2-1 (183-204, 175-146, 191-137). Francois Lavoie, Canada, def. Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 2-1 (243-208, 226-238, 225-213). Patrick Girard, Canada, def. n-Rauno Kuusk, Portland, Maine, 2-0 (238-128, 241-146). Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., def. n-Charlie Mitchell, Portland, Maine, 2-0 (216-178, 226-183). Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., def. Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 2-0 (246-246, 269-238). Stuart Williams, England, def. Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 2-0 (255-213, 245-237). Dom Barrett, England, def. Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 2-1 (237-250, 257-239, 270-236). Francois Louw, South Africa, def. AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 2-0 (238-217, 210-204). EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., def. Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 2-0 (255-191, 247-205). Jason Belmonte, Australia, def. Sam Cooley, Australia, 2-1 (245-246, 258-210, 234-195). Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, def. Michael Klosin, Windham, N.H., 2-0 (232-193, 248-213). Yannaphon Larpapharat, Thailand, def. Andres Gomez, Colombia, 2-0 (244-213, 204-203).

Round of 32 (best of three games, single-elimination match play; winners advance to Round of 16, losers each earned \$1,000):

Belmonte def. Tackett, 2-0 (217-191, 300-236). Simonsen def. Larpapharat, 2-0 (222-222, 9-10; 224-220, 259-233). Anderson def. Doyle, 2-1 (189-252, 201-201, 10-9; 238-227). Allen def. Troup, 2-0 (269-180, 226-207). Pepe def. S. Williams, 2-1 (172-168, 186-238, 245-203).
Louw def. Barrett, 2-0 (213-193, 236-165).
Malott def. Aguiar, 2-0 (259-233, 256-212).
O'Neill def. Archer, 2-0 (248-180, 264-158).
W.R. Williams def. Barnes, 2-1 (188-223, 257-226, 227-222).
Palermaa def. Sherman, 2-1 (244-227, 227-279, 259-199).
Furey def. Lavoie, 2-0 (254-205, 252-248).
Girard def. Paluszek, 2-0 (243-176, 258-169).
Shoemaker def. Duke, 2-1 (217-211, 196-255, 238-236).
Ciminelli def. Moore, 2-0 (256-159, 214-193).
T. Larsen def. Brown, 2-1 (198-221, 269-193, 226-225).
Sanders def. Smallwood, 2-0 (234-203, 191-166).

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

11 a.m. – Round of 16 pairings (winners advance to Round of 8, losers earn \$1,500): Belmonte vs. Simonsen. Anderson vs. Allen. Pepe vs. Louw. Malott vs. O'Neill. W.R. Williams vs. Palermaa. Furey vs. Girard. Shoemaker vs. Ciminelli. T. Larsen vs. Sanders.

2 p.m. – Round of 8, best-of-three-game single elimination matches (losers earn \$2,500).

6 p.m. – Semifinal round, best-of-three-game single elimination matches (losers earned \$4,000).

7:30 p.m. – Championship match, best of three games (winner earns \$10,000, loser earns \$6,000).

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PBA Spare Shots

A FUNNY THING HAPPENED TO ANDREW ANDERSON...

Winning the United States Bowling Congress Masters Sunday in Syracuse, N.Y., was the biggest moment in 22-year-old **Andrew Anderson**'s young bowling career, but it's what happened afterward that will make the experience unforgettable.

The second-year PBA member, riding a hot streak after a third-place finish in the PBA Tournament of Champions in February followed by his first PBA Tour victory in the Masters, was headed back home to Holly, Mich., when PBA CEO and Commissioner **Tom Clark,** fellow competitor **Chris Barnes**, the recently-inducted PBA Hall of Famer, and others convinced Anderson he should head to Portland, Maine, instead to bowl in the Port Property Management PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout.

Because Anderson had not been drafted by an OceanView at Falmouth PBA League team, which will compete later in the week at Bayside Bowl in Portland, he had planned to bypass the Xtra Frame event preceding PBA League competition in Maine.

But with his plans changed, Anderson headed to the airport in Syracuse to fly to Portland. Clark, Barnes, PBA Vice President-Marketing **Janay Haggerty**, PBA Social Media Manager **Kim Richter** and a bunch of other PBA players and staff members also were at the airport when all flights out of Syracuse were cancelled. That's when the "fun" began as everyone scrambled to figure out how to get to Portland.

"I'm at the airport when Barnes texted me and asked what I was going to do," Anderson said. "I was headed off to rent a car when I ran into Kim (Richter) and Tom (Clark) coming down the stairs."

Haggerty was off looking for a car to rent for the PBA staffers drive to Portland, and they asked Anderson and Barnes if they'd like to ride along.

"I'm waiting for Chris, who was trying to get a refund for his flight, when Janay rolls up with a mini van," Anderson said.

Despite horrid weather conditions, including freezing rain and frigid wind, the fivesome headed to Portland – about a half-hour behind PBA Deputy Commissioner **Kirk von Krueger** and his wife, Mary, who had gotten a head start. Richter was behind the wheel at the start, and Barnes took over driving duties as they headed through New Hampshire, when the van's digital reading suddenly indicated the left rear tire was losing air...at a rapid pace.

"There was no exit for about five miles," Haggerty said, "but we finally got to a gas station in the middle of nowhere that was still open at around midnight on Sunday.

"Tom and Barnes went into the gas station, and Tom comes out with a can of inflate-a-tire," the 6-foot-2 Anderson said. "He wasn't sure what to do with it, so Janay (who is 5-foot-4) loaned me her jacket, and I tried to inflate the tire for 15-20 minutes in cold, freezing rain. The tire looked better, but then I saw big hole blowing air out as fast as it was going in."

So Anderson gave up and went inside for a cup of hot chocolate. "I had \$1 in my pocket," he grinned. "...And a check for \$30,000," Haggerty added with a laugh.

The station attendant "comped" the hot chocolate, and told the group he had a buddy who did roadside repairs. So a quick call summoned help.

The PBA group never got his name, but afterward they nicknamed their rescuer "Lugnut." Haggerty's earlier call to the car rental company had resulted in little help other than learning most rental cars these days do not include a spare tire...and that help would not be on its way until Monday morning.

"Lugnut," however, knew there was a "secret compartment" in the van that housed an emergency "tire" of sorts. After unloading all of the luggage and bowling equipment in the van, Lugnut found the emergency tire, inflated it and the group was almost ready to resume the trip as Lugnut drove away. But suddenly Lugnut put his tow truck in reverse and roared back at high speed.

"I forgot to check lugnuts," he said. "I wouldn't be able to sleep if I didn't check the lugnuts." Hence the nickname...

Like all good stories, this one ended at almost 4 a.m. when the cold, weary PBA travelers checked into their hotel rooms in Portland, fortunate that there was no serious activity other than a practice session scheduled for Monday.

"I'm going to tell this story the rest of my life," Anderson said. "Who would have thought... I had no plans whatsoever about coming to Maine, but those guys all talked me into coming, so it's their fault..."

Editor's Note: There are no photos available. What happens in New Hampshire stays in New Hampshire...

PBA-PWBA'S NEW 18-WHEEL BILLBOARD READY TO ROLL ACROSS AMERICA

The PBA and Professional Women's Bowling Association have unveiled a cooperative billboard on 18 wheels that will be seen by thousands of motorists who will "follow" professional bowling as it traverses the country in the months ahead.

The co-branded PBA-PWBA semi-trailer – one of two that transport bowling equipment for the professional tours – prominently features PBA stars Jason Belmonte, EJ Tackett and Dom Barrett on one half, and PWBA stars Shannon O'Keefe, Daria Pajak and Liz Johnson on the other, with additional players shaded in the background. The 53-foot trailer is expected to travel roughly 65,000 miles in a given year. For perspective, that translates into roughly 21 one-way trips between Portland, Maine, and the Pacific Coast.

BAYSIDE BOWL INTRODUCES "PBA SPECIALITY PIZZAS"

Before Bayside Bowl opened a few years back, co-owners **Charlie Mitchell** and **Justin Alfond** did considerable research into bowling center menus to plan their food service offerings. Since bringing PBA competition to Portland, Maine, Bayside Bowl has expanded its menu with a few PBA-inspired specialty pizzas.

"Named after a few of our favorite PBA bowlers, these pizzas will bring out the pro in you," the menu says. Mitchell admitted they aren't actually pizzas created by the players themselves, but, well, they each have a certain flair:

• The Malott: bbq, chicken, corn, shaved red onion, bacon with farmer cheese.

• **The Troup:** Carolina gold sauce, hamburger, fresh tomato, red onion, house pickles, fresh mozzarella and American cheese, topped with lettuce.

• **The Duke:** pesto, roasted cherry tomatoes, carmelized onions, mushrooms, roasted red peppers and fontal cheese.

• The Weber: red sauce, meatball, fresh mozzarella, mixed herbs.

SEAN RASH CLINCHES BERTH IN 2018 PBA TOUR FINALS

In the wake of last week's USBC Masters in Syracuse, N.Y., the field of possible contenders to unseat **Sean Rash** as the eighth player in the elite field for the upcoming PBA Tour Finals in Allen Park, Mich., was reduced to **Tom Smallwood** of Saginaw, Mich.

With only this week's Port Property Management PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout remaining to qualify for the PBA Tour Finals, Smallwood's bid to displace Rash fell short when he lost his best-of-three-game Round of 32 match to 2017 PBA Rookie of the Year **Matt Sanders**of Indianapolis. Coming into the Xtra Frame event in Portland, Smallwood had to finish fourth or higher to overtake Rash after Rash was eliminated in the opening round in Portland, failing to cash. Smallwood, who was \$3,995 behind, earned \$1,000 in his loss.

The PBA Tour Finals, which will be contested May 4-6 at Thunderbowl Lanes and televised by CBS Sports Network as part of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule. The players who had secured their berths in the PBA Tour Finals prior to the XF Maine Shootout are defending champion **EJ Tackett**, **Jason Belmonte**, **Jesper Svensson**, **Dom Barrett**, **Anthony Simonsen**, **Marshall Kent** and **Tommy Jones**.

PBA50, PWBA COVERAGE TO FOLLOW XTRA FRAME'S PBA LEAGUE SEEDING TOURNAMENT

PBA's live Xtra Frame coverage in Portland, Maine, concludes Friday at 7 p.m. EDT with the OceanView at Falmouth PBA League seeding tournament to determine the matchups for Saturday's opening round of best-of-two-game Baker team matches. PBA League telecasts will air four consecutive Sundays at 1 p.m. ET on ESPN, beginning on April 22.

Next up will be the start of the 2018 PBA50 Tour season where Xtra Frame will provide live start-to-finish coverage of the PBA50 Florida Open from New Port Richey, Fla., April 22-23, followed by the PBA50 National Championship presented by Spanish Springs Lanes and Radical – the senior tour's first major of the year – from The Villages, April 24-28, and the PBA50 Mooresville Ford Open from Mooresville, N.C., April 29-May 2.

Xtra Frame also will cover the PWBA Las Vegas Open from start to finish, April 27-28, kicking off the women's pro tour's 2018 season.

Fans can watch the entire month of coverage for only \$7.99. A three-day subscription is also available, for \$3.99, and the 12-month Season Ticket plan is offered for about \$1.25 week. To sign up for the plan that works best for you, visit <u>xtraframe.tv</u>.

PBA'S "60 MOST MEMORABLE MOMENTS" UNVEILING CONTINUES: 26 THRU 30

The countdown to unveil the complete list of the PBA''s "60 most memorable moments" in its 60-year history continues, one a day, Monday through Friday, on all PBA Network outlets. Last week, "memorable moments" 26 through 30 were unveiled. Here are those five moments as the countdown continues:

26) The PBA Hall of Fame's inaugural class included one of the most talented groups in bowling history: **Ray Bluth, Don Carter, Carmen Salvino, Harry Smith, Dick Weber** and **Billy Welu** in the Performance category, and **Frank Esposito** and **Chuck Pezzano** for Meritorious Service.

27) **Bob Benoit**, in his first game ever on national television, defeated **Mark Roth**, 300-255, to win the 1988 PBA Quaker State Open, becoming the first player to throw a perfect game in a nationally-televised title match.

28) PBA Hall of Famer **Johnny Petraglia** became the first player in PBA history to win a national tour or national senior tour title in six different decades after winning the 2012 PBA Senior Dayton Classic. Petraglia joined the PBA in 1965 and won his first title in the 1966 PBA Fort Smith Open. In 1971, Petraglia won five titles including three consecutive wins culminating with his first major championship - the 1971 Firestone Tournament of Champions. The TOC title, coupled with his 1977 BPAA U.S. Open and 1980 PBA National Championship wins, made him the second player ever to win the PBA's prestigious Triple Crown (joining **Billy Hardwick**). Today there are six players who have completed the Triple Crown.

29) During the PBA's 25th anniversary season, **Norm Duke** became the youngest bowler to win a PBA Tour title when he won the 1983 Cleveland Open at the age of 18 years, 345 days.
30) In 1965, Firestone begins its sponsorship of the PBA Tournament of Champions, a partnership that started at Firestone Bowlarama Lanes in Akron, Ohio. The partnership, which was the first commercially-titled sports event ever on national network television, lasted 29 consecutive years. In 1966, Fairlawn (Akron), Ohio-based Riviera Lanes hosted its first Firestone

Tournament of Champions and would become the iconic home to the Tour's most prestigious major through 1994.

To check on releases of subsequent "moments" as they are revealed, check the PBA Network: PBA on Facebook (<u>www.facebook.com/ProfessionalBowlersAssociation</u>) or Instagram (pbatour); subscribe to the PBA channel on YouTube (PBABowling); tweet along on Twitter (@pbatour), and on the web: <u>https://www.pba.com/PBANetwork/MostMemorableMoments</u>.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: WALTER RAY WINS TITLE NO. 107 IN MARYLAND

PBA Hall of Famer **Walter Ray Williams Jr.** of Oxford, Fla., rolled the final five strikes to defeat **Adam Chase** of North Babylon, N.Y., 237-235, in the title match of the PBA Bowlers Discount Eastern Open presented by Hammer at AMF Towson Lanes in Towson, Md., Sunday, boosting his all-time PBA titles record total to 107.

Williams, who had a free weekend between the USBC Masters and the Port Property Management PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout in Portland, qualified second behind Australia's **Sam Cooley**. He disposed of **Eric Cornog** of Cherry Hill, N.J., 2-1, in the best-of-three-game Round of 8 before slipping past **Ryan Shafer** of Horseheads, N.Y., in the semifinal round, 172-163, when Shafer failed to strike in his 10th frame.

Chase, who was looking for his first PBA title, qualified fourth and eliminated **Gary Haines** of West Babylon, N.Y., 2-0, before ousting **Steve Pavlinko Jr.** of Sewell, N.J., 213-157, in his semifinal match. Chase saw his chance to beat Williams disappear when he left a 10 pin on his second shot in the 10th frame after striking on his first shot.

For the 58-year-old Williams, the win meant \$2,500 in prize money along with his 33rd standard PBA Regional title to go along with 47 PBA Tour, 11 PBA50 Tour and 16 PBA50 Regional titles.

• As the PBA50 Tour season closes in, PBA50 players will have a final tuneup opportunity in the PBA50 Sarasota South Open at Sarasota Lanes in Sarasota, Fla., April 18-20.

• The April 20-22 PBA Regional calendar includes the <u>Debbie & Leo Nunan Memorial Central Open</u> <u>presented by Track</u> at AMF Stardust Lanes in Grove City, Ohio; and <u>PBA South Point West Challenge for</u> <u>non-champions plus the South Point Member/Non-Member Doubles, both presented by Brunswick, in Las</u> <u>Vegas.</u>

• Closing out the month over the April 27-29 weekend will be the <u>PBA Rockaway Lanes East Open</u>, <u>presented by Storm, in Rockaway</u>, N.J., and the PBA Brighton Construction Myrtle Beach South Open at Myrtle Beach Bowl in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

• For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit <u>pba.com</u>, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area...and remember, you can follow "live scoring" for all PBA Regional events on <u>pba.com</u> (easily accessible for Apple device users using the PBA app).

QUICK NOTES

• Jason Belmonte lives half a world away but like millions of others, he was profoundly affected by the shootings at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. How he was impacted and what he plans to do in the wake of the South Florida tragedy are explained in a feature story by USBC's Matt Cannizzaro on <u>bowl.com</u>. To read Cannizzaro's story, click

here: https://www.bowl.com/News/NewsDetails.aspx?id=23622330943

Dick Allen Wins Port Property Management PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout

18-year PBA Tour veteran wins fifth career title at Bayside Bowl in Portland

PORTLAND, Maine (April 18, 2018) – Dick Allen of Columbia, S.C., a 39-year-old 18-year Professional Bowlers Association touring player, captured his fifth career title in the Port Property Management Xtra Frame Maine Shootout at Bayside Bowl Wednesday.

Allen, who is known as a free spirit, embraced the equally free-spirited Bayside Bowl crowd in defeating journeyman John Furey of Howell, N.J., 269-226, 247-235, to sweep the best-of-three-game title match and end Furey's bid for his first PBA Tour title.

"I don't know what it is," Allen said. "I love this place. I always bowl well here. It's the fans, the atmosphere, everything about it. I love it here."

Allen had a split and open in his first frame, but then ran off a string of strikes to take the lead into the final two frames where single-pin spares gave Furey a chance to throw two strikes and good count in his 10th frame to win. But Furey, the 2012 PBA East Region Player of the Year, left the 3-6-10 on his first shot in the 10th.

Allen earned his berth in the title match by denying 58-year-old PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. a chance to win a record 48th PBA Tour title, eliminating the PBA's all-time winningest bowler, 2-1, in the semifinal round while Furey pulled off the upset of the tournament, sweeping Australia's Jason Belmonte, 254-248, 244-226, in the other semifinal match.

Allen lost the first game to Williams, 258-226, but won a one-ball, two-shot sudden-death roll-off after they tied at 258 in game two to avoid elimination. Both players struck on their first roll-off shots, but Williams left a 10 pin on his second and Allen struck again to force a third game which Allen won, 279-247.

The Maine Shootout was the first of eight PBA Tour Xtra Frame events scheduled for 2018. Xtra Frame's next event will be live coverage of the OceanView at Falmouth PBA League seeding tournament from Bayside Bowl Friday at 7 p.m. EDT. For subscription information, visit <u>xtraframe.tv</u>.

PORT PROPERTY MANAGEMENT PBA XTRA FRAME MAINE SHOOTOUT Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine, April 18 *(all matches are best of three games)*

Championship:

Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C. (\$10,000) def. John Furey, Howell, N.J. (\$6,000), 269-226, 247-235.

Semifinal round (losers earned \$4,000):

Furey def. Jason Belmonte, Australia, 2-0 (254-248, 244-226). Allen def. Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1-1 (226-258, 258-258, 10-10, 10-9 in one-ball sudden death roll-off; 279-247).

Round of 8 (losers earned \$2,500):

Williams def. Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 2-1 (258-225, 199-277, 259-226). Allen def. Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2-1 (194-223, 276-238, 265-182). Belmonte def. Francois Louw, South Africa, 2-1 (249-182, 226-247, 279-214). Furey def. Cody Shoemaker, Hanover, Pa., 2-0 (189-186, 217-191).

Round of 16 (losers earned \$1,500):

O'Neill def. Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 2-1 (238-216, 184-191, 255-193). Larsen def. Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., 2-1 (258-200, 249-256, 257-212). Shoemaker def. Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, 2-0 (235-226, 232-213). Louw def. Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 2-1 (214-236, 237-212, 258-227). Williams def. Osku Palermaa, Finland, 2-0 (247-200, 290-277). Furey def. Patrick Girard, Canada, 2-1 (201-278, 267-191, 225-217). Belmonte def. Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 2-0 (265-210, 249-212). Allen def. Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 2-0 (243-190, 199-191).

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Bowlingball.com L.A. X Qualifies No. 1 for OceanView at Falmouth PBA League Playoffs

Internationally-dominated team begins quest for first Elias Cup Saturday

PORTLAND, Maine (April 20, 2018) – The internationally-dominated <u>bowlingball.com</u> L.A. X team, which is trying for its first Elias Cup, qualified as the No. 1 seed for this weekend's OceanView at Falmouth PBA League finals, averaging 234 as a team Friday night to pace the eight teams of Professional Bowlers Association stars who bowled for seeding positions during an eight-game Baker format qualifying round at Bayside Bowl.

The L.A. X, as the No. 1 team, will meet the No. 8 Barbasol Motown Muscle in their opening match of the single-elimination bracket competition that begins Saturday. L.A. X's lineup includes Australia's Jason Belmonte, England's Stuart Williams, Sweden's Martin Larsen, Finland's Osku Palermaa and one American, left-hander Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz. L.A. X will kick off PBA League competition Saturday against Motown's lineup of EJ Tackett, Francois Lavoie, Anthony Simonsen, Shota Kawazoe, and Josh Blanchard. Motown also is trying for his first Elias Cup, awarded to the winning team.

PBA League competition will involve best-of-two-game Baker format matches in which requires each of the five players will bowl two frames to complete a game. In the best-of-two-game competition, if a match ends in a tie, one player from each team will throw one shot in a sudden-death roll-off until the outcome is decided.

While Friday night's session included some bonus prize money for the top three teams, the "seeding tournament" was more about experimenting with lineups to try to find the best lineup arrangement for competition that begins for real on Saturday.

"This event was where you find out how your guys relate to each other, but tomorrow will be different," noted Barbasol Motown Muscle manager Del Ballard. "We'll find out during the practice session tomorrow morning how we want to set up our lineup."

Following the L.A. X vs. Motown match, the OceanView at Falmouth Brooklyn Styles will bowl the Go Bowling! Silver Lake Atom Splitters in the second opening-round match. The GEICO NYC WTT KingPins, which won the inaugural Elias Cup title in 2013, will meet the two-time defending champion Shipyard Dallas Strikers in their opening match Saturday afternoon.

"This is a good night to find out where you want to put guys in your lineup tomorrow," said Sysco Philadelphia Hitmen manager Jason Couch, whose team qualified in the No. 3 position and will face the hometown favorites, the Port Property Management Portland Lumberjacks, in the final opening round match.

The quarterfinal rounds will be contested at noon and 3:30 p.m. ET Saturday. Saturday's winners advance to the semifinal round matches at noon. Sunday, followed by the Elias Cup championship match at 3:30 p.m.

The new Elias Cup finals format will be an extension of the previous rounds, except teams will bowl two best-of-two-game Baker format matches. If either or both match ends in a tie, it will be decided by a one-ball sudden-death roll-off. If both teams are tied at the end of two matches, the Elias Cup will be decided by a one-ball roll-off.

All PBA League matches will be recorded for delayed telecast on ESPN on Sundays at 1 p.m. ET, beginning this Sunday, and they also will be live-streamed on ESPN3/WatchESPN as they happen. The OceanView at Falmouth PBA League is part of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule.

OCEANVIEW AT FALMOUTH PBA LEAGUE ELIAS CUP Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine, Friday

OceanView at Falmouth PBA League Qualifying Results (after 8 Baker format games; finishing position determines the team's bracket position for the PBA League finals):

1, <u>bowlingball.com</u> L.A. X (manager Andrew Cain; players: Jason Belmonte, Stuart Williams, Martin Larsen, Jakob Butturff, Osku Palermaa), 1,872, \$12,000.

2, GEICO NYC WTT KingPins (manager Carolyn Dorin-Ballard; players: Pete Weber, Marshall Kent, Sam Cooley, BJ Moore, Anthony Pepe), 1,807, \$6,000.

3, Sysco Philadelphia Hitmen (manager Jason Couch; players: Dom Barrett, Tom

Smallwood, Ronnie Russell, Matt Sanders, Chris Loschetter), 1,791, \$3,000.

4, OceanView at Falmouth Brooklyn Styles (manager Johnny Petraglia; players: Parker Bohn III, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Sean Rash, Matt O'Grady, Jason Sterner), 1,774.

5, Go Bowling! Silver Lake Atom Splitters (manager Mark Baker; players: Chris Barnes, Jesper Svensson, Tom Daugherty, Dick Allen, AJ Johnson), 1,741.

6, Port Property Management Portland Lumberjacks (manager Tim Mack; players: Ryan Ciminelli, Wes Malott, Kyle Troup, DJ Archer, Jojoe Yannaphon), 1,733.

7, Shipyard Dallas Strikers: (player-manager Norm Duke; players: Tommy Jones, Bill O'Neill, Rhino Page, Kyle Sherman), 1,722.

8, Barbasol Motown Muscle (manager Del Ballard Jr.; players: EJ Tackett, Francois Lavoie, Anthony Simonsen, Shota Kawazoe, Josh Blanchard), 1,625.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21 (PBA League Quarterfinals)

Noon – OceanView at Falmouth PBA League Quarterfinals (live on ESPN3/WatchESPN; ESPN telecast Sunday, April 22 at 1 p.m. ET)

Match One: bowlingball.com L.A. X vs. Barbasol Motown Muscle.

Match Two: OceanView at Falmouth Brooklyn Styles vs. Go Bowling! Silver Lake Atom Splitters.

3:30 p.m. – OceanView at Falmouth PBA League Quarterfinals (live on ESPN3/WatchESPN; ESPN telecast Sunday, April 29 at 1 p.m. ET)

Match Three: GEICO NYC WTT KingPins vs. Shipyard Dallas Strikers.

Match Four: Sysco Philadelphia Hitmen vs. Port Property Management Portland Lumberjacks.

SUNDAY, APRIL 22 (PBA League Semifinals and Finals)

Noon – OceanView at Falmouth PBA League Semifinals (live on ESPN3/WatchESPN; ESPN telecast Sunday, May 6 at 1 p.m. ET)

Semifinal Match One: Winner Match One vs. Winner Match Two.

Semifinal Match Two: Winner Match Three vs. Winner Match Four.

3:30 p.m. – OceanView at Falmouth PBA League Elias Cup finals (live on ESPN3/WatchESPN; ESPN telecast Sunday, May 13 at 1 p.m. ET)

Atom Splitters, Motown Muscle Win as PBA League Gets Underway

Underdog Motown Muscle will bid for first Elias Cup berth against two-time past champions

PORTLAND, Maine – The two-time past champion Oceanview at Falmouth Silver Lake Atom Splitters will continue their bid for a third OceanView at Falmouth PBA League Elias Cup in the semifinal round, but the underdog Barbasol Motown Muscle will have a say in Silver Lake's future after posting an inspired opening-round victory as the sixth edition of the Elias Cup competition got off to a thunderous start in front of a sold-out crowd at Bayside Bowl.

The first two best-of-two-game quarterfinal rounds matches, which are part of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule, aired Sunday on ESPN.

In the first best-of-two-game match of the 2018 PBA League competition, the underdog Motown Muscle knocked out the top-seeded <u>bowlingball.com</u> L.A. X team, 233-194 and 219-210. The first game of the Baker format match included two strings of four strikes by Motown's Josh Blanchard, Shota Kawazoe, Francois Lavoie, Anthony Simonsen and EJ Tackett while L.A. X threw only one strike in the first eight frames.

Game two was a nail-biter heading into the 10th frame where Tackett, working on a strike, left a 4 pin. L.A. X anchor bowler Jakob Butturff needed two strikes and nine pins to send the match into a one-ball sudden-death roll-off, but he left a 7 pin to hand Motown's its first sweep in the PBA League's six-year history.

"That was exciting," Motown manager Del Ballard Jr. said. "I thought (Butturff's) second shot was better than the first, but he didn't get the strike.

"We obviously weren't overconfident (after qualifying eighth)," he added. "We've always had a good team on paper, but not when it counts. Today was a different day than yesterday. I just tried to keep my guys loose. I told them, when you think about it, we had a USBC Masters champion (Simonsen), a U.S. Open champion (Lavoie), a two-time PBA World Champion (Tackett), the best player in his home country (Japan's Kawazoe) and we still didn't stack up against (L.A. X's Jason Belmonte, a 17-time PBA Tour champion and four-time PBA Player of the Year).

"But the PBA League is about the team, not one guy. I didn't want my guys over-thinking so we narrowed things down to one or two balls for each player to make decisions simpler, and it worked out perfectly."

In the second match, the 2014 and 2015 Elias Cup champion Atom Splitters got off to a slow start against Brooklyn, but Jesper Svensson, Dick Allen, AJ Johnson, Tom Daugherty and anchor bowler Chris Barnes combined for a string of five strikes, taking the lead when Brooklyn's PBA Hall of Famers Walter Ray Williams Jr. and Parker Bohn III left back-to-back splits. A late string of five strikes wasn't enough as the Atom Splitters took a 223-212 decision.

Game two wasn't as close. Silver Lake struck on seven of its first eight shots and ran away with a 257-205 victory after the Styles left seven single pins.

"The first game is always nerve-wracking," said Silver Lake manager Mark Baker. "The adrenalin kicks in for everyone. You can't explain to first-time bowlers what it's going to be like with the crowds here. Even my heart started pumping." A pivotal shot involved Barnes converting the 2-5-8 in the 10th frame of game one, which gave the Atom Splitters the win.

"Chris making that spare was huge," Baker said. "We won the first game, and when that happens, you know you will at least tie. When you win the first game, you know you've got a free swing at it in game two. It got all of our guys a little looser."

Motown, which has never won the Elias Cup, will meet the Atom Splitters in the first semifinal round match that will air on ESPN on Sunday, May 6, at 1 p.m. ET.

The final two quarterfinal round matches – New York City vs. Dallas and Philadelphia vs. Portland – will air next Sunday, April 29, at 1 p.m. ET with the winners advancing to the second semifinal match on May 6. The Elias Cup finals will air on Sunday, May 13, at 1 p.m. All ESPN telecasts are being simultaneously streamed on ESPN3 and the WatchESPN app.

OCEANVIEW AT FALMOUTH PBA LEAGUE Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine (aired Sunday on ESPN)

Quarterfinal Round Results (best-of-two-game Baker format)

Match One: Barbasol Motown Muscle (Josh Blanchard, Shota Kawazoe, Francois Lavoie, Anthony Simonsen, EJ Tackett) def. <u>bowlingball.com</u> L.A. X (Stuart Williams, Martin Larsen, Osku Palermaa, Jason Belmonte, Jakob Butturff), 233-194, 219-210.

Match Two: Go Bowling! Silver Lake Atom Splitters (Jesper Svensson, Dick Allen, AJ Johnson, Tom Daugherty, Chris Barnes) def. OceanView at Falmouth Brooklyn Styles (Walter Ray Williams Jr., Parker Bohn III, Jason Sterner, Sean Rash, Matt O'Grady), 223-212, 257-205.

OCEANVIEW AT FALMOUTH PBA LEAGUE ESPN SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 1 P.M. ET Quarterfinal Match Three:

GEICO NYC WTT KingPins (Pete Weber, Marshall Kent, Sam Cooley, BJ Moore, Anthony Pepe) vs. Shipyard Dallas Strikers: (player-manager Norm Duke, Tommy Jones, Bill O'Neill, Rhino Page, Kyle Sherman).

Quarterfinal Match Four:

Sysco Philadelphia Hitmen (Dom Barrett, Tom Smallwood, Ronnie Russell, Matt Sanders, Chris Loschetter) vs. Port Property Management Portland Lumberjacks (Ryan Ciminelli, Wes Malott, Kyle Troup, DJ Archer, Jojoe Yannaphon)

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 1 P.M. ET

Semifinal Match One: Barbasol Motown Muscle vs. Go Bowling! Silver Lake Atom Splitters. **Semifinal Match Two**: GEICO NYC WTT KingPins- Shipyard Dallas Strikers Winner vs. Sysco Philadelphia Hitmen-Port Property Management Portland Lumberjacks Winner.

SUNDAY, MAY 13, 1 P.M. ET

Elias Cup championship finals (best of two games, Baker format team games; one-ball sudden-death roll-off will decide any ties)

Walter Ray Williams Jr. Averages 245 for 10 Games to Lead Qualifying in PBA50 Lucas Magazine Classic

NEW PORT RICHEY, Fla. (April 22, 2018) -- After a single 10-game qualifying round, Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., averaged 245.6 Sunday to emerge as the top qualifier heading into match play for the PBA50 Lucas Magazine Classic at Lane Glo Bowl.

In the opening tournament of the 2018 PBA50 Tour season, Williams, an 11-time PBA50 Tour winner, finished with a 2,456 pinfall total to edge out 2017 PBA50 Rookie of the Year Michael Haugen Jr. of Phoenix, who finished in second with 2,451.

Williams, the PBA Tour's all-time titles leader with 47 wins, had games of 258, 265, 205, 229, 279, 238, 240, 269, 226 and 247.

"The biggest change I had to make was when I went to a more aggressive ball in the fourth game," said the 58-year-old Williams. "Even though it was a long block, the pace of bowling was good. As long as I kept throwing the ball firm and maintained good (ball) speed I could keep throwing the ball from the outside which is where I have the best results."

Williams, who finished third in the recent Port Property Management PBA Xtra Frame Shootout in Maine, is hoping for his first PBA50 Tour title since winning the USBC Senior Masters in June of 2017.

"I had the Senior Masters win last year but wasn't really happy with the season other than that," Williams added. "I've been bowling pretty well recently and just want to keep it going."

Williams won the PBA Bowlers Discount Eastern Open regional tournament in Maryland a week ago for his 107th overall career PBA title.

Haugen, the winner of the 2017 Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open, had games of 257, 204, 212, 211 231, 278, 258, 243, 299 and 258 for his 10 games in the qualifying round.

"I'm coming in with a simpler is better mentality," said Haugen, the winner of five titles on the regular PBA Tour. Right now, I only have two balls with me and I'm going back to old school by making the most of my adjustments with speed and hand positions. It's what we grew up doing and that's what was working for me, especially in the last half of the round."

Haugen is coming off a win in the PBA50 Sarasota South Open regional tournament which ended Friday.

Rounding out the top five were five-time PBA Tour winner Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 2,410; Sammy Ventura, Norwich, N.Y., 2,393, and two-time tour winner Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif. 2,391.

Competition continues Monday with a cashers' round at 8:30 a.m. ET followed by the first round of match play at noon. After the second match play round at 3 p.m., the top five players will be determined for the stepladder finals at 7 p.m.

Fans can catch all the action on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame. For subscription and schedule information visit <u>www.xtraframe.tv</u>.

PBA50 LUCAS MAGAZINE CLASSIC Lane Glo Bowl, New Port Richey, Fla., Sunday

First Round

(After 10 games. Positions 1-24 advance to match play. Positions 25 through 44 plus eight PBA60 players advance to cashers round to determine eight additional match play spots)

1, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 2,456. 2, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 2,451. 3, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 2,410. 4, Sammy Ventura, Norwich, N.Y., 2,393. 5, Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 2,391. 6, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 2,386. 7, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 2,373. 8, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 2,372. 9, Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 2,356. 10, Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 2,339. 11, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 2,338. 12, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 2,337. 13, Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 2,330. 14, Don Breeden, Clive, Iowa, 2,320. 15, Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, 2,313. 16, Jeff Bellinger, Columbia, S.C., 2,312. 17, Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 2,309. 18, n-Warren Eales, Chandler, Ariz., 2,303. 19, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 2,299. 20, James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 2,298. 21, Ralph Brunt Jr., Jensen Beach, Fla., 2,283. 22, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 2,277. 23, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 2,273. 24, John Donovan, Melbourne, Fla., 2,250. 25, Sam Maccarone, Williamstown, N.J., 2,244. 26, Mike Mineman, St Louis, Mo., 2,234. 27, Todd Haney, Boiling Springs, S.C., 2,230. 28, Jim Pitts, Elmira, N.Y., 2,220. 29, John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 2,219. 30, Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 2,216. 31, Bill Watson, Monroe, Ohio, 2,212. 32, Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., 2,201. 33, Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 2,197. 34, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 2,196. 35. Patrick King, Yankton, S.D., 2,191. 36, William Peters, Dayton, Ohio, 2,186. 37, James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., 2,184. 38, Harry Alchin III, Madeira Beach, Fla., 2,182. 39, Doug Becker, Clermont, Fla., 2,175. 40, George Litwin, Miami, 2,169. 41, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 2,167. 42, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 2,164. 43, Jeff Schrum, Cherryville, N.C., 2,162. 44, Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland, 2,160. 45, Glenn Smith, New York, 2,159. 46, ss-Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 2,155. 47, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 2,153. 48, Paul LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 2,151. 49, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 2,147. 50, ss-Ray Valdovino, Sacramento, Calif., 2,136.

- 51, James Deplanche, Taylor, Mich., 2,135.
- 52, n-Dennis Rakauskas, Apopka, Fla., 2,121.
- 53 (tie), ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., and Peter Knopp, Germany, 2,120.
- 55, Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 2,118.
- 56, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 2,117.
- 57, Dave Han, Birmingham, Ala., 2,114.
- 58, Rolando Sebelen, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, 2,108.
- 59, ss-Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 2,106.
- 60, John Dougherty, Fort Walton Beach, Fla., 2,099.
- 61, David Taylor, Largo, Fla., 2,098.
- 62, (tie) Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., and Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., 2,097.
- 64, David Bleggi, Jacksonville, N.C., 2,092.
- 65, Doug O'Bryant, Ball Ground, Ga., 2,086.
- 66, ss-Fred Ferreira, Kings Park, N.Y., 2,085.
- 67, ss-Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 2,084.
- 68, ss-Steve Bova, Massapequa, N.Y., 2,077.
- 69, ss-John DiSantis, Wilmington, Del., 2,072.
- 70, Widmar Vargas, Riverview, Fla., 2,070.
- 71, (tie) Jerry Brunette Jr., Naples, Fla., and Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 2,069.
- 73, John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 2,068.
- 74, Michael Mikolajczyk, Boothwyn, Pa., 2,065.
- 75, (tie) Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, and John Hough, Naples, Fla., 2,063.
- 77, Charlie Toney, Oak Hill, W.Va., 2,060.
- 78, Doug Henry, Columbus, Ind., 2,057.
- 79, Steve Kenyon, Dade City, Fla., 2,050.
- 80, Ken Fishman, Lutz, Fla., 2,049.
- 81, Jon DeLaney, McKinney, Texas, 2,046.
- 82, Timothy Martin, Harrisville, R.I., 2,043.
- 83, James Campbell, Clearwater, Fla., 2,039.
- 84, Rick Francis, Linden, Calif., 2,038.
- 85, Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 2,035.
- 86, (tie) James Storts, Westfield, Ind., and Michael Craig, Westerville, Ohio, 2,034.
- 88, John Gant, Medford, Mass., 2,033.
- 89, Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 2,020.
- 90, Steven Putnam, Warner Robins, Ga., 2,018.
- 91, George Patel, England, 2,016.
- 92, Darin Hays, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 2,007.
- 93, Steven DiMartino, Upper Saddle River, N.J., 2,002.
- 94, Michael Byers, Charleston, S.C., 1,999.
- 95, David Martin, Chesapeake, Va., 1,991.
- 96, n-John Chovanec, Sugarland, Tex., 1,976.
- 97, (tie) Barry Clare, Bayside, N.Y., and C.K. Moore, Gulf Breeze, Fla., 1,975.
- 99, Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 1,955.
- 100, Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 1,953.
- 101, Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wisc., 1,947.
- 102, Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 1,946.
- 103, Jimmy Jean, Kathleen, Ga., 1,942.
- 104, Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 1,930.
- 105, Tony Rodriguez Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 1,922.
- 106, Bob Kelly, Dayton, Ohio, 1,920.
- 107, (tie) Pete Arruda, Gilbert, S.C., and Michael Truitt, New Port Richey, Fla., 1,910.
- 109, Arthur O'Connor, Middle Village, N.Y., 1,901.
- 110, Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 1,899.

- 111, ss-Steve Calvore, Naples, Fla., 1,897. 112, Darryl Dempsey, Pinellas Park, Fla., 1,882. 113, Ken Shealy, Myrtle Beach, S.C., 1,881. 114, Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 1,877. 115, Timothy Regan, East Northport, N.Y., 1,874. 116, Louis Alessi, Clearwater, Fla., 1,864. 117, Michael Vella, Bellport, N.Y., 1,861. 118, David Sanders, Blythewood, S.C., 1,859. 119, Lucien Casagrande, Canada, 1,844. 120, Johnny Wilson, Colorado Springs, Colo., 1,832. 121, Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., 1,821. 122, William Keenan Jr., Orlando, Fla., 1,820. 123, John Austin Jr., League City, Texas, 1,812. 124, Greg Kemp, Conroe, Texas, 1,811. 125, Timothy Bates, Orlando, Fla., 1,806. 126, Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 1,803. 127, Lew Elting, Carlsbad, Calif., 1,781. 128, Robert Donovan, Prattsville, N.Y., 1,709. 129, Doug Evans, Bayonet Point, Fla., 1,706. 130, ss-John Thomas, Fort Myers, Fla., 1,675.
- 131, Rich Schubert, Cornith, Texas, 1,573.

300 games – Lennie Boresch Jr., Ryan Shafer and Ralph Brunt Jr.

ss-indicates PBA60 players advancing to cashers' round n-indicates non-member

Non-Member Warren Eales Out Strikes Walter Ray Williams Jr. in Title Match to Win PBA50 Lucas Magazine Classic

Eales strikes on last eight shots to become first non-member in 10 years to win PBA50 Tour event

NEW PORT RICHEY, Fla. (April 23, 2018) – Warren Eales of Chandler, Ariz., bowling as a nonmember, fired the last eight strikes in the championship match against Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., to win the PBA50 Lucas Magazine Classic Monday at Lane Glo Bowl.

Eales, who is the Port Director for the United States Customs Service in Las Vegas, beat Williams 258-247 to become the first non-member to win a PBA50 Tour event since Nick Morgan of Sacramento, Calif., won the Senior Northern California Classic in 2008.

"Who knew this was going to happen," said the 58-year-old Eales, who was the top qualifier for the stepladder finals of the first PBA50 tournament of the season. "To strike out in the 10th frame to beat Walter Ray, how could you script it any better? It's a once-in-a-lifetime bowling experience."

Williams, who was trying for his 12th PBA50 Tour title, finished the match with his 247 game forcing Eales to throw the first two strikes in the 10th frame for the win but Eales left little doubt about the outcome when he threw three pocket strikes.

"I have a pre-shot routine and I executed it exactly the way I wanted," Eales said. "I just had to concentrate on keeping my hand underneath the ball, throw a soft shot and let it roll. The first shot in

the 10th went exactly according to plan and then I just thought to myself I just need to do it one more time."

Eales, who was a PBA member for two years in the mid-1980s, owns four USBC Open Championships titles. He's had several top 10 finishes in PBA regional tournaments and once finished 18th in a PBA Tour tournament. He's a member of the Arizona, Phoenix and Mesa bowling halls of fame and now bowls tournaments mainly on the state and local level.

Eales trip to Florida for the Lucas Magazine Classic was actually part of a vacation with his wife Yeong.

"Once a year my wife and I take a week's vacation around a tournament in a different part of the country," he said. "This year we picked this tournament because there was also a regional in Sarasota a couple days before. Needless to say, it will be a vacation I'll never forget."

In the semi-final match Williams, who qualified third for the finals, beat one-time PBA Tour winner Mike Mineman of St. Louis 248-201 to advance to the title match. Mineman, who qualified second and was making his first PBA50 Tour finals appearance, won the 2006 Bayer Classic PBA Tour event.

In the second stepladder match, Williams beat No. 5 qualifier 56-year-old insurance agent Joel Carlson of Omaha, Neb., 268-241, to advance to the semi-final match.

Carlson, who has a best PBA50 Tour finish of third, which came in the 2016 Sun Bowl In The Villages, took advantage of a missed 10-pin and a gutter ball on a double by PBA Hall of Famer and two-time PBA50 Player of the Year Ron Mohr of Las Vegas to win the opening stepladder match 207-197.

The PBA50 Tour moves to The Villages, Fla. for the PBA50 National Championship presented by Spanish Springs Lanes and Radical April 24-28 which is the first major of the season.

Fans can catch all the action on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame. For subscription and schedule information visit <u>www.xtraframe.tv</u>.

PBA50 LUCAS MAGAZINE CLASSIC Lane Glo Bowl, New Port Richey, Fla., Monday

Final Standings:

- 1, n-Warren Eales, Chandler, Ariz., \$7,500.
- 2, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., \$4,000.
- 3, Mike Mineman, St. Louis, Mo., \$2,500.
- 4, Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., \$2,000.
- 5, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, \$1,750.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Carlson def. Mohr, 207-197. Match Two – Williams def. Carlson, 268-241. Semifinal Match – Williams def. Mineman, 248 -201. Championship Match – Eales def. Williams, 258-247.

Match Play Round 2 (after six games, including match play bonus pins. Top five advance to stepladder finals)

- 1, n-Warren Eales, Chandler, Ariz., 5-1, 1,602.
- 2, Mike Mineman, St Louis, Mo, 3-2-1, 1,572.
- 3, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3-2-1, 1,562.
- 4, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 5-1, 1,549.

- 5, Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 4-2, 1,518.
- 6, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3-3, 1,517, \$1,500.
- 7, Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 3-3, 1,508, \$1,600.
- 8, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3-3, 1,475, \$1,500.
- 9, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3-3, 1,464, \$1,350.
- 10, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 4-2, 1,447, \$1,450.
- 11, Sammy Ventura, Norwich, N.Y., 2-4, 1,407, \$1,350.
- 12, Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 2-4, 1,382, \$1,450.
- 13, George Litwin, Miami, 2-4, 1,364, \$1,350.
- *14, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 3-3, 1,300, \$1,300.
- 15, Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 1-5-0, 1,264, \$1,350.
- 16, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 1-5-0, 1,207, \$1,350.

*LeClair withdrew after fourth match because of injury and was replaced by Amleto Monacelli.

Match Play Round 1 (After five games, including match play bonus pins)

- 17, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3-2, 1,233, \$1,300.
- 18, James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 3-2, 1,217, \$1,250.
- 19, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 2-3, 1,209, \$1,350.
- 20, Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, 3-2, 1,208, \$1,250.
- 21, Don Breeden, Clive, Iowa, 3-2, 1,205, \$1,250.
- 22, Jeff Bellinger, Columbia, S.C., 2-3, 1,195, \$1,250.
- 23, Sam Maccarone, Williamstown, N.J., 3-2, 1,182, \$1,250.
- 24, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 2-3, 1,175, \$1,250.
- 25, Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 2-3, 1,167, \$1,150.
- 26, Bill Watson, Monroe, Ohio, 3-2, 1,132, \$1,150.
- 27, Ralph Brunt Jr., Jensen Beach, Fla., 1-4, 1,127, \$1,250.
- 28, William Peters, Dayton, Ohio, 2-3, 1,113, \$1,150.
- 29, Steve Bova, Massapequa, N.Y., 2-3, 1,063, \$1,150.
- 30, Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 2-3, 1,062, \$1,150.
- 31, John Donovan, Melbourne, Fla., 2-3, 1,030, \$1,150.
- 32, John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 0-5, 918, \$1,150.

Other Cashers (after five-game cashers' round)

- 33, Doug Becker, Clermont, Fla., 1,091, \$1,050.
- 34, Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 1,090, \$1,050.
- 35, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 1,082, \$1,050.
- 36, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 1,080, \$1,050.
- 37, James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., 1,068, \$1,050.
- 38, Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland, 1,061, \$1,050.
- 39, Ray Valdovino, Sacramento, Calif., 1,059, \$1,050.
- 40, Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., 1,058, \$1,050.
- 41, Patrick King, Yankton, S.D., 1,049, \$1,000.
- 42, Todd Haney, Boiling Springs, S.C., 1,043, \$1,000.
- 43, Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 1,042, \$1,000.
- 44, Harry Alchin, Madeira Beach, Fla., 1,026, \$1,000.
- 45, Jeff Schrum, Cherryville, N.C., 1,025, \$1,000.
- 46, Jim Pitts, Elmira, N.Y., 1,004, \$1,000.
- 47, John DiSantis, Wilmington, Del., 998, \$1,000.
- 48, Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 996, \$1,000.
- 49, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 968, \$1,000.
- 50, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 931, \$1,000.

- 51, Fred Ferreira, Kings Park, N.Y., 930, \$1,000.
- 52, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 873, \$1,000.

n-non-member

Kyle Cook Wins PBA Debbie & Leo Nunan Memorial Central Open

Grove City, Ohio (April 22, 2018) – Kyle Cook of Centerville, Ohio defeated Chandler Stevens of Archbold, Ohio by 37 pins Sunday to win the Professional Bowlers Association Debbie & Leo Nunan Memorial Central Open presented by Track at AMF Stardust Lanes.

Cook finished with a 9-3 match play record and a total of 4,705 pins for 20 games, including match play bonus pins, for his first career PBA Central Region title. He also earned \$2,500.

The next PBA Central Region event will be in Struthers, Ohio, May 4-6.

PBA DEBBIE & LEO NUNAN MEMORIAL CENTRAL OPEN PRESENTED BY TRACK AMF Stardust Lanes, Grove City, Ohio, Sunday

Final Match Play Standings (after 20 games, including match play bonus pins):

1, Kyle Cook, Centerville, Ohio, 9-3-, 4,705, \$2,500. 2, Chandler Stevens, Archbold, Ohio, 7-5, 4,668, \$1,300.

3, Graham Fach, Canada, 7-5, 4,653, \$1,000. 4, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 9-3, 4,608, \$900.

5, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 7-5, 4,571, \$850. 6, Kyle Mayberry, Mt. Vernon, Ohio, 8-4, 4,484, \$800.

7, n-Mike Sturgell, Orient, Ohio, 7-5, 4,422, \$780. 8, Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 6-6, 4,308, \$760. 9, Zachery Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 3-9, 4,298, \$740. 10, w-n-Rocio Restrepo, Colombia, 5-7, 4,252, \$720. 11, Lonnie Jones Jr., Ann Arbor, Mich., 5-7, 4,223, \$700. 12, Tom Sorce, Blasdell, N.Y., 6-6, 4,212, \$680. 13, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 5-7, 4,183, \$660. 14, n-Robert Vest, Chillicothe, Ohio, 5-7, 4,147, \$640. 15, Devon Miller, <u>Dublin, Ohio, 3-9</u>, 4,112, \$620. 16, n-Richard Brown, Canal Winchester, Ohio, 4-8, 4,024, \$600.

n-denotes non-member.

Brian Kretzer Has Strong Finish to Take First Round Lead In PBA50 National Championship

THE VILLAGES, Fla. (April 25, 2018) – In the first major of the 2018 PBA50 Tour season, Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio, averaged 238 after Wednesday's first round to lead the PBA50 National Championship presented by Spanish Springs Lanes and Radical.

After a slow start with games of 209 and 200, Kretzer found the lane conditions to be more favorable as the round progressed finishing strong with games of 257, 263, 275 and 226 for a 1,430 pinfall total.

"I started out playing straight down the lane but then the shot gradually moved inside and for me that is really in my wheelhouse," said the 51-year-old Kretzer, who owns one PBA Tour title. "I was able to throw it slow with a lot of hook and that's my "A" game."

Kretzer is coming off a 2017 season in which his best finish was third in the PBA50 Northern California Classic.

"I'm coming out here ready to go this season," Kretzer added. "I'm especially looking forward to the next two rounds here because there will already be some play on the lanes from the earlier rounds. If I can play inside, that's ideally where I want to be."

Kretzer holds a 21-pin lead over PBA Hall of Famer and 2017 PBA50 Players Championship winner Bryan Goebel of Shawnee, Kan., in second with a 1,409 pinfall total. Goebel had games of 237, 211, 236, 237, 228 and 260.

PBA Hall of Famers Pete Weber and Norm Duke finished the first round in seventh and eighth, respectively. Weber bowled a 1,382 pinfall for his six games and Duke bowled 1,377. Weber, a 10-time PBA50 Tour titlist is coming off a disappointing 2017 season with a best finish of ninth. Duke won the 2017 PBA50 Miller High Life Classic for his fourth PBA50 Tour title.

The 171-player field returns for six-game qualifying rounds Thursday and Friday beginning at 9 a.m. ET after which the top 32 players will be determined for Saturday's first round of match play at 9 a.m. After the first round of match play the top 16 players will advance to the second match play round at 2 p.m. which will determine the top five players for the stepladder finals at 7 p.m.

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PBA50 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Presented by Spanish Springs Lanes and Radical Spanish Springs Lanes, The Villages, Fla., Wednesday

FIRST ROUND (after six games)

- 1, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1,430.
- 2, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 1,409.
- 3, (tie) Rolando Sebelen, Dominica Republic, and Steve Kenyon, Dade City, Fla., 1,407.
- 5, George Gomez, Orlando, Fla., 1,400.
- 6, ss-Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 1,398.
- 7, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,382.
- 8, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,377.
- 9, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 1,373.
- 10, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 1,369.
- 11, (tie) Eddie Graham, Kettering, Ohio, and ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 1,360.
- 13, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,347.
- 14, ss-John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 1,344.
- 15, (tie) n, ss-Mark Scime, Winter Garden, Fla., and ss-Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 1,339.
- 17, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 1,335.
- 18, ss-Jeff Bellinger, Columbia, S.C., 1,333.
- 19, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 1,328.
- 20, Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 1,327.
- 21, (tie) Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., and John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 1,326.
- 23, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 1,325.
- 24, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,323.
- 25, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 1,322.
- 26, James Campbell, Clearwater, Fla., 1,315.
- 27, n-Don DuPree, Fort Walton Beach, Fla., 1,312.
- 28, Peter Knopp, Germany, 1,310.
- 29, n-Dennis Rakauskas, Apopka, Fla., 1,305.
- 30, (tie) Doug Becker, Clermont, Fla., and ss-Lew Elting, Carlsbad, Calif., 1,304.
- 32, Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 1,301.

- 33, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,300.
- 34, John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 1,299.
- 35, Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 1,296.
- 36, ss-Sam Maccarone, Williamstown, N.J., 1,295.
- 37, Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 1,294.
- 38, ss-Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 1,292.
- 39, (tie) Michael Craig, Westerville, Ohio, John Donovan, Melbourne, Fla., and ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 1,291.
- 42, ss-John Gant, Medford, Mass., 1,290.
- 43, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 1,288.
- 44, (tie) ss-Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., and Charlie Toney, Oak Hill, W.Va., 1,287.
- 46, Randy Rose, Davenport, Fla., 1,286.
- 47, (tie) ss-Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., and Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 1,278.
- 49, Tony Rodriguez Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 1,273.
- 50, (tie) Dave Sill, Titusville, Fla., and ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 1,272.
- 52, (tie) ss-Bob Kelly, Dayton, Ohio, and n-John Hough, Naples, Fla., 1,268.
- 54, Jimmy Jean, Kathleen, Ga., 1,264.
- 55, ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 1,262.
- 56, Sammy Ventura, Norwich, N.Y., 1,257.
- 57, Don Breeden, Clive, Iowa, 1,256.
- 58, ss-Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 1,254.
- 59, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,253.
- 60, ss-Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 1,250.
- 61, Harry Alchin III, Madeira Beach, Fla., 1,246.
- 62, (tie) Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., and Tommy Martin, Millington, Tenn., 1,245.
- 64, Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 1,242.
- 65, ss-Tommy Brodowski, New Hyde Park, N.Y., 1,241.
- 66, ss-n-Dennis Psaropolus, Lake Worth, Fla., 1,238.
- 67, n-Corbett Austin, North Ogden, Utah, 1,237.
- 68, (tie) n-John Stronka, Davie, Fla., and n-Rich Garner, Hudson, Fla., 1,231.
- 70, Pete Arruda, Gilbert, S.C., 1,229.
- 71, Greg Kemp, Conroe, Texas, 1,228.

72, (tie) Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., and Timothy Martin, Harrisville, R.I., 1,227.

- 75, ss-Larry Gross, Ocala, Fla., 1,226.
- 76, Richard Morgan, Grand Island, Fla., 1,224.
- 77, ss-Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 1,223.
- 78, James Deplanche, Taylor, Mich., 1,221.
- 79, Alan Wilson, Martinsville, Ind., 1,220.
- 80, Robert Lawrence, Austin, Texas, 1,217.
- 81, Kevin Williams, Brooksville, Fla., 1,216.
- 82, David Taylor, Largo, Fla., 1,214.
- 83, ss-Mike Schmid, St. Paul, Minn., 1,213.
- 84, ss-Don Sylvia, Port Orange, Fla., 1,212.
- 85, (tie) ss-Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., and Ralph Brunt Jr., Jensen Beach, Fla., 1,208.
- 87, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,205.
- 88, (tie) n-Rick Pittman, Fruitland Park, Fla., and Rick Francis, Linden, Calif., 1,204.
- 90, (tie) ss-James Storts, Westfield, Ind., and Glenn Smith, New York, 1,202.
- 92, (tie) Bill Watson, Monroe, Ohio, and ss-Nick Panicaro, Ocala, Fla., 1,200.
- 94, Darin Hays, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 1,199.
- 95, Norm Spurlock, Kenner, La., 1,197.
- 96, Timothy Regan, East Northport, N.Y., 1,196.
- 97, ss-n-John Pullen, Oyster Bay, N.Y., 1,194.

- 98, ss-Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 1,190.
- 99, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 1,189.
- 100, ss-Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., 1,183.
- 101, (tie) n-Dave Van Riet, Summerfield, Fla., and Jon DeLaney, McKinney, Texas, 1,181.
- 103, Michael Byers, Charleston, S.C., 1,179.
- 104, ss-John DiSantis, Wilmington, Del., 1,177.
- 105, n-Michael Owen, Gainesville, Fla., 1,176.
- 106, (tie) Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., and ss-Chuck Best, Buda, Texas, 1,175.
- 108, ss-Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 1,174.
- 109, n-Lester See, Yulee, Fla., 1,171.
- 110, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 1,169.
- 111, ss-Steven Grotowski, Ft Lauderdale, Fla., 1,168.
- 112, Mike Mineman, St Louis, Mo., 1,167.
- 113, n-ss-Michael Dioguardo, Patchogue, N.Y., 1,163.
- 114, Jerry Brunette Jr., Naples, Fla., 1,162.
- 115, Darryl Dempsey, Pinellas Park, Fla., 1,158.
- 116, ss-William Banks, Laurel Hill, N.C., 1,156.
- 117, ss-Louis Alessi, Clearwater, Fla., 1,155.
- 118, Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 1,154.
- 119, (tie) Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., and ss-Jeff Schrum, Cherryville, N.C., 1,152.
- 121, ss-Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 1,151.
- 122, Tim Hartley, Englewood, Ohio, 1,149.
- 123, ss-William Peters, Dayton, Ohio, 1,145.
- 124, James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 1,141.
- 125, ss-Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 1,136.
- 126, Mike Keough, Stockton, Calif., 1,135.
- 127, John Austin Jr., League City, Texas, 1,133.
- 128, ss-Chuck Richardson, The Villages, Fla., 1,131.
- 129, Barry Clare, Bayside, N.Y., 1,128.
- 130, (tie) Doug O'Bryant, Ball Ground, Ga., and n,ss-Patrick Trudeau, St. Petersburg, Fla., 1,124.
- 132, Johnny Wilson, Colorado Springs, Colo., 1,123.
- 133, Mal Williams, Jr, Greensboro, N.C., 1,120.
- 134, ss-David Goldenberg, Holtsville, N.Y., 1,118.
- 135, ss-Ken Waters, Kingsport, Tenn., 1,116.
- 136, Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 1,115.
- 137, George Patel, England, 1,114.
- 138, ss-Rich Giragosian, The Villages, Fla., 1,110.
- 139, Todd Haney, Boiling Springs, S.C., 1,102.
- 140, Ken Fishman, Lutz, Fla., 1,101.
- 141, ss-Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 1,100.
- 142, (tie) Joe Fulner III, Belleview, Fla., and ss-Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., 1,098.
- 144, ss-Timothy Bates, Orlando, Fla., 1,097.
- 145, (tie) Wayne Bolin, Lumberton, N.C., and ss-David Martin, Chesapeake, Va., 1,095.
- 147, David Bleggi, Jacksonville, N.C., 1,093.
- 148, ss-Widmar Vargas, Riverview, Fla., 1,089.
- 149, ss-James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., 1,088.
- 150, ss-Larry Helton, Bolingbrook, Ill., 1,082.
- 151, ss-Ray Valdovino, Sacramento, Calif., 1,081.
- 152, ss-Steve Bova, Massapequa, N.Y., 1,079.
- 153, (tie) ss-Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, and John Kidwell, Indianapolis, Ind., 1,078.
- 155, Michael Vella, Bellport, N.Y., 1,073.
- 156, ss-Dennis Thomas, Navarre, Fla., 1,070.
- 157, ss-Jim Pitts, Elmira, N.Y., 1,067.

158, ss-Peter Brainard, Tampa, Fla., 1,063.
159, ss-Dave Schultz, Summerfield, Fla., 1,048.
160, ss-Larry Williams, St. Augustine, Fla., 1,045.
161, ss-Bob Chamberlain, The Villages, Fla., 1,044.
162, Bill Ursillo, Bluffton, SC, 1,043.
163, ss-Robert Donovan, Prattsville, N.Y., 1,037.
164, ss-Rich Schubert, Cornith, Texas, 1,034.
165, ss-Lindell Woolard, Tallahassee, Fla., 1,031.
166, ss-Dowell Milliken, Lake Grove, N.Y., 1,022.
167, ss-Stephen Lippman, Palm Harbor, Fla., 1,020.
168, ss-Fred Ferreira, Kings Park, N.Y., 1,007.
169, ss-Mark Nance Sr., Grove City, Ohio, 986.
170, ss-Daniel Kelso, New Fairfield, Conn., 983.
171, ss-n-Joseph Woznicki, Lakeland, Fla., 974.

300 games – Joe Scarborough n-non-member ss-PBA60 players ages 60 and over

Pete Weber Moves Into PBA50 National Championship Lead After Second Round

THE VILLAGES, Fla. (April 26, 2018) – Starting his 2018 PBA50 Tour season with a fresh outlook on his game, PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber fired a 1,389 six-game pinfall total in the second round Thursday to take the lead in the PBA50 National Championship presented by Spanish Springs Lanes and Radical.

Looking to get back on the winning track after a winless 2017 season, Weber bowled games of 236, 269, 227, 246, 244 and 167 in the second round to move from seventh after the first round to take the lead with a 2,771 12-game pinfall.

"I'm making a very strong effort to change my attitude," said the 55-year-old Weber. "Basically, I'm trying not to get mad and keep my cool when things aren't going well. The 167 I bowled in the last game was a good example. I was disappointed, but I didn't let it upset me like it would normally."

Weber, an 11-time PBA50 Tour titlist, his hoping to come back after a disappointing 2017 season which came after his record breaking 2016 PBA50 Player of the Year season in which he won six tournaments and four in a row.

"Last year wasn't a good year and part of it was because I was probably making it worse by getting mad every time things weren't going well," Weber added. "This year I'm feeling good and I'm trying to enjoy myself a little more out here. "I've always enjoyed bowling out here on the senior tour but in general I'm trying to stay more positive."

Weber holds a 26-pin lead over George Gomez of Orlando, Fla., bowling in only his second PBA50 Tour tournament. Gomez bowled games of 199, 225, 217, 202, 279 and 223 in the second round and finished with a 2,745 pinfall for two rounds.

Former Major League Baseball All-Star pitcher John Burkett of Southlake, Texas, who also bowled 1,389 in the second round, bowled games of 218, 279, 277, 193, 183 and 239, to finish the day in third with 2,715.

Burkett is hoping to improve upon his previous best PBA50 Tour finish of fourth in the 2015 Northern California Classic. His best finish in a major was 11th in the 2017 PBA50 Miller Lite Players Championship.

Rounding out the top five after the second round were Gary Faulkner of Norfolk, Va. with 2,712 and PBA Hall of Famer Bryan Goebel of Shawnee, Kan., with 2,711.

The 171-player field returns for the final six-game qualifying round Friday beginning at 9 a.m. ET after which the top 32 players will be determined for Saturday's first round of match play at 9 a.m. After the first round of match play the top 16 players will advance to the second match play round at 2 p.m. which will determine the top five players for the stepladder finals at 7 p.m.

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PBA50 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Presented by Spanish Springs Lanes and Radical Spanish Springs Lanes, The Villages, Fla., Thursday

SECOND ROUND (after 12 games)

- 1, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 2,771.
- 2, George Gomez, Orlando, Fla., 2,745.
- 3, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 2,715.
- 4, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 2,712.
- 5, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 2,711.
- 6, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 2,707.
- 7, Rolando Sebelen, Dominican Republic, 2,698.
- 8, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 2,683.
- 9, ss-Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 2,649.
- 10, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 2,646.
- 11, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 2,635.
- 12, ss-Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 2,633.
- 13, (tie)Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., and n,ss-Mark Scime, Winter Garden, Fla., 2,632.
- 15, Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 2,625.
- 16, ss-Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 2,613.
- 17, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 2,611.
- 18, ss-Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 2,608.
- 19, (tie) John Donovan, Melbourne, Fla., and Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 2,602.
- 21, n-Dennis Rakauskas, Apopka, Fla., 2,592.
- 22, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 2,590.
- 23, ss-Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 2,586.
- 24, Steve Kenyon, Dade City, Fla., 2,585.
- 25, John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 2,584.
- 26, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 2,583.
- 27, ss-Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 2,579.
- 28, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 2,578.
- 29, (tie) Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., and ss-Jeff Bellinger, Columbia, S.C., 2,568.
- 31, ss-Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 2,566.
- 32, n-Rich Garner, Hudson, Fla., 2,563.
- 33, Eddie Graham, Kettering, Ohio, 2,549.
- 34, Dave Sill, Titusville, Fla., 2,547.
- 35, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 2,545.
- 36, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 2,535.
- 37, Doug Becker, Clermont, Fla., 2,530.

- 38, Jimmy Jean, Kathleen, Ga., 2,525.
- 39, ss-Bob Kelly, Dayton, Ohio, 2,521.
- 40, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 2,520.
- 41, Ralph Brunt Jr., Jensen Beach, Fla., 2,511.
- 42, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 2,510.
- 43, ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 2,508.
- 44, ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 2,503.
- 45, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 2,499.
- 46, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 2,494.
- 47, Randy Rose, Davenport, Fla., 2,492.
- 48, ss-Sam Maccarone, Williamstown, N.J., 2,491.
- 49, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 2,486.
- 50, Michael Craig, Westerville, Ohio, 2,485.
- 51, n-Corbett Austin, North Ogden, Utah, 2,480.
- 52, n-Don DuPree II, Fort Walton Beach, Fla., 2,475.
- 53, (tie) ss-Jeff Schrum, Cherryville, N.C., and Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 2,473.
- 55, (tie) Tommy Martin, Millington, Tenn., and Charlie Toney, Oak Hill, W.Va., 2,471.
- 57, Peter Knopp, Germany, 2,469.
- 58, ss-Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 2,464.
- 59, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 2,463.
- 60, (tie) ss-Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., and ss-Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 2,451.
- 62, (tie) Alan Wilson, Martinsville, Ind., and Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 2,446.
- 64, ss-John Gant, Medford, Mass., 2,445.
- 65, Darin Hays, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 2,442.
- 66, (tie) Glenn Smith, New York, N.Y., and Tony Rodriguez Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 2,440.
- 68, ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 2,439.
- 69, Sammy Ventura, Norwich, N.Y., 2,437.
- 70, Don Breeden, Clive, Iowa, 2,433.
- 71, Jon DeLaney, McKinney, Texas, 2,427.
- 72, n-John Hough, Naples, Fla., 2,423.
- 73, Bill Watson, Monroe, Ohio, 2,418.
- 74, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 2,417.
- 75, Greg Kemp, Conroe, Texas, 2,415.
- 76, Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 2,412.
- 77, (tie) ss-Tommy Brodowski, New Hyde Park, N.Y., and James Campbell, Clearwater, Fla., 2,409.
- 79, Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 2,406.
- 80, James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 2,402.
- 81, ss-Lew Elting, Carlsbad, Calif., 2,401.
- 82, n-ss-Michael Dioguardo, Patchogue, N.Y., 2,400.
- 83, ss-Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., 2,398.
- 84, n-John Stronka, Davie, Fla., 2,397.
- 85, ss-Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., 2,393.
- 86, (tie) ss-Larry Gross, Ocala, Fla., and Pete Arruda, Gilbert, S.C., 2,390.
- 88, Mike Keough, Stockton, Calif., 2,389.
- 89, (tie) Kevin Williams, Brooksville, Fla., and Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 2,386.
- 91, ss-Widmar Vargas, Riverview, Fla., 2,383.
- 92, ss-n-John Pullen, Oyster Bay, N.Y., 2,380.
- 93, Michael Byers, Charleston, S.C., 2,376.
- 94, Timothy Regan, East Northport, N.Y., 2,375.
- 95, ss-Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 2,374.
- 96, (tie) Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., and Robert Lawrence, Austin, Texas, 2,369.
- 98, Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 2,366.
- 99, John Kidwell, Indianapolis, Ind., 2,359.

- 100, (tie) ss-Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, and Timothy Martin, Harrisville, R.I., 2,357.
- 102, ss-James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., 2,343.
- 103, Jerry Brunette Jr., Naples, Fla., 2,338.
- 104, (tie) ss-Nick Panicaro, Ocala, Fla., and ss-Don Sylvia, Port Orange, Fla., 2,334.
- 106, ss-David Goldenberg, Holtsville, N.Y., 2,331.
- 107, (tie) Darryl Dempsey, Pinellas Park, Fla., and n-Michael Owen, Gainesville, Fla., 2,327.
- 109, Harry Alchin III, Madeira Beach, Fla., 2,324.
- 110, Mike Mineman, St Louis, 2,315.
- 111, ss-Steve Bova, Massapequa, N.Y., 2,313.
- 112, n-Rick Pittman, Fruitland Park, Fla., 2,311.
- 113, ss-William Banks, Laurel Hill, N.C., 2,308.
- 114, Doug O'Bryant, Ball Ground, Ga., 2,307.
- 115, Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., 2,303.
- 116, Richard Morgan, Grand Island, Fla., 2,300.
- 117, ss-Chuck Richardson, The Villages, Fla., 2,298.
- 118, ss-John DiSantis, Wilmington, Del., 2,297.
- 119, ss-Mike Schmid, St. Paul, Minn., 2,294.
- 120, Rick Francis, Linden, Calif., 2,287.
- 121, n, ss-Dennis Psaropolus, Lake Worth, Fla., 2, 286.
- 122,(tie) ss-Rich Giragosian, The Villages, Fla., and ss-Ken Waters, Kingsport, Tenn., 2,282.
- 124, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 2,277.
- 125, ss-James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 2,273.
- 126, ss-William Peters, Dayton, Ohio, 2,270.
- 127, n-Lester See, Yulee, Fl., 2,267.
- 128, (tie) n-Dave Van Riet, Summerfield, Fla., and Norm Spurlock, Kenner, La., 2,265.
- 130, ss-Chuck Best, Buda, Texas, 2,263.
- 131, George Patel, England, 2,261.
- 132, Ken Fishman, Lutz, Fla., 2,259.
- 133, Todd Haney, Boiling Springs, S.C., 2,256.
- 134, David Bleggi, Jacksonville, N.C., 2,251.
- 135, ss-Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 2,238.
- 136, n,ss-Patrick Trudeau, St. Petersburg, Fla., 2,236.
- 137, James Deplanche, Taylor, Mich., 2,232.
- 138, (tie) Barry Clare, Bayside, N.Y., and David Taylor, Largo, Fla., 2,229.
- 140, John Austin Jr., League City, Texas, 2,212.
- 141, ss-Steven Grotowski, Ft Lauderdale, Fla, 2,210.
- 142, ss-Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 2,202.
- 143, Joe Fulner III, Belleview, Fla., 2,200.
- 144, ss-Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., 2,198.
- 145, Tim Hartley, Englewood, Ohio, 2,193.
- 146, Johnny Wilson, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2,183.
- 147, ss-Jim Pitts, Elmira, N.Y., 2,161.
- 148, ss-Louis Alessi, Clearwater, Fla., 2,157.
- 149, Wayne Bolin, Lumberton, N.C., 2,149.
- 150, ss-Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 2,148.
- 151, ss-Peter Brainard, Tampa, Fla., 2,146.
- 152, Mal Williams, Jr, Greensboro, N.C., 2,130.
- 153, ss-Larry Williams, St. Augustine, Fla., 2,127.
- 154, ss-Fred Ferreira, Kings Park, N.Y., 2,121.
- 155, ss-Rich Schubert, Cornith, Texas, 2,116.
- 156, ss-Larry Helton, Bolingbrook, Ill., 2,108.
- 157, ss-n-Joseph Woznicki, Lakeland, Fla., 2,102.
- 158, ss-Dennis Thomas, Navarre, Fla., 2,100.

159, ss-Ray Valdovino, Sacramento, Calif., 2,092.
160, Michael Vella, Bellport, N.Y., 2,081.
161, ss-David Martin, Chesapeake, Va., 2,079.
162, ss-Dave Schultz, Summerfield, Fla., 2,073.
163, ss-Bob Chamberlain, The Villages, Fla., 2,062.
164, ss-Mark Nance Sr., Grove City, Ohio, 2,059.
165, ss-Robert Donovan, Prattsville, N.Y., 2,053.
166, Bill Ursillo, Bluffton, S.C., 2,032.
167, ss-Timothy Bates, Orlando, Fla., 1,979.
168, ss-Daniel Kelso, New Fairfield, Conn., 1,978.
169, ss-Stephen Lippman, Palm Harbor, Fla., 1,967.
170, ss-Lindell Woolard, Tallahassee, Fla., 1,938.
171, ss-Dowell Milliken, Lake Grove, N.Y., 1,336.

n-non-member ss-PBA60 players ages 60 and over

Sunday on ESPN: Shipyard Dallas Strikers Begin Bid for Third Consecutive Elias Cup; Hometown Favorites Face Philadelphia Hitmen

PORTLAND, Maine – The Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule rolls on Sunday with quarterfinal matches three and four from Bayside Bowl, featuring the two-time defending OceanView at Falmouth PBA League champion Shipyard Dallas Strikers meeting the GEICO NYC WTT KingPins followed by a match between the hometown favorite Port Property Management Portland Lumberjacks taking on the Sysco Philadelphia Hitmen. ESPN's coverage begins Sunday at 1 p.m. ET.

At stake are berths in the Elias Cup semifinal round for both winning teams. The Go Bowling! Silver Lake Atom Splitters and the Barbasol Motown Muscle previously locked up their berths in the other semifinal match with victories over the OceanView at Falmouth Brooklyn Styles and the <u>bowlingball.com</u> L.A. X, respectively.

The Strikers, led by player-manager and reigning PBA League MVP Norm Duke, qualified seventh in the eight-team "seeding" tournament leading into the PBA League competition, and technically will be the underdogs against the KingPins, who qualified second. Duke's Dallas Strikers teammates include PBA Tour champions Bill O'Neill, Rhino Page, Tommy Jones and PBA League rookie Kyle Sherman.

The KingPins are led by PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber, and will be seeking their second Elias Cup after winning the inaugural PBA League championship in 2013. The KingPins' lineup also will include PBA Tour winners Marshall Kent and Anthony Pepe along with Australia's Sam Cooley and BJ Moore, who bowled with the Elias Cup champion Strikers in both 2016 and 2017.

Quarterfinal match four will include the third-seeded Hitmen vs. the no. six Lumberjacks. The Hitmen, who have never advanced to the Elias Cup finals, include PBA Tour veteran champions Ronnie Russell, Chris Loschetter, Dom Barrett and Tom Smallwood along with 2017 PBA Rookie of the Year Matt Sanders. The Lumberjacks, last year's runners-up, are anchored by former PBA Player of the Year Wes Malott. His teammates are PBA Tour titlists Ryan Ciminelli, DJ Archer and Kyle Troup along with newcomer Jojoe Yannaphon of Thailand.

Sunday's competition will involve two best-of-two-game Baker format team matches, with a one-ball sudden-death roll-off deciding any ties. The winning teams will meet in the second semifinal round match that will air on ESPN on Sunday, May 6, at 1 p.m. ET.

The 2018 Elias Cup and Mark Roth PBA League MVP will be decided on ESPN on Sunday, May 13, at 1 p.m. ET. The new Elias Cup finals format will include two best-of-two-game Baker format team matches which presents the potential for a maximum of seven one-ball sudden-death roll-offs to decide ties.

Hall of Famers Duke and Weber Top PBA50 National Championship Qualifying

Field cut to top 32 players for Saturday's first round of match play

THE VILLAGES, Fla. (April 27, 2018) – PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke edged out fellow hall of famer Pete Weber by one pin for top qualifier honors and led a field of 32 players advancing to match play in the PBA50 National Championship presented by Spanish Springs Lanes and Radical.

Duke led qualifying after the third round with a 4,069 18-game pinfall total (226 average) Friday at Spanish Springs Lanes to top Weber, the second round leader, who finished with 4,068.

Duke, a four-time PBA50 Tour titlist, bowled games of 258, 258, 228, 182, 214 and 226 in Friday's third round.

"At some point you're going to have to make a big move and I didn't get ahead of it in that fourth game," said the 54-year-old Duke. "No matter how good you think you're doing, you're not doing good enough."

While Duke is looking forward to match play, which will award 30 bonus pins for each match win, he says the intensity will rise to another level for the season's first major.

"Everything ratchets up in match play," said Duke. "In match play it seems like you can lose pins a lot faster than you can gain them. You've got to win the matches or you'll see yourself sink fast in the standings.

"You're going to experience some frustration at some point," he added. "It's a matter of managing your frustrations and keeping your emotions in check."

Weber, an 11-time PBA50 Tour winner had games of 235, 203, 224, 203, 213 and 219 in the third round.

As two of PBA's all-time greats who have competed in PBA competition for more than three decades, Duke ranks third on the all-time PBA Tour titles list with 38 wins and Weber ranks fourth with 37 wins.

Finishing qualifying in third was 2017 PBA50 Rookie of the Year Michael Haugen Jr. of Phoenix who finished just 10 pins behind Duke with a 4,059 pinfall total. Haugen, a five-time time PBA Tour titlist, won the 2017 Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open for his first PBA50 Tour title.

Former Major League Baseball All-Star pitcher John Burkett of Southlake, Texas, finished qualifying in fourth just one pin behind Haugen with a 4,058 pinfall. Burkett is hoping to improve upon his best PBA50 Tour finish of fourth and best PBA50 Tour major finish of 11th.

Finishing fifth was George Gomez of Orlando, Fla., who finished with a 4,040 pinfall.

After the first round of match play, which begins Saturday at 9 a.m. ET, the top 16 players will advance to the second match play round at 2 p.m. which will determine the top five players for the stepladder finals at 7 p.m.

Saturday's match play rounds and stepladder finals, will be streamed live exclusively on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame. For subscription and schedule information visit <u>xtraframe.tv</u>.

PBA50 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Presented by Spanish Springs Lanes and Radical Spanish Springs Lanes, The Villages, Fla., Friday

THIRD ROUND (after 18 games. Top 32 players advance to Saturday's first match play round)

- 1, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 4,069.
- 2, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 4,068.
- 3, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 4,059.
- 4, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 4,058.
- 5, George Gomez, Orlando, Fla., 4,040.
- 6, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 4,026.
- 7, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 3,994.
- 8, Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 3,964.
- 9, Rolando Sebelen, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, 3,953.
- 10, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 3,949.
- 11, Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 3,945.
- 12, Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 3,936.
- 13, Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 3,932.
- 14, John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 3,928.
- 15, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 3,925.
- 16, n-Rich Garner, Hudson, Fla., 3,913.
- 17, n-Dennis Rakauskas, Apopka, Fla., 3,907.
- 18, Sam Maccarone, Williamstown, N.J., 3,902.
- 19, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,899.
- 20, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 3,898.
- 21, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,893.
- 22, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 3,886.
- 23, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 3,884.
- 24, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3,874.
- 25, Eddie Graham, Kettering, Ohio, 3,870.
- 26, Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 3,846.
- 27, Doug Becker, Clermont, Fla., 3,843.
- 28, Bob Kelly, Dayton, Ohio, 3,842.
- 29, Dave Sill, Titusville, Fla., 3,835.
- 30, (tie) John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., and Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 3,826.
- 32, Don Breeden, Clive, Iowa, 3,816.

Did not advance

- 33, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 3,813, \$1,175.
- 34, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3,811, \$1,175.
- 35, Steve Kenyon, Dade City, Fla., 3,809, \$1,175.
- 36, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,806, \$1,175.
- 37, John Donovan, Melbourne, Fla., 3,795, \$1,175.
- 38, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,794, \$1,175.
- 39, Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 3,789, \$1,175.
- 40, Sammy Ventura, Norwich, N.Y., 3,788, \$1,175.
- 41, Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 3,785, \$1,150.
- 42, Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 3,772, \$1,150.
- 43, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 3,767, \$1,150.

- 44, (tie) Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., and Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 3,763, \$1,150.
- 46, Jeff Bellinger, Columbia, S.C., 3,759, \$1,150.
- 47, Jeff Schrum, Cherryville, N.C., 3,754, \$1,150.
- 48, Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 3,752, \$1,150.
- 49, n-Don DuPree, Fort Walton Beach, Fla., 3,751, \$1,125.
- 50, Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 3,741, \$1,125.
- 51, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 3,724, \$1,125.
- 52, John Gant, Medford, Mass., 3,722, \$1,125.
- 53, n-John Hough, Naples, Fla., 3,721, \$1,125.
- 54, James Campbell, Clearwater, Fla., 3,718, \$1,125.
- 55, Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wisc., 3,716, \$1,125.
- 56, Tommy Martin, Millington, Tenn., 3,715, \$1,125.
- 57, John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 3,714, \$1,125.
- 58, Charlie Toney, Oak Hill, W.Va., 3,710.
- 59, ss-Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., 3,709, \$1,100.
- 60, Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 3,703.
- 61, n-Corbett Austin, North Ogden, Utah, 3,699.
- 62, ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 3,697, \$1,100.
- 63, Jimmy Jean, Kathleen, Ga., 3,693.
- 64, ss-Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., 3,689, \$1,100.
- 65, ss-Lew Elting, Carlsbad, Calif., 3,679, \$1,100.
- 66, (tie) Mike Keough, Stockton, Calif., and ss-Mark Scime, Winter Garden, Fla., 3,673, \$1,100.
- 68, Tony Rodriguez Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 3,672.
- 69, Glenn Smith, New York, 3,656.
- 70, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 3,649.
- 71, Darin Hays, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 3,648.
- 71, Ralph Brunt Jr., Jensen Beach, Fla., 3,648.
- 73, ss-Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 3,644, \$1,100.
- 74, Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 3,643.
- 75, Richard Morgan, Grand Island, Fla., 3,642.
- 76, (tie) ss-Widmar Vargas, Rivervie w, Fla., \$1,000, ss-Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., \$1,000, and
- Michael Craig, Westerville, Ohio, 3,639.
- 79, n-John Stronka, Davie, Fla., 3,627.
- 80, James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 3,624.
- 81, Robert Lawrence, Austin, Texas, 3,615.
- 82, Randy Rose, Davenport, Fla., 3,614.
- 83, Jon DeLaney, McKinney, Texas, 3,611.
- 84, n-Michael Owen, Gainesville, Fla., 3,607.
- 85, James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 3,599.
- 86, Peter Knopp, Germany, 3,585.
- 87, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 3,580.
- 88, Tommy Brodowski, New Hyde Park, N.Y., 3,577.
- 89, Pete Arruda, Gilbert, S.C., 3,567.
- 90, Timothy Regan, East Northport, N.Y., 3,562.
- 91, (tie) William Peters, Dayton, Ohio, Michael Byers, Charleston, S.C., and Michael Dioguardo,
- Patchogue, N.Y., 3,556.
- 94, Bill Watson, Monroe, Ohio, 3,554.
- 95, Doug O'Bryant, Ball Ground, Ga., 3,552.
- 96, Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., 3,548.
- 97, Joe Fulner, Belleview, Fla., 3,546.
- 98, Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 3,545.
- 99, Timothy Martin, Harrisville, R.I., 3,540.
- 100, Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 3,536.

- 101, Mike Schmid, St. Paul, Minn., 3,534.
- 101, John Kidwell, Indianapolis, Ind., 3,534.
- 103, n-John Pullen, Oyster Bay, N.Y., 3,524.
- 104, Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 3,509.
- 105, John DiSantis, Wilmington, Del., 3,506.
- 106, Larry Gross, Ocala, Fla., 3,498.
- 107, n-Dennis Psaropolus, Lake Worth, Fla., 3,494.
- 108, Mike Mineman, St Louis, Mo., 3,492.
- 109, n-Dave Van Riet, Summerfield, Fla., 3,491.
- 110, Chuck Richardson, The Villages, Fla., 3,490.
- 111, (tie) Rich Giragosian, The Villages, Fla., Jerry Brunette Jr., Naples, Fla., and Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 3,483.
- 114, n-Rick Pittman, Fruitland Park, Fla., 3,482.
- 115, Greg Kemp, Conroe, Texas, 3,472.
- 116, Darryl Dempsey, Pinellas Park, Fla., 3,470.
- 117, Harry Alchin, Madeira Beach, Fla., 3,465.
- 118, James Deplanche, Taylor, Mich., 3,458.
- 119, James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., 3,452.
- 120, Kevin Williams, Brooksville, Fla., 3,450.
- 121, David Goldenberg, Holtsville, N.Y., 3,445.
- 122, (tie) David Taylor, Largo, Fla., and Todd Haney, Boiling Springs, S.C., 3,438.
- 124, Don Sylvia, Port Orange, Fla., 3,429.
- 125, Ken Fishman, Lutz, Fla., 3,427.
- 126, William Banks, Laurel Hill, N.C., 3,425.
- 127, Barry Clare, Bayside, N.Y., 3,424.
- 128, Norm Spurlock, Kenner, La., 3,420.
- 129, Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 3,416.
- 130, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 3,408.
- 131, Alan Wilson, Martinsville, Ind., 3,403.
- 132, Chuck Best, Buda, Texas, 3,391.
- 133, Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 3,384.
- 134, David Bleggi, Jacksonville, N.C., 3,380.
- 135, Nick Panicaro, Ocala, Fla., 3,378.
- 136, Ken Waters, Kingsport, Tenn., 3,377.
- 137, George Patel, England, 3,374.
- 138, n-Patrick Trudeau, St. Petersburg, Fla., 3,360.
- 139, Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 3,356.
- 140, Steve Bova, Massapequa, N.Y., 3,344.
- 141, Fred Ferreira, Kings Park, N.Y., 3,331.
- 142, (tie) Jim Pitts, Elmira, N.Y., and Johnny Wilson, Colorado Springs, Colo., 3,330.
- 144, Ray Valdovino, Sacramento, Calif., 3,310.
- 145, Tim Hartley, Englewood, Ohio, 3,297.
- 146, Steven Grotowski, Ft Lauderdale, Fla, 3,258.
- 147, Michael Vella, Bellport, N.Y., 3,253.
- 147, n-Lester See, Yulee, Fl., 3,253.
- 149, (tie) Louis Alessi, Clearwater, Fla., and Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., 3,251.
- 151, Mark Nance Sr., Grove City, Ohio, 3,239.
- 152, John Austin Jr., League City, Texas, 3,231.
- 153, (tie) Rich Schubert, Cornith, Texas, and Larry Williams, St. Augustine, Fla., 3,223.
- 155, Bill Ursillo, Bluffton, S.C., 3,183.
- 156, Mal Williams, Jr, Greensboro, N.C., 3,182.
- 157, n-Joseph Woznicki, Lakeland, Fla., 3,168.
- 158, Bob Chamberlain, The Villages, Fla., 3,154.

- 159, David Martin, Chesapeake, Va., 3,102.
- 160, Peter Brainard, Tampa, Fla., 3,099.
- 161, Dennis Thomas, Navarre, Fla., 3,094.
- 162, Robert Donovan, Prattsville, N.Y., 3,090.
- 163, Larry Helton, Bolingbrook, Ill., 3,074.
- 164, Dave Schultz, Summerfield, Fla., 3,042.
- 165, Lindell Woolard, Tallahassee, Fla., 3,014.
- 166, Timothy Bates, Orlando, Fla., 2,989.
- 167, Daniel Kelso, New Fairfield, Conn., 2,949.
- 168, Stephen Lippman, Palm Harbor, Fla., 2,879.
- 169, Rick Francis, Linden, Calif., 2,287.
- 170, Wayne Bolin, Lumberton, N.C., 2,149.
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PBA Spare Shots: Young PBA League Fan's Birthday Wish Comes True at Bayside Bowl by bvint | Friday, April 27, 12:10 PM

PBA Spare Shots: Young PBA League Fan's Birthday Wish Comes True at Bayside Bowl The PBA League program at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, has become a legend in its own time, thanks in part to its rabid fan base in Portland and around the world. They come in all sizes and ages, as evident by the story of Chicago's Pierce Klein (in black knit hat below).

klein familyWhen Pierce's mother, Jaime, asked him what he'd like to do to celebrate his third birthday, Pierce said, "To meet EJ Tackett at Bayside Bowl and give him a hug."

So that's what Jaime, husband Marc and siblings Liv and Miles did. They loaded up the car and drove to Portland where Pierce got his hug and met several other players including Marshall Kent and AJ Johnson from Oswego, Ill.

"We are all so obsessed (with bowling) that we even have a bowling alley in our basement," Jaime said. "It's generational and we love it. Coming here is better than Disney."

PBA50, PWBA FINALS SET FOR SATURDAY, LIVE ON XTRA FRAME

In addition to exclusive live coverage of the PBA50 Tour's first major championship of the 2018 season from Spanish Springs Lanes in The Villages, Fla., Xtra Frame will provide start-to-finish coverage of the Professional Women's Bowling Association's Las Vegas Open today and Saturday, concluding with the stepladder finals at 7:45 p.m. ET Saturday.

The PWBA finals will go on the air one hour after the PBA50 National Championship presented by Spanish Springs Lanes and Radical title is decided in The Villages. The PBA50 National Championship finals begin on Xtra Frame at 6:45 p.m.

Xtra Frame, the online bowling channel of the PBA will be the livestream home of the PWBA Tour throughout the 2018 season, providing live coverage of all 14 events, including the stepladder finals of the first six standard events. Other finals will air on CBS Sports Network.

To enroll as an XtraFrame subscriber, visit xtraframe.tv. An entire month of coverage costs only \$7.99. A three-day subscription is also available, for \$3.99, and the 12-month Season Ticket plan is offered for about \$1.25 week.

PBA'S "60 MOST MEMORABLE MOMENTS" UNVEILING CONTINUES: 21 THRU 25

The countdown to unveil the complete list of the PBA''s "60 most memorable moments" in its 60-year history continues, one a day, Monday through Friday, on all PBA Network outlets. Last week, "memorable moments" 21 through 25 were unveiled. Here are those five moments as the countdown continues:

21) In 1997, the PBA St. Clair Classic was the last Pro Bowlers Tour event televised by ABC Sports, ending a 36-year run. The title match between Walter Ray Williams Jr. and Pete Weber was won by Williams, 206-195, and included an emotional farewell video tribute to ABC announcers Nelson "Bo" Burton Jr. and Chris Schenkel who broke down in tears at the end of the telecast.

22) By winning a PBA Senior Regional event in Taylorville, Ill. in 2002, Dick Weber became the first player to win PBA titles at any level in six consecutive decades. Weber won his first PBA title in the 1959 Paramus Eastern Open, the second PBA event ever held. It was the first of 23 consecutive top 24 finishes extending into 1962 - a record that has never been broken.

23) In the 1994 PBA National Championship at Ducat's Imperial Lanes in Toledo, Ohio, Johnny Petraglia threw the seventh televised 300 game in PBA history, defeating Walter Ray Williams Jr. in the second match and earning a \$100,000 bonus.

24) In the last Firestone-sponsored PBA Tournament of Champions, George Branham III became the first African-American to win a PBA Tour major championship, defeating Parker Bohn III, 227-214, at Riviera Lanes in 1993.

25) With a 266-224 win over Ryan Shafer, Jason Couch became the only bowler in PBA Tour history to win three consecutive PBA Tournament of Champions and joined Mike Durbin as the second player to win the event three times. Couch's wins came in 1999, 2000 and 2002 (event was not held in 2001) and they took place in three different centers – Incred-A-Bowl in Overland Park, Kan.; Brunswick Zone-Deer Park in Lake Zurich, Ill., and Mohegan Sun Arena in Uncasville, Conn., respectively.

To check on releases of subsequent "moments" as they are revealed, check the PBA Network: PBA on Facebook (www.facebook.com/ProfessionalBowlersAssociation) or Instagram (pbatour); subscribe to the PBA channel on YouTube (PBABowling); tweet along on Twitter (@pbatour), and on the web: https://www.pba.com/PBANetwork/MostMemorableMoments.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: OVIATT WINS FIRST PBA TITLE IN SOUTH POINT DOUBLES EVENT

Russ Oviatt of Chandler, Ariz. and non-member partner Eric Hatchett teamed up to win Sunday's South Point Member/Non-Member Doubles title at South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas after non-member Kevin Jenkins of Anthem, Ariz., won the South Point West Challenge portion of the PBA West Region doubleheader on Friday.

In the preliminary singles event, Jenkins defeated fellow non-member Antonio Palangio of Pittsburg, Pa., 247-168, to earn the \$1,500 first prize. PBA Challenge events are open to non-champions only. Because he is not a PBA member, Jenkins doesn't get credit for a PBA title.

In Sunday's title match, Hatchett, from Henderson, Nev., and Oviatt defeated non-member Riely Chin of Fresno, Calif., and Canadian Ray Lussier, now living in San Jose, 454-426, to claim the \$4,000 first prize. With the win, Oviatt earned his first PBA Regional title.

• Michael Haugen Jr. of Phoenix showed the field why he earned the 2017 PBA50 Rookie of the Year title defeating PBA Hall of Famer Ron Mohr of Las Vegas, 268-183, to win the fifth annual PBA50 Sarasota Southern Open at Sarasota Lanes in Sarasota, Fla., on April 20.

Haugen, who picked up his 25th overall PBA Regional title, won easily after starting with the front six strikes while Mohr had two open frames in the first half of the game. Haugen earned \$2,000.

In the semifinal round, Haugen eliminated Lee Brosius of Ashburn, Va., 259-235, while Mohr took out Eddie Graham of Centerville, Ohio, 245-192.

• Kyle Cook of Centerville, Ohio defeated Chandler Stevens of Archbold, Ohio by 37 pins Sunday to win the PBA Debbie & Leo Nunan Memorial Central Open presented by Track at AMF Stardust Lanes in Grove City, Ohio.

Cook finished with a 9-3 match play record and a total of 4,705 pins for 20 games, including match play bonus pins, for his first PBA Central Region title. He also earned \$2,500.

● Closing out the month over the April 27-29 weekend will be the PBA Rockaway Lanes East Open, presented by Storm, in Rockaway, N.J., and the PBA Brighton Construction Myrtle Beach South Open at Myrtle Beach Bowl in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

● For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area…and remember, you can follow "live scoring" for all PBA Regional events on pba.com (easily accessible for Apple device users using the PBA app).

QUICK NOTES

● PBA Tour champion Ray Orf, a St. Louis pro shop operator who won the 1962 All-American Classic in Dallas and six PBA Regional titles, died on April 20 in St. Louis. He was 76. Orf, a member of the Missouri and St. Louis Bowling Halls of Fame, had his finest year in PBA Tour competition in 1962 when he cashed in nine of 18 events. His family asked that donations to the charity of your choice be made in his name.

● Turbo 2-n-1 Grips founder and owner Dave Bernhardt was on his way home to Detroit Thursday, six days after suffering a heart attack during the PBA50 Lucas|Magazine Open in Port St. Lucie, Fla., according to a Facebook post by his daughter, Turbo President Lori Mraz. Mraz noted Bernhardt, 71, underwent successful surgery to correct a pair of coronary blockages and is already thinking about rejoining the PBA50 Tour later in the summer.

Lennie Boresch Jr. Wins PBA50 National Championship for First Major And Fourth Career PBA50 Tour Title

Boresch throws two clutch strikes in 10th frame of championship match to beat top qualifier Norm Duke 198-192

THE VILLAGES, Fla. (April 28, 2018) – Throwing two pressured-filled strikes in the 10th frame of the title match, Lennie Boresch Jr. of Kenosha, Wis., beat PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., in the championship match to win the PBA50 National Championship presented by Spanish Springs Lanes and Radical Saturday for his first PBA50 Tour major and fourth career title.

Boresch, a United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famer, defeated Duke 198-192 to also win his third title at Spanish Springs Lanes after winning the Sun Bowl In The Villages in 2017 and also in his 2012 rookie season.

"It's something you dream about your whole life," said the 56-year-old Boresch. "To win a major especially against a great player like Norm – it's something special for sure. This is going to take a while to sink in."

Both players struggled to find a shot in the title match but Boresch had an opportunity to win when Duke, the top qualifier for the finals who was trying for his fifth PBA50 Tour title, failed to strike on his first ball of the 10th frame. Boresch made a one board move to the right and increased his speed slightly for the first shot in the 10th frame on the right lane and it turned out to be the right adjustment.

"I was visualizing what I wanted to do but I can tell you I was a nervous wreck," said Boresch. "Fortunately I was able to get the ball to the area of the lane I wanted and came through with two of the biggest shots of my life.

"Throughout my career I've been in a lot of pressure situations where I needed a strike or a double to win but this was at a whole different level," he added.

Boresch, who qualified third for the finals, defeated PBA Hall of Famer and four-time PBA50 Tour titlist Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., in the second stepladder match 248-221 to advance to the semi-final match.

In the semi-final match, Boresch beat 2018 PBA Hall of Fame inductee and two-time PBA50 Player of the Year Ron Mohr of Las Vegas, 242-232, to advance to the title match against Duke. Mohr was trying for his 10th PBA50 Tour title.

In the opening stepladder match, Bohn beat No. 5 qualifier PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., 257-221. Williams, who finished second in the season-opening PBA50 Lucas/Magazine Classic, was trying for his 12th PBA50 Tour title.

The next stop for the PBA50 Tour will be the PBA50 Mooresville Open presented by Columbia 300 April 29-May 2 at George Pappas' Victory Lanes in Mooresville, N.C.

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PBA50 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Presented by Spanish Springs Lanes and Radical Spanish Springs Lanes, The Villages, Fla., Saturday

Final Standings:

- 1, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., \$10,000
- 2, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., \$6,000
- 3, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, \$4,500.
- 4, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., \$3,500.
- 5, Walter Ray Williams Jr. Oxford, Fla., \$3,000.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Bohn def. Williams, 257-221. Match Two – Boresch def. Bohn, 248-221. Semi-final Match – Boresch def. Mohr, 242-232. Championship Match – Boresch def. Duke, 198-192.

FIFTH ROUND (after 34 games. Includes match play record and pinfall total including bonus pins. Top five players advance to stepladder finals)

- 1, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 11-4-1, 8,313.
- 2, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 11-5, 8,158.
- 3, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 12-4, 8,115.
- 4, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 10-6, 8,021.
- 5, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 11-5, 7,992.
- 6, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 9-7, 7,990, \$2,500.
- 7, ss-Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 11-5, 7,929, \$2,200.
- 8, Rolando Sebelen, Dominican Republic, 8-8, 7,774, \$1,900.
- 9, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 7-9, 7,713, \$1,800.
- 10, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 9-7, 7,710, \$1,750.
- 11, Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 7-9, 7,685, \$1,700.
- 12, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 10-6, 7,609, \$1,650.
- 13, n-Dennis Rakauskas, Apopka, Fla., 8-8, 7,586, \$1,625.
- 14, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 7-8-1, 7,560, \$1,600.
- 15, ss-Sam Maccarone, Williamstown, N.J., 7-9, 7,539, \$1,575.
- 16, George Gomez, Orlando, Fla., 4-12, 7,449, \$1,550.

FOURTH ROUND (after 26 games. Top 16 players advance to second match play round)

- 1, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 6-1-1, 6,255.
- 2, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 7-1, 6,055.
- 3, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 5-3, 6,013.
- 4, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 5-3, 5,986.
- 5, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 5-3, 5,979.
- 6, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 6-2, 5,963.
- 7, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 4-4, 5,944.
- 8, Rolando Sebelen, Dominican Republic, 4-4, 5,900.
- 9, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 4-3-1, 5,821.
- 10, ss-Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 4-4, 5,811.
- 11, Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 4-4, 5,803.
- 12, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 6-2, 5,778.
- 13, n-Dennis Rakauskas, Apopka, Fla., 5-3, 5,768.
- 14, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 5-3, 5,767.
- 15, George Gomez, Orlando, Fla., 3-5, 5,758.
- 16, ss-Sam Maccarone, Williamstown, N.J., 5-3, 5,742.

Did not advance

- 17, John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 4-4, 5,729, \$1,450.
- 18, Dave Sill, Titusville, Fla., 3-5, 5,717, \$1,440.
- 19, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 2-6, 5,716, \$1,430.
- 20, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 5-3, 5,712, \$1,420.
- 21, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 5-3, 5,710, \$1,410.
- 22, Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 3-5, 5,660, \$1,400.
- 23, ss-Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 4-3-1, 5,597, \$1,385.
- 23, Eddie Graham, Kettering, Ohio, 2-5-1, 5,597, \$1,385.
- 25, Don Breeden, Clive, Iowa, 3-5, 5,575, \$1,370.
- 26, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 3-5, 5,563, \$1,360.
- 27, ss-Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 1-7, 5,526, \$1,350.
- 28, Doug Becker, Clermont, Fla., 4-4, 5,521, \$1,340.
- 29, ss-Bob Kelly, Dayton, Ohio, 2-6, 5,505, \$1,330.

30, Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 2-6, 5,459, \$1,320.
31, n-Rich Garner, Hudson, Fla., 2-6, 5,435, \$1,310.
32, Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 3-5, 5,395, \$1,300.

n-non-member ss-PBA 60 player ages 60 and over

Dallas Strikers, Philadelphia Hitmen Advance to PBA League Semifinal Round

Underdog Motown Muscle will bid for first Elias Cup berth against two-time past champions

PORTLAND, Maine – The two-time defending champion Shipyard Dallas Strikers will carry their bid to become the first three-time OceanView at Falmouth PBA League Elias Cup champion into the semifinal round after a thrilling extra frame victory over the GEICO NYC WTT KingPins, but standing in the way will be a determined Sysco Philadelphia Hitmen team that has its collective eyes focused on winning its first Elias Cup.

The third and fourth best-of-two-game quarterfinal rounds matches, which are part of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule, were contested at Bayside Bowl and aired Sunday on ESPN.

Dallas lived up to its nickname, roaring out of the gate with a string of six strikes by Bill O'Neill, Rhino Page, Kyle Sherman, Tommy Jones and player-manager Norm Duke to build a 40-pin lead after five frames. The KingPins, fired up by PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber, rallied with a late string of four strikes, but couldn't overcome Dallas' early lead.

With a 241-224 victory in hand, Dallas looked like it was going to run away with a two-game sweep, starting game two with four strikes. But Duke left a 3-10 split in the fifth frame, which he converted, but the KingPins got on a roll while the Strikers stumbled late in the game, losing to New York City, 237-208, to force the first one-ball sudden-death roll-off of the 2018 competition.

The matter was settled quickly when KingPins' anchor Marshall Kent left a ringing 10 pin, and Duke, a PBA Hall of Famer and 38-time PBA Tour champion, struck.

"We had them; we started with four in a row and I made about the worst shot you can possibly make (in the fifth frame of game two)," Duke said, "and then it was a series of mistakes. But that's the thing about winning game one. You're still in it. In this format, unless you're dominant and sweep, it's going to come down to one ball and we all know it.

"Nobody wants it, really," he added. "Even if you're on the right lane. Even if you're of sound mind. You grab the ball and your legs start shaking. You saw me balk. It was partly because (the down lane camera man) scooted his chair, but it also gave me a chance to come back and regroup because my legs were noodles.

"That's pressure right there. I've been in that situation many times but I was scared out of my wits. You're kinda bowling in a state of shock. It wasn't my best shot, but I knew off my hand it was really close. I knew it was nine or better, and if I carried the 10, we win the match. And we did."

In the final quarterfinal match, Philadelphia used a steady approach with critical clutch shots to topple the hometown Lumberjacks, 224-222, in the opening game and easily won game two, 209-157, when Portland ran into all kinds of problems, throwing only two strikes along with a split and two missed spares. The Hitmen got a string of five strikes from no. five bowler Tom Smallwood, Ronnie Russell, Chris Loschetter, Dom Barrett and Matt Sanders to turn the match into a rout.

"It was nip-and-tuck for the first match but my guys bowled as well today, if not better, than they did in the seeding tournament," said Philadelphia manager Jason Couch. "We don't have a great history in this event. We've struggled from time to time, and this is the third time in four years we've drawn the home team, which makes for a tough environment. But I'm proud of the way my guys bowled today.

"Matt Sanders is our new guy," Couch said of the PBA's 2017 Rookie of the Year. "I don't know him really well, but I watched him bowl all week and he's the real deal. I have no problem putting him in the five hole, or the four hole. He's a good player.

"Tom Smallwood? He's a late bloomer, but he's been money for me," Couch added. "He seems to thrive in this environment when you wouldn't think he would. He's a quiet guy but he never has a problem taking on the responsibility."

In the first semifinal round match that will air on ESPN on Sunday, May 6, at 1 p.m. ET, the Barbasol Motown Muscle, who have never won the Elias Cup, will meet the two-time past champion Go Bowling! Silver Lake Atom Splitters. The second semifinal will involve the Dallas Strikers and the Philadelphia Hitmen, who also have never won the Elias Cup.

OCEANVIEW AT FALMOUTH PBA LEAGUE Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine (aired Sunday on ESPN)

Quarterfinal Round Results (best-of-two-game Baker format)

Match Three: Shipyard Dallas Strikers: (Bill O'Neill, Rhino Page, Kyle Sherman, Tommy Jones, Norm Duke) def. GEICO NYC WTT KingPins (Sam Cooley, Anthony Pepe, Pete Weber, BJ Moore, Marshall Kent), 241-224, 208-237, 10-9 in one-ball roll-off.

Match Four: Sysco Philadelphia Hitmen (Ronnie Russell, Chris Loschetter, Dom Barrett, Tom Smallwood, Matt Sanders) def. Port Property Management Portland Lumberjacks (Ryan Ciminelli, Jojoe Yannaphon, DJ Archer, Kyle Troup, Wes Malott), 224-222, 209-157.

OCEANVIEW AT FALMOUTH PBA LEAGUE ESPN SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 1 P.M. ET

Semifinal Match One: Barbasol Motown Muscle (Josh Blanchard, Shota Kawazoe, Francois Lavoie, Anthony Simonsen, EJ Tackett) vs. Go Bowling! Silver Lake Atom Splitters (Jesper Svensson, Dick Allen, AJ Johnson, Tom Daugherty, Chris Barnes).

Semifinal Match Two: Shipyard Dallas Strikers: (Bill O'Neill, Rhino Page, Kyle Sherman, Tommy Jones, Norm Duke) vs. Sysco Philadelphia Hitmen (Ronnie Russell, Chris Loschetter, Dom Barrett, Tom Smallwood, Matt Sanders).

SUNDAY, MAY 13, 1 P.M. ET

Elias Cup championship finals (best of two games, Baker format team games; one-ball sudden-death roll-off will decide any ties)

Dick Allen Wins 20th PBA South Region Title in Myrtle Beach

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. (April 29, 2018) – Dick Allen of Columbia, S.C. wins his 20th Professional Bowlers Association Regional title Sunday, defeating defending champion Christian Azcona of Puerto Rico, 235-213, to win the third annual PBA Brighton Construction Myrtle Beach South Open at Myrtle Beach Lanes.

Allen, who qualified in the number four position for the stepladder finals with a 17-game pinfall of 3,797, disposed of Brandon Curtis of Manson, N.C., in opening match, 204-191, and easily defeated Anthony DeStasio of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 260-225, in the semifinal contest to advance to the championship match.

In the title match Azcona opened in the second frame while Allen rolled four strikes in a row to build a 20-pin lead which he maintained throughout the game.

Allen earned \$3,000 while Azcona pocketed \$1,600 for second, DeStasio took home \$1,300 for third place finish and Curtis earned \$1,100 for fourth.

Azcona also pocketed a \$1,500 bonus for bowling the only 300 game in the tournament. Title sponsor Brighton Construction put up a \$1,500 prize pool to be shared by all players who bowled perfect games in the event, but Azcona the only qualifier.

The PBA South Region's next event will be the PBA Aberdeen Sandhills South Open May 4-6 at Sandhills Lanes in Aberdeen, N.C.

PBA BRIGHTON CONSTRUCTION MYRTLE BEACH SOUTH OPEN Myrtle Beach Lanes, Myrtle Beach, S.C., Sunday

Final Standings:

- 1, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., \$3,000.
- 2, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, \$1,600.
- 3, Anthony DeStasio, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., \$1300.
- 4, Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C., \$1,100.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Allen def. Curtis, 204-191. Semifinal – Allen def. DeStasio, 260-225. Championship – Allen def. Azcona, 235-213.

Final Qualifying Standings (after 17 games, top 4 advanced to stepladder finals):

- 1, Azcona, 3,830.
- 2, DeStasio, 3,825.
- 3, Curtis, 3,810.
- 4, Allen, 3,797.
- 5, Victor Florie, Richmond, Va., 3,716, \$900.
- 6, Matt Taylor, Youngsville, N.C., 3,697, \$800.
- 7, Steve Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., 3,658, \$700.
- 8, Anthony Caso, Spring Hill, Fla., 3,649, \$600.

Round of 16 Cashers (eliminated after 15 games):

- 9, n-Tony Todd, Myrtle Beach, N.C., 3,213, \$570.
- 10, Zack Brown, Holly Springs, N.C., 3,195, \$560.
- 11, Jeremy Mooney, West Palm Beach, Fla., 3,192, \$550.
- 12, Dwight Adams, Greensboro, N.C., 3,175, \$540.
- 13, Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 3,129, \$530.
- 14. Chris Polizzi, Spring Hill, Fla., 3,104, \$520.
- 15, n-John May, Effingham, S.C., 3,080, \$510.
- 16, Leon Platt, Summerville, S.C., 3,054, \$500.

Round of 32 Cashers (eliminated after 12 games):

- 17, Joseph Grago, Hampstead, N.C., 2,501, \$460.
- 18, Jason Zook, Tampa, Fla., 2,499, \$460.
- 19, Joey Dineen, Williamsburg, Va., 2,487, \$460.
- 20, Sean Wilcox, Altamonte Springs, Fla., 2,479, \$460.
- 21, Chris Bolosan, Newport News, Va., 2,465, \$440.
- 22, Zachary Seals, Kingsland, Ga., 2,450, \$440.
- 23, n-Jay Watts, Effingham, S.C., 2,422, \$440.
- 24, Mike Vitalone Jr., Lake Worth, Fla., 2,419, \$440.
- 25, Cody McCowin, Daytona Beach, Fla., 2,407, \$420.
- 26, Mark Tarkington, Elizabeth City, N.C., 2,406, \$420.
- 27, N-James Strode III, Moncks Corner, S.C., 2,401, \$420.
- 28, n-Joshua Johnson, Jacksonville, Fla., 2,399, \$420.
- 29, n-Tradd Jones, Greenville, S.C., 2,394, \$400.
- 30, n-Adam Van Fleet, Haw River, N.C., 2,393, \$400.
- 31, Adam Monks, Conway, S.C., 2,380, \$400.
- 32, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 2,348, \$400.

300 Game: Cristian Azcona.

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Tulsa to Host Multi-Event 2018 PBA Fall Swing

Three Go Bowling! PBA Tour titles to be decided in exclusive Xtra Frame series

CHICAGO – The Lanes at Coffee Creek in suburban Tulsa, Okla., will host the 2018 revival of the Professional Bowlers Association Fall Swing Oct. 14-20.

The multi-event tournament package, open to a field of 120 PBA members only, will be covered exclusively on Xtra Frame, PBA's online live streaming service.

The PBA Fall Swing, which will award Wolf Open, Bear Open and Tulsa Open titles, will precede the U.S. Open which takes place Oct. 24-31 at Northrock Lanes in Wichita, Kan. The Fall Swing and the U.S. Open – the final major championship of 2018 – are both part of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule.

Defending champions from the last PBA Fall Swing, held at Thunderbowl Lanes in suburban Detroit in 2016, were Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Fla. (Wolf Open), EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind. (Bear Open) and Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill. (Detroit Open vs. this year's re-named Tulsa Open).

Following an official practice day on Oct. 14, the Fall Swing will get underway with two seven-game qualifying rounds on the PBA Wolf 33 oiling pattern on Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 15-16. After 14 games, the top five will advance to the live Xtra Frame stepladder finals on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. CT.

Wednesday and Thursday, all players will bowl two more seven-game qualifying rounds on the PBA Bear 39 pattern, with the top five bowling for the Bear Open title at 7:30 p.m.

Based on the combined 24-game qualifying totals on the 33-foot Wolf and 39-foot Bear oiling patterns, the top 18 players will advance to the Tulsa Open finals, a 18-game round robin match play event that will be contested on the Dragon 45 oiling pattern Friday and Saturday, Oct. 19-20. After a total of 42 games, including match play bonus pins, the top five will compete for the Tulsa Open title at 1 p.m. Central on a lane condition selected by the leading qualifier.

All rounds of the Fall Swing will be covered live, exclusively on PBA's Xtra Frame live streaming channel. For subscription information, visit <u>xtraframe.tv</u>.

PBA FALL SWING SCHEDULE

The Lanes at Coffee Creek, Owasso, Okla., Oct. 14-20 (all times are Central)

Sunday, Oct. 14

10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. – Squad A and B practice sessions

Monday, Oct. 15

9 a.m. – A Squad, Wolf Open 6 qualifying games 3 p.m. – B Squad, Wolf Open 6 qualifying games

Tuesday, Oct. 16

9 a.m. – B Squad, Wolf Open 6 qualifying games
3 p.m. – A Squad, Wolf Open 6 qualifying games Top five advance to stepladders finals
7:30 p.m. – Top five stepladder finals, live on Xtra Frame

Wednesday, Oct. 17

9 a.m. – A Squad, Bear Open 6 qualifying games 3 p.m. – B Squad, Bear Open 6 qualifying games

Thursday, Oct. 18

- 9 a.m. B Squad, Bear Open 6 qualifying games
- 3 p.m. A Squad, Bear Open 6 qualifying games

Top five advance to stepladders finals; top 18 after 24 combined qualifying games advance to Tulsa Open finals

7:30 p.m. – Top five stepladder finals, live on Xtra Frame

Friday, Oct. 19

9 a.m. – Top 18, 6 games round robin match play 3 p.m. – Top 18, 6 games round robin match play

Saturday, Oct. 20

9 a.m. – Top 18, 6 games round robin match play Top five after 42 games advance to stepladder finals

1 p.m. – Top five stepladder finals, live on Xtra Frame

Always Room For Improvement Says PBA50 Mooresville Open First Round Leader Norm Duke

MOORESVILLE, N.C. - (April 30, 2018) – What PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke learned from his recent second-place finish in the PBA50 National Championship presented by Spanish Springs Lanes and Radical, was that there's always work to be done.

Even as the leader after the first round of qualifying in the PBA50 Mooresville Open presented by Columbia 300 with a 1,945 eight-game pinfall total Monday, that lesson was reinforced when the Mooresville Open defending champion lost to Lennie Boresch Jr. Saturday in the title match, 198-192, after entering the stepladder finals as top qualifier.

"You're only as good as your last game and my last game was 192 before this tournament," Duke said. "So, what that tells me is I need to work harder to get better. And, if bowling 192 in a title match doesn't tell you that you need to get better, I don't know what will."

Duke, a 38-time PBA Tour and four-time PBA50 Tour titlist, averaged 243 in the Mooresville Open first round bowling games of 258, 269, 229, 217, 234, 256, 259 and 223 at George Pappas' Victory Lanes.

"I'm pleased with the round but it's a new tournament," Duke continued. "Even as well as I bowled I can see things that I still need to work on. If you're serious about competing to your capabilities, it's always going to be an ongoing process to get better."

Duke won the 2017 PBA50 Race City Open at George Pappas' Victory Lanes with a 221-213 win in the title match against top qualifier Kenny Parks of Hammond, Ind.

Finishing the first round 70 pins behind Duke in second was PBA Hall of Famer and 2017 PBA50 Miller Lite Players Championship winner Bryan Goebel of Shawnee, Kan., with 1,875.

Rounding out the top five were PBA50 National Championship fourth-place finisher Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,865; Tony Rodriguez Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 1,851 and PBA Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli of Venezuela, 1,839.

Coming off his PBA50 National Championship win, Boresch finished the round in ninth with 1,810.

The entire field returns for another eight-game qualifying round Tuesday which begins at 9 a.m. ET. Wednesday's cashers and match play rounds will begin at 8:30 a.m. After match play the top five players will be determined for the stepladder finals at 7 p.m.

Fans can catch all the PBA50 Mooresville Open action via PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame. Visit <u>www.xtraframe.tv</u> for subscription and schedule information.

PBA50 MOORESVILLE OPEN Presented by Columbia 300 George Pappas' Victory Lanes, Mooresville N.C., Monday

FIRST ROUND (after eight games)

- 1, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,945.
- 2, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 1,875.
- 3, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,865.
- 4, Tony Rodriguez Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 1,851.
- 5, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,839.
- 6, Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 1,835.
- 7, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,817.
- 8, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 1,815.
- 9, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 1,810.
- 10, Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 1,806.
- 11, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1,804.
- 12, ss-Jeff Schrum, Cherryville, N.C., 1,803.
- 13, ss-Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 1,783.
- 14, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 1,771.
- 15, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,766.
- 16, ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 1,765.
- 17, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 1,764.
- 18, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 1,760.

- 19, James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 1,759.
- 20, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,755.
- 21, ss-n-Ken Konczos, Medina, Ohio, 1,754.
- 22, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 1,751.
- 23, ss-Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 1,750.
- 24, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 1,742.
- 25, Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 1,733.
- 26, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,724.
- 27, Sammy Ventura, Norwich, N.Y., 1,717.
- 28, ss-Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 1,708.
- 29, ss-Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 1,706.
- 30, Doug O'Bryant, Ball Ground, Ga., 1,703.
- 31, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 1,702.
- 32, ss-Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 1,699.
- 33, Michael Craig, Westerville, Ohio, 1,698.
- 34, Eddie Graham, Kettering, Ohio, 1,691.
- 35, ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 1,687.
- 36, Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 1,683.
- 37, (tie) ss-Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., and Peter Knopp, Germany, 1,682.
- 39, Brett Krimminger, Kannapolis, N.C., 1,674.
- 40, ss-Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 1,670.
- 41, ss-Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 1,666.
- 42, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 1,664.
- 43, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 1,663.
- 44, Don Breeden, Clive, Iowa, 1,660.
- 45, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 1,656.
- 46, Mal Williams, Jr, Greensboro, N.C., 1,653.
- 47, Ken Shealy, Myrtle Beach, S.C., 1,649.
- 48, Darryl Traber, Waterford, Wis., 1,641.
- 49, Pete Arruda, Gilbert, S.C., 1,639.
- 50, Tommy Martin, Millington, Tenn., 1,638.
- 51, (tie)Tommy Reeves, Gastonia, N.C., and Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 1,635.
- 53, (tie) ss-Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, and Cephas Hensley, Jonesboro, Tenn., 1,634.
- 55, ss-Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 1,633.
- 56, ss-Dale Csuhta, Wadsworth, Ohio, 1,631.
- 57, David Bleggi, Jacksonville, N.C., 1,630.
- 58, ss-David Kneas, Annapolis, Md., 1,628.
- 59, ss-Gary Shultis, Levittown, N.Y., 1,627.
- 60, ss-John Waldeck, Mechancisville, Va., 1,625.
- 61, ss-Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., 1,620.
- 62, John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 1,618.
- 63, ss-James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 1,617.
- 64, Mac Sanders, Taylors, S.C., 1,616.
- 65, ss-Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 1,612.
- 66, ss-Tom Howison, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,607.
- 67, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 1,606.
- 68, (tie) ss-James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., and Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 1,595.
- 70, Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 1,593.
- 71, David Rosengarten, Gardendale, Ala., 1,592.
- 72, ss-Charlie Tomey, Spartanburg, S.C., 1,591.
- 73, ss-Jay Boyle, Garnet Valley, Pa., 1,586.
- 74, Ralph Brunt Jr., Jensen Beach, Fla., 1,579.
- 75, Timothy Regan, East Northport, N.Y., 1,578.

- 76, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 1,577.
- 77, Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 1,573.
- 78, Dave Han, Birmingham, Ala., 1,567.
- 79, Johnny Wilson, Colorado Springs, Colo., 1,562.
- 80, ss-Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 1,559.
- 81, Todd Haney, Boiling Springs, S.C., 1,557.
- 82, Charlie Toney, Oak Hill, W.Va., 1,552.
- 83, ss-Greg McMahan, Dandridge, Tenn., 1,547.
- 84, ss-Hector Valenzuela, Whitsett, N.C., 1,541.
- 85, ss-William Banks, Laurel Hill, N.C., 1,534.
- 86, (tie) David Sanders, Blythewood, S.C., and Jesse Phillips, Charlotte, N.C., 1,531.
- 88, ss-Tommy Brodowski, New Hyde Park, N.Y., 1,527.
- 89, ss-David Goldenberg, Holtsville, N.Y., 1,519.
- 90, ss-Chuck Best, Buda, Texas, 1,516.
- 91, ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 1,510.
- 92, n-Charles Allen Jr., Pell City, Ala., 1,506.
- 93, ss-Dannie Hettinger, Circleville, Ohio, 1,504.
- 94, ss-n-Paul Kreins, Mooresville, N.C., 1,493.
- 95, Greg Kemp, Conroe, Texas, 1,489.
- 96, (tie) Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., and ss-Widmar Vargas, Sun City Center, Fla., 1,486.
- 98, (tie) ss-Ron Glick, Morganville, N.J., and ss-James Souder, Greeneville, Tenn., 1,482.
- 100, ss-Jeff Bellinger, Columbia, S.C., 1,476.
- 101, ss-Jim Pitts, Elmira, N.Y., 1,474.
- 102, ss-Mike Moore, Marietta, Ohio, 1,470.
- 103, ss-David Martin, Chesapeake, Va., 1,467.
- 104, ss-Todd Wilson, Summerfield, N.C., 1,456.
- 105, ss-Ken Waters, Kingsport, Tenn., 1,455.
- 106, ss-Rick LeChette, Lincoln University, Pa., 1,452.
- 107, ss-Greg Wilhelm, Laurel Hill, N.C., 1,451.
- 108, ss-William Keenan Jr., Orlando, Fla., 1,447.
- 109, ss-Rich Schubert, Cornith, Texas, 1,442.
- 110, (tie) ss-Steven Grotowski, Ft Lauderdale, Fla, and Randy Davis, Boilling Springs, S.C., 1,428.
- 112, Paul LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 1,426.
- 113, ss-Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 1,404.
- 114, ss-Larry Helton, Bolingbrook, Ill., 1,374.
- 115, ss-James West, Catonsville, Md., 1,321.
- 116, ss-Richard Felten, Rockville, Md., 1,230.

n-non-member ss-PBA60 players ages 60 and over

Go Bowling! PBA Tour Returns to CBS Sports Network for PBA Tour Finals

Top eight money earners to compete in two-day event May 4-5 at Detroit's historic Thunderbowl Lanes

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (May 1, 2018) – Led by defending champion EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., eight PBA Tour stars who have dominated PBA's earnings chart over a span of more than two years will compete in the second annual PBA Tour Finals at Thunderbowl LanesMay 4-5 in Allen Park, Mich.

The event marks the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour's return to the CBS Sports Network with a series of five two-hour telecasts involving the top eight PBA Tour money earners for the period beginning in 2016 and concluding four months into the 2018 season. The PBA Tour Finals will begin airing on five consecutive Tuesdays at 9:30 p.m. ET beginning May 22.

Tackett, the 2016 PBA Player of the Year, returns to defend his title after winning the 2017 Main Event PBA Tour Finals in Orlando, Fla., where he defeated four-time PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte of Australia, 668-628, in the three-game total pinfall title match.

In addition to Tackett and Belmonte, the other six finalists will be Jesper Svensson of Sweden; England's Dom Barrett; Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas; Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash.; Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., and Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill.

• Tackett is a nine-time PBA Tour champion and winner of the 2016 PBA World Championship and 2017 FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions.

• Belmonte is a 17-time PBA Tour titlist including nine majors and is a four-time PBA Player of the Year.

• Svensson, PBA's 2016 Rookie of the Year, is a seven-time tour winner and the winner of the 2016 FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions.

• Barrett is a six-time tour winner including the 2013 PBA World Championship and the 2018 DHC PBA Japan Invitational.

• Simonsen, a three-time Tour titlist, won the 2016 USBC Masters to become the youngest player ever to win a major title at age 19.

• Kent, the 2014 Rookie of the Year, is a four-time tour winner including the 2017 Grand Casino Hotel and Resorts PBA Oklahoma Open.

• Jones is an 18-time title winner, including the 2016 PBA Scorpion Championship, and has won two majors.

• Rash is a 12-time titlist, has won two majors and was 2012 PBA Player of the Year. He won two titles during the 2016 PBA Fall Swing on CBS Sports Network.

Tickets are available for the May 4 tapings at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and the May 5 tapings at noon, 2:30 and 5:30 p.m. Tickets, which range in price from \$10 to \$30, may be purchased by visiting <u>www.pba.com/tickets</u> or on site at Thunderbowl Lanes.

The tournament field will be divided into two four-player groups. The field will bowl four games of qualifying in their respective groups on a different oil pattern each game. The four game scratch totals for each player will be used to determine the seeding for a separate stepladder finals in each group. The final match of each group's stepladder will be a best of two-game match with ties broken by a 9th and 10th frame roll off. The two group winners will then meet in another best-of-two-game championship match.

The four PBA lane condition oil patterns that will be used will be the 36-foot Johnny Petraglia, 42-foot Mark Roth, 39-foot Don Carter and 45-foot Dick Weber patterns.

Competing in Group 1 will be Belmonte, Barrett, Simonsen, and Rash, while Tackett, Svensson, Kent and Jones will compete in Group 2.

The PBA Tour Finals, similar to tennis' ATP Tour Finals, was created last year as a summer national TV showcase of the PBA's top players. Last year's inaugural event in Orlando criteria for qualification was money earned in 2015, 2016 and half of 2017 up to the PBA Tour Finals date. This year's field was based on PBA national money earned in 2016, 2017 and 2018 to this point in the season.

Thunderbowl Lanes will also host a pro-am at noon on Sunday, May 6. Entry information may be obtained by calling Thunderbowl Lanes at (313) 928-4688.

PBA TOUR FINALS CBS SPORTS NETWORK TAPING SCHEDULE Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich., May 4-5 (all times are Eastern)

Group 1 players - Jason Belmonte, Dom Barrett, Anthony Simonsen, Sean Rash **Group 2 players** - EJ Tackett, Jesper Svensson, Marshall Kent and Tommy Jones

Friday, May 4

5 p.m. – Group 1 and Group 2, one qualifying game on 39-foot Johnny Petraglia lane condition, Group 2 and Group 1, one qualifying game on 42-foot Mark Roth lane condition airs Tuesday, May 22, at 9:30 p.m. EDT on CBS Sports Network.

7:30 p.m. – Group 2 and Group 1, one qualifying game on 39-foot Don Carter lane condition, Group 1 and Group 2, one qualifying game on 45-foot Dick Weber lane condition, airs Tuesday, May 29, at 9:30 p.m. EDT on CBS Sports Network.

Sat., May 5

Noon – Group 1 Stepladder Finals (seeding based on four-game qualifying totals; top qualifier will choose lane pattern); airs Tuesday, June 5, at 9:30 p.m. EDT on CBS Sports Network.
2:30 p.m. – Group 2 Stepladder Finals (seeding position based on qualifying totals; top qualifier will choose lane pattern; airs Tuesday, June 12, at 9:30 p.m. EDT on CBS Sports Network. (Group 1 and Group 2 stepladders determine finalists for championship match)

5:30 p.m. – Championship match (best-of-two-game match with 9th and 10th frame roll-off tie breaker, if necessary), overall average leader will choose lane pattern; airs Tuesday, June 19 at 9:30 p.m. EDT on CBS Sports Network.

Sunday, May 6

Noon – Pro-am

Darren Andretta Wins PBA Rockaway Lanes Open for Second Regional Title

Rockaway, N.J. (April 29, 2018) – Darren Andretta of Patchogue, N.Y. defeated defending champion Patrick Allen of Elmwood Park, N.J., 246-235, to win his second Professional Bowlers Association Regional title in the PBA Rockaway Lanes Eastern Open presented by Storm at Rockaway Lanes Sunday.

Andretta vaulted from fourth place to the tournament leader position following a 280 game in the position round match that led up to the stepladder finals.

Against Allen, Andretta survived an open second frame and finished with six consecutive strikes. Allen, who had strikes in six of the first seven frames, missed a 7 pin in the eighth, which allowed Andretta to strike out to insure at least a tie. But Allen eliminated the drama when he failed to throw a second strike in the final frame. Andretta received \$3,000 for the win while Allen earned \$1,500 as the runner-up.

Allen advanced to the championship match by defeating reigning East Region Player of the Year Matt O'Grady of Rahway, N.J., in a roll-off after they tied at 235, 20-19. O'Grady, who defeated local amateur Jake Rollins of Glen Rock, N.J., 246-185, in the opening match, earned \$1,200 for third while Rollins earned \$1,000 as a result of his fourth-place finish.

The next PBA East Region event is the PBA Colony Park Challenge, hosted by Colony Park Lanes North in York, Pa., on May 25-26. PBA Challenge events are open to any PBA member without a title and any non-member who has never won a PBA event.

PBA ROCKAWAY LANES EASTERN OPEN presented by Storm Rockaway Lanes, Rockaway, N.J., Sunday

Final Standings:

- 1, Darren Andretta, Patchogue, N.Y., \$3,000.
- 2, Patrick Allen, Elmwood Park, N.J., \$1,500.
- 3, Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., \$1,200.
- 4, n-Jake Rollins, Glen Rock N.Y., \$1,000.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – O'Grady def. Rollins, 246-185. Semi-final Match – Allen def. O'Grady, 235-235, 20-19 in roll-off. Championship Match – Andretta def. Allen, 246-235.

Final Match Play Standings (after 20 games, including match play bonus pins)

1, Andretta, 7-5, 4,815. 2, Allen, 9-3, 4,807. 3, O'Grady, 9-3, 4,786. 4, Rollins, 7-5, 4,786. 5, Kevin Donovan, Painted Post, N.Y., 8-4, 4,711, \$900. 6, n-Jeff Morin, Hopatcong, N.J., 6-6, 4,589, \$850. 7, Jeff Ripic, Appalachian, N.Y., 6-6, 4,429, \$825. 8, Paul Brion, Mansfield, Pa., 5-7, 4,491, \$800. 9 (tie), Bryan Paul, Brooklyn, N.Y., 6-6, and n-Casey Creutz, Carteret, N.J., 5-7 4,468, \$762.50. 11, Michael Houtz, Myerstown, Pa., 6-6, 4,402, \$725. 12, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 4-8, 4,385, \$700. 13, Matthew Wozney, Clayton, Del., 6-6, 4,359, \$675 14, David Knight Jr, Folcroft, Pa., 4-8, 4,294, \$650. 15, John Furey, Howell, N.J., 5-7, 4,257 \$625. 16, Ken Yokobosky, Fredon, N.J., 3-9, 4,164, \$600. n- designates non-member entry

300 Games: Gary Haines, Matthew Wozney (2)

Note: A photo of the winner has been posted in PBA's Media Gallery

Parker Bohn III Tops Qualifying Heading Into PBA50 Mooresville Open Match Play

MOORESVILLE, N.C. - (May 1, 2018) – PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., parlayed the momentum of his fourth-place finish in the PBA50 National Championship last Saturday, to lead qualifying Tuesday heading into the match play rounds of the PBA50 Mooresville Open presented by Columbia 300 at George Pappas' Victory Lanes.

Bohn led qualifying with a 3,747 16-game pinfall total (234 average) bowling 1,882 in Tuesday's second round with games of 248, 257, 267, 217, 247, 181, 258 and 207.

"Looking at the way things unfolded in the National Championship I have no complaints right now," said the 54-year-old Bohn, who won the 2014 Mooresville Open for his first PBA50 Tour title. "I started slow in qualifying but I finally started figuring things out in the second round and kept the momentum going for the rest of the tournament."

Before the start of the season Bohn experimented with some changes to his grip hoping to improve his pin carry but was disappointed with the results and made the right decision to go back to his normal grip.

"I'm pretty happy with my ability to consistently get to the pocket but I'm always interested in trying something that will improve pin carry," said the 35-time PBA Tour and four-time PBA50 Tour winner. "I tried a few things and didn't like the results so I went back to my original grip and feel pretty comfortable making the adjustments I need to make."

Bohn edged out Mooresville Open defending champion and fellow hall of famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., who finished qualifying just five pins behind in second with 3,742. Duke, who finished second in the PBA50 National Championship, bowled 1,797 in the second round with games of 222, 249, 213, 172, 224, 235, 258, and 224.

Rounding out the top eight after qualifying who will be seeded into the second match play round were James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 3,653; PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,646; five-time PBA Tour winner Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,641; PBA Hall of Fame Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 3,626; Stony Baker, Canton, Ga., 3,623, and PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla. 3,621.

PBA50 National Championship winner Lennie Boresch Jr. of Kenosha, Wis., advanced to the cashers round finishing qualifying in 30th with a 3,421 pinfall total.

The top 39 players plus eight PBA60 players advance to Wednesday's cashers and match play rounds which will begin at 8:30 a.m. After match play the top five players will be determined for the stepladder finals at 7 p.m.

Fans can catch all the PBA50 Mooresville Open final day action via PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame. Visit <u>www.xtraframe.tv</u> for subscription and schedule information.

PBA50 MOORESVILLE OPEN Presented by Columbia 300 George Pappas' Victory Lanes, Mooresville N.C., Tuesday

SECOND ROUND (after 16 games. Positions 1-24 advance to match play. Positions 25-39 plus eight PBA60 players advance to cashers round to determine eight additional match play spots)

- 1, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,747.
- 2, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3,742.
- 3, James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 3,653.
- 4, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,646.
- 5, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,641.
- 6, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 3,626.
- 7, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 3,623.
- 8, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,621.
- 9, Tony Rodriguez Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 3,609.
- 10, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,598.
- 11, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3,558.
- 12, (tie) Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., and Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 3,554.
- 14, Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 3,548.
- 15, Don Breeden, Clive, Iowa, 3,535.
- 16, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3,524.
- 17, (tie) Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., and Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 3,520.
- 19, Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 3,503.
- 20, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3,498.

22, Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 3,446. 23, Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 3,445. 24, Sammy Ventura, Norwich, N.Y., 3,444. 25, Jay Boyle, Garnet Valley, Pa., 3,440. 26, Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 3,439. 27, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3,434. 28, Eddie Graham, Kettering, Ohio, 3,429. 29, n, Ken Konczos, Medina, Ohio, 3,428. 30, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 3,421. 31, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 3,407. 32, Peter Knopp, Germany, 3,405. 33, Dave Han, Birmingham, Ala., 3,401. 34, Jeff Schrum, Cherryville, N.C., 3,394. 35, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 3,384. 36, Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 3,375. 37, Dale Csuhta, Wadsworth, Ohio, 3,369. 38, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 3,357. 39, John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 3,353. 40, ss-Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 3,350. 41, ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 3,346. 42, ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 3,345. 43, ss-Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 3,342. 44, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 3,337. 45, Mal Williams, Jr, Greensboro, N.C., 3,334. 46, Doug O'Bryant, Ball Ground, Ga., 3,333. 47, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 3,326. 48, ss-Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 3,317. 49, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 3,311. 50, ss-Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 3,310. 51, ss-Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 3,284. 52, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 3,276. 53, John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 3,268. 54, ss-David Kneas, Annapolis, Md., 3,266. 55, Michael Craig, Westerville, Ohio, 3,261. 56, Greg Kemp, Conroe, Texas, 3,258. 57, David Bleggi, Jacksonville, N.C., 3,254. 58, (tie) James Storts, Westfield, Ind., and Tommy Martin, Millington, Tenn., 3,245. 60, (tie) Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., and James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., 3,244. 62, Ken Shealy, Myrtle Beach, S.C., 3,239. 63, Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 3,236. 64, Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 3,234. 65, Mac Sanders, Taylors, S.C., 3,233. 66, Widmar Vargas, Sun City Center, Fla., 3,231. 67, Charlie Toney, Oak Hill, W.Va., 3,217. 68, Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 3,207. 69, Tom Howison, Chillicothe, Ohio, 3,201, 69, Darryl Traber, Waterford, Wis., 3,201. 71, Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., 3,200. 72, William Banks, Laurel Hill, N.C., 3,197. 73, Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wisc., 3,194. 74, Tommy Reeves, Gastonia, N.C., 3,191.

21, Ralph Brunt Jr., Jensen Beach, Fla., 3,469.

75, Gary Shultis, Levittown, N.Y., 3,189.

76, Timothy Regan, East Northport, N.Y., 3,187. 77, Greg McMahan, Dandridge, Tenn., 3,182. 78, Cephas Hensley, Jonesboro, Tenn., 3,178. 79, Charlie Tomey, Spartanburg, S.C., 3,168. 80, Brett Krimminger, Kannapolis, N.C., 3,162. 81, John Waldeck, Mechancisville, Va., 3,158. 82, David Sanders, Blythewood, S.C., 3,154. 83, Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 3,146. 84, Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 3,145. 85, Tommy Brodowski, New Hyde Park, N.Y., 3,133. 86, n-Paul Kreins, Mooresville, N.C., 3,121. 87, Chuck Best, Buda, Texas, 3,119. 88, Pete Arruda, Gilbert, S.C., 3,115. 89, David Rosengarten, Gardendale, Ala., 3,103. 90, Todd Haney, Boiling Springs, S.C., 3,091. 91, Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., 3,079. 92, Hector Valenzuela, Whitsett, N.C., 3,078. 93, Jesse Phillips, Charlotte, N.C., 3,068. 94, Mike Moore, Marietta, Ohio, 3,023. 95, Jim Pitts, Elmira, N.Y., 3,022. 96, Johnny Wilson, Colorado Springs, Colo., 3,002. 97, David Goldenberg, Holtsville, N.Y., 2,992. 98, David Martin, Chesapeake, Va., 2,979. 99, Randy Davis, Boilling Springs, S.C., 2,974. 99, William Keenan Jr., Orlando, Fla., 2,974. 101, Dannie Hettinger, Circleville, Ohio, 2,973. 102, Greg Wilhelm, Laurel Hill, N.C., 2,972. 103, James Souder, Greeneville, Tenn., 2,971. 104, Paul LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 2,962. 105, Jeff Bellinger, Columbia, S.C., 2,955. 106, Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 2,921. 107, Larry Helton, Bolingbrook, Ill., 2,920. 108, n-Charles Allen Jr., Pell City, Ala., 2,893. 109, Ken Waters, Kingsport, Tenn., 2,883. 110, Ron Glick, Morganville, N.J., 2,881. 111, Steven Grotowski, Ft Lauderdale, Fla, 2,867. 112, Todd Wilson, Summerfield, N.C., 2,861. 113, Rick LeChette, Lincoln University, Pa., 2,848. 114, Rich Schubert, Cornith, Texas, 2,840. 115, James West, Catonsville, Md., 2,761. 116, Richard Felten, Rockville, Md., 2,626.

n-non-member ss-PBA60 players ages 60 and over advancing to cashers round

Brian Voss Wins Second PBA50 Tour Title in Mooresville Open

Adrenalin rush keeps new North Carolina resident coming back to competition

MOORESVILLE, N.C. – Brian Voss, who recently moved into the North Carolina neighborhood, threw two strikes in the 10th frame on the same lane where he had left a 7-10 split only two frames earlier, to defeat Lennie Boresch Jr. of Kenosha, Wis., 226-223, in the title match of the PBA50 Tour's Mooresville Open Tuesday at George Pappas' Victory Lanes.

Voss, who won his only previous PBA50 Tour title in the 2016 Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic in Anderson, Ind., survived a wild final round of match play to earn the top berth in the stepladder finals where he had the title match under control until his pocket 7-10 let Boresch back into the match. Voss' clutch double in the 10th forced Boresch – the only non-PBA Hall of Famer among the five finalists – to also double for the win, but the Wisconsin pro shop operator left a 4 pin on his first shot.

"I love to bowl. I live to win," Voss said. "My sons were with me tonight. It was fabulous.

"There are days I wonder why I'm still doing this," he added, "but when you experience this, it keeps you coming back. I love to entertain, to show my emotions. I live just to feel the adrenalin, not only when you win, but the path along the way. It's addictive, overcoming the fear. It's a great feeling."

Voss, who will turn 60 later in the summer, said he moved to nearby Cornelius, N.C., from Colorado about three months ago because he had an opportunity to teach bowling, "so why not? I love being around the bowling world. I love to teach, so I moved."

Boresch, fresh off winning his fourth PBA50 Tour title in the PBA50 National Championship at Spanish Springs Lanes in The Villages, Fla., a week earlier, eliminated Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., in the semifinal match, 232-222. Boresch, who also defeated Duke in the PBA50 National Championship title match, used a late string of four strikes to overcome a pocket 7-10 split of his own while Duke lost his strike pocket early in the game and dug a hole he couldn't escape.

Duke started the stepladder finals with a 279-214 win over Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., with only a 10 pin in the fifth frame preventing a perfect game. In the second match, Duke took advantage of Pete Weber's only mistake – leaving and failing to convert the 3-10 split in the 10th frame – to win a classic battle with the St. Ann, Mo., hall of famer, 257-245.

The PBA50 Tour's next event is the PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open, presented by Brunswick, at Farmingdale Lanes in Farmingdale, N.Y., beginning with eight-game qualifying rounds Sunday and Monday at 6 p.m. ET. The tournament concludes Tuesday with a cashers' round, two modified match play rounds and the stepladder finals at 7 p.m. Brian LeClair is defending champion.

Fans can catch all the action on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame. For subscription and schedule information visit <u>www.xtraframe.tv</u>.

PBA50 MOORESVILLE OPEN Presented by Columbia 300 George Pappas' Victory Lanes, Mooresville, N.C., Tuesday

Final Standings:

- 1, Brian Voss, Cornelius, N.C., \$7,500.
- 2, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., \$4,000.
- 3, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., \$2,500.
- 4, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., \$2,000.
- 5, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., \$1,700.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Duke def. Bohn, 279-214. Match Two – Duke def. Weber, 257-245. Semifinal Match – Boresch def. Duke, 232-222. Championship Match – Voss def. Boresch, 226-223.

Match Play Round 2 (after six games, including match play bonus pins; top five advanced to stepladder finals)

- 1, Voss, 5-1, 1,607.
- 2, Boresch, 4-2, 1,574.
- 3, Weber, 5-1, 1,560.
- 4, Duke, 3-3, 1,511.
- 5, Bohn, 4-2, 1,505.
- 6, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3-3, 1,489, \$1,500.
- 7, Don Breeden, Clive, Iowa, 2-4, 1,474, \$1,500.
- 8, Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 4-2, 1,470, \$1,500.
- 9, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3-3, 1,409, \$1,350.
- 10, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 4-2, 1,393, \$1,350.
- 11, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3-3, 1,387, \$1,450.
- 12, Sammy Ventura, Norwich, N.Y., 3-3, 1,366, \$1,350.
- 13, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 2-4, 1,353, \$1,350.
- 14, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 1-5, 1,313, \$1,350.
- 15, James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 1-5, 1,293, \$1,450.
- 16, ss-Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 1-5, 1,199, \$1,350.

Match Play Round 1 (After five games, including match play bonus pins)

- 17, ss-Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 3-2, 1,159, \$1,200.
- 18, ss-Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 1-3-1, 1,157, \$1,200.
- 19, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 1-3-1, 1,152, \$1,200.
- 20, Ralph Brunt Jr., Jensen Beach, Fla., 3-2, 1,147, \$1,300.
- 21, Peter Knopp, Germany, 3-2, 1,145, \$1,200.
- 22 (tie), Eddie Graham, Kettering, Ohio, 2-3, and Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3-2, 1,116, \$1,200.
- 24, ss-n-Ken Konczos, Medina, Ohio, 3-2, 1,095, \$1,200.
- 25, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 2-3, 1,094, \$1,100.
- 26, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 1-4, 1,091, \$1,100.
- 27, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 2-3, 1,079, \$1,100.
- 28, Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 3-2, 1,052, \$1,100.
- 29, Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 1-4, 1,034, \$1,200.
- 30, Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 1-4, 1,027, \$1,100.
- 31, ss-Jeff Schrum, Cherryville, N.C., 1-4, 1,006, \$1,100.
- 32, Tony Rodriguez Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 0-5, 975, \$1,100

Other Cashers (after five-game cashers' round)

- 33, ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 1,080, \$1,050.
- 34, ss-David Kneas, Annapolis, Md., 1,075, \$1,050.
- 35, ss-Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 1,065, \$1,050.
- 36, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 1,063, \$1,050.
- 37 (tie), Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., and, ss-Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 1,056, \$1,050.
- 39, ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 1,050, \$1,050.
- 40 (tie), ss-Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., and Dave Han, Birmingham, Ala., 1,042, \$1,000.
- 42, ss-Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 1,038, \$1,000.
- 43, ss-Dale Csuhta, Wadsworth, Ohio, 1,025, \$1,000.
- 44, ss-Jav Boyle, Garnet Valley, Pa., 1,019, \$1,000.
- 45, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 1,013, \$1,000.
- 46, ss-Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 991, \$1,000.
- 47, ss-Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 967, \$1,000.

n-denotes non-member; ss-denotes PBA60 bowler.

PBA Spare Shots

XTRA FRAME PBA TOUR RESUMES IN WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA

PBA's busy schedule of live coverage on Xtra Frame continues in May with the resumption of the 2018 Xtra Frame PBA Tour along with PBA50 and PWBA action.

The second of eight Xtra Frame PBA Tour events is set for Saturday-Sunday, May 19-20, at Ten Pin Alley Family Fun Center. **Anthony Simonsen** of Austin, Texas, is defending champion.

This weekend's Xtra Frame schedule includes start-to-finish coverage of the PBA50 Tour's Johnny Petraglia BVL Open, presented by Brunswick, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday when reigning PBA50 Player of the Year **Brian LeClair** will try to defend his title. Coverage from Farmington also will include a special "Clash of Legends" Saturday at 6:30 p.m. where PBA Hall of Famers **Walter Ray Williams Jr., Pete Weber, Amleto Monacelli, Parker Bohn III** and Petraglia will be paired with amateur bowlers in the annual special event. The Petraglia BVL Open will be the final PBA50 Tour event until the senior players head west later in the month.

Also on this weekend's Xtra Frame calendar is live coverage of the PWBA Sonoma County Open from Double Decker Lanes in Rohnert Park, Calif., Friday and Saturday. The PWBA will then visit Fountain Bowl in Fountain Valley, Calif., May 11-12, before heading to Reno for the USBC Queens. Xtra Frame will cover qualifying and preliminary match play elimination rounds from the National Bowling Stadium May 17-21.

PWBA's defending champions include Colombia's **Rocio Restrepo** (Sonoma County), **Kelly Kulick** (Fountain Valley) and **Diana Zavjalova** (USBC Queens).

Xtra Frame, the online bowling channel of the PBA will be the livestream home of the PWBA Tour throughout the 2018 season, providing live coverage of all 14 events, including the stepladder finals of the first six standard events. Other finals will air on CBS Sports Network.

To enroll as an XtraFrame subscriber, visit <u>xtraframe.tv</u>. An entire month of coverage costs only \$7.99. A three-day subscription is also available, for \$3.99, and the 12-month Season Ticket plan is offered for about \$1.25 week.

MARK ROTH TO ATTEND "STRIKES AGAINST STROKES" FUND-RAISER

PBA Hall of Famer **Mark Roth**, who continues to battle the after-effects of a stroke in 2009, will attend the seventh annual Strikes against Strokes fund-raiser on Sunday, May 6 at Flamingo Bowl in Liverpool, N.Y. Roth will be on hand between 5-8 p.m. to sign autographs and offer advice to those who ask.

The tournament, which will include a silent auction, will benefit the Stroke Center at Upstate University Hospital, Syracuse, N.Y. If you can't attend, but would like to support the effort, make a check or money order payable to: Stroke Fund #44450 and mail it to **Upstate Foundation**, <u>**750 East Adams Street-</u> 316 CAB, Syracuse, NY 13210. Contributions also can be made** securely online by visiting <u>https://www.upstatefoundation.org/Stroke</u>.</u>

PBA'S "60 MOST MEMORABLE MOMENTS" UNVEILING CONTINUES: 16 THRU 20

The countdown to unveil the complete list of the PBA''s "60 most memorable moments" in its 60-year history continues, one a day, Monday through Friday, on all PBA Network outlets. Last week, "memorable moments" 16 through 20 were unveiled. Here are those five moments as the countdown continues:

16) In 1978, **Mark Roth** won a PBA record eight titles during the 35-event season which is still the record for most titles won in a season.

17) In 2009, **Jason Belmonte** became the first bowler using a two-handed delivery to win a PBA Tour title when he defeated **Mike Fagan**, 215-201, in The Bowling Foundation Long Island Classic in West Babylon, N.Y. The win kick-started a career that led to a record for the fastest player to reach \$1 million in career earnings (131st event in 2017). **Wes Malott** held the record, reaching the million-dollar milestone when he won the 2013 U.S. Open in his 180th event. 18) **Billy Hardwick** became the first player to complete what would later be known as the "PBA Triple Crown," winning the 1969 BPAA All-Star (later re-named as the U.S. Open), the 1963 PBA National Championship and the 1965 PBA Tournament of Champions. Hardwick is one of six players in the PBA's 60-year history to accomplish the feat.

19) The PBA Tour's 48th season started with a bang when **Walter Ray Williams Jr.** broke the Tour's all-time titles record, earning win No. 42 over **Pete Weber**, 289-236, in the 2006 Dydo Japan Cup in Tokyo.

20) In 1993, **Mike Aulby** rolled a 300 game in the title match of the PBA Wichita Open to defeat **David Ozio**, 300-279. The 579 pinfall total remains a PBA record for highest combined score in a PBA title match.

To check on releases of subsequent "moments" as they are revealed, check the PBA Network: PBA on Facebook (<u>www.facebook.com/ProfessionalBowlersAssociation</u>) or Instagram (pbatour); subscribe to the PBA channel on YouTube (PBABowling); tweet along on Twitter (@pbatour), and on the web: <u>https://www.pba.com/PBANetwork/MostMemorableMoments</u>.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: ALLEN CLAIMS MILESTONE 20TH TITLE IN MYRTLE BEACH

Dick Allen of Columbia, S.C. won his milestone 20th PBA Regional title Sunday, defeating defending champion **Christian Azcona** of Puerto Rico, 235-213, to win the third annual PBA Brighton Construction Myrtle Beach South Open at Myrtle Beach Lanes in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Allen, who qualified in the number four position for the stepladder finals with a 17-game pinfall of 3,797, disposed of **Brandon Curtis** of Manson, N.C., in opening match, 204-191, and easily defeated **Anthony DeStasio** of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 260-225, in the semifinal contest to advance to the championship match.

Allen earned \$3,000 while Azcona pocketed \$1,600 for second, but he also picked up a \$1,500 bonus. Title sponsor Brighton Construction put up a \$1,500 prize pool to be shared by all players who bowled perfect games in the event, but Azcona had the only 300 so he collected the entire bonus pool.

• **Darren Andretta** of Patchogue, N.Y. defeated defending champion **Patrick Allen** of Elmwood Park, N.J., 246-235, to win his second PBA Regional title in the PBA Rockaway Lanes Eastern Open presented by Storm in Rockaway, N.J., Sunday.

After vaulting from fourth into the tournament lead with a 280 game in his position round match, Andretta finished with six consecutive strikes against Allen. Allen, who struck on six of his first seven shots, missed a 7 pin in the eighth frame, which allowed Andretta to strike out to insure at least a tie. Allen eliminated the drama when he failed to throw a second strike in his 10th frame, handing Andretta the \$3,000 first prize.

Allen advanced to the championship match by defeating reigning East Region Player of the Year **Matt O'Grady** of Rahway, N.J., in a two-shot, sudden death roll-off after they tied at 235, 10-10, 10-9. O'Grady, defeated local amateur **Jake Rollins** of Glen Rock, N.J., 246-185, in the opening match.

• PBA's May schedule of regional events gets underway this weekend with the Taylor Kia Central Open presented by Hammer at Holiday Bowl in Struthers, Ohio; the Sandhills Aberdeen South Open at Sandhills Bowling Center in Aberdeen, N.C., and the Junction City Southwest/Midwest Open presented by Dexter at Junction City Bowl in Junction City, Kan.

• Mother's Day weekend, May 11-13, includes these PBA Regional events: the PBA50 and PBA Baldo Campana Memorial/Ohio Lottery Central Open doubleheader (PBA50 presented by MOTIV, one-day reduced entry fee PBA presented by DV8) at Rebman Recreation in Lorain, Ohio; the Oklahoma City Southwest Open at Planet Bowl in Oklahoma City; the PBA and PBA50 FiX Auto of Puyallup Open doubleheader (PBA50 presented by Sunset Auto Group; PBA presented by The Old Cannery) at Daffodil Bowl in Puyallup, Wash., and the PBA-PWBA Jim's Strike Zone Pro Shop Northwest Open presented by Daffodil Bowl and Vise, also in Puyallup.

• The only event on PBA's Regional calendar for the May 18-20 weekend is the Waxahachie Southwest Challenge at Hilltop Lanes in Waxahachie, Texas.

• The May 24-26 PBA Regional schedule includes the PBA and PBA50 Vanessa Brown Homes West Open (PBA presented by Track, PBA50 presented by Ebonite); the Colony Park Lanes East Challenge presented by Columbia 300 in York, Pa., and the Celeste Walker Midwest/Central Open presented by American Family Insurance at Strike-N-Spare II in Lockport, Ill.

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QUICK NOTES

• PBA50 member **David Williams Jr.**, 52, of Omaha is recovering after undergoing a successful double lung transplant on March 29 at the Iowa Methodist Transplant Center in Des Moines. Williams, a four-time PBA Regional winner and the PBA Midwest Region's 2016 PBA50 Player of the Year, said he is looking forward to returning to competition as soon as he is medically cleared.

• **Stephen Lazorchak** of West Frankfort, Ill., wins a new Brunswick ball; **Craig Mathews** of Ballwin, Mo., is the winner of a new high-performance ball from DV8, and **Richard Millward** of Swansea, Mass., will receive a new high-performance ball from MOTIV as April Xtra Frame sweepstakes winners. The monthly sweepstakes is sponsored by the respective PBA Product Registered partners. Winners are selected from among new Xtra Frame subscribers, who are automatically entered when they enroll as a monthly or Xtra Frame Season Ticket (full year) subscriber.

• **David McCay** is the April winner of a \$200 HotelPlanner.com certificate, redeemable for future lodging expenses, compliments of PBA's official travel partner. The monthly sweepstakes is open to anyone who books a hotel through the HotelPlanner.com link on <u>pba.com</u>. Those who book through HotelPlanner.com are automatically entered.

• **Correction:** PBA's news release about the PBA Fall Swing in Tulsa, Okla., in October erroneously noted that qualifying will involve seven games. The detailed schedule portion of the release correctly noted qualifying will involve two blocks of six games. Our apologies for the confusion.

Sunday on ESPN: Motown Muscle, Philadelphia Hitmen Will Try to Derail Silver Lake Atom Splitters/Dallas Strikers' Bid for Third PBA League Elias Cup

PORTLAND, Maine – As the 2018 OceanView at Falmouth PBA League enters its semifinal round Sunday on ESPN (1 p.m. ET), the key questions are: will the two-time defending champion Shipyard Dallas Strikers or the previous two-time champion Go Bowling! Silver Lake Atom Splitters keep their hopes of becoming the first three-time Elias Cup winner alive. Or, will the Barbasol Motown Muscle or the Sysco Philadelphia Hitmen spoil the party as they pursue their first PBA League championship?

ESPN's coverage of Sunday's Go Bowling! PBA Tour team competition at Bayside Bowl will decide the two teams that will bowl for the Elias Cup on ESPN on May 13 at 1 p.m.

Semifinal One will pit the Atom Splitters, Elias Cup winners in 2014 and '15, against the Muscle, who finished second to the NYC WTT KingPins in the inaugural Elias Cup finals in Indianapolis in 2013. The Atom Splitters roster, managed by Mark Baker, includes Swedish two-hander Jesper Svensson, 2015 Mark Roth MVP Dick Allen, PBA League newcomer AJ Johnson, Tom Daugherty and 2014 Mark Roth MVP Chris Barnes. Motown, managed by PBA Hall of Famer Del Ballard Jr., will field a lineup including PBA Tour titlists Josh Blanchard, Francois Lavoie, Anthony Simonsen and EJ Tackett, and PBAL "rookie" Shota Kawazoe of Japan.

Semifinal Two will feature the Strikers, led by player-manager and reigning PBA League Mark Roth MVP Norm Duke, against the Hitmen, managed by Duke's long-time rival and fellow Clermont, Fla., resident Jason Couch. Duke's teammates include PBA Tour champions Bill O'Neill, Rhino Page, Tommy Jones and PBA League rookie Kyle Sherman. Couch's roster includes PBA Tour veteran champions Ronnie Russell, Chris Loschetter, Dom Barrett and Tom Smallwood along with 2017 PBA Rookie of the Year Matt Sanders. The Hitmen are trying to reach the Elias Cup title match for the first time.

"I guess we have our work cut out for us," Couch said of his team's matchup against the Strikers. "I was so focused on our quarterfinal match, I wasn't paying attention to who we'd bowl if we won, but I guess now it's Clermont vs. Clermont. It should be a good day."

Each semifinal match features a best-of-two-game Baker format team match, with a one-ball suddendeath roll-off deciding any ties. The winning teams will advance to the Elias Cup finals on ESPN on Sunday, May 13, at 1 p.m. ET when the Mark Roth PBA League MVP also will be announced. The new Elias Cup finals format will include two best-of-two-game Baker format team matches which presents the potential for a maximum of seven one-ball sudden-death roll-offs to decide ties.

PBA TOUR FINALS CBSSN TELECAST TIME CHANGES

Please note that the CBS Sports Network telecast times for the PBA Tour Finals that were indicated in a recent press release have changed. The Tuesday, May 22 Round 1 will air at 10 p.m. ET with the four subsequent Tuesday telecasts airing at 8 p.m. ET.

Below is the detailed schedule:

CBS Sports Network - PBA Tour Finals, Thunderbowl, Allen Park, Mich.

May 22 – 10 PM ET - PBA Tour Finals – Positioning Round 1 May 29 – 8 PM ET - PBA Tour Finals – Positioning Round 2 June 5 – 8 PM ET - PBA Tour Finals – Semifinals 1 June 12 – 8 PM ET - PBA Tour Finals – Semifinals 2 June 19 – 8 PM ET - PBA Tour Finals – Championship

PBA Spare Shots

YOUNG PBA LEAGUE FAN'S BIRTHDAY WISH COMES TRUE

The PBA League program at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, has become a legend in its own time, thanks in part to its rabid fan base in Portland and around the world. They come in all sizes and ages, as evident by the story of Chicago's Pierce Klein.

When Pierce's mother, Jaime, asked him what he'd like to do to celebrate his third birthday, Pierce said, "To meet <u>EJ Tackett</u> at Bayside Bowl and give him a hug."

So that's what Jaime, husband Marc and siblings Liv and Miles did. They loaded up the car and drove to Portland where Pierce got his hug and met several other players including Marshall Kent and AJ Johnson from Oswego, Ill.

"We are all so obsessed (with bowling) that we even have a bowling alley in our basement," Jaime said. "It's generational and we love it. Coming here is better than Disney."

PBA'S "60 MOST MEMORABLE MOMENTS" UNVEILING CONTINUES: 21 THRU 25

The countdown to unveil the complete list of the PBA's "60 most memorable moments" in its 60-year history continues, one a day, Monday through Friday, on all PBA Network outlets. Last week, "memorable moments" 21 through 25 were unveiled. Here are those five moments as the countdown continues:

21) In 1997, the PBA St. Clair Classic was the last Pro Bowlers Tour event televised by ABC Sports, ending a 36-year run. The title match between **Walter Ray Williams Jr.** and **Pete Weber** was won by Williams, 206-195, and included an emotional farewell video tribute to ABC announcers **Nelson "Bo" Burton Jr.** and **Chris Schenkel** who broke down in tears at the end of the telecast.

22) By winning a PBA Senior Regional event in Taylorville, Ill. in 2002, **Dick Weber** became the first player to win PBA titles at any level in six consecutive decades. Weber won his first PBA title in the 1959 Paramus Eastern Open, the second PBA event ever held. It was the first of 23 consecutive top 24 finishes extending into 1962 - a record that has never been broken.
23) In the 1994 PBA National Championship at Ducat's Imperial Lanes in Toledo, Ohio, **Johnny Petraglia** threw the seventh televised 300 game in PBA history, defeating **Walter Ray Williams Jr.** in the second match and earning a \$100,000 bonus.

24) In the last Firestone-sponsored PBA Tournament of Champions, **George Branham III** became the first African-American to win a PBA Tour major championship, defeating **Parker Bohn III**, 227-214, at Riviera Lanes in 1993.

25) With a 266-224 win over **Ryan Shafer, Jason Couch** became the only bowler in PBA Tour history to win three consecutive PBA Tournament of Champions and joined **Mike Durbin** as the second player to win the event three times. Couch's wins came in 1999, 2000 and 2002 (event was not held in 2001) and they took place in three different centers – Incred-A-Bowl in Overland Park, Kan.; Brunswick Zone-Deer Park in Lake Zurich, Ill., and Mohegan Sun Arena in Uncasville, Conn., respectively.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: OVIATT WINS FIRST PBA TITLE IN SOUTH POINT DOUBLES EVENT

Russ Oviatt of Chandler, Ariz. and non-member partner **Eric Hatchett** teamed up to win Sunday's South Point Member/Non-Member Doubles title at South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas after non-member **Kevin Jenkins** of Anthem, Ariz., won the South Point West Challenge portion of the PBA West Region doubleheader on Friday.

In the preliminary singles event, Jenkins defeated fellow non-member **Antonio Palangio** of Pittsburg, Pa., 247-168, to earn the \$1,500 first prize. PBA Challenge events are open to non-champions only. Because he is not a PBA member, Jenkins doesn't get credit for a PBA title.

In Sunday's title match, Hatchett, from Henderson, Nev., and Oviatt defeated non-member **Riely Chin** of Fresno, Calif., and Canadian **Ray Lussier**, now living in San Jose, 454-426, to claim the \$4,000 first prize. With the win, Oviatt earned his first PBA Regional title.

• **Michael Haugen Jr.** of Phoenix showed the field why he earned the 2017 PBA50 Rookie of the Year title defeating PBA Hall of Famer **Ron Mohr** of Las Vegas, 268-183, to win the fifth annual PBA50 Sarasota Southern Open at Sarasota Lanes in Sarasota, Fla., on April 20.

Haugen, who picked up his 25th overall PBA Regional title, won easily after starting with the front six strikes while Mohr had two open frames in the first half of the game. Haugen earned \$2,000.

In the semifinal round, Haugen eliminated **Lee Brosius** of Ashburn, Va., 259-235, while Mohr took out **Eddie Graham** of Centerville, <u>Ohio, 245-192</u>.

• **Kyle Cook** of Centerville, Ohio defeated **Chandler Stevens** of Archbold, Ohio by 37 pins Sunday to win the PBA Debbie & Leo Nunan Memorial Central Open presented by Track at AMF Stardust Lanes in Grove City, Ohio.

Cook finished with a 9-3 match play record and a total of 4,705 pins for 20 games, including match play bonus pins, for his first PBA Central Region title. He also earned \$2,500.

• Closing out the month over the April 27-29 weekend will be the <u>PBA Rockaway Lanes East Open</u>, <u>presented by Storm, in Rockaway</u>, N.J., and the PBA Brighton Construction Myrtle Beach South Open at Myrtle Beach Bowl in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

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QUICK NOTES

• PBA Tour champion **Ray Orf**, a St. Louis pro shop operator who won the 1962 All-American Classic in Dallas and six PBA Regional titles, died on April 20 in St. Louis. He was 76. Orf, a member of the Missouri and St. Louis Bowling Halls of Fame, had his finest year in PBA Tour competition in 1962 when he cashed in nine of 18 events. His family asked that donations to the charity of your choice be made in his name.

• Turbo 2-n-1 Grips founder and owner **Dave Bernhardt** was on his way home to Detroit Thursday, six days after suffering a heart attack during the PBA50 Lucas Magazine Open in Port St. Lucie, Fla., according to a Facebook post by his daughter, Turbo President **Lori Mraz**. Mraz noted Bernhardt, 71, underwent successful surgery to correct a pair of coronary blockages and is already thinking about rejoining the PBA50 Tour later in the summer.

Silver Lake Atom Splitters, Philadelphia Hitmen Advance to Elias Cup Finals Hitmen win "double overtime" thriller to eliminate two-time defending champion Dallas Strikers

PORTLAND, Maine – The Go Bowling! Silver Lake Atom Splitters will get a chance to become the first three-time OceanView at Falmouth PBA League Elias Cup champions after a convincing semifinal round victory, but the two-time defending champion Shipyard Dallas Strikers will be watching from the sidelines after losing a thrilling "double overtime" battle with the Sysco Philadelphia Hitmen team.

The best-of-two-game semifinal rounds matches, which are part of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule, were contested at Bayside Bowl and aired Sunday on ESPN.

Silver Lake, the winner of back-to-back Elias Cups in 2014 and '15, was dominant in sweeping the Barbasol Motown Muscle in their best-of-two-game Baker format match, throwing 10 strikes in 12 attempts in game one for a 258-235 win, and almost duplicating their first game performance in posting a 245-207 victory to complete their march to the Elias Cup championship match.

The Atom Splitters' Jesper Svensson, Dick Allen, AJ Johnson, Tom Daugherty and Chris Barnes as a team missed the pocket twice in two games.

"That was some pretty stellar bowling," said Atom Splitters manager Mark Baker." There wasn't much for me to do other than keep giving them high fives."

In the second semifinal match, the Dallas Strikers looked like they were going to make the finale a match between the PBA League's only two-time winners, romping to a 278-248 win over the Hitmen in game one. After Bill O'Neill and player-manager Norm Duke converted single-pin spares in the first two frames, Kyle Sherman, Rhino Page and Tommy Jones began a run of nine consecutive strikes to run away with the first game.

But Philadelphia pulled off a stunning upset. In game two, the Hitmen took a two-pin advantage into the 10th frame where anchor bowler Dom Barrett left the 2-8 on his first shot. After converting the spare, he needed nine pins to clinch the win by a pin, but left a pocket 7-10 split, ending the game in a 213-213 tie and forcing a one-ball sudden death roll-off.

Philadelphia manager Jason Couch sent in rookie left-hander Matt Sanders, who struck. Dallas countered with its leftie, veteran Rhino Page, who left a 6 pin.

With the match then tied at one game each, another roll-off was needed to decide who advanced to the Elias Cup finals. Sanders struck and Duke matched him. Couch then called on Tom Smallwood, who got help from a messenger to take out the 10 pin for another strike. Page again got the call for Dallas, but again misfired, leaving a 2 pin and sending the Hitmen into the Elias Cup title match for the first time in the series' seven-year history.

"My heart was definitely pumping," Couch said. "That's what we hope will happen in this kind of format. I got lucky; I made the right moves and put guys in the right spot, and it worked out well.

"We've been here enough times. We know the environment," Couch added. "Nothing seems to rattle (Sanders). He's really good under pressure. We explained to him after we drafted him what he could expect when he came to Portland. We told him to just have a good time.

"I have no problem sending 'Smalls' in when we need something. He's come of age; he bloomed a little later than normal, but I'd take him in that position any time. He did it in Columbus (where he won the Barbasol PBA Players Championship), and he did it for us last year. I have no problem with him anywhere in our lineup."

The Elias Cup and the Mark Roth PBA League MVP will be decided on ESPN on Sunday, March 13, at 1 p.m. ET. The new Elias Cup format will involve two best-of-two-game Baker format matches with a oneball sudden death roll-off being used to decide any ties. The new format could see up to seven one-ball roll-offs.

OCEANVIEW AT FALMOUTH PBA LEAGUE Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine (aired Sunday on ESPN)

Semifinal Round (best-of-two-game Baker format)

Match One: Go Bowling! Silver Lake Atom Splitters (Jesper Svensson, Dick Allen, AJ Johnson, Tom Daugherty, Chris Barnes) def. Barbasol Motown Muscle (Josh Blanchard, Shota Kawazoe, Francois Lavoie, Anthony Simonsen, EJ Tackett), 258-235, 245-207.

Match Two: Sysco Philadelphia Hitmen (Ronnie Russell, Chris Loschetter, Tom Smallwood, Dom Barrett, Matt Sanders) def. Shipyard Dallas Strikers (Bill O'Neill, Norm Duke, Kyle Sherman, Tommy Jones, Rhino Page), 248-278, 213-213, 10-9 to decide game; one-ball, sudden death roll-off to decide the match, 10-10, 10-9.

New York's Glenn Smith Leads PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open After first Round

FARMINDALE, N.Y. (May 6, 2018) – Glenn Smith, a 57-year-old engineer for a retail design company, bowled a 1,928 eight-game pinfall total to take the first round lead in the PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open presented by Brunswick Sunday at Farmingdale Lanes.

Averaging 241, the New York City resident bowled games of 242, 280, 198, 277, 246, 209, 253 and 223 to hold a 46-pin lead over Christopher Keane of Cape Coral, Fla., in second with 1,882.

"I was able to bowl outside around the first arrow and that's my "A" game," said Smith, whose best PBA50 Tour finish was 14th in last year's Johnny Petraglia BVL Open. "I made the right ball choices and just kept my focus on letting the ball do the work."

Smith has had success in qualifying rounds in previous PBA50 Tour events but hasn't been able to carry the momentum into the match play rounds.

"I just need to get better and not get ahead of myself," Smith added. "I've been working pretty hard on how I can be more consistent and make the necessary adjustments you need to make from qualifying to match play. I keep showing up to the dance hoping I can put a whole tournament together."

Rounding out the top five in the fourth PBA50 Tour tournament of the season were John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 1,878; PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,876, and James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., 1,873.

Defending champion and 2017 PBA50 Player of the Year Brian LeClair of Albany, N.Y., finished the day in a tie for 34th with 1,675.

The 71-year-old Petraglia, who has won 14 PBA Tour and eight PBA50 Tour titles in his more than five decades of PBA competition, finished 62nd with 1,576.

Competition continues Monday with another eight-game qualifying round beginning at 1 p.m. ET. Cashers' and match play rounds get underway Tuesday at 8:30 a.m., which will determine the five players for the stepladder finals at 7 p.m. Fans can catch all the action live on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame. Visit <u>www.xtraframe.tv</u> for subscription and schedule information.

PBA50 JOHNNY PETRAGLIA BVL OPEN Presented by Brunswick Farmingdale Lanes, Farmingdale, N.Y., Sunday

FIRST ROUND (after eight games)

- 1, Glenn Smith, New York, 1,928.
- 2, ss-Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 1,882.
- 3, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 1,878.
- 4, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,876.
- 5, ss-James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., 1,873.
- 6, (tie) Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., and Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 1,867.
- 8, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,851.
- 9, Ken Yokobosky, Fredon, N.J., 1,848.
- 10, Michael Healy, Yonkers, N.Y., 1,847.
- 11, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 1,840.
- 12, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 1,831.
- 13, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1,826.
- 14, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,812.
- 15, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 1,811.
- 16, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,805.
- 17, n-John Masiello, Southgate, Mich., 1,789.
- 18, ss-Pete DiChiara, Ardsley, N.Y., 1,786.
- 19, Rick Graham, Lancaster, Pa., 1,782.
- 20, ss-Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., 1,769.
- 21, Don Breeden, Clive, Iowa, 1,746.
- 22, Sammy Ventura, Norwich, N.Y., 1,745.
- 23, ss-Bill Neumann, Rensselaer, N.Y., 1,739.
- 24, Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 1,724.
- 25, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 1,721.
- 26, (tie) John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., and ss-Keith Doran, Pomona, N.Y., 1,718.
- 28, n-Pamela Burns, Endicott, N.Y., 1,703.
- 29, ss-Sam Maccarone, Williamstown, N.J., 1,700.
- 30, n,ss-Joe Biscardi, Wantagh, N.Y., 1,689.
- 31, Timothy Regan, East Northport, N.Y., 1,688.
- 32, Robert Boehm, Nutley, N.J., 1,685.
- 33, Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., 1,677.
- 34, (tie) Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., and ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 1,675.
- 36, n,ss-Guy Wallach, Livingston, N.J., 1,674.
- 37, Peter Knopp, Germany, 1,672.
- 38, ss-Tommy Brodowski, New Hyde Park, N.Y., 1,671.
- 39, ss-Bob Caruso, Dayton, N.J., 1,669.
- 40, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,668.
- 41, David Taylor, Largo, Fla., 1,667.
- 42, n-Chun Bae, Cedarhurst, N.Y., 1,653.
- 43, Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 1,648.
- 44, Steven DiMartino, Upper Saddle River, N.J., 1,646.
- 45, n-Christopher Viale, Westfield, Mass., 1,632.
- 46, ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 1,631.
- 47, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 1,629.
- 48, David Scardaville, Houston, Texas, 1,626.
- 49, ss-Jim Pitts, Elmira, N.Y., 1,622.
- 50, ss-Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 1,620.
- 51, Ray Edwards, Middle Island, N.Y., 1,619.
- 52, ss-Robert Donovan, Prattsville, N.Y., 1,618.
- 53, n, ss-Storm DeVincent, Derry, N.H., 1,611.
- 54, Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 1,607.
- 55, ss-Steve Bova, Massapequa, N.Y., 1,606.
- 56, ss-Steve Ferraro, Kingston, N.Y., 1,600.

- 57, ss-Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 1,599.
- 58, (tie) n-Geroge Szczublenski, West Seneca, N.Y., and Al Spano, Massapequa Park, N.Y., 1,598.
- 60, n,ss-Michael Dioguardo, Patchogue, N.Y., 1,590.
- 61, Gary Burns, Endicott, N.Y., 1,583.
- 62, ss-John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 1,576.
- 63, ss-Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 1,574.
- 64, ss-Jay Boyle, Garnet Valley, Pa., 1,573.
- 65, ss-Fred Ferreira, Kings Park, N.Y., 1,558.
- 66, n,ss-Les Shirwindt, Las Vegas, 1,552.
- 67, n-Jimmie Pritts Jr., Mathuen, Mass., 1,550.
- 68, (tie) Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., and ss-Robert Hoyser, Titusville, Fla., 1,546.
- 70, ss-n-Rob Sperling, Livingston, N.J., 1,544.
- 71, Don Hicks, West Babylon, N.Y., 1,542.
- 72, Barry Clare, Bayside, N.Y., 1,525.
- 73, ss-Daniel Twomey, Hackensack, N.J., 1,523.
- 74, Neil Binder, Shelton, Conn., 1,517.
- 75, (tie) Howard Snyder, Hunt Valley, Md., and ss-John DiSantis, Wilmington, Del., 1,513.
- 77, ss-Louis Getzelman, Massapequa, N.Y., 1,499.
- 78, Arthur O'Connor, Middle Village, N.Y., 1,486.
- 79, n-Edward Brabant, Dracut, Mass., 1,485.
- 80, Michael Vella, Bellport, N.Y., 1,479.
- 81, David Zelger, Red Lion, Pa., 1,460.
- 82, ss-Ron Glick, Morganville, N.J., 1,455.
- 83, Timothy Williams, Brooklyn, NY, 1,442.
- 84, Michael Klosin, Windham, N.H., 1,432.
- 85, ss-Ralph Ehrlich, N.Massapequa, N.Y., 1,430.
- 86, ss-Rick LeChette, Lincoln University, Pa., 1,408.
- 87, John Christensen, Carmel, N.Y., 1,405.
- 88, Louis Barbera, North Bellmore, N.Y., 1,396.
- 89, ss-Stephen Lippman, Palm Harbor, Fla., 1,394.
- 90, n,ss-Kenneth Bruce, Oceanside, N.Y., 1,393.
- 91, Douglas Slier, Lenox, Mass., 1,317.
- 92, n-Chris McKeon, Maspeth, N.Y., 1,144.

n-non-member ss-PBA60 players ages 60 and over

Big Second Round Propels Michael Haugen Jr. Into PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open Qualifying Lead Heading Into Match Play

FARMINDALE, N.Y. (May 7, 2018) – Michael Haugen Jr. of Phoenix, the 2017 PBA50 Rookie of the Year, averaged 245 in the second round Monday to take top qualifier honors for the PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open presented by Brunswick.

The five-time PBA Tour titlist and winner of the 2017 Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open for his first title on the tour for players 50 and over, led qualifying with a 3,786 16-game pinfall total (236 average) at Farmingdale Lanes.

After a 1,851 pinfall for eight games in Sunday's first qualifying round, Haugen surged into the lead after bowling 1,935 in the second round with games of 247, 238, 299, 268, 225, 215, 220 and 223. He left a 4 pin on the final shot of the 10th frame in his 299 game.

By finishing in the top eight he will be seeded directly into Tuesday's second match play round which begins at 3:15 p.m. ET.

"The goal, of course, is to make the top eight but you always take a lot of pride in being the tournament leader," said the 51-year-old Haugen. "When you see your name at the top of the standings board it's a confidence booster no doubt about that."

Haugen is also encouraged by a good start to the season with sixth, ninth and 11th-place finishes in the first three tournaments.

"My game is good," Haugen added. "One thing I'm doing especially well is getting a good read on the lane conditions which makes it a lot easier to make the right adjustments quicker."

PBA Hall of Famer and four–time PBA50 Tour titlist Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., finished qualifying in second with a 3,776 pinfall after bowling games of 279, 237, 245, 256, 205, 217, 223 and 238 for his eight games in the second round.

Joining Haugen and Bohn in the top eight were Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y.; 3,720; PBA Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,638; Ken Yokobosky, Fredon, N.J., 3,623; PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,588; Bob Learn Jr, Erie, Pa., 3,581, and first round leader Glenn Smith, New York, N.Y., 3,580.

The top 30 players plus eight PBA60 players advance to Tuesday's cashers and match play rounds which will begin at 8:30 a.m. ET. After match play the top five players will be determined for the stepladder finals at 7 p.m.

Defending champion and 2017 PBA50 Player of the Year Brian LeClair of Albany, N.Y., finished qualifying in 26th to advance to the cashers round.

Tom Carter of Columbus, Ohio defeated PBA Hall of Famer and tournament namesake Johnny Petraglia in a one-game roll-off, 236-164, to take the eighth and final PBA60 cashers' round spot.

Fans can catch all the final day action one PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame. Visit <u>www.xtraframe.tv</u> for subscription and schedule information.

PBA50 JOHNNY PETRAGLIA BVL OPEN Presented by Brunswick

Farmingdale Lanes, Farmingdale, N.Y., Monday

SECOND ROUND (after 16 games. Positions 1-24 advance to match play. Positions 25-30 plus eight PBA60 players advance to cashers' round to determine eight additional match play spots)

- 1, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3,786.
- 2, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,776.
- 3, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,720.
- 4, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,638.
- 5, Ken Yokobosky, Fredon, N.J., 3,623.
- 6, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,588.
- 7, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3,581.
- 8, Glenn Smith, New York, N.Y., 3,580.
- 9, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3,561.
- 10, Michael Healy, Yonkers, N.Y., 3,551.
- 11, Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., 3,541.

- 12, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 3,536.
- 13, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3,534.
- 14, Sam Maccarone, Williamstown, N.J., 3,532.
- 15, Sammy Ventura, Norwich, N.Y., 3,528.
- 16, n-Christopher Viale, Westfield, Mass., 3,520.
- 17, Keith Doran, Pomona, N.Y., 3,511.
- 18, James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., 3,500.
- 19, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 3,492.
- 20, Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 3,490.
- 21, n-John Masiello, Southgate, Mich., 3,488.
- 22, Don Breeden, Clive, Iowa, 3,482.
- 23, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 3,479.
- 24, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 3,475.
- 25, Rick Graham, Lancaster, Pa., 3,467.
- 26, (tie) Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., and Bill Neumann, Rensselaer, N.Y., 3,455.
- 28, Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., 3,435.
- 29, John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 3,431.
- 30, Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 3,417.
- 31, Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 3,414.
- 32, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 3,403.
- 33, ss-Pete DiChiara, Ardsley, N.Y., 3,399.
- 34, David Taylor, Largo, Fla., 3,389.
- 35, Ray Edwards, Middle Island, N.Y., 3,388.
- 36, ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 3,382.
- 37, Robert Boehm, Nutley, N.J., 3,371.
- 38, ss-Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 3,364.
- 39, Peter Knopp, Germany, 3,358.
- 40, Steven DiMartino, Upper Saddle River, N.J., 3,354.
- 41, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,345.
- 42, Timothy Regan, East Northport, N.Y., 3,341.
- 43, (tie) Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., and ss-Bob Caruso, Dayton, N.J., 3,316.
- 45, ss-Jim Pitts, Elmira, N.Y., 3,314.
- 46, ss-Tommy Brodowski, New Hyde Park, N.Y., 3,309.
- 47, *ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 3,290 and Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 3,290.
- 49, n-Pamela Burns, Endicott, N.Y., 3,286.
- 50, Storm DeVincent, Derry, N.H., 3,276.
- 51, Robert Hoyser, Titusville, Fla., 3,256.
- 52, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 3,243.
- 53, David Scardaville, Houston, Texas, 3,242.
- 54, n-Jimmie Pritts Jr., Mathuen, Mass., 3,227.
- 55, n-Geroge Szczublenski, West Seneca, N.Y., 3,220.
- 56, Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 3,204.
- 57, Barry Clare, Bayside, N.Y., 3,187.
- 58, (tie) n-Rob Sperling, Livingston, N.J., and Steve Ferraro, Kingston, N.Y., 3,183.
- 60, Steve Bova, Massapequa, N.Y., 3,172.
- 61, Al Spano, Massapequa Park, N.Y., 3,166.
- 62, Don Hicks, West Babylon, N.Y., 3,163.
- 63, n-Les Shirwindt, Las Vegas, 3,154.
- 64, Jay Boyle, Garnet Valley, Pa., 3,148.
- 65, Fred Ferreira, Kings Park, N.Y., 3,130.
- 66, n-Guy Wallach, Livingston, N.J., 3,129.
- 67, Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 3,125.
- 68, Gary Burns, Endicott, N.Y., 3,119.

- 69, n-Michael Dioguardo, Patchogue, N.Y., 3,115.
- 70, Arthur O'Connor, Middle Village, N.Y., 3,099.
- 71, Daniel Twomey, Hackensack, N.J., 3,098.
- 72, Robert Donovan, Prattsville, N.Y., 3,096.
- 73, David Zelger, Red Lion, Pa., 3,094.
- 74, Michael Klosin, Windham, N.H., 3,080.
- 75, John DiSantis, Wilmington, Del., 3,076.
- 76, n-Chun Bae, Cedarhurst, N.Y., 3,054.
- 77, Howard Snyder, Hunt Valley, Md., 3,029.
- 78, Ron Glick, Morganville, N.J., 2,990.
- 79, Neil Binder, Shelton, Conn., 2,988.
- 80, Michael Vella, Bellport, N.Y., 2,972.
- 81, Louis Barbera, North Bellmore, N.Y., 2,935.
- 82, n-Edward Brabant jr, Dracut, Mass., 2,924.
- 83, Louis Getzelman, Massapequa, N.Y., 2,916.
- 84, ss-Ralph Ehrlich, N.Massapequa, N.Y., 2,904.
- 85, n-ss-Kenneth Bruce, Oceanside, N.Y., 2,854.
- 86, Rick LeChette, Lincoln University, Pa., 2,838.
- 87, John Christensen, Carmel, N.Y., 2,789.
- 88, Stephen Lippman, Palm Harbor, Fla., 2,747.
- 89, Thimothy Williams, Brooklyn, NY, 2,714.
- 90, n-Joe Biscardi, Wantagh, N.Y., 2,686.
- 91, Douglas Slier, Lenox, Mass., 2,125.

300 games - Bill Neumann

n-non-member

ss-PBA60 players ages 60 and over advancing to cashers round

*Tom Carter def. Johnny Petraglia 236-164 in one-game roll-off for final PBA60 cashers' round spot

Kole Payne Wins First PBA Title in Inaugural Sandhills Aberdeen South Open

ABERDEEN, NC. (May 6, 2018) – Kole Payne of Charlotte, N.C., won his first Professional Bowlers Association title Sunday, defeating amateur Brian Dennis of Creedmoor, N.C., 213-190, to win the inaugural PBA Sandhills Aberdeen South Open at Sandhills Bowling Center.

Payne, who qualified in the number three position for the stepladder finals with a 16-game pinfall of 3,374, mowed down three opponents in fashion in only his second PBA event as a member.

In first stepladder match, Payne defeated Zack Brown of Holly Springs, N.C., 236-182, and he then eliminated five-time PBA Tour champion Dick Allen of Columbia, S.C., 236-197, in the semifinal match.

Payne earned \$2,500 while Dennis pocketed \$1,300 for second, Allen earned \$1,100 for third and Brown took home \$1,000 for his fourth-place finish.

The PBA South Region's next event will be the PBA Xtra Frame Wilmington Open, a PBA Tour event, May 18-20 at Ten Pin Family Fun Center in Wilmington, NC.

PBA SANDHILLS ABERDEEN SOUTH OPEN Sandhills Bowling Center, Aberdeen, NC., Sunday

Final Standings:

1, Kole Payne, Charlotte, N.C., \$2,500.

2, n-Brian Dennis, Creedmoor, N.C., \$1,300.

3, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., \$1,100.

4, Zack Brown, Holly Springs, N.C., \$1000.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Payne def. Brown, 236-182. Semifinal – Payne def. Allen, 236-197. Championship – Payne def. n-Dennis, 213-190.

Final Qualifying Standings (after 16 games, top 4 advanced to stepladder finals):

1, n-Dennis, 3,556. 2, Allen, 3,531. 3, Brown, 3,374. 3, Payne, 3,374. 5, Anthony Caso, Merritt Island, Fla., 3,355, \$750. 5, Chris Arcaro, Carolina Beach, N.C., 3,355, \$750. 7, Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 3,354, \$625. 8, Chris Johnson, Nashville, N.C., 3,341, \$575. Cashers Round (eliminated after 13 games):

9, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 2,661, \$525.

- 10, Rich Horsley, Holly Springs, N.C., 2,652, \$500.
- 11, n-Bradley Ceraolo, Mooresville, N.C., 2,650, \$475.
- 12, Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 2,640, \$460.
- 13, Lee Vanderhoef, Canton, Ga., 2,611, \$445.
- 13. Vic Florie Jr., Richmond, Va., 2,611, \$445.
- 15, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 2,608, \$430.
- 16, Sean Wilcox, Altamonte Springs, Fla., 2,564, \$420.
- 17, Chris Barry, Black Mountain, N.C., 2,480, \$410.
- 18, Max Fishman, Greensboro, N.C., 2,432, \$400.

n-denotes non-member.

Brad Angelo Wins Second PBA Regional Title Taylor Kia Central Open

Struthers, Ohio (May 6, 2018) – Brad Angelo of Lockport, N.Y. defeated Charlie Brown, Jr. of Grandville, Mich. by four pins Sunday to win the Professional Bowlers Association Taylor Kia Central Open presented by Hammer at Holiday Bowl.

Angelo, a two-time PBA Tour titlist, finished with a 8-4 match play record and a total of 5,071 pins for 20 games, including match play bonus pins, for his second PBA Regional title and first since 2006. The 48year-old Angelo earned \$2,500 in his 49th PBA Regional over a span of 26 years as a PBA member. Brown posted an 8-4 match play record and knocked down 5,067 pins to earn the \$1,350 runner-up prize.

Next up for the PBA Central Region is a doubleheader including the PBA50 Baldo Campana Memorial/Ohio Lottery Central/Midwest Open presented by MOTIV and the PBA Baldo Campana Memorial/Ohio Lottery Central Open (a reduced entry fee, one-day event) in Lorain, Ohio, over the May 11-12 weekend.

PBA TAYLOR KIA CENTRAL OPEN PRESENTED BY HAMMER Holiday Bowl, Struthers, Ohio, Sunday

Final Match Play Standings (after 20 games, including match play bonus pins):

1, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 8-4, 5,071, \$2,500. 2, Charlie Brown Jr, Grandville, Mich., 8-4, 5,067, \$1,350.

3, Graham Fach, Canada, 6-6, 4,996, \$1,000. 4, Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., 7-5, 4,883, \$900. 5 (tie), Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 7-5, and Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 6-6, 4,879, \$775.

7, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 9-3, 4,780, \$725. 8, n-Kevin Bienko, Kenmore, N.Y., 5-7, 4,662, \$700. 9, Kyle Cook, Centerville, Ohio, 7-5, 4,647, \$675. 10, L. DeNoon Jr., Fairview, W. Va., 6-6, 4,516, \$650. 11, Zach Doty, Campbellsville, Ky., 2-10, 4,413, \$625. 12, Zachery Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1-11, 4,302, \$600.

n-denotes non member

Brad Miller Wins PBA Junction City Bowl Southwest/Midwest Open

Junction City, Kan., (May 8, 2018) – Brad Miller from Maryland Heights, Mo., after losing his first two matches in the eight-game round robin finals, used games of 279 and 290 to vault to the lead and then held off Austin Boulds of Creal Springs, Ill., to claim his second Professional Bowlers Association Regional title at the 11th annual PBA Junction City Bowl Southwest/Midwest Open presented by Dexter on Sunday.

Miller grabbed the lead for the first time going into his final position round match. Holding a 60-pin lead over Boulds, the championship came down to the 10th frame after Miller opened in the first frame and Boulds had an early string of strikes. Boulds saw his chance to claim the title disappear when he left a 4-9 split. Despite losing the game, 244-225, Miller was able to maintain the total pinfall lead by 11 pins to defeat Boulds, 4,778-4,767, including match play bonus pins.

Miller's win earned him the \$2,500 first prize; Boulds collected \$1,650 for second place.

The Southwest Region's next event will be the PBA Oklahoma City Planet Bowl Southwest Open, May 11-13, in Midwest City, Okla. A Challenge event for non-champions follows at Waxahachie, Texas' Hilltop Lanes, May 18-20. The Southwest Region will then host two PBA Xtra Frame Tour events in June. The PBA Xtra Frame Greater Jonesboro Open is June 1-3 in Jonesboro, Ark., and the PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Open follows June 8-10 in Lubbock, Texas. Both events are offering a \$12,500 top prize along with a PBA Tour title if the winner is a PBA member.

PBA JUNCTION CITY BOWL SOUTHWEST/MIDWEST OPEN presented by Dexter Junction City Bowl, Junction City, Kan., Sunday

Final Match Play Standings (after 21 game including match play bonus pins):

1, Brad Miller, Maryland Heights, Mo., 5-3, 4,928, \$2,500. 2, Austin Boulds, Creal Springs, Ill., 5-3, 4,917, \$1,650.3, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 5-3, 4,857, \$1,100. 4, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 7-1, 4,853, \$970.5, n-Ryan Burks, Whiting, Ind., 4-4, 4,773, \$850. 6, David (Boog) Krol, Nixa, Mo., 4-4, 4,766, \$775. 7, Jason Duran, Littleton, Colo., 5-3, 4,758, \$725. 8, Dylan Burns, Garden City, Kan., 3-5, 4,706, \$675.

9, Paul Brewbaker, Midwest City, Okla., 4-4, 4,705, \$650. 10, Matthew Tomsu, Omaha, Neb., 4-4, 4,681, \$625. 11, n-Zach Rhoades, Lafayette, Ind., 4-0, 4,675, \$600. 12, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 4-4, 4,569, \$580. 13, n-Cortez Schenck, Phoenix, Ariz., 3-5, 4,532, \$560. 14, Beau Peterson, Newton, Kan., 2-6, 4,527, \$540. 15, n-Alex George, Wichita, Kan., 2-6, 4,510, \$520. 16, n-Alfred Wolfe III, Littleton, Colo., 3-5, 4,380, \$500.

n-denotes non-member

Michael Haugen Jr. Makes Right Ball Choices to Win PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open

Haugen defeats top finals qualifier Walter Ray Williams Jr. 277-195 in title match for second career PBA50 Tour title

FARMINGDALE, N.Y. (May 8, 2018) – Using three different balls to attack the changing lane conditions in the stepladder finals, Michael Haugen Jr. of Phoenix, won the PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open presented by Brunswick Tuesday for his second career PBA50 Tour title.

Haugen, the 2017 PBA50 Rookie of the Year and winner of the 2017 Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open, defeated PBA Hall of Famer and stepladder finals top qualifier Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., 277-195, in the title match at Farmingdale Lanes to win his first PBA50 Tour title of the season.

"It's pretty special anytime you can beat the most prolific winner in our sport because he doesn't give them away," said Haugen of his win over Williams. "To beat Walter Ray for the title in a tournament named after Johnny Petraglia, it doesn't get much better than that."

The 51-year-old Haugen used three different balls in the finals, often using a different ball on each lane in his three matches.

"I used three different balls and just rotated them in and out depending on what I felt I needed to get the reaction I wanted," said Haugen, a five-time PBA Tour winner. "It's all about knowing what's in your (bowling) bag and choosing the right ball for the right situation."

Haugen, the No. 3 qualifier for the finals, started each match he bowled with at least four strikes. He beat No. 4 qualifier Marty Berke of Allentown, Pa., who was making his first finals appearance, 224-170, in the second match and then went on to beat three-time PBA50 Tour winner and No. 2 qaulifier Bob Learn Jr. of Erie, Pa., in the semifinal match, 244-194, to advance to the championship match against Williams.

"Whenever you can get off to a good start with early strings it's going to put the pressure on your opponent," Haugen added. "Fortunately, I was able to make the right decisions and didn't waste those good starts."

For Williams, who was trying for his 12th PBA50 Tour title, it was his second runner-up finish of the season after finishing second in the PBA50 Lucas/Magazine Classic to open the season. He also finished fifth in the PBA50 National Championship.

In the opening stepladder match, Berke, who turned 60 on Monday, defeated five-time PBA Tour winner Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y., 237-188, whose fifth-place finish was his first PBA50 Tour finals appearance.

The fourth tournament of the season was named after PBA legend and Vietnam War veteran Johnny Petraglia who is a 14-time PBA Tour and eight-time PBA50 Tour winner. The BVL fund provides recreational and therapeutic programs and services to military veterans.

The PBA50 Tour will take a three-week break before returning with the PBA50 Northern California Classic presented by MOTIV May 27-30 at Harvest Park Bowl in Brentwood, Calif.

Fans can catch all the PBA50 Tour action on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame. For subscription and schedule information visit <u>www.xtraframe.tv</u>.

PBA50 JOHNNY PETRAGLIA BVL OPEN

Presented by Brunswick Farmingdale Lanes, Farmingdale, N.Y., Tuesday

Final Standings:

- 1, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, \$7,500.
- 2, Walter Ray Williams, Jr., Oxford, Fla., \$4,000.
- 3, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., \$2,500.
- 4, Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., \$2,000.
- 5, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., \$1,750.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Berke def. Shafer, 237-188. Match Two – Haugen def. Berke, 224-170. Semifinal Match – Haugen def. Learn, 244-194. Championship Match – Haugen def. Williams, 277-195.

Match Play Round 2 (after six games, including match play bonus pins. Top five advance to stepladder finals)

- 1, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 5-1, 1,595.
- 2, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 4-2, 1,585.
- 3, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 4-2, 1,556.
- 4, Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., 4-2, 1,514.
- 5, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 4-2, 1,503.
- 6, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3-3, 1,498, \$1,500.
- 7, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3-3, 1,489, \$1,500.
- 8, (tie) Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3-3, and Don Breeden, Clive, Iowa, 3-3, 1,433, \$1,500.
- 10, Sammy Ventura, Norwich, N.Y., 3-3, 1,391, \$1,300.
- 11, Glenn Smith, New York, 3-3, 1,371, \$1,300.
- 12, ss-Bob Caruso, Dayton, N.J., 2-4, 1,340, \$1,300.
- 13, Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 2-4, 1,323, \$1,300.
- 14, Ken Yokobosky, Fredon, N.J., 2-4, 1,310, \$1,300.
- 15, n-Christopher Viale, Westfield, Mass., 2-4, 1,274, \$1,300.
- 16, ss-Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., 1-5, 1,224, \$1,300.

Match Play Round 1 (After five games, including match play bonus pins)

- 17, ss-Sam Maccarone, Williamstown, N.J., 3-2, 1,169, \$1,100.
- 18, John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 1-4, 1,156, \$1,100.
- 19, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 2-3, 1,132, \$1,100.
- 20, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1-4, 1,104, \$1,100.
- 21, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 2-3, 1,086, \$1,100.
- 22, ss-Bill Neumann, Rensselaer, N.Y., 2-3, 1,077, \$1,100.
- 23, n,ss-John Masiello, Southgate, Mich., 1-4, 1,040, \$1,100.
- 24, Michael Healy, Yonkers, N.Y., 1-4, 977, \$1,100.

Other Cashers (after five-game cashers' round)

- 25, Rick Graham, Lancaster, Pa., 1,110, \$1,000.
- 26, ss-Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 1,109, \$1,000.
- 27, Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 1,103, \$1,000.
- 28, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 1,097, \$1,000.
- 29, ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 1,084, \$1,000.
- 30, ss-James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., 1,082, \$1,000.
- 31, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 1,077, \$1,000.
- 32, ss-Keith Doran, Pomona, N.Y., 1,077, \$1,000.

33, ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 1,075, \$1,000.
 34, ss-Pete DiChiara, Ardsley, N.Y., 1,016, \$1,000.
 35, ss-Jim Pitts, Elmira, N.Y., 1,007, \$1,000.
 36, ss-Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 1,003, \$1,000.
 37, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 967, \$1,000.
 38, ss-Tommy Brodowski, New Hyde Park, N.Y., 913, \$1,000.

300 games – Bob Learn Jr.

n-non-member ss-PBA60 player ages 60 years and older

2018 PBA Billy Welu Scholarship Applications Now Being Accepted

CHICAGO - The Professional Bowlers Association is now accepting applications for the 2018 PBA Billy Welu Scholarship Award which recognizes exemplary qualities in male or female college students who excel in academics as well as in the sport of bowling.

The winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. To be eligible candidates must be amateur bowlers who are currently in college (preceding the application date) and maintaining at least a 2.5/4.0 GPA or equivalent. Applications must be postmarked by June 15.

The scholarship was established in 1982 in memory of the PBA Hall of Famer who served as television analyst alongside legendary ABC broadcaster and PBA Hall of Famer Chris Schenkel on the "Pro Bowlers Tour" series prior to his death in 1974. Over the years, 33 outstanding student athletes have been selected as Welu Scholarship recipients.

The application is in two parts and can be retrieved by downloading both files using this link http://www.pba.com/Corporate/Scholarships. Nominations can be sent to scholarships@pba.com or through the U.S. mail at PBA Billy Welu Scholarship, 55 E. Jackson Blvd., Suite 401, Chicago, IL 60604.

HISTORY OF PBA BILLY WELU SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

- 2017 Kristie Lopez (Wichita State)
- 2016 Sydney Brummett (Wichita State)
- 2015 Ramon Hilferink (Webber International)
- 2014 Melanie Hannon (Fairleigh Dickinson)
- 2013 Katie Thornton (Webber International)
- 2012 Danielle McEwan (Fairleigh Dickinson)
- 2011 Kristina Frahm (Maryland Eastern Shore)
- 2010 Kim Yioulos (Pikeville)
- 2009 Elizabeth Seibel (Penn State)
- 2008 Heather D'Errico (Robert Morris-Illinois)
- 2007 Ricki Williams (Wichita State)
- 2006 Jerrod Reece (Creighton University)
- 2005 Mandy Pezzano (University of Pennsylvania)
- 2004 Holly Pusok (University of Houston)
- 2003 Robby Spigner (Indiana University)
- 2002 N/A
- 2001 Jennie Snoddy (Notre Dame College of Ohio)
- 2000 Jackie Edwards (Cal State-Fresno)
- 1999 Steven Svetlik (University of Illinois-Chicago)
- 1998 Nicholas Hoagland (Indiana University)
- 1997 Preston Brunswig (Wichita State)
- 1996 Brenda Dosher (University of Southern Indiana)
- 1995 Michael Lamont (University of Florida)

- 1994 Joe Ciccone (Erie Community College)
- 1993 N/A
- 1992 Stephen Dale Jr. (Northeastern University)
- 1991 Kari Murph (Morehead State)
- 1990 Kimberly Berke (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)
- 1989 Ronni Shehorn (San Jose State)
- 1988 Julie Powell (University of Michigan)
- 1987 N/A
- 1986 Paul Kaib (University of Florida)
- 1985 Curt Pezzano (University of Miami (Fla))
- 1984 Michelle Mullen (University of Illinois)
- 1983 Jeri Edwards (Penn State)
- 1982 Patricia Bowie (Arizona State)

PBA World Series of Bowling X Returns to Its Roots in Detroit

FOX Sports to provide unique television coverage from historic Thunderbowl Lanes arena

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (May 9, 2018) – The Professional Bowlers Association's 10th anniversary World Series of Bowling will return to its roots at historic Thunderbowl Lanes in suburban Detroit, and will include a unique television package with the PBA's new broadcast partner, FOX Sports, PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark announced today.

WSOB X, a multi-event tournament series, will be held March 11-21 as part of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour at the same site that hosted the inaugural World Series in 2009.

"The PBA World Series of Bowling has evolved over the past nine years in becoming the world's premier event in professional bowling," Clark said. "The 10th edition will be the most electrifying yet, with multiple PBA titles being won live in prime time on national TV on consecutive nights. None of this growth would have been possible without the shared vision of Thunderbowl Lanes proprietor Tom Strobl and the great bowling fans of Detroit, so it's with great pleasure that the PBA will return to the place of the WSOB's birth in 2019."

WSOB X will include four championship events that were part of the original event: the Cheetah Championship (won in 2009 by Norm Duke), Chameleon Championship (won by Bill O'Neill), Scorpion Championship (won by Mike DeVaney) and the PBA World Championship (won by Tom Smallwood). The finals of those four events will be televised live by FOX Sports in prime time on consecutive nights in March. A fifth event – a special USA vs. The World team match – will be the final event of WSOB X. Details will be announced soon.

Thunderbowl Lanes' unique arena bay, originally built to showcase team bowling in an era just before the PBA's formation in 1958, will be the site of the FOX Sports telecasts, continuing a WSOB tradition that has included events at premier bowling venues including South Point in Las Vegas and the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nev.

Since its formation, the WSOB has become a magnet for both established and rising international bowling stars. Bowlers from 41 different countries have participated over the past nine years.

Because the PBA's new partnership with FOX Sports begins in 2019 and presents an opportunity to televise the entire World Series live, there is no 2018 WSOB. The PBA replaced the World Series on the 2018 schedule with the recently-announced PBA Fall Swing in Tulsa, Okla., in October.

The World Series and the PBA Fall Swing will be open to PBA members only. A complete schedule of WSOB X events will be announced soon.

PBA Spare Shots

BIG WEEKEND OF PBA BOWLING ON ESPN COMING UP

PBA fans will be treated to six hours of great bowling action this weekend when ESPN airs the two-hour finals of the OceanView at Falmouth PBA League Elias Cup competition from Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine on Sunday at 1 p.m. Eastern, plus re-broadcasts of the PBA League semifinals and the 2018 State Farm CP3 Celebrity Invitational presented by Go Bowling!.

The big weekend of Go Bowling! PBA Tour television begins Saturday at 4 p.m. ET with the re-broadcast one of the PBA Tour's favorite events, the CP3 Celebrity Invitational. **Chris Paul**, as PBA fans may know, is the NBA All-Star point guard who played a key role in helping the Houston Rockets advance to the NBA Western Conference finals, highlighted by a 41-point, 10-assist performance in Wednesday's decisive playoff game. The CP3 PBA Invitational telecast also features Paul's teammates, **James Harden** and **Trevor Ariza**; newly-elected NFL Hall of Famer **Terrell Owens**; Boston Red Sox star **Mookie Betts** and PBA stars **Norm Duke, Pete Weber, Bill O'Neill, Sean Rash, EJ Tackett, DJ Archer** and **Dino Castillo**, among others.

Leading into Sunday's historic finale on ESPN, PBA fans can re-visit the PBA League semifinal round that aired last Sunday, attracting an audience of 587,000 viewers – the largest PBA League audience for a preliminary round telecast since the PBAL moved to Maine in 2015. The semifinals will re-air on ESPN2 Sunday at 11 a.m. ET.

At 1 p.m., the PBA will bid farewell to one of the longest running television relationships in sports Sunday when the Elias Cup will be decided in a two-hour finale on ESPN.

"The PBA has enjoyed a great run on ESPN," PBA CEO and Commissioner **Tom Clark** said. "Our partnership is a major chapter in PBA history and we will always be proud of the affiliation."

PBA coverage was one of the first programming ventures signed by ESPN in 1979, its inaugural season. Over the past 38 years of continuous coverage – two years longer than PBA's record run on ABC Television – ESPN has aired hundreds of PBA Tour and PBA50 Tour finals, including such memorable events as Pete Weber's fifth U.S. Open victory; **Kelly Kulick**'s milestone win for women in sports in the 2010 PBA Tournament of Champions, and dozens of other events that are listed among the PBA's 60 most memorable moments in its 60-year history.

For the balance of 2018, CBS Sports Network will provide coverage of the PBA Tour Finals and the U.S. Open before the PBA launches its new relationship with FOX Sports in 2019.

As legendary entertainer Bob Hope said, "Thanks for the memories..."

XTRA FRAME VISITS FOUNTAIN VALLEY, WILMINGTON, RENO AND MORE

This weekend's Xtra Frame schedule features the PWBA at Fountain Bowl in Fountain Valley, Calif., Friday and Saturday, before the PBA Tour returns to action with PBA Xtra Frame Wilmington, Open, the second of eight Xtra Frame PBA Tour events on the 2018 schedule.**Anthony Simonsen** of Austin, Texas, will begin defense of his 2017 title Saturday-Sunday, May 19-20, at Ten Pin Alley Family Fun Center in Wilmington, N.C.

Xtra Frame also visits Reno, Nev., for the USBC Queens starting on May 17. Xtra Frame will cover qualifying and preliminary match play elimination rounds of PWBA's first major championship of 2018 from the National Bowling Stadium May 17-21. The stepladder finals will air live on CBS Sports Network on Tuesday, May 22. **Diana Zavjalova** is the defending champion.

Xtra Frame, the online bowling channel of the PBA will be the livestream home of the PWBA Tour throughout the 2018 season, providing live coverage of all 14 events, including the stepladder finals of the first six standard events. Other finals will air on CBS Sports Network.

To enroll as an XtraFrame subscriber, visit <u>xtraframe.tv</u>. An entire month of coverage costs only \$7.99. A three-day subscription is also available for \$3.99, and the 12-month Season Ticket plan is offered for about \$1.25 week.

PBA'S "MEMORABLE MOMENTS" 12 THRU 15 COMPLETE THE LIST, 1 THRU 11 REVISITED

The four additional milestones in PBA history listed below complete the list of the PBA's "60 most memorable moments." The top 10 moments (actually 11, because of a tie for 10th place) were revealed during the PBA's 60th Anniversary celebration in Indianapolis in February, and are re-visited below along with "memorable moments" 12 through 16 which were unveiled on all of the PBA Network's outlets last week. Here are those final moments:

1) **Don Johnson**'s 299 game in the championship game of the 1970 Firestone Tournament of Champions. He fell to floor after leaving a 10 pin on his final shot, rising to a standing ovation at Riviera Lanes.

2) Eddie Elias' meeting with PBA's 33 founding members in Syracuse, N.Y., in 1958.

3) **Kelly Kulick** becoming the first woman to win a PBA Tour title in the 2010 PBA Tournament of Champions in Las Vegas.

4) **Pete McCordic** winning a \$100,000 bonus with a nerve-wracked 300 game on ABC-TV in 1987.

5) **Pete Weber** striking in the 10th frame to claim a record fifth U.S. Open title by one pin in 2012, then uttering his famous phrase, "Who Do You Think You Are, I Am!"

6) **Earl Anthony** surpassing the \$1 million career earnings milestone for the first time in winning the 1982 PBA National Championship.

7) **Del Ballard Jr.**, needing two strikes and 7 pins to win the 1991 Fair Lanes Open over Pete Weber, gets the first two but rolls a gutter ball on his last shot to lose.

8) **Mark Roth** becoming the first player to convert the 7-10 split in a 1980 televised PBA final.

9) **Bob Learn Jr.** throws 44 out of a possible 48 strikes, including a 300 game, for a record four-game TV total of 1,129 pins to win the PBA Flagship Open in an arena in his hometown of Erie, Pa., in 1996.

10 & 11) A tie between the 2011 TOC from Red Rock in Las Vegas where Mika

Koivuniemi defeated **Tom Daugherty** in the biggest margin of victory ever, 299-100 (lowest game ever bowled on TV) and then goes on to win the \$250,000 record first prize. It was the PBA's first live telecast on ABC-TV since 1997. And also tied for 10th, **Randy Pedersen** needed a strike to defeat **Ernie Schlegel** to win the 1995 Touring Players Championship, but his seemingly perfect shot left a stone 8 pin, prompting Schlegel to go into a wild celebration. 12) **Jack Biondolillo** bowled the first nationally televised 300 game in PBA history during the finals of the 1967 Firestone Tournament of Champions, defeating **Les Schissler**, 300-216, in the second match of the finals and earning a \$10,000 perfect game bonus. Biondolillo then lost to **Don Johnson** in the semifinal match, 228-172, and **Jim Stefanich** defeated Johnson, 43-36, in a two-frame roll-off for the title after they tied at 227.

13) In 1991, **Pete Weber** won his third BPAA U.S. Open title at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis, throwing 10 consecutive strikes after a spare and ending the match with a 10 pin to defeat **Mark Thayer**, 289- 184. During the trophy presentation, Weber famously hoisted the trophy only to have the ceramic eagle topple to the ground and shatter.

14) In 1962, ABC Sports began its "Pro Bowlers Tour" series coverage with the Empire State Open. Hall of Fame broadcaster **Chris Schenkel** was in the booth for the first broadcast.
15) In the spring of 2000, the PBA was purchased by former Microsoft executives **Chris Peters**, **Mike Slade** and **Rob Glaser**. PBA headquarters were later relocated to Seattle after spending the first 42 years in Akron, Ohio.

To review all 60 memorable moments, visit: <u>https://www.pba.com/PBANetwork/MostMemorableMoments</u>.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: ANGELO WINS SECOND REGIONAL TITLE IN OHIO

Brad Angelo of Lockport, N.Y. defeated **Charlie Brown Jr.** of Grandville, Mich. by four pins Sunday to win the PBA Taylor Kia Central Open presented by Hammer at Holiday Bowl in Struthers, Ohio.

Angelo, a two-time PBA Tour titlist, finished with a 8-4 match play record and a total of 5,071 pins for 20 games, including match play bonus pins, for his second PBA Regional title and first since 2006. The 48-year-old Angelo earned \$2,500 in his 49th PBA Regional over a span of 26 years as a PBA member. Brown posted an 8-4 match play record and knocked down 5,067 pins to earn the \$1,350 runner-up prize.

• **Brad Miller** from Maryland Heights, Mo., after losing his first two matches in the eight-game round robin finals, used games of 279 and 290 to vault to the lead and then held off **Austin Boulds** of Creal Springs, Ill., to claim his second PBA Regional title at the 11th annual PBA Junction City Bowl Southwest/Midwest Open presented by Dexter on Sunday in Junction City, Kan.

Miller took a 60-pin lead over Boulds into their position round match where the title came down to the final frame. Thanks to an early string of strikes, Boulds had a chance to claim the title, but a 4-9 split in the 10th frame ended his bid. Despite winning the game, 244-225, Boulds was unable to overcome Miller's lead. Miller survived, 4,778-4,767 including match play bonus pins, for the \$2,500 first prize.

• **Kole Payne** of Charlotte, N.C., won his first PBA title and a \$2,500 prize Sunday, defeating amateur **Brian Dennis** of Creedmoor, N.C., 213-190, to win the inaugural PBA Sandhills Aberdeen South Open at Sandhills Bowling Center in Aberdeen, N.C.

Payne, who qualified third for the stepladder finals with a 16-game pinfall of 3,374, mowed down three opponents in his second PBA event as a member. In first stepladder match, he defeated **Zack Brown** of Holly Springs, N.C., 236-182, and he then eliminated five-time PBA Tour champion **Dick Allen** of Columbia, S.C., 236-197, in the semifinal match.

• Mother's Day weekend, May 11-13, includes these PBA Regional events: the PBA50 and PBA Baldo Campana Memorial/Ohio Lottery Central Open doubleheader (PBA50 presented by MOTIV, one-day reduced entry fee PBA presented by DV8) at Rebman Recreation in Lorain, Ohio; the Oklahoma City Southwest Open at Planet Bowl in Oklahoma City; the PBA and PBA50 FiX Auto of Puyallup Open doubleheader (PBA50 presented by Sunset Auto Group; PBA presented by The Old Cannery) at Daffodil Bowl in Puyallup, Wash., and the PBA-PWBA Jim's Strike Zone Pro Shop Northwest Open presented by Daffodil Bowl and Vise, also in Puyallup.

• The only event on PBA's Regional calendar for the May 18-20 weekend is the Waxahachie Southwest Challenge at Hilltop Lanes in Waxahachie, Texas.

• The May 24-26 PBA Regional schedule includes the PBA and PBA50 Vanessa Brown Homes West Open (PBA presented by Track, PBA50 presented by Ebonite); the Colony Park Lanes East Challenge presented by Columbia 300 in York, Pa., and the Celeste Walker Midwest/Central Open presented by American Family Insurance at Strike-N-Spare II in Lockport, Ill.

• For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit <u>pba.com</u>, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area...and remember, you can follow "live scoring" for all PBA Regional events on <u>pba.com</u> (easily accessible for Apple device users using the PBA app).

QUICK NOTES

• PBA member **Michael J. Jackson** of Brook Park, Ohio, died on April 30, four days after his 52nd birthday. Jackson had been a member since 2000. He bowled in six PBA Regional events without winning a title. Funeral services were held on May 3 in Brunswick, Ohio.

• The PBA has learned that former member **Julius Glockner** of Raeford, N.C., died on April 27 from cancer. He was 78. A native of Croatia, Glockner was a 26-year U.S. Army veteran who served in Vietnam, Germany and Korea.

Saturday & Sunday on ESPN: Oceanview at Falmouth PBA League Elias Cup Finals & More

PORTLAND, Maine – A big weekend of PBA competition on ESPN begins Saturday with an encore telecast of the 2018 State Farm CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational, presented by GoBowling.com, and concludes Sunday with the Elias Cup finale of the sixth edition of OceanView at Falmouth PBA League competition at 1 p.m. ET, pitting the two-time champion Go Bowling! Silver Lake Atom Splitters against the Sysco Philadelphia Hitmen who are chasing their first PBA League championship in the raucous, funloving atmosphere of Bayside Bowl.

The Elias Cup finals, PBA's final telecast in 38 years of continuous coverage on ESPN, also will include the awarding of the Mark Roth PBA League Most Valuable Player Award.

Preceding the Elias Cup finals, the big weekend of Go Bowling! PBA Tour television begins Saturday at 4 p.m. ET with the re-broadcast one of the PBA Tour's favorite events, the CP3 Celebrity Invitational starring Houston Rockets All-Star **Chris Paul** and a few of his close friends along with a group of PBA stars. On Sunday, prior to the Elias Cup telecast, ESPN2 will re-air last Sunday's PBA League semifinal round matches, starting at 11 a.m. ET, featuring matches between the Atom Splitters and the Barbasol Motown Muscle, and the Hitmen vs. the Shipyard Dallas Strikers.

The Atom Splitters roster, managed by Mark Baker, includes Swedish two-hander Jesper Svensson, 2015 Mark Roth MVP Dick Allen, PBA League newcomer AJ Johnson, Tom Daugherty and 2014 Mark Roth MVP Chris Barnes.

Philadelphia, managed by PBA Hall of Famer Jason Couch, will be bowling in the Elias Cup title match for the first time. The Hitmen are Ronnie Russell, Chris Loschetter, Dom Barrett, Tom Smallwood and Matt Sanders.

The Elias Cup will be decided using the same best-of-two-game format used in previous rounds with one variation: instead of one team match, the finals will feature two best-of-two matches, each of which will be decided by a one-ball roll-off if necessary. The new format presents the potential for a maximum of seven one-ball sudden-death roll-offs to decide ties.

Silver Lake Atom Splitters Sweep Philadelphia Hitmen to Win Third PBA League Elias Cup Chris Barnes' key 10th frame leads to second Mark Roth PBA League MVP Award

PORTLAND, Maine – The Go Bowling! Silver Lake Atom Splitters became the first team to win three OceanView at Falmouth PBA League Elias Cup championships, winning in a dominant performance over the Sysco Philadelphia Hitmen at Bayside Bowl.

The two match, best-of-two-game finals, part of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule, aired Sunday as the PBA Tour's final telecast on ESPN.

Silver Lake, the winner of back-to-back Elias Cups in 2014 and '15, ended a two-year dry spell in a sweep over the Hitmen, who had never bowled in the Elias Cup finals. After a dominant semifinal round win over the Barbasol Motown Muscle, the Atom Splitters' Jesper Svensson, Dick Allen, AJ Johnson, Tom Daugherty and Chris Barnes had only one close call in a four-game sweep.

After winning the opening game, 248-189, on the strength of seven strikes in the first eight frames, game two came down to a 10th frame showdown where Atom Splitters' anchor Barnes threw three strikes to force Matt Sanders to match the effort to force a roll-off. Sanders ran the Hitmen's string of strikes five, but on his final ball in the 10th frame, Sanders left a 9 pin and Silver Lake claimed a 216-215 decision.

With match one secured, and Philadelphia running into spare-shooting difficulties, Silver Lake easily won game three, 202-163. The Atom Splitters completed the sweep by throwing the first six strikes in game four, winning again, 246-192.

"We went undefeated, but on every shot, you do the math in your head and take it one shot at a time," Silver Lake manager Mark Baker said. "My guys really bowled well. Really well. We played the lanes a little differently than everyone else, and our shot wasn't going away. Jesper was Jesper. Dick Allen bowls great in this place. Daugherty, except for the solid 8, struck on about every ball. Putting Chris (Barnes) last relaxed (Dick) and I think that was the big difference.

"This is so much fun," Baker continued. "It's hard to explain to anyone who has never been here what the atmosphere is like. The first shot thrown (in the final round) gave me goosebumps. I don't bowl any more. It wasn't even my team, but that's how electrifying it is here."

While the entire Atom Splitters team bowled well, the decision to award the Mark Roth PBA League Most Valuable Player Award came down to Chris Barnes' three-strike, 10th frame performance in game two of the Elias Cup finals. Barnes also won the inaugural Roth MVP award in 2014, making him the first two-time winner.

"That's pretty cool, but I look at it as more of a team thing," Barnes said. "We all struck a lot. We only had a couple of close games. I struck out to win one. It was a big one to win, but if it hadn't been for a stone 8 (by Daugherty), we wouldn't have been in a position where I needed to do that.

"Our guys were really clicking for the most part. We never had more than one person in between strikes and even then, we were all lined up," he added. "(Philadelphia) just couldn't get all of its guys going at the same time, and that's always the issue here."

At the conclusion of the event, PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark announced the PBA League will return to Bayside Bowl in 2019 as part of the PBA's new television package with FOX Sports. Details will be announced later.

OCEANVIEW AT FALMOUTH PBA LEAGUE

Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine (aired Sunday on ESPN)

Elias Cup Championship (two best-of-two-game Baker format matches): Go Bowling! Silver Lake Atom Splitters (Jesper Svensson, Dick Allen, AJ Johnson, Tom Daugherty, Chris Barnes) def. Sysco Philadelphia Hitmen (Ronnie Russell, Chris Loschetter, Tom Smallwood, Dom Barrett, Matt Sanders), 2-0 (248-189 and 216-215; 202-163 and 246-192).

2018 PBA LEAGUE FINAL STANDINGS

(Final position based on match play records followed by total pinfall)

1, Go Bowling! Silver Lake Atom Splitters (Jesper Svensson, Dick Allen, AJ Johnson, Tom Daugherty, Chris Barnes; manager Mark Baker), \$60,000.

2, Sysco Philadelphia Hitmen (Ronnie Russell, Chris Loschetter, Tom Smallwood, Dom Barrett, Matt Sanders; manager Jason Couch), \$50,000.

3, Shipyard Dallas Strikers (Bill O'Neill, player-manager Norm Duke, Kyle Sherman, Tommy Jones, Rhino Page), \$35,000.

4, Barbasol Motown Muscle (Josh Blanchard, Shota Kawazoe, Francois Lavoie, Anthony Simonsen, EJ Tackett; manager Del Ballard Jr.), \$35,000.

5, GEICO NYC WTT KingPins (Sam Cooley, Anthony Pepe, Pete Weber, BJ Moore, Marshall Kent; manager Carolyn Dorin-Ballard), \$25,000.

6, OceanView at Falmouth Brooklyn Styles (Walter Ray Williams Jr., Parker Bohn III, Jason Sterner, Sean Rash, Matt O'Grady; manager Johnny Petraglia), \$25,000.

7, <u>bowlingball.com</u> L.A. X (Stuart Williams, Martin Larsen, Osku Palermaa, Jason Belmonte, Jakob Butturff; manager Andrew Cain), \$25,000.

8, Port Property Management Portland Lumberjacks (Ryan Ciminelli, Jojoe Yannaphon, DJ Archer, Kyle Troup, Wes Malott; manager Tim Mack), \$25,000.

Anthony Simonsen to Defend PBA Xtra Frame Wilmington Open Title

Second of eight exclusive Go Bowling! PBA Tour live streaming tournaments set for May 19-20 in North Carolina

WILMINGTON, N.C. – Anthony Simonsen, a 21-year-old two-handed competitor from Austin, Texas, will defend his Professional Bowlers Association's Xtra Frame Wilmington Open title against a sold-out field of established PBA champions, future stars and top-caliber amateur bowlers May 19-20 at Ten Pin Alley Family Fun Center.

Simonsen, who captured his third career title with a 224-177 victory over Rhino Page of Orlando, Fla., in the inaugural Wilmington Open a year ago, will try to repeat against a world-class field of bowling talent including 2018 PBA Tournament of Champions winner Matt O'Grady of Rahway, N.J., and USBC Masters champ Andrew Anderson of Holly, Mich.; PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., and PBA Tour title winners including Dick Allen, Ryan Ciminelli, Tom Daugherty, Graham Fach, Tommy Jones, Marshall Kent, Chris Loschetter, Bill O'Neill, Connor Pickford, Matt Sanders and Richie Teece.

The Wilmington Open, like all eight PBA Xtra Frame Tour events in 2018, is part of the Go Bowling! PBA Tour. All Xtra Frame events will be covered live, from first ball to last, by PBA's live streaming service. PBA created the online Xtra Frame Tour in 2014 to supplement its nationally-televised events. The growing popularity of live streaming events enables more fans around the world to watch the world's greatest bowlers compete for a PBA Tour title.

Competition begins on Saturday, May 19 with eight-game qualifying squads at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. ET. After eight games, the top one-third of the field will advance to a four-game cashers round Sunday at 9 a.m. After 12 games, the top 16 will bowl another three-game round at 11:30 a.m., and after 15 games,

the top eight will bowl two more qualifying games at 1:30 p.m. to determine the four bowlers who will advance to the stepladder finals at 3 p.m. At stake is a \$10,000 first prize and a PBA Tour title if the winner is a PBA member.

A practice session is scheduled for 4 p.m. Friday and a pro-am where grassroots amateur bowlers can bowl with the pros will be conducted at 6:30 p.m. For tournament pro-am and admission information contact Ten Pin Alley Family Fun Center at (910) 452-5455.

For Xtra Frame subscriptions, visit <u>xtraframe.tv</u>. Subscriptions are available for three days (\$3.99), 30 days (\$7.99) or for a full year at a cost of about \$1.25 per week.

PBA XTRA FRAME WILMINGTON OPEN

Ten Pin Alley Family Fun Center, Wilmington, N.C. (All times Eastern)

Friday, May 18

4 p.m. - Practice Session 5 p.m. – New player orientation meeting 6:30 p.m. - Pro-am

Saturday, May 19

9 a.m. - A Squad, eight qualifying games 3 p.m. - B Squad, eight qualifying games Top 1/3 of field advances to cashers round

Sunday, May 20

9 a.m. – Cashers round, four games (top 16 after 12 games advance) 11:30 a.m. – Round of 16, three games (top 8 after 15 games advance) 1:30 p.m. – Round of 8, two games (top 4 after 17 games advance) 3 p.m. – Top four stepladder finals

Go Bowling! PBA Tour Resumes on CBS Sports Network Tuesday, May 22 with PBA Tour Finals First Positioning Round at 10 p.m. ET

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (May 16, 2018) — The 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour returns to CBS Sports Network Tuesday, May 22 at 10 p.m. ET with the first of two positioning rounds of the PBA Tour Finals from Thunderbowl Lanes.

Eight PBA Tour stars and top money earners from 2016, 2017 and the first four months of 2018, including defending champion EJ Tackett, runner-up Jason Belmonte, Dom Barrett, Anthony Simonsen, Sean Rash, Jesper Svensson, Marshall Kent and Tommy Jones will open the tournament's first telecast with total pinfall competition on PBA's 36-foot Johnny Petraglia and 42-foot Mark Roth lane conditions.

In a test of each player's ability to navigate vastly different PBA lane conditions, the finalists are divided into two four-player groups with the first, fourth, fifth and eighth-place money earners in Group 1 and second, third, sixth and seventh earners in Group 2.

Tuesday's telecast will feature Group 1 players (No. 1 seed Belmonte, No. 4 seed Barrett, No. 5 seed Simonsen and No. 8 seed Rash) and Group 2 players (No. 2 seed Tackett, No. 3 seed Svensson, No. 6

seed Kent and No. 7 seed Jones) bowling one game on the Petraglia condition. Round 1 continues with each group bowling their second game on the Roth condition.

The second positioning round (airing on May 29, 8 p.m. ET) will involve one game for each group on the 39-foot Don Carter and 45-foot Dick Weber lane conditions. The four-game totals for each player will be used to determine the order players will bowl in their respective group stepladder matches in the semifinal rounds with the leader of each group choosing the lane condition.

Positioning round competition takes place across four lanes which are dressed with lane conditioner that incorporates blue dye to help fans visualize the conditions the players had to solve.

The Group 1 semifinal stepladder will air on CBSSN on June 5 at 8 p.m. ET and the Group 2 stepladder will air on June 12 also at 8 p.m. The final match of each group's stepladder will be a best-of-two-game match with ties broken by a 9th and 10th frame roll-off. The two group winners will then meet in the best-of-two-game championship match which will air June 19. The last four shows air on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. ET.

CBS Sports Network PBA Tour Finals Schedule Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich. (all times Eastern) May 22 – 10 p.m. – PBA Tour Finals Positioning Round 1 May 29 – 8 p.m. - PBA Tour Finals Positioning Round 2 June 5 – 8 p.m. - PBA Tour Finals Semifinal Stepladder Round 1 June 12 – 8 p.m. - PBA Tour Finals Semifinal Stepladder Round 2 June 19 – 8 p.m. - PBA Tour Finals Championship

Dylan Burns Wins in PBA Planet Bowl Oklahoma City Southwest Open

Oklahoma City, Okla. (May 15, 2018) – Dylan Burns from Garden City, Kan., outperformed his challengers to win his second Professional Bowlers Association Regional title in the PBA Oklahoma City Planet Bowl Southwest Open Sunday.

Burns built a comfortable lead in the qualifying round going into Sunday's modified eight-game round robin finals. After losing his first two matches, Burns won four matches in a row to distance himself from top challenger Dino Castillo from Highland Village, Texas. In game seven, Burns lost to Austin Boulds, now living in Wichita, Kan., 247-153. Heading into the final position round match, Burns held an 58-pin lead over Castillo and expanded his winning margin to 92 pins with a 220-216 win over Castillo to claim the \$2,500 winner's check.

Castillo held on to second place, earning \$1,600, while Boulds collected \$1,100 for third place.

The Southwest Region visits Hilltop Lanes in Waxahachie, Texas, for the PBA Waxahachie Southwest Challenge, May 18-20. Challenge events are non-champion events and limited to non winners in PBA events and PBA members without a PBA title. The Region will host PBA Xtra Frame Tour events the first two weekends in June. The PBA Xtra Frame Greater Jonesboro Open is June 1-3 with a projected \$12,500 first prize and a PBA Tour title. Lubbock's South Plains Lanes will then host the PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Open, presented by Ebonite, June 8-10, also offering a projected \$12,500 first prize and a PBA Tour title. The Jonesboro and Lubbock tournaments will be streamed live on Xtra Frame, PBA's online bowling channel. Three-day (\$3.99), one month (\$7.99) and full year (\$64.99) subscription packages are available through <u>xtraframe.tv</u>.

PBA OKLAHOMA CITY SOUTHWEST OPEN Planet Bowl, Midwest City, Okla., Sunday

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

1, Dylan Burns, Garden City, Kan., 5-3, 4,601, \$2,500. 2, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 5-3, 4,509, \$1,600. 3, Austin Boulds, Wichita, Kan., 6-2, 4,485, \$1,100. 4, Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 8-0, 4,460, \$850. 4, Mike Bailey, Irving, Texas, 5-3, 4,460, \$850. 6, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 3-5, 4,326, \$750.

7, Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 4-4, 4,283, \$700. 8, Zakary Edgerton, Greenville, <u>Texas, 3-5</u>, 4,240, \$650. 9, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2-6, 4,234, \$600. 10, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 3-5, 4,118, \$550. 11, David (Boog) Krol, Nixa, Mo., 2-6, 4,103, \$525. 12, Pete Thomas, Oklahoma City, Okla., 2-6, 4,057, \$500.

PBA Spare Shots

BOWLING CONNECTS JASON BELMONTE WITH MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS TEEN

For PBA star **Jason Belmonte**, the shots fired on that horrific day at south Florida's Marjory Stoneman Douglas were, figuratively speaking, heard halfway around the world. Like millions of people, Belmonte wanted to do something. He just wasn't sure what he could or should do.

When he heard that 17-year-old **Hannah Carbocci** was a member of the Stoneman Douglas girls' bowling team and had not only survived the mass shooting, but had launched a fund-raising effort on behalf of the families of victims, Belmonte decided to make a phone call.

"What I thought was going to be my role was as simple as a phone call, and I was willing to do that," Belmonte said in early May. "Within the first couple of minutes, I knew I wanted to meet the family."

Admitting he knew nothing about the family, he decided to make a side trip to Florida after the PBA League competition in Portland, Maine, to visit Hannah and her family.

"It was a fantastic day," he said. "I didn't know what to expect; I just wanted to meet them. I knew nothing about them other than that terrible incident, but I could see they are very passionate about bowling, and the causes they fight for.

"When you talk about bowlers' bad luck, you talk about ringing 10 pins and splits, but that is nothing compared to what this family went through. They used a community of bowlers to support other bowlers. That's the one thing I've taken away from this trip.

"They raised more than \$30,000 to support the victims' families," he continued. "That's a lot of money to raise, and not from one person, but from hundreds of people. It just shows how amazing our family of bowlers really is."

Belmonte made the trip to Florida and went bowling with the Carbocci family. He gave the family bowling balls and bags, and with the assistance of fellow PBA competitor and pro shop operator **Andres Gomez**, got the equipment drilled.

Belmonte's gesture was merely something he did out of caring, and because he was in a position to do something positive.

"I don't know what I'm doing in my future, but I'm very aware of my place in the bowling industry," he said. "I think most of our guys know what their position is; it's something that comes with the territory. If you're not doing your share, you're not taking care of your position atop the sport to help people."

In a feature story by USBC's **Matt Cannizzaro**, who originally broke the news about Belmonte's plans to visit Hannah and family, Belmonte said, "If I do ever retire from competing, I would love to fly the flag for bowling on a more regular basis... Straight up, I love bowling and I want bowling to be healthier and better. I think the bowling community as a whole is a beautiful community. I think when bowlers need each other, we step up."

So Belmonte put on his wings and flew. From Australia to Parkland, Fla. – a short trek northwest of Fort Lauderdale – by way of Portland. And he made a new friend.

"Hannah, in particular, we're going to be good little friends," Belmonte said. "She has some aspirations in the sport, and as time goes along, I'll see what I can do to help her."

HOW BELMO FLIES: IT'S A TESTAMENT TO PBA'S INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS

The story of **Jason Belmonte**'s "side trip" to visit **Hannah Carbocci** and her family in Parkland, Fla., after bowling in the OceanView at Falmouth PBA League in Portland, is a bit understated.

To get a feel for what "Belmo" (and other PBA players from Australia, Southeast Asia, Europe and other destinations around the world) have to go through to bowl in PBA Tour events in the United States, below is Belmonte's itinerary to get to Portland:

- Drove four hours from his home in Orange, New South Wales to Sydney;
- Waited two hours at the airport for his next flight;
- Flew 16 hours from Sydney to Dallas;
- Waited three hours in Dallas for his next flight;
- Flew 3.5 hours from Dallas to Philadelphia;
- Waited 2 hours for his next leg;
- Flew 1.5 hours from Philadelphia to Portland;
- Called Uber for a ride to his hotel.

Grand total: roughly 10,000 miles – one way – over a span of 32 hours. The "side trip" to Florida added another 1,600 miles to the trip before he headed home to Australia to spend a few days with his wife and three children before returning to Detroit for the PBA Tour Finals. With modifications, it's something he (and other PBA international players) repeat every time they compete in the U.S.

"I don't know how many miles I fly per year," Belmonte said in response to an email question. "It's a number that I don't want to know."

But, he noted with a "smile" emoji: "I have just under 3 million miles/points in my (frequent flier) account. I very rarely use them because I am saving them to take my family on the most ridiculous, first class experience around the world. It will be a holiday to end all holidays that I will pay for using all of my points."

XTRA FRAME

This weekend's Xtra Frame schedule includes the PBA Xtra Frame Wilmington, Open, the second of eight Xtra Frame PBA Tour events on the 2018 schedule, and the USBC Queens from the National Bowling Stadium in Reno.

Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas, will defend his 2017 title Saturday-Sunday at Ten Pin Alley Family Fun Center in Wilmington, N.C. Defending champion **Diana Zavjalova** began her optional qualifying

rounds in the Queens on Thursday (she's exempt into the field of 64 match play finalists, but is bowling to try to improve her automatic spot as the no. 64 seed). Xtra Frame will cover Queens qualifying through Saturday along with three-game, double-elimination match play Sunday and Monday. The stepladder finals will air live on CBS Sports Network on Tuesday, May 22.

The PBA50 Tour returns to Xtra Frame May 28-30 with start-to-finish coverage of the Northern California Classic presented by MOTIV from Harvest Park Bowl in Brentwood, Calif.

PWBA follows the Queens with the East Hartford Open from Silver Lanes in East Hartford, Conn., June 1-2, and the PBA Xtra Frame Tour heads to Hijinx Family Entertainment Center in Jonesboro, Ark., June 2-3.

To enroll as an XtraFrame subscriber, visit <u>xtraframe.tv</u>. An entire month of coverage costs only \$7.99. A three-day subscription is also available for \$3.99, and the 12-month Season Ticket plan is offered for about \$1.25 week.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: BUTTURFF WINS AGAIN IN THE WEST

• Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz.; PBA50 member **Robert Brown** of Cody, Wyo., and **Correen Lieber** of Phoenix, Ariz., were victorious in a PBA Northwest Region tripleheader at Daffodil Bowl in Puyallup, Wash., Sunday.

Butturff posted a 8-4 match play record and a 20-game total of 4,605 pins, including match play bonus pins, to win the PBA FiX Auto of Puyallup Open, a standard PBA Northwest Regional event, by 60 pins over **Dean Richards** of Tacoma, Wash. In addition to a \$2,000 first prize, Butturff picked up his second PBA Regional title of the year and his 15th since his 2016 rookie year.

Brown won the PBA50 portion of the tripleheader with a 6-2 match play record and 3,508 total pins, beating **Rob Rice** of Sunnyside, Wash., by 138 pins for the \$1,500 first prize and his second PBA50 Regional title.

Lieber, an amateur, had a 4-3 match play record and knocked down 3,146 total pins for her 15 games to top **Lori Eskew** of Hillsboro, Ore., and **Kelsey Abrahamsen** by 12 pins in the PBA-PWBA women's event to earn the \$1,000 prize. It was Lieber's first PBA-PWBA regional win, but she doesn't get credit for a title because she's a non-member. Eskew and Abrahamsen both had 3,134 pins.

• **Dylan Burns** from Garden City, Kan., won his second PBA Regional title in the PBA Oklahoma City Planet Bowl Southwest Open in Oklahoma City Sunday.

Burns built a comfortable lead in the qualifying round going into Sunday's modified eight-game round robin finals. After losing his first two matches, Burns won four matches in a row to distance himself from top challenger **Dino Castillo** from Highland Village, Texas. After losing in game seven, Burns took a 58-pin lead over Castillo into position round where he expanded his winning margin to 92 pins with a 220-216 win over Castillo to claim the \$2,500 winner's check with a 21-game total of 4,601 pins, including match play bonus pins.

• **Ric McCormick** of Cincinnati was almost perfect in defeating **Chris Via** of Springfield, Ohio, 299-239, to win his first PBA Regional title in the PBA Baldo Campana Memorial/Ohio Lottery Central Open presented by DV8 at Rebman Recreation in Lorain, Ohio, while 2017 PBA50 Rookie of the Year **Michael Haugen Jr.** of Phoenix won the "senior" half of the doubleheader. Both events were held on Saturday, May 12.

McCormick, a 22-year-old PBA rookie, missed a perfect game on his final shot in the title match. He earned \$2,000 after he downed **Zachery Tackett** of Huntington, Ind., 245-174, while Via edged **Dan Hochstein** of Canton, Mich., 259-225, in the semifinal round to set up the championship match.

Haugen defeated amateur **Carl Bishop** of Tiffin, Ohio by 181 pins to win the PBA50 event. He finished with a 10-2 match play record and a total of 4,914 pins for 20 games, including match play bonus pins, to win the \$1,400 first prize and his fifth PBA50 regional title.

• The only event on PBA's Regional calendar for the May 18-20 weekend is the Waxahachie Southwest Challenge for non-title winners at Hilltop Lanes in Waxahachie, Texas.

• The May 24-26 PBA Regional schedule includes the PBA and PBA50 Vanessa Brown Homes West Open (PBA presented by Track, PBA50 presented by Ebonite); the Colony Park Lanes East Challenge presented by Columbia 300 in York, Pa., and the Celeste Walker Midwest/Central Open presented by American Family Insurance at Strike-N-Spare II in Lockport, Ill.

• For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit <u>pba.com</u>, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area...and remember, you can follow "live scoring" for all PBA Regional events on <u>pba.com</u> (easily accessible for Apple device users using the PBA app).

QUICK NOTES

• PBA fans who would like a unique perspective on the PBA are invited to visit <u>http://www.joshhydebowling.com/</u> to read Josh's newsletters. Josh has been a "PBA Super Fan" since 1990 when, at age nine, he began befriending a number of PBA stars and chronicling PBA history. Regardless of being confined to a wheelchair, Hyde managed his website, writes his newsletter and bowls. One of his proudest accomplishments in bowling a 300 game using a ramp.

• In cooperation with the PBA, youth bowlers planning to participate in the 2018 Teen Masters are invited to save \$50 on a special PBA package. For details, visit: <u>fans@pba.com</u>

• The PBA has learned of the recent deaths of three former members. **Stephen Dieter**, a 12-year PBA member from Palmerton, Pa., died suddenly on May 8. A veteran of 67 PBA Regional events with a personal-best second place finish in Elmwood Park, N.J., in 2011, Dieter owned and operated a pharmaceutical delivery service and a pro shop in Haja Lanes.

Artur (Eric) Bergstrom, an 11-year PBA member from Meridian, Idaho, died on April 4. He was a retired U.S. Navy commander with 30 years of military service.

Rudy Garcia of Fort Worth, Texas, who joined the PBA at age 62, died on March 19 at age 67. He bowled in eight PBA50 Tour events during his limited PBA career.

Tommy Jones Paces PBA Xtra Frame Wilmington Open Qualifying

18-time PBA Tour champion takes 88-pin lead into Sunday's cashers round

WILMINGTON, N.C. (May 19, 2018) – Eighteen-time Professional Bowlers Association titlist Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., finished his eight-game qualifying round with a 279 game Saturday to roll into an 88-pin lead in PBA's Xtra Frame Wilmington Open Saturday at Ten Pin Alley Family Fun Center.

Jones, 39, rolled games of 200, 208, 256, 243, 247, 278, 235 and 279 for an eight-game total of 1,946 pins, averaging at a 243.25 pace to easily lead the top 32 qualifiers who advanced to Sunday's 9

a.m. cashers round. Chris Polizzi of Spring Hill, Fla., a six-year PBA member who won his only title in a PBA South Region tournament in Valdosta, Ga., in March, finished with 1,858 pins, six ahead of 2018 United States Bowling Congress Masters champion Andrew Anderson of Holly, Mich.

Puerto Rico's Cristian Azcona, with 1,843 pins, and two-handed player Tim Foy Jr. of Seaford, Del., with a 1,836 total, round out the top five. Defending Wilmington Open champion Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas, qualified for the cashers round in 24th place, 240 pins behind Jones.

The Wilmington Open is the second of eight PBA Xtra Frame Tour events in 2018 and a part of the Go Bowling! PBA Tour. Competition continues Sunday with the four-game cashers round at 9 a.m. The top 16 after 12 games will bowl a three-game round at 11:30 a.m.; the top eight after 15 games bowl two more qualifying games at 1:30 p.m., and the four bowlers after 17 games advance to the stepladder finals at 3 p.m.

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PBA XTRA FRAME WILMINGTON OPEN

Ten Pin Alley Family Fun Center, Wilmington, N.C., Saturday

Final Qualifying Standings (after 8 games; top 32 advance to Sunday's cashers round at 9 a.m. ET):

- 1, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,946.
- 2, Chris Polizzi, Spring Hill, Fla., 1,858.
- 3, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 1,852.
- 4, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 1,843.
- 5, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 1,836.
- 6, Eric Cornog, Cherry Hill, N.J., 1,835.
- 7, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 1,793.
- 8, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 1,787.
- 9, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,784, \$100.
- 10, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,781.
- 11, Sean Wilcox, Altamonte Springs, Fla., 1,767.
- 12, n-Brian Locke, Raleigh, NC, 1,762.
- 13, Kole Payne, Charlotte, N.C., 1,752.
- 14, Michael Vitalone, Jr., Lake Worth, Fla., 1,750.
- 15, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 1,748.
- 16, Bobby Hall II, Landover, Md., 1,745.
- 17, Andrew Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich., 1,741.
- 18, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,728.
- 19, Mark Tarkington, Elizabeth City, N.C., 1,726.
- 20, Lee Vanderhoef, Canton, Ga., 1,715.
- 21, Leon Platt, Summerville, S.C., 1,712.
- 22, Graham Fach, Canada, 1,711.
- 23, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 1,710.
- 24, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 1,706.
- 25, Zachary Seals, Kingsland, Ga., 1,702.
- 26, Richie Teece, England, 1,697.
- 27, Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C., 1,696.
- 28, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 1,688.
- 29, Cody Mullis, Crystal River, Fla., 1,685.
- 30, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 1,683.
- 31 (tie), Kristian Rogers, Salisbury, N.C., and Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 1,679.

Failed to advance:

- 33, Jason Zook, Tampa, Fla., 1,677.
- 34, Kyle Cook, Centerville, Ohio, 1,674.
- 35, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1,663.
- 36, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 1,647.
- 37, Adam Monks, Conway, S.C., 1,646.
- 38, Chris Arcaro, Carolina Beach, N.C., 1,637.
- 39, n-Anthony Marino, Elk Grove, Ill., 1,632.
- 40 (tie), Isaac Kim, Lebanon, Pa.; Dan Hochstein, Canton, Mich., and Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 1,631.
- 43, n-Adam Van Fleet, Haw River, N.C., 1,619.
- 44, Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 1,617.
- 45, Zack Brown, Holly Springs, N.C., 1,615.
- 46, Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 1,614.
- 47 (tie), Chris Barry, Black Mountain, N.C., and Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 1,595.
- 49, Brian Hall, Macedon, N.Y., 1,590.
- 50, Stephen Hahn, Sterling, Va., 1,584.
- 51, CJ Kirchner, Herrin, Ill., 1,582.
- 52, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,569.
- 53, Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., 1,565.
- 54, Zachery Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,554.
- 55, John Furey, Howell, N.J., 1,547.
- 56, Matt Taylor, Youngsville, N.C., 1,545.
- 57, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 1,543.
- 58, Anthony Caso, Spring Hill, Fla., 1,542.
- 59, Daniel Blakeslee, St. Marys, Ga., 1,539.
- 60, Victor Florie Jr, Richmond, Va., 1,523.
- 61, n-Mike Albert, Little River, S.C., 1,520.
- 62, Adam Chase, North Babylon, N.Y., 1,516.
- 63, David McCay Jr., Fredericksburg, Va., 1,510.
- 64, Marcus Collins, Pawleys Island, S.C., 1,508.
- 65, Kelly Lake, East Palatka, Fla., 1,506.
- 66, Michael Houtz, Myerstown, Pa., 1,498.
- 67 (tie), Anthony DeStasio, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and David Bleggi, Jacksonville, N.C., 1,495.
- 69, Joseph Grago, Hampstead, N.C., 1,492.
- 70, James Grover, Breinigsville, Pa., 1,489.
- 71, Ben Zakrocki, Philadelphia, 1,485.
- 72, Maximilian Fishman, Greensboro, N.C., 1,480.
- 73, Nick Christy, Newport, N.C., 1,467.
- 74, ss-Kenny Shoulars, Wilmington, N.C., 1,459.
- 75, Leonardo Apollonia, Raleigh, N.C., 1,458.
- 76 (tie), James Grago, Hampstead, N.C., and Jason Gittleson, Southern Pines, N.C., 1,456.
- 78, Norm Spurlock, Kenner, La., 1,450.
- 79, Cody McCowin, Daytona Beach, Fla., 1,447.
- 80, Joey Burruel, Glendale, Ariz., 1,431.
- 81, Richard Horsley, Holly Springs, N.C., 1,426.
- 82, Wayne Bolin, Lumberton, N.C., 1,422.
- 83, Brian Levine, Knightdale, N.C., 1,418.
- 84, n-Larry Schroeder, Winston Salem, NC, 1,413.
- 85, Brett Caramagno, Goose Creek, S.C., 1,408.
- 86, Richard Martinez, Ballston Spa, N.Y., 1,391.
- 87, n-Brian Lamb, Rock Hill, SC, 1,389.
- 88, Charles Beam Jr., Mount Holly, N.C., 1,381.
- 89, Leonard Freeman, Riegelwood, N.C., 1,368.

90, ss-Jim Price, Harrrisburg, N.C., 1,279.
91, Lawrence Hamilton, Newport, N.C., 1,269.
92, Naime Esteves, Clifton Park, N.Y., 1,263.
93, Dennis Jacques, Surfside, S.C., 1,251.
94, Louis Carrai, Wilmington, N.C., 1,228.
95, Larry Soncrant, Palatka, 1,152.

Cristian Azcona Wins First PBA Tour Title in PBA Xtra Frame Wilmington Open

PBA's 2017 South Region Player of the Year becomes first Puerto Rican to win PBA Tour title

WILMINGTON, N.C. (May 20, 2018) – Puerto Rico's Cristian Azcona became his country's first Professional Bowlers Association champion Sunday when he defeated AJ Johnson of Oswego, Ill., 217-214, to win the PBA Xtra Frame Wilmington Open at Ten Pin Alley Family Fun Center.

In a title match between two players vying for their first PBA Tour title, three pins separated the pair heading into the 10th frame when the 24-year-old Azcona threw three strikes to clinch the title and hand the 25-year-old Johnson his fourth second-place finish in PBA Tour competition.

"It feels amazing," Azcona said. "I've always thought about this, but it feels amazing."

Both players struggled with the touchy lane conditions but Azcona found the solution first, throwing a late string of three strikes to take the lead.

"I moved in a little and hooked the ball a little more," he said. Knowing he needed two strikes and at least eight pins in the 10th frame to lock up his first title, "I thought thank God I'm finishing on my good lane, and then I just concentrated on making good shots.

"I wasn't sure (I was the first Puerto Rican to win a PBA Tour title), but knowing the bowlers in Puerto Rico, I had a pretty good idea. I figured if it ever happened, I'd be the first one."

Making bowling history for his country was secondary, however, to winning his first PBA Tour title.

"I've been thinking about that ever since I decided to take this sport seriously, which is most of my life," he said. "It's a dream come true."

The two finalists have followed remarkably similar paths in their young PBA careers. Azcona, a former collegiate star at Lindenwood University, was the PBA South Region's Player of the Year in 2017, his PBA rookie year. Johnson, a former All-American with McKendree University, was the 2017 PBA Midwest Region Player of the Year. Azcona is a five-time member of Puerto Rico's national bowling team; Johnson is four-time member of Team USA.

In the opening match, Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Fla., took advantage of Tommy Jones' inability to strike on the right lane until the ninth frame, eliminating the tournament qualifying leader, 214-185. But after building a 29-pin lead on four strikes in five frames in the semifinal match, Daugherty lost his shot at the title when he left and failed to convert the 4-6-9-10 split in the ninth frame while Johnson ran off a string of five strikes on his way to a 224-201 win.

The Wilmington Open is the second of eight PBA Xtra Frame Tour events in 2018 and a part of the Go Bowling! PBA Tour. The third PBA Xtra Frame Tour event will be the Greater Jonesboro Open at Hijinx in Jonesboro, Ark., June 1-3. For Xtra Frame subscriptions, visit <u>xtraframe.tv</u>. Subscriptions are available for three days (\$3.99), 30 days (\$7.99) or for a full year at a cost of about \$1.25 per week.

PBA XTRA FRAME WILMINGTON OPEN Ten Pin Alley Family Fun Center, Wilmington, N.C., Sunday

Final Standings:

- 1, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, \$10,000.
- 2, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., \$5,000.
- 3, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., \$3,000.
- 4, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., \$2,000.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Daugherty def. Jones, 214-185. Semifinal Match – Johnson def. Daugherty, 224-201. Championship – Azcona def. Johnson, 217-214.

Round of 8 Standings (after 17 games; top 4 advanced):

- 1, Azcona, 4,075.
- 2, Johnson, 3,922.
- 3, Jones, 3,914.
- 4, Daugherty, 3,905.
- 5, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 3,869, \$1,500.
- 6, Chris Polizzi, Spring Hill, Fla., 3,857, \$1,400.
- 7, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 3,786, \$1,300.
- 8, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 3,751, \$1,200.

Round of 16 Cashers (after 15 games):

- 9, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 3,343, \$1,250.
- 10, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 3,321, \$1,100.
- 11, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 3,306, \$1,000.
- 12, Michael Vitalone, Jr., Lake Worth, Fla., 3,302, \$900.
- 13, Sean Wilcox, Altamonte Springs, Fla., 3,287, \$875.
- 14, Richie Teece, England, 3,285, \$850.
- 15, Eric Cornog, Cherry Hill, N.J., 3,238, \$825.
- 16, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 3,221, \$800.

Cashers Round Cashers (after 12 games):

- 17 (tie), Graham Fach, Canada, and Andrew Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich., 2,589, \$745.
- 19, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 2,575, \$730.
- 20, Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C., 2,559, \$720.
- 21, Bobby Hall II, Landover, Md., 2,545, \$710.
- 22, Zachary Seals, Kingsland, Ga., 2,534, \$700.
- 23, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 2,530, \$690.
- 24, Kole Payne, Charlotte, N.C., 2,525, \$680.
- 25, Lee Vanderhoef, Canton, Ga., 2,502, \$670.
- 26, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 2,486, \$655.
- 26, n-Brian Locke, Raleigh, NC, 2,486, \$655.
- 28, Leon Platt, Summerville, S.C., 2,474, \$640.
- 29, Cody Mullis, Crystal River, Fla., 2,471, \$625.
- 29, Mark Tarkington, Elizabeth City, N.C., 2,471, \$625.
- 31, Kristian Rogers, Salisbury, N.C., 2,450, \$610.
- 32, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 2,359, \$600.

300 Games: Marshall Kent, Cristian Azcona.

n-denotes non-member.

Adam Pogge Tops PBA Waxahachie Southwest Challenge Field

Waxahachie, Texas, (May 22, 2018, 2018) – Adam Pogge, from Austin, Texas, struck twice in the tenth frame of the final game of the eight-game modified round robin finals to stay ahead of Mason Edmondson, of Amarillo, Texas, to win his first Professional Bowlers Association title in the PBA Waxahachie Southwest Challenge, Sunday, at Hilltop Lanes.

Pogge, who held a 38 pin lead going into the final game position round match, fell to Edmondson 246-245 in the match, but maintained the overall pinfall lead, including bonus pins, 4604-4507. Along with his title he earned the \$2,000 winner's check.

After finishing sixth in the Saturday 8-game qualifying portion of the event, Pogge vaulted into the lead in Sunday's five game Casher's Round. He then started the match play finals with a 279-176 win over Dylan Macon, from Lubbock, Texas, to stretch his lead. Pogge avoided any disastrous games throughout the next six games, to remain in the lead, then came through in the clutch in the position round match.

The PBA Southwest Region's next tournaments will be two Xtra Frame events. The PBA Xtra Frame Greater Jonesboro Open at Hijinx Lanes in Jonesboro, Ark, June 1-3, followed by the PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Open, presented by Ebonite, June 8-10..

PBA WAXAHACHIE SOUTHWEST CHALLENGE Hilltop Bowl, Waxahachie, Texas, Sunday

Final Standings (after 21 games, including match play bonus pins):

1, Adam Pogge, Austin, Texas, 4-4, 4,604, \$2,000. 2, Mason Edmondson, Amarillo, Texas, 7-1, 4,597, \$1,300. 3, n-Clint Johnson, Fort Worth, Texas, 5-3, 4,498, \$1,000. 4, Zakary Edgerton, Greenville, Texas, 5-2-1, 4,475, \$850. 5, Pete Thomas, Oklahoma City, Okla., 4-4, 4,454, \$750. 6, Clint Land, Houston, 5-3, 4,449, \$700. 7, Donnie Benson, Oklahoma City, 4-4, 4,421, \$675. 8, Jeff Hatt, Oklahoma City, 4-4-0, 4,344, \$650.

9, Bryant Ezell, Fayetteville, Ark., 6-2, 4,321, \$625. 10, n-Thomas Rash, Longview, Tex., 5-3, 4,299, \$600. 11, n-Jonathan Bolejack, 3-5, 4,295, \$575. 12, Dylan Macon, Amarillo, Texas, 2-5-1, 4,214, \$550. 13, n-Steve Wright, Cypress, Texas, 2-6-0, 4,202, \$530. 14, n-Terry Ward, San Angelo, Texas, 3-5, 4,149, \$520. 15, n-Bobby Wacker, Killeen, Texas, 1-7, 4,145, \$510. 16, Scott Crawford, Allen, Texas, 3-5, 4,140, \$500.

Belmonte, Kent Lead After First PBA Tour Finals Positioning Round

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (May 22, 2018) – After the opening positioning round of the PBA Tour Finals, which aired on CBS Sports Network Tuesday, reigning PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte and fourtime PBA Tour winner Marshall Kent emerged as the leaders in their respective groups heading into next week's second positioning round at Thunderbowl Lanes.

The top money earners on the Go Bowling! PBA Tour between 2016 and the first four months of 2018 include 2017 runner-up Belmonte, Dom Barrett, Anthony Simonsen and Sean Rash in Group 1, and defending champion EJ Tackett, Jesper Svensson, Kent and Tommy Jones in Group 2. The eight players opened the PBA Tour Finals by bowling one game each on PBA's 36-foot Johnny Petraglia and 42-foot Mark Roth lane conditions.

In a test of each player's ability to navigate vastly different PBA lane conditions, positioning round competition takes place on two lanes which are dressed with lane conditioner that incorporates blue dye to help fans visualize the conditions. Each player will bowl a total of four games on four different oil patterns with total pinfall within each group determining positions for the final rounds.

Belmonte took the lead in Group 1 with a 491 two-game total after bowling 236 on the Petraglia condition and 255 on the Roth condition. He was followed by Simonsen, 483 (236, 247); Rash, 379 (178, 201), and Barrett, 350 (205, 145).

"The two different conditions required two different plans of attack," said Belmonte. "On the Petraglia condition I used urethane and played outside. On the Roth condition, I used a reactive ball and hooked the ball more.

"At this point you play what's in front of you," he added. "It's really not too different than what you'd experience in any other tournament except the pace is much faster and you have to make your adjustments faster. It's bang-bang, get up and throw it, and hope you've made the right decisions."

Kent led Group 2 with a 458 pinfall after a 238 on the Petraglia condition and 220 on the Roth condition. He was followed by Tackett, 448 (236, 212); Svensson, 447 (224, 223), and Jones, 419 (257, 162).

"I got into a good comfort level on both conditions pretty quickly and had a good look on both lanes," Kent said. "I think I only threw one bad shot.

"I like the faster pace because you can stay in a good rhythm," Kent added. "Even though you're having to deal with the different conditions, the quick pace prevents you from overthinking what you need to do."

Next week's second positioning round (on CBSSN Tuesday, May 29 at 8 p.m. ET) will put the players on the 39–foot Don Carter and 45-foot Dick Weber lane conditions. The four-game pinfall totals will determine each player's position for their respective group stepladder semifinals.

The Group 1 semifinal stepladder will air on CBSSN June 5 at 8 p.m. ET and the Group 2 stepladder will air on June 12, also at 8 p.m. The final match of each semifinal stepladder will be a best-of-two-game match with ties broken by a 9th and 10th frame roll off. The two group winners will then meet in another best-of-two-game championship match which will air June 19 at 8 p.m. using the same stepladder format.

PBA TOUR FINALS POSITIONING ROUND 1 RESULTS Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich. (aired Tuesday on CBS Sports Network)

Group 1 (After two of four games; game one on Johnny Petraglia 36 lane condition; game two on Mark Roth 42 pattern)

1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 491 (236, 255).

2, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 483 (236, 247).

3, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 379 (178, 201).

4, Dom Barrett, England, 350 (205, 145).

Group 2

(After two of four games; game one on Johnny Petraglia 36 lane condition; game two on Mark Roth 42 pattern)

- 1, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 458 (238, 220).
- 2, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 448 (236, 212).
- 3, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 447 (224, 223).
- 4, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 419 (257, 162).

CBS Sports Network Remaining PBA Tour Finals Telecast Schedule (All times Eastern)

May 29 – 8 p.m. - PBA Tour Finals Positioning Round 2 (two games) June 5 – 8 p.m. - PBA Tour Finals Group 1 Semifinal Stepladder Round June 12 – 8 p.m. - PBA Tour Finals Group 2 Semifinal Stepladder Round June 19 – 8 p.m. - PBA Tour Finals Championship

PBA Tour Finals Action on CBS Sports Network Continues Tuesday, May 29 With Second Positioning Round at 8 p.m. ET

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (May 24, 2018) – PBA Tour Finals action, featuring eight of the Go Bowling! PBA Tour's top performers over the past 28 months, continues on a new set of PBA lane conditions Tuesday, May 29 at 8 p.m. ET on the CBS Sports Network, with the second total-pinfall positioning round from Thunderbowl Lanes.

The eight PBA Tour top money earners from 2016, 2017 and the first four months of 2018, include defending PBA Tour Finals champion EJ Tackett, 2017 PBA Tour finals runner-up Jason Belmonte, Dom Barrett, Anthony Simonsen, Sean Rash, Jesper Svensson, Marshall Kent and Tommy Jones, who will navigate two new PBA lane conditions in the second round — the 39-foot Don Carter and 45-foot Dick Weber conditions.

Tuesday's telecast will open with Group 2 players (Tackett, Svensson, Kent and Jones) and Group 1 players (Belmonte, Barrett, Simonsen and Rash) bowling on the Carter lane condition. Competition continues with both groups bowling the final positioning game on the Weber condition. Heading into the second round, Belmonte leads Group 1 with a 491 two-game pinfall bowled on the Petraglia and Roth conditions followed by Simonsen, 483; Rash, 379 and Barrett 350. Group 2 is led by Kent, 458; Tackett, 448; Svensson, 447, and Jones, 419.

After Tuesday's second positioning round the four-game scratch totals for each player will be used to determine the qualifying positions for the stepladder semifinals within each group. The positioning round leader of each group in the positioning round will have the choice of lane condition for the semifinals.

The Group 1 semifinal stepladder will air on CBSSN June 5 at 8 p.m. ET and the Group 2 stepladder will air on June 12 also at 8 p.m. The final match of each group's stepladder will be a best of two-game match with ties broken by a 9th and 10th frame roll off, if necessary. The two group winners will then meet in another best-of-two-game championship match which will air June 19 at 8 p.m.

PBA TOUR FINALS RESULTS AFTER POSITIONING ROUND 1

Group 1 (After two of four games; game one on Johnny Petraglia 36 lane condition; game two on Mark Roth 42 pattern)

1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 491 (236, 255)

2, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 483 (236, 247)

- 3, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 379 (178, 201)
- 4, Dom Barrett, England, 350 (205, 145)

Group 2

- 1, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 458 (238, 220)
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PBA50 Tour Begins Western Swing with Northern California Classic in Brentwood May 27-30

BRENTWOOD, Calif. (May 24, 2018)-- After a three-week break, the PBA50 Tour heads west for the PBA50 Northern California Classic presented by MOTIV May 27-30 at Harvest Park Bowl in Brentwood, Calif.

As the PBA50 Tour makes its western swing for 2018, recent PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open winner and 2017 PBA50 Rookie of the Year Michael Haugen Jr. holds the early season points lead over PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. and 2018 PBA50 National Championship winner Lennie Boresch Jr.

The fifth stop of the season will be covered live from start to finish on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame beginning May 28. For Xtra Frame subscription and complete schedule information visit <u>www.xtraframe.tv</u>.

In last year's Northern California Classic, PBA Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli won all four stepladder matches and eventually beat Hugh Miller of Mercer Island, Wash., 229-198, in the title match for his eighth career PBA50 Tour title. Monacelli also won the Northern California Classic in 2015.

In the second match of last year's finals, Monacelli defeated Chris Warren, 296-280, to set a new PBA50 record for highest scoring match in a PBA50 Tour championship final round.

Other Hall of Famers competing in Brentwood will be four-time PBA50 Tour winner Parker Bohn III and 2018 inductee Ron Mohr, who is a two-time PBA50 Player of the Year and the winner of nine PBA50 Tour titles.

Following the Northern California Classic, the PBA50 Tour heads to Las Vegas for the USBC Super Senior Classic (for players 60 and over) May 31-June 3; USBC Senior Masters, June 4-10, both at Sam's Town, and the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm at the Suncoast Bowling Center, June 11-15.

In addition to the player of the year race, the players are battling to become one of the top 12 in points to earn an invitation to the season-ending PBA50 Storm Invitational which will be held Sept. 28-30 at Planet Fun Bowling Entertainment Center in Shallotte, N.C.

Northern California Classic competition begins with the first of two eight-game qualifying rounds on Monday, May 28 at 8 a.m. to be followed by the second round on Tuesday, May 29. After a cashers round on Wednesday, May 30, the top 24 players will advance to match play which will determine the top five for the stepladder finals scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.

The practice session is scheduled from 9 a.m. – noon on Sunday, May 27 with pro-am squads scheduled for 1, 3 and 7 p.m.

For Northern California Classic pro-am entry information call Harvest Park Bowl at (925) 516-1221.

PBA50 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CLASSIC PRESENTED BY MOTIV SCHEDULE Harvest Park Bowl, Brentwood, Calif. (all times Pacific)

Sunday, May 27 9 a.m. – Noon – Practice session Pro-ams – 1, 3, 7 p.m.

Monday, May 28

8 a.m. – A squad qualifying (8 games) 1:30 p.m. – B squad qualifying (8 games)

Tuesday, May 29

8 a.m. – B squad qualifying (8 games) 1:30 p.m. – A squad qualifying (8 games)

Wednesday, May 30

8 a.m. – Cashers Round 11:30 a.m. – Match play round 1 (5 games) 2:45 p.m. – Match play round 2 (6 games) Top five advance to stepladder finals

6:30 p.m. - Stepladder finals

PBA Spare Shots

WES MALOTT HOLDS FUND-RAISER FOR SANTA FE HIGH SCHOOL VICTIMS' FAMILIES

Former PBA Player of the Year **Wes Malott** is the most recent PBA player who is trying to do good things in the face of tragedy, holding a fund-raiser to benefit the families' of victims of the recent high school shooting tragedy in Santa Fe, Texas.

Malott, who is hosting his annual Malott's All-Stars Youth Championships tournament this weekend in Austin, Texas, has organized a raffle that will include bowling balls from the brand he represents, Roto Grip, along with a new Roto Grip bowling bag, Dexter shoes, High 5 Gear apparel and a lot more. Multiple winners will be selected in the raffle drawing that will be held Sunday, live on Malott's tournament Facebook page, at the conclusion of his youth tournament. For additional information, visit the tournament Facebook page:<u>https://www.facebook.com/Malotts-All-Stars-Youth-Championship-242615552446368/</u>

"It's a way our bowling community can get involved in a bigger way. I'm sure our bowlers would donate anyway, but I thought maybe we could do something that would encourage more people to help," Malott said.

"It was kind of a last minute thing, but **Sean Rash** is going to donate a jersey and ball. **Parker Bohn** is donating some things. It's kinda taken on a life of its own, so rather than one big drawing, we're going to draw for multiple winners. **J.J. Watt** announced he's going to pay for the funerals, but there are still expenses for some of the kids who were injured, so that's how we're going to try to help.

"My goal was to get to \$5,000, and we're already more than halfway there."

Malott noted the connection to the tragic event became personal when he took his 10-year-old son Camden to Santa for a baseball tournament recently, and they stayed in the home of a family that has kids attending the school.

Raffle tickets are available for \$5 each, five for \$20 or 20 for \$50. Fans can obtain raffle tickets by using their PayPal accounts: PayPal to <u>malottsallstars@yahoo.com</u>. If they don't have a PayPal account, send an email to Malott at <u>malottsallstars@yahoo.com</u> and he'll do his best to process credit cards through his Strike-A-Lott Pro Shop.

XTRA FRAME HEADS INTO A BUSY WEEK TO KICK OFF SUMMER

Next week's Xtra Frame schedule kicks off a busy summer, including start-to-finish coverage of the PBA Xtra Frame Greater Jonesboro, Open from Hijinx Family Entertainment Center in Jonesboro, Ark., Saturday and Sunday. Canada's **Francois Lavoie** will defend his 2017 title in the third of eight Xtra Frame PBA Tour events on the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule.

The PBA50 Tour returns to action Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with start-to-finish coverage of the Northern California Classic presented by MOTIV from Harvest Park Bowl in Brentwood, Calif. **Amleto Monacelli** is defending champion.

The PWBA heads east for the East Hartford Open from Silver Lanes in East Hartford, Conn., next Friday and Saturday.

To enroll as an Xtra Frame subscriber, visit <u>xtraframe.tv</u>. An entire month of coverage costs only \$7.99. A three-day subscription is also available for \$3.99, and the 12-month Season Ticket plan is offered for about \$1.25 week.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: ADAM POGGE WINS FIRST TITLE IN WAXAHACHIE

Adam Pogge from Austin, Texas, struck twice in the 10th frame of the final game of match play Sunday to win his first PBA title in the PBA Waxahachie Southwest Challenge at Hilltop Lanes in Waxahachie, Texas.

Pogge, who held a 38-pin lead going into position round concluding the eight-game modified round robin match play finals, dropped a 246-245 decision to **Mason Edmondson** of Amarillo, Texas, but maintained the overall pinfall lead by seven pins to win the title and a \$2,000 first prize.

• The May 24-26 PBA Regional schedule includes the PBA and PBA50 Vanessa Brown Homes West Open (PBA presented by Track, PBA50 presented by Ebonite); the Colony Park Lanes East Challenge presented by Columbia 300 in York, Pa., and the Celeste Walker Midwest/Central Open presented by American Family Insurance at Strike-N-Spare II in Lockport, Ill.

• For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit <u>pba.com</u>, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area...and remember, you can follow

"live scoring" for all PBA Regional events on <u>pba.com</u> (easily accessible for Apple device users using the PBA app).

QUICK NOTES

• **Ryan and Chelsie Ciminelli** became first-time parents on Saturday, May 19, with the arrival of **Jaxon Michael Ciminelli.** The newcomer arrived one minute past midnight at 20 ¹/₄ inches and 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

• **Anthony Simonsen** is the top qualifier and will bowl for the title in the PBA-World Bowling Tour Busan Cup in South Korea Saturday. Korea's **Seokbyeong Choi** and **Wonyoung Choi** will bowl the opening match. The winner will meet Thailand's **Arromasaranon Annop** for the right to meet Simonsen in the title match.

Thailand's Annop Arromsaranon Wins PBA-WBT Busan Cup

Splits prove costly to Texas two-hander Anthony Simonsen in outdoor finals

BUSAN, Korea (May 26, 2018) – Thailand's Annop Arromsaranon defeated top qualifier Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas, 221-208, to win the PBA International-World Bowling Tour Busan Cup Saturday on bowling lanes constructed outdoors in Pusan Gwangalli Beach Park in Busan, becoming the second bowler from Thailand to win a PBA Tour title.

In the sweltering heat of the outdoor setting, Simonsen left splits he was unable to convert in the fourth and fifth frames as the 33-year-old Thai opened a 44-pin lead and raced away to victory despite leaving a "big four" 4-6-7-10 split in the eighth frame. He claimed the 30 million won (US\$27,875) first prize and joined 2017 PBA-WBT Thailand winner Jojoe Yannaphon as Thailand's second PBA Tour title winner.

Simonsen, a 21-year-old two-hander, had earned the top qualifying position for the four-man stepladder finals with a six-game, 1,480 total posted at Rainbow Square Bowling Center.

In the preliminary matches, Korea's Choi Seokbyeong defeated countryman Choi Wonyoung, 247-217, to start the Busan Cup's Open Division finals. Arromsaranon then eliminated Choi Seokbyeong in the semifinal match, 215-203.

The Go Bowling! PBA Tour's next event will be the PBA Xtra Frame Tour Greater Jonesboro Open at Hijinx in Jonesboro, Ark., June 1-3. For Xtra Frame subscriptions, visit <u>xtraframe.tv</u>. Subscriptions are available for three days (\$3.99), 30 days (\$7.99) or for a full year at a cost of about \$1.25 per week.

PBA-WORLD BOWLING TOUR BUSAN CUP Pusan Gwangalli Beach Park, Busan, Korea, Saturday

Final Standings:

- 1, Annop Arromsaranon, Thailand, \$27,875.
- 2, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, \$13,900.
- 3, n-Choi Seokbyeong, Korea, \$7,430.
- 4, n-Choi Wonyoung, Korea, \$4,645.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – S. Choi def. W. Choi, 247-217. Semifinal Match – Arromsaranon def. S. Choi, 215-203. Championship – Arromsaranon def. Simonsen, 221-208. n-denotes non-PBA member.

Defending Champion Amleto Monacelli Takes First Round Lead in PBA50 Northern California Classic

BRENTWOOD, Calif. (May 28, 2018) – Defending champion Amleto Monacelli began his PBA50 Northern California Classic presented by MOTIV title defense by averaging 237.6 to take the first round lead Monday at Harvest Park Bowl.

The PBA Hall of Famer bowled a 1,901 eight-game pinfall total with games of 211, 225, 247, 278, 220, 194, 280 and 246 to take a 57-pin lead over three-time PBA50 Tour titlist Hugh Miller of Mercer Island, Wash., who finished the round with 1,844.

Monacelli beat Miller in the title match of the 2017 Northern California Classic, 229-198, to win his eighth PBA50 Tour title.

"I had to concentrate on throwing the ball soft but not too soft," Monacelli said of his first round, "I had to be careful not to muscle the ball down the lane because I wouldn't be able to get the ball reaction I wanted.

"It was important that I observed what the lanes were doing rather than trying to force the ball to do something that wouldn't be successful," the 20-time PBA Tour winner added.

The Venezuelan is coming off sixth and seventh place finishes in the last two PBA50 Tour tournaments and feels his game is where it needs to be to make a run at successfully defending his title.

"The last two tournaments I've only been a few good shots away from making the finals," Monacelli said. "If I stay relaxed and continue to make a good read from the lanes it should be another good tournament for me."

Rounding out the top five after the first round were four-time PBA Tour winner Dennis Horan, Oakley, Calif., 1,830; two-time PBA Tour winner Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 1,821, and Skip Pavone, San Jose, Calif., 1,801.

The entire field returns for another eight-game qualifying round Tuesday which begins at 8 a.m. PT. Wednesday's cashers and match play rounds will also begin at 8 a.m. After match play the top five players will be determined for the stepladder finals at 6:30 p.m.

Fans can catch all the PBA50 Northern California Open action on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame. Visit <u>www.xtraframe.tv</u> for subscription and schedule information.

PBA50 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CLASSIC Presented by MOTIV Harvest Park Bowl, Brentwood, Calif., Monday

FIRST ROUND (after eight games)

1, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,901.

- 2, ss-Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 1,844.
- 3, Dennis Horan Jr., Oakley, Calif., 1,830.
- 4, ss-Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 1,821.

- 5, ss-Skip Pavone, San Jose, Calif., 1,801.
- 6, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,779.
- 7, Andrew Warren, Austin, Tex., 1,753.
- 8, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,752.
- 9, James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 1,732.
- 10, n-Scott Luba, Dublin, Calif., 1,730.
- 11, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 1,724.
- 12, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1,719.
- 13, ss-Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 1,700.
- 14, n-David Bolles, Stockton, Calif., 1,697.
- 15, Rory Peterson, Sacramento, Calif., 1,692.
- 16, (tie) Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., and Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 1,690.
- 18, (tie) Mark Mazzulla, Brentwood, Calif., and Greg McDaniel, Kimball, Neb., 1,681.
- 20, ss-Ray Valdovino, Sacramento, Calif., 1,672.
- 21, n,ss-Joe Salvemini, Yuba City, Calif., 1,668.
- 22, ss-Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 1,666.
- 23, Joseph Petrovich, Tracy, Calif, 1,664.
- 24, n-George Aboud, San Jose, Calif., 1,652.
- 25, (tie) Mark McCreary, Livermore, Calif., and ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 1,643.
- 27, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 1,639.
- 28, ss-Alan Sabin, Winston, Ore, 1,634.
- 29, ss-Mitchell Vernon, Olympia, Wash., 1,633.
- 30, Noel Vazquez, Sacramento, Calif., 1,629.
- 31, ss-Rodney Garrick, San Francisco, 1,625.
- 32, ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 1,618.
- 33, n-Joe Baca, Brentwood, Calif., 1,609.
- 34, Rob Rice, Sunnyside, Wash., 1,605.
- 35, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 1,600.
- 36, ss-Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 1,599.
- 37, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 1,597.
- 38, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,590.
- 39, n,ss-Michael Clark, Sacramento, Calif., 1,580.
- 40, ss-Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 1,578.
- 41, Marty Deh, San Jose, Calif., 1,577.
- 42, ss-Jim Gordin, Modesto, Calif., 1,575.
- 43, Craig Miller, Tracy, Calif., 1,574.
- 44, ss-Paul Herrera, San Jose, Calif., 1,570.
- 45, Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 1,567.
- 46, Bob Newman, Pacifica, Calif., 1,566.
- 47, (tie) Doug Kempt, Arcadia, Calif., and n,ss-Dennis Jones, Fremont, Calif., 1,564.
- 49, Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., 1,563.
- 50, Mike Keough, Stockton, Calif., 1,560.
- 51, n-Steven Soto, Port Orchard, Wash., 1,557.
- 52, ss-Patrick King, Yankton, S.D., 1,556.
- 53, ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 1,550.
- 54, ss-Eddie Katz, Lakewood, Calif., 1,543.
- 55, ss-n-Paul Appling, Camarillo, Calif., 1,535.
- 56, ss-Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 1,534.
- 57, (tie) ss-James Storts, Westfield, Ind., and ss-Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 1,533.
- 59, (tie) Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., and ss-Stan Winters, Simi Valley, Calif., 1,527.
- 61, ss-n-Gip Lentine, Chino, Calif., 1,520.
- 62, ss-n-Phillip Spruill, San Francisco, 1,516.
- 63, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 1,514.

64, ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 1,511. 65, Warren Eales, Chandler, Ariz., 1,506. 66, n-Troy Silfies, Pine Grove, Calif., 1,504. 67, n,ss-Gary Talbert, Northridge, Calif., 1,494. 68, n-Warren King, San Jose, Calif., 1,484. 69, n-Mark Benavidez, No Highlands, Calif., 1,475. 70, ss-Duane Wilson, Brentwood, Calif., 1,472. 71, Ed Floyd, Santa Clara, Calif., 1,466. 72, ss-Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 1,462. 73, n,ss-John Dorsett, Concord, Calif., 1,456. 74, ss-Don Lane, San Francisco, 1,453. 75, (tie) ss-Tim Pierce, Portland, Ore., and ss-Steve Ford, Seaside, Ore., 1,451. 77, ss-n-Richard Winther, Fairbanks, Alaska, 1,449. 78, Jim Horan, Mountain View, Calif., 1,438. 79, Joe Beck, Montgomery, Ala., 1,436. 80, Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 1,412. 81, ss-Jim Hageman, San Jose, Calif, 1,385. 82, ss-James Skaife, Antioch, Calif., 1,381. 83, ss-Steve Davis, Manteca, Calif., 1,355. 84, Daniel Knafo, Valencia, Calif., 1,339. 85, n-Dennis Blake, Torrance, Calif., 1,314. 86, ss-Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 1,298.

n-non-member ss-PBA60 players ages 60 and over

EJ Tackett, Jason Belmonte Earn Top Qualifier Honors Heading Into PBA Tour Finals Semifinal Stepladder Rounds

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (May 29, 2018) – After the second total-pinfall positioning round bowled on two new PBA lane conditions, defending champion EJ Tackett and 2017 runner-up Jason Belmonte secured the top qualifying positions for their respective group's semifinal stepladder final rounds of the PBA Tour Finals. Positioning round qualifying aired Tuesday on the CBS Sports Network.

After a total of four games bowled on four different lane conditions at Thunderbowl Lanes, Tackett led Group 2 players with a 912 four-game pinfall total followed by Jesper Svensson with 900, Marshall Kent 870 and Tommy Jones 843. Belmonte led Group 1 with 974 total pins followed by Anthony Simonsen 953, Dom Barrett 825 and Sean Rash, 819.

The eight finalists earned their berths in the PBA Tour Finals as the top money earners on the Go Bowling! PBA Tour in the 2016, 2017 and first four months of the 2018 season.

Tackett entered the second positioning round in second place with a 448 pinfall total based on games of 236 and 212 bowled the previous week on the 36-foot Johnny Petraglia condition and 42-foot Mark Roth lane condition. In the closely contested second round, the 2016 PBA Player of the Year bowled 206 on the 39-foot Don Carter condition and 258 on the 45-foot Dick Weber condition.

"Our group was very close," said Tackett. "I think in the second game I was fourth at one time but I was able to put some strikes together and doubled in the 10th to move into the lead.

"Bowling on these conditions in a fast pace, you go into it looking at each condition with your best guess on equipment and how you want to play the lane, but what usually happens is that it comes down to the breaks you get and I had my share of breaks," Tackett concluded.

Belmonte came into the second round after leading last week's first round with a 491 total with games of 236 and 255 bowled on the Petraglia and Roth conditions. In the second round, Belmonte bowled 204 on the Carter condition and 279 on the Weber lane condition to retain his lead.

"The first game was definitely a struggle for me," said the four-time and reigning PBA Player of the Year. "I just had to get through it. I needed to get some good breaks but didn't get them. If you can't strike you want to leave single pin spares but I had to deal with some challenging spares in that game.

"I was looking forward to bowling on the Weber pattern, but I know Anthony (Simonsen) was too because it's a condition we both like," Belmonte added. "It could have gone either way. As so often happens it comes down to who gets the breaks."

As the top qualifiers in their groups, Belmonte and Tackett both chose the Weber condition for their semifinal round stepladder matches. The Group 1 stepladder semifinal will air on CBS Sports Network June 5 at 8 p.m. ET with Dom Barrett bowling Sean Rash in the first match. Simonsen will take on the winner, and Belmonte will bowl a best-of-two-game match against whomever survives the second match. In the Group 2 stepladder which will air June 12 at 8 p.m., Jones and Kent will bowl the opening match, Svensson will bowl the winner, and Tackett will face the second match winner in their best-of-two-game final match.

The winner of each semifinal stepladder will battle it out in a best-of-two-game match for the PBA Tour Final championship on Tuesday, June 19 at 8 p.m. ET. Preceding the championship final, the second place-place qualifiers in each of the group stepladders will compete against each other in the third-place match.

PBA TOUR FINALS POSITIONING ROUND 2 RESULTS

Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich. (Aired Tuesday on CBS Sports Network)

Group 1

(Combined four-game pinfall with positioning round 2 games in parentheses. First game bowled on Don Carter 39-foot lane condition. Second game bowled on Dick Weber 45-foot condition. All players advance to semifinal stepladder round)

1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 974 (204, 279)

- 2, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 953 (218, 252)
- 3, Dom Barrett, England, 825 (238, 237)
- 4, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 819, (225, 215)

Group 2

- 1, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 912 (206, 258)
- 2, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 900 (226, 227)
- 3, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 870 (222, 190
- 4, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 843 (243, 181)

CBS Sports Network Remaining PBA Tour Finals Telecast Schedule All times Eastern

June 5 – 8 p.m. - PBA Tour Finals – Semifinals 1

June 12 – 8 p.m. - PBA Tour Finals – Semifinals 2 June 19 – 8 p.m. - PBA Tour Finals – Championship

Amleto Monacelli Dominates Qualifying Heading Into PBA50 Northern California Classic Match Play

Defending champion takes top qualifier honors for second consecutive year

BRENTWOOD, Calif. (May 29, 2018) – Defending champion Amleto Monacelli averaged 240.8 to dominate qualifying after the second round of the PBA50 Northern California Classic presented by MOTIV Tuesday heading into Wednesday's match play rounds.

The PBA Hall of Famer led qualifying with a 3,854 16-game pinfall total to outdistance four-time PBA Tour winner Chris Warren of Grants Pass, Ore., who finished 292 pins behind in second with 3,562.

Monacelli, who won last year's Northern California Classic for his eighth PBA50 Tour title, bowled a 1,953 pinfall total in the second round with games of 214, 208, 244, 203, 279, 300, 257 and 248, after posting a 1,901 pinfall to lead the first round.

As a result of finishing in the top eight the 56-year-old Monacelli, who is also a 20-time PBA Tour winner, will be seeded into the second round of match play.

"I feel my game, both physically and mentally is in a good place," said Monacelli, who also was top qualifier in 2017. "To start the round, my carry wasn't great but I wasn't worried about it. It wasn't long before the lanes started to open up for me and then I was carrying everything."

Monacelli feels good about his chances to win again especially after sixth and seventh-place finishes in his last two PBA50 Tour tournaments, but cautioned about thinking too far ahead.

"I'm getting a lot better at trusting my instincts to make adjustments and ball changes," Monacelli continued. "Tomorrow is another day so I need to clear my mind, go into match play relaxed and that should help give me the focus I need to continue to bowl well."

Monacelli will be trying for his third Northern California Classic title after also winning in 2015.

Rounding out the top eight after qualifying were Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 3,561; Skip Pavone, San Jose, Calif., 3,558; 2017 PBA50 Tour Rookie of the Year Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3,555; Dennis Horan, Oakley, Calif.; 3,526; Mark Mazulla, Brentwood, Calif., 3,508, and PBA Hall of Famer Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3,495.

Haugen, whose first PBA50 Tour title came in the 2017 Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open, is hoping for back-to-back wins after winning the Johnny Petraglia BVL Open earlier this month.

Wednesday's cashers and match play rounds will begin at 8 a.m. PT. After match play the top five players will be determined for the stepladder finals at 6:30 p.m.

Fans can catch all the final day PBA50 Northern California Classic action on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame. Visit <u>www.xtraframe.tv</u> for subscription and schedule information.

PBA50 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CLASSIC Presented by MOTIV Harvest Park Bowl, Brentwood, Calif., Tuesday

SECOND ROUND

(after 16 games. Positions 1-16 advance to match play. Positions 17-28 plus eight PBA60 players advance to cashers' round to determine eight additional match play spots.)

- 1, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,854.
- 2, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 3,562.
- 3, Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 3,561.
- 4, Skip Pavone, San Jose, Calif., 3,558.
- 5, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3,555.
- 6, Dennis Horan Jr., Oakley, Calif., 3,526.
- 7, Mark Mazzulla, Brentwood, Calif., 3,508.
- 8, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3,495.
- 9, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,492.
- 10, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3,488.
- 11, Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 3,435.
- 12, Rory Peterson, Sacramento, Calif., 3,433.
- 13, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 3,399.
- 14, Andrew Warren, Austin, Tex., 3,398.
- 15, n-George Aboud, San Jose, Calif., 3,381.
- 16, Greg McDaniel, Kimball, Neb., 3,380.
- 17, n-Joe Salvemini, Yuba City, Calif., 3,365.
- 18, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 3,351.
- 19, Noel Vazquez, Sacramento, Calif., 3,343.
- 20, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 3,342.
- 21, Mark McCreary, Livermore, Calif., 3,335.
- 22, Mitchell Vernon, Olympia, Wash., 3,329.
- 23, Craig Miller, Tracy, Calif., 3,325.
- 24, Marty Deh, San Jose, Calif., 3,323.
- 25, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,308.
- 26, n-Scott Luba, Dublin, Calif., 3,291.
- 27, Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 3,289.
- 28, Joseph Petrovich, Tracy, Calif, 3,279.
- 29, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 3,273.
- 30, n-David Bolles, Stockton, Calif., 3,267.
- 31, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 3,259.
- 32, (tie) ss-Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., and ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 3,254.
- 34, Rob Rice, Sunnyside, Wash., 3,243.
- 35, ss-Alan Sabin, Winston, Ore, 3,238.
- 36, Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 3,236.
- 37, James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 3,229.
- 38, ss-Jim Gordin, Modesto, Calif., 3,228.
- 39, ss-Rodney Garrick, San Francisco, 3,211.
- 40, ss-Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 3,209.
- 41, n,ss-Paul Appling, Camarillo, Calif., 3,195.
- 42, James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 3,193.
- 43, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 3,189.
- 44, Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 3,187.
- 45, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 3,185.
- 46, Ray Valdovino, Sacramento, Calif., 3,182.
- 47, n-Joe Baca, Brentwood, Calif., 3,181.
- 48, Patrick King, Yankton, S.D., 3,174.
- 49, n-Steven Soto, Port Orchard, Wash., 3,152.
- 50, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3,148.
- 51, Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 3,145.

52, Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 3,137. 53, Mike Keough, Stockton, Calif., 3,135. 54, Stan Winters, Simi Valley, Calif., 3,111. 55, n-Troy Silfies, Pine Grove, Calif., 3,100. 56, n-Dennis Jones, Fremont, Calif., 3,096. 57, Warren Eales, Chandler, Ariz., 3,083. 58, Paul Herrera, San Jose, Calif., 3,077. 59, Bob Newman, Pacifica, Calif., 3,066. 60, Doug Kempt, Arcadia, Calif., 3,050. 61, Eddie Katz, Lakewood, Calif., 3,043. 62, Joe Beck, Montgomery, Ala., 3,019. 63, n-John Dorsett, Concord, Calif., 3,014. 64, Jim Horan, Mountain View, Calif., 3,011. 65, Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 3,006. 66, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 3,000. 67, n-Michael Clark, Sacramento, Calif., 2,992. 68, Don Lane, San Francisco, 2,988. 69, n-Phillip Spruill, San Francisco, 2,986. 70, n-Gary Talbert, Northridge, Calif., 2,957. 71, n-Gip Lentine, Chino, Calif., 2,948. 72, Duane Wilson, Brentwood, Calif., 2,941. 73, Tim Pierce, Portland, Ore., 2,932. 74, Ed Floyd, Santa Clara, Calif., 2,928. 75, Steve Davis, Manteca, Calif., 2,922. 76, n-Richard Winther, Fairbanks, Alaska, 2,913. 77, Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 2,888. 78, Steve Ford, Seaside, Ore., 2,843. 79, Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 2,822. 80, Jim Hageman, San Jose, Calif, 2,817. 81, Daniel Knafo, Valencia, Calif., 2,758. 82, James Skaife, Antioch, Calif., 2,726. 83, n-Dennis Blake, Torrance, Calif., 2,617. 84, Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., 1,563. 85, n-Warren King, San Jose, Calif., 1,484. 86, n-Mark Benavidez, N. Highlands, Calif., 1,475.

300 games – Amleto Monacelli

n-non-member ss-PBA60 players ages 60 and over advancing to cashers' round

Brent Tishuk Wins First PBA Title in Colony Park Lanes Eastern Challenge

York, Pa. (May 26, 2018) – Brent Tishuk of Belvidere, N.J., defeated Adam Chase of N. Babylon, N.Y., 221-180, to win his first Professional Bowlers Association title in the PBA Colony Park Lanes Eastern Challenge on Saturday.

PBA Challenge events are open to any member or non-member who has never won a PBA event.

Tishuk, a second-year member, had not finished higher than fourth place in PBA competition prior to this event. He was nursed his way through a muscle pull sustained earlier in the day to defeat Chase, an

eight-year member who had two career runner-up finishes prior to this event. Tishuk earned \$1,500 for the win while Chase earned \$1,000 for his runner-up finish.

The PBA East Region's next tournament will be the PBA Homefield Bowl Eastern Open presented by MOTIV at Homefield Bowl in Yonkers, N.Y., June 22-24.

PBA COLONY PARK LANES EASTERN CHALLENGE

Colony Park Lanes North, York, Pa., Saturday

Championship:

Brent Tishuk, Belvidere, N.J. (\$1,500) def. Adam Chase, N. Babylon, N.Y. (\$1,000), 221-180.

Semifinal Round (losers earned \$750):

Tishuk def. David Knight, Jr., Folcroft, Pa., 209-161. Chase def. Tommy Barna, Westminster, Md., 197-188.

Round of 8 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$550 each):

Tishuk def. Keith Laing, Oakdale, Conn., 2-1. Chase def. David Asbury, Ellicott City, Md., 2-1. Knight def. y-Ryan Graham, Lancaster, Pa., 2-0 (SMART scholarship prize money). Barna def. Michael Calloway Jr., Hagerstown, Md., 2-0.

Round of 16 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$450 each):

Tishuk def. n-Theo Johnson, Big Flats, N.Y., 2-0. Chase def. Todd Benner, Sinking Spring, Pa., 2-1. Knight def. n-Todd Sigeti, Lititz, Pa., 2-0. Barna def. Ervin Raines, New Cumberland, Pa., 2-1. Laing def. Brian Elder, Newark, Del., 2-0. Asbury def. Howard Ayres, Horseheads, N.Y., 2-1. Graham def. Victor Florie, Jr., Richmond, Va., 2-1. Calloway def. Tommy Dakouvanos, N. Middletown, N.J., 2-1.

n-designates non-member; y-designates youth

Francois Lavoie to Defend PBA Xtra Frame Greater Jonesboro Open Title *Arkansas field includes powerful field of PBA Tour champions, talented newcomers*

JONESBORO, Ark. (May 30, 2018) – Canada's Francois Lavoie, now living in Wichita, Kan., will return to Hijinx Family Entertainment Center this weekend to defend his 2017 PBA Xtra Frame Greater Jonesboro Open title against an all-star field of PBA Tour champions, international players and future stars of professional bowling.

Lavoie, who grew up in Quebec City, won the 2017 Jonesboro title with a 224-152 decision over Ryan Ciminelli of Clarence, N.Y. for his third PBA Tour title. Lavoie was PBA's 2016 Rookie of the Year – the first Canadian to win that honor – after winning the U.S. Open and becoming the first player in U.S. Open history to bowl a nationally-televised 300 game on his way to that victory.

The Xtra Frame Jonesboro Open is the third of eight events on the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour's Xtra Frame tournament schedule. All of Saturday's and Sunday's action will be streamed live on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel. In addition to monthly and annual subscription packages, a three-day subscription is available for only \$3.99 (visit <u>xtraframe.tv</u> to sign up).

The tournament gets underway at 8 a.m. Saturday with the first of two eight-game qualifying squads. The other half of the field will bowl its qualifying round at 2:30 p.m., with the top one-third of the field advancing to a five-game cashers round Sunday at 8:30 a.m. The top 16 players after 13 games will bowl an eight-game match play round at noon, and the top four after 21 games will compete in the stepladder finals Sunday at 4 p.m. All times are Central.

PBA Tour champions among the early entries include Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C.; Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich.; Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas; Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn.; Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y.; Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla.; Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn.; Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa; 2016 Jonesboro winner Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C.; Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash.; Lavoie; Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio; Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas; Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev.; Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill.; Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind.; Matt Sanders, Indianapolis; Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla.; Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., and Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind.

The Xtra Frame PBA Tour also has become a proving ground for PBA's most talented newcomers who are hoping to join the roster of PBA champions or at least add to their PBA Rookie of the Year credentials.

In addition to the PBA competition, Jonesboro area grassroots bowlers will have an opportunity to bowl with the PBA stars in a pro-am on Friday at 6 and 8:30 p.m. For pro-am information, call Jonesboro Bowling Center at (870) 972-5270.

PBA XTRA FRAME GREATER JONESBORO OPEN Hijinx Family Entertainment Center, Jonesboro, Ark., June 1-3 (all times CDT)

Friday, June 1 2 p.m. - Practice session 6, 8:30 p.m. – Pro-Am squads

Saturday, June 2

8 a.m. - A Squad, 8 qualifying games 2:30 p.m. – B Squad, 8 qualifying games Top one-third of field after 8 games advance to cashers round

Sunday, June 3

- 8:30 a.m. Top one-third of field, five games Top 16 after 13 games advance to match play Noon – Top 16, eight games modified round robin match play Top four after 21 games advance to stepladder finals
- 4 p.m. Top four based on 21-game composite pinfall advance to a stepladder finals

Editor's Note: for a complete roster of players entered in the Jonesboro tournament, click here: <u>https://www.pba.com/Rosters/Details/2680</u>

PBA, FOX Sports Announce Historic Television Schedule for 2019

Go Bowling! PBA Tour to include new PBA Playoffs, 19 live telecasts, four majors and more

LOS ANGELES (May 30, 2018) – A new era in the Professional Bowlers Association is set to begin as FOX Sports and the PBA announced its 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour television schedule, featuring 30 telecasts and including a new PBA Playoffs series.

The robust multi-platform PBA-FOX Sports agreement, announced in March, features five telecasts on FOX and 26 on FS1. The 2019 TV schedule, which begins Sunday, Jan. 6, on FS1 with the Hall of Fame Classic in Arlington, TX, includes 60 hours of coverage, nearly double last year's schedule, and the most in decades. Nineteen of the telecasts are live, the most in 11 years. Four 2019 events airing on FOX marks the most PBA action on network broadcast TV since 1999.

The announcement was made today by PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark, and FOX Sports EVP of Programming, Live Operations and Research Bill Wanger.

Kicking off the new PBA on FOX partnership will be a bonus event, PBA Clash, Sunday, Dec. 23, on FOX. The 90-minute special will feature top PBA stars in a unique competition, plus a look at the new year and upcoming events on FOX and FS1.

The new PBA Playoffs is a 10-telecast event that will seed the top 24 players after the first 13 PBA on FOX events of the 2019 season into an elimination bracket. All PBA Playoffs matches will be televised from Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, from the live first Round of 24 matches on Monday night, April 8, on FS1, through to the live semifinals and finals on FOX, Saturday and Sunday, June 1-2. The PBA Playoffs champion will win a \$100,000 first prize.

Other highlights of the 2019 PBA on FOX Sports schedule include:

• Live coverage of four PBA major championships: the PBA Tournament of Champions on Sunday, Feb. 10, from suburban Akron, Ohio; the PBA Players Championship on Sunday, Feb. 17, from Columbus, Ohio; the PBA World Championship on Thursday, March 21, from Allen Park, Mich., and the United States Bowling Congress Masters on Monday, April 1, from Las Vegas.

• Revolutionary coverage of professional bowling's biggest event, PBA World Series of Bowling X. Five consecutive nights of prime-time WSOB coverage, including live finals of four PBA title events, will air from Allen Park, Mich., March 18-22.

• The PBA League team competition returns, for the first time all live on TV. Back in Portland, Maine, the PBA League will conclude the 2019 PBA-FOX Sports schedule with four live prime time telecasts on FS1 for three consecutive nights, July 16-18.

• The CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational returns and moves for the first time to network TV as FOX airs the event on Super Bowl Sunday at 2 p.m. ET.

In addition to the 60 hours of broadcast television, FOX Sports digital also will play a key role in expanding the PBA's visibility.

Additional details concerning tournament formats, host bowling centers and more, will be announced by the PBA soon.

For additional details as they are released, follow the PBA Network's social media outlets and visit <u>http://FOX.com</u>.

2019 PBA-FOX SPORTS GO BOWLING! PBA TOUR SCHEDULE (All times Eastern) Sunday, Dec. 23, 2018 - PBA Clash, Houston, Texas (FOX, 2:30 or 4:30 p.m. ET, depending on viewer's location). Sunday, Jan. 6 – PBA Hall of Fame Classic, Arlington, Texas (FS1, 11 a.m., live). Sunday, Jan. 13 – PBA Oklahoma Open, Shawnee, Okla. (FS1, 11 a.m., live). Sunday, Jan. 20 – Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship, Shawnee, Okla. (FS1, 1 p.m.). Sunday, Jan. 27 – PBA Lubbock Open, Lubbock, Texas (FS1, 3 p.m., live). Sunday, Feb. 3 – CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational, Houston, Texas (FOX, 2 p.m.). Sunday, Feb. 10 – PBA Tournament of Champions, Fairlawn, Ohio (FOX, 5 p.m., live). Sunday, Feb. 17 – PBA Players Championship, Columbus, Ohio (FS1, 1 p.m., live). Sunday, Feb. 24 – PBA Indianapolis Open, Indianapolis, Ind. (FS1, 3 p.m., live). Sunday, March 3 – PBA Jonesboro Open, Jonesboro, Ark. (FS1, 5 p.m., live). Sunday, March 10 – World Bowling Tour Finals presented by PBA, Arlington, Texas (FS1, 10 p.m.). Monday, March 18 – PBA World Series of Bowling X Cheetah Championship, Allen Park, Mich. (FS1, 8 p.m., live). Tuesday, March 19 - PBA World Series of Bowling X Chameleon Championship, Allen Park, Mich. (FS1, 8 p.m., live). Wednesday, March 20 - PBA World Series of Bowling X Scorpion Championship, Allen Park, Mich. (FS1, 8 p.m., live). Thursday, March 21 - PBA World Series of Bowling PBA World Championship, Allen Park, Mich. (FS1, 8 p.m., live). Friday, March 22 - PBA World Series of Bowling X USA vs The World, Allen Park, Mich. (FS1, 8 p.m.). Monday, April 1 – USBC Masters, Las Vegas (FS1, 9 p.m., live) Monday, April 8 – PBA Playoffs Round of 24, Portland, Maine (FS1, 7 p.m., live). Monday, April 15 - PBA Playoffs Round of 24, Portland, Maine (FS1, 8 p.m.). Monday, April 22 - PBA Playoffs Round of 24, Portland, Maine (FS1, 9 p.m.). Monday, April 29 - PBA Playoffs Round of 24, Portland, Maine (FS1, 9 p.m.). Monday, May 6 - PBA Playoffs Round of 16, Portland, Maine (FS1, 9 p.m.). Monday, May 13 - PBA Playoffs Round of 16, Portland, Maine (FS1, 9 p.m.). Monday, May 20 - PBA Playoffs Quarterfinals, Portland, Maine (FS1, 9 p.m.). Monday, May 27 - PBA Playoffs Quarterfinals, Portland, Maine (FS1, 9 p.m.). Saturday, June 1 - PBA Playoffs Final Four, Portland, Maine (FOX, noon, live). Sunday, June 2 - PBA Playoffs Championship Round, Portland, Maine (FOX, noon, live). Tuesday, July 16 – PBA League Quarterfinals, Portland, Maine (FS1, 7 p.m., live). Tuesday, July 16 – PBA League Quarterfinals, Portland, Maine (FS1, 9 p.m., live). Wednesday, July 17 – PBA League Semifinals, Portland, Maine (FS1, 9 p.m., live). Thursday, July 18 – PBA League Elias Cup Finals, Portland, Maine (FS1, 9 p.m., live).

Ron Mohr Defeats Walter Ray Williams Jr. to Win PBA50 Northern California Classic

After falling behind early in title match, Mohr comes back to beat Williams 237-218 for 10th career PBA50 Tour title

BRENTWOOD, Calif. (May 30, 2018) – PBA Hall of Famer Ron Mohr of Las Vegas, overcame an open in the first frame and a 26-pin deficit early in the championship match to beat fellow Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., to win the PBA50 Northern California Classic presented by MOTIV Wednesday for his 10th career PBA50 Tour title.

Mohr missed a 10 pin in the first frame but battled back with a spare and then six strikes in a row to beat Williams, 237-218, in the title match for his first title of the season and second Northern California Classic title at Harvest Park Bowl having also won in 2011.

"First, I thought here we go again," the 62-year-old Mohr said after the open in the first frame. "But then I refocused and thought it's early and it's not over yet. I was actually more worried about the four strikes in a row that Walter started with than my ability to come back. I kept telling myself just make good shots the rest of the way and see how it goes from there.

Williams, who finished second for the third time this season, started with four strikes in a row but then ran into trouble when he left the 4-6-7-10 split in the fifth frame and could never recover after that. Williams, who qualified second for the finals, was trying for his 12th PBA50 Tour title.

Mohr earned top qualifier honors for the finals thanks to winning all of his 11 matches in match play earlier in the day.

"I was really bowling well all day today and had a lot of confidence going into the title match which probably helped me turn it around," Mohr said. "It also helped that I really never had the feeling that I was way behind or was in a hole I couldn't get out of."

In the opening stepladder match, Johnny Petraglia BVL Open winner Michael Haugen Jr. of Phoenix, defeated 2017 Northern California Classic winner Amleto Monacelli, 258-213. Haugen was trying for his third career PBA50 Tour title and Monacelli was trying for his ninth.

In the second match, Haugen beat six-time PBA Tour winner Chris Warren of Grants Pass, Ore., who was trying for his first PBA50 Tour title, 248-216, to advance to the semifinal match against Williams. Williams then beat Haugen in the semifinal, 258-237, to advance to the championship match.

The PBA50 Tour travels to Las Vegas for the USBC Super Senior Classic May 31-June 3 and the USBC Senior Masters June 4-10 both at Sam's Town, and then moves to the Suncoast Bowling Center for the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm June 11-15.

Fans can catch all the PBA50 Tour action on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame. For subscription and schedule information visit <u>www.xtraframe.tv</u>.

PBA50 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CLASSIC Presented by MOTIV Harvest Park Bowl, Brentwood, Calif., Wednesday

Final Standings:

- 1, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, \$8,000
- 2, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., \$4,500
- 3, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, \$2,500
- 4, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., \$2,000.
- 5, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, \$1,750.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Haugen def. Monacelli, 258-213. Match Two – Haugen def. Warren, 248-216. Semifinal Match – Williams def. Haugen, 258-237. Championship Match – Mohr def. Williams, 237-218.

Match Play Round 2 (after six games, including match play bonus pins. Top five advance to stepladder finals)

1, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 6-0, 1,651.

- 2, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 4-2, 1,524.
- 3, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 4-2, 1,469.

- 4, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 4-2, 1,403.
- 5, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 4-2, 1,388.
- 6, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 2-4, 1,374, \$1,500.
- 7, n,ss-Joe Salvemini, Yuba City, Calif., 4-2, 1,354, \$1,500.
- 8, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 4-2, 1,343, \$1,500.
- 9, Dennis Horan Jr., Oakley, Calif., 3-3, 1,335, \$1,300.
- 10, ss-Skip Pavone, San Jose, Calif., 2-4, 1,311, \$1,300.
- 11, ss-Rodney Garrick, San Francisco, 3-3, 1,293, \$1,300.
- 12, ss-Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 1-5, 1,291, \$1,300.
- 13, ss-Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 3-3, 1,278, \$1,300.
- 14, Greg McDaniel, Kimball, Neb., 2-4, 1,277, \$1,300.
- 15, Rory Peterson, Sacramento, Calif., 1-5, 1,275, \$1,300.
- 16, Mark Mazzulla, Brentwood, Calif., 1-5, 1,217, \$1,300.

Match Play Round 1 (After five games, including match play bonus pins)

- 17, ss-Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 1-3-1, 1,117, \$1,150.
- 18, Joseph Petrovich, Tracy, Calif, 1-4, 1,068, \$1,150.
- 19, Noel Vazquez, Sacramento, Calif., 2-3, 1,066, \$1,150.
- 20, n-George Aboud, San Jose, Calif., 3-2, 1,052, \$1,150.
- 21, ss-Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 1-4, 1,029, \$1,150.
- 22, Andrew Warren, Austin, Tex., 2-3, 1,019, \$1,150.
- 23, Mark McCreary, Livermore, Calif., 0-5, 959, \$1,150.
- 24, ss-Mitchell Vernon, Olympia, Wash., 1-4, 943, \$1,150.

Other Cashers (after five-game cashers' round)

- 25, ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 1,038, \$1,000.
- 26, ss-Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 1,035, \$1,000.
- 27, ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 1,034, \$1,000.
- 28, ss-n-Paul Appling, Camarillo, Calif., 1,024, \$1,000.
- 29, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 1,021, \$1,000.
- 30, Craig Miller, Tracy, Calif., 1,015, \$1,000.
- 31, Marty Deh, San Jose, Calif., 1,003, \$1,000.
- 32, ss-Alan Sabin, Winston, Ore, 995, \$1,000.
- 33, ss-Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 977, \$1,000.
- 34, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 962, \$1,000.
- 35, ss-Jim Gordin, Modesto, Calif., 947, \$1,000.
- 36, n-Scott Luba, Dublin, Calif., 924, \$1,000.

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ss-PBA60 player ages 60 years and older

Jason Belmonte Leads Group 1 into PBA Tour Finals Semifinal Round Tuesday on CBS Sports Network at 8 p.m. ET

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (May 31, 2018)— After leading his four-player group in the positioning round portion of the PBA Tour Finals, reigning PBA Player of the Year and 2017 PBA Tour Finals runner-up Jason Belmonte will enter the Group 1 stepladder semifinal round as the top qualifier Tuesday, June 5 at 8 p.m. ET on the CBS Sports Network.

Belmonte, a 17-time PBA Tour winner, posted a 974 four-game pinfall total on four different lane conditions at historic Thunderbowl Lanes to earn the top spot in the Group 1 stepladder round by 21 pins over three-time PBA Tour winner Anthony Simonsen (953), six-time tour winner Dom Barrett (825) and 12-time tour winner Sean Rash (819).

The opening match will feature Rash against Barrett with the winner taking on Simonsen for the opportunity to meet Belmonte in the final match.

The Group 1 players are among the eight PBA Tour stars who led the Go Bowling! PBA Tour in total earnings between 2016 and the first four months of 2018. Group 2 includes semifinal round top qualifier and defending champion EJ Tackett along with Jesper Svensson, Marshall Kent and Tommy Jones. They will compete in their stepladder round on Tuesday, June 12 at 8 p.m.

At this point in the tournament, all competitors have bowled one game each on the PBA's 36-foot Johnny Petraglia, 42-foot Mark Roth, 39-foot Don Carter and 45-foot Dick Weber lane conditions. As top qualifier in Group 1, Belmonte earned the right to select the oil pattern for the semifinal round, and he selected the Dick Weber 45 pattern.

The semifinal stepladder rounds, as well as the championship round, will feature a best-of-two-game championship match with ties broken by a 9th and 10th frame roll-off. The two group winners will then meet in the best-of-two-game championship match which will airJune 19.

CBS Sports Network PBA Tour Finals Remaining Schedule Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich. (all times Eastern)

June 5 – 8 p.m. - PBA Tour Finals Semifinal Stepladder Round 1 June 12 – 8 p.m. - PBA Tour Finals Semifinal Stepladder Round 2 June 19 – 8 p.m. - PBA Tour Finals Championship

PBA Spare Shots

NHRA DRIVERS ENJOY AN AFTERNOON OF BOWLING WITH SEAN RASH

Known for piloting their top fuel dragsters and funny cars at more than 300 mph in National Hot Rod Association competition, Kalitta Motorsports drivers JR Todd, Richie Crampton and Shawn Langdon also have been known to get their competitive juices flowing as avid league bowlers.

The three NHRA stars, who will be competing this weekend in the JEGS Route 66 Nationals at Route 66 Raceway in Joliet, Ill., spent Thursday afternoon with 12-time PBA Tour winner Sean Rash at Parkside Lanes in Aurora, Ill., getting a few tips from the former PBA Player of the Year in hopes of improving their games.

All three drivers bowl in a "Racers" league for drivers and crew members at Brownsburg Bowl in Brownsburg, Ind., where several NHRA teams are based, during the off season.

"I grew up a block away from Durbin Lanes in Lawrenceburg, Ind., so it was only natural to hang out there," said the 36-year-old Todd who holds a 180 average. "At first I went there to play the video games but then I thought I should give bowling a try. After a while I really got into it and eventually joined a junior league and was in a junior travelling league when I was in high school. It was a lot of fun so I've stayed with it ever since.

"I'm definitely into it (bowling)," he added. "I catch it on TV whenever I can."

Todd must have been a quick learner as he proceeded to post games of 217 and 220 during an informal match between the three drivers and Rash.

"When I found out about us being able to bowl with Sean I was pumped about it," Todd added. "You don't want to miss an opportunity to get some tips from one of the best in the sport."

Rash also had admiration for the drivers.

"I've had quite a few 300 games in my career," said Rash, who is the only player to bowl two 300 games in televised PBA Tour finals. "But I wouldn't mind going 300 mph like these guys do one day."

Also on hand was FOX NHRA pit reporter Amanda Busick who was taping a bowling feature for the FOX telecast of the Route 66 Nationals this weekend. PBA will join NHRA as part of the sports lineup on the FOX family of sports networks in 2019.

The bowling feature is scheduled to air on FS1's Route 66 Nationals coverage Sunday between 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. ET.

So far this season Todd has won twice in NHRA's funny car division and Crampton has one win in top fuel.

For additional information about Todd, Langdon and Crampton check out their bios: JR Todd - <u>https://www.nhra.com/drivers/j-r-todd/981</u>; Shawn Langdon - <u>https://www.nhra.com/drivers/shawn-langdon/151</u>, and Richie Crampton - <u>https://www.nhra.com/drivers/richie-crampton/956</u>.

WES MALOTT'S SANTE FE HIGH SCHOOL FUND-RAISER TOPS ITS GOAL

Ten-time PBA Tour champion **Wes Malott** set out to raise \$5,000 to benefit the families' of victims of the recent high school shooting tragedy in Santa Fe, Texas, and as word got out to the bowling community, help came in from all directions in the form of product donations from bowling product manufacturers, signed merchandise from his fellow PBA competitors and, most important, cash.

Malott held a raffle drawing during his annual Malott's All-Stars Youth Championships tournament over the weekend in Austin, Texas, awarding prizes to multiple winners during a Facebook Live event, and announced his fundraiser had surpassed \$8,000.

XTRA FRAME'S WEEKEND COVERAGE INCLUDES PBA XTRA FRAME TOUR, PWBA EVENT

This weekend's Xtra Frame schedule kicks off a busy summer, including start-to-finish coverage of the PBA Xtra Frame Greater Jonesboro Open from Hijinx Family Entertainment Center in Jonesboro, Ark., Saturday and Sunday. Canada's **Francois Lavoie** will defend his 2017 title in the third of eight Xtra Frame PBA Tour events on the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule. Qualifying round coverage is set for 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. ET on Saturday, followed by the cashers round Sunday at 9:30 a.m., match play at 1 p.m. and the stepladder finals at 3:30 p.m.

The PWBA's East Hartford Open from Silver Lanes in East Hartford, Conn., will air today and Saturday on Xtra Frame, with coverage of the stepladder finals at 4:45 p.m. ET.

PBA50 players will be competing in the USBC Senior Masters, which will be live streamed on USBC's $\underline{bowl.tv}$.

On tap for Xtra Frame subscribers is the PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Open from South Plaines Lanes in Lubbock, Texas, Saturday-Sunday, June 9-10; the PWBA Louisville Open, Friday-Saturday, June 8-9, and the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open from Las Vegas, Monday, June 11 through Friday, June 15.

To enroll as an XtraFrame subscriber, visit <u>xtraframe.tv</u>. An entire month of coverage costs only \$7.99. A three-day subscription is also available for \$3.99, and the 12-month Season Ticket plan is offered for about \$1.25 week.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: CHRIS WARREN TIES FOR OVERALL REGIONAL TITLES LEAD

Chris Warren of Grants Pass, Ore., defeated **Brian Kretzer** of Dayton, Ohio, 267-256, in the PBA50 Vanessa Brown Homes West Open Sunday at Yosemite Lanes in Modesto, Calif., to tie **Dale Traber** of Cedarburg, Wis., for the all-time lead in overall PBA Regional titles won.

Warren, 54, won his fifth PBA50 Regional title to go with 47 standard regional titles to bring his overall titles total to 52, moving into a tie with Traber who has 39 standard and 13 PBA50 regional wins. Both are one ahead of PBA Hall of Famer **Pete Weber**, who has 51 titles. Warren also picked up a \$1,500 first prize.

In the PBA50 semifinal round, Warren eliminated **Craig Miller** of Tracy, Calif., 241-186, and Kretzer defeated **Ty Dawson** of Sunnyvale, Calif., 236-181.

In the standard regional as part of the weekend, 40-year-old **Warren Crawford** of McKinleyville, Calif., in his first year of PBA membership, defeated **Wayne Garber** of Modesto, 245-214, to win the Vanessa Brown Homes West Open, presented by Track. In addition to the \$2,000 first prize, Crawford picked up his first PBA Regional title.

Crawford defeated **Scott Boyle** of Salida, Calif., 229-180, in the semifinal round while Garber advanced to the title match by defeating **Russ Oviatt** of Chandler, Ariz., 236-227.

• **Steve Jaros** of Yorkville, Ill., defeated **Dave Beres** of Waukesha, Wis., 185-165, to win his 43rd PBA Regional title in the PBA Celeste Walker Midwest Open, presented by American Family Insurance, at Strike N Spare II in Lockport, Ill., Saturday.

The title was Jaros' first since 2010 and earned him a \$1,800 first prize. Despite the lengthy gap between titles, the mostly-retired Jaros still ranks third on the all-time standard PBA Regional titles list behind leader **Chris Warren** (47) and **Pete Weber** (46).

Jaros defeated amateur **Kyle Anderson** of Lockport, 254-213 and Beres edged **Anthony LaCaze** of Elgin, Ill., 244-181, in the semifinal round to set up the championship match.

• **Brent Tishuk** of Belvidere, N.J., defeated **Adam Chase** of North Babylon, N.Y., 221-180, to win his first PBA title in the PBA Colony Park Lanes Eastern Challenge in York, Pa., on Saturday. PBA Challenge events are open to any member or non-member who has never won a PBA event.

Tishuk, a second-year member, had not finished higher than fourth place in PBA competition prior to this event. He was nursed his way through a muscle pull sustained earlier in the day to defeat Chase, an eight-year member who had two career runner-up finishes prior to this event. Tishuk earned \$1,500.

• Kicking off the June PBA Regional calendar over the June 8-10 weekend will be the PBA Tumwater Northwest Open presented by DV8 at Tumwater Lanes in Tumwater, Wash., and the one-day, reduced entry fee Elkhart Central/Midwest Open presented by 900 Global on June 10 at Country Club Lanes in Elkhart, Ind.

• The June 15-17 PBA Regional calendar includes the Timmy See Memorial Tavares South Open presented by MOTIV at Break Point Alley in Tavares, Fla.

• PBA Regional activity over the June 22-24 weekend will be the Homefield Bowl Eastern Open presented by MOTIV in Yonkers, N.Y.; the Pro Bowl West Central/Midwest Challenge presented by Storm in Fort

Wayne, Ind., and the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Southwest Doubles at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla.

• For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit <u>pba.com</u>, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area...and remember, you can follow "live scoring" for all PBA Regional events on <u>pba.com</u> (easily accessible for Apple device users using the PBA app).

QUICK NOTES

• Facebook fans can now add a PBA-themed frame to photos, thanks to a new feature added by PBA. Three Facebook photo frame options are available. To use one of the frames, go to your Facebook page, and click on your profile photo (to change or update...) You will see an option next to the "update photo" that says "add frame." Click add frame and search PBA to select the frame you like.

Ryan Ciminelli Again Paces PBA Xtra Frame Greater Jonesboro Open Qualifiers Defending champion Francois Lavoie sits in third heading into Sunday's cashers round

JONESBORO, Ark. (June 2, 2018) – For the second year in a row, Ryan Ciminelli of Clarence, N.Y., led qualifiers in the PBA Xtra Frame Greater Jonesboro Open at Hijinx Family Entertainment Center into Sunday's cashers round, averaging 225.75 for Saturday's first eight games.

Ciminelli, a 32-year-old lefthander and seven-time PBA Tour title winner, rolled games of 253, 209, 190, 215, 233, 243, 228 and 235 for a 1,806 pinfall total, taking the qualifying lead in the final game by 12 pins over amateur Mykel Holliman of Collierville, Tenn. Defending Jonesboro champion Francois Lavoie of Canada was third with 1,782 pins as the top 35 top qualifiers advanced to Sunday's five-game cashers round.

Lavoie defeated Ciminelli, 224-152, to win the 2017 Greater Jonesboro Open title.

The top 35 qualifiers will bowl in Sunday's five-game cashers round at 8:30 a.m. The top 16 after 13 games will bowl an eight-game match play round at noon, and the top four after 21 games will compete in the stepladder finals Sunday at 3:45 p.m. All times are Central. All of Sunday's action will be streamed live on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel. In addition to monthly and annual subscription packages, a three-day subscription is available for only \$3.99 (visit <u>xtraframe.tv</u> to sign up).

The Jonesboro Open is the third of eight PBA Xtra Frame Tour tournaments that are part of the Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule in 2018.

PBA XTRA FRAME GREATER JONESBORO OPEN Hijinx Family Entertainment Center, Jonesboro, Ark., Saturday

Final Qualifying Standings (after 8 games; top 35 advance to cashers round)

- 1, Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., 1,806.
- 2, n-Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 1,794.
- 3, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 1,782.
- 4, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,768.
- 5, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,762.
- 6, Muhammad Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia, 1,756.
- 7, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,755.
- 8, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,734.
- 9, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 1,729.
- 10, Brad Miller, Maryland Heights, Mo., 1,716.

- 11 (tie), Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., and Mitch Hupe, Towanda, Kan., 1,696.
- 13, Bobby Hall II, Landover, Md., 1,694.
- 14, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 1,689.
- 15 (tie), Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., and Darren Tang, San Francisco, 1,672.
- 17 (tie), Tyler Corbin, Corinth, Miss, and Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,671.
- 19, Alex Liew Liang, Malaysia, 1,664.
- 20, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,662.
- 21 (tie), Anthony Richmond, Sanford, Fla., and Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 1,660.
- 23, Dwight Adams, Greensboro, N.C., 1,657.
- 24, n-Joseph Grondin, San Pedro, CA, 1,655.
- 25, Jared Wolf, Lowell, Ark., 1,652.
- 26, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 1,651.
- 27, Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 1,648.
- 28 (tie), AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., and Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,644.
- 30, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,639.
- 31, Michael Tang, San Francisco, 1,632.
- 32, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,627.
- 33, Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo.,, 1,625.
- 34, Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1,623.
- 34, CJ Kirchner, Herrin, Ill., 1,623.

Failed to Advance:

- 36, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 1,621.
- 37, Billy Rogers, Dallas, Texas, 1,619.
- 38, Adrian Ang Loong, Malaysia, 1,613.
- 39, Dylan Burns, Garden City, Kan., 1,606.
- 40, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 1,602.
- 41 (tie), Shawn Maldonado, Houston, and Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 1,597.
- 43, Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., 1,589.
- 44 (tie), Jean Perez, Puerto Rico; n-Wesley Low Jr., Palmdale, Calif., and Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 1,587.
- 47, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 1,585.
- 48, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 1,583.
- 49, David (Boog) Krol, Nixa, Mo., 1,581.
- 49, Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 1,581.
- 51, Joe Findling, Mesquite, Texas, 1,573.
- 52 (tie), Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, and Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,572.
- 54, Jeff Hatt, Oklahoma City, 1,564.
- 55, Tyson Branagan, Fort Worth, Texas, 1,563.
- 56 (tie), n-Michael Dailey, Memphis, Tenn., and Zakary Edgerton, Greenville, Texas, 1,561.
- 58, Zach Doty, Campbellsville, Ky., 1,557.
- 59, Curt Dupre IV, Destrehan, La., 1,556.
- 60, Tun Ameerul Al-Hakim, Malaysia, 1,548.
- 61 (tie), Marshal Morrison, Wills Point, Texas; Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, and Victor Florie Jr, Richmond, Va., 1,544.
- 64, Chris Arcaro, Carolina Beach, N.C., 1,540.
- 65, Quinton Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 1,539.
- 66, s-n-Jeff Atkins, Hot Springs Village, Ark., 1,535.
- 67, Zachery Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,533.
- 68, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 1,529.
- 69, n-Brenden Williams, Springfield, Mo., 1,527.
- 70, Beau Peterson, Newton, Kan., 1,522.
- 71, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 1,514.
- 72, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 1,511.

73, Ahmad Muad Mohd Fishor, Malaysia, 1,505. 74, Mike Bailey, Irving, Texas, 1,504. 75, Dave Han, Birmingham, Ala., 1,500. 76, David Krol, Nixa, Mo., 1,498. 77, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 1,497. 78, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 1,495. 79, n-Will Hoge, Sand Springs, Okla., 1,491. 80, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1,489. 81, Thomas Rash, Longview, Tex., 1,473. 82, Syafiq Ridhwan, Malaysia, 1,460. 83, n-Chase Valenzuela, Little Rock, Ark., 1,450. 84, Paul Brewbaker, Midwest City, Okla., 1,448. 85, n-Trey Brand, Newcastle, Okla., 1,446. 86, n-Rameses Chambers, Kansas City, Mo., 1,422. 87, Hunter Brooks IV, Smyrna, Tenn., 1,417. 88, n-Elijah Felling, Greenbriar, Ark., 1,410. 89 (tie), Joshua Garrard, Mustang, Okla., and n-Brad Brooks, N. Little Rock, Ark., 1,403. 91, David Adcox Jr., Shawnee, Kan., 1,388. 92, Samuel Bratton, Santa Fe, Tenn., 1,384. 93, Donnie Benson, Newalla, Okla., 1,383. 94, Darren Comardelle, Gretna, La., 1,371. 95, n-Skyler Pemberton, Jonesboro, Ark., 1,369. 96, Joey Burruel, Glendale, Ariz., 1,361. 97, n-Justin Neuhard, West Plains, Mo., 1,348. 98, n-Michael Liggett, Tullahoma, Tenn., 1,338. 99, James Mayer, Richmond, Texas, 1,334. 100, n-Blake Hall, Lake City, Ark, 1,331. 101, n-Andrew Marks, Conway, Ark., 1,314. 102, n-Eddie Klingensmith, Jonesboro, Ark., 1,258. 103, n-Michael Lane, Independence, Mo., 1,241. 104, Lynn Martin, Tupelo, Mis., 1,175. 105, Charles Combs, Yukon, Okla., 1,104. n-denotes non-member

Andrew Anderson Wins PBA Xtra Frame Greater Jonesboro Open

USBC Masters winner becomes first two-time PBA Tour winner in 2018 season

JONESBORO, Ark. (June 3, 2018) – Second-year Professional Bowlers Association member Andrew Anderson of Holly, Mich., made a difficult lane condition look easy in winning the PBA Xtra Frame Greater Jonesboro Open at Hijinx Family Entertainment Center Sunday, becoming the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour's first two-time title winner in 2018.

Anderson, who won his first title in the United States Bowling Congress Masters in April, defeated Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Fla., 264-224, throwing strikes on nine of his first 11 attempts on a lane condition the other finalists had a hard time carrying back-to-back strikes.

Daugherty finally solve the challenging scoring conditions in the title match, but back-to-back 8 pins on solid pockets in the eighth and ninth frames hits stalled his hopes for a rally.

"The other right-handers kinda helped build a shot for me," the 24-year-old Anderson said. "I had a really good game plan and stuck to it, and it worked out."

In addition to his two titles, Anderson also finished third in the PBA Tournament of Champions in February, putting him in to strong early contention for PBA Player of the Year honors.

"I certainly hope so," he said. "I have a lot more bowling to do, but Player of the Year is definitely one of my goals."

In the first stepladder match, Daugherty eliminated defending Jonesboro champion Francois Lavoie of Canada, 193-168, throwing only three strikes in 11 attempts, but converting all eight spares in his nonstrike frames. Lavoie, who won the 2017 Jonesboro title after qualifying fourth, fell behind after leaving the 3-4-6-7-9-10 split in his fifth frame, which he failed to convert. A second failed spare conversion in the seventh frame sealed his fate.

Daugherty then earned his berth in the title match with a 218-175 win over Malaysia's 21-year-old lefthanded star, Rafiq Ismail. Daugherty threw consecutive strikes in the sixth and seventh frames - the first double of the finals – to take an insurmountable lead after Ismail had open frames in the sixth and eighth frames.

PBA's Xtra Frame Storm Cup series continues next Saturday and Sunday with the PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Open at South Plains Lanes in Lubbock, Texas, where Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., is defending champion after defeating EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., 233-194. All of the Lubbock action will be streamed live on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel. In addition to monthly and annual subscription packages, a three-day subscription is available for only \$3.99 (visit <u>xtraframe.tv</u> to sign up).

PBA XTRA FRAME GREATER JONESBORO OPEN Hijinx, Jonesboro, Ark., Sunday

Final Standings:

- 1, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., \$12,500.
- 2, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., \$6,500.
- 3, Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia, \$3,500.
- 4, Francois Lavoie, Canada, \$2,300.

Stepladder Results:

Match One: Daugherty def. Lavoie, 193-168. Semifinal Match: Daugherty def. Ismail, 218-175. Championship: Anderson def. Daugherty, 264-224.

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

- 1, Anderson, 7-1, 4,748.
- 2, Ismail, 4-4, 4,726.
- 3, Daugherty, 7-1, 4,666.
- 4, Lavoie, 4-4, 4,656.
- 5, Mitch Hupé, Towanda, Kan., 6-2, 4,628, \$1,800.
- 6, Brad Miller, Maryland Heights, Mo., 4-4, 4,607, \$1,500.
- 7, n-Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 5-3, 4,547, \$1,450.
- 8, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 3-5, 4,524, \$1,400.
- 9, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 4-4, 4,523, \$1,350.
- 10, Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., 4-4, 4,485, \$1,300.
- 11, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 3-5, 4,481, \$1,250.
- 12, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 3-4-1, 4,476, \$1,200.
- 13, Jared Wolf, Lowell, Ark., 3-4-1, 4,434, \$1,150.
- 14, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 3-5, 4,418, \$1,100.

15, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 3-5, 4,371, \$1,050. 16, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 0-8, 4,328, \$1,000.

Other Cashers (after 13 games):

- 17, Michael Tang, San Francisco, 2,693, \$740.
- 18, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 2,690, \$730.
- 19, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 2,684, \$725.
- 20, Alex Liew Liang, Malaysia, 2,679, \$720.
- 21, Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo.,, 2,678, \$715.
- 22, n-Joseph Grondin, San Pedro, CA, 2,668, \$715.
- 23, Tyler Corbin, Corinth, Miss, 2,666, \$710.
- 24, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 2,660, \$710. 25, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,635, \$710.
- 26, Dwight Adams, Greensboro, N.C., 2,620, \$710.
- 27, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 2,601, \$705.
- 28, Bobby Hall II, Landover, Md., 2,599, \$705.
- 29, CJ Kirchner, Herrin, Ill., 2,594, \$705.
- 29, Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 2,594, \$705.
- 31, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 2,585, \$700.
- 32, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2,577, \$700.
- 33, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 2,573, \$700.
- 34, Anthony Richmond, Sanford, Fla., 2,554, \$700.
- 35, Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 2,534, \$700.

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FloSports, Professional Bowlers Association Announce Multiyear Rights Agreement PBA's Xtra Frame to be available exclusively on FloBowling.com

AUSTIN, Texas (June 5, 2018) – FloSports, the innovator in live digital sports and original content, today announced a multiyear rights partnership with the Professional Bowlers Association (PBA). As part of the announcement, FloSports will launch FloBowling.com, a new site where fans can access PBA's Xtra Frame for live and on-demand PBA coverage and more. The site will offer fans access to professional competition, breaking news, highlights, original documentaries, and more.

The agreement enables FloSports to provide live and on-demand coverage for more than 40 professional events each year with increased production value at several competitions, such as the Go Bowling! PBA Tour, PBA50 Tour and PBA Regional Tour. Live coverage beginsJune 30.

As part of the new partnership, Xtra Frame subscribers will have their monthly or yearly subscriptions automatically transferred to a FloSports PRO subscription at no cost. Subscribers will continue to pay their current rates and, as a bonus, will gain access to FloSports' extensive variety of sports channels.

FloBowling will also serve as title sponsor of the FloBowling PBA Fall Swing, Oct. 14-20, at The Lanes at Coffee Creek in suburban Tulsa, Okla. The multi-event tournament, open to an elite field of 120 PBA members only, will be covered exclusively on FloBowling.com and will award three PBA Tour titles during the PBA Wolf Open, PBA Bear Open and FloBowling Tulsa Open events. A full list of the remaining 2018 schedule is as follows:

- June 30-July 2 PBA Parkside Lanes Open, Aurora, Ill.
- July 18-20 PBA50 River City Extreme Open presented by Ebonite, River City Extreme, Monticello, Minn.
- July 24-26 PBA50 South Shore Open presented by Hammer, Olympia Lanes, Hammond, Ind.

• July 27-29 – Storm PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles, Copperfield Bowl, Houston, Texas.

• July 29-31 – PBA50 Security Federal Savings Bank Championship presented by Track, Dave Small's Heritage Lanes, Kokomo, Ind.

• Aug. 5-7 – PBA50 Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic presented by RotoGrip, Anderson, Ind.

• Aug. 10-12 – PBA50 Cup presented by DV8, Spectrum Lanes, Wyoming, Mich.

• Aug. 14-16 – PBA60 Dick Weber Championship presented by 900 Global, Pro Bowl West, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

- Aug. 18-19 PBA Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic, Mid-County Lanes, Middletown, Del.
- Aug. 25-26 PBA Kenn-Feld Group Classic Pla-Mor Lanes, Coldwater, Ohio.
- Sept. 29-30 PBA50 Storm Invitational, Planet Fun Bowling & Entertainment Center, Shallotte, N.C.
- Oct. 14-20 FloBowling PBA Fall Swing including PBA Wolf Open, PBA Bear Open and Tulsa Open, The Lanes at Coffee Creek, Tulsa, Okla.
- Oct. 25-30 U.S. Open, Northrock Lanes, Wichita, Kan.

In addition to live streaming PBA events, FloBowling will also have international rights for all Xtra Frame linear events, as well as video-on-demand streaming of Go Bowling! PBA Tour telecasts one week after they air on their respective networks, including CBS Sports Network, FOX Sports and FS1.

"We're thrilled to announce our partnership with the PBA and we're excited to elevate coverage of the sport," FloSports SVP, Global Rights Acquisition Phil Wendler said. "Our focus is to make this a win for bowling fans around the world through considerable investments, including enhanced production, original documentaries, athlete profiles, breaking news, behind-the-scenes access and more."

"FloSports has proven it is capable of supporting and growing sports beyond those we typically see on television," said Tom Clark, PBA CEO & Commissioner. "We're excited to team up with FloSports and give fans an outlet where they can find high quality coverage of our events unlike ever before."

Clark noted that current Xtra Frame subscribers will soon see improvements and innovation in FloBowling's coverage as PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling is the next evolution in live streaming of the greatest bowlers and bowling events in the world, and added that FloBowling subscribers will also have PRO access to more than 20 channels across the FloSports network at no additional cost.

By the end of July 2018, all active Xtra Frame subscriptions will be transferred to FloBowling. Subscribers will receive an email from FloBowling with instructions explaining how to claim their accounts.

Fans can watch all of the matches across every screen by downloading the FloSports app on iOS, Roku, or Apple TV 4, as well as on desktop and mobile web via FloBowling.com.

For more information, visit<u>www.FloSports.tv</u>.

Belmonte Advances to PBA Tour Finals Title Match After Group 1 Semifinal Round Win

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (June 5, 2018) – Four-time PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte of Australia won his PBA Tour Finals Group 1 stepladder semifinal round at Thunderbowl Lanes to earn the first berth in the title match. The Group 1 Semifinal Round aired Tuesday on CBS Sports Network.

In a battle of two of the premier two-handed stars on the Go Bowling! PBA Tour, Belmonte, the reigning player of the year, defeated three-time PBA Tour titlist Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas, 2-0, in the best of two-game final match to advance to the title match which will air on CBS Sports

Network Tuesday, June 19 at 8 p.m. ET. Belmonte will face the winner of the Group 2 Semifinal Round, which airs next Tuesday (June 12) at 8 p.m.

Starting with nine strikes in the first game of the final match on the 45-foot Dick Weber lane condition, Belmonte barely won a strike-fest with Simonsen, 265-259. In the second game, Belmonte overcame a 35-pin deficit in the fifth frame after failing to convert the 3-6-10 but then capitalized on an open frame by Simonsen in the sixth and then picked up the 3-4-7-10 split in the sixth frame before reeling off five consecutive strikes.

Belmonte was still trailing by 10 pins heading into the ninth frame when Simonsen fell victim to the same unusual 3-4-7-10 split in the 10th, which he did not convert, ending his hopes. Belmonte doubled in the 10th frame to win the second game, 239-216, for a two-game sweep.

"The start of the match was good, but all of a sudden there was an abrupt change and I couldn't find the (lane condition) blend with the ball I was using," Belmonte said about his second game mid-match troubles. "I switched to a ball with more surface and was able to start striking again."

Had Belmonte and Simonsen tied after the second match they would have entered a 9th and 10th frame roll-off to break the tie.

"You never allow yourself to think you're out of the match," Belmonte added. "Even though I was assured of a roll-off after winning the first game, I was thinking as long I can still string strikes to win, I'm still in it. The pressure was actually off so if I could start throwing strikes, there was an opportunity to force him to throw another strike somewhere to stay ahead of me."

Sean Rash started the Group 1 Semifinals stepladder with a 279-169 win over England's Dom Barrett. Simonsen then eliminated Rash, 247-218, to move on to the title match.

Belmonte, who was runner-up in the 2017 PBA Tour Finals will take on the winner of the Group 2 Semifinal which will involve Tommy Jones, Marshall Kent, Jesper Svensson and EJ Tackett, the group's top qualifier and the defending PBA Tour Finals champion.

As the runner-up in Group 1, Simonsen will bowl in the third-place match vs. the Group 2 runner-up in the opening match of the final show on June 19.

The semifinal stepladder rounds, as well as the championship round, feature the best-of-two-game championship final match with ties broken by a 9th and 10th frame roll-off. The two group winners will then meet in the best-of-two-game championship match which will airJune 19.

PBA TOUR FINALS GROUP 1 SEMIFINAL ROUND RESULTS (Winner advances to championship match to air on CBSSN June 19 at 8 p.m ET)

Match One – Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill. def. Dom Barrett, England, 279-169.
Match Two – Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas def. Rash, 247-218.
Best-of-two-game Championship Match - Jason Belmonte, Australia def. Simonsen, 265-259 and 239-216.

CBS Sports Network PBA Tour Finals Remaining Schedule Thunderbowl, Allen Park, Mich. (all times Eastern) June 12 – 8 p.m. - PBA Tour Finals Group 2 Semifinal Stepladder

June 12 – 8 p.m. - PBA Tour Finals Group 2 Seminnal Steplado June 19 – 8 p.m. - PBA Tour Finals Championship

Marshall Kent to Defend PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Open Title

Top young players take on proven title-winners at South Plains Lanes

LUBBOCK, Texas (June 6, 2018) – Former PBA Rookie of the Year Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., will lead a powerful field of established and rising PBA stars that will invade South Plains Lanes Saturday and Sunday to defend his PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Open title against a potent field of PBA Tour champions, international players and future stars of professional bowling.

Kent, the 2014 PBA Rookie of the Year, won his first PBA singles title in the U.S. in Lubbock last year, defeating EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., 233-194, in the title match. Lubbock also was the site of another milestone win in 2016 when Jakob Butturff of Chandler, Ariz., defeated two-hander Shawn Maldonado of Houston, 207-205, to win his first PBA Tour title.

The 2018 PBA Xtra Frame Tour produced another first time champion when Puerto Rico's Cristian Azcona won the Xtra Frame Wilmington Open on May 20 in North Carolina, and last Sunday, 23-year-old Andrew Anderson of Holly, Mich., won his second title of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season in the Xtra Frame Greater Jonesboro Open in Arkansas. Anderson won his first title in the United States Bowling Congress Masters in April.

Lubbock could easily see another first-time winner emerge from a field of highly-regarded young players who are trying to build Rookie of the Year resumes. But standing their way will be an equally talented group of established PBA Tour title winners, including Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C.; Anderson; DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas; Azcona; Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas; Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz.; Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla.; Francois Lavoie, Canada; Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas; Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev.; Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill.; Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., and Tackett.

To add even more spice to the event, several Team Malaysia national team members, including Asia's top ranked player, 21-year-old left-hander Rafiq Ismail, are entered.

The tournament gets underway at 8:30 a.m. Saturday with the first of two eight-game qualifying squads. The other half of the field will bowl its qualifying round at 3:30 p.m., with the top one-third of the field advancing to a six-game cashers round Sunday at 8:30 a.m. The top 16 players after 14 games will bowl an eight-game match play round at 12:15 p.m., and the top four after 22 games will compete in the stepladder finals Sunday at 4:15 p.m. All times are Central.

All of Saturday's and Sunday's action will be streamed live on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel. In addition to monthly and annual subscription packages, a three-day subscription is available for only \$3.99 (visit <u>xtraframe.tv</u> to sign up).

In addition to the PBA competition, Lubbock area grassroots bowlers will have an opportunity to bowl with the PBA stars in a pro-am on Friday at 7 p.m. For pro-am information, call South Plaines Lanes at (806) 794-4844.

PBA XTRA FRAME LUBBOCK SPORTS OPEN South Plains Lanes, Lubbock, Texas, June 8-10 (all times CDT)

Friday, June 8 3 p.m. - Practice session 7 p.m. – Pro-Am squads

Saturday, June 9 8:30 a.m. - A Squad, 8 qualifying games 3:30 p.m. – B Squad, 8 qualifying games

Top one-third of field after 8 games advance to cashers round

Sunday, June 10

- 8:30 a.m. Top one-third of field, six games
 - Top 16 after 14 games advance to match play
- 12:15 p.m. Top 16, eight games modified round robin match play
 - Top four after 22 games advance to stepladder finals
- 4:15 p.m. Top four based on 22-game composite pinfall advance to a stepladder finals

In Return to Professional Competition Florida's James Campbell Leads After USBC Masters First Round by JSchneider | Wednesday, June 06, 4:57 AM

In Return to Professional Competition Florida's James Campbell Leads After USBC Masters First Round By Matt Cannizzaro, USBC Communications

LAS VEGAS - For years, James Campbell of Clearwater, Florida, enjoyed continued success as a member of the PBA South Region, but in recent years, the time he used to spend on the lanes has been devoted to his family and watching his son play baseball.

Now that his son Jeffrey's playing days have concluded, his family has encouraged him to return to toptier competition, and he's already making his presence known at the 2018 United States Bowling Congress Senior Masters, where he is the leader after the first day of qualifying.

Campbell averaged more than 244 for five games Tuesday at the Sam's Town Bowling Center on the way to a 1,221 total, and he used a 287 effort in his fourth game to surge past Michael Haugen Jr. of Phoenix, who set the bar on the day's opening squad with a 1,188 total.

James Hansen of Anchorage, Alaska, who bowled on the "double-burn" with Campbell, closed with games of 266 and 258 to also slip past Haugen with a 1,192 total. Brian LeClair of Delmar, New York, finished the day fourth with 1,187 and was followed by Keith Lesko of Prosper, Texas (1,185).

"This actually is the first time I've ever led a national tournament, so hopefully with my regional experience and how I bowled last year, both really well in qualifying and not so good in match play, I can build on that," said Campbell, a 2004 Team All-Events champion at the USBC Open Championships. "I've still got 10 games to go, so it's definitely not over yet. I'm hoping to get there and see what happens."

Now that he's in his 50s and a little older and wiser, Campbell has made an effort to learn more about his bowling equipment in general, how to be more strategic with changing and using different surfaces and just being more versatile on today's dynamic oil patterns.

During qualifying at the 2018 USBC Senior Masters, all 272 competitors will get a chance to see three variations of the 41-foot oil pattern - fresh, burn and double-burn - since the lanes only are being oiled once per day, so Campbell will have to put his knowledge to the test.

Being able to make it to the 64-player double-elimination match-play bracket and have a chance at this week's \$20,000 top prize will take patience and versatility.

"I hook the ball, so the best game for me is standing left and throwing it right," Campbell said. "I imagine over the next two days I'll have to go straighter and straighter, but I feel like those are adjustments I'm

comfortable making now. I definitely think I know more than I did years ago, especially about the equipment and knowing how different surfaces affect different types of balls."

Campbell didn't step away from the game all together, he just scaled back his bowling to leagues and local tournaments and decided to put his PBA membership on hold, while sharing priceless experiences with his family. His son played four years of Division I baseball and spent a year in the Atlanta Braves organization.

"With my son in high school and college, I wanted to go watch him play ball, and we had a great time traveling the country to get to see him play," Campbell said. "Really, I just didn't have as much time to bowl. I put my family first, and we had some great experiences. Since things have changed a little, they're actually the ones who have encouraged me to get back to bowling."

Campbell has since rejoined the PBA and is eligible to earn his first PBA50 major title this week in Las Vegas.

Qualifying at the 2018 Senior Masters continues Wednesday at 11 a.m., live on BowITV, and Campbell will return to Sam's Town at 3 p.m. Eastern for his five games on the burn.

He intends to continue drawing on the experience of his Senior Masters debut in 2017, where he made match play but lost his first two matches, along with his time this season at PBA50 and PBA regional events, where success has helped build his confidence coming into this week.

After three days of qualifying, 15-game pinfall totals will determine the 63 bowlers who will join defending champion Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Florida, in the double-elimination match-play bracket.

Williams is tied for 43rd place after Tuesday's opening round with a 1,072 total. The USBC and PBA Hall of Famer is guaranteed the No. 64 seed if he falls out of the cut, but he can improve his seeding for match play during qualifying.

After five games, Kevin Anderson of Mount Juliet, Tennessee, and Toby Contreras of Lee's Summit, Missouri, are tied for 63rd place with 1,058, a 211.6 average.

All rounds of qualifying and match play are being broadcast live on BowITV, and the five players who advance through the bracket will battle for the title in the stepladder finals Sunday at 1 p.m. Eastern.

PBA50 Player of the Year Race Heats Up With Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open

Season's third major returns to Suncoast Bowling Center in Las Vegas June 11-15

LAS VEGAS (June 7, 2018) – As the 2018 PBA50 Tour season reaches the halfway mark, the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm, which gets underway June 11-15 at the Suncoast Bowling Center in Las Vegas, will no doubt be a pivotal event in establishing momentum for the PBA50 Player of the Year race as it heads into the second half of the season.

Among the players 50 years of age and older competing this week in the USBC Senior Masters who will also compete in the Senior U.S. Open, defending champion and 2017 PBA50 Rookie of the Year Michael Haugen Jr. currently leads in points with 12,604 after five events. Haugen won the PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open presented by Brunswick in May and also has third-, sixth- and ninth-place finishes to his credit so far this season. In 2017, the five-time winner on the regular PBA Tour won the low-scoring Senior U.S. Open championship match over eventual 2017 PBA50 Player of the Year Brian LeClair, 173-158, for his first PBA50 Tour title.

Less than 200 points behind Haugen is ageless PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr., who has three runner-up finishes this season. Williams, at age 58, is in pursuit of his 12th PBA50 Tour title and has accumulated 12,449 points thus far in 2018.

Depending on his performance in this week's Senior Masters, Williams, an 11-time PBA50 Tour winner, would tie for second on the all-time list with Gary Dickinson, Tom Baker and Dale Eagle if he were to win the Senior U.S. Open. While he has won two Senior Masters titles (2014 and 2017), he is still trying for his first Senior U.S. Open win.

Williams, despite his plethora of PBA records at all levels, always wants to add to his portfolio. Among the records he is chasing is the all-time record of 14 PBA50 Tour titles held by John Handegard.

With one win this season, PBA Hall of Famer Ron Mohr of Las Vegas sits in third on the points list with 11,037. Mohr achieved professional bowling's highest honor earlier this year when he was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame because of his accomplishments on PBA's tour for players 50 years of age and older. Still highly competitive at age 62, the 2011 Senior U.S. Open champion and two-time runner-up has established one of the most successful track records in PBA50 Tour history ranking among the top 10 in every key statistical category every year he has competed as a "senior" player. He has never had a PBA50 season averaging below 220.

While he's a distant seventh in the POY points standings, PBA Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli, who has top finishes of fifth, sixth and seventh so far this season, will try to make history as the Senior U.S. Open's first three-time winner. The eight-time PBA50 Tour winner won back-to-back Senior U.S. Open titles in 2012 and `13.

The Senior U.S. Open begins with the first of four six-game qualifying rounds on June 11 at 9 a.m. PT. Qualifying continues Tuesday through Thursday after which the top 25 percent of the field will advance to Friday's first match play round at 8 a.m. After the second match play round at noon, the top five players will be determined for the stepladder finals scheduled for 4:15 p.m.

Practice sessions are scheduled for June 10 at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. with pro-am squads, where grassroots amateur bowlers and bowl with the pros, scheduled for 1 and 3 p.m. For pro-am entry information fans should contact the Suncoast Bowling Center at (702) 636-7400.

The entire Senior U.S. Open will be covered live on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame. For subscription and schedule information visit <u>www.xtraframe.tv</u>.

SUNCOAST PBA SENIOR U.S. OPEN PRESENTED BY STORM SCHEDULE Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas (all times Pacific)

Sunday, June 10

8 a.m. A Squad practice 10 a.m. - B Squad practice 1, 3 p.m. - Pro-Am squads

Monday, June 11

9 a.m. - A Squad qualifying (6 games) 1:30 p.m. - B Squad qualifying (6 games)

Tuesday, June 12

9 a.m. - B Squad qualifying (6 games) 1:30 p.m. - A Squad qualifying (6 games)

Wednesday, June 13 9 a.m. - A Squad qualifying (6 games) 1:30 p.m. - B Squad qualifying (6 games)

Thursday, June 14
9 a.m. - B Squad qualifying (6 games)
1:30 p.m - A Squad qualifying (6 games)
(Top 25 percent of the field after 24 games advance to modified round robin match play)

Friday, June 15

8 a.m. - Match Play Round 1 (6 games) Noon - Match Play Round 2 (6 games) *(Top five advance to stepladder finals)* 4:15 p.m. - Stepladder Finals

Defending Champion EJ Tackett Seeks Finals Berth Against Jason Belmonte in PBA Tour Finals' Group 2 Semifinal Round Tuesday on CBS Sports Network

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (June 7, 2018) – Reigning PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte has already earned his spot in the PBA Tour Finals championship match after winning the Group 1 semifinal round, and now he awaits his opponent. Next Tuesday (June 12) at 8 p.m. ET, defending PBA Tour Finals winner EJ Tackett will try to set up a re-match with Belmonte when the CBS Sports Network airs the Group 2 semifinal stepladder round.

After leading his four-player Group 2 in the positioning round portion of the PBA Tour Finals, Tackett, the 2016 PBA Player of the Year, enters the Group 2 stepladder round as top qualifier. If he wins the semifinal round, Tackett will face Belmonte in a title re-match on June 19 at 8 p.m. ET. Tackett won the inaugural PBA Tour Finals title in Orlando, Fla., last year defeating Belmonte, 666-628, in the three-game total pinfall match.

To earn the top rung in the Group 2 semifinal stepladder, Tackett posted a 912 four-game pinfall total on four different lane conditions, topping No. 2 qualifier Jesper Svensson, a seven-time tour winner, with 900; four-time tour winner Marshall Kent (870) and 18-time tour titlist Tommy Jones (843). Kent and Jones will bowl a one-game match to start the round. The winner will meet Svensson in another one-game match, with that winner advancing to a best-of-two-game finale against Tackett.

In the first two positioning rounds, all eight players competed on the PBA's Johnny Petraglia 36, Mark Roth 42, Don Carter 39 and Dick Weber 45 lane conditioning patterns (the numerical distinction refers to the distance in feet oil is applied to the lanes for each pattern). As top qualifiers in their respective groups, both Belmonte and Tackett selected the Weber condition for their semifinal rounds.

All eight PBA Tour Finals contestants earned their berths as leading money winners in Go Bowling! PBA Tour competition between 2016 and the first four months of 2018. Now Belmonte, the 2017 runner-up, is assured of another shot at the PBA Tour Finals title after sweeping Anthony Simonsen, 2-0, in the Group 1 semifinal round. Simonsen will face the loser of the Group 2 semifinal round in a match to decide third-place prior to the best-of-two-game title match on the June 19 telecast.

CBS Sports Network PBA Tour Finals Remaining Schedule Thunderbowl, Allen Park, Mich. (all times Eastern)

June 12 – 8 p.m. - PBA Tour Finals Group 2 Semifinal June 19 – 8 p.m. - PBA Tour Finals Championship

Knee Injury Doesn't Prevent Brian LeClair From Taking Second Round Lead in USBC Senior Masters by jschneider | Wednesday, June 06, 9:31 PM

Knee Injury Doesn't Prevent Brian LeClair From Taking Second Round Lead in USBC Senior Masters By Matt Cannizzaro, USBC Communications

LAS VEGAS - A month ago, Brian LeClair rolled a 123 game at a PBA50 event, and he thought it might be the last game he ever bowled.

While shooting a left-side spare during match play at the PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open presented by Brunswick in Farmingdale, New York, something popped in his left knee. The result was excruciating pain, an early exit from the event and an uncertain competitive future.

With the help of a specially made knee brace, which was expensive and is quite robust, the reigning PBA50 Player of the Year has been able to continue bowling, and you'd never be able to tell by his scores at the 2018 USBC Senior Masters that anything is off.

The 53-year-old right-hander has averaged more than 240 through two rounds of qualifying this week at the Sam's Town Bowling Center and tops the standings with a 10-game total of 2,406, which includes 10 games over 200 on the way to blocks of 1,187 and 1,219.

LeClair moved past first-round leader James Campbell of Clearwater, Florida, during the final game of Wednesday's second round, and while there would have to be a lot of miles on his knee brace between now and hoisting the USBC Senior Masters trophy on Sunday, he's just grateful to even have the chance to compete.

"When I got done in Long Island at the last senior stop of the East Coast swing, I thought I was done," said LeClair, a three-time PBA50 champion. "I was in so much pain. I bowled 120 the last game to miss the cut, and I really thought that was it. If I can come back and win the Senior Masters after walking off the lanes that day, it would be pretty special and something I never could've expected."

However, there are 271 other competitors at Sam's Town this week also gunning for the coveted title and \$20,000 top prize, including defending champion Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Florida, who is one of three bowlers in the field looking to win the event for a record third time.

Campbell finished Wednesday's second round 14 pins behind LeClair with a 2,392 total and was followed by Keith Lesko of Prosper, Texas (2,343), two-time Senior Masters champion Pete Weber of St. Ann, Missouri (2,308), and 2015 Senior Masters winner Amleto Monacelli of Venezuela (2,293).

Williams, a USBC and PBA Hall of Famer and the only bowler to win both the Senior Masters and USBC Masters twice each, is in 16th place after two days of qualifying with a 2,210 total. He is guaranteed the No. 64 seed if he falls out of the cut, but he can improve his seeding for match play during qualifying.

LeClair's current condition stems back two decades to a blown-out anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) that needed to be reconstructed. The pop on the lanes in May, which he described as an awful sound, essentially was the ACL graft coming loose. With the lack of cartilage on the right side of his knee, the pain he feels is the bones moving around and hitting each other.

Cortisone shots did not help, and he's not yet a candidate for a knee replacement, so the options were pretty limited. The custom knee brace turned out to be the best choice for now and clearly hasn't slowed down his scoring pace, but it will take some time to manage the limitations and pain associated with it.

"I'm pretty sore today, and it's the first time I've bowled back-to-back days since getting the brace," LeClair said. "It's not so much the pain, because the brace helps with that. It's more the achiness and swelling, and I'm going to have to put some serious ice on it tonight to be ready for the morning."

Since the competitors at the Senior Masters bowl at a different time each day to give them a chance to see all three variations of the 41-foot oil pattern - fresh, burn and double-burn - LeClair will return to the Sam's Town Bowling Center bright and early to lead C Squad back onto the lanes at 11 a.m. Eastern.

Additional qualifying squads will take place at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Eastern, after which, the field will be cut from 272 to the 63 bowlers who will join Williams in the double-elimination match-play bracket. After 10 games, Ted Staikoff of Black Hawk, South Dakota, is 64th with a 2,106 total, a 210.6 average.

As a side note, if LeClair is able to maintain his place in the top 64 and advance to match play, his \$1,200 knee brace could be paid in full, even if he doesn't win a match.

"It's hard to put it all in perspective because I honestly thought I was done, since I was in so much pain," said LeClair, who also is in the bowling pro shop business. "I'm in pain now, but nothing like the pain I was in after it happened. I didn't know what my future was when I walked off the lanes in Farmingdale, one of my favorite places to bowl, and to be here this week means a lot. I bowled yesterday with no pain and bowled even better today, even with some pain. But, at least I can bowl."

All rounds of qualifying and match play are being broadcast live on BowITV, and the five players who advance through the bracket will battle for the title in the stepladder finals Sunday at 1 p.m. Eastern.

For complete USBC Senior Masters second round results click on http://scores.bowl.com/2018SeniorMasters/2018SeniorMastersQualifying2.pdf

PBA to Present Boston Red Sox Star Mookie Betts with 300 Game Ring

BOSTON, Mass. – Professional Bowlers Association CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark will be on hand for a special presentation prior to tonight's Boston Red Sox-Chicago White Sox game at Fenway Park to award Red Sox all-star right fielder Mookie Betts with a PBA 300 ring for the perfect game Betts rolled during the PBA World Series of Bowling in Reno, Nev., on Nov. 12, 2017.

While Red Sox fans know Betts is one of the most talented players in Major League Baseball and having an MVP-level season, most of his fans know he has other skills as well. Betts, who is leading the Major Leagues with a .359 batting average and fifth in the American League with 17 home runs so far this season, was a top high school bowler in Tennessee and his mother Diana Benedict is a veteran of many national bowling competitions.

Last November, Betts was competing alongside 194 of the world's premier professional bowlers from 26 different countries in the PBA World Series of Bowling at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno. During that event – the largest and most prestigious international competition in bowling – Betts bowled the first 300 game ever bowled by a Major League Baseball player in PBA Tour competition.

PBA Spare Shots

NINE CONSECUTIVE DAYS OF XTRA FRAME COVERAGE BEGINS TODAY

Nine consecutive days of exclusive live coverage of PBA, PBA50 and PWBA events on Xtra Frame begins Friday with two days of action from the PWBA Louisville Open. PBA action then kicks in with Saturday-Sunday coverage of the PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Open from South Plains Lanes in Lubbock, Texas.

In Lubbock, **Marshall Kent** will not be on hand to defend his 2017 title (he's attending his brother's graduation), so the fourth title in eight Xtra Frame PBA Tour events on the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule is up for grabs. Qualifying round coverage for two squads on Saturday begins at 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. ET followed by the cashers round Sunday at 9:30 a.m., modified eight-game round robin match play at 1:15 p.m. and the stepladder finals at 5:15 p.m.

Next up will be the PBA50 Tour's Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open, presented by Storm, at Suncoast Bowling Center in Las Vegas. Four rounds of qualifying will air Monday, June 11, through Thursday, June 14, at noon and 4:30 p.m. ET (9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Pacific), followed by match play and the stepladder finals on Friday. The finals will air at 7 p.m. ET (4 p.m. PT). **Michael Haugen Jr.** (*pba.com home page feature photo*) is defending champion.

While the Senior U.S. Open is wrapping up, the PWBA Greater Harrisburg Open will get underway in Harrisburg, Pa., on Friday, with the final rounds airing on Saturday.

After a week-long break, Xtra Frame returns June 25-29 with exclusive coverage of the preliminary rounds of U.S. Women's Open from Orlando, Fla. **Liz Johnson** of Palatine, Ill., will be trying for her fifth consecutive, and seventh overall, U.S. Women's Open title. CBS Sports Network with air the stepladder finals live on Saturday, June 30, at 5 p.m. EDT.

Currently underway, PBA50 players are competing in the USBC Senior Masters in Las Vegas which is being live streamed on USBC's <u>bowl.tv</u>. The tournament ends Sunday.

Fans can still enroll as XtraFrame subscribers through June 29 by visiting <u>xtraframe.tv</u>. An entire month of coverage costs only \$7.99. A three-day subscription is also available through June 25 for \$3.99, and the 12-month Season Ticket plan is offered for about \$1.25 week. Monthly and year-long subscriptions will be honored by FloSports as the PBA moves to Xtra Frame on FloBowling as of June 30. As of June 30, new subscribers will enroll through FloSports.com at the current FloSports PRO subscription rates.

PUERTO RICO BECOMES 10TH COUNTRY TO WIN PBA TOUR TITLE

Officially the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico is an unincorporated territory of the United States, but it's considered a country in its own right on the PBA's growing list of countries that have produced a PBA Tour title winner after **Cristian Azcona** won the PBA Xtra Frame Wilmington Open in May.

Prior to 2009, Sweden's **Mats Karlsson** (1986), Venezuela's **Amleto Monacelli** (1987) and Finland's **Mika Koivuniemi** (2000) were the only international players to capture PBA Tour titles. There were no international champions in the first PBA World Series of Bowling in 2009 (although Australia's **Jason Belmonte** got his country's first PBA title earlier that year), but in WSOB II in Las Vegas, the influx of international competition in PBA Tour events began to blossom. South Korea's **Yong-Jin Gu** won the WSOB II Scorpion Championship in Las Vegas as an amateur, and therefore didn't get credit for an official title. In WSOB III, England (**Stuart Williams**) and Colombia (**Andres Gomez**) got their respective country's first title.

Since then, the list of countries to claim a PBA Tour title has expanded to include Denmark (**Thomas** Larsen, 2013), Canada (**Graham Fach**, 2016), Thailand (**Jojoe Yannaphon**, 2017) and Puerto Rico

became No. 10 in May. Among the countries with multiple titles, England leads with four (Williams, **Dom Barrett**, **Paul Moor** and **Richie Teece**). Finland (Koivuniemi and **Osku Palermaa**), Sweden (Karlsson and **Jesper Svensson**), Canada (Fach and **Francois Lavoie**) and Thailand (Yannaphon and **Annop Arromsaranon**) have two each. Three Japanese players and one Korean have won the Japan Cup over the years, but none was a PBA member at the time.

"COMMISSIONER'S CHALLENGE" DRAWS A CROWD TO PBA BOWLING CHALLENGE GAME

Do you think you can out-bowl the best of the PBA...on your smartphone? Well, more than 25,000 people took on PBA Commissioner **Tom Clark**'s lineup of PBA stars in the "PBA Bowling Commissioner's Challenge" in mid-May and only 1.16 percent beat the odds!

The "Challenge" involved the highly-popular PBA Bowling Challenge for mobile devices by Concrete Software, inviting players to beat a gauntlet of PBA stars, in order. Lose a match and you had to start over. The 24,500 unique players who tried played a total of 879,000 games. Among the players, 23,700 won at least one match, but only 283 "out-bowled" the entire field (#PBA #GoBowling).

For the record, the Challenge was successful enough that both Google and iOS featured it on their sites while the friendly competition was taking place. Special stand-alone events within the game (Weekend Challenges, Commissioner's Challenge, etc.) will be regular events on the PBA Bowling Challenge game in the future, so if you'd like to play, keep an eye open for future announcements. If you are a registered PBA Bowling Challenge player, you'll get notices when a new game or "challenge" is scheduled. There is no charge to play the special games/challenges.

EBONITE RECOGNIZES JASON COUCH'S 25 YEARS OF INVOLVEMENT WITH THE COMPANY

Ebonite International wanted to do "something special" to recognize PBA Hall of Famer **Jason Couch**'s 25 years of involvement with the company, as a competitor, coach and regional sales rep.

"They don't come any more loyal than this guy. His passion bleeds through," said Ebonite's North American Sales Manager **Mike Judy** before unveiling a sign featuring a silhouette of Couch's iconic "three-peat" gesture after winning his third consecutive PBA Tournament of Champions title. The "Jason Couch Way" sign will reside at the entrance to Ebonite's plant in Hopkinsville, Ky.

"I don't know what to say. This is a shock," Couch said.

Click here to view the

presentation: <u>https://www.facebook.com/Ebonitebowling/videos/10160447296775243/?hc_ref=ARQz6b5</u> <u>BhqbsilpZ_JOAmxyN_GPxW-GAV_NFAjhqJyGqiN8xGO07sFZpI1JSRhH3FHc</u>

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: COMPETITION RESUMES NEXT WEEKEND

There was no activity over the first weekend of June, so kicking off the June PBA Regional calendar over the June 8-10 weekend will be the PBA Tumwater Northwest Open presented by DV8 at Tumwater Lanes in Tumwater, Wash., and the one-day, reduced entry fee Elkhart Central/Midwest Open presented by 900 Global on June 10 at Country Club Lanes in Elkhart, Ind.

• The June 15-17 PBA Regional calendar includes the Timmy See Memorial Tavares South Open presented by MOTIV at Break Point Alley in Tavares, Fla.

• PBA Regional activity over the June 22-24 weekend will be the Homefield Bowl Eastern Open presented by MOTIV in Yonkers, N.Y.; the Pro Bowl West Central/Midwest Challenge presented by Storm in Fort Wayne, Ind., and the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Southwest Doubles at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla.

• For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit <u>pba.com</u>, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area...and remember, you can follow "live scoring" for all PBA Regional events on <u>pba.com</u> (easily accessible for Apple device users using the PBA app).

QUICK NOTES

• PBA star **Sean Rash**'s bowling session with three National Hot Rod Association stars was captured in a short video by FOX Sports. Here's the clip: <u>https://www.nhra.com/videos/2018/richie-crampton-and-jr-todd-pick-bowling-tips</u>.

• Noticeably absent from the PBA50 Tour this season has been PBA Hall of Famer and 12-time PBA50 Tour titlist **Tom Baker** of King, N.C., who is recovering from back surgery. Baker, 63, has said he hopes to return for the last segment of the 2018 PBA50 Tour schedule.

• **Roy Okamoto** of Rosemead, Calif., will receive a new high-performance ball from MOTIV, **Sarah Germano** of Rochester, N.Y., wins a new Brunswick ball, and **Andrew Davitz** of Montgomery, Ala., is the winner of a new high-performance ball from DV8 as May Xtra Frame sweepstakes winners. The monthly sweepstakes is sponsored by the respective PBA Product Registered partners. Winners are randomly selected from among new monthly or full-year Xtra Frame subscribers.

Hall of Famer Chris Barnes Paces PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Open Qualifying Fellow Wichita State alum Roger Petrin trails by nine pins heading into cashers round

LUBBOCK, Texas (June 9, 2018) – Recently-inducted Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, averaged 240.5 for eight games to lead the PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Open at the end of qualifying Saturday at South Plains Lanes.

Barnes, an 18-time PBA Tour title winner who hasn't won since 2015, rolled games of 276, 254, 217, 235, 258, 279, 215 and 190 – his only sub-200 game - for a 1,942 pinfall total and a nine-pin lead over Roger Petrin of Arlington, Texas.

Petrin, 27, is a fifth-year PBA member who has won three regional titles, but is still trying for his first PBA Tour title. Barnes, a 20-year PBA member, and Petrin are among the several Wichita State University collegiate bowlers in the field of 121.

In third place heading into Sunday's cashers round is two-handed player Shawn Maldonado of Houston with 1,909 pins. Former PBA Players of the Year EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., with a 1,906 total, and Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., at 1,904, rounded out the top five as the 40 high qualifiers advanced to the cashers round were

After the six-game cashers round, the top 16 based on 14-game pinfall totals will advance to an eightgame modified round-robin match play round. The top four after 22 games will advance to the stepladder finals. At stake Sunday is a \$12,500 first prize and a PBA Tour title if the winner is a PBA member.

Sunday's cashers round, match play and stepladder finals will be live-streamed on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel at 8:30 a.m., 12:15 and 4:15 p.m. CDT, respectively. Monthly and annual Xtra Frame subscription packages are available for \$7.99 and \$64.99, respectively, through June 29. Three-day passes for \$3.99 are available through June 25. Visit <u>xtraframe.tv</u> to enroll. After June 29, FloSports subscription rates will apply.

The Lubbock Sports Open is the fourth of eight PBA Xtra Frame events that are part of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule. The next Xtra Frame event will be the PBA Parkside Lanes Open June 30-July 1 at Parkside Lanes in Aurora, Ill., launching PBA's new relationship with FloBowling.com.

PBA XTRA FRAME LUBBOCK SPORTS OPEN presented by Ebonite South Plains Lanes, Lubbock, Texas, June 9

Final Qualifying Standings (after 8 games; top advance to Sunday's cashers round):

- 1, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,924.
- 2, Roger Petrin, Arlington, Texas, 1,915.
- 3, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 1,909.
- 4, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,906.
- 5, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,904.
- 6, Mike Bailey, Irving, Texas, 1,902.
- 7, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 1,886.
- 8, Michael Tang, San Francisco, 1,883.
- 9, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,879.
- 10, Tun Ameerul Al-Hakim, Malaysia, 1,867.
- 11, n-Wesley Low Jr., Palmdale, Calif., 1,856.
- 12, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 1,852.
- 13, Ahmad Muaz, Malaysia, 1,849.
- 14, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,826.
- 15 (tie), Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., and n-Deo Benard, Rio Rancho, N.M., 1,821.
- 17, n-Levi Fintel, Lubbock, Texas, 1,820.
- 18, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 1,813.
- 19, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 1,807.
- 20 (tie), s-Martin Bedford, Gasport, N.Y., and Marshal Morrison, Wills Point, Texas, 1,803.
- 22, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 1,799.
- 23, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,794.
- 24, Trey Sledge, Amarillo, Texas, 1,790.
- 25, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 1,783.
- 26, Alex Liew Liang, Malaysia, 1,779.
- 27, Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 1,778.
- 28, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,776.
- 29, Vaughn Cruz, Helotes, Texas, 1,754.
- 30, Russ Oviatt, Chandler, Ariz., 1,750.
- 31, n-Zach Wojciechowski, Lubbock, Texas, 1,744.
- 32 (tie), Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C., and Bobby Hall II, Landover, Md., 1,740.
- 34 (tie), Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia, and n-Zachary Harvey, Albuquerque, N.M., 1,738.
- 36, Tyler Albracht, Amarillo, Texas, 1,737.
- 37, David (Boog) Krol, Nixa, Mo., 1,734.
- 38, Michael Smith, Centennial, Colo., 1,733.
- 39, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1,729.
- 40, Mitch Hupé, Canada, 1,726.

Failed to advance:

- 41, n-Matthew Stephens, Houston, Texas, 1,721.
- 42, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 1,715.
- 43 (tie), Kyle King, Glendale, Ariz., and Billy Rogers, Dallas, Texas, 1,712.
- 45, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 1,710.
- 46, n-Victor de la Garza Jr., Mexico, 1,707.
- 47, Michael Steele, Abilene, Texas, 1,705.
- 48, Donald Davis Jr., W. Tawakoni, Texas, 1,698.
- 49, Syafiq Ridhwan, Malaysia, 1,693.

- 50 (tie), Jonathan Lawson, Canyon, Texas, and n-Stefan Wood, Lubbock, Texas, 1,689.
- 52 (tie), Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, and n-Scotty Pope Jr., Odessa, Texas, 1,683.
- 54, Dylan Burns, Garden City, Kan., 1,682.
- 55, Brian Burkett, Ennis, Texas, 1,671.
- 56, n-Mitchell Whitehead, Sachse, Texas, 1,669.
- 57, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 1,666.
- 58 (tie), Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., and n-Eric Manthei, Lumberton, Texas, 1,662.
- 60 (tie), Clint Land, Houston, and Michael Duran, Banning, Calif., 1,658.
- 62, Adrian Ang Loong, Malaysia, 1,651.
- 63, n-Jason Tidwell, Odessa, Texas, 1,647.
- 64, n-Nick Burgess, Jersey Village, 1,646.
- 65, Zulmazran Zulkifli, Malaysia, 1,645.
- 66, s-Mark Waters, Plainview, Texas, 1,641.
- 67 (tie), Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., and Scotty Scott, Wylie, Texas, 1,639.
- 69, Juan Garza, Lubbock, Texas, 1,635.
- 70, n-Dalton Kimzey, Lubbock, Texas, 1,633.
- 70, Mason Edmondson, Amarillo, Texas, 1,633.
- 72, Donnie Benson, Newalla, Okla., 1,632.
- 73, n-Kevin Pennington, Amarillo, Texas, 1,624.
- 74, Adam Pogge, Austin, Texas, 1,621.
- 75, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 1,616.
- 76, Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 1,610.
- 77, Brett Cooper, Denver, 1,608.
- 78, Joe Findling, Mesquite, Texas, 1,607.
- 79, Cody Meiers, Lubbock, Texas, 1,581.
- 80, Jeffrey Wertz, Plainview, Texas, 1,579.
- 81, William Grant, Rio Rancho, N.M., 1,568.
- 82, n-Blayne Hurst, Amarillo, Texas, 1,563.
- 83 (tie), Harley Deckert, Odessa, Texas, and Kenneth Harlan, Lubbock, Texas, 1,557.
- 85, CJ Kirchner, Cartersville, Ill., 1,544.
- 86, Guillermo Espinosa, Rio Rancho, N.M., 1,539.
- 87, n-Alberto Mirasole, Abilene, Texas, 1,534.
- 88 (tie), Blake Demore, Springfield, Mo., and Carlos Fourzan, Albuquerque, N.M., 1,528.
- 90, Dave Chubb, Farmington, N.M., 1,522.
- 91, Eric Altenburg, Albuquerque, N.M., 1,518.
- 92, Dylan Macon, Amarillo, Texas, 1,516.
- 93, Christopher Hull, Odessa, Texas, 1,512.
- 94 (tie), Lee White, Odessa, Texas, and n-Madeleine McDuff, Katy, Texas, 1,495.
- 96, Michael Gallagher, Midland, Texas, 1,487.
- 97, n-Brandi Stephens, Lubbock, Tex., 1,484.
- 98, Francis Russo, Richmond, Texas, 1,474.
- 99, John Reichert, Dalhart, Texas, 1,471.
- 100, Richard VanHorn, Carlsbad, N.M., 1,469.
- 101, n-Stan McClain, Rosenberg, Texas, 1,467.
- 102, n-Cole Schroyer, Stanton, Texas, 1,464.
- 103, n-Bradley Harvey, Albuquerque, NM, 1,459.
- 104, Anthony Coats, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,449.
- 105, Cody Copeland, Abilene, Texas, 1,448.
- 106, n-Alec Willingham, Midland, Tex., 1,437.
- 107 (tie), Shane Martin, Lubbock, Texas, and n-Austin Williams, Odessa, Texas, 1,415.
- 109, Alan Blankenship, Denison, Texas, 1,413.
- 110, n-Tylor Babcock, Amarillo, Tex., 1,409.
- 111, Gabriel Yanes, Shertz, Texas, 1,408.

- 112, Don Blankenship, Odessa, Texas, 1,396.
- 113, Jorge Gutierrez, Las Cruces, N.M., 1,366.
- <u>114, n-Clinton</u> Watkins, Andrews, Texas, 1,349.
- 115, David Wilson, Amarillo, Texas, 1,348.
- 116, Doug Chap, Katy, Texas, 1,330.
- 117, n-Jason Thomas, Wylie, Texas, 1,308.
- 118, n-Kurt Stuve, Carlsbad, N.M., 1,262.
- 119, n-Susan Saccomen, Katy, Texas, 1,198.
- 120, Phillip Scoggins, Midland, Texas, 1,179.
- 121, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 986 (withdrew).

300 Games: Nick Pate, Ahmad Muad Mohd, Andrew Anderson.

LAS VEGAS - United States Bowling Congress and PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Florida, says he doesn't necessarily have an A-game.

Instead, he has multiple games, and the key to picking the right one is paying attention to what the lanes are telling him, a practice that has earned him a reputation as one of the world's most versatile bowlers and helped him secure the top seed for the stepladder finals of the 2018 USBC Senior Masters.

The 54-year-old right-hander averaged nearly 238 at the Sam's Town Bowling Center on the way to a 6-0 record in the event's double-elimination match-play bracket, and he locked up the No. 1 seed Saturday with a 706-660 win against 2017 PBA50 Rookie of the Year Michael Haugen Jr. of Phoenix.

Haugen will enter the stepladder in the second position, and he and Duke will be joined by No. 3 Keith Lesko of Prosper, Texas, No. 4 Chris Warren of Grants Pass, Oregon, and No. 5 Ron Mohr of nearby North Las Vegas, Nevada.

The championship round will be broadcast live on Bowltv on Sunday, beginning at 1 p.m. Eastern, with the winner taking home a \$20,000 top prize and the second major title of the 2018 PBA50 season.

"I'm very happy with how things went, as this is what we work for and train for," said Duke, owner of 38 PBA Tour titles and four PBA50 wins. "And, yes, I'm in the enviable position, but I haven't won anything yet. There's still work to do."

Duke considers his opening match Saturday morning against Michael Calvin of Warren, Michigan, to be the most pivotal moment of the week for him because it was close throughout and came down to the final frames.

The win tested him both mentally and physically and set the tone for the rest of the day.

"I know that match was the one that got me here," Duke said. "It came down to the ninth and 10th, and while I was on the approach, I told myself, 'Norm, this is what major championships are about. You either rise now in the middle of this, or you may not last to the end.' I was able to lift myself and finished out strong to get that victory."

Duke noted that in the matches that followed, his opponents struggled early, and he was able to put together some big games, allowing him to build a lead from the start.

That's exactly how his meeting with Haugen went. Duke started with a 257 game, while Haugen finished with 178, a deficit he could not recover from, despite responding with a 269 effort the following game.

Haugen is the frontrunner in the 2018 PBA50 Player of the Year race after winning the PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open presented by Brunswick in early May.

A win at the Senior Masters this week would give him his third career PBA50 title and second major victory. He won the 2017 Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open, which came on the heels of an early exit from the 2017 Senior Masters. It was Duke who handed him the first of his two consecutive losses at the Senior Masters last year.

"I'm happy to be on the show, but now I have to win two games to win the title, and I'd definitely have to bowl Norm again to do it," Haugen said. "But, if you want to be the best, you have to beat the best, and he's one of the best in the world. I'll bring my game tomorrow and try to get it done."

Before getting a shot at redemption against Duke, Haugen will have to face one of the other three talented players who made the stepladder.

Lesko, Warren and Mohr emerged from a four-player shootout round Saturday that featured the last players in the Elimination Bracket.

Lesko, a 52-year-old right-hander competing in his first major of any kind, finished the three-game match with a 279 effort, including a rolled 2 pin late in the game, to catapult from third place after two games, to the top spot in the shootout with a 732 set.

Warren followed with a 724 series, while Mohr grabbed the final spot with 722. Mohr held a slim lead over Warren after two games, but a fourth-frame washout in the finale proved to be the difference. PBA titlist Darryl Bower of Middletown, Pennsylvania, finished fourth in the shootout with a 609 series and was eliminated, finishing sixth overall at the event.

Warren, a six-time PBA Tour champion who is seeking his first PBA50 title, had the most noteworthy run in match play this week, having won seven consecutive matches in the Elimination Bracket, just to earn a spot in the shootout round.

Shortly after receiving an award Friday for having the highest block in the third round of qualifying, the 54-yearold right-hander lost his first match, 511-501, to the No. 56 seed, Jerry Smith of Englewood, Colorado. Over his next 24 games at Sam's Town, Warren averaged 251, rolled an 847 in a victory over Noel Vazquez of Sacramento, California, and used the second perfect game of the 2018 event to outlast and eliminate defending champion Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., 772-756.

Williams, who was looking to become the first bowler in more than a decade to win the Senior Masters in consecutive years, as well as become the event's first three-time winner, finished in a tie for ninth place. His first loss came to Lesko in the Winners Bracket.

If Warren or Duke can win the 2018 Senior Masters, the victor would add his name to the short list of bowlers who have won both the USBC Masters and Senior Masters. Only Dave Soutar and Williams have achieved the feat, with Williams winning each one twice. Warren is the 1990 Masters champion, while Duke claimed the title in 1993.

Chris Barnes Wins PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Open for 19th Title

New PBA Hall of Famer strikes out in 10th frame to defeat Jakob Butturff by one pin

LUBBOCK, Texas (June 10, 2018) – Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, struck out in the 10th frame to defeat top qualifier Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz., 207-206, to win the PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Open Sunday at South Plains Lanes.

With his first title since the 2016 DHC PBA Japan Invitational, Barnes improved his overall PBA Tour titles total to 19, moving into sole possession of 15th place on the all-time titles list.

"They don't get any more fun than that," the 48-year-old Barnes said. "For a lot of reasons, (winning in Lubbock) is really special. As an experienced player, I know I'm not going to have a lot more moments like this, so it's pretty special to stand up here. This one went the right way.

"Fortunately, or maybe unfortunately, I've had a lot of failures to learn from in situations like that," Barnes added. "You learn how to breathe, how to enjoy the moment. When Jakob got that bad break, you ask yourself, how cool would it be to pull this off?"

Neither player could get a sustained string of strikes going, and both made a key mistake early in the match, but Butturff, the 2016 Lubbock Sports Open winner, failed to lock up the title when he struck and

then left a 10 pin on his second ball in the 10th frame. That gave Barnes a chance to win with three strikes in his 10th frame.

"I'd like to get to 22 titles. That's Marshall (Holman's) number and he's an idol of mine, but for now, to be one title ahead of Tommy Jones is fine with me," said Barnes, who was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame earlier in the year. He and Jones are long-time rivals, but also close friends and frequent doubles partners who are in a good-natured, on-going contest to see who can win the most PBA Tour titles.

In the first stepladder match, Barnes won the battle between former PBA Players of the Year, defeating Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, 258-223. One pin separated the two until the 10th frame when Malott left and failed to convert the 3-4 split.

Barnes then advanced to the championship match by throwing strikes on nine of his first 10 shots to race past PBA rookie Nick Pate of Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 269-214. Pate, the 2017 Male Collegiate Bowler of the Year with Midland University, couldn't match Barnes' strike pace.

The Lubbock Sports Open was the fourth of eight PBA Xtra Frame events that are part of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule. The next Xtra Frame event will be the PBA Xtra Frame Parkside Lanes Open June 30-July 1 at Parkside Lanes in Aurora, Ill., launching PBA's new relationship with FloBowling.com. Monthly and annual Xtra Frame subscription packages are available for \$7.99 and \$64.99, respectively, through June 29. Three-day passes for \$3.99 are available through June 25. Visit <u>xtraframe.tv</u> to enroll. After June 29, FloSports subscription rates will apply.

PBA XTRA FRAME LUBBOCK SPORTS OPEN presented by Ebonite South Plains Lanes, Lubbock, Texas, June 10

Final Standings:

- 1, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, \$13,000.
- 2, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., \$7,000.
- 3, Nick Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., \$4,000.
- 4, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, \$2,200.

Stepladder Results:

Match One: Barnes def. Malott, 258-223. Semifinal Match: Barnes def. Pate, 269-214. Championship: Barnes def. Butturff, 207-206.

Final Match Play Standings (after 22 games, including match play bonus pins):

- 1, Butturff, 6-2, 5,425.
- 2, Pate, 7-1, 5,346.
- 3, Malott, 5-3, 5,325.
- 4, Barnes, 5-3, 5,310.
- 5, Ahmad Muaz, Malaysia, 5-3, 5,269, \$1,800.
- 6, n-Wesley Low Jr., Palmdale, Calif., 5-3, 5,204, \$1,600.
- 7, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 4-4, 5,193, \$1,550.
- 8, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 4-4, 5,180, \$1,500.
- 9, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 4-4, 5,172, \$1,450.
- 10, n-Deo Benard, Rio Rancho, N.M., 3-5, 5,156, \$1,400.
- 11, Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., 3-5, 5,104, \$1,350.
- 12, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 3-5, 5,073, \$1,300.
- 13, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 4-4, 5,050, \$1,250.
- 14, Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia, 3-5, 5,026, \$1,200.

15, Roger Petrin, Arlington, Texas, 1-7, 4,929, \$1,150. 16, Mike Bailey, Irving, Texas, 2-6, 4,870, \$1,100.

Other Cashers (after 14 games):

- 17, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 3,145, \$750.
- 18, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 3,130, \$745.
- 19, Tun Ameerul Al-Hakim, Malaysia, 3,126, \$740.
- 20, Michael Tang, San Francisco, 3,122, \$735.
- 21 (tie), Vaughn Cruz, Helotes, Texas, and Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 3,105, \$730.
- 23, David (Boog) Krol, Nixa, Mo., 3,071, \$725.
- 24, Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C., 3,065, \$725.
- 25, Alex Liew Liang, Malaysia, 3,064, \$725.
- 26, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 3,056, \$720.
- 27, Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 3,041, \$720.
- 28, s-Martin Bedford, Gasport, New York, 3,033, \$720.
- 29, Bobby Hall II, Landover, Md., 3,031, \$715.
- 30, Marshal Morrison, Wills Point, Texas, 3,019, \$715.
- 31, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 2,995, \$715.
- 32, Mitch Hupé, Canada, 2,993, \$710.
- 33, Tyler Albracht, Amarillo, Texas, 2,933, \$710.
- 34, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 2,932, \$710.
- 35, Russ Oviatt, Chandler, Ariz., 2,929, \$705.
- 36, Trey Sledge, Amarillo, Texas, 2,902, \$705.
- 37, n-Levi Fintel, Lubbock, Texas, 2,900, \$705.
- 38, n-Zach Wojciechowski, Lubbock, Texas, 2,898, \$700.
- 39, Michael Smith, Centenniel, Colo., 2,870, \$700.
- 40, n-Zachary Harvey, Albuqueque, N.M., 2,842, \$700.
- 300 Games: Sean Lavery-Spahr.

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LAS VEGAS - For more than 40 years, Chris Warren of Grants Pass, Oregon, has looked up to and learned from United States Bowling Congress and Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Florida.

Warren was able to put those lessons to work Sunday at the Sam's Town Bowling Center as he defeated his childhood friend, live on BowITV, two times to win the 2018 USBC Senior Masters for his first PBA50 title.

WarrenChris2018SMTrophyForWeb465x262He earned \$20,000 for the victory and became the third bowler in history to win both the USBC Masters and Senior Masters, joining Dave Soutar and Walter Ray Williams Jr. in the exclusive club. Warren's Masters title came in 1990 as one of his six career wins on the PBA Tour.

As the undefeated top seed in the double-elimination format, Duke had a second chance at the title after falling 269-220 in the first game of the title tilt.

Duke got out to an early lead in the rematch after Warren left, and failed to convert, a 7-10 split in the second frame. Warren rallied to finish with seven consecutive strikes and a nine-count on his fill ball, forcing Duke to strike on the first shot of his final frame and get at least eight and a spare to win by a single pin.

After delivering the strike he needed, Duke left the 3-4-6-7-9-10 combination to fall short, 246-241.

"There's no words to describe how good Norm Duke is," said Warren, a PBA journeyman whose last national title came in 1992. "Norm beat me at what I do best, which is throwing strikes, but it came down to one error. I outscored him, but he bowled an incredible game. You never want to see that happen to your buddies, and it happened. I just feel fortunate to have been there, and winning really is incredibly special."

Prior to making the deciding shot, Duke did the math, knew what he needed to win, or at least tie, and used his decades of experience to make the best shot he could.

"I trusted myself to make my shot, and I didn't," said Duke, who has 38 PBA Tour titles and four PBA50 wins. "But, I look back and say, 'Norm, you made the greatest shot in the history of your lifetime for the win, and you won it there, and then you lost it.' I won it with one shot and lost it with another. That is sport. This is hurting right now, and it's supposed to. If it didn't hurt, we wouldn't care. And if we care, it hurts. This is a tough one, but Chris is an excellent, excellent, excellent player, and a well-deserving champion, and I'm so happy for him."DukeNormDespair2018SMForWeb250x140

Warren, Duke, hall of famer Del Ballard Jr. and a slew of other Southwest standouts grew up bowling together in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. They've pushed each other for decades and shared countless successes and defeats.

In Warren's recollection, they beat up on him pretty handily, but it helped make him the bowler he is. That's still true today, along with the continued support of his six brothers, three sisters, wife, Michelle, and mother, Mary, who turned 92 this weekend.

"Norm is someone who could always execute and make his spares, and I learned a lot from him in those areas, and Del is someone I always looked up to because he had no fear," Warren said. "Del still helps me work on a lot of things, both mentally and physically, and Norm has helped me with my spare game tremendously. It's amazing. Yes, we're competitors, but we're also lifelong friends. We're family."

On the way to the 2018 Senior Masters title, Warren broke four tournament records.

Including the shootout round that helped him earn his spot in the stepladder finals, and the second game with Duke on Sunday, Warren bowled a record 14 matches at the Sam's Town Bowling Center. He collected 13 wins, which were consecutive, both records, after losing his first match to Jerry Smith or Englewood, Colorado, 511-501. The streak includes surviving the shootout round.

In his 14 matches, Warren averaged a record 243.9, including a high series of 847 in a win over Noel Vazquez of Sacramento, California, and a 300 game on the way to eliminating Williams, the defending champion, 772-756.

Two-time Senior Masters champion Tom Baker of King, North Carolina, previously held the tournament records for most matches (13), most wins in one tournament (12) and most consecutive wins (nine), all set in 2006 on the way the first of his two consecutive Senior Masters wins. Ross Packard of San Jose, California, averaged 243.8 in match play at the 2005 event.

As he climbed his way to the title from the No. 4 position Sunday at Sam's Town, Warren averaged 255 for his five games, shooting 236, 234, 290, 269 and 246.

In the semifinal Sunday at Sam's Town, Warren defeated 2017 PBA50 Rookie of the Year and 2018 PBA50 Player of the Year frontrunner Michael Haugen Jr. of Phoenix, 290-197.

Warren left a 2 pin in the first frame and then rattled off 11 consecutive strikes, while Haugen left a 7-10 split on his first offering and only was able to throw one double the rest of the way.

Warren earned the meeting with Haugen by defeating PBA50 newcomer Keith Lesko of Prosper, Texas, who was competing in the first major event of his career, 234-168.

The opening match of the stepladder was a nail-biter against two-time PBA50 Player of the Year Ron Mohr of North Las Vegas, Nevada, in which Mohr had an opportunity to shut out Warren with two strikes and nine pins in his final frame.

Instead, Mohr left a ringing 10 pin on his first shot, allowing Warren to strike on his first shot to seal the win. He achieved that and tossed two more strikes to escape with a 236-217 victory.

The Senior Masters is the premier event for USBC members age 50 and older, and the 2018 edition featured 272 entries.

All competitors bowled 15 games over three days to determine the 63 bowlers who joined Williams in the double-elimination match-play bracket.

Defending Champion Michael Haugen Jr. Edges Mark Williams For First Round Lead in Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open

LAS VEGAS (June 11, 2018) – Defending champion Michael Haugen Jr. of Phoenix, got his title defense off to a good start by taking the first round lead in the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented Storm Monday at the Suncoast Bowling Center.

The 2017 PBA50 Rookie of the Year bowled a 1,370 six-game pinfall total (228.3 average) to edge out PBA Hall of Famer and 2010 Senior U.S. Open winner Mark Williams of Beaumont, Texas, who finished one pin behind in second with 1,369.

"I'm just trying to keep it simple," said the 51-year-old Haugen. "I have my equipment where I want it to be, which makes it a lot easier to make the adjustments I need to make. I don't have a lot of balls in my arsenal but the ones that I do have I'm really confident in."

Haugen, who won the PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open presented by Brunswick in May for his second career PBA50 Tour title and finished third in the United States Bowling Congress Senior Masters Sunday for his second third-place finish of the season, bowled games of 255, 166, 235, 237, 247 and 230 in the first round.

"The 166 game was just a pair (of lanes) I couldn't get a good read on," said the five-time winner on the PBA Tour. "I wasn't really worried about it at that point. I just had to make sure I got back to basics in the third game – make good shots, wash, rinse and repeat."

Like a lot of bowlers on the PBA50 Tour, the experience gained over a long successful career many times substitutes for the lack of practice and regular competition.

Such was the case for Williams who bowled games of 225, 245, 238, 215 247 and 199 in his first round.

I'm thrilled with the start but it's early yet," said the 60-year-old bowling proprietor. "At this point in the tournament, you can't win, you can only lose because of the challenging format and conditions.

"Because I don't bowl as much as I used to I really have to rely on a good start to raise my confidence level for the rest of the tournament," he added. "Right now my confidence level is pretty high."

Rounding out the top five after the first round of the third PBA50 major of the season were non-member Bob Baer of Henderson, Nev.; 1,340; PBA Hall of Famer Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 1,336 and Marty Deh, San Jose, Calif., 1,327.

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SUNCOAST PBA SENIOR U.S. OPEN Presented by Storm Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Monday

FIRST ROUND (after 6 games)

- 1, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,370.
- 2, ss-Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 1,369.
- 3, n-Bob Baer, Henderson, Nev., 1,340.
- 4, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 1,336.
- 5, Marty Deh, San Jose, Calif., 1,327.
- 6, Rolando Sebelen, Dominican Republic, 1,326.
- 7, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,325.
- 8, ss-Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 1,323.
- 9, n-Steven Badovinac, Parker, Colo., 1,319.
- 10, (tie) Robert Lawrence, Austin, Texas, and Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 1,316.
- 12, (tie) n-Marv Sargent, Temecula, Calif., and Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 1,315.
- 14, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 1,313.
- 15, ss-Rick Minier, Houston, 1,306.
- 16, Allan Sennevall, Sweden, 1,305.
- 17, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,302.
- 18, n-Paul Fleming, Bedford, Texas, 1,301.
- 19, Eddie Graham, Kettering, Ohio, 1,296.
- 20, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,295.
- 21, Andrew Frawley, Australia, 1,291.
- 22, Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 1,290.
- 23, Joseph Petrovich, Tracy, Calif, 1,289.
- 24, Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland, 1,284.
- 25, n,ss-Ben Hoefs, Mobile, Ala, 1,282.
- 26, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 1,281.
- 27, Eric Forkel, Henderson, Nev., 1,280.
- 28, (tie) Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., and Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 1,268.
- 30, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1,263.
- 31, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,261.
- 32, (tie) n-Tish Johnson, Colorado Springs, Colo., and Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,260.
- 34, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 1,257.
- 35, Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 1,256.

- 36, ss-Michael Lucente, Warren, Mich., 1,255.
- 37, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,252.
- 38, ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 1,251.
- 39, n-Barry Zimmerman, Grand Forks, N.D., 1,250.
- 40, Peter Knopp, Germany, 1,249.
- 41, ss-David Axon, Bellevue, Neb., 1,243.
- 42, ss-Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., 1,240.
- 43, Christer Petersson, Sweden, 1,238.
- 44, (tie) ss-Junichi Yajima, Japan, and Jan Larsen, Sweden, 1,236.
- 46, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 1,235.
- 47, Mark Mazzulla, Brentwood, Calif., 1,234.
- 48, n-David Bolles, Stockton, Calif., 1,231.
- 49, Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 1,229.
- 50, ss-Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 1,228.
- 51, (tie) Mike Kanada, Camarillo, Calif., Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, and Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 1,225.
- 54, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 1,224.
- 55, Mike Mineman, St Louis, 1,223.
- 56, (tie) Pat Nolan, Japan, and ss-Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 1,222.
- 58, Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 1,221.
- 59, Troy Kendrick, Las Vegas, Nev., 1,220.
- 60, ss-Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 1,217.
- 61, n-John Hricsina Jr., Las Vegas, 1,216.
- 62, (tie) ss-Skip Pavone, San Jose, Calif., and Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 1,215.
- 64, Noel Vazquez, Sacramento, Calif., 1,214.
- 65, n-Dana Wright, St. Paul, Minn., 1,212.
- 66, (tie) ss-Don Lane, San Francisco, and n-Pete Toth, Las Vegas, 1,210.
- 68, Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., 1,206.
- 69, n, ss-Bill Oakes, Lawton, Okla, 1,203.
- 69, (tie) ss-Stan Winters, Simi Valley, Calif., and Dennis Horan Jr., Oakley, Calif., 1,203.
- 72, Warren Eales, Chandler, Ariz., 1,199.
- 73, Doug O'Bryant, Ball Ground, Ga., 1,195.
- 74, (tie) Olle Svenson, Lerum, Sweden, and ss-Randy Turner, Shallowater, Texas, 1,194.
- 76, (tie) Charles Allen Jr., Pell City, Ala., and n-Jimmie Pritts Jr., Mathuen, Mass., 1,193.
- 78, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 1,192.
- 79, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 1,190.
- 80, n, ss-Darwin Wimer, Mesquite, Nev., 1,188.
- 81, n-Klaus Lischka, Germany, 1,187.
- 82, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 1,185.
- 83, n-Steven Smith, San Diego, 1,182.
- 84, (tie) Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., and Lennart Nyman, Sweden, 1,179.
- 86, ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 1,178.
- 87, (tie) ss-Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., and n-Dave Cirigliano, Phoenix, 1,176.
- 89, ss-Robert Donovan, Prattsville, N.Y., 1,175.
- 89, Doug Kempt, Arcadia, Calif., 1,175.
- 91, (tie) Jonny Hall, Sweden, and Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 1,174.
- 93, Andrew Warren, Austin, Tex., 1,172.
- 94, Darron Peters, Temecula, Calif., 1,171.
- 95, (tie) ss-James Storts, Westfield, Ind., and ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 1,170.
- 97, ss-Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 1,167.
- 98, n,ss-Ron Hosler, Englewood, Colo., 1,165.
- 99, Hakan Fast, Sweden, 1,163.
- 100, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 1,161.

- 101, ss-John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 1,160.
- 102, (tie) David Allen, Las Vegas, and ss-Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 1,157.
- 104, Daniel Miyamoto, Mililani, Hawaii, 1,156.
- 105, ss-Kerry Fulford, Ft. Worth, Texas, 1,154.
- 106, Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 1,148.
- 107, (tie) n-Jeff Row, Humbolt, Ariz., ss-Toby Contreras, Lee's Summit, Mo., and ss-Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 1,144.
- 110, Randy Macomber, University Place, Wash., 1,143.
- 111, n-John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo. 1,139.
- 112, Tony Rodriguez Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 1,132.
- 113, (tie) ss-John Parry, Oak Park, Calif., and ss-Mike Schmid, St. Paul, Minn., 1,131.
- 115, Greg McDaniel, Kimball, Neb., 1,127.
- 116, ss-Lew Elting, Carlsbad, Calif., 1,125.
- 117, n-Marty Hinton, Henderson, Nev., 1,120.
- 118, n-Sean Couse, Henderson, Nev., 1,118.
- 119, ss-Ray Valdovino, Sacramento, Calif., 1,117.
- 120, n-Joe Baca, Brentwood, Calif., 1,113.
- 121, n-Mike Yuwiler, Las Vegas, 1,111.
- 122, Rob Rice, Sunnyside, Wash., 1,108.
- 123, n,ss-Jay Gneiting, Aberdeen, Idaho, 1,106.
- 124, (tie) Klas Thunberg, Sweden, and ss-Raymond Scrivens, Jr., Athens, Pa., 1,104.
- 126, Daniel Knafo, Valencia, Calif., 1,101.
- 127, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 1,100.
- 128, n-Dennis Klein, Phoenix, 1,099.
- 129, n-Paul Renteria, Henderson, Nev., 1,098.
- 130, Timothy Regan, East Northport, N.Y., 1,093.
- 131, John Kidwell, Indianapolis, Ind., 1,090.
- 132, (tie) Jon DeLaney, McKinney, Texas, and Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 1,089.
- 134, n,ss-Paul Appling, Camarillo, Calif., 1,088.
- 135, Norm Spurlock, Kenner, La., 1,087.
- 136, n-Anthony Figuiera, Gardena, Calif., 1,086.
- 137, (tie) n,ss-Robert Callari, Cordova, Tenn., and ss-Crister Danielsson, Sweden, 1,082.
- 139, Richard McNeill, Yorktown, Va., 1,081.
- 140, Tomas Karlsson, Sweden, 1,080.
- 141, ss-Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., 1,075.
- 142, n,ss-David Graber, Las Vegas, 1,074.
- 143, John Austin Jr., League City, Texas, 1,069.
- 144, n-Shane Horsman, Fircrest, Wash., 1,068.
- 145, Joe Beck, Montgomery, Ala., 1,063.
- 146, ss-Russ Simmons, Fontana, Calif., 1,061.
- 147, ss-Garry Blanton, Owensboro, Ky., 1,055.
- 148, ss-Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 1,053.
- 149, Frank Paganelli, Las Vegas, Nev., 1,043.
- 150, Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 1,040.
- 151, ss-Rodney Garrick, San Francisco, 1,038.
- 152, ss-Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 1,028.
- 153, n,ss-Nelson Sand, Maple Valley. Wash., 1,021.
- 154, Jon J.J. Jensen, Olympia, Wash., 1,020.
- 155, ss-Tim Pierce, Portland, Ore., 1,015.
- 156, n,ss-Dale Knight, Las Vegas, 1,014.
- 157, n,ss-William Mcgee, Great Falls, Mont., 1,012.
- 158, ss-Ross McDonald, Las Vegas, Nev., 999.
- 159, Ron Anderson, Canyon Country, Calif., 985.

160, ss-Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 975. 161, Brett Roberts, Taylor, Mich., 949.

n-non-member ss-PBA60 player ages 60 and over

Devon Miller Wins First Title in PBA Elkhart Central/Midwest Open

Elkhart, Ind. (June 10, 2018) – Devon Miller of Dublin, Ohio defeated Andrew Klingler of Grand Rapids, Mich., 224-182, to win the PBA Elkhart Central/Midwest Open presented by 900 Global at Country Club Lanes Sunday for his first PBA Regional title and a \$2,000 first prize.

Miller topped Chris Colella of Indianapolis, 219-213, while Klingler downed Jason Lundquist of Columbus, Ohio, 209-188, in the semifinal round to set up the championship match. Klingler earned \$1,050 for second place. Colella and Lundquist each earned \$825 as semifinal round losers.

The next PBA Central Region event will be the Pro Bowl West Central/Midwest Challenge for players who have never won a PBA title in Ft. Wayne, Ind., June 22-23.

PBA ELKHART CENTRAL/MIDWEST OPEN PRESENTED BY 900 GLOBAL Country Club Lanes, Elkhart, Ind., Sunday

Championship:

Devon Miller, Dublin, Ohio (\$2,000) def. Andrew Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich. (\$1,050), 224-182.

Semifinal Round (losers eliminated and earned \$825 each):

Miller def. Chris Colella, Indianapolis, Ind., 219-213. Klingler def. Jason Lundquist, Columbus, Ohio, 209-188.

Round of 8 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$625 each):

Miller def. Tyler Wilds, Three Rivers, Mich., 2-1. Colella def. Aaron Beaver, Goshen, Ind., 2-0. Klingler def. Frank Snodgrass, Center Line, Mich., 2-1. Lundquist def. n-Bill Crane III, Mooresville, Ind., 2-1.

Round of 12 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$525 each):

Miller def. Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 2-1. Lundquist def. Graham Fach, Canada, 2-1. Beaver def. T.J. Schmidt, Mishawaka, Ind., 2-0. Klingler def. n-Fidel Marchena, Dominican Republic, 2-1.

Round of 16 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$425 each):

Miller def. n-Joe Zibrin, Cleveland, Ohio, 2-0. Lundquist def. Ryan Lakota, Shorewood, Ill., 2-0. Schmidt def. Michael Schlabach, Goshen, Ind., 2-0. Marchena def. Chris Hartung, Goshen, Ind., 2-1.

n-denotes non-member

Haugen's Ability to Adjust Put to the Test In Retaining Lead After Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open Second Round

LAS VEGAS (June 12, 2018) – Defending champion Michael Haugen Jr. of Phoenix, put his ability to adjust to the demanding Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm lane conditions to the test but still managed to retain his lead after Tuesday's second round of qualifying.

After a 1,370 six-game pinfall total in Monday's first round, Haugen bowled 1,399 with games of 267, 223, 193, 276, 244 and 196 in the second round at the Suncoast Bowling Center to finish with 2,769 for 12 games good for a 230.7 average.

"Those 190 games could very easily have been 170s," said the two-time PBA50 and five-time PBA Tour titlist. "In those two games I just wasn't playing the lanes right to start, I changed to another ball and fortunately I was able to bail them out.

"In qualifying it feels like a grind but you have to remember we're only a third of the way through," the 51-year-old Haugen continued. "Getting off to a fast start is beneficial because you don't want to give anything back. I'll take a couple 190s for a bad game."

Haugen extended his lead over PBA Hall of Famer and 2010 Senior U.S. Open winner Mark Williams of Beaumont, Texas, who finished 24 pins behind Haugen with a 2,745 pinfall after two rounds.

Williams, a seven-time PBA Tour winner, including two Tournament of Champions titles and winner of three PBA50 Tour titles, trailed Haugen by one pin after the first round, but stayed close bowling 1,376 in the second round on games of 268, 215, 192, 269, 212 and 220.

PBA50 Tour rookie Rolando Sebelen of the Dominican Republic finished the day in third with a 2,722 pinfall. He bowled 1,396 in the second round with games of 221, 226, 255, 231, 235 and 228.

"I love it because I'm bowling with all my idols," said the 50-year-old Sebelen, who has been a member of the Dominican Republic's national team for 32 years. "When I started I was nervous but eventually I found a line and got comfortable. I have a lot of expectations and I'm hoping to meet them."

Vaulting from 20th after the first round to fourth was PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., who finished with 2,681 after the second round. After Monday's first round bowling 1,295 for six games, he came back in the second round with 1,386 on games 237, 235, 210, 268, 266 and 170.

"Those two 260 games looked better on paper than they actually were," said the four-time PBA50 Tour and 35-time PBA Tour winner. "I had my share of strikes from crossovers and high hits so I have to admit I had my share of breaks, but I'll take it."

Also making big moves were 2016 PBA50 Rookie of the Year Eddie Graham of Kettering, Ohio, who improved from 19th to fifth and PBA Hall of Famer Mika Koivuniemi who jumped from 28th to sixth. Graham finished with a 2,634 two-round total and Koivuniemi with 2,632.

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SECOND ROUND (after 12 games)

- 1, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 2,769.
- 2, ss-Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 2,745.
- 3, Rolando Sebelen, Dominican Republic, 2,722.
- 4, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 2,681.
- 5, Eddie Graham, Kettering, Ohio, 2,634.
- 6, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 2,632.
- 7, Allan Sennevall, Sweden, 2,624.
- 8, n-Paul Fleming, Bedford, Texas, 2,611.
- 9, ss-Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 2,601.
- 10, (tie) Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., and ss-Rick Minier, Houston, 2,600.
- 12, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 2,597.
- 13, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 2,592.
- 14, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 2,584.
- 15, Eric Forkel, Henderson, Nev., 2,582.
- 16, Andrew Frawley, Australia, 2,577.
- 17, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 2,564.
- 18, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 2,560.
- 19, (tie) Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., and Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 2,541.
- 21, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 2,540.
- 22, (tie) Noel Vazquez, Sacramento, Calif., and n-Steven Badovinac, Parker, Colo., 2,531.
- 24, Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland, 2,530.
- 25, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 2,529.
- 26, Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 2,525.
- 27, Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 2,521.
- 28, ss-Michael Lucente, Warren, Mich., 2,520.
- 29, Robert Lawrence, Austin, Texas, 2,519.
- 30, Mike Kanada, Camarillo, Calif., 2,515.
- 31, n,ss-Ben Hoefs, Mobile, Ala, 2,507.
- 32, Pat Nolan, Japan, 2,493.
- 33, Joseph Petrovich, Tracy, Calif, 2,492.
- 34, Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 2,490.
- 35, n-Marv Sargent, Temecula, Calif., 2,488.
- 36, n-Steven Smith, San Diego, 2,486.
- 37, ss-Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 2,483.
- 38, (tie) n-David Bolles, Stockton, Calif., and Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 2,476.
- 40, (tie) Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., and n-Bob Baer, Henderson, Nev., 2,471.
- 42, Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 2,470.
- 43, n,ss-Darwin Wimer, Mesquite, Nev., 2,464.
- 44, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 2,458.
- 45, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 2,455.
- 46, (tie) n-Dana Wright, St. Paul, Minn., and Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 2,453.
- 48, ss-Toby Contreras, Lee's Summit, Mo., 2,444.
- 49, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 2,443.
- 50, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 2,442.
- 51, Jan Larsen, Sweden, 2,440.
- 52, (tie)Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, and ss-Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 2,439.
- 54, ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 2,438.
- 55, ss-David Axon, Bellevue, Neb., 2,426.

- 56, Dennis Horan Jr., Oakley, Calif., 2,424.
- 57, ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 2,422.
- 58, Marty Deh, San Jose, Calif., 2,418.
- 59, (tie) ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., and Mark Mazzulla, Brentwood, Calif., 2,416.
- 61, n-Jimmie Pritts Jr., Mathuen, Mass., 2,415.
- 62, Andrew Warren, Austin, Tex., 2,411.
- 63, Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 2,407.
- 64, Peter Knopp, Germany, 2,406.
- 65, (tie) Hakan Fast, Sweden, and ss-Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 2,404.
- 67, n-John Hricsina Jr., Las Vegas, 2,396.
- 68, n-Barry Zimmerman, Grand Forks, N.D., 2,394.
- 69, Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., 2,393.
- 70, Troy Kendrick, Las Vegas, Nev., 2,390.
- 71, (tie) ss-Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., and n-Tish Johnson, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2,383.
- 73, Darron Peters, Temecula, Calif., 2,382.
- 74, (tie) ss-Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., and ss-Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 2,377.
- 76, Christer Petersson, Gothenburg, Sweden, 2,371.
- 77, ss-John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 2,369.
- 78, Mike Mineman, St Louis, 2,366.
- 79, David Allen, Las Vegas, 2,363.
- 80, Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 2,359.
- 81, Daniel Miyamoto, Mililani, Hawaii, 2,358.
- 82, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 2,357.
- 83, n-Klaus Lischka, Germany, 2,356.
- 84, Lennart Nyman, Sweden, 2,355.
- 85, ss-Junichi Yajima, Japan, 2,352.
- 86, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 2,350.
- 87, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 2,349.
- 88, n,ss-Ron Hosler, Englewood, Colo., 2,348.
- 89, Rob Rice, Sunnyside, Wash., 2,347.
- 90, ss-Crister Danielsson, Sweden, 2,346.
- 91, Olle Svenson, Lerum, Sweden, 2,345.
- 92, n-Dave Cirigliano, Phoenix, 2,341.
- 93, ss-Russ Simmons, Fontana, Calif., 2,333.
- 94, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 2,321.
- 95, n-Joe Baca, Brentwood, Calif., 2,319.
- 96, ss-Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 2,318.
- 97, Warren Eales, Chandler, Ariz., 2,313.
- 98, ss-Kerry Fulford, Ft. Worth, Texas, 2,312.
- 99, Jon DeLaney, McKinney, Texas, 2,311.
- 100, Greg McDaniel, Kimball, Neb., 2,310.
- 101, n-Paul Renteria, Henderson, Nev., 2,308.
- 102, ss-Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., 2,306.
- 103, n-Anthony Figuiera, Gardena, Calif., 2,298.
- 104, n-Dennis Klein, Phoenix, 2,295.
- 105, ss-Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 2,292.
- 106, ss-James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 2,291.
- 107, (tie) ss-Robert Donovan, Prattsville, N.Y., and ss-Skip Pavone, San Jose, Calif., 2,289.
- 109, ss-John Parry, Oak Park, Calif., 2,285.
- 110, n-John Marsala, St. Louis, 2,281.
- 111, ss-Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 2,274.
- 112, (tie) Klas Thunberg, Sweden, and ss-Randy Turner, Shallowater, Texas, 2,273.
- 114, n-Mike Yuwiler, Las Vegas, 2,271.

- 115, ss-Stan Winters, Simi Valley, Calif., 2,270.
- 116, n-Pete Toth, Las Vegas, 2,266.
- 117, ss-Lew Elting, Carlsbad, Calif., 2,264.
- 118, Doug O'Bryant, Ball Ground, Ga., 2,263.
- 119, n,ss-Bill Oakes, Lawton, Okla, 2,255.
- 120, n-Marty Hinton, Henderson, Nev., 2,252.
- 121, n-Jeff Row, Humbolt, Ariz., 2,244.
- 122, n,ss-David Graber, Las Vegas, 2,243.
- 123, Tony Rodriguez Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 2,242.
- 124, n,ss-Jay Gneiting, Aberdeen, Idaho, 2,237.
- 125, Jonny Hall, Sweden, 2,229.
- 126, Charles Allen Jr., Pell City, Ala., 2,228.
- 127, ss-Mike Schmid, St. Paul, Minn., 2,227.
- 128, ss-Don Lane, San Francisco, 2,218.
- 129, ss-Raymond Scrivens, Jr., Athens, Pa., 2,215.
- 130, Timothy Regan, East Northport, N.Y., 2,208.
- 131, ss-Ross McDonald, Las Vegas, Nev., 2,207.
- 132, ss-Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 2,198.
- 133, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 2,195.
- 134, Tomas Karlsson, Sweden, 2,185.
- 135, ss-Ray Valdovino, Sacramento, Calif., 2,177.
- 136, Richard McNeill, Yorktown, Va., 2,162.
- 137, ss-Garry Blanton, Owensboro, Ky., 2,157.
- 138, Norm Spurlock, Kenner, La., 2,155.
- 139, n,ss-Robert Callari, Cordova, Tenn.., 2,148.
- 140, n,ss-Nelson Sand, Maple Valley. Wash., 2,147.
- 141, Ron Anderson, Canyon Country, Calif., 2,146.
- 142, Daniel Knafo, Valencia, Calif., 2,145.
- 143, (tie) ss-Rodney Garrick, San Francisco, and Doug Kempt, Arcadia, Calif., 2,135.
- 145, (te)ss-Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., and ss-Paul Appling, Camarillo, Calif., 2,121.
- 147, Jon J.J. Jensen, Olympia, Wash., 2,116.
- 148, n-Shane Horsman, Fircrest, Wash., 2,104.
- 149, John Kidwell, Indianapolis, Ind., 2,102.
- 150, Joe Beck, Montgomery, Ala., 2,098.
- 151, n-Sean Couse, Henderson, Nev., 2,093.
- 152, Frank Paganelli, Las Vegas, Nev., 2,088.
- 153, n,ss-William Mcgee, Great Falls, Mont., 2,085.
- 154, Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 2,081.
- 155, ss-Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 2,008.
- 156, John Austin Jr., League City, Texas, 1,992.
- 157, n,ss-Dale Knight, Las Vegas, 1,980.
- 158, ss-Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 1,953.
- 159, ss-Tim Pierce, Portland, Ore., 1,938.
- 160, Brett Roberts, Taylor, Mich., 1,815.
- 161, Randy Macomber, University Place, Wash., 1,508.

n-non-member ss-PBA60 player ages 60 and over

EJ Tackett Wins PBA Tour Finals Group 2 Semifinal Round; Title Rematch with Jason Belmonte Set for June 19

Defending champ, runner-up to compete in best-of-two-game match on June 19 on CBS Sports Network

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (June 12, 2018) – PBA Tour Finals defending champion EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., won his Group 2 stepladder semifinal round, which aired on CBS Sports Network Tuesday from Thunderbowl Lanes, to set up a rematch with last year's runner-up Jason Belmonte of Australia in the PBA Tour Finals title match which will air June 19 at 8 p.m. ET.

As the top seed for the Group 2 semifinal round, Tackett, a nine-time Go Bowling! PBA Tour winner, defeated Sweden's Jesper Svensson, 2-0, in the best-of-two-game final match, winning the first game, 235-206, and the second game, 245-203.

"I just made good shots down the stretch," said Tackett, the 2016 PBA Player of the Year. "When you have four of the top performers over the past couple seasons, I wasn't so much worried about the conditions but having to beat the great opponents I had in my group."

Like Belmonte did for the Group 1 semifinal, as top seed in Group 2, Tackett chose the 45-foot Dick Weber lane condition.

Even though Svensson appeared to be making good shots, the seven-time tour winner was having trouble carrying which was illustrated by six nine-pin counts in the second game of the match on seemingly good pocket hits.

"The way the lanes broke down worked in my favor," Tackett said of his match against Svensson. "The way we started I thought it was going to be anyone's match because he was able to get to the pocket consistently despite not being able to carry the 7 pin. I was able to string five strikes in the middle of the first game and started with the first four in the second game which gave me good momentum in each game."

Belmonte, who will be trying for his 18th tour win, won last week's Group 1 semifinal by beating fellow two-hander Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas, 2-0 (265-259, 239-216).

In the opening Group 2 match, four-time tour winner Marshall Kent defeated 18-time winner Tommy Jones, 246-236. Svensson then beat Kent, 279-233, in the second match to advance to the final match against Tackett.

The semifinal stepladder rounds, as well as the championship round, feature the best-of-two-game format with ties broken by a 9th and 10th frame roll-off.

As runners-up in the semifinals, Simonsen will take on Svensson in the PBA Tour Finals third-place match which will precede the title match.

Tackett and Belmonte earned their positions in the semifinal as the total pinfall leaders in two previous positioning rounds bowling on the Petraglia 36, Roth 42, Carter 39 and Weber 45 PBA lane conditions.

PBA TOUR FINALS GROUP 2 SEMIFINAL ROUND RESULTS (Winner joins Jason Belmonte in PBA Tour Finals championship match to air on CBSSN June 19 at 8 p.m ET)

Match One – Marshall Kent def. Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 246-236. **Match Two** – Jesper Svensson, Sweden def. Kent, 279-233. **Best-of-two-game Championship Match** – EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind. def. Svensson, 235-206 and 245-203.

Ryan Shafer Has Big Third Round to Move into Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open Lead

LAS VEGAS (June 13, 2018) – Five-time PBA Tour champion Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y., averaged 239.5 in the third round to surge into the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm lead Wednesday at the Suncoast Bowling Center.

With a 4,037 pinfall total (228 average) for 18 games after three rounds, the 51-year-old Shafer took a five-pin lead over defending champion Michael Haugen Jr. of Phoenix, who led after the first two rounds.

Trying for his first PBA50 Tour title on the tour for players 50 and over, Shafer bowled a 1,437 six-game pinfall in the third round with games of 258, 236, 247, 228, 276 and 192.

"Until today it seemed like I was starting the rounds making the wrong decisions and then had to scramble to make the adjustments I needed to make," said Shafer, who was 17th after the first round and 10th after the second round. "Today, I had a good look right from the start so I was able to get in a comfort zone and play my 'A' game pretty much the whole round.

Shafer, who finished fifth earlier this season in the PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open presented by Brunswick for his career best PBA50 Tour finish, has been using a different ball on each lane for every pair of lanes he has bowled on since early in the first round.

"It's a tool I like to use quite a bit because my wrist isn't as strong as it used to be," Shafer said. "Because of that, I can't make as many adjustments as I used to with my hand position so I can make up for it by changing my equipment more often to get the desired ball reaction."

Haugen, the 2017 PBA50 Rookie of the Year and the winner of the Johnny Petraglia BVL Open, bowled 1,263 in his third round with games of 241, 221, 183, 200, 183 and 235 to finish with 4,032 after three rounds.

PBA Hall of Famer and 2010 Senior U.S. Open winner Mark Williams of Beaumont, Texas, who was second after the first two rounds managed to hold on to third with a 3,998 pinfall for 18 games. He bowled 1,253 in the third round with games of 269, 178, 193, 197, 191 and 225.

"After that first game I really didn't have a good feel until the end of the round," the 60-year-old Williams said. "I was having a problem reading the lanes and not getting a good ball reaction for most of the round. But it's all good. If I can be around the top five heading into match play I'd be happy with that."

PBA50 Tour rookie Rolando Sebelen of the Dominican Republic finished the day in fourth with 3,964 and PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., rounded out the top five with 3,933.

With one qualifying round remaining, the scramble is on for players to make the top 40 for Friday's first match play round.

Other big movers in the third round were PBA Hall of Famers Brian Voss of Centennial, Colo., Venezuelan native Amleto Monacelli and Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla.

Voss, who was 17th after the second round moved up to seventh with a 3,915 pinfall, Monacelli moved from 19th to eighth and Duke vaulted from 40th to ninth.

Monacelli, along with hall of famer Pete Weber, who finished the day in 41st, are trying to become the Senior U.S. Open's first three-time winner. Monacelli won back-to-back in 2012 and 2013 and Weber in 2015 and 2016.

After Thursday's fourth and final six-game qualifying round, the field will be cut to the top 40 players for modified round-robin match play which will begin Friday at 8 a.m. PT. After Friday's second match play round at noon the top five players will be determined for the stepladder finals scheduled to begin at 4:15 p.m.

PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame is providing start to finish coverage of the Senior U.S. Open. For subscription and schedule information click on <u>www.xtraframe.tv</u>.

SUNCOAST PBA SENIOR U.S. OPEN Presented by Storm Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Wednesday

THIRD ROUND (after 18 games)

- 1, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 4,037.
- 2, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 4,032.
- 3, ss-Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 3,998.
- 4, Rolando Sebelen, Dominican Republic, 3,964.
- 5, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,933.
- 6, ss-Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 3,930.
- 7, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 3,915.
- 8, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,900.
- 9, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3,876.
- 10, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 3,873.
- 11, Allan Sennevall, Sweden, 3,863.
- 12, n-Paul Fleming, Bedford, Texas, 3,855.
- 13, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3,847.
- 14, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 3,846.
- 15, Eric Forkel, Henderson, Nev., 3,843.
- 16, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3,841.
- 17, n-Steven Badovinac, Parker, Colo., 3,835.
- 18, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3,831.
- 19, (tie) n-Steven Smith, San Diego, and Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 3,820.
- 21, (tie) Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., and Eddie Graham, Kettering, Ohio, 3,815.
- 23, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 3,806.
- 24, Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland, 3,803.
- 25, ss-Rick Minier, Houston, 3,794.
- 26, Mike Kanada, Camarillo, Calif., 3,791.
- 27, ss-Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 3,777.
- 28, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,767.
- 29, (tie) n,ss-Ben Hoefs, Mobile, Ala., and Robert Lawrence, Austin, Texas, 3,750.
- 31, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 3,745.
- 32, (tie) Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., and Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 3,743.
- 34, Pat Nolan, Japan, 3,737.
- 35, Noel Vazquez, Sacramento, Calif., 3,732.
- 36, Andrew Frawley, Australia, 3,724.
- 37, Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 3,723.
- 38, Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 3,718.
- 39, Mark Mazzulla, Brentwood, Calif., 3,696.

- 40, ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 3,690.
- 41, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,683.
- 42, ss-Michael Lucente, Warren, Mich., 3,678.
- 43, ss-David Axon, Bellevue, Neb., 3,677.
- 44, ss-Toby Contreras, Lee's Summit, Mo., 3,655.
- 45, n-Paul Renteria, Henderson, Nev., 3,645.
- 46, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 3,644.
- 47, ss-John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 3,641.
- 48, n-Dave Cirigliano, Phoenix, 3,638.
- 49, (tie) Dennis Horan Jr., Oakley, Calif., and n-David Bolles, Stockton, Calif., 3,637.
- 51, Joseph Petrovich, Tracy, Calif, 3,635.
- 52, Troy Kendrick, Las Vegas, Nev., 3,625.
- 53, Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., 3,618.
- 54, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 3,611.
- 55, (tie) Peter Knopp, Germany, ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., and ss-Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 3,608.
- 58, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 3,606.
- 59, (tie) ss-Junichi Yajima, Japan, and n-ss-Darwin Wimer, Mesquite, Nev., 3,604.
- 61, Hakan Fast, Sweden, 3,599.
- 62, n-Barry Zimmerman, Grand Forks, N.D., 3,595.
- 63, ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 3,592.
- 64, (tie) Olle Svenson, Lerum, Sweden, and Marty Deh, San Jose, Calif., 3,589.
- 66, Andrew Warren, Austin, Tex., 3,587.
- 67, (tie) Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., and Lennart Nyman, Sweden, 3,584.
- 69, ss-Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 3,579.
- 70, n-Marv Sargent, Temecula, Calif., 3,575.
- 71, n-John Hricsina Jr., Las Vegas, 3,566.
- 72, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 3,564.
- 73, (tie) David Allen, Las Vegas, and Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 3,560.
- 75, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 3,559.
- 76, Jan Larsen, Sweden, 3,558.
- 77, n-Bob Baer, Henderson, Nev., 3,554.
- 78, Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 3,553.
- 79, Daniel Miyamoto, Mililani, Hawaii, 3,548.
- 80, n-Jimmie Pritts Jr., Mathuen, Mass., 3,546.
- 81, (tie) ss-Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., and Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 3,541.
- 83, n-Klaus Lischka, Germany, 3,531.
- 84, ss-Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., 3,530.
- 85, (tie) ss-Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., and n-Joe Baca, Brentwood, Calif., 3,527.
- 87, (tie) ss-Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, and n-Tish Johnson, Colorado Springs, Colo., 3,523.
- 89, Christer Petersson, Gothenburg, Sweden, 3,521.
- 90, n-Dana Wright, St. Paul, Minn., 3,519.
- 91, ss-Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 3,509.
- 92, Darron Peters, Temecula, Calif., 3,506.
- 93, Doug O'Bryant, Ball Ground, Ga., 3,504.
- 94, Klas Thunberg, Sweden, 3,502.
- 95, n-John Marsala, St. Louis, 3,495.
- 96, n-Anthony Figuiera, Gardena, Calif., 3,494.
- 97, (tie) ss-Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., and Rob Rice, Sunnyside, Wash., 3,492.
- 99, (tie) ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., and Mike Mineman, St Louis, 3,490.
- 101, Warren Eales, Chandler, Ariz., 3,474.
- 102, ss-Skip Pavone, San Jose, Calif., 3,470.
- 103, ss-n-David Graber, Las Vegas, 3,469.

104, ss-Kerry Fulford, Ft. Worth, Texas, 3,458. 105, ss-Stan Winters, Simi Valley, Calif., 3,443. 106, ss-Crister Danielsson, Sweden, 3,439. 107, Tony Rodriguez Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 3,438. 108, ss-John Parry, Oak Park, Calif., 3,429. 109, n-ss-Bill Oakes, Lawton, Okla, 3,428. 110, Jonny Hall, Sweden, 3,416. 111, Greg McDaniel, Kimball, Neb., 3,412. 112, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 3,407. 113, (tie) ss-Lew Elting, Carlsbad, Calif., and ss-Russ Simmons, Fontana, Calif., 3,400. 115, ss-Randy Turner, Shallowater, Texas, 3,384. 116, n,ss-Ron Hosler, Englewood, Colo., 3,380. 117, Jon DeLaney, McKinney, Texas, 3,377. 118, ss-Don Lane, San Francisco, 3,376. 119, ss-James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 3,374. 120, ss-Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 3,372. 121, n-Dennis Klein, Phoenix, 3,367. 122, Doug Kempt, Arcadia, Calif., 3,358. 123, ss-Raymond Scrivens, Jr., Athens, Pa., 3,356. 124, n,ss-Paul Appling, Camarillo, Calif., 3,345. 125, n-Jeff Row, Humbolt, Ariz., 3,333. 126, ss-Ray Valdovino, Sacramento, Calif., 3,332. 127, n-Mike Yuwiler, Las Vegas, 3,328. 128, ss-Robert Donovan, Prattsville, N.Y., 3,317. 129, Timothy Regan, East Northport, N.Y., 3,299. 130, ss-Mike Schmid, St. Paul, Minn., 3,283. 131, ss-Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 3,278. 132, Daniel Knafo, Valencia, Calif., 3,269. 133, n,ss-Robert Callari, Cordova, Tenn., 3,264. 134, n-Marty Hinton, Henderson, Nev., 3,259. 135, ss-Garry Blanton, Owensboro, Ky., 3,250. 136, ss-Rodney Garrick, San Francisco, 3,248. 137, Norm Spurlock, Kenner, La., 3,234. 138, n,ss-Jay Gneiting, Aberdeen, Idaho, 3,231. 139, n,ss-Nelson Sand, Maple Valley, Wash., 3,228. 140, Richard McNeill, Yorktown, Va., 3,220. 141, Charles Allen Jr., Pell City, Ala., 3,214. 142, John Kidwell, Indianapolis, Ind., 3,211. 143, Jon J.J. Jensen, Olympia, Wash., 3,195. 144, Ron Anderson, Canyon Country, Calif., 3,185. 145, Joe Beck, Montgomery, Ala., 3,179. 146, ss-Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 3,159. 147, ss-Ross McDonald, Las Vegas, Nev., 3,132. 148, n,ss-William Mcgee, Great Falls, Mont., 3,131. 149, Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 3,121. 150, Frank Paganelli, Las Vegas, Nev., 3,100. 151, ss-Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 3,095. 152, ss-Tim Pierce, Portland, Ore., 3,038. 153, John Austin Jr., League City, Texas, 2,985. 154, n,ss-Dale Knight, Las Vegas, 2,908. 155, ss-Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 2,885. 156, n-Sean Couse, Henderson, Nev., 2,873.

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Stage is Set for Tackett vs. Belmonte PBA Tour Finals Title Rematch Next Tuesday on CBS Sports Network at 8 p.m. ET

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (June 14, 2018) – After two positioning rounds based on total pinfall on four different lane conditions, and two stepladder semifinal rounds decided by best-of-two-game final matches, the PBA showcase that began with eight elite players based on composite earnings over the past two and a half years has boiled down to a duel between the past two PBA Players of the Year to decide the winner.

A rematch between reigning PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte and 2016 Player of the Year EJ Tackett to decide the 2018 PBA Tour Finals title will air next Tuesday (June 19) on CBS Sports Network at 8 p.m. ET from the historic arena bay at Thunderbowl Lanes.

The defending champion is Tackett, a 25-year-old, nine-time PBA Tour champion from Huntington, Ind. The challenger is four-time PBA Player of the Year Belmonte, a 34-year-old 17-time PBA Tour winner from Australia. Tackett is a high-rev, one-handed power player. Belmonte is a high-rev, two-handed power player.

Belmonte, who will be trying for his 18th Go Bowling! PBA Tour title, earned his spot in the finals as the winner of his four-player Group 1 stepladder semifinal. Tackett, trying for his 10th PBA Tour title, earned his berth as winner of his Group 2 semifinal.

All eight players were split into two four-player groups and began the competition by bowling four games on four different PBA lane conditions in the positioning rounds, which determined their positions in a semfinal stepladder. The positioning rounds were conducted on PBA's 36-foot Johnny Petraglia, 42-foot Mark Roth, 39-foot Don Carter and 45-foot Dick Weber lane conditions.

Tackett won his Group 2 semifinal round by beating Sweden's Jesper Svensson, 2-0, in the best-of-twogame final match, 235-206, and 245-203. Belmonte won the Group 1 semifinal round by beating Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas, 265-259, and 239-216.

As the player with the highest average for the tournament (246), Belmonte earned the right to select the lane condition for the finals and chose the Dick Weber condition (which, coincidentally, was also Tackett's choice for the Group 2 semifinal round).

Tackett won the inaugural PBA Tour Finals title in Orlando, Fla., last year by defeating Belmonte, 666-628, in a three-game, total pinfall championship match.

Preceding the title match Svensson will bowl Simonsen in the PBA Tour Finals third-place match.

PBA Spare Shots

FLOSPORTS' HISTORY AND SOME COOL THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT FLOBOWLING

FloSports is a 100% digital sports media company based in Austin, Texas. Here is some background on the PBA's new video streaming partner as of June 30:

• FloSports was founded in 2006 by brothers **Martin and Mark Floreani**, along with their friend **Madhu Venkatesan**, to provide comprehensive coverage of their favorite sports, wrestling and

track & field. They raised \$10,000 and invested \$3,000 in a van, which they planned to drive crosscountry to film events, and struck gold when their coverage of Ryan Hall's record half-marathon drew a large following among long-distance runners on FloTrack.com.

•In 2012, FloSports began selling subscriptions to their live streaming service and other premium content. By mid-2014, they had raised \$8 million and began adding new channels dedicated to specific underserved sports.

• FloSports' philosophy is to grow sports by elevating the coverage. This is done by providing a fresh and informed perspective and offering an unmatched live experience. Bowling fans who follow the sport via Xtra Frame will soon find out what that means as FloBowling adds its own touch to PBA Xtra Frame coverage.

• Today FloSports' list of channels

includes <u>FloWrestling</u>, <u>FloTrack</u>, <u>FloGymnastics</u>, <u>FloGrappling</u>, <u>FloSoftball</u>, <u>FloCheer</u>, <u>FloBikes</u>, <u>FloRodeo</u>, <u>FloRugby</u>, plus more than a dozen others. The company has signed more than 330 new rights partnerships so far this year.

• In Tom Foster's Inc. Magazine story about the birth of FloSports, he said, "(You may) recall a different upstart's rise. In 1979, a slow-pitch softball game aired on (its) first night of programming. Years of bowling tournaments and highlight reels followed. It hardly added up to something that looked like a revolution. Until it did. Perhaps you've heard of that quixotic little company. It's called ESPN."

• Currently, there is a shift in the broadcasting and entertainment industry toward cord-cutting as the inevitable future of watching television. Amazon, Netflix, and Hulu are other notable companies offering digital content. Exactly how it will unfold remains to be seen, but one thing is certain, FloSports is far ahead of the trend.

•FloSports has more than 200 employees, 20+ channels, and is adding thousands of new subscribers each month. That means when PBA Xtra Frame switches onto FloBowling.com, the PBA will immediately gain the potential for several hundred thousand new viewers.

• One more note: FloBowling's subscription rate is \$30/month or \$150/year (\$12.50/month prorated) – both include access to all FloSports channels. Xtra Frame subscribers who are in good standing as of June 29 will be able to retain their existing subscriptions at the current prices if they renew in a timely manner. If the existing Xtra Frame subscription is canceled or lapses, renewals will be at the FloBowling rate. If you've been procrastinating about subscribing to Xtra Frame, don't delay. Sign up no for Xtra Frame no later than June 29, in time for FloBowling's inaugural coverage of the PBA Xtra Frame Parkside Lanes Open from Aurora, Ill., June 30-July 2.

- Learn more about FloSports here: <u>http://www.flosports.tv/our-story/</u>. Other stories about FloSports:
 - They Started With \$10,000. Now They're Taking on ESPN (Inc) Sept 2017

• <u>This Sports Streaming Service Aims for the Mainstream with Football Games</u> (Fortune) - July 2017

- How FloSports is playing David to ESPN's trembling Goliath (The Street) Apr 2017
- FloSports Nets \$21.2M for Live-Streaming Alternative Sports (Wall Street Journal) Aug 2016

SENIOR U.S. OPEN HIGHLIGHTS XTRA FRAME COVERAGE THIS WEEK

Start to finish coverage of the PBA50 Tour's Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open, presented by Storm, at Suncoast Bowling Center in Las Vegas highlights this week's exclusive live streaming coverage on Xtra Frame.

Qualifying began Monday and continues through Thursday with coverage of head-to-head match play and the stepladder finals wrapping up the event on Friday. The finals will air at 7 p.m. ET (4 p.m. PT). **Michael Haugen Jr.** is defending champion.

Also on this week's Xtra Frame schedule is the PWBA Greater Harrisburg Open which gets underway in Harrisburg, Pa., on Friday, with the final rounds airing on Saturday.

After a week-long break, Xtra Frame returns June 25-29 with exclusive coverage of the preliminary rounds of the U.S. Women's Open from Orlando, Fla. **Liz Johnson** of Palatine, Ill., will be trying for her fifth consecutive, and seventh overall, U.S. Women's Open title. CBS Sports Network will air the stepladder finals live on Saturday, June 30, at 5 p.m. EDT.

June 30 marks the beginning of PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling.com. The inaugural event on the FloBowling calendar will be the PBA Xtra Frame Parkside Lanes Open from Aurora, Ill. The PBA50 Tour will make its PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling debut July 17-20 with coverage of the PBA50 River City Extreme Open, presented by Ebonite, from River City Extreme in Monticello, Minn.

Fans can still enroll as XtraFrame subscribers through June 29 by visiting <u>xtraframe.tv</u>. An entire month of coverage costs only \$7.99. A three-day subscription is also available through June 25 for \$3.99, and the 12-month Season Ticket plan is offered for about \$1.25 week. Monthly and year-long subscriptions will be honored by FloSports as the PBA moves to Xtra Frame on FloBowling as of June 30. As of June 30, new subscribers will enroll through FloSports.com at the current FloSports PRO subscription rates.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: TUHOLSKI ENDS 10-YEAR DRY SPELL WITH WIN IN TUMWATER

Craig Tuholski of Troutdale, Ore., won only four of his eight matches, but posted a winning 16-game total of 3,545 pins Sunday in the PBA South Gate Northwest Regional presented by DV8 at Tumwater Lanes in Tumwater, Wash., Sunday to end a 10-year title drought.

Tuholski, who earned \$2,000, claimed his ninth PBA Regional title and first since 2008. He outscored **Tanner Spacey** of Burien, Wash., by 133 pins for the win. Spacey had a 5-3 match play record and 3,412 pins for his 16 games including match play bonus pins.

• **Devon Miller** of Dublin, Ohio defeated **Andrew Klingler** of Grand Rapids, Mich., 224-182, to win the PBA Elkhart Central/Midwest Open presented by 900 Global at Country Club Lanes in Elkhart, Ind., Sunday for his first PBA Regional title and a \$2,000 first prize.

In the semifinal round, Miller topped **Chris Colella** of Indianapolis, 219-213, while Klingler downed **Jason Lundquist** of Columbus, Ohio, 209-188, to set up the championship match.

• The only event on the June 15-17 PBA Regional calendar is the Timmy See Memorial Tavares South Open presented by MOTIV at Break Point Alley in Tavares, Fla.

• PBA Regional activity over the June 22-24 weekend will be the Homefield Bowl Eastern Open presented by MOTIV in Yonkers, N.Y.; the Pro Bowl West Central/Midwest Challenge presented by Storm in Fort Wayne, Ind., and the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Southwest Doubles at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla.

• For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit <u>pba.com</u>, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area...and remember, you can follow "live scoring" for all PBA Regional events on <u>pba.com</u> (easily accessible for Apple device users using the PBA app).

QUICK NOTES

• Correction: In the coverage of **Chris Barnes**' victory in Sunday's PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Open, the story noted Barnes won his last title in the 2016 DHC PBA Japan Invitational. That event actually was in 2015.

Bad Game Doesn't Prevent Ryan Shafer from Taking Top Qualifier Honors In Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open

Field cut to top 40 players who will advance to Friday's match play rounds

LAS VEGAS (June 14, 2018) – Despite bowling 154 in his final game of qualifying in the fourth round, Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y., earned top qualifier honors in the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm Thursday to lead 40 players who advanced toFriday's match play rounds.

Shafer finished the qualifying portion of the third PBA50 Tour major of the season with a 5,340 24-game pinfall total (222.5 average) to lead 14-time PBA Tour winner Mika Koivuniemi who surged into second from 10th in the third round, with 5,256.

"You have to put that experience in your memory bank for the future," said a frustrated Shafer. "I used four different balls on the right lane alone and just couldn't get anything going."

While he ended the round poorly, Shafer, a five-time winner on the PBA Tour who is trying for his first PBA50 Tour title, did bowl well the rest of the round with games of 279, 221, 210, 227 and 212 before the 154 game.

"I felt good about all the decisions I made for playing the lanes and my equipment choices for the whole round," he continued. "Even in the last game I don't think there's any decision I would change — I just got to a pair (of lanes) where I couldn't figure it out."

Trailing by 164 pins heading into the final round of qualifying, Koivuniemi bowled a 1,383 six-game pinfall in the fourth round with games of 268, 186, 279, 236, 218 and 196.

Koivuniemi, a native of Finland, is currently the head coach of the United Arab Emirates national bowling team and has been retired from PBA Tour competition for three years, but still manages to bowl an occasional professional event.

"Of course, you can find places where you could have scored higher but I'm really happy with the way I'm bowling," said the 51-year-old Koivuniemi who owns three PBA Tour majors. "Today was a little better because I could play further inside and loft the ball more which is more the game I like to play."

PBA50 Tour rookie Rolando Sebelen of the Dominican Republic finished qualifying in third with a 5,210. He bowled 1,246 in Thursday's round with games of 212, 211, 244, 161, 185 and 233.

Sebelen, a member of the Dominican Republic national bowling team for more than 30 years, is a multimedalist in international competition, most notably winning a doubles bronze medal in the 2007 Pan Am Games and a team gold medal in the 1989 World Bowling Championships.

Qualifying fourth was defending champion Michael Haugen Jr. of Phoenix with a 5,205 pinfall, followed by three-time PBA50 Tour winner Harry Sullins of Chesterfield Twp., Mich., who bowled the tournament's first 300 game, in fifth with 5,204.

The top 40 players will bowl two six-game match play rounds Friday beginning at 8 a.m. PT. At the end of match play the top five players will be determined for the stepladder finals schedule for 4:15 p.m.

PBA Hall of Famer and 2014 Senior U.S. Open winner Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., finished qualifying in sixth with 5,188, followed by fellow hall of famer Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., in seventh with 5,167.

Two-time Senior U.S. Open winners hall of famers Amleto Monacelli of Venezuela, who finished 10th with 5,149, and Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., who finished 31st with 4,942, will be trying to become the tournament's first three-time winner. Monacelli won back-to-back in 2012 and 2013 and Weber won consecutively in 2015 and 2016.

PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame will provide start to finish final day coverage of the Senior U.S. Open. For subscription and schedule information click on <u>www.xtraframe.tv</u>.

SUNCOAST PBA SENIOR U.S. OPEN Presented by Storm Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Thursday

FOURTH ROUND (after 24 games. Field cut to top 40 players for Friday's match play rounds)

- 1, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 5,340.
- 2, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 5,256.
- 3, Rolando Sebelen, Dominican Republic, 5,210.
- 4, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 5,205.

5, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 5,204. 6, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 5,188. 7, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 5,167. 8, n-Paul Fleming, Bedford, Texas, 5,161. 9, n-Steven Smith, San Diego, 5,153. 10, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 5,149. 11, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 5,131. 12, Eddie Graham, Kettering, Ohio, 5,104. 13, Rick Minier, Houston, 5,096. 14, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 5,095. 15, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 5,094. 16, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 5,083. 16, Allan Sennevall, Sweden, 5,083. 18, Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 5,081. 19, Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland, 5,077. 20, n-Steven Badovinac, Parker, Colo., 5,072. 21, Eric Forkel, Henderson, Nev., 5,067. 22, Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 5,054. 23, n-Ben Hoefs, Mobile, Ala., 5,003. 24, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 4,997. 25, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 4,976. 26, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 4,974. 27, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 4,961. 28, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 4,955. 29, Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 4,954. 30, Robert Lawrence, Austin, Texas, 4,953. 31, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 4,942. 32, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 4,937. 33, Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 4,933. 34, Andrew Frawley, Australia, 4,930. 35, n-David Bolles, Stockton, Calif., 4,922.

- 36, Jan Larsen, Sweden, 4,918.
- 37, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 4,915.
- 38, Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., 4,913.
- 39, Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 4,908.
- 40, Mark Mazzulla, Brentwood, Calif., 4,906.

Failed to advance:

- 41, Pat Nolan, Japan, 4,901.
- 42, Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 4,894.
- 43, Noel Vazquez, Sacramento, Calif., 4,893.
- 44, ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 4,882, \$1,100.
- 45, Dennis Horan Jr., Oakley, Calif., 4,872.
- 46, ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 4,864, \$1,100.
- 47, ss-Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 4,859, \$1,100.
- 48, ss-David Axon, Bellevue, Neb., 4,853, \$1,100.
- 49, Peter Knopp, Germany, 4,850.
- 50, (tie) ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., and ss-Darwin Wimer, Mesquite, Nev., 4,845, \$1,100.
- 52, ss-Michael Lucente, Warren, Mich., 4,842, \$1,100.
- 53, Mike Kanada, Camarillo, Calif., 4,839.
- 54, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 4,836.
- 55, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 4,835.
- 56, n-Marv Sargent, Temecula, Calif., 4,826.

- 57, ss-Junichi Yajima, Japan, 4,824, \$1,100.
- 58, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 4,817.
- 59, Andrew Warren, Austin, Tex., 4,812.
- 60, n-Paul Renteria, Henderson, Nev., 4,809.
- 61, Joseph Petrovich, Tracy, Calif, 4,804.
- 62, n-Bob Baer, Henderson, Nev., 4,802.
- 63, Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 4,798.
- 64, Christer Petersson, Gothenburg, Sweden, 4,787.
- 65, n-Dave Cirigliano, Phoenix, 4,785.
- 66, Hakan Fast, Sweden, 4,756.
- 67, Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., 4,755.
- 68, Marty Deh, San Jose, Calif., 4,751.
- 69, Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., 4,749.
- 70, (tie) Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., and Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 4,747.
- 72, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 4,743.
- 73, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 4,740.
- 74, Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 4,737.
- 75, (tie) Daniel Miyamoto, Mililani, Hawaii, and Toby Contreras, Lee's Summit, Mo., 4,735.
- 77, David Allen, Las Vegas, 4,729.
- 78, n-Barry Zimmerman, Grand Forks, N.D., 4,727.
- 79, Olle Svenson, Lerum, Sweden, 4,721.
- 80, Mike Mineman, St Louis, 4,720.
- 81, n-John Hricsina Jr., Las Vegas, 4,719.
- 82, n-Klaus Lischka, Germany, 4,713.
- 83, John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 4,711.
- 84, Troy Kendrick, Las Vegas, Nev., 4,707.
- 85, Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 4,704.
- 86, Darron Peters, Temecula, Calif., 4,702.
- 87, n-Tish Johnson, Colorado Springs, Colo., 4,695.
- 88, n-Dana Wright, St. Paul, Minn., 4,689.
- 89, Rob Rice, Sunnyside, Wash., 4,685.
- 90, Lennart Nyman, Sweden, 4,682.
- 91, Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 4,677.
- 92, Skip Pavone, San Jose, Calif., 4,672.
- 93, Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 4,667.
- 94, Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 4,666.
- 95, n-Jimmie Pritts Jr., Mathuen, Mass., 4,660.
- 96, Lew Elting, Carlsbad, Calif., 4,658.
- 97, Crister Danielsson, Sweden, 4,654.
- 98, Kerry Fulford, Ft. Worth, Texas, 4,653.
- 99, Greg McDaniel, Kimball, Neb., 4,651.
- 100, n-Anthony Figuiera, Gardena, Calif., 4,643.
- 101, Doug O'Bryant, Ball Ground, Ga., 4,639.
- 102, (tie) n-John Marsala, St. Louis, and Klas Thunberg, Sweden, 4,635.
- 104, (tie) n-Paul Appling, Camarillo, Calif., and Tony Rodriguez Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 4,628.
- 106, n-Bill Oakes, Lawton, Okla, 4,625.
- 107, n-Joe Baca, Brentwood, Calif., 4,623.
- 108, Stan Winters, Simi Valley, Calif., 4,621.
- 109, Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 4,618.
- 110, Randy Turner, Shallowater, Texas, 4,614.
- 111, n-David Graber, Las Vegas, 4,584.
- 112, Warren Eales, Chandler, Ariz., 4,573.
- 113, Jonny Hall, Sweden, 4,565.

114, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 4,553. 115, n-Dennis Klein, Phoenix, 4,532. 116, Russ Simmons, Fontana, Calif., 4,531. 117, n-Jeff Row, Humbolt, Ariz., 4,505. 118, Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 4,494. 119, Jon DeLaney, McKinney, Texas, 4,488. 120, Ray Valdovino, Sacramento, Calif., 4,459. 121, n-Ron Hosler, Englewood, Colo., 4,447. 122, Don Lane, San Francisco, 4,412. 123, n-Nelson Sand, Maple Valley. Wash., 4,400. 124, n-Robert Callari, Cordova, Tenn., 4,389. 125, Norm Spurlock, Kenner, La., 4,388. 126, Raymond Scrivens, Jr., Athens, Pa., 4,387. 127, James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 4,384. 128, Mike Schmid, St. Paul, Minn., 4,378. 129, Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 4,365. 130, Timothy Regan, East Northport, N.Y., 4,360. 131, Doug Kempt, Arcadia, Calif., 4,342. 132, Robert Donovan, Prattsville, N.Y., 4,317. 133, Daniel Knafo, Valencia, Calif., 4,316. 134, Ron Anderson, Canyon Country, Calif., 4,309. 135, Jon J.J. Jensen, Olympia, Wash., 4,302. 136, n-Marty Hinton, Henderson, Nev., 4,299. 137, Garry Blanton, Owensboro, Ky., 4,274. 138, Rodney Garrick, San Francisco, 4,273. 139, Richard McNeill, Yorktown, Va., 4,263. 140, Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 4,245. 141, Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 4,211. 142, John Kidwell, Indianapolis, Ind., 4,202. 143, Frank Paganelli, Las Vegas, Nev., 4,195. 144, Charles Allen Jr., Pell City, Ala., 4,178. 145, Ross McDonald, Las Vegas, Nev., 4,170. 146, n-Jay Gneiting, Aberdeen, Idaho, 4,155. 147, Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 4,128. 148, Joe Beck, Montgomery, Ala., 4,120. 149, n-William Mcgee, Great Falls, Mont., 4,080. 150, Tim Pierce, Portland, Ore., 4,020. 151, John Austin Jr., League City, Texas, 3,996. 152, n-Dale Knight, Las Vegas, 3,805.

153, Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 3,762.

n-non-member ss-PBA60 player ages 60 and over out of the regular prize fund who cashed for \$1,100.

Mika Koivuniemi Wins Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open For First PBA50 Tour Title

The winner of three majors on the PBA Tour, Koivuniemi defeats Brian Kretzer 259-237 in title match for first PBA50 Tour major title

LAS VEGAS (June 15, 2018) – Known as Major Mika during a 16-year career on the PBA Tour, 14time PBA Tour winner Mika Koivuniemi lived up to that nickname by winning the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm Friday for his first title on PBA's tour for players 50 and over.

The 51-year-old native of Finland, who was top qualifier for the stepladder finals, reeled off the first six strikes in a 259-237 win over Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio, in the title match at the Suncoast Bowling Center to win the season's third PBA50 Tour major.

"We may be getting older but winning never gets old," said Koivuniemi, who won three majors during his PBA Tour career. "There's a lot of great bowlers out here and many of them are bowlers who I bowled against on the PBA Tour so the competition is still tough."

With the first six strikes in the title match, Koivuniemi was able to build a lead that was just too much for Kretzer to overcome.

"I really felt good mentally and couldn't have thrown the ball better considering I don't bowl as much as I used to," said Koivuniemi. "I used a ball that I felt good about but it's one that I either throw a lot of strikes with or throw a lot of splits. Fortunately, it was strikes today.

"My attitude has always been to focus on what I can do to win," he added. "Even though Brian was bowling well it didn't have any effect on what I needed to do going into the (title) match."

Koivuniemi, who has been retired from the PBA Tour for three years, isn't able to bowl as much because he is the full-time head coach for the United Arab Emirates national bowling team.

"I'm fortunate that I'm still able to get time off to bowl these tournaments," Koivuniemi said of competing in the Senior U.S. Open and USBC Senior Masters. "I believe I can win these tournaments so that's why I make the trip."

Koivuniemi's previous best PBA50 major finishes were seventh in the 2017 Senior Masters and ninth in the 2017 Senior U.S. Open.

Kretzer, who qualified fifth for the finals after making a big move from 14th after Friday's first match play round, started by winning the opening match against No. 4 qualifier five-time PBA Tour winner Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y., 208-196. He then went on to beat PBA Hall of Famers Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., 243-193, and Brian Voss of Centennial, Colo., 257-196, on his way to the title match.

Kretzer, who owns one PBA Tour title, was trying for his first PBA50 Tour title. Bohn, a 35-time PBA Tour winner, was trying for his fifth PBA50 Tour title and Voss, a 25-time tour winner, was trying for his third and second of the season.

In danger of missing the cut to match play, PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., who was trying to become the Senior U.S. Open's first three-time winner rallied in the final two rounds of match play with an 11-1 match play record but fell just short of making the finals finishing sixth.

The PBA50 Tour will take a four-week break and return to action with the PBA50 River City Xtreme Open presented by Ebonite in Monticello, Minn., July 17-20.

SUNCOAST PBA SENIOR U.S. OPEN Presented by Storm Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Friday

Final Standings:

Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, \$10,000.
 Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, \$6,000.
 Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., \$5,000.
 Parker Bohn, III, Jackson, N.J., \$4,000.
 Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., \$3,500.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Kretzer def. Shafer, 208-196. Match Two – Kretzer def. Bohn, 243-193. Semifinal Match – Kretzer def. Voss, 257-196. Championship Match – Koivuniemi def. Kretzer, 259-237.

SIXTH ROUND

(after 36 games. Includes match play record and total pinfall including bonus pins. Top five players advance to stepladder finals)

- 1, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 9-3, 8,206.
- 2, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 7-5, 8,095.
- 3, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 8-3-1, 8,078.
- 4, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 5-6-1, 8,057.
- 5, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 8-4, 8,042.
- 6, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 11-1, 7,974, \$3,000.
- 7, Allan Sennevall, Sweden, 9-3, 7,966, \$2,800.
- 8, n-Steven Smith, San Diego, 8-4, 7,964, \$2,600.
- 9, Eric Forkel, Henderson, Nev., 6-6, 7,959, \$2,500.
- 10, Rolando Sebelen, Dominican Republic, 6-6, 7,944, \$2,400.
- 11, Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland, 7-5, 7,926, \$2,300.
- 12, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 7-5, 7,912, \$2,200.
- 13, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 4-7-1, 7,894, \$2,100.
- 14, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 5-7, 7,859, \$2,050.
- 15, Andrew Frawley, Australia, 8-4, 7,842, \$2,000.
- 16, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 4-8, 7,841, \$1,950.
- 17, Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 7-5, 7,832, \$1,900.
- 18, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 4-8, 7,788, \$1,850.
- 19, n-Steven Badovinac, Parker, Colo., 7-5, 7,778, \$1,800.
- 20, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 8-4, 7,771, \$1,750.
- 21, n-Paul Fleming, Bedford, Texas, 4-8, 7,767, \$1,700.
- 22, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 6-6, 7,755, \$1,650.
- 23, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 6-6, 7,714, \$1,600.
- 24, Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 7-5, 7,705, \$1,575.
- 25, Eddie Graham, Kettering, Ohio, 4-8, 7,698, \$1,550.
- 26, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 6-6, 7,690, \$1,525.
- 27, Rick Minier, Houston, 4-8, 7,675, \$1,500.
- 28, Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 6-6, 7,625, \$1,475.
- 29, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 6-6, 7,590, \$1,450.
- 30, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 4-8, 7,579, \$1,425.
- 31, (tie) Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 4-8, 7,567, and n-David Bolles, Stockton, Calif., 6-6, 7,567, \$1,388.

- 33, n-Ben Hoefs, Mobile, Ala., 7-5, 7,558, \$1,350.
- 34, Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 5-6-1, 7,550, \$1,325.
- 35, Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., 7-5, 7,531, \$1,300.
- 36, Mark Mazzulla, Brentwood, Calif., 5-7, 7,442, \$1,290.
- 37, Jan Larsen, Sweden, 4-8, 7,421, \$1,280.
- 38, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 2-10, 7,370, \$1,270.
- 39, Robert Lawrence, Austin, Texas, 3-9, 7,361, \$1,260.
- 40, *Pat Nolan, Japan, 2-3-0, 7,348, \$1,250.
- 41, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 2-5-0, 6,490.

*Alternate Pat Nolan replaced Mike Edwards who withdrew in second game.

FIFTH ROUND

(after 30 games. Includes match play record and total pinfall including bonus pins. All players advance to sixth round)

- 1, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 5-1, 6,697.
- 2, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3-3, 6,691.
- 3, n-Steven Smith, San Diego, 5-1, 6,660.
- 4, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 4-2, 6,655.
- 5, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 4-1-1, 6,630.
- 6, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3-3, 6,615.
- 7, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 4-2, 6,592.
- 8, Allan Sennevall, Sweden, 5-1, 6,559.
- 9, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 3-3, 6,533.
- 10, Eric Forkel, Henderson, Nev., 3-3, 6,517.
- 11, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3-3, 6,502.
- 12, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 2-4-0, 6,497.
- 13, Rolando Sebelen, Dominican Republic, 2-4, 6,491.
- 14, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3-3-0, 6,487.
- 15, Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 3-3, 6,453.
- 16, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 4-2, 6,438.
- 17, Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland, 2-4, 6,426.
- 18, n-Steven Badovinac, Parker, Colo., 4-2, 6,421.
- 19, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 5-1, 6,418.
- 20, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 4-2, 6,389.
- 21, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 2-4, 6,369.
- 22, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 2-4, 6,366.
- 23, Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 3-3, 6,356.
- 24, Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 4-2, 6,342.
- 25, Rick Minier, Houston, 2-4, 6,340.
- 26, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 4-2, 6,335.
- 27, Eddie Graham, Kettering, Ohio, 2-4, 6,311.
- 28, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 3-3, 6,293.
- 29, Andrew Frawley, Australia, 3-3, 6,290.
- 30, (tie) Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 3-3, and n-Paul Fleming, Bedford, Texas, 1-5, 6,287.
- 32, Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., 4-2, 6,286.
- 33, Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 1-5, 6,285.
- 34, n-David Bolles, Stockton, Calif., 3-3, 6,258.
- 35, Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 3-2-1, 6,243.
- 36, n-Ben Hoefs, Mobile, Ala., 3-3, 6,237.
- 37, Robert Lawrence, Austin, Texas, 2-4, 6,181.
- 38, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 1-5, 6,178.
- 39, Jan Larsen, Sweden, 1-5, 6,150.
- 40, Mark Mazzulla, Brentwood, Calif., 1-5, 6,126.

n-Non-member

Steven Arehart Wins Third Annual Timmy See Memorial South Open

TAVARES, FIA. (June 17, 2018) – Steven Arehart of Chesapeake, Va., won his third Professional Bowlers Association Regional title Sunday, defeating Anthony DeStasio of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 201-193, to win the third annual PBA Timmy See Memorial South Open presented by Motiv at Break Point Alley.

Arehart was the number one qualifier for the stepladder finals with a 17-game pinfall total of 3,671, vaulting into the lead with a 257 in the final game in the round of eight. He pocketed \$2,500 for the win while DeStasio earned \$1,300 for his second place finish.

In stepladder match one, DeStasio defeated Brandon Curtis of Manson, N.C., 223-166. Then DeStasio eliminated amateur Steve Johnson of Coral Springs, Fla., 200-171, to advance to the title match.

The PBA South region's next event will be the PBA50 Ultra Star Multi-Tainment Center at Harrah's Cherokee South Open on June 29 in Cherokee, N.C.

PBA TIMMY SEE MEMORIAL SOUTH OPEN PRESENTED BY MOTIV BreakPoint Alley, Tavares, Fla., Sunday

Final Standings:

- 1, Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., \$2,500.
- 2, Anthony DeStasio, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., \$1,300.
- 3, n-Steve Johnson, Coral Springs, Fla., \$1,100.
- 4, Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C., \$1,000.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – DeStasio def. Manson, 223-166. Semifinal – DeStasio def. n-Johnson, 200-171. Championship – Arehart def. DeStasio, 201-193.

Final Qualifying Standings (after 17 games, top 4 advanced to stepladder finals):

- 1, Arehart, 3,671.
- 2, n-Johnson, 3,649.
- 3, DeStasio, 3,647.
- 4, Curtis, 3,609.
- 5, Anthony Caso, Merritt Island, Fla., 3,602, \$800.
- 6, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 3,601, \$700.
- 7, Leon Platt, Summerville, S.C., 3,585, \$650.
- 8, n-Peter Ferraro, Deland, Fla., 3,522, \$600.

Round of 16 Cashers (eliminated after 15 games):

- 9, Darin Hays, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 3,135, \$575.00.
- 10, James Grago, Hampstead, N.C., 3,074, \$550.
- 11, n-Sean Connolly, Apopka, Fla., 3,020, \$525.
- 12, n-Jackson Harris, Dothan, Ala., 3,019, \$500.
- 13. Jason Sterner, Atlanta, Ga., 3,011, \$490.
- 14, Kole Payne, Charlotte, N.C., 2,994, \$485.
- 15, Hernan Ramirez, Orlando, Fla., 2,983, \$480.
- 16, n-Justin Mandell, Orlando, Fla., 2,900, \$475.

Cashers Round (eliminated after 12 games):

17, n-Sean Riccardi, St. Pete, Fla., 2,365, \$430.
 18, Dale Coleman, High Springs, Fla., 2,352, \$425.
 19, Sean Wilcox, Altamonte Springs, Fla., 2,351, \$420.
 20, George Gomez, Orlando, Fla., 2,332, \$415.
 21, n-Chris Kruschke, Palatka, Fla., 2,321, \$410.
 22, Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 2,318, \$405.
 23, n-Erik Ramos, Winter Springs, Fla., 2,270, \$400.

n-denotes non-member.

Jason Belmonte Wins 2018 PBA Tour Finals for 18th Career PBA Tour Title

Australian star beats defending champ EJ Tackett in 9th and 10th frame roll-off

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (June 19, 2018) - In a hotly-contested rematch between the last two Professional Bowlers Association Players of the Year, Australian two-hander Jason Belmonte defeated defending champion EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., in a two-frame roll-off to win the 2018 PBA Tour Finals, earning his 18th career Go Bowling! PBA Tour title. The finale was telecast Tuesday on the CBS Sports Network from suburban Detroit's famous Thunderbowl Lanes.

Bowling on the 45-foot Dick Weber lane condition chosen by Belmonte, the 2017 PBA Tour Finals runnerup held the upper hand in the best-of-two-game match after defeating Tackett in the first game, 239-205. But Tackett, the 2017 PBA Tour Finals winner, rebounded to win game two, 219-170, to force the 9th and 10th frame roll-off for the title.

"I didn't know what to do," said Belmonte after appearing to be lost following his 170 game. "I tried playing outside and then I went back to playing inside. I think I probably was overplaying my adjustments and making too radical of changes, so I went back to my original ball and started playing in the middle of what I was trying to do earlier in the game."

In the roll-off, Belmonte started with a strike and finished with a spare/strike in his 10th frame while Tackett, who was trying for his 10th career title, spared in his ninth but left the 2-8-10 split on his first ball of his 10th frame, resulting in a 40-26 loss and giving the title to Belmonte.

Belmonte stressed the importance of his strike on his fill ball in the 10th frame of the second game leading into the roll-off.

"That (final ball) in the 10th was huge because that was the only indicator I had that I could find some kind of shot going into the playoff."

The PBA Tour Finals was draining for Belmonte because it followed an especially grueling travel schedule for him just prior to the event.

After competing in the Oceanview at Falmouth PBA League in Portland and then traveling to Florida to visit with Hannah Carbocci, a member of Stoneman Douglas' high school bowling team, he returned home to Australia for a short four-day break before flying all the way back to Detroit for the PBA Tour Finals.

"I'm exhausted, but I wouldn't miss this event in this historic venue and the great Detroit bowling fans," Belmonte said. "This is a great event that I believe really puts a spotlight on our top players so I really enjoy competing in it. Plus, I had some unfinished business after last year's runner-up finish (when he lost to Tackett)." The PBA Tour Finals featured an elite field of the top eight players in combined PBA earnings from the 2016, 2017 and first four months of 2018. Competition consisted of four games of total pinfall positioning round competition on four different lane conditions, followed by a semifinal stepladder round for each four-man group. Belmonte won Group 1 over Anthony Simonsen, Dom Barrett and Sean Rash while Tackett topped Group 2, topping Jesper Svensson, Marshall Kent and Tommy Jones.

As the high average leader heading into the title match, Belmonte got to select the lane conditioning pattern out of the four patterns used in the event: Johnny Petraglia 36, Mark Roth 42, Don Carter 39 or Dick Weber 45 (the numerical distinction behind each pattern name refers to the distance in feet oil is applied to the lanes). Coincidentally, Tackett also favored the Weber pattern.

Preceding the title match, a match to decide third- and fourth-place featured the No. 2 qualifiers from each semifinal round. Sweden's Svensson, a left-handed two-hander, defeated Simonsen, a right-handed two-hander from Austin, Texas, in another best-of-two-game match that also resulted in a 9th and 10th frame roll-off. Svensson won game one, 248-204. After Simonsen came back to win the second, 229-201, Svensson won the roll-off, 49-39, to finish third.

For Belmonte, the title was his second of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season after a win with partner Bill O'Neill in the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship in February. Belmonte is trying to defend his 2017 PBA Player of the Year title and win PBA's most prized individual honor for the fifth time in six years. Tackett disrupted Belmonte's reign when he won the 2016 PBA Player of the Year award.

PBA TOUR FINALS

Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich. (finals aired June 19 on CBS Sports Network)

Championship (best of two games; 9th and 10th frame roll-off to break tie)

Game 1 – Jason Belmonte, Australia def. EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 239-205. Game 2 – Tackett def. Belmonte, 219-170. Roll-off - Belmonte (\$30,000) def. Tackett (\$18,000), 40-26.

Third-Place Match (best of two games; 9th and 10th frame roll-off to break tie)

Game 1 – Jesper Svensson, Sweden def. Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 248-204.

Game 2 – Simonsen def. Svensson, 229-201.

Roll-off – Svensson (\$10,000) def. Simonsen (\$5,000), 49-39.

PBA Spare Shots

BELMONTE, PAGE, SMALLWOOD, SVENSSON EARN ESPY "BEST BOWLER" NOMINATIONS Reigning PBA Player of the Year **Jason Belmonte**, 2017 U.S. Open champion **Rhino Page**, 2018 Barbasol PBA Players Championship titlist **Tom Smallwood** and Sweden's two-handed powerhouse, **Jesper Svensson**, are ESPN's candidates for the 2018 "Best Bowler ESPY," ESPN announced Wednesday.

Fan voting is now open (<u>http://www.espn.com/espys/story/ /page/voting52/vote-best-sports</u>) for "best bowler" and a variety of other categories. The annual ESPYs telecast, hosted for the first time by a woman – auto racing star **Danica Patrick** – will air live on ABC on Wednesday, July 18, from the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles. Fans also can vote at ESPN's social media platforms (@ESPN on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter) and @ESPYS (Twitter).

The ESPYS and related events benefit the V Foundation for Cancer Research in memory of the late Jim Valvano.

Belmonte, who has won the "Best Bowler" ESPY in fan voting the past three years, could become the first bowler to win the honor four consecutive years. He also is a four-time winner, tying **Norm Duke** and **Pete Weber** for second place behind the all-time ESPY leader, **Walter Ray Williams Jr.**, who has won the award seven times since its inception in 1995. Belmonte and Duke are the only recipients to win three years in a row.

Belmonte is coming off a 2017 season in which he became the first player ever to win three PBA majors in a single season, and thus far in 2018 he has won the Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship (with partner **Bill O'Neill**) and the PBA Tour Finals as well as posting top-five finishes in the PBA Tournament of Champions and the Barbasol PBA Players Championship.

In addition to his U.S. Open win, Page won the Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic title and he finished fifth in the USBC Masters earlier this season. In addition to winning his second major in the PBA Players Championship, Smallwood helped the Sysco Philadelphia Hitmen to a second-place finish in the OceanView at Falmouth PBA League Elias Cup finals. Svensson, after runner-up finishes in the 2017 PBA World Championship and 2018 PBA Tournament of Champions, helped the GoBowling.com Silver Lake Atom Splitters win the 2018 Elias Cup.

PBA XTRA FRAME ON FLOBOWLING.COM DEBUTS FOLLOWING BOWL EXPO

PBA's Xtra Frame live streaming service will take a week off for the bowling industry's annual trade show, International Bowl Expo in Las Vegas, before returning to live action June 25-29 with exclusive coverage of the preliminary rounds of the U.S. Women's Open from Orlando, Fla. **Liz Johnson** of Palatine, Ill., will be trying for her fifth consecutive, and seventh overall, U.S. Women's Open title. CBS Sports Network will air the stepladder finals live on Saturday, June 30, at 5 p.m. EDT.

The Go Bowling! PBA Tour returns to Xtra Frame on June 30 on its new online home, FloBowling.com. The inaugural event on the FloBowling calendar will be the PBA Xtra Frame Parkside Lanes Open from Aurora, Ill., June 30-July 2.

The PBA50 Tour will make its PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling debut July 17-20 with coverage of the PBA50 River City Extreme Open, presented by Ebonite, from River City Extreme in Monticello, Minn.

Fans can still enroll as XtraFrame subscribers through June 29 by visiting <u>xtraframe.tv</u>. An entire month of coverage costs only \$7.99. A three-day subscription is also available through June 25 for \$3.99, and the 12-month Season Ticket plan is offered for about \$1.25 week. Monthly and year-long subscriptions will be honored by FloSports as the PBA moves to Xtra Frame on FloBowling as of June 30. As of June 30, new subscribers will enroll through FloSports.com at the current FloSports PRO subscription rates.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: AREHART WINS TIMMY SEE MEMORIAL OPEN

Steven Arehart of Chesapeake, Va., won his third PBA Regional title Sunday, defeating **Anthony DeStasio** of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 201-193, to win the third annual PBA Timmy See Memorial South Open presented by Motiv at Break Point Alley in Tavares, Fla.

Arehart was the number one qualifier for the stepladder finals with a 17-game pinfall total of 3,671, vaulting into the lead with a 257 in the final game of qualifying. He pocketed \$2,500 for the win.

In stepladder match one, DeStasio defeated **Brandon Curtis** of Manson, N.C., 223-166. Then DeStasio eliminated amateur **Steve Johnson** of Coral Springs, Fla., 200-171, to advance to the title match.

• PBA Regional activity over the June 22-24 weekend will be the Homefield Bowl Eastern Open presented by MOTIV in Yonkers, N.Y.; the Pro Bowl West Central/Midwest Challenge presented by Storm in Fort

Wayne, Ind., and the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Southwest Doubles at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla.

• For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit <u>pba.com</u>, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area...and remember, you can follow "live scoring" for all PBA Regional events on <u>pba.com</u> (easily accessible for Apple device users using the PBA app).

QUICK NOTES

• Click on this link to listen to the **Steve (Sparky) Fifer**'s podcast on Milwaukee's 1057 FM the Fan's website with PBA CEO-Commissioner **Tom Clark** discussing PBA's new relationship with FOX Sports: <u>http://www.1057fmthefan.com/media/audio-channel/pba-commissioner-tom-clark-joins-sparky-discuss-fox-tv-deal</u>.

• You can listen to PBA Hall of Famer **Chris Barnes'** interview on Herb FM Sports Radio anytime by clicking on this podcast link: <u>https://www.iheart.com/podcast/53-HerbFM-Sports-Radio-28673959/</u>.

• A four-man team of American PBA stars (**Chris Barnes, Tommy Jones, Anthony Simonsen** and **Kyle Troup**) defeated a team of our European PBA stars (**Dom Barrett, Stuart Williams, Martin Larsen** and **Jesper Svensson**), 19-10, to win the Weber Cup for the first time in six years. Troup was named MPV for the multi-event, Ryder Cup-style competition. At the conclusion of the invitational event, organizers said the 2019 Weber Cup (named in honor of PBA legend Dick Weber) will be held in Las Vegas, the first time it has ever been held in the United States. Dates and location are pending.

PBA's YouTube Channel Reaches 100,000 Subscriber Milestone

Global fans help PBA become first bowling channel to reach elite "Silver Level" status

CHICAGO – The Professional Bowlers Association's YouTube channel is the first bowling channel to achieve YouTube's elite Silver Level status, surpassing the 100,000 subscriber milestone last week.

By reaching Silver Level status on the YouTube.com ranking system, the PBAbowling channel will receive a Silver Creator Award which will include a silver play button and other perks that will help the channel grow even more. Silver Level status also means the number of fans following PBA on YouTube has continued to grow, achieving the fourth milestone on the video streaming website's popularity scale.

One reason the PBA has achieved the Silver Level milestone is its archive of more than 1,300 videos residing on its YouTube channel, including complete tournament telecasts, Xtra Frame highlights, full coverage of big events such as past World Series of Bowling and PBA League competition, player highlights, the "60 greatest moments in PBA's 60-year history" countdown, original content, and more. The PBAbowling home page (youtube.com/pba) includes a comprehensive list of playlists that feature the PBA's most relevant content.

"PBAbowling on YouTube is one of the key aspects of the PBA Network," said PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark. "It's the perfect complement to our broadcast and cable television coverage, our comprehensive schedule of programming on FloBowling.com that begins in less than two weeks, our social media network and our ongoing mainstream media outreach."

The best news for bowling fans is that subscriptions to PBAbowling on YouTube.com are free. By simply signing on and clicking a button, subscribers are notified every time the PBA adds new content.

Unique Format in Place as FloBowling Makes Its Debut with PBA Xtra Frame Parkside Lanes Open This Weekend

"Bonus pins" in qualifying, different lane conditions each round to enhance Parkside's challenge

AURORA, III. – When Ryan Ciminelli of Clarence, N.Y., returns to Parkside Lanes Saturday to defend the Professional Bowlers Association's Xtra Frame Parkside Lanes Open title he won in 2016, he and the rest of the all-star field will find a few changes are in place, including the debut of PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling.com, and a new format that will bring a new dimension to the qualifying portion of the event.

Organized by PBA Tour champion Sean Rash, an Aurora area resident, the Parkside Lanes Open will present unique challenges to a world-class field of proven PBA champions as well as a talented field of challengers who are seeking their first PBA title, and it'll be an event that is part festival as well as part tournament.

With FloBowling's PBA Xtra Frame cameras and announcers following the action from start to finish, the event will feature a new dimension to the qualifying rounds Saturday and Sunday, as well as Monday's semifinal round. For starters each of those rounds will be contested on a different lane condition. Ciminelli conquered the lane condition challenge on two different patterns when he won in 2016, but this year players will have to demonstrate their skills on three widely different oil patterns: PBA Chameleon 39 on Saturday, Don Carter 39 on Sunday and PBA Bear 39 on Monday (designations refer to 39-foot applications of oil).

New this year also is a "bonus pin" scoring system during qualifying that will put added emphasis on performing well every game. The new system will work like this: with four players on each pair of lanes, the player who bowls the highest score each game will earn an additional 30 bonus pins. The second highest player will earn 20 bonus pins, and the third-high player will get an extra 10 pins. The lowest scoring player on the pair won't get any bonus pins. In case of ties, bonus pins will be divided.

Qualifying in PBA competition normally involves actual pin count only, but the new wrinkle is something Rash introduced based on his years of experience in PBA competition.

"It's a combination of events we've played in the past," Rash said, "but it's the first time is PBA history this has been used in PBA Tour competition. It's something I wanted to try so we'll see how it goes.

"The whole objective to is make every shot matter," he added. "Too often in qualifying, players get a little complacent so now the guys are going to have to pay attention, myself included. The bonus pins can make a huge difference."

Therefore, Ciminelli will try to overcome the lane condition challenges as well as take advantage of the new bonus pin system as he tries to repeat against a world-class field of bowling talent that features several 2018 PBA titlists including DHC PBA Japan Invitational winner Dom Barrett of England; PBA Tournament of Champions winner Matt O'Grady of Rahway, N.J.; PBA Xtra Frame Greater Jonesboro Open and USBC Masters champ Andrew Anderson of Holly, Mich.; Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles co-winner Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., and PBA Xtra Frame Wilmington Open winner Cristian Azcona of Puerto Rico.

Other PBA Tour title holders entered include Ciminelli, Canada's Graham Fach, Yorkville's Steve Jaros, Tommy Jones, Marshall Kent, Rhino Page, Anthony Pepe, Rash, Ronnie Russell, Matt Sanders, Ryan Shafer, Anthony Simonsen, Tom Smallwood, Jason Sterner, EJ Tackett, England's Richie Teece, Kyle Troup and Cameron Weier.

The Illinois delegation of competitors will be highlighted by PBA Hall of Famer Carmen Salvino of Chicago, who earlier this year set a PBA record as the oldest player ever to bowl in the PBA Tour event when he

competed in the Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic in Indianapolis at the age of 84 (he turns 85 in November).

The Parkside Lanes Open, like all eight PBA Xtra Frame Tour events in 2018, is part of the Go Bowling! PBA Tour. All Xtra Frame events will be covered live, from first ball to last, by PBA's live streaming partner, FloBowling. PBA created the online Xtra Frame Tour in 2014 to supplement its nationallytelevised events. The growing popularity of live streaming events enables more fans around the world to watch the world's greatest bowlers compete for a PBA Tour title.

Competition begins on Saturday, June 30 with an eight-game qualifying round at 10 a.m. with a second eight-game qualifying round Sunday at 10 a.m. After 16 games, the top 25 percent of the field will advance to an eight-game semifinal round Monday at 10 a.m. Based on 24 games with "bonus pins," the five will advance to the stepladder finals at 3 p.m., where the top qualifier will decide which lane condition is used for the finals. At stake is a projected \$10,000 first prize and a PBA Tour title.

A practice session is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Friday followed by a pro-am where grassroots amateur bowlers can bowl with the pros will be conducted at 6 p.m. Following Saturday's qualifying round, Parkside will host a BBQ party beginning at 3 p.m. Sunday, Rash and the tournament organizers will host a free youth clinic at 3 p.m. (more than 100 youth bowlers have already signed up). For tournament pro-am, BBQ and youth clinic information contact Parkside Lanes at (630) 898-5678.

For Xtra Frame subscriptions, visit <u>xtraframe.tv</u> by no later than Friday to enroll at the current subscription rates (three days for \$3.99, 30 days for \$7.99 or for a full year for \$64.99. As of Saturday, FloBowling PRO subscription rates will be in effect (\$30 per month, \$150 per year) through FloBowling.com. FloBowling PRO subscriptions include access to all of FloSports' diverse channels.

PBA XTRA FRAME PARKSIDE LANES OPEN (A 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour event)

Parkside Lanes, Aurora, Ill., June 29-July 2 (All times Central)

Friday, June 29

8 a.m. – Golf outing 3:30 p.m. - Practice Session 5:30 p.m. – New player orientation meeting 6 p.m. - Pro-am

Saturday, June 30

10 a.m. - Eight qualifying games 3 p.m. – BBQ party

Sunday, July 1

10 a.m. – Eight qualifying games *Top 25 percent of field after 16 games advance* 3 p.m. – Youth clinic

Monday, July 2

10 a.m. – Semifinal Round, eight games *Top five after 24 games advance to stepladder finals*3 p.m. – Top five, stepladder finals
6 p.m. – Champion's dinner

Castillo, Lavoie Team Up to Win PBA FireLake Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Southwest Doubles

Shawnee, Okla., (June 26, 2018) – Dino Castillo of Highland Village, Texas, and Canadian Francois Lavoie, now living in Wichita, Kan., teamed up to win the PBA FireLake Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Southwest Doubles at FireLake Bowling Center Sunday, defeating the Houston area team of D.J. Archer and Shawn Maldonado, 436-390, in the title match.

For Castillo, the win was his seventh in PBA Regional competition while Lavoie's number of PBA Regional titles is up to six following his second victory at FireLake. Each collected \$2,000 for the win.

The winning team had a long road to the finals after qualifying in seventh position while Archer and Maldonado earned byes to the Round of Four by leading the eight-game qualifying round. Castillo and Lavoie defeated another Canadian, Mitch Hupe', and his amateur partner, Marc Heninger from Tangonoxie, Kan., 2-0, in the best-of-three-game Round of 8. In the Round of 6, Castillo and Lavoie outbattled the Oklahoma team of James Cantere from Norman and Jeff Hatt of Midwest City in three games to win, 2-1. Castillo and Lavoie then overwhelmed the No. 2 qualifiers from Amarillo, Texas, Mason Edmondson, and Tyler Albracht, 2-0, in the semifinal round while Archer and Maldonado eliminated a pair of two-handed players, Malaysia's Zulmazran Zulkifli and Trey Ford III of Bartlesville, Okla, 2-1, in the other match.

The PBA Southwest Region's next event is the PBA Fort Sill Southwest Open at Twin Oaks Lanes in Fort Sill, Okla., July 20-22.

PBA FIRELAKE GRAND CASINO RESORT SOUTHWEST DOUBLES FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Okla., Sunday

Championship:

Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas/Francois Lavoie, Canada (\$4,000) def. DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas,/Shawn Maldonado, Houston, Texas (\$2,200), 436-390.

Semifinal Round (best of three games, losers earned \$1,500):

Archer/Maldonado def. Zulmazran Zulkilfi, Malaysia/Trey Ford III,Bartlesville, Okla., 2-1. Castillo/Lavoie def. Tyler Albracht/Mason Edmondson, Amarillo, Texas 2-0.

Round of 6 (best of three games, losers earned \$1,280):

Zulkifli/Ford III def. Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo.,/Austin Boulds, Creal Springs, Ill., 2-0 Castillo/Lavoie def. James Cantere, Norman, Okla./Jeff Hatt, Midwest city, Okla., 2-1.

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

Castillo/Lavoie def. Mitch Hupe', Canada/n-Marc Heninger, Tangonoxie, Kan., 2-0. Zulkifli/Ford III def. Joe Findling, Mesquite, Texas/Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2-1.

n-denotes non-PBA member

PBA Hall of Famer Johnny Guenther Dies at Age 82

CHICAGO (June 28, 2018) - Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer and 11-time PBA Tour champion Johnny Guenther of Edmonds, Wash., died Wednesday after a short illness at the age of 82. Among his 11 titles was the 1972 PBA National Championship for his lone major, but he was probably most remembered for his 1969 San Jose Open title where he bowled only the second 300 game seen on live television.

On ABC's Pro Bowlers Tour stepladder final telecast that featured four other PBA greats, Guenther, the No. 4 qualifier, beat Buzz Fazio, 203-195, in the first match and then went on to beat Don Johnson in the second match, where he threw the historic 300 game (300-189). He then defeated Billy Hardwick, 233-214, in the semifinal, and finally top-seeded Wayne Zahn, 268-194, for the title.

"To tell you the truth, I never thought about it until I hit the last strike," Guenther said after bowling the historic perfect game. "I've had nine or 10 300 games in my career but that one was the only one on television. You never think you're going to get them all – you just keep adding one at a time." To view a clip of Guenther's 300 game in the San Jose Open click

on https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I_R-g8TYyUo

Guenther's very first PBA win in the 1965 Oxnard (Calif.) Open was also memorable setting two PBA scoring records on his way to the title. He set the then eight-game pinfall record of 2,022 and 16-game record of 3,830 which eclipsed the previous marks of 1,983 and 3,793 set by Ray Bluth in 1964. Guenther, who was voted as PBA's 45th greatest player in 2009, was also a three-time Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award winner, earning the honor in 1966 and 1967 and then shared the award again with Dick Ritger and Dave Soutar in 1970.

Also a member of the United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame, Guenther was the winner of two USBC Open Championship titles, winning the 1967 and 1974 Classic Team titles. Information regarding services has not yet been released.

PBA Spare Shots

PBA XTRA FRAME ON FLOBOWLING.COM MAKES ITS DEBUT SATURDAY

PBA's exclusive Xtra Frame live streaming coverage of the preliminary rounds of the U.S. Women's Open from Orlando, Fla., on <u>xtraframe.tv</u> wraps up on Friday, with PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling.com making its debut Saturday from Aurora, III., where the PBA Xtra Frame Parkside Lanes Open gets underway with a unique qualifying format that will award players with "bonus pins" based upon how well they perform each game on their respective pairs of lanes.

That means current Xtra Frame subscribers who want to watch this weekend's Parkside Lanes Open need to activate their FloBowling accounts as soon as possible. If you are a current subscriber and didn't get an email from FloSports regarding the simple step to activate your new account, the first place to go is: <u>https://www.flobowling.com/claim-account</u>. If you can't find your email, send an email to: <u>support@flosports.tv</u> (don't forget to check your "spam" folder first to see if the email was filtered into that folder).

For those of you who are curious about FloSports, whether you are a paid subscriber or not, you are invited to preview free content on FloBowling.com which includes features on **Walter Ray Williams Jr**.'s experimentation with two-handed bowling, **Sean Rash**'s behind-the-scenes role with the XF Parkside Lanes Open; <u>Andrew Anderson</u>'s breakout season as a second-year PBA member; a nice feature about **Wes Malott**'s rise to PBA stardom; podcasts, video features, the live streaming schedule, and more.

As the transition to FloBowling continues, PBA fans can also follow FloBowling on Facebook and @FloBowling on Twitter and Instagram, which also is free and where features and conversation about the PBA is growing daily for everyone – not just paid subscribers. Live coverage of the PBA Xtra Frame Parkside Lanes Open, which will be available exclusively to FloBowling subscribers, is the fourth of eight exclusive PBA Xtra Frame tournaments that are part of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule. The Illinois tournament includes qualifying rounds Saturday and Sunday leading into a semifinal round and stepladder finals on Monday, July 2.

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AUSTRALIAN NETWORK TELEVISION PROFILES JASON BELMONTE

Bowling has never been a "headline" sport in Australia, but **Jason Belmonte** is slowly by steadily changing that. Most recently, according to Australia's **Lynne Clay**, the Australia Broadcast Company – Australia's "ABC-TV" - has recently aired a segment on its popular 7.30 Report profiling the world's top-ranked bowler.

The 34-year-old two-handed star from Orange in New South Wales has achieved unprecedented success with dozens of titles in national and international tournaments, re-writing the sport's record books, becoming the first player ever to win the USBC Masters on four occasions, and sweeping the PBA's two most defining statistical categories for 2017 – official earnings and scoring average, which included a record 229.39 scoring pace for the full season.

Clay noted the 7.30 Report is billed as providing the best analysis of local, national and international events from an Australian perspective and is streamed live on iView. The program is watched by a national audience of many millions. Here is a link to the segment: http://www.abc.net.au/7.30/meet-the-world's-number-one-tenpin-bowler,/9847034.

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• **Anthony Pepe** of Elmhurst, N.Y. defeated defending champion **Darren Andretta** of Wantagh, N.Y. 253-226, to win the PBA Homefield Bowl Eastern Open presented by MOTIV at Homefield Bowl in Yonkers, N.Y., Sunday.

Pepe compiled a 7-5 match play record and 4,828 pins for 20 games, including match play bonus pins, to qualify first for the stepladder finals by 78 pins over Andretta. Pepe then started the championship match with four strikes, but an open frame in the fifth saw his lead shrink to seven pins. Recovering quickly, he rolled another five strikes to clinch the victory along with a \$3,000 prize and his fourth regional title.

Andretta advanced to the championship match by defeating **John Furey** of Howell, N.J., 226-211, after Furey defeated **Patrick Allen** of Elmwood Park, N.J., 233-198, in the opening match.

• **Aaron Beaver** of Goshen, Ind. defeated amateur **Conner Weber** of Wayne, Mich., 267-178, to win \$1,500 and his first PBA title in the PBA Pro Bowl West Central/Midwest Challenge presented by Storm at Pro Bowl West in Ft. Wayne, Ind., on Saturday. Challenge events are open to PBA members without a PBA title or non-members who have never won a PBA event.

Beaver downed **Brian Hall** of Macedon, N.Y., 218-199 while Weber edged **Doug Henry** of Columbus, Ind., 180-176, to set up the championship match.

• PBA Regional competition in July begins this weekend with the PBA50 Ultra Star Multi-Tainment Center at Harrah's Cherokee South Open, a new PBA Regional event, in Cherokee, N.C.

• The only event on the July 6-8 PBA Regional calendar is the PBA50 Cecil Raymond Memorial presented by Ebonite at Brunswick Deptford Lanes in Deptford, N.J.

• The July 13-15 PBA Regional schedule includes the PBA50 Fairborn Central Classic presented by Roto Grip at Bowl 10 Fairborn in Fairborn, Ohio; the PBA Allstate Tony Grigat Midwest Open presented by Columbia 300 at Poplar Creek Bowl in Hoffman Estates, Ill., and the PBA Beltline Lanes Columbia Baker Doubles South Open in Columbia, S.C.

• Over the July 20-22 weekend, PBA Regional events will include the PBA50 Parkway Lanes Eastern Open presented by Roto Grip in Elmwood Park, N.J.; the PBA Angola Central/Midwest Open presented by Ebonite at Angola Bowl in Angola, Ind.; the PBA Spring Hill Lanes South Open presented by Track in Spring Hill, Fla.; the PBA Fort Sill Southwest Open at Twin Oaks Bowling Center in Fort Sill, Okla.; the PBA, PBA50 and PBA-PWBA Secoma Lanes Northwest/West Open tripleheader in Federal Way, Wash., and the PBA50 Beverly Lanes Midwest/Central Open presented by Roto Grip in Arlington Heights, Ill.

• Closing out the July schedule of PBA Regional competitions will be the PBA50 Ned Micelli Memorial at Herrill Lanes in New Hyde Park, N.Y., over the July 27-28 weekend.

• For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit <u>pba.com</u>, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area...and remember, you can follow "live scoring" for all PBA Regional events on <u>pba.com</u> (easily accessible for Apple device users using the PBA app).

QUICK NOTES

• Don't forget: Fan voting is now open to select the "best bowler" in the 2018 ESPY competition.Click on this link (<u>http://www.espn.com/espys/story/ /page/voting54/best-athlete-sport</u>) and look for the "best bowler" ballot which includes **Jason Belmonte, Rhino Page, Tom Smallwood** and **Jesper Svensson**. The winner will be announced when the ESPY shows airs on ESPN on Wednesday, July 18.

EJ Tackett Leads PBA Xtra Frame Parkside Lanes Open After First Round

Nine-time titlist uses 300 game, 200 bonus pins to lead Canada's Graham Fach by 87 pins

AURORA, Ill. (June 30, 2018) – EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., rolled the only 300 game in the opening round to lead a group dominated by rising 20-something stars after the first eight qualifying games in the Professional Bowlers Association's Xtra Frame Parkside Lanes Open Saturday.

Tackett, a nine-time PBA Tour champion and already a former PBA Player of the Year at age 25, took advantage of his 300 game and 200 bonus pins to finish the eight-game round with a 2,086 pinfall total and an 87-pin lead over 26-year-old Canadian left-hander Graham Fach.

The PBA Xtra Frame Parkside Lanes Open, a Go Bowling! PBA Tour event, is the inaugural tournament in the PBA's new live streaming relationship with FloSports, and features multi-lane condition challenges as well as a unique scoring system that awards bonus pins based upon how players score in relationship to the other players on their respective pair of lanes each game.

With heat index hovering in the 110-degree range outside Parkside Lanes, Tackett rolled games of 259, 218, 224, 232, 300, 215, 225 and 213 for an actual 235.75 average. Fach, the first Canadian ever to win a PBA Tour title (2016 Barbasol PBA Players Championship), finished with 1,999 pins. Jason Sterner of Rockledge, Fla., the oldest player among the leaders at the age 34, was third with 1,992 pins, Tied for fourth were 23-year-old Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich.; 25-year-old Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., and 25-year-old AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., all with 1,985 pins.

Anderson and Australia's Jason Belmonte are the only two-time PBA Tour title winners in 2018 (Belmonte isn't competing in Aurora). Johnson is the only player among the leaders without a PBA Tour title.

With PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling following the action from start to finish, the event includes eightgame qualifying rounds Saturday and Sunday, with the top 27 qualifiers after 16 games advancing to Monday's eight-game cashers round. Saturday's qualifying was contested on the PBA Chameleon lane condition. Sunday's 10 a.m. qualifying round will be bowled on the Don Carter lane condition and Monday's cashers round, also at 10 a.m., will involve the PBA Bear oiling pattern. All three involve 39-foot applications of oil with variations in the amount of oil applied as well as how it is distributed across the lanes.

After 24 games plus bonus pins, the top five will bowl in the stepladder finals at 3 p.m. CDT with the top qualifier selecting the oil pattern for the finals.

The "bonus pin" scoring system for qualifying works like this: with four players on each pair of lanes, the player who bowls the highest score each game will earn an additional 30 bonus pins. The second highest player will earn 20 bonus pins, and the third-high player will get an extra 10 pins. The lowest scoring player on the pair won't get any bonus pins. In case of ties, bonus pins will be divided.

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PBA XTRA FRAME PARKSIDE LANES OPEN (A 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour event) Parkside Lanes, Aurora, Ill., Saturday

First Round Standings (after 8 games, including bonus pins):

- 1, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 2,086.
- 2, Graham Fach, Canada, 1,999.
- 3, Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., 1,992.
- 4 (tie), Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich.; Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., and AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,985.
- 7, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 1,969.
- 8, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 1,958.
- 9, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, III., 1,948.
- 10, Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 1,935.
- 11, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 1,917.
- 12, Dom Barrett, England, 1,916.
- 13, Zach Doty, Campbellsville, Ky., 1,911.
- 14, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 1,908.
- 15, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,893.
- 16, Mitch Hupe, Canada, 1,892.
- 17, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 1,888.
- 18, Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, 1,882.
- 19, Jason Miller, Plano, Ill., 1,869.
- 20, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,853.
- 21, Richard McCormick, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1,846.
- 22, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 1,833.
- 23, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 1,827.
- 24, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 1,826.
- 25, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 1,821.
- 26, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,813.
- 27, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,807.
- 28, Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 1,806.
- 29, Matthew McNiel, Minneapolis, Minn., 1,802.
- 30, n-Mike Dole, Loves Park, Ill., 1,798.
- 31, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 1,795.
- 32, Gerald Marrs, Lake in the Hills, Ill., 1,790.
- 33 (tie), Aaron Beaver, Goshen, Ind., and Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 1,782.
- 35, Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., 1,780.
- 36, Nathan Michalowski, Burlington, Wis., 1,778.
- 37, Kyle Walther, Columbus, Ohio, 1,777.
- 38, Charlie Brown Jr, Grandville, Mich., 1,773.
- 39, n-Alex Leeman, Appleton, Wis., 1,770.
- 40, Michael Vitalone, Jr., Lake Worth, Fla., 1,767.
- 41, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 1,758.
- 42, n-Patrick Hanrahan, Greenwich, Conn., 1,757.
- 43, Dakota Vostry, Chicago, 1,752.
- 44, JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 1,747.
- 45, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 1,734.
- 46, Joseph Kruzel Jr, Addison, Ill., 1,731.
- 47, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 1,724.
- 48, Cameron Weier, Tacoma, Wash., 1,711.
- 49, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,707.
- 50, Richie Teece, England, 1,697.
- 51, n-William Guszczo, Orland Park, Ill., 1,690.
- 52, Kyle Cook, Centerville, Ohio, 1,689.
- 53, Francois Louw, South Africa, 1,686.
- 54 (tie), Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., and Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 1,684.
- 56, Kenny Calkins III, Des Moines, Iowa, 1,681.
- 57 (tie), John Furey, Howell, N.J., and n-Germaine Tyler, Bolingbrook, Ill., 1,680.

59 (tie), n-Victor Cortez, Waukegan, Ill., and Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 1,676. 61, Bobby Hall II, Landover, Md., 1,670. 62, n-Joseph Grondin, San Pedro, Calif., 1,667. 63, Steven Taylor, Tremont, Ill., 1,659. 64, n-Brent Boho, Colgate, Wis., 1,650. 65, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,645. 66, n-Jim Spigner, Vernon Hills, Ill., 1,641. 67, n-Ron Fujita, El Sobrente, Calif., 1,635. 68, Scott Merritt, Iowa City, Iowa, 1,632. 69. Phillip Watson, Belleville, Ill., 1,630. 70, Michael Schlabach, Goshen, Ind., 1,618. 71, Christopher O'Neil, Decatur, Ill., 1,617. 72, n-Mike Kicmal, LaGrange, Ill., 1,613. 73, n-Tom Carter, Aurora, III., 1,610. 74, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 1,605. 75, Ryan Zagar, Racine, Wis., 1,588. 76, CJ Kirchner, Cartersville, Ill., 1,585. 77, Trent Knoop, Sidney, Ohio, 1,565. 78, n-Zach Rhoades, Lafayette, Ind., 1,558. 79, n-Christopher Dower, Cary, Ill., 1,555. 80, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 1,554. 81, n-Joshua Berry, Glasgow, Ky., 1,552. 82, n-Josh Parkin, Urbana, Ohio, 1,550. 83, Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C., 1,529. 84, n-Kevin Sickler, Plainfield, Ill., 1,526. 85 (tie), Shane Yesovich, Boardman, Ohio, and Tyler Wilds, Three Rivers, Mich., 1,523. 87, n-Will Clark, Montgomery, Ill., 1,516. 88, n-Daniel Hall, Wolfforth, Texas, 1,514. 89, Dakoda Christianson, Rice Lake, Wis., 1,497. 90, Peter Switalski, Oak Forest, Ill., 1,492. 91, Ryan Lakota, Shorewood, Ill., 1,490. 92, Matt Taylor, Youngsville, N.C., 1,487. 93, Tristan Butler, Fort Wayne, Ind., 1,461. 94, ss-Larry Helton, Bolingbrook, Ill., 1,444. 95, Michael Baker, Moline, Ill., 1,440. 96, Jason Gittleson, Southern Pines, N.C., 1,402. 97, n-Glenn Itter, Aurora, III., 1,400. 98, n-William Thompson, Romeoville, Ill., 1,389. 99, n-Kevin Henkens, Fort Madison, Iowa, 1,363. 100, John Contos, Crystal Lake, Ill., 1,227. 101, ss-Carmen Salvino, Schaumburg, Ill., 961. 102. Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., withdrew, 103, Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., withdrew. 104, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., withdrew.

300 Game: EJ Tackett.

n-denotes non-PBA member.

PBA Hall of Famer Pete Couture Dies at Age 73

Graduate of "school of hard knocks" reached his peak as a PBA50 competitor in the 1990s

CHICAGO (July 1, 2018) – Pete Couture of Cocoa, Fla., a 2016 inductee into the Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Fame, died Saturday at his Florida residence of undetermined medical issues. He was 73.

"Another Hall of Famer and friend of mine has passed away," said fellow PBA Hall of Famer Marshall Holman. "Pete was a great competitor and a good friend of mine for almost 40 years."

"Pete was one of the toughest, hardest-working players our sport has ever seen," added long-time friend Bill Spigner, a Connecticut native who grew up competing against Couture in New England.

Couture was born in Auburn, Maine, and spent many of his formative years in Windsor Locks, Conn. He was elected in the PBA50 Performance category based on his exceptional record for a minimum of 10 years as a "senior" competitor. On the heels of a 24-year career as a PBA Tour competitor, when he won five standard PBA titles, Couture began his PBA50 career in 1995 when he earned PBA50 Rookie of the Year honors. He won the first of nine PBA50 Tour titles in Reno in 1996, and captured a pair of USBC Senior Masters titles in 1998 (when he was selected as PBA50 Player of the Year) and 2002. He is one of nine players – all PBA Hall of Famers – to earn both PBA50 Rookie and Player of the Year honors.

At the time of his retirement, he had earned \$959,900 during his PBA career. In retirement, he operated a pro shop and coaching services at Shore Lanes in Merritt Island, Fla. He liked to say he was a "graduate of the school of hard knocks."

"If it wasn't for the senior (PBA50) tour I wouldn't be here," said Couture during his PBA Hall of Fame induction speech. "The senior tour was a second chance and an opportunity to re-invent myself.

"I'm kind of overwhelmed," Couture said. "It's a dream come true. I think everyone who bowls for a living has a dream of getting into the hall of fame, and to have it actually happen is unbelievable.

"I went from being a so-called star to being a superstar in that one year," he said of his four-title season in 1998. "Everything came together. When I made match play, I was able to get to the show, and when I got to the show I was pretty successful. Everything went the right way for me that year."

Growing up in New England, Couture won more than 20 state and local association titles in Maine and Connecticut. He was inducted into the Central Connecticut and Connecticut State Bowling Association Halls of Fame in 1993, and the USBC Hall of Fame in 2004. In addition to his two USBC Senior Masters titles, he had five other top 10 Senior Masters finishes. Other notable USBC accomplishments included a second-place finish in the 1994 USBC Open Championships team event (with Bill Spigner, Rick and Ron Pollard, and Don Scudder – all USBC Hall of Famers). Over a span of 20 years he had a USBC Open Championships average of 203.

For a video profile of Couture's career, click here: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hpcrfFtKFCU</u>. For a feature story about his formative years in Maine, read Lewiston-Auburn Sun Journal writer Tony Blasi's story following Couture's PBA Hall of Fame induction:<u>http://www.sunjournal.com/pro-bowling-couture-rolls-another-hall-fame/</u>

Information regarding services was not immediately available.

Newcomer Matt Kuba Takes PBA Xtra Frame Parkside Lanes Open Lead After Second Round

AURORA, Ill. (July 1, 2018) – Matt Kuba of Chicago Ridge, Ill., a 26-year-old newcomer to Professional Bowlers Association competition, surged from ninth after the first round to take the second round lead in the PBA Xtra Frame Parkside Lanes Open Sunday, leading a field of 27 players advancing to Monday's semifinal round.

Bowling on the PBA Don Carter 39-foot lane condition, Kuba averaged 227 in the second round bowling games of 269, 245, 190, 223, 210, 226, 256 and 197, and picked up 200 bonus pins to bring his overall pinfall for 16 games to 3,964.

The tournament incorporates a bonus pin scoring system that is intended to put added emphasis on performing well every game. With four players on each pair of lanes, the player who bowls the highest score each game earns an additional 30 bonus pins, the second highest player earns 20 bonus pins, and the third-high player gets an extra 10 pins. The lowest scoring player receives no bonus pins. In case of ties, bonus pins are divided.

Kuba holds a slim eight-pin lead over first round leader EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., in second, who finished with a 3,956 pinfall after the second round. Tackett, the 2016 PBA Player of the Year and a nine-time tour winner, bowled 188, 200, 214, 189, 259, 184, 220 and 246 in the second round and picked up 170 bonus pins.

"I'm pretty surprised to be in this position," said Kuba, whose previous best PBA finish was 10th in a regional tournament as a non-member in 2017. "I tried not to pay too much attention to the scores and just stay focused.

"One good thing about this format – for me anyway – is that it slows the game down mentally for me," Kuba continued. "You find yourself concentrating on yourself and the three other guys on your pair and not worrying about what the rest of the field is doing."

Rounding out the top five after the second round were 2018 USBC Masters winner Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 3,918; Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 3,909, and Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 3,905.

Saturday's first round was conducted on the PBA Chameleon 39-foot condition. The 27 players advancing to Monday's semifinal round will compete on the PBA Bear 39-foot condition.

After Monday's eight-game semifinal round which begins at 10 a.m. CT, the top five players will bowl in the stepladder finals at 3 p.m. with the top qualifier selecting the oil pattern for the finals.

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PBA XTRA FRAME PARKSIDE LANES OPEN (A 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour event) Parkside Lanes, Aurora, Ill., Sunday

Second Round Standings (after 16 games, including bonus pins. Top 27 players advance to Monday's semifinal round)

- 1, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill., 3,964.
- 2, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 3,956
- 3, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 3,918.
- 4, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 3,909.
- 5, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 3,905.
- 6, Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., 3,891.
- 7, Dom Barrett, England, 3,888.
- 8, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 3,880.
- 9, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 3,864.
- 10, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 3,841.
- 11, Graham Fach, Canada, 3,837.
- 12, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 3,819.
- 13, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 3,794.
- 14, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 3,767.
- 15, Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 3,756.
- 16, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 3,752.
- 17, Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 3,747.
- 18, Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., 3,719.
- 19, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 3,706.
- 20, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 3,701.
- 21, JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 3,684.
- 22, Mitch Hupe, Canada, 3,683.
- 23, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 3,667.
- 24, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 3,660.
- 25, n-Mike Dole, Loves Park, Ill., 3,656.
- 26, Jason Miller, Plano, Ill., 3,655.
- 27, Nathan Michalowski, Burlington, Wis., 3,645.

Did not advance:

- 28, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 3,641.
- 29, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 3,638.
- 30, Zach Doty, Campbellsville, Ky., 3,625.
- 31, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 3,601.
- 32, Richard McCormick, Cincinnati, Ohio, 3,596.
- 33, Matthew McNiel, Minneapolis, Minn., 3,561.
- 34, n-Ron Fujita, El Sobrente, Calif., 3,560.
- 35, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 3,552.
- 36, n-Brent Boho, Colgate, Wis., 3,551.
- 37, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 3,547.
- 38, Aaron Beaver, Goshen, Ind., 3,525.
- 39, Dakota Vostry, Chicago, 3,510.
- 40, (tie) Richie Teece, England, and n-Patrick Hanrahan, Greenwich, Conn., 3,504.
- 42, (tie) Francois Lavoie, Canada, and Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,500.
- 44, Michael Schlabach, Goshen, Ind., 3,494.
- 45, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 3,484.
- 46, (tie) Charlie Brown Jr, Grandville, Mich., and Gerald Marrs, Lake in the Hills, Ill., 3,469.
- 48, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 3,456.
- 49, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 3,453.
- 50, Joseph Kruzel Jr, Addison, Ill., 3,450.
- 51, Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo.,, 3,445.
- 52, Ryan Zagar, Racine, Wis., 3,438.
- 53, n-Alex Leeman, Appleton, Wis., 3,432.
- 54, Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, 3,426.

- 55, Michael Vitalone, Jr., Lake Worth, Fla., 3,423.
- 56, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 3,404.
- 57, n-Joseph Grondin, San Pedro, Calif., 3,400.
- 58, Steven Taylor, Tremont, Ill., 3,394.
- 59, (tie) John Furey, Howell, N.J., and Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 3,387.
- 61, Kyle Walther, Columbus, Ohio, 3,379.
- 62, Trent Knoop, Sidney, Ohio, 3,370.
- 63, Cameron Weier, Tacoma, Wash., 3,362.
- 64, n-Zach Rhoades, Lafayette, Ind., 3,360.
- 65, Kenny Calkins III, Des Moines, Iowa, 3,358.
- 66, n-Victor Cortez, Waukegan, Ill., 3,334.
- 67, Kyle Cook, Centerville, Ohio, 3,331.
- 68, n-Christopher Dower, Cary, Ill., 3,319.
- 69, n-Jim Spigner, Vernon Hills, Ill., 3,310.
- 70, Francois Louw, South Africa, 3,301.
- 71, n-Tom Carter, Aurora, Ill., 3,294.
- 72, Tyler Wilds, Three Rivers, Mich., 3,288.
- 73, Scott Merritt, Iowa City, Iowa, 3,269.
- 74, n-Josh Parkin, Urbana, Ohio, 3,261.
- 75, n-Joshua Berry, Glasgow, Ky., 3,235.
- 76, CJ Kirchner, Cartersville, Ill., 3,218.
- 77, Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C., 3,158.
- 78, n-William Guszczo, Orland Park, Ill., 3,152.
- 79, n-Kevin Sickler, Plainfield, Ill., 3,118.
- 80, Dakoda Christianson, Rice Lake, Wis., 3,109.
- 81, n-Mike Kicmal, LaGrange, Ill., 3,091.
- 82, Christopher O'Neil, Decatur, Ill., 3,068.
- 83, Phillip Watson, Belleville, Ill., 3,051.
- 84, Jason Gittleson, Southern Pines, N.C., 3,043.
- 85, Michael Baker, Moline, Ill., 3,037.
- 86, Peter Switalski, Oak Forest, Ill., 3,035.
- 87, n-Daniel Hall, Wolfforth, Texas, 3,004.
- 88, (tie) Ryan Lakota, Shorewood, Ill., and Tristan Butler, Fort Wayne, Ind., 2,987.
- 90, n-Glenn Itter, Aurora, Ill., 2,983.
- 91, Shane Yesovich, Boardman, Ohio, 2,933.
- 92, ss-Larry Helton, Bolingbrook, Ill., 2,888.
- 93, n-Kevin Henkens, West Burlington, Iowa, 2,794.
- 94, John Contos, Crystal Lake, Ill., 2,720.
- 95, n-Will Clark, Montgomery, Ill., 2,407.
- 96, n-Germaine Tyler, Bolingbrook, Ill., 2,406.
- 97, Bobby Hall II, Landover, Md., 1,903.
- 98, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 1,605.
- 99, Matt Taylor, Youngsville, N.C., 1,487.
- 100, n-William Thompson, Romeoville, Ill., 1,389.

300 games - Bill O'Neill, AJ Johnson

n-nonmember

EJ Tackett Wins PBA Xtra Frame Parkside Lanes Open For 10th Career PBA Tour Title

Tackett defeats Bill O'Neill, 210-171, in title match for first win of the season

AURORA, Ill. (July 2, 2018) – Entering the stepladder finals as the top qualifier, 25-year-old EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., beat a struggling Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., Monday to win the PBA Xtra Frame Parkside Lanes Open for his 10th Go Bowling! PBA Tour title.

Tackett beat O'Neill, who was also trying for his 10th win, 210-171, in the title match to also record his first win of the season.

"To make it to double digits is one of those milestones you always hope to accomplish." Tackett said of the 10-win milestone. "It's like winning your second title because it's another validation in your career that you can compete against the best in the world.

"There's no such thing as an easy win but this tournament felt easier than most for some reason," the 2016 PBA Player of the Year added.

In the title match, O'Neill ran into problems early when he left the 2-10 and 2-7-10 splits back-to-back in the third and fourth frames and was not able to convert the splits.

Tackett, using a urethane ball on the PBA Chameleon 39-foot lane condition, which he chose for the title match, was able to hit the pocket consistently and never threw anything less than a nine-count until the 10th frame when the match had already been decided.

In each stepladder match the higher qualifier was able to select the lane condition for the match.

"Bowling on the Chameleon condition was the easiest for me to break down with a urethane ball," Tackett said. "I just felt that I could avoid bowling 180 and it was my best chance to keep the ball in play. If I could bowl over 200 I felt my chances of winning the match were pretty good. I did exactly what I wanted to do."

In the opening stepladder match, six-time Tour winner Dom Barrett of England defeated four-time titlist Marshall Kent of Yakima Wash., 235-226, to advance to the second match against O'Neill who qualified third for the finals.

O'Neill went on to beat Barrett, 245-216, in the second match and then No. 2 qualifier two-hander Chris Via of Springfield, Ohio, 209-198, in the semifinal to advance to the title match.

Intended to put added emphasis on performing well every game, the unique qualifying portion of the tournament awarded bonus pins to players for each game depending on how they finished against their competitors on each pair of lanes. As an example, with four players on a pair of lanes, the top scorer would earn 30 bonus pins, the second high scorer 20 pins and third 10 pins with the lowest scoring player receiving no bonus.

The tournament was also conducted on three different PBA lane conditions with the first round conducted on the Chameleon followed by the second round on the 39-foot Don Carter and the third round conducted on the 39-foot Bear condition.

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The next event on the PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling.com and Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule for 2018 is the PBA/PWBA Storm Striking for Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles Tournament that will take place with a

sold-out field of 160 teams July 26-29 at Copperfield Bowl in Houston, Texas. Jason Sterner of Rockledge, Fla., and Birgit Poppler of Germany are defending champions.

PBA XTRA FRAME PARKSIDE LANES OPEN (A 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour event) Parkside Lanes, Aurora, Ill., Monday

Final Standings:

- 1, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., \$10,000.
- 2, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., \$6,300.
- 3, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, \$4,000.
- 4, Dom Barrett, England, \$3,000.
- 5, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., \$2,000.

Stepladder Results:

Match one – Barrett def. Kent, 235-226. Match two – O'Neill def. Barrett, 245-216. Semifinal – O'Neill def. Via, 209-198. Championship – Tackett def. O'Neill, 210-171.

Stoney Baker Wins PBA50 UltraStar Cherokee South Open

Cherokee, N.C. (July 1, 2018) – Stoney Baker of Canton, Ga., defeated PBA Hall of Famer Tom Baker of King, N.C., 236-227 to win the PBA50 UltraStar Multi-Tainment Center at Harrahs Cherokee South Open at UltraStar Lanes Sunday.

Baker, who won \$2,100 along with his 29th career regional title, went into the 10th frame needing a double to take the title and threw three solid strikes for the win. Tom Baker – no relation – pocketed \$1,100 as the runner-up.

In the semifinal round, Stoney Baker defeated Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., 248-226, while Tom Baker disposed of Chuck Walker of Blaine, Tenn., 257-191.

The tournament drew 53 age 50-and-older players. The PBA South Region's next tournament will be the PBA Beltline Lanes Columbia Baker Doubles July 13.

PBA50 ULTRASTAR MULTI-TAINMENT CENTER AT HARRAHS CHEROKEE SOUTH OPEN UltraStar Lanes, Cherokee, N.C., Sunday

Championship:

Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga. (\$2,100) def. Tom Baker, King, N.C. (\$1,100), 236-227.

Semifinal Round (losers earned \$850):

T. Baker def. Chuck Walker, Blaine, Tenn., 257-191.

S. Baker def. Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 248-226.

Round of 8 (three games total pinfall, losers eliminated and earned \$675 each):

Walker def. Dave Allen, Las Vegas, 706-659. T. Baker def. Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 642-641. Williams def. Ken Shealy, Myrtle Beach, S.C., 725-622. S. Baker def. Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 666-630.

Round of 12 (total pinfall three games, losers eliminated and earned \$575 each):

Walker def. Dave Harvey, Danville, Pa., 601-596. Thomas def. Jeff Bellinger, Columbia, S.C., 659-589. S. Baker def. Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 643-620. Williams def. Mike Bobbitt, Galax, Va., 703-624.

Round of 16 (total pinfall three games, losers eliminated and earned \$525 each):

Bellinger def. Barry Clare, Bayside, N.Y., 630-592. Kretzer def. Charles Reier, Burlington, N.C., 620-465. Bobbitt def. Greg McMahan, Dandridge, Tenn., 544-521. Harvey def. Glenn Smith, New York, N.Y., 661-576.

PBA Spare Shots

EJ TACKETT JOINS ELITE LIST OF YOUNG 10-TIME PBA TOUR CHAMPIONS

By winning his 10th PBA Tour title in the PBA Xtra Frame Parkside Lanes Open Monday in Aurora, Ill., **EJ Tackett** of Huntington, Ind., joined an elite list of PBA players to win 10 titles at a young age.

The youngest player to win 10 PBA Tour titles was **Pete Weber** who accomplished that feat at the age of 24 years, 247 days. **Mike Aulby** did it at 25 years, 89 days – one day faster than **Wayne Webb**. Tackett, who hit the career milestone at 25 years, 329 days (he turns 26 on August 7), is fourth-youngest on that list after his win in Aurora.

Tackett was already PBA Hall of Fame "title-eligible" after he won his second major (and seventh overall title) in the 2017 PBA Tournament of Champions at the age of 24 years, 191 days. He won't become "participation eligible" for election, however, until 2032 – his 20th year of PBA membership – so he has plenty of time to pad his resumé.

For the record, PBA Hall of Fame eligibility is a two-step process. "Title eligibility" requires 10 standard PBA Tour titles or five standard titles plus two majors. The second requirement is "participation eligibility" which means a player must have been a PBA member for at least 20 years.

As a side note, had he won Monday, Parkside Lanes Open runner-up **Bill O'Neill** would have become "title eligible." O'Neill has won eight standard titles and one major (2010 U.S. Open). When he wins his 10th title or his second major, O'Neill (a PBA member since 2005) will become "participation eligible" in 2025.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR PETE COUTURE SET FOR AUG. 4 IN FLORIDA

A Celebration of Life for PBA Hall of Famer Pete Couture of Cocoa, Fla., has been scheduled for 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at <u>2950 Pineda Plaza Way, Palm Shores, FL 32940</u>.

At Couture's request, memorial contributions should be made to the Wounded Warriors Project in his name.

Couture, a 2016 inductee into the Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Fame, died Saturday at his Florida residence of undetermined medical issues. He was 73.

PBA TO COMPLY WITH USBC BOWLING BALL SPECIFICATIONS AS OF AUGUST 1

The PBA will comply with new United States Bowling Congress bowling ball specifications that take effect on August 1 under revised timelines issued by USBC, PBA Deputy Commissioner Kirk von Krueger has announced. For details about the new bowling ball specifications and timelines, click here: <u>https://www.bowl.com/News/NewsDetails.aspx?id=23622331380</u>. The new specifications will apply to all levels of PBA competition.

PBA50 TOUR NEXT TO MAKE PBA XTRA FRAME ON FLOBOWLING DEBUT

The PBA50 Tour will be the next to make its PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling debut when the "senior tour" resumes its 2018 schedule July 17-20 in the PBA50 River City Extreme Open, presented by Ebonite, from River City Extreme in Monticello, Minn.

For those of you who are curious about FloSports, whether you are a paid subscriber or not, you are invited to preview free content on FloBowling.com which includes features on **Walter Ray Williams Jr**.'s experimentation with two-handed bowling, **Sean Rash**'s behind-the-scenes role with the Xtra Frame Parkside Lanes Open in Aurora, Ill.; <u>Andrew Anderson</u>'s breakout season as a second-year PBA member; a nice feature about **Wes Malott**'s rise to PBA stardom; podcasts, video features, the live streaming schedule, and a number of video clips from last weekend's Parkside Lanes Open.

As the transition to FloBowling continues, PBA fans can also follow FloBowling on Facebook and @FloBowling on Twitter and Instagram where features and conversation about the PBA is growing daily for everyone – not just paid subscribers.

FINAL QUALIFYING STANDINGS FOR PBA XTRA FRAME PARKSIDE LANES OPEN

Due to technical issues, final qualifying standings for the PBA Xtra Frame Parkside Lanes Open were not included in Monday's final news release. The complete agate summary is listed below.

PBA XTRA FRAME PARKSIDE LANES OPEN (A 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour event) Parkside Lanes, Aurora, Ill., Monday, July 2

Final Standings:

- 1, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., \$10,000.
- 2, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., \$6,300.
- 3, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, \$4,000.
- 4, Dom Barrett, England, \$3,000.
- 5, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., \$2,000.

Stepladder Results:

Match one – Barrett def. Kent, 235-226. Match two – O'Neill def. Barrett, 245-216. Semifinal – O'Neill def. Via, 209-198. Championship – Tackett def. O'Neill, 210-171.

Final Qualifying Standings (after 24 games, including bonus pins):

- 1, Tackett, 5,979.
- 2, Via, 5,919.
- 3, O'Neill, 5,864.
- 4, Barrett, 5,840.
- 5, Kent, 5,830.
- 6, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 5,800, \$1,750.
- 7, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 5,770, \$1,500.
- 8, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill., 5,765, \$1,475.
- 9, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 5,764, \$1,550.

- 10, Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., 5,757, \$1,425.
- 11, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 5,716, \$1,400.
- 12, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 5,695, \$1,375.
- 13, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 5,647, \$1,350.
- 14, Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., 5,642, \$1,325.
- 15, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 5,620, \$1,300.
- 16, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 5,527, \$1,275.
- 17, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 5,523, \$1,250.
- 18, Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 5,428, \$1,225.
- 19 (tie), Mitch Hupe, Canada, and Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 5,421, \$1,188.
- 21, JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 5,399, \$1,150.
- 22, Nathan Michalowski, Burlington, Wis., 5,382, \$1,125.
- 23, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 5,381, \$1,100.
- 24, Jason Miller, Plano, Ill., 5,355, \$1,075.
- 25, Graham Fach, Canada, 5,244, \$1,050.
- 26, n-Mike Dole, Loves Park, Ill., 5,202, \$1,025.

27, Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 4,345 (withdrew after 19 games), \$1,000.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: STONEY WINS BATTLE OF BAKERS IN NORTH CAROLINA

Stoney Baker of Canton, Ga., defeated PBA Hall of Famer **Tom Baker** of King, N.C., 236-227 to win the PBA50 UltraStar Multi-Tainment Center at Harrahs Cherokee South Open at UltraStar Lanes in Cherokee, N.C., Sunday.

Stoney Baker, who won \$2,100 along with his 29th overall regional title, went into the 10th frame needing a double to take the title and threw three solid strikes for the win. Tom Baker – no relation – pocketed \$1,100 as the runner-up.

In the semifinal round, Stoney Baker defeated another PBA Hall of Famer, **Walter Ray Williams Jr.** of Oxford, Fla., 248-226, while Tom Baker disposed of **Chuck Walker** of Blaine, Tenn., 257-191.

• The only event on the July 6-8 PBA Regional calendar is the PBA50 Cecil Raymond Memorial presented by Ebonite at Brunswick Deptford Lanes in Deptford, N.J.

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QUICK NOTES

• Reminder: Fan voting is now open to select the "best bowler" in the 2018 ESPY competition.Click on this link (<u>http://www.espn.com/espys/story/ /page/voting54/best-athlete-sport</u>) and look for the "best bowler" ballot which includes **Jason Belmonte, Rhino Page, Tom Smallwood** and **Jesper Svensson**. The winner will be announced when the ESPY shows airs on ESPN on Wednesday, July 18.

• **Rodney Irving** of Richardson, Texas, is the winner of a new high-performance ball from DV8 , **Matthew Conger** of Thornton, Colo., will receive a new high-performance ball from MOTIV, and **Taron Blount** of Country Club Hills, Ill., wins a new Brunswick ball as June Xtra Frame sweepstakes winners. The monthly sweepstakes is sponsored by the respective PBA Product Registered partners. Winners are randomly selected from among new monthly or full-year Xtra Frame subscribers.

• The June winner of the HotelPlanner.com sweepstakes, earning a \$200 gift certificate redeemable for future lodging expenses booked through HotelPlanner.com, is **Louis Guadio.** Those who booked through HotelPlanner.com were automatically entered in the sweepstakes.

PBA50 Tour Resumes with PBA50 River City Extreme Open July 17-20 in Monticello, Minn.

Michael Haugen Jr. holds lead in PBA50 Player of the Year race as season heads down homestretch

MONTICELLO, Minn. (July 12, 2018) – The 2018 PBA50 Tour started the season in the East, then ventured to the West, and now heads down the homestretch in the Midwest beginning with the PBA50 River City Extreme Open presented by Ebonite at River City ExtremeJuly 17-20 in Monticello, Minn.

With five PBA50 events remaining on the 2018 schedule, 2017 PBA Rookie of the Year and Suncoast Senior U.S. Open winner Michael Haugen Jr. of Phoenix leads the PBA50 Player of the Year points race with a commanding 2,400 point lead over PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., in second. Hall of Famer Ron Mohr of Las Vegas, who has virtually wrapped up his third consecutive PBA60 Player of the Year honor, is in third place nearly 2,800 points behind.

Haugen, a five-time PBA Tour winner, won the PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open in May for his second career PBA50 Tour title. He also has four other top-10 finishes including two third-place finishes, one of which came in the USBC Senior Masters, in addition to a sixth and ninth-place finish.

Williams has three runner-up finishes this season, and Mohr won the PBA50 Northern California Classic for his 10th career title while also recording third, fifth and sixth-place finishes so far in 2018.

Following the River City Extreme Open, the PBA50 Tour heads to Indiana for the first of three tournaments in the Hoosier State beginning with the PBA50 South Shore Open presented by Hammer July 23-26 at Olympia Lanes in Hammond followed by the PBA50 Security Federal Savings Bank Championship presented by Track July 28-31 at Dave Small's Heritage Lanes in Kokomo, and the PBA50 Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic presented by Roto Grip Aug. 4-7 in Anderson.

The PBA50 Tour season then heads to Wyoming, Mich., for the PBA50 Cup presented by DV8, the season's fourth and final major, Aug. 9-12 at Spectrum Lanes.

The regular season wraps up with the PBA60 Dick Weber Championship presented by 900 Global, for players 60 and over, at Pro Bowl West in Fort Wayne, Ind., Aug. 14-16.

The top 12 players in PBA50 Tour points, plus two at-large berths, will earn spots into the PBA50 Storm Invitational at Planet Fun Bowling & Entertainment Center in Shallotte, N.C., Sept. 28-30.

Competition in the River Extreme Open begins with eight-game qualifying squads on Wednesday, July 18 at 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. CT to be followed by a second round of qualifying on July 19, also at 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. After a five-game cashers round on July 20 at 8:30 a.m., match play rounds will be conducted at noon and 3:15 p.m. to determine the top five players for the stepladder finals scheduled for 7 p.m.

The tournament practice session is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, July 17. Pro-am squads, where grassroots amateur bowlers can compete with the pros, are scheduled for 3 and 6 p.m. For pro-am entry information contact River City Extreme by calling (763) 295-3390.

PBA's online bowling channel, PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling, will provide live start-to-finish coverage of the River City Extreme Open as well as the remaining events on the 2018 PBA50 Tour season. Subscription and schedule information is available by visiting <u>www.flobowling.com</u>.

PBA50 River City Extreme Open presented by Ebonite River City Extreme, Monticello, Minn. (all times Central)

Tuesday, July 17

10 a.m.-1 p.m. – Practice session 3, 6 p.m. – Pro-Am squads

Wednesday, July 18 10 a.m. – A squad qualifying (8 games) 3:30 p.m. - B squad qualifying (8 games)

Thursday, July 19 10 a.m. - B squad qualifying (8 games) 3:30 p.m. – A squad qualifying (8 games)

Friday, July 20

8:30 a.m. – Cashers round (5 games)
Noon – Modified match play round one (5 games)
3:15 p.m. – Modified match play round two (6 games) *Top five advance to stepladder finals*7 p.m. – Stepladder finals

PBA Spare Shots

BEAUTIES VS. BEASTS SPECIAL EVENT TO KICK OFF MIXED DOUBLES EVENT

A new "Beauties vs. Beasts" five-game Baker format team match will kick off the annual PBA-PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles Tournament presented by Storm on Thursday, July 26, at 4 p.m. CDT at Copperfield Bowl in Houston, Texas. The special event will be covered live by PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling.

Tournament founder **Donna Conners**, who is always looking to add bigger-and-better features to the event, will pit last year's top male qualifiers against last year's leading female qualifiers in a Baker format team competition. At stake will be \$5,000 in bonus prize money for the winning team, with \$1,000 to the losing team.

Bowling on the female side will be Germany's **Birgit Popplar** (who won the 2017 mixed doubles title with partner **Jason Sterner**); **Stefanie Johnson** of McKinney, Texas; **Holly Harris** of Wichita, Kan.; **Josie Earnest-Barnes** of Nashville, Tenn., and **Natalie Cortese** of Hoffman Estates, Ill. (Cortese replaces Sweden's **Jenny Wegner**, who is not entered this year). The male side will feature **Kyle Troup** of Taylorsville, N.C.; **Tommy Jones** of Simpsonville, S.C.; **Chris Barnes** of Double Oak, Texas;**Brad Miller** of Raytown, Mo., and **Clint Land** of Houston.

The 19th annual mixed doubles tournament, the largest event of its kind in professional bowling, will feature a world-class field of 160 teams including players from around the world. It will be covered from start to finish by PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling, beginning with the first of four eight-game qualifying squads at 8 a.m. CDT on Friday, July 27.

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USBC EXTENDS SENIOR MASTERS, SUPER SENIOR CLASSIC THROUGH 2021 AT SAM'S TOWN The United States Bowling Congress has extended its agreement with Sam's Town Bowling Center in Las Vegas to host the Senior Masters and Super Senior Classic through 2021. Sam's Town has hosted both events since 2016.

In 2019, the Super Senior Classic for players 60 and older will begin on May 29 with the Senior Masters set for June 2-9. The Super Senior Classic has grown from 28 competitors in 2013 to 184 bowlers in 2018.

The 2020 Senior Masters is set for May 31-June 7, while the 2021 event will take place June 6-13. The 2020 Super Senior Classic is scheduled for May 27-31 and the 2021 tournament will be June 2-6.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: BOB CARUSO WINS CECIL RAYMOND MEMORIAL TITLE

Bob Caruso of Dayton, N.J. defeated **Steve Pavlinko** of Sewell, N.J., 246-218, to win the PBA50 Cecil Raymond Memorial presented by Ebonite at Brunswick Zone Deptford on Sunday.

Caruso, who qualified second, held a comfortable lead throughout the title match on his way to his fourth career PBA Regional title and his second in Deptford. He also won the 2014 Mil-Ray Foods Open. Pavlinko is the co-sponsor of the event and operates the pro shop inside the center. Caruso won \$2,000 while Pavlinko earned \$1,000 for his runner-up finish.

The tournament, which began in 2004, was renamed in 2014 to honor its sponsor, **Cecil Raymond**, who passed away in January 2014. Raymond was the 2013 recipient of the East Region's Pat Patterson Award for outstanding contributions to the region.

In the semifinal round, Caruso edged **Tommy Brodowski** of New Hyde Park, N.Y., 174-173, when Brodowski opened in the 10th frame while Pavlinko defeated three-time East Region PBA50 Player of the Year **Sam Maccarone** of Williamstown, N.J., 227-207. Brodowski and Maccarone each earned \$750 as semifinal round losers.

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Haugen Wins PBA50 Fairborn Central Classic

Fairborn, Ohio (July 15, 2018) – Michael Haugen Jr. of Phoenix defeated Ron Profitt of Brookville, Ohio by 182 pins to win the PBA50 Fairborn Central Classic presented by Roto Grip at Bowl 10 Fairborn Sunday.

Haugen, who averaged 221.7 for the tournament, claimed his second PBA50 central region title of the year along with the \$1,500 first prize.

In a unique format, the top 16 players after qualifying bowled 10 games of round robin match play where the winner of each match received 10 bonus pins. After the 10th match, the top four advanced to a two-game, four-man match play final round where bonus pins were given based on two-game totals. The top scorer received 12 bonus pins, second received eight bonus pins, third four bonus pins and fourth received no bonus pins.

In the two-game final round, Haugen rolled games of 219 and 186 for a 405 total, earning 12 bonus pins and finishing with a 4,506 pinfall total to top Profitt's 4,324 total.

Profitt, who had a 464 total for his final two games, earned \$1,000 for second place, Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y. won \$900 for third and Tony Johnson of Canton, Ohio took home \$800 for fourth.

The next PBA Central Region event will be the PBA Angola Central/Midwest Open in Angola, Ind., July 20-22.

PBA50 FAIRBORN CENTRAL CLASSIC PRESENTED BY ROTO GRIP Bowl 10 Fairborn, Fairborn, Ohio, Sunday

Final Standings (after 20 games, including bonus pins):

- 1, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 4,506, \$1,500.
- 2, ss-Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 4,324, \$1,000.
- 3, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 4,240, \$900.
- 4, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 4,197, \$800.

Match Play Final Round (two games total pinfall including 12 bonus pins for high score, eight bonus pins for second, four bonus pins for third, no bonus pins for fourth): Haugen 422, Profitt 464, Shafer 437, Johnson 423.

Match Play Standings (after 18 games, including match play bonus pins):

1, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 6-4, 4,089. 2, ss-Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 6-4, 3,860. 3, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., <u>6-4</u>, 3,803. 4, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 5-5, 3,774. 5, Glenn Smith, <u>New York, 7-3</u>, 3,771, \$750. 6, ss-William Peters, <u>Dayton, Ohio, 4-6</u>, 3,748, \$700. 7, Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 7-3, 3,691, \$650. 8, ss-Dale Csuhta, Wadsworth, Ohio, 4-6, 3,676, \$625.

9, Neil Kassel, <u>Beavercreek, Ohio, 4-6</u>, 3,674, \$600. 10, Larry Verble, Mason, Mich., 5-5, 3,663, \$575. 11, David Harvey, Danville, Pa., 5-5, 3,619, \$550. 12, Dave Han, Birmingham, Ala., 6-4, 3,586, \$540. 13, Timothy Regan, East Northport, N.Y., 4-6, 3,581, \$530. 14, Richie Brown, <u>Marion, Ohio, 4-6</u>, 3,566, \$520. 15, ss-Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 4-6, 3,558, \$510. 16, ss-Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 3-7, 3,333, \$500.

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Allen, Wilcox Win PBA Beltline Lanes Columbia S.C. Baker Doubles Title

Columbia, S.C. (Sunday, July 15) – Dick Allen of Lexington, S.C. and Sean Wilcox of Altamonte Springs, Fla. paired up to defeat the team of Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C., and Steve Arehart of Chesapeake, Va., 243-213, to win the PBA Beltline Lanes Columbia 300 Baker Doubles title Sunday at Beltline Lanes.

Troup and Arehart qualified fourth for the stepladder finals and defeated the team of Connor Pickford and Kole Payne, both of Charlotte, N.C., 183-182, to start the four-team stepladder finals. They then eliminated Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., and amateur partner Josh Johnson from Callahan, Fla., 198-179, to advance to the title match.

The win was Allen's 21st in PBA Regional competition and Wilcox's first. The Allen/Wilcox team earned \$4,000, while Troup and Arehart pocketed \$2,200 for second. Williams and Johnson split \$1,800 for third place and the Pickford/Payne team won \$1,600 for fourth place.

The PBA South Region's next event will be the PBA Crystal Automotive South Open July, 20-22 at Spring Hill Lanes in Spring Hill, Fla.

PBA BELTLINE LANES COLUMBIA BAKER DOUBLES Beltline Lanes, Columbia, S.C., Sunday

Final Standings:

1, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C./Sean Wilcox, Altamonte Springs, Fla., \$4,000.

- 2, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C./Steve Arehart, Chesapeake, Va. \$2,200.
- 3, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla./n-Josh Johnson, Callahan, Fla., \$1,800.
- 4, Connor Pickford/Kole Payne, Charlotte, N.C., \$1,600.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Troup/Arehart def. Pickford/Payne, 183-182. Semifinal – Troup/Arehart def. Williams/Johnson, 198-179 Championship – Allen/Wilcox def. Troup/Arehart, 243-213.

Final Qualifying Standings (after 26 games, top 4 advanced to stepladder finals):

- 1, Allen/Wilcox, 5,996.
- 2, Williams/n-Johnson, 5,803.
- 3, Pickford/Payne, 5,801.
- 4, Troup/Arehart, 5,799.
- 5, Jeremy Mooney, West Palm Beach, Fla./Anthony DeStasio, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., 5,750, \$1,300.
- 6, Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C./Matt Taylor, Knightsdale, N.C., 5,736, \$1,200.
- 7, Chris Polizzi, Orlando, Fla./Anthony Caso, Merritt Island, Fla., 5,687, \$1,100.
- 8, Chris Arcaro, Wilmington, N.C./Cristian Azcona, Lake Wales, Fla., 5,641, \$1,000.
- 9, Max Fishman, Greensboro, N.C./n-Adam Van Fleet, Haw River, N.C., 5,534, \$900.

10, Mike Vitalone, Lake Worth, Fla./Jason Zook, Tampa, Fla., 5,319, \$850.

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Florida's Ralph Brunt Jr. Avoids Mistakes to Take First Round Lead in PBA50 River City Extreme Open **MONTICELLO, Minn. (July 18, 2018)** – Ralph Brunt Jr. of Jensen Beach, Fla., kept his mistakes to a minimum and was rewarded with a 1,828 eight-game pinfall total to take the first round lead Wednesday in the PBA50 River City Extreme Open presented by Ebonite.

Bowling on PBA's 39-foot Don Carter lane condition, Brunt bowled games of 209, 241, 232, 218, 195, 267, 218 and 248 to take a five-pin lead over 2016 PBA50 Rookie of the Year Eddie Graham of Kettering Ohio, who finished the round in second with 1,823.

"When the round started it was a matter of staying out of trouble and keeping the ball in play," said Brunt, whose best PBA50 Tour finish was fifth in the 2014 Pro Bowl West Fort Wayne Classic. "In the first four games I was happy to get a double or three strikes in a row so I was just grinding it out and making the spares.

"In the sixth game I changed to a ball that didn't hook quite as much and started throwing the ball a little softer to get a better angle to the pocket and that improved my (pin) carry quite a bit," Brunt added. "I started playing a little more aggressively because I didn't want to lose the pocket."

Finishing the round in third was Greg Thomas of Irmo, S.C., bowling in his first PBA50 Tour tournament, with 1,813, followed by PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., in fourth with 1,788, and Sammy Ventura of Syracuse, N.Y., rounding out the top five with 1,771.

The entire field returns for another eight-game qualifying round Thursday which begins at 10 a.m. CDT. Friday's cashers and match play rounds will begin at 8:30 a.m. After match play the top five players will be determined for the stepladder finals at 7 p.m.

PBA's online bowling channel, PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling, is providing live start-to-finish coverage of the River City Extreme Open as well as the remaining events during the 2018 PBA50 Tour season. Subscription and schedule information is available by visiting<u>www.flobowling.com</u>.

PBA50 RIVER CITY EXTREME OPEN

Presented by Ebonite

River City Extreme, Monticello, Minn., Wednesday

FIRST ROUND (after eight games)

- 1, Ralph Brunt Jr., Jensen Beach, Fla., 1,828.
- 2, Eddie Graham, Kettering, Ohio, 1,823.
- 3, Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 1,813.
- 4, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,788.
- 5, ss-Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 1,771.
- 6, ss-Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 1,769.
- 7, Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 1,766.
- 8, Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 1,743.
- 9, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1,742.
- 10, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 1,741.
- 11, Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 1,728.
- 12, (tie) Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., and n-David Oulman, Medford, Minn., 1,720.
- 14, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 1,715.
- 14, John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo., 1,715.
- 16, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 1,709.
- 17, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 1,705.
- 18, (tie) Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, and Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 1,704.
- 20, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,703.
- 21, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 1,697.

22, ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 1,696. 23, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 1,692. 24, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 1,681. 25, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,677. 26, Peter Knopp, Germany, 1,676. 27, Greg McDaniel, Kimball, Neb., 1,675. 28, n-Thomas Jones, Blaine, Mnn., 1,656. 29, Tony Rodriguez Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 1,653. 30, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 1,641. 31, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 1,631. 32, ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 1,630. 33, n-John Hommes, Crystal, Minn., 1,620. 34, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 1,607. 35, ss-Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 1,605. 36, n-Larry Birkedahl, Sartell, Minn., 1,594. 37, n-Ron Cleveland, St. Paul, Minn., 1,587. 38, Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 1,586. 39, ss-Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 1,571. 40, ss-Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 1,569. 41, Brad Snell, Mount Prospect, Ill., 1,552. 42, John Kidwell, Indianapolis, Ind., 1,551. 43, ss-Patrick King, Yankton, S.D., 1,550. 44, ss-Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 1,544. 45, n-David Green, St. Michael, Minn., 1,543. 46, n-Craig Schiffler, Melrose, Minn., 1,542. 47, Don Breeden, Clive, Iowa, 1,537. 48, n-Curtis Matlock, Cloquet, Minn., 1,535. 49, Timothy Regan, East Northport, N.Y., 1,532. 50, ss-Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., 1,520. 51, ss-Bob Heath Sr., Grand Junction, Iowa, 1,512. 52, ss-Lucien Casagrande, Canada, 1,505. 53, ss-Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 1,499. 54, ss-James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 1,497. 55, n-ss-Robert Robillard, Savage, Minn., 1,484. 56, n-Dana Wright, St. Paul, Minn., 1,470. 57, ss-Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 1,468. 58, Craig O'Reilly, Tinley Park, Ill., 1,466. 59, ss-Gary Kammes, Winfield, Ill., 1,464. 60, ss-Jared Cudnohufsky, Kingsford, Mich., 1,460. 61, ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 1,459. 62, (tie) Jeff Moore, Boone, Iowa, 1,451 and ss-Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 1,451. 64, n-Fred Schossow, Zimmerman, Minn., 1,430. 65, n-Ermon Dixon, Waite Park, Minn., 1,420. 66, n-Peter Williams, Buffalo, Minn., 1,414. 67, Dean Bruinsma, Clear Lake, S.D., 1,394. 68, n-ss-Lawrence Harvanko, Champlin, Minn., 1,390. 69, n-James Friend, Big Lake, Minn., 1,358. 70, ss-Mike Schmid, St. Paul, Minn., 1,342. 71, n-Fred van De, Elk River, Minn., 1,279.

Reigning U.S. Open Champion Rhino Page Wins Best Bowler ESPY

LOS ANGELES (July 18, 2018) – Rhino Page of Orlando, Fla., who ended a six-year singles title draught with two victories including the 2017 U.S. Open, has been selected winner of the 2018 Best Bowler ESPY award in fan voting conducted by ESPN.

Page, a 35-year-old left-hander, received his award Wednesday evening during the 2018 ESPY Awards ceremony at the Microsoft Theater.

"I think it's pretty simple to sum up what it means just to be nominated for an ESPY," Page said. "Five years ago I went through wrist surgery not knowing if I was ever going to be able to throw a ball again, let alone get back to playing at the highest level. To be here at the ESPYs after the long journey back is something I am incredibly honored and humbled by.

"I'm so thankful for God's grace through it all," he continued. "I can't thank my friends, my family, my sponsors and my fans enough. They have been there for me every step of the way. They supported me in the times I needed them the most. To represent the sport I love and have dedicated my life to is truly an honor and a blessing."

During the voting cycle leading up to the 2018 announcement, Page won his first singles title since 2009 in the 2017 PBA Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic in Coldwater, Ohio, and captured his first major in the U.S. Open, defeating top qualifier Jakob Butturff, 256-222, for his sixth career PBA Tour title. He also finished fifth in the USBC Masters earlier in 2018.

Also nominated by ESPN's staff in the Best Bowler category were 2017 PBA Player of the Year and threetime major championships winner Jason Belmonte; 2018 Barbasol PBA Players Championship titlist Tom Smallwood and Swedish two-handed sensation Jesper Svensson.

HISTORY OF BEST BOWLER ESPY AWARD WINNERS

2018 – Rhino Page 2017 – Jason Belmonte 2016 – Jason Belmonte 2015 – Jason Belmonte 2014 – Pete Weber 2013 – Pete Weber 2012 – Sean Rash 2011 – Jason Belmonte 2010 – Walter Ray Williams Jr. 2009 – Norm Duke 2008 – Norm Duke 2007 – Norm Duke 2006 – Walter Ray Williams Jr. 2005 – Walter Ray Williams Jr. 2004 – Pete Weber 2003 – Walter Ray Williams Jr. 2002 – Pete Weber 2001 – Walter Ray Williams Jr. 2000 – Parker Bohn III 1999 – Walter Ray Williams Jr. 1998 – Walter Ray Williams Jr. 1997 – Bob Learn Jr. 1996 – Mike Aulby 1995 – Norm Duke

PBA Spare Shots

PBA50 TOUR PLAYER OF THE YEAR RACE HEADS INTO HOME STRETCH

As the PBA50 Tour makes its PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling debut this week in the PBA50 River City Extreme Open, presented by Ebonite, from River City Extreme in Monticello, Minn., the chase for PBA50 Player of the Year honors heads into the home stretch with **Michael Haugen Jr.** at the head of the pack.

The annual honor in 2018 will be based upon standard PBA competition points that are being applied to all levels of PBA competition this year. Haugen, the 2017 PBA50 Rookie of the Year, won the BVL Johnny Petraglia Open earlier in the season and has four other top 10 finishes for a 2,400-point lead over PBA Hall of Famer **Walter Ray Williams Jr.**, who has yet to add to his PBA50 Tour title total this year, but has three runner-up finishes.

For the current PBA50 Tour points standings heading into the Monticello event, click here: <u>https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/Points/130</u>. Xtra Frame on FloBowling will air the finals of the River City Extreme Open on Friday at 8 p.m. EDT.

Coverage of the PBA50 Tour by PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling continues with the PBA50 South Shore Open presented by Hammer at Olympia Lanes in Hammond, Ind., July 23-26, and the PBA50 Security Federal Savings Bank Championship, presented by Track, at Dave Small's Heritage Lanes, Kokomo, Ind., July 28-31. The PBA50 Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic, presented by Roto Grip, in Anderson, Ind., is set for Aug. 4-7 before the PBA50 Cup, presented by DV8, in Wyoming, Mich., Aug. 9-12, concludes the 2018 points competition that will decide the Player of the Year.

All PBA Xtra Frame events on FloBowling are covered live, from first ball to last. Existing Xtra Frame subscribers need to transition their current subscriptions to FloBowling by visiting <u>https://www.flobowling.com/claim-account.</u> New subscribers can enroll at FloBowling.com.

PBA BOWLING CHALLENGE PRESENTS "MOTIV THROWBACK WEEKEND CHALLENGE"

The popular PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game is going to debut a new "MOTIV Throwback Weekend Challenge" starting Thursday at 1 p.m. EDT and running thru Monday, July 23 at 12:59 a.m. EDT. It will operate under the same rules and Gold Pin prizes that previous regular "Weekend Challenge" events have used with one exception: users will be limited to the three ball options below (all three balls will be offered at 50% of usual prices for the weekend).

The balls in play will be the Venom Panic: <u>http://bit.ly/Panic 50; the</u> Venom Cobra: <u>http://bit.ly/Cobra 50</u>, and the Jackal Ghost: <u>http://bit.ly/Ghost 50</u>.

In a recent "Weekend Challenge," more than 25,000 people took on PBA Commissioner **Tom Clark**'s lineup of PBA stars in the "PBA Bowling Commissioner's Challenge" and only 1.16 percent beat the gauntlet of PBA stars in a series of matches, but in the end 283 "out-bowled" the entire field.

The good news is, it's free to enter and you can bowl as many times as you want. Special stand-alone events within Concrete Software's PBA Bowling Challenge game for mobile devices (Weekend Challenges, Commissioner's Challenge, etc.) will be regular events in the future. If you are a registered PBA Bowling Challenge player, you'll get notices when a new game or "challenge" is scheduled.

If you haven't already done so, download the free PBA Bowling Challenge app at Google Play or the Apple App Store and start bowling immediate.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: SEAN WILCOX HELPS DICK ALLEN WIN 21ST REGIONAL TITLE

With help from partner **Sean Wilcox** of Altamonte Springs, Fla., **Dick Allen** of Lexington, S.C. picked up his 21st career PBA Regional title when the twosome defeated **Kyle Troup** of Taylorsville, N.C., and **Steve Arehart** of Chesapeake, Va., 243-213, to win the PBA Beltline Lanes Columbia 300 Baker Doubles title Sunday on the outskirts of Columbia, S.C.

Troup and Arehart qualified fourth for the stepladder finals and edged **Connor Pickford** of Plano, Texas, and **Kole Payne** of Charlotte, N.C., 183-182, to start the four-team stepladder finals. They then won another squeaker, eliminating Hall of Famer **Walter Ray Williams Jr.** of Oxford, Fla., and amateur partner **Josh Johnson** from Callahan, Fla., 198-179, to advance to the title match.

In addition to Allen's 21st Regional title, Wilcox won his first title along with a share of the \$4,000 top prize.

• **Michael Haugen Jr.** of Phoenix defeated **Ron Profitt** of Brookville, Ohio by 182 pins to win the PBA50 Fairborn Central Classic presented by Roto Grip at Bowl 10 Fairborn in Fairborn, Ohio, Sunday.

Haugen, who averaged 221.7 for the tournament, claimed his second PBA50 central region title of the year along with the \$1,500 first prize.

In a unique format, the top 16 players after qualifying bowled 10 games of round robin match play where the winner of each match received 10 bonus pins. After the 10th match, the top four advanced to a two-game, four-man match play final round where bonus pins were given based on two-game totals. The top scorer received 12 bonus pins, second received eight bonus pins, third four bonus pins and fourth received no bonus pins. Haugen rolled games of 219 and 186 for a 405 total, earning 12 bonus pins and finishing with a 4,506 pinfall total to top Profitt's 4,324 total.

• **Jakob Butturff** of Tempe, Ariz., defeated amateur **Fidel Marchena** of Dominican Republic, 234-194, to win the PBA Tony Grigat Allstate Midwest Open at Poplar Creek Bowl in Hoffman Estates, Ill., Sunday, for his 16th career PBA Regional title and first in the PBA Midwest Region. He also earned \$2,000.

Marchena edged **Kenny Calkins** of Des Moines, Iowa, 215-214, in the semifinal game to advance to the championship match after also sneaking past **Ryan Burks** of Valparaiso, Ind., 192-190, in the first stepladder match.

• Over the July 20-22 weekend, PBA Regional events will include the PBA50 Parkway Lanes Eastern Open presented by Roto Grip in Elmwood Park, N.J.; the PBA Angola Central/Midwest Open presented by Ebonite at Angola Bowl in Angola, Ind.; the PBA Spring Hill Lanes South Open presented by Track in Spring Hill, Fla.; the PBA Fort Sill Southwest Open at Twin Oaks Bowling Center in Fort Sill, Okla.; the PBA, PBA50 and PBA-PWBA Secoma Lanes Northwest/West Open tripleheader in Federal Way, Wash., and the PBA50 Beverly Lanes Midwest/Central Open presented by Roto Grip in Arlington Heights, Ill.

• Closing out the July schedule of PBA Regional competitions will be the PBA50 Ned Micelli Memorial at Herrill Lanes in New Hyde Park, N.Y., over the July 27-28 weekend.

• For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit <u>pba.com</u>, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area...and remember, you can follow "live scoring" for all PBA Regional events on <u>pba.com</u> (easily accessible for Apple device users using the PBA app).

QUICK NOTES:

• **Dick Allen** and his wife Sarah welcomed the third addition to their family on Tuesday, July 17 (coincidentally, Sarah's birthday...) when **Declain Atticus Allen** arrived, weighing in at 7 pounds, 9 ounces, and measuring 21 inches. Declain joins future babysitters Piper and Arabella.

Right Ball Choices Help Scott Greiner Take PBA50 River City Extreme Open Top Qualifier Honors

MONTICELLO, Minn. (July 19, 2018) – Scott Greiner of Sunrise Beach, Mo., made the right equipment adjustments and fired a 1,860 eight-game pinfall total in the second round Thursday to take top qualifier honors in the PBA50 River City Extreme Open presented by Ebonite.

Greiner led qualifying with a 3,626 16-game overall pinfall total (226.63 average) bowling games of 231, 247, 223, 182, 246, 245, 249 and 237 in the second round after finishing Wednesday's first round with a seventh-place 1,766 pinfall.

"I made all the right ball choices in the second round and that doesn't happen often," said Greiner, who earned his first PBA50 Tour top qualifier honor. "I changed balls three times and I started striking with them right away. I didn't have to waste many frames getting lined up after each change."

As a result of finishing in the top eight, Greiner leads eight players who will be seeded into Friday's second round of match play.

Greiner, in his third season on the PBA50 Tour, will be trying to improve on a career-best finish of fifth which came in the 2017 PBA50 Tour Players Championship. His best finish this season was eighth in the PBA50 Mooresville Open.

Greiner edged out PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., who finished qualifying in second with a 3,616 pinfall total bowling games of 212, 239, 212, 205, 212, 247, 245 and 256 in the second round.

"Strings of strikes were hard to come by," said Duke of his second round. "I felt fortunate to get four strikes in a row. Sometimes the best thing to do is acknowledge that it's going to be difficult and move on from there.

"You never know what you're going to run into moving from pair to pair," Duke continued. "You just deal with what's in front of you and do everything you can to generate some type of momentum."

In addition to Greiner and Duke, other players finishing in the top eight and advancing to the second round of match play were Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3,607; first round leader Ralph Brunt Jr., Jensen Beach, Fla., 3,593; 2016 PBA50 Rookie of the Year Eddie Graham, Kettering, Ohio, 3,591; 2017 PBA50 Rookie of the Year Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3,528; Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,521, and Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 3,520.

Haugen, who currently leads this season's PBA50 Player of the Year points race, rocketed from 20th in the first round to sixth thanks to a 1,825 pinfall in his second round bowling games of 203, 238, 279, 243, 237, 231, 205 and 189.

Competition continues Friday with a cashers round at 8:30 a.m. CDT followed by the first match play round at noon. After the second match play round at 3:15 p.m. the top five players will be determined for the stepladder finals at 7 p.m.

All final day action will be covered live on PBA's online bowling channel PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling. Subscription and schedule information is available by visiting <u>www.flobowling.com</u>.

PBA50 RIVER CITY EXTREME OPEN Presented by Ebonite River City Extreme, Monticello, Minn., Thursday

SECOND ROUND RESULTS (after 16 games. Positions 1-16 advance to match play rounds. Positions 17-24 plus eight PBA60 players advance to cashers round to determine eight additional match play spots.)

- 1, Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 3,626.
- 2, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3,616.
- 3, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3,607.
- 4, Ralph Brunt Jr., Jensen Beach, Fla., 3,593.
- 5, Eddie Graham, Kettering, Ohio, 3,591.
- 6, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3,528.
- 7, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,521.
- 8, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 3,520.
- 9, (tie) Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, and Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3,504.
- 11, Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 3,503.
- 12, Peter Knopp, Germany, 3,470.
- 13, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,451.
- 14, Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 3,450.
- 15, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 3,427.
- 16, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 3,426.
- 17, Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 3,413.
- 18, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 3,412.
- 19, Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 3,400.
- 20, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 3,384.
- 21, John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo., 3,380.
- 22, n-Thomas Jones, Blaine, Mnn., 3,348.
- 23, John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 3,326.
- 24, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 3,318.
- 25, ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 3,310.
- 26, ss-Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 3,297.
- 27, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 3,287.
- 28, Don Breeden, Clive, Iowa, 3,278.
- 29, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 3,277.
- 30, n-David Oulman, Medford, Minn., 3,273.
- 31, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3,271.
- 32, n-Ron Cleveland, St. Paul, Minn., 3,264.
- 33, ss-James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 3,261.
- 34, ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 3,258.
- 35, n-John Hommes, Crystal, Minn., 3,252.
- 36, Tony Rodriguez Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 3,246.
- 37, n-Larry Birkedahl, Sartell, Minn., 3,240.
- 38, ss-Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 3,234.
- 39, ss-Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 3,198.
- 40, ss-Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 3,183.
- 41, Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., 3,175.
- 42, Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 3,157.
- 43, Greg McDaniel, Kimball, Neb., 3,153.
- 44, n-Craig Schiffler, Melrose, Minn., 3,136.
- 45, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 3,117.
- 46, Patrick King, Yankton, S.D., 3,113.
- 47, n-Dana Wright, St. Paul, Minn., 3,112.
- 48, Craig O'Reilly, Tinley Park, Ill., 3,105.
- 49, n-David Green, St. Michael, Minn., 3,104.
- 50, Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 3,097.

- 51, Timothy Regan, East Northport, N.Y., 3,093.
- 52, Brad Snell, Mount Prospect, Ill., 3,059.
- 53, Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 3,048.
- 54, John Kidwell, Indianapolis, Ind., 3,024.
- 55, n-Fred Schossow, Zimmerman, Minn., 3,016.
- 56, n-Robert Robillard, Savage, Minn., 2,998.
- 57, Gary Kammes, Winfield, Ill., 2,992.
- 58, Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 2,988.
- 59, n-Curtis Matlock, Cloquet, Minn., 2,973.
- 60, Bob Heath Sr., Grand Junction, Iowa, 2,942.
- 61, Lucien Casagrande, Canada, 2,911.
- 62, n-Lawrence Harvanko, Champlin, Minn., 2,900.
- 63, Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 2,899.
- 64, Jeff Moore, Boone, Iowa, 2,877.
- 65, Jared Cudnohufsky, Kingsford, Mich., 2,875.
- 66, Mike Schmid, St. Paul, Minn., 2,802.
- 67, n-Ermon Dixon, Waite Park, Minn., 2,801.
- 68, Dean Bruinsma, Clear Lake, S.D., 2,744.
- 69, n-Peter Williams, Buffalo, Minn., 2,729.
- 70, n-James Friend, Big Lake, Minn., 2,687.
- 71, n-Fred van De, Elk River, Minn., 2,659.

n-non-member ss-PBA60 player ages 60 and over advancing to cashers round

Michael Haugen Jr. Wins PBA50 River City Extreme Open For Second Title of the Season

Haugen defeats Bob Learn Jr., 247-246, in title match to tighten grip on PBA50 Player of the Year points lead

MONTICELLO, Minn. (July 20, 2018) – Michael Haugen Jr. defeated Bob Learn Jr., 247-246, in the title match to win the PBA50 River City Extreme Open presented by Ebonite Friday for his second title of the season and third of his career.

Haugen, the 2017 PBA50 Rookie of the Year, became the first two-time winner this season and further tightened his grip on the PBA50 Player of the Year points lead with four tournaments remaining in the season.

In the title match, Haugen, who finished first, was able to shut Learn out when he struck on the first ball in the 10th frame and then made the 6-10 spare.

"It was a good thing I got eight and not six or seven on the second ball otherwise I might not be standing here," said Haugen of his second shot in the 10th frame. "I lost focus for a moment and the result of that shot could have been a lot worse."

It was a long road for the 51-year-old Haugen to reach the No. 1 qualifying position for the stepladder finals coming all the way from 20th after the first round of qualifying on Wednesday. Haugen made his dramatic climb with the help of a 5-0-1 match play round earlier in the day Friday.

"The lanes were tough for me at the start of the tournament but that just meant I had to do what I do best and that is adjust," said Haugen, who won the Johnny Petraglia BVL Open in May for his first win of

the season. "As the tournament went on I started getting more comfortable to the point where I was able to use my ball speed to make the adjustments I needed.

"I'm just keeping it simple and continuing to do what I have been doing all season," Haugen continued. "If I keep executing and making good decisions I'll keep getting good results."

In the opening stepladder match No. 4 qualifier Brian Kretzer beat No. 5 qualifier PBA Hall of Famer and four-time PBA50 Tour winner Norm Duke, 290-228, to advance to the second match. Kretzer left a 10 pin in the first frame, made the spare, and then strung the next 11 strikes.

In the second match Kretzer, who was trying for his first PBA50 Tour title, beat No. 3 qualifier four-time PBA50 Tour winner Lennie Boresch Jr., 202-199, to advance to the semifinal match against Learn. Kretzer, the 2018 Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open runner-up, threw three strikes in the 10th to beat Boresch after Boresch chopped the 6-10 spare.

Learn, who qualified second for the finals, then beat Kretzer, 238-225, in the semifinal to advance to the title match against Haugen. Learn was trying for his fourth PBA50 Tour title and first since 2015.

The next stop for the PBA50 Tour will be the PBA50 South Shore Open presented by Hammer July 23-26 at Olympia Lanes in Hammond, Ind.

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PBA50 RIVER CITY EXTREME OPEN presented by Ebonite River City Extreme, Monticello, Minn., Friday

Final Standings:

- 1, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, \$7,500.
- 2, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., \$4,000.
- 3, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, \$2,500.
- 4, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., \$2,000.
- 5, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., \$1,750.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Kretzer def. Duke, 290-228. Match Two – Kretzer def. Boresch, 202-199. Semifinal Match – Learn def. Kretzer, 238-225. Championship Match – Haugen def. Learn, 247-246.

Modified Match Play Round 2 (after six games, including match play bonus pins. Top five advance to stepladder finals)

- 1, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 5-0-1, 1,617.
- 2, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 5-1, 1,604.
- 3, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 5-1, 1,575.
- 4, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 4-2, 1,538.
- 5, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 4-2, 1,530.
- 6, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 4-2, 1,506, \$1,500.
- 7, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3-3, 1,492, \$1,500.
- 8, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 4-2, 1,453, \$1,500.
- 9, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 2-4, 1,447, \$1,250.
- 10, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 3-3, 1,446, \$1,250.

- 11, n-Thomas Jones, Blaine, Minn., 2-4, 1,367, \$1,250.
- 12, Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 1-5, 1,357, \$1,250.
- 13, Eddie Graham, Kettering, Ohio, 3-3, 1,335, \$1,250.
- 14, ss-Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 1-4-1, 1,294, \$1,250.
- 15, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 1-5, 1,245, \$1,250.
- 16, Ralph Brunt Jr., Jensen Beach, Fla., 0-6, 1,192, \$1,250.

Modified Match Play Round 1 (after five games, including match play bonus pins)

- 17, Peter Knopp, Germany, 2-3, 1,135, \$1,100.
- 18, Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 0-4-1, 1,126, \$1,100.
- 19, ss-Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 1-3-1, 1,120, \$1,100.
- 20, Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 2-3, 1,106, \$1,100.
- 21, ss-Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 2-3, 1,100, \$1,100.
- 22, ss-Tom Carter, <u>Columbus, Ohio, 3-2</u>, 1,090, \$1,100.
- 23, Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 2-3, 1,062, \$1,100.
- 24, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 1-4, 995, \$1,000.

Other Cashers (after five-game cashers' round)

- 25, ss-Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 1,032, \$1,000.
- 26, ss-Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 1,027, \$1,000.
- 27, John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo., 1,022, \$1,000.
- 28, ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 1,021, \$1,000.
- 29, ss-Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 1,013, \$1,000.
- 30, ss-James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 1,010, \$1,000.
- 31, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 948, \$1,000.

n-non-member ss-PBA60 player ages 60 and older.

Daugherty Wins Fourth PBA Crystal Automotive Spring Hill South Open Title

SPRING HILL, Fla. (Sunday, July 22) – PBA Tour titlist Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Fla., won the 30th PBA Crystal Automotive Spring Hill South Open Presented By Track Sunday at Spring Hill Lanes, defeating amateur Shawn Naumann of Orlando, Fla., 233-212, in the title match.

Daugherty, who finished second in last year's event, has now won at Spring Hill Lanes four times (2006, 2008, 2016 and 2018) to tie Darrin Hays of Wesley Chapel, Fla., for the most Spring Hill titles.

Daugherty, who qualified no. 1 for the stepladder finals, waited while Naumann defeated amateur Mike Coffey of Melbourne, Fla., in the opening stepladder match, 200-184, and Jason Sterner of Rockledge, Fla., 204-182, in the semifinal match.

Daugherty earned \$2,500 while Naumann pocketed \$1,300 for second, Sterner \$1,100 for third and Coffey \$1,000 for fourth place in the PBA South Region's longest-running tournament.

The PBA South Region's next event will be the PBA50 Sparetimes South Open Aug. 3-5 at Sparetimes Fun Center in Hampton, Va.

PBA CRYSTAL AUTOMOTIVE SPRING HILL SOUTH OPEN Spring Hill Lanes, Spring Hill, Fla., Sunday

Final Standings:

- 1, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., \$2,500.
- 2, n-Shawn Naumann, Orlando, Fla., \$1,300.
- 3, Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., \$1,100.
- 4, n-Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., \$1000.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – n-Naumann def. n-Coffey, 200-184. Semifinal – n-Naumann def. Sterner, 204-182. Championship – Daugherty def. n-Naumann, 233-212.

Final Qualifying Standings (after 17 games, top 4 advanced to stepladder finals):

- 1, Daugherty, 3,806.
- 2, Sterner, 3,793.
- 3, n-Coffey, 3,708.
- 4, n-Naumann, 3,589.
- 5, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 3,587, \$800.
- 6, Sean Wilcox, Altamonte Springs, Fla., 3,528, \$700.
- 7, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 3,492, \$625.
- 8, Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 3,486, \$600.

Round of 16 Cashers (after 15 games):

- 9, n-Pete Vergos, Apopka, Fla., 3,112, \$580.
- 10, Billy Rohde, Lilburn, Ga., 3,095, \$560.
- 11, Andrew Colon, Zephyrhills, Fla., 3,087, \$550.
- 12, Mike Vitalone Jr., Lake Worth, Fla., 3,068, \$540.
- 13, Hernan Ramirez, Orlando, Fla., 3,044, \$530.
- 14. Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C., 3,026, \$520.
- 15, Joseph Grago, Hampstead, N.C., 3,018, \$510.
- 16, Trevor Roberts, Crystal River, Fla., 3,004, \$500.

Other Cashers Round Cashers (after 12 games):

- 17, n-w-Elise Bolton, Merritt Island, Fla., 2,460, \$420.
- 18, Jeff Piroozshad, Coral Springs, Fla., 2,445, \$420.
- 19, Darin Hays, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 2,442, \$420.
- 20, Dale Coleman, High Springs, Fla., 2,433, \$410.
- 21, George Gomez, Orlando, Fla., 2,422, \$410.
- 22, Chris Polizzi, Spring Hill, Fla., 2,411, \$410.
- 22, n-Christian Miller, Homosassa, Fla., 2,405, \$400.
- 24, n-Jason Kosby, Clive, Iowa, 2,389, \$400.
- 25, n-Daniel Gassera, Port Charlotte, Fla., 2,371, \$400.

n-denotes non-member; w-denotes woman.

Johnny DiSantis Wins Investors Bank Eastern Open for Second Title

Elmwood Park, N.J. (July 22, 2018) – Johnny DiSantis of Wilmington, Del., rolled a 267 game in the position round to move from third place to first, winning the PBA50 Investors Bank Eastern Open at Parkway Lanes Saturday for his second PBA Regional title by 15 pins over Rick Graham of Lancaster, Pa.

After qualifying in second place for the match play finals, DiSantis moved into the lead after a 278 in game three, but with three games remaining, he lost his ball reaction and dropped to third place. A short

break and five minutes of warm-up prior to the final position round match, he re-grouped for his big finish. DiSantis finished with a 4-4 match play record to earn the \$1,500 top prize and his second PBA Regional title, six years after his first.

Graham, the qualifying leader, finished second after also compiling a 4-4 match play record. Graham received \$800 as the runner-up. Reigning East Region Senior Player of the Year Ray Edwards of Middle Island, N.Y. finished third after posting a 5-3 record which included the event's only 300 game. Edwards earned \$700.

Next weekend, the PBA East Region holds the PBA50 Ned Micelli Memorial at Herrill Lanes in New Hyde Park, N.Y.

PBA50 INVESTORS BANK EASTERN OPEN Parkway Lanes, Elmwood Park, N.J., Saturday

Final Match Play Standings (after 15 games, including match play bonus pins)

- 1, Johnny DiSantis, Wilmington, Del., 4-4, 3,412, \$1,500.
- 2, Rick Graham, Lancaster, Pa., 4-4, 3,397, \$800.
- 3, Ray Edwards, Middle Island, N.Y., 5-3, 3,379, \$700.
- 4, Bob Caruso, Dayton, N.J., 6-2, 3,283, \$650.
- 5, Sam Maccarone, Williamstown, N.J., 4-4, 3,270, \$600.
- 6, Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 5-3, 3,203, \$575.
- 7, John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 3-5, 3,185, \$550.
- 8, David Zelger, Red Lion, Pa., 5-3, 3,166, \$540.
- 9, Jay Boyle, Garnet Valley, Pa., 3-5, 3,151, \$530.
- 10, David Kneas , Annapolis, Md., 3-5, 3,115, \$520.
- 11, Mike Tryniski, Fulton N.Y., 3-5, 3,015, \$510.
- 12, Eddie Wu, New York 3-5, 3,008, \$500.

300 Game: Ray Edwards

Mike Bailey Wins Third PBA Fort Sill Southwest Open Title

Fort Sill, Okla., (July 23, 2018) – Mike Bailey from Carrollton, Texas, won six of his first seven matches, then held off Shawn Maldonado's last-game charge to successfully defend his title in the PBA Fort Sill Southwest Open, presented by DV8, Sunday at Fort Sill's Twin Oaks Bowling Center.

Bailey, who won the Fort Sill title for the third time, started the modified eight-game round robin finals in seventh place, but kept gaining on Houston's Maldonado, the qualifying leader, finally taking the lead with three games to go. Holding a 51-pin lead going into the final position round match, Bailey struck on six of his first seven shots while Maldonado started the last game with seven strikes before splitting in the eighth frame. Bailey also left a 7-10 split in his eighth frame, sending the match into the final two frames virtually even. Maldonado converted spares in the ninth and 10th frames, and Bailey converted the 2-7 split in his 10th frame, striking his final shot to edge Maldonado by three pins, 4,931-4,928, after 21 games.

The victory earned Bailey a \$2,500 winner's check, while Maldonado collected \$1,650 for second place. Beau Peterson of Newton, Kan., finished third for the second year in a row with a 4,892 total to win \$1,150 while Andy Patterson, from Tyler, Texas, rounded out the top four with 4,774 total pins for \$950.

The Southwest Region's next event is the PBA Houston Emerald Bowl Challenge event for nonchampions, Aug. 17-19. The PBA Grand Casino/Hotel/Resort Southwest Invitational, showcasing 32 of the region's top players, follows Sept. 7-9. The Invitational will be streamed live on the FloBowling PBA network.

PBA FORT SILL SOUTHWEST OPEN presented by DV8 Twin Oaks Lanes, Fort Sill, Okla., Sunday

Final Standings (after 21 games, including match play bonus pins):

1, Mike Bailey, <u>Carrollton, Texas, 6-2</u>, 4,931, \$2,500. 2, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 4-4, 4,928, \$1,650. 3, Beau Peterson, Newton, Kan., 4-4, 4,852, \$1,150. 4, Andy Patterson, Tyler, Texas, 4-4, 4,774, \$950. 5, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 6-2, 4,741, \$850. 6, Joe Findling, Mesquite, Texas, 4-4, 4,716, \$775.

7, David 'Boog' Krol, Nixa, Mo., 3-5, 4,700, \$700. 8, Mason Edmondson, Amarillo, <u>Texas, 3-5</u>, 4,661, \$650. 9, n-Allan Smith, League City, Texas, 5-3, 4,615, \$600. 10, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 4-4, 4,596, \$550. 11, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 3-5, 4,547, \$525. 12, Austin Boulds, Creal Springs, Ill., 2-6, 4,263, \$500.

n-denotes amateur

World-Class Field Set for 19th annual PBA-PWBA Storm Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles

PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling to live stream all rounds from Houston's Copperfield Bowl July 26-29

HOUSTON, Texas – Just when you think the world's premier mixed doubles bowling tournament can't possibly get any better, it does. As a capacity field of 160 teams representing Professional Bowlers Association, Professional Women's Bowling Association, World Bowling and intercollegiate champions from around the world prepare to shoe-up for the 19th annual PBA-PWBA Storm Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles Championship – affectionately called "The Luci" in memory of the reason it exists – the only question that matters is, which duet will find the magical elixir this year.

The "SABC Mixed," which will be live streamed from first ball to last by PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling, began in 1999 when Donna Conners launched a tribute bowling tournament to honor the memory of her late friend, breast cancer victim Luci Bonneau. In the ensuing years, it has generated in excess of \$800,000 to benefit breast cancer research and assistance to breast cancer victims.

And as a sporting event, it has accomplished all of Conners' wildest dreams.

Now based at Houston's Copperfield Bowl, it has become a magnet for the world's best bowlers, men and women. Australia, China, Colombia, England, Germany, Indonesia, Japan, Latvia, Poland, Ukraine, Venezuela plus the U.S. are represented. There are PBA and PWBA Hall of Famers and Players of the Year in the field, along with a handful of "senior" players along with a group just emerging from their teenage years.

The defending champions are Germany's Birgit Poppler and PBA Tour champion Jason Sterner of Rockledge, Fla., who had never bowled together until quirky circumstances matched them up at the last minute in 2017. Beyond that, players named Shannon seem to shine in this event. PWBA Tour star Shannon O'Keefe of O'Fallon, Ill., has won the event four times – three with PBA star Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., and once with her husband, Bryan. Another Shannon also is a four-time winner. Lefty Shannon Pluhowsky of Dayton, Ohio, and partner Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., won the event in 2007, '08, '10 and '11.

The tournament will involve four 40-team squads bowling seven games Friday, July 27, and Saturday, July 28, at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. CDT, to arrive at the top 40 teams that will advance to Sunday's five-game semifinal round at 8:30 a.m. After a total of 12 team/24 individual games, the top eight teams will bowl an eight-game round-

robin match play round to complete the event. Total pinfall for 20 team/40 individual games, including match play bonus pins, will determine the winners. PBA and/or PWBA Tour title(s) will be awarded if the respective player is a PBA/PWBA member.

The tournament, which is a part of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule, also is a World Bowling Tour points event.

Friday and Saturday evenings are reserved for grassroots league bowlers who will participate for thousands of dollars in cash and prizes in an exceptional pro-am event. A new feature for this year's event will be a "Beauties vs. Beasts" team event Thursday at 4 p.m., pitting last year's top women qualifiers vs. last year's top men in a five-game Baker format clash.

All of the activities are aimed at raising money for The Rose, a Houston-based organization that helps women who can't afford breast care treatment or mammograms, and the Huntsman Group, a cancer research based in Utah.

For the third year in a row, bowling fans around the world will be able to follow the event from start to finish, live on PBA's Xtra Frame on FloBowling online video-streaming service. To subscribe to Xtra Frame, visit FloBowling.com.

For those who would like to support Conners' efforts, but can't attend the event, visit <u>http://www.strikingagainstbreastcancer.org/</u> to make a contribution online.

PBA/PWBA STORM STRIKING AGAINST BREAST CANCER MIXED DOUBLES SCHEDULE Copperfield Bowl, Houston, Texas, July 26-29 (A part of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule and a World Bowling Tour points event)

Thursday, July 26

9 a.m. and 1 p.m. – Open practice sessions 4 p.m. – Beauties vs. Beasts five-game Baker team match

Friday, July 27

8 a.m. – A Squad, 7 qualifying games 2 p.m. - B Squad, 7 qualifying games 8 p.m. - Pro-am squad

Saturday, July 28

8 a.m. - C Squad, 7 qualifying games
2 p.m. - D Squad, 7 qualifying games
Top 40 teams after 7 games advance to semifinal round
8 p.m. - Pro-am squad

Sunday, July 29

8:30 a.m. - Top 40 teams, 5-game semifinal round Top 8 teams after 12 team/24 individual games advance to round-robin match play finals 12:30 - Top 8 teams, 8 games round robin match play (total pinfall for 20 team/40 individual games, including match play bonus pins, will determine the champions)

HISTORY OF STRIKING AGAINST BREAST CANCER

(LUCI BONNEAU MEMORIAL) MIXED DOUBLES WINNERS

- 2000 Donna Conners/Mark Scroggins
- 2001 Amy Dillon/Chris Barnes
- 2002 Diandra (Hyman) Asbaty/Dino Castillo
- 2003 Genie Franklin/Wes Malott
- 2004 Krystal Scott/Russ Wilson
- 2005 Rachel Perez/Paul Fleming
- 2006 Carolyn Dorin-Ballard/Marc Laracuente
- 2007 Shannon Pluhowsky/Tommy Jones
- 2008 Shannon Pluhowsky/Tommy Jones

- 2009 Carolyn Dorin-Ballard/Parker Bohn III
- 2010 Shannon Pluhowsky/Tommy Jones
- 2011 Shannon Pluhowsky/Tommy Jones
- 2012 Shannon O'Keefe/Bryan O'Keefe
- 2013 Shannon O'Keefe/Bill O'Neill
- 2014 Missy Parkin/Scott Norton
- 2015 Shannon O'Keefe/Bill O'Neill
- 2016 Shannon O'Keefe/Bill O'Neill
- 2017 Birgit Poppler/Jason Sterner

2018 Storm PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles Squad and Lane Assignments (numeral preceding each pair indicates starting lane) Copperfield Bowl, Houston, Texas

A Squad, Friday, July 27, 8 a.m. CDT (7 games)

- 3, Halie Summers, Houston/Michael Ruffino, Houston.
- 4, Mads McDuff, Katy, Texas/Sean Sadat, Houston.
- 5, Sandi Charles, Nolanville, Texas/Sean Lavery-Spahr, Dallas.
- 6, Nichole DePaul-Miller, Plano, III./John Wukasch Jr., Montgomery, Texas.
- 7, Gabriella Mayfield, Lake Isabella, Calif./Steve Pavlinko, Jr., Deptford, N.J.
- 8, Mel McAllister, Colorado Springs, Colo./Russell Elsner, Houston.
- 9, Kayla Pashina, Minnetonka, Minn./Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla.
- 10, Jordan Richard, Tipton, Mich./Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio.
- 11, Christina Kinney, Las Vegas/Robert Lawrence, Del Valle, Texas.
- 12, Shelly Slagle, Pearland, Texas/Ray Hart, Galveston, Texas.
- 13, Ashly Galante, Palm Harbor, Fla./Mike Moore, Orlando, Fla.
- 14, Amy Dillon Bruce, Wichita, Kan./Rick Justice, Lawton, Okla.
- 15, Debbie Ayers, La Mesa, Calif./Nicholas Burgess, Jersey Village, Texas.
- 16, Bryanna Coté, Red Rock, Ariz./Stuart Williams, England.
- 17, Tayna Fulmer-Spaulding, Colorado Springs, Colo./Chris Bryant, Austin, Texas.
- 18, Giselle Poss, Montgomery, Ill./Matt Gasn, Clarksville, Tenn.
- 19, Michelle Sterner, Buffalo, N.Y./Mike Austin, Conroe, Texas.
- 20, Teri Haugh, Faribault, Minn./Darren Stanley, Vancouver, Wash.
- 21, Jennifer Schultz, Beaumont, Texas/Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas.
- 22, Rina Asada, Japan/Shota Amakasu, Japan.
- 23, Chelsea Gilliam, Austintown, Ohio/Robert Gilliam, Jr., Independence, La.
- 24, Jes Lesagonicz, Atlanta/Robert Michalojko, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- 25, Haley Richard, Tipton, Mich./Nick Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn.
- 26, Shannon Sellens, Copiague, N.Y./Anthony Pepe, East Elmhurst, N.Y.
- 27, Mary Jo Cox, Houston/Lee Lorts, Katy, Texas.
- 28, Taylor Evans, Katy, Texas/Jeremy Evans, Katy, Texas.
- 29, Celina Broderick, Wallingford, Conn./T.J. Thompson, Houston.
- 30, Jamarva Norman, Chattanooga, Tenn./Kendle Miles, Kennesaw, Ga.
- 31, Barbara Bias, Houston/Bobby Abbott, Houston.
- 32, Amanda Broege, Ronkonkoma, N.Y./Jon Van Hees, Charleston, R.I.
- 33, Gloria Wood, Corpus Christi, Texas/Darrell Wood, Corpus Christi, Texas.
- 34, Ginger Bess, San Antonio/Jason Valenzuela, Corpus Christi, Texas.
- 35, Ashley Cole, Florissant, Mo./Randy Miles, Jr., Kennesaw, Ga.
- 36, Connie Esters, San Pedro, Calif./Justin Wren, Kingwood. Texas.
- 37, Kimi Davidson, Lewisville, Texas/Brian Valenta, Lake Isabella, Calif.
- 38, Kayla Bandy, Salibury, Md./Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan.
- 39, Brianna Brown, Floresville, Texas/Justin Ledwig, San Antonio.
- 40, Verity Crawley, England/Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas.
- 41, Ricki Ellison, Wichita, Kan./Tyler Kemp, Wichita, Kan.
- 42, Caitlyn Johnson, Beaumont, Texas/Eric Martinez, San Antonio.

B Squad, Friday, July 27, 2 p.m. CDT (7 games)

- 3, Jodi Woessner, Oregon, Ohio/Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas.
- 4, Erin Lenahan, Roseville, Calif./Chris Castro, Plano, Texas.

5, Tristan Senegal, Cypress, Texas/Darrin Senegal, Cypress, Texas.

6, Kelsi Anderson, San Antonio/Ricky Jimenez, San Antonio.

7, Kyra Kansaki, Greenbriar, Ark./Luis De Leon, San Antonio.

- 8, Lindsay Boomershine, Perry, Utah/Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C.
- 9, Josie Barnes, Hermitage, Tenn./Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas.
- 10, Leanne Hulsenberg, Pleasant View, Utah/Darren Tang, San Jose, Calif.
- 11, Elysia Current, Ephrata, Pa./AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa.
- 12, Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Keller, Texas/Michael Tang, San Francisco.
- 13, Yuna Mukotani, China/Kenta Morimoto, Japan.
- 14, Misaki Mukotani, China/Nobuhito Fujii, Japan.
- 15, Diandra Asbaty, Chicago/Jason Belmonte, Australia.
- 16, Sydney Brummett, Fort Wayne, Ind./Kris Prather, Plainfield, III.
- 17, Birgit Poppler, Germany/Jason Sterner, Cocoa, Fla.
- 18, Stephanie Zavala, Downey, Calif./Tyson Branagan, Fort Worth, Texas.
- 19, Wendy Arnold, Hockley, Texas/Lee Arnold, Hockley, Texas.
- 20, Tannya Lopez, Mexico/Matt Cabanski, Cibolo, Texas.
- 21, Cathy Nelson, Lakeside, Texas/David Scardaville, Houston.
- 22, Brette Joseph, Pflugerville, Texas/Cecil Scarboro, Panama City, Fla.
- 23, Norma Manns, Austin, Texas/Marvin Biagas, Houston.
- 24, Aline Reed, Spring, Texas/William Titus, Houston.
- 25, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia/Adam Pogge, Austin, Texas.
- 26, Amanda Greene, Romney, W.Va./Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo.
- 27, Shannon O'Keefe, O'Fallon, Ill./Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa.
- 28, Cindy Mattingly, Puyallup, Wash./Tanner Spacey, Burien, Wash.
- 29, Erin McCarthy, Omaha, Neb./AJ Johnson, Oswego, III.
- 30, Katie Maher, Ottumwa, Iowa/Billy Hibbard, Mukwonago, Wis.
- 31, Marcia Kloempken, Pleasant View, Utah/Steven Smith, San Diego.
- 32, Tannya Roumimper, Indonesia/Francois Lavoie, Wichita, Kan.
- 33, Summer Jasmin, Beckley, W.Va./Joe Findling, Mesquite, Texas.
- 34, Ashley Lawley, Texas City, Texas/Troy Boyd, Pasadena, Texas.
- 35, Kristie Leong, Daly City, Calif./DeeRonn Booker, Anaheim, Calif.
- 36, Diva Gwiscz, Houston/Kevin Foerster, Houston.
- 37, Novella Daniels, Detroit, Mich./George Gohagan III, Houston.
- 38, Ingellimar Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn./Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn.
- 39, Tish Johnson, Colorado Springs, Colo./Hank Boomershine, Perry, Utah.
- 40, Brenda Padilla, Mansfield, Texas/DJ Archer, Houston.
- 41, Jackie Carbonetto, Clarksville, Tenn./Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla.
- 42, Shannon Pluhowsky, Dayton, Ohio/Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C.

C Squad, Saturday, July 28, 8 a.m. CDT (7 games)

- 3, Ashley Adams, Midlothian, Texas/Daniel Adams, Midlothian, Texas.
- 4, Erica McPhail, Copperas Cove, Texas/Mark Morgan, Killeen, Texas.
- 5, Susan Saccomen, Katy, Texas/Tom Russo, Richmond, Texas.
- 6, Katie Garcia, Wichita, Kan./Geoffrey Young, Keller, Texas.
- 7, Stephanie Schwartz, Racine, Wis./Steve Lemke, Nacogdoches, Texas.
- 8, Jen Higgins, Westerville, Ohio/Dan Higgins, Westerville, Ohio.
- 9, Daria Kovalova, Ukraine/Joshua Roca, Wichita, Kan.
- 10, Chantel Jefferson, Houston/Daniel Cashaw, Houston.
- 11, Lauren Hoffman, Monroe Township, N.J./Brandon Martin, Wichita, Kan.
- 12, Diana Jessie, Dallas/Toney Nelson, Grapevine, Texas.
- 13, Keli Callahan, Las Vegas/Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash.
- 14, Sabrina Duncan-Rose, Houston/Frank Rose, Houston.
- 15, Rachel Perez, Maumelle, Ark./Michael Shirley, North Little Rock, Ark.
- 16, Jasmine Coleman, Manteca, Calif./Vernon Peterson, Winter Haven, Fla.
- 17, Anita Arnett, Richmond, Texas/Brett Cooper, Aurora, Colo.
- 18, Stefanie Johnson, McKinney, Texas/Chris Johnson, McKinney, Texas.
- 19, Brandi Branka, Fairview Heights, III./Mike Dole, Loves Park, III.
- 20, Pam Lawrence, Pfugerville, Texas/Anthony Coats, Pflugerville, Texas.
- 21, T'nia Moore, Greensburg, Pa./BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa.

- 22, Daria Pajak, Poland/Giorgio Clinaz, Venezuela.
- 23, Jennifer Russo, Monmouth Junction, N.J./Shawn Maldonado, Houston.
- 24, Jaime Wells, Humble, Texas/Andy Silverman, Akron, Ohio.
- 25, Amanda Cortese, Hoffman Estates, III./Andrew Cain, Phoenix.
- 26, Wanda Parker, Garland, Texas/Danny Inocencio, College Station, Texas.
- 27, Holly Harris, Wichita, Kan./Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan.
- 28, Whitney Harris, Converse, Texas/Scott Dodson, Waxahachie, Texas.
- 29, Tina Balser, Columbia, Mo./Damien Laird, Columbia, Mo.
- 30, Alyssa Harper, Orange City, Fla./Peter Ferraro, Jr., Orange City, Fla.
- 31, Jeanette Van Gundy, San Antonio/Ryan Whitney, Hurst, Texas.
- 32, Britney Russell, Houston/David Tullos, Spring, Texas.
- 33, Liz Kuhlkin, Schenectady, N.Y./Richard Teece, England.
- 34, Kayla Mahan, Friendswood, Texas/Chris Schramek, Pasadena, Texas.
- 35, Jessica Mellott, Lauderhill, Flla./Matthew Farber, Plainview, N.Y.
- 36, Jodi Gawlik, Schaumburg, III./Kyle Barnes, Nashville, Tenn.
- 37, Yvette Clay, Austin, Texas/Robert Pohlman, Cedar Park, Texas.
- 38, Hayley Veitch, Kenner, La./Justin Veitch, Kenner, La.
- 39, DeeDee Jeffery, Little Rock, Ark./Mykel Holliman, Memphis, Tenn.
- 40, Kristina Parry, Palm Harbor, Fla./Alex Aguiar, Dartmouth, Mass.
- 41, Kerry Smith, Lititz, Pa./John Furey, East Windsor, N.J.
- 42, Katelyn Zwiefelhofer, Racine, Wis./David Eggert, New Lenox, III.

D Squad, Saturday, July 28, 2 p.m. CDT (7 games)

- 3, Missy Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif./Sean Rash, Montgomery, III.
- 4, Elise Bolton, Merritt Island, Fla./Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla.
- 5, Amanda Fry, Antelope, Calif./Clint Land, Houston.
- 6, Alexandra Mosquera-Jiménez, Colombia/Eric Manthei, Lumberton, Texas.
- 7, Brandy Silva, Fort Worth, Texas/Timmy Crites, Dallas.
- 8, Linda Walbaum, Brighton, Colo./Mark London, Washington, Texas.
- 9, Angela Chirpich, Urbandale, Iowa/Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa.
- 10, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y./Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio.
- 11, Amber MacLeod, Huntsville, Texas/Matthew Stephens, Houston.
- 12, Megan Kelly, Dayton, Ohio/Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind.
- 13, Robin Romeo, Newhall, Calif./Timothy Tripp, Castle Rock, Colo.
- 14, Carol Norman, Houston/Pete McCordic, Katy, Texas.
- 15, Liz Johnson, Palatine, III./EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind.
- 16, Jeanne Naccarato, Tacoma, Wash./Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore.
- 17, Sierra Kanemoto, Dayton, Ohio/Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich.
- 18, Beth Owen-Cipielewski, Bradenton, Fla./Bryan Viator, Seabrook, Texas.
- 19, Cassandra Shivers-Williams, Adelphi, Md./Fero Williams, Adelphi, Md.
- 20, Taylor Bulthuis, Coral Springs, Fla./Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz.
- 21, Joi Bell, Pflugerville, Texas/Will Werner, Montgomery, Texas.
- 22, Sabrena Divis, Gillette, Wyo./Ted Pritts, Little Elm, Texas.
- 23, Genie Franklin, Frisco, Texas/Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo.
- 24, Kylie Mogard, Las Vegas/Dallas Leong, Las Vegas.
- 25, Anne Marie Duggan, Edmond, Okla./Steven Badovinac, Monument, Colo.
- 26, Heather D'Errico, Rochester, N.Y./Omar Arnett, Richmond, Texas.
- 27, Cassandra Leuthold, Lincoln, Neb./Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas.
- 28, Heather Jones, Euless, Texas/Xeno Garcia, Fort Worth, Texas.
- 29, Paula Vidad, Sun City, Calif./Blake Paris, Fremont, Neb.
- 30, Natalie Cortese, Hoffman Estates, Ill./Brad Miller, Raytown, Mo.
- 31, Correen Lieber, Glendale, Ariz./Chase Nadeau, Henderson, Nev.
- 32, Sarah Wille, Hoffman Estates, III./Gregory Young, Jr., Viera, Fla.
- 33, Tina Williams, Phoenix/Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas.
- 34, Stacie Hartsfield, San Antonio/Jeff Hartsfield, San Antonio.
- 35. Olivia Sandham, Saint Joseph, Mo./Daniel Pickerel, Saint Joseph, Mo.
- 36, Catie Jensen, Fort Worth, Texas/Alex Cavagnaro, North Massapegua, N.Y.
- 37, Tina Peters, Liberty Hill, Texas/Joseph Peters, Liberty Hill, Texxas.
- 38, Jackie Evans, Acton, Mass./Chris Muscarello, Houston.

39, Jovan Ebalaroza, San Antonio/Keith Cipielewski, Bradenton, Fla.

40, Robyn Renslow, Brentwood, Calif./Zack Hattori, Las Vegas, Nev.

41, Amanda Falk, Tucson, Ariz./Dwight Burns, Tucson, Ariz.

42, Kiyoko McDonald, Allen, Texas/Clint Johnson, Fort Worth, Texas.

Perfect Game Helps Chris Gibbons Take First Round Lead in PBA50 South Shore Open

HAMMOND, Ind. (July 24, 2018) - Bowling in only his second PBA50 Tour tournament, Chris Gibbons of Madison, Wis., bowled a 300 game and averaged 251.5 to take the first round lead in the PBA50 South Shore Open presented by Hammer Tuesday at Olympia Lanes.

Bowling on the 45-foot PBA Shark lane condition, the 51-year-old Gibbons, bowled a 2,012 eight-game pinfall total with games of 225, 256, 256, 264, 256, 248, 300 and 207 to lead Christopher Keane of Cape Coral, Fla., in second with 1,981.

"I had a few butterflies in the first game but then I settled down and got pretty comfortable," said Gibbons, who owns one PBA regional title. "I was able to use the same ball for the entire round and didn't have to move more than three of four boards.

"For the 300 game I was able to anticipate what I needed to do and just made a minor one board adjustment and stayed firm with my ball speed and was fortunate to make 12 great shots," he added.

PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber finished the first round in third with a 1,979 pinfall total with games of 225, 245, 279, 268, 274, 266, 200 and 222.

Weber is hoping to improve on a season's best fourth-place finish, which came in the PBA50 Mooresville Open in May.

"I've done well here over the years so I'm hoping this can be a breakthrough tournament for me this season," the 55-year-old Weber said. "At this point in the tournament you don't want to give any pins back so I'm just trying to enjoy myself and stay focused."

Weber finished sixth in the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open in June where he rallied from 19th in the last match play round to just miss the stepladder finals. He also finished sixth in the PBA50 National Championship, the season's first major, in April.

Weber, an 11-time PBA50 Tour winner, won the South Shore Open in 2016 which was part of his recordbreaking season in which he won four consecutive titles and six overall.

Rounding out the top five were three-time PBA50 Tour winner Harry Sullins of Chesterfield Twp., Mich., in fourth, with 1,896, and Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y., in fifth with 1,870.

Last week's PBA50 River City Extreme Open winner and PBA50 Player of the Year points leader Michael Haugen Jr. of Phoenix finished the first round in eighth with a 1,868 pinfall. Defending champion PBA Hall of Famer Ron Mohr of Las Vegas finished 23rd with 1,778.

After Wednesday's second round, the top 16 players will advance to Thursday's match play rounds with players finishing 17th-26th, plus eight PBA60 players advancing to the cashers round Thursday morning

which will determine eight additional match play spots. After match play, the top five players will advance to the stepladder finals at 7 p.m.

The South Shore Open is being streamed live on PBA's online bowling channel PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling. For subscription and schedule information visit Flobowling.com.

PBA50 SOUTH SHORE OPEN PRESENTED BY HAMMER Olympia Lanes, Hammond, Ind., Tuesday

FIRST ROUND (after eight games)

- 1, Chris Gibbons, Madison, Wis., 2,012.
- 2, ss-Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 1,981.
- 3, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,979.
- 4, ss-Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 1,896.
- 5, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,870.
- 6, (tie) Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, and Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 1,869.
- 8, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,868.
- 9, Billy Froberg, St Joseph, Mich., 1,854.
- 10, (tie) Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., and ss-Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 1,824.
- 12, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 1,817.
- 13, ss-Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 1,809.
- 14, (tie) Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., and Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 1,808.
- 16, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 1,798.
- 17, Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 1,797.
- 18, Steve Kenyon, Grosse Ile., Mich., 1,792.
- 19, Gary Schluchter, Femont, Ohio, 1,791.
- 20, Don Breeden, Clive, Iowa, 1,790.
- 21, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 1,786.
- 22, Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 1,782.
- 23, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 1,778.
- 24, (tie) Rick Zakrajsek, Lorain, Ohio, and ss-Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., 1,770.
- 26, ss-Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 1,761.
- 27, Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 1,759.
- 28, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1,756.
- 29, ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 1,747.
- 30, Ed Carter, Austintown, Ohio, 1,744.
- 31, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 1,740.
- 32, n-Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 1,738.
- 33, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 1,732.
- 34, John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo., 1,728.
- 35, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,718.
- 36, n-John Chapman, Canada, 1,713.
- 37, (tie) n-Stephen Pintoy, Lockport, Ill., and ss-Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,695.
- 39, ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 1,692.
- 40, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 1,690.
- 41, Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 1,684.
- 42, Tony Rodriguez Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 1,675.
- 43, (tie) ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., and ss-Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., 1,670.
- 45, (tie) n, ss-Leroy Johnson, Chicago, and Peter Knopp, Germany, 1,661.
- 47, Eddie Graham, Kettering, Ohio, 1,660.
- 48, ss-Emilio Mora Sr., Defiance, Ohio, 1,640.
- 49, ss-Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 1,638.
- 50, ss-Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 1,629.

- 51, Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 1,625.
- 52, ss-Richard Hunt, Valparaiso, Ind., 1,622.
- 52, John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 1,622.
- 54, (tie) ss-Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., and John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 1,621.
- 56, ss-Lyle Zikes, Arlington Heights, Ill., 1,618.
- 57, ss-Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 1,615.
- 58, Ralph Brunt Jr., Jensen Beach, Fla., 1,614.
- 59, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,605.
- 60, ss-Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 1,599.
- 61, Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 1,593.
- 62, n-Jeff Richgels, Madison, Wis., 1,590.
- 63, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 1,586.
- 64, ss-Michael Chrzanowski, Shepherd, Mich., 1,584.
- 65, John Kidwell, Indianapolis, Ind., 1,570.
- 66, ss-Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 1,553.
- 67, Robert Kicmal, LaGrange, Ill., 1,540.
- 68, ss-Allen Meskan, Addison, Ill., 1,525.
- 69, ss-Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 1,519.
- 70, ss-Gary Kammes, Winfield, Ill., 1,512.
- 71, (tie) ss-James Storts, Westfield, Ind., and David Rosengarten, Gardendale, Ala., 1,510.
- 73, Craig O'Reilly, Tinley Park, Ill., 1,488.
- 74, ss-Jim Dilyard, Burbank, Ohio, 1,466.
- 75, ss-Garry Blanton, Owensboro, Ky., 1,459.
- 76, ss-Harv Pallas, Stevensville, Mich., 1,438.
- 77, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 1,433.
- 78, John Christensen, Carmel, N.Y., 1,419.
- 79, n-ss-Ronald Shlensky, Munster, Ind., 1,400.

300 games – Chris Gibbons

n-non-member ss-PBA60 player ages 60 and older

Gibbons Overcomes Restless Night to Take Top Qualifier Honors for PBA50 South Shore Open

HAMMOND, Ind. (July 25, 2018) - After taking the first round lead on Tuesday, Chris Gibbons of Madison, Wis., shook off a restless night to take top qualifier honors for the PBA50 South Shore Open presented by Hammer Wednesday at Olympia Lanes.

After leading the first round with a 2,012 eight-game pinfall total, Gibbons returned Wednesday to post 1,876 in the second round to top qualifying with a 3,888 overall pinfall (243 average) for 16 games.

"I've never led a tournament at this level before so I was pretty excited after the first round," the 51year-old Gibbons said. "Between the excitement of leading the first round and getting a wake-up call by mistake at 5:30 in the morning I didn't get much sleep and didn't know how I was going to feel for the start of the second round."

Bowling in only his second PBA50 Tour tournament, Gibbons bowled games of 231, 257, 224, 270, 208, 188, 241 and 257 in the second round to retain his lead.

"I thought if I can get off to a good start the rest of the round should go pretty well," Gibbons continued. "I tried to keep things simple and not let negative thoughts get into my head. It was important for me to be in a situation where I didn't want to be searching for what to do next."

Gibbons withstood a challenge from three-time PBA50 Tour winner Harry Sullins of Chesterfield Twp., Mich., who finished qualifying in second with 3,860. Sullins had games of 234, 266, 238, 247, 234, 242, 245 and 258 in the second round.

PBA Hall of Famer Doug Kent of Newark, N.Y., who bowled the second 300 game of the tournament, finished qualifying in third with 3,824.

As a result of finishing in the top eight, Gibbons, Sullins and Kent advanced directly into Thursday's second match play round.

The five other players who earned a berth in the second match play round were PBA Hall of Famer Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 3,702; Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y. and Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., who tied for fifth with 3,701; PBA Hall of Famer and 2016 South Shore Open winner Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,685, and Michael Haugen Jr. of Phoenix, who won last week's PBA50 River City Extreme Open, 3,666.

After match play is completed the top five players will advance to the stepladder finals at 7 p.m. CDT.

Defending champion Ron Mohr of Las Vegas qualified 19th with 3,515 to earn a spot in Thursday morning's cashers round.

South Shore Open final day coverage will be streamed live by PBA's online bowling channel PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling beginning at 8:30 a.m. For subscription and schedule information visit <u>www.flobowling.com</u>.

PBA50 SOUTH SHORE OPEN PRESENTED BY HAMMER Olympia Lanes, Hammond, Ind., Wednesday

SECOND ROUND RESULTS (after 16 games. Top 16 advance to match play. Positions 17-26 plus eight PBA60 players advance to cashers' round to determine eight additional match play spots)

- 1, Chris Gibbons, Madison, Wis., 3,888.
- 2, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 3,860.
- 3, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 3,824.
- 4, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 3,702.
- 5, (tie) Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., and Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 3,701.
- 7, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,685.
- 8, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3,666.
- 9, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3,640.
- 10, Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 3,622.
- 11, Steve Kenyon, Grosse Ile., Mich., 3,619.
- 12, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3,602.
- 13, n-Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 3,595.
- 14, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 3,574.
- 15, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 3,571.
- 16, Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 3,567.
- 17, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,562.

- 18, Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 3,557.
- 19, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3,515.
- 20, Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 3,512.
- 21, Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 3,506.
- 22, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 3,502.
- 23, Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 3,500.
- 24, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 3,498.
- 25, n-John Chapman, Canada, 3,484.
- 26, Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 3,475.
- 27, (tie) Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., and Rick Zakrajsek, Lorain, Ohio, 3,474.
- 29, ss-Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., 3,473.
- 30, Billy Froberg, St Joseph, Mich., 3,467.
- 31, ss-Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., 3,465.
- 32, Don Breeden, Clive, Iowa, 3,459.
- 33, John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo., 3,453.
- 34, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 3,450.
- 35, ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 3,446.
- 36, Ed Carter, Austintown, Ohio, 3,419.
- 37, Peter Knopp, Germany, 3,413.
- 38, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 3,407.
- 39, Gary Schluchter, Femont, Ohio, 3,404.
- 40, Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 3,403.
- 41, Eddie Graham, Kettering, Ohio, 3,395.
- 42, n-Stephen Pintoy, Lockport, Ill., 3,370.
- 43, ss-Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 3,365.
- 44, ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 3,356.
- 45, Ralph Brunt Jr., Jensen Beach, Fla., 3,353.
- 46, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 3,324.
- 47, n,ss-Leroy Johnson, Chicago, 3,317.
- 48, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 3,315.
- 49, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 3,291.
- 50, John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 3,282.
- 51, ss-Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 3,261.
- 52, n-Jeff Richgels, Madison, Wis., 3,258.
- 53, Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 3,248.
- 54, Lyle Zikes, Arlington Heights, Ill., 3,246.
- 55, Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 3,245.
- 56, Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 3,241.
- 57, Tony Rodriguez Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 3,235.
- 58, Michael Chrzanowski, Shepherd, Mich., 3,234.
- 59, Emilio Mora Sr., Defiance, Ohio, 3,223.
- 60, Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 3,210.
- 61, Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 3,208.
- 62, John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 3,206.
- 63, Robert Kicmal, LaGrange, Ill., 3,182.
- 64, Craig O'Reilly, Tinley Park, Ill., 3,178.
- 65, Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 3,177.
- 66, Richard Hunt, Valparaiso, Ind., 3,148.
- 67, Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 3,139.
- 68, Gary Kammes, Winfield, Ill., 3,108.
- 69, Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 3,079.
- 70, John Kidwell, Indianapolis, Ind., 3,071.
- 71, James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 3,066.

- 72, David Rosengarten, Gardendale, Ala., 3,063.
- 73, Jim Dilyard, Burbank, Ohio, 3,051.
- 74, Garry Blanton, Owensboro, Ky., 2,993.
- 75, Allen Meskan, Addison, Ill., 2,976.
- 76, John Christensen, Carmel, N.Y., 2,927.
- 77, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 2,902.
- 78, Harv Pallas, Stevensville, Mich., 2,176.

300 games – Doug Kent

n-non-member ss-PBA60 player ages 60 and over advancing to cashers' round

PBA Spare Shots

PBA XTRA FRAME ON FLOBOWLING ROLLS INTO NINE CONSECUTIVE DAYS OF LIVE COVERAGE

Mid-summer bowling activity for PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling subscribers heated up this week with the start of nine consecutive days of exclusive live streaming coverage beginning with the PBA50 South Shore Open presented by Hammer which concludes today in Hammond, Ind.; the PBA-PWBA Storm Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles Championship which starts today and continues through Sunday, and the PBA50 Security Federal Savings Bank Championship, presented by Track Sunday through Tuesday.

After a brief respite, Xtra Frame resumes live coverage with the PBA50 Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic, presented by Roto Grip, in Anderson, Ind., Aug. 4-7, and the PBA50 Cup, presented by DV8, from Wyoming, Mich., Aug. 9-12, the concluding event of the 2018 PBA50 season.

"Bonus coverage" on Xtra Frame will involve the PBA60 Dick Weber Championship for players 60 and older, presented by 900 Global, at Pro Bowl West in Fort Wayne, Ind., Aug. 14-16.

With his victory in last week's River City Xtreme Open in Monticello, Minn., two-time 2018 titlist **Michael Haugen Jr.** has extended his PBA50 Player of the Year lead to 6,633 points over **Ron Mohr** of Las Vegas. **Walter Ray Williams Jr., Norm Duke** and **Lennie Boresch Jr.** round out the top five. For the current PBA50 Tour points standings heading into the Hammond event, click here: <u>https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/Points/130</u>.

Xtra Frame on FloBowling will air the finals of the South Shore Open on Thursday at 7 p.m. EDT.

All PBA Xtra Frame events on FloBowling are covered live, from first ball to last. Existing Xtra Frame subscribers need to transition their current subscriptions to FloBowling by visiting <u>https://www.flobowling.com/claim-account.</u> New subscribers can enroll at FloBowling.com.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: HAUGEN ADDS ANOTHER REGIONAL TITLE TO RESUMÉ

Fresh off victories in the PBA50 River City Extreme Open Friday in Monticello, Minn., and the PBA Central Region's PBA50 Fairborn Central Classic presented by Roto Grip in Fairborn, Ohio, the previous Sunday, red-hot **Michael Haugen Jr.** of Phoenix defeated **Ryan Shafer**of Horseheads, N.Y., 190-162, to win the PBA50 Beverly Lanes Midwest/Central Region Open at Beverly Lanes Sunday.

Haugen collected his first PBA Midwest Region title, the 30th overall regional win of his career and a \$1,600 first prize in Beverly Lanes' 21st annual tournament. He defeated **Brian Kretzer** of Dayton, Ohio,

238-216, in the semifinal game to advance to the championship match after Kretzer defeated **Greg Thomas** of Irmo, S.C. 214-191 in the first match.

• **Tom Daugherty** of Riverview, Fla., won the 30th PBA Crystal Automotive Spring Hill South Open Sunday at Spring Hill Lanes in Spring Hill, Fla., defeating amateur **Shawn Naumann** of Orlando, 233-212, in the title match.

Daugherty, who finished second in last year's event, has now won at Spring Hill Lanes four times (2006, 2008, 2016 and 2018) to tie **Darrin Hays** of Wesley Chapel, Fla., for the most Spring Hill titles.

Daugherty, who qualified no. 1 for the stepladder finals, waited while Naumann eliminated amateur **Mike Coffey** of Melbourne, Fla., in the opening stepladder match, 200-184, and **Jason Sterner** of Rockledge, Fla., 204-182, in the semifinal match. Daugherty earned a \$2,500 pay check in the PBA South Region's longest-running tournament.

• **Ryan Ciminelli** of Clarence, N.Y., defeated 2018 USBC Masters champion **Andrew Anderson** of Holly, Mich. by 55 pins to win the PBA Angola Central/Midwest Open presented by Ebonite at Angola Bowl in Angola, Ind., Sunday.

Ciminelli, a seven-time PBA Tour titlist, finished with a 6-2 match play record and a total of 5,056 pins for 21 games, including match play bonus pins, to win his 12th PBA Regional title. He also earned \$2,600.

• **Mike Bailey** from Carrollton, Texas, won six of his first seven matches, and then held off **Shawn Maldonado**'s last-game charge to successfully defend his title in the PBA Fort Sill Southwest Open, presented by DV8, Sunday at Twin Oaks Bowling Center in Fort Sill, Okla.

Bailey, who won the Fort Sill title for the third time, started the modified eight-game round robin finals in seventh place, but kept gaining on Houston's Maldonado, the qualifying leader, finally taking the lead with three games to go. Holding a 51-pin lead going into the final position round match, Bailey struck on six of his first seven shots while Maldonado started the last game with seven strikes before splitting in the eighth frame. Bailey also left a 7-10 split in his eighth frame, sending the match into the final two frames virtually even.

Maldonado converted spares in the ninth and 10th frames, and Bailey converted the 2-7 split in his 10th frame, striking his final shot to edge Maldonado by three pins, 4,931-4,928, after 21 games. The victory earned Bailey a \$2,500 winner's check.

• Evan Nash of Kennewick, Wash.; Hugh Miller of Mercer Island, Wash., and amateur Courtney Couch of Puyallup, Wash., were victorious in a PBA Northwest Region tripleheader at Secoma Lanes in Federal Way, Wash., Sunday.

Nash posted a 10-2 match play record and a 20-game total of 5,064 pins, including match play bonus pins, to win Sunday's PBA Secoma Lanes Northwest Open, a standard PBA Northwest/West Regional event. Nash held off red-hot **Jakob Butturff** of Tempe, Ariz., by seven pins to win his first PBA regional title and the \$2,500 first prize.

Miller won the PBA50 portion of the tripleheader with an 8-3-1 match play record and 4,929 total pins for his 11th PBA50 Regional title and a \$1,500 first prize.

Couch had a 7-1 match play record and knocked down 3,733 total pins for her 16 games to top **Bryanna Coté** of Red Rock, Ariz., for the win in the PBA-PWBA women's event to earn the \$1,000 prize. Coté had 3,667 pins.

• **Johnny DiSantis** of Wilmington, Del., rolled a 267 game in the position round to move from third place to first, winning the PBA50 Investors Bank Eastern Open presented by Roto Grip at Parkway Lanes in Elmwood Park, N.J., Saturday for his second PBA Regional title.

After qualifying in second place for the match play finals, DiSantis moved into the lead after a 278 in game three, but with three games remaining, he lost his ball reaction and dropped to third place. A short break and five minutes of warm-up prior to the final position round match, he re-grouped for his big finish to win the \$1,500 first prize by 15 pins over **Rick Graham** of Lancaster, Pa.

• Closing out the July schedule of PBA Regional competitions will be the PBA50 Ned Micelli Memorial at Herrill Lanes in New Hyde Park, N.Y., over the July 27-28 weekend.

• For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit <u>pba.com</u>, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area...and remember, you can follow "live scoring" for all PBA Regional events on <u>pba.com</u> (easily accessible for Apple device users using the PBA app).

Mark Scroggins, Joe Ellison, to be Inducted to PBA Southwest Region Hall of Fame

KATY, Texas (July 25, 2018)- The Professional Bowlers Association Southwest Region announced today that 13-time PBA Regional Tour champion and Amarillo native Mark Scroggins and long-time PBA Southwest Region tournament host Joe Ellison of Junction City, Kan., will be the 2018 inductees into the PBA Southwest Region Hall of Fame. The ceremony will take place at the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort in Shawnee, Okla., on September 8.

Scroggins, who now lives in Canyon, Texas, will be inducted in the Performance category. He has won 12 PBA Regional open events, and added his first PBA50 regional win in 2016 in Junction City, Kan. The 1993 PBA Tour Rookie of the Year, and the 2001 PBA Southwest Region Player of the Year, has 19 300 games in PBA competition and has more than \$314,000 in career earnings with approximately \$200,000 coming in regional events. Scroggins will join his twin brother, PBA Tour Hall of Famer Mike Scroggins, in the Region's Hall of Fame.

Ellison, the proprietor of Junction City Bowl, will be inducted in the Meritorious Service category. He has hosted PBA Southwest Regional events for 11 consecutive years, and in 2014 added PBA50 Regional events to the Southwest schedule. This year, Ellison will host his 10th PBA50 Regional event. All of his events have been joint tournaments with the PBA Midwest Region.

Ticket information for the Southwest Region Hall of Fame ceremonies will be announced at a later date.

Hometown Favorite Eugene McCune Wins PBA50 South Shore Open as "Amateur" Former 31-year PBA Tour veteran shines in "retirement" in Hammond **HAMMOND, Ind. (July 26, 2018)** – Eugene McCune of nearby Munster, Ind., a 31-year member of the Professional Bowlers Association before "retiring" at the end of the 2016 season, won the PBA50 South Shore Open presented by Hammer at Olympia Lanes Thursday with a convincing 259-202 victory over leading PBA50 Player of the Year contender Michael Haugen Jr. of Phoenix.

"This is the first time since I retired I've bowled three days in a row," McCune said. "I was really surprised after the way Mike spanked me twice earlier in the day. He's the best there is on the senior tour right now."

McCune, who won three PBA Tour titles in 600 events and another 23 titles in 365 PBA Regional events, made a decision to not renew his PBA membership because of his work load and lack of time. While he won in his first PBA50 Tour event, he won't get credit for a title because he's not a PBA member.

"I work all of the time and the odds of making a show aren't easy out here," said McCune, who turned 50 in June. "These guys are still good; if they can get the ball to the pocket, they'll strike all day long.

"It's not a lack of desire to compete; it's a financial decision now," he added. "It's always good to win, but right now it's all about the money. I looked at the finals like bowling pot games – the first game was for \$4,500, the next one for \$7,500."

Despite losing in his bid for a third PBA50 title this year, Haugen extended his PBA50 Player of the Year points lead.

"Eugene isn't a member, so that means no one gained points on me," Haugen said. "He out-bowled me, and if I couldn't win, no one was a better story than Eugene. I always say, if a guy out-bowls me, I'm happy to shake his hand and tell him I'll get him the next time."

In the opening match, PBA50 Tour rookie Greg Thomas of Irmo, S.C., threw an early turkey that proved to be the difference in a 225-197 win over PBA Hall of Famer Bryan Goebel of Shawnee, Kan., who didn't throw back-to-back strikes until the 10th frame.

In the second match, Bob Learn Jr. of Erie, Pa., the 2017 South Shore Open runner-up, gave Thomas an opening when he left the 4-6-7-10 split in the fifth frame, but Thomas missed a 9 pin in his seventh frame and failed to strike on his next three shots, handing Learn a 209-203 win.

McCune advanced to the championship match with a 248-215 victory over Learn in the semifinal match after Learn left a 7-10 split on his first shot and a 3-4-6-7-10 split on his second, failing to convert both. McCune struck on seven of his first eight shots and never trailed.

The tour's next stop is the PBA50 Security Federal Savings Bank Championship presented by Track at Dave Small's Heritage Lanes in Kokomo, Ind., beginning Saturday and concluding on Tuesday, July 31. After a brief respite, Xtra Frame on FloBowling resumes live coverage with the PBA50 Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic, presented by Roto Grip, in Anderson, Ind., Aug. 4-7, and the PBA50 Cup, presented by DV8, from Wyoming, Mich., Aug. 9-12, the concluding event of the PBA50 season.

PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling wraps up the "senior tour" regular season with the PBA60 Dick Weber Championship for players 60 and older, presented by 900 Global, at Pro Bowl West in Fort Wayne, Ind., Aug. 14-16.

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PBA50 SOUTH SHORE OPEN

presented by Hammer Olympia Lanes, Hammond, Ind., Thursday

Final Standings:

- 1, n-Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., \$7,500.
- 2, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, \$4,000.
- 3, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., \$2,500.
- 4, Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., \$2,000.
- 5, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., \$1,750.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Thomas def. Goebel, 225-197. Match Two – Learn def. Thomas, 209-203. Semifinal Match – McCune def. Learn, 248-215. Championship Match – McCune def. Haugen, 259-202.

Modified Match Play Round 2 (after six games, including match play bonus pins):

- 1, Haugen, 6-0, 1,711.
- 2, McCune, 4-2, 1,619.
- 3, Learn, 5-1, 1,540.
- 4, Goebel, 2-4, 1,481.
- 5, Thomas, 4-2, 1,477.
- 6, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 4-2, 1,432, \$1,500.
- 6, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 4-2, 1,432, \$1,500.
- 8, ss-Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 3-3, 1,391, \$1,500.
- 9, ss-Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 3-3, 1,361, \$1,250.
- 10, Chris Gibbons, Madison, Wis., 2-4, 1,352, \$1,250.
- 11, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 2-4, 1,347, \$1,250.
- 12, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 2-4, 1,342, \$1,250.
- 13, Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 2-4, 1,337, \$1,250.
- 14, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3-3, 1,318, \$1,250.
- 15, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 2-4, 1,298, \$1,250.
- 16, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 0-6, 1,236, \$1,250.

Modified Match Play Round 1 (other cashers after five games, including match play bonus pins, \$1,100 each):

- 17, n-ss-Leroy Johnson, Chicago, 3-2, 1,130.
- 18, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 2-3, 1,112.
- 19, Steve Kenyon, Grosse Ile., Mich., 2-3, 1,108.
- 20, ss-Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1-4, 1,085.
- 21, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 2-3, 1,072.
- 22, n-John Chapman, Canada, 1-4, 1,062.
- 23, ss-Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 3-2, 1,044.
- 24, ss-Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 2-3, 1,030.

Other Cashers (after five-game cashers' round, \$1,000 each):

- 25, ss-Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., 1,085.
- 26, ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 1,077.
- 27, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,076.
- 28, Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 1,072.
- 29, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 1,057.
- 30, Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 1,040.
- 31, ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 1,019.

- 32, ss-Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., 998.
- 33, ss-Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 971.
- 34, ss-Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 958.

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

300 Games: Chris Gibbons, Doug Kent.

Wichita State's Wesley Low Jr. Wins 2018 PBA Billy Welu Scholarship Award

CHICAGO (July 27, 2018)– Combining scholastic excellence with outstanding achievements in bowling, the Professional Bowlers Association has announced Wichita State University Shocker bowler and five-time Junior Team USA member Wesley Low Jr. as the winner of the 2018 PBA Billy Welu Scholarship Award.

Entering his senior year at Wichita State with a 3.66 grade point average, Low, a native of Palmdale, Calif., is majoring in business management and has been a member of the Dean's list for the past two years.

"As a collegiate bowler I've met a lot of great bowlers who are also good people, so to be able to win this award is a real honor," said the 21-year-old Low. "I feel very fortunate to be a Wichita State student where I can enjoy a great education with my passion for bowling at a high level.

"I chose business management as a major because I want to eventually pursue a career in the bowling industry," Low added. "For me, it's the best of both worlds."

Low, who uses a left-handed two-handed delivery, has won several collegiate honors while bowling with Wichita State including 2017 Intercollegiate Team Championships Most Valuable Player, 2018 National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association First Team All-American, 2017 Second Team All-American, and 2018 International Bowling Media Association Collegiate Bowler of the Year runner-up. His accomplishments as both an outstanding player, as well as demonstrating an outstanding work ethic and qualities as a team player, have also earned him team leader honors for the Wichita State men's team.

He has also won numerous medals as a member of Junior Team USA, most recently winning three gold medals, one silver and one bronze in the 2016 World Youth Bowling Championships and three gold medals, two silver and one bronze in the 2015 PABCON Youth Championships.

Low began to demonstrate his prowess as a bowler at a very young age, competing as an amateur (with parental consent) and cashing for scholarship money at a PBA West Region tournament at age 14. He has won four PBA Regional events under PBA's non-member participation rules, including his first at age 15.

While his priority is to complete his business management degree in the 2018-19 school year, he has left no doubt that he will compete on the Go Bowling! PBA Tour sometime after he graduates.

"We'll have to see what the schedule looks like next year, but my plan will be to go out on tour when I've completed school," Low said. "With the experience I've had as a Junior Team USA member and bowling collegiately, I feel I'll be as ready as I can be to give it my best shot."

The \$1,000 scholarship award was established to annually recognize a college student who combines outstanding bowling talents with academic excellence. Welu, who passed away in 1974, was best known for his expert analysis alongside legendary ABC broadcaster and PBA Hall of Famer Chris Schenkel on the "Pro Bowlers Tour" series. Welu was a two-time PBA Tour champion and a member of the PBA Hall of Fame's inaugural induction class in 1975.

BILLY WELU SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS

2018 – Wesley Low Jr. (Wichita State) 2017 – Kristie Lopez (Wichita State) 2016 – Sydney Brummett (Wichita State) 2015 – Ramon Hilferink (Webber International) 2014 – Melanie Hannon (Fairleigh Dickinson) 2013 – Katie Thornton (Webber International) 2012 – Danielle McEwan (Fairleigh Dickinson) 2011 – Kristina Frahm (Maryland Eastern Shore) 2010 – Kim Yioulos (Pikeville) 2009 – Elizabeth Seibel (Penn State) 2008 – Heather D'Errico (Robert Morris-Illinois) 2007 – Ricki Williams (Wichita State) 2006 – Jerrod Reece (Creighton University) 2005 – Mandy Pezzano (U of Penn) 2004 - Holly Pusok (University of Houston) 2003 – Robby Spigner (Indiana University) 2002 - N/A 2001 – Jennie Snoddy (Notre Dame College of Ohio) 2000 – Jackie Edwards (Cal State-Fresno) 1999 – Steven Svetlik (University of Illinois-Chicago) 1998 – Nicholas Hoagland (Indiana University) 1997 – Preston Brunswig (Wichita State) 1996 – Brenda Dosher (University of Southern Indiana) 1995 – Michael Lamont (University of Florida) 1994 – Joe Ciccone (Erie Community College) 1993 – N/A 1992 – Stephen Dale Jr. (Northeastern University) 1991 – Kari Murph (Morehead State) 1990 – Kimberly Berke (University of Nebraska-Lincoln) 1989 – Ronni Shehorn (San Jose State) 1988 – Julie Powell (University of Michigan) 1987 – N/A 1986 – Paul Kaib (University of Florida) 1985 – Curt Pezzano (University of Miami (Fla.) 1984 – Michelle Mullen (University of Illinois) 1983 – Jeri Edwards (Penn State) 1982 – Patricia Bowie (Arizona State)

Shannon Pluhowsky and Tommy Jones Lead PBA-PWBA Storm Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles after Two Squads

HOUSTON, TEXAS (July 27, 2018) – With two of four qualifying squads complete, four-time winners Shannon Pluhowsky and Tommy Jones are the early leaders in the PBA-PWBA Storm Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles with a combined 3,193 pinfall total for seven games.

Pluhowsky bowled 1,545 for her seven games and Jones 1,648 Friday at Copperfield Bowl in Houston. Finishing second after two squads were Erin McCarthy and AJ Johnson with 3,174, and the team of Diandra Asbaty and Jason Belmonte in third with 3,111.

At this point 79 doubles teams have completed their qualifying with 79 more teams to qualify Saturday with squads at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. CDT. After qualifying is completed, the field will be cut to the top 40 teams which will advance to the five-game semifinal round Sundaymorning at 8:30 a.m.

After a total of 12 team/24 individual games, the top eight teams will then bowl an eight-game roundrobin match play round to complete the event. Total pinfall for 20 team/40 individual games, including match play bonus pins, will determine the winners.

Fans can catch all the action on PBA's online bowling channel PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling streaming service. For subscription information visit FloBowling.com

PBA-PWBA STORM STRIKING AGAINST BREAST CANCER MIXED DOUBLES Copperfield Bowl, Houston, Texas, Friday

STANDINGS AFTER A AND B SQUADS (after 7 games; squads C and D squads to bowl qualifying on Saturday)

- 1, Shannon Pluhowsky, Dayton, Ohio / Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 3,193.
- 2, Erin McCarthy, Omaha, Neb. / AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 3,174.
- 3, Diandra Asbaty, Chicago / Jason Belmonte, Australia, 3,111.
- 4, Leanne Hulsenberg, Pleasant View, Utah / Darren Tang, San Jose, Calif., 3,079.
- 5, Shannon O'Keefe, O'Fallon, Ill. / Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 3,030.
- 6, Giselle Poss, Montgomery, Ill. / Matt Gasn, Clarksville, Tenn., 3,020.
- 7, Misaki Mukotani, China / Nobuhito Fujii, Japan, 3,001.
- 8, Kayla Pashina, Minnetonka, Minn. / Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 2,993.
- 9, Haley Richard, Tipton, Mich. / Nick Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 2,927.
- 10, Sydney Brummett, Fort Wayne, Ind. / Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 2,907.
- 11, Birgit Poppler, Germany / Jason Sterner, Cocoa, Fla., 2,907.
- 12, Lindsay Boomershine, Perry, Utah / Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 2,904.
- 13, Bryanna Cote, Red Rock, Ariz. / Stuart Williams, England, 2,894.
- 14, Verity Crawley, England / Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 2,866.
- 15, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia / Adam Pogge, Austin, Texas, 2,859.
- 16, Kayla Bandy, Salisbury, Md. / Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 2,857.
- 17, Christina Kinney, Las Vegas / Robert Lawrence, Del Valle, Texas, 2,855.
- 18, Jackie Carbonetto, Clarksville, Tenn. / Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 2,845.
- 19, Tannya Roumimper, Indonesia / Francois Lavoie, Wichita, Kan., 2,835.
- 20, Josie Barnes, Hermitage, Tenn. / Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2,832.
- 21, Shannon Sellens, Copiague, N.Y. / Anthony Pepe, East Elmhurst, N.Y., 2,831.
- 22, Brianna Brown, Floresville, Texas / Justin Ledwig, San Antonio, 2,829.
- 23, Amanda Greene, Romney, W.Va. / Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 2,826.

- 24, Summer Jasmin, Beckley, W.Va. / Joe Findling, Mesquite, Texas, 2,821.
- 25, Jordan Richard, Tipton, Mich. / Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 2,815.
- 26, Elysia Current, Ephrata, Pa. / AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 2,808.
- 27, Jennifer Schultz, Beaumont, Texas / Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 2,793.
- 28, Michelle Sterner, Buffalo, N.Y. / Mike Austin, Conroe, Texas, 2,789.
- 29, Ashley Lawley, Texas City, Texas / Troy Boyd, Pasadena, Texas, 2,789.
- 30, Amy Dillon-Bruce, Wichita, Kan. / Rick Justice, Lawton, Okla., 2,785.
- 31, Ashly Galante, Palm Harbor, Fla. / Mike Moore, Orlando, Fla., 2,781.
- 32, Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Keller, Texas / Michael Tang, San Francisco, 2,767.
- 33, Jodi Woessner, Oregon, Ohio / Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 2,764.
- 34, Tannya Lopez, Mexico / Matt Cabanski, Cibolo, Texas, 2,749.
- 35, Marcia Kloempken, Pleasant View, Utah / Steven Smith, San Diego, 2,749.
- 36, Sandi Charles, Nolanville, Texas / Sean Lavery-Spahr, Dallas, 2,747.
- 37, Jes Lesagonicz, Atlanta / Ryan Holland, Houston, 2,738.
- 38, Brenda Padilla, Mansfield, Texas / DJ Archer, Houston, 2,725.
- 39, Ricki Ellison, Wichita, Kan. / Tyler Kemp, Wichita, Kan., 2,723.
- 40, Rina Asada, Japan / Shota Amakasu, Japan, 2,718.
- 41, Jamarva Norman, Chattanooga, Tenn. / Kendle Miles, Kennesaw, Ga., 2,687.
- 42, Amanda Broege, Ronkonkoma, N.Y. / Jon Van Hees, Charleston, R.I., 2,684.
- 43, Kristie Leong, Daly City, Calif. / DeeRonn Booker, Anaheim, Calif., 2,671.
- 44, Kimi Davidson, Lewisville, Texas / Brian Valenta, Stockbridge, Ga., 2,670.
- 45, Yuna Mukotani, China / Kenta Morimoto, Japan, 2,668.
- 46, Tish Johnson, Colorado Springs, Colo. / Hank Boomershine, Perry, Utah, 2,663.
- 47, Kelsi Anderson, San Antonio / Ricky Jimenez, San Antonio, 2,636.
- 48, Novella Daniels, Detroit, Mich. / George Gohagan III, Houston, 2,633.
- 49, Ashley Cole, Florissant, Mo. / Randy Miles, Jr., Kennesaw, Ga., 2,625.
- 50, Cindy Mattingly, Puyallup, Wash. / Tanner Spacey, Burien, Wash., 2,623.
- 51, Teri Perkins, San Marcos, Texas / Eric Martinez, San Antonio, 2,619.
- 52, Stephanie Zavala, Downey, Calif. / Tyson Branagan, Fort Worth, Texas, 2,614.
- 53, Gabriella Mayfield, Lake Isabella, Calif. / Steve Pavlinko, Jr., Deptford, N.J., 2,609.
- 54, Katie Maher, Ottumwa, Iowa / Billy Hibbard, Mukwonago, Wis., 2,607.
- 55, Erin Lenahan, Roseville, Calif. / Chris Castro, Plano, Texas, 2,599.
- 56, Chelsea Gilliam, Austintown, Ohio / Robert Gilliam, Jr., Independence, La., 2,585.
- 57, Mary Jo Cox, Houston / Lee Lorts, Katy, Texas, 2,547.
- 58, Debbie Ayers, La Mesa, Calif. / Nicholas Burgess, Jersey Village, Texas, 2,523.
- 59, Connie Esters, San Pedro, Calif. / Justin Wren, Kingwood, Texas, 2,518.
- 60, Tayna Fulmer-Spaulding, Colorado Springs, Colo. / Chris Bryant, Austin, Texas, 2,504.
- 61, Tristan Senegal, Baton Rouge, La. / Darrin Senegal, Baton Rouge, La., 2,472.
- 62, A Squad, Mads McDuff, Katy, Texas / Sean Sadat, Houston, 2,452.
- 63, Cathy Nelson, Lakeside, Texas / David Scardaville, Houston, 2,444.
- 64, Teri Haugh, Faribault, Minn. / Darren Stanley, Vancouver, Wash., 2,417.
- 65, Ginger Bess, San Antonio / Jason Valenzuela, Corpus Christi, Texas, 2,409.
- 66, Celina Broderick, Wallingford, Conn. / T.J. Thompson, Houston, 2,406.
- 67, Aline Reed, Spring, Texas / William Titus, Houston, 2,395.
- 68, Gloria Wood, Corpus Christi, Texas / Darrell Wood, Corpus Christi, Texas, 2,393.
- 69, Kyra Kansaki, Greenbriar, Ark. / Luis De Leon, San Antonio, 2,384.
- 70, Barbara Bias, Houston / Bobby Abbott, Houston, 2,343.
- 71, Taylor Evans, Katy, Texas / Jeremy Evans, Katy, Texas, 2,337.
- 72, Nichole DePaul-Miller, Plano, Ill. / John Wukasch Jr., Montgomery, Texas, 2,333.
- 73, Brette Joseph, Pflugerville, Texas / Cecil Scarboro, Panama City, Fla., 2,325.
- 74, Shelly Slagle, Pearland, Texas / Ray Hart, Galveston, Texas, 2,266.
- 75, Halie Summers, Houston / Michael Ruffino, Houston, 2,250.
- 76, Mel McAllister, Colorado Springs, Colo. / Russell Elsner, Houston, 2,241.

- 77, Wendy Arnold, Hockley, Texas / Lee Arnold, Hockley, Texas, 2,217.
- 78, Norma Manns, Austin, Texas / Marvin Biagas, Houston, 2,213.
- 79, Diva Gwiscz, Houston / Kevin Foerster, Houston, 2,193.

Johnson and Tackett Move Into PBA-PWBA Storm Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles Lead Heading Into Semifinal Round

HOUSTON, Texas (July 28, 2018) – USBC Hall of Famer Liz Johnson of Palatine, Ill., and 2016 PBA Player of the Year EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., combined for a 3,196 seven-game pinfall total to lead 40 doubles team that advanced to the semifinal round of the PBA-PWBA Storm Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles Saturday at Copperfield Bowl.

Johnson bowled a 1,484 pinfall total (212 average) and Tackett 1,712 (244 average) in the final squad of the day to edge out four-time winners Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C. and Shannon Pluhowsky of Dayton, Ohio, who combined for a 3,193 pinfall in Friday's B squad. Jones and Pluhowsky are the only four-time winners of the event winning in 2007, '08, '10 and '11.

Johnson bowled games of 217, 214, 246, 213, 181, 223 and 190 while Tackett bowled games of 245, 249, 244, 246, 267, 231 and 230.

In Friday's B Squad, Pluhowsky bowled games of 211, 204, 237, 189, 267, 211 and 226 with Jones bowling games of 242, 162, 254, 237, 244, 253 and 256.

Rounding out the top five teams after qualifying were Erin McCarthy, Omaha, Neb./AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 3174; Diandra Asbaty, Chicago/Jason Belmonte, Australia, 3,111, and Leanne Hulsenberg, Pleasantview, Utah/Darren Tang, San Jose, Calif., 3,079.

Defending champions Birgit Poppler of Germany and Jason Sterner of Cocoa, Fla., finished in 21st with a 2,907 pinfall to advance to the semifinal round.

The top 40 teams will bowl the five-game semifinal round at 8:30 a.m. CDT Sunday, after which the top eight teams based on a combine 12 team games (24 individual games) will bowl a final eight games of round-robin match play to determine the winners.

All of Sunday's competition will be streamed live on PBA's online bowling channel PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling. For subscription information visit Flobowling.com.

PBA-PWBA STORM STRIKING AGAINST BREAST CANCER MIXED DOUBLES Copperfield Bowl, Houston, Texas, Saturday

Final Qualifying Standings (after 7 team games; top 40 advance to Sunday's semifinal round)

- 1, Liz Johnson, Palatine, Ill. / EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 3,196.
- 2, Shannon Pluhowsky, Dayton, Ohio / Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 3,193.
- 3, Erin McCarthy, Omaha, Neb. / AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 3,174.
- 4, Diandra Asbaty, Chicago / Jason Belmonte, Australia, 3,111.
- 5, Leanne Hulsenberg, Pleasant View, Utah / Darren Tang, San Jose, Calif., 3,079.
- 6, Natalie Cortese, Hoffman Estates, Ill. / Brad Miller, Raytown, Mo., 3,067.
- 7, Liz Kuhlkin, Schenectady, N.Y. / Richard Teece, England, 3,056.
- 8, Shannon O'Keefe, O'Fallon, Ill. / Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 3,030.
- 9, Giselle Poss, Montgomery, Ill. / Matt Gasn, Clarksville, Tenn., 3,020.
- 10, Misaki Mukotani, China / Nobuhito Fujii, Japan, 3,001.
- 11, Missy Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif. / Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,997.

- 12, Kayla Pashina, Minnetonka, Minn. / Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 2,993.
- 13, Taylor Bulthuis, Coral Springs, Fla. / Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 2,968.
- 14, Daria Kovalova, Ukraine / Joshua Roca, Wichita, Kan., 2,954.
- 15, Tina Williams, Phoenix / Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 2,942.
- 16, Holly Harris, Wichita, Kan. / Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 2,942.
- 17, Kiyoko McDonald, Allen, Texas / Clint Johnson, Fort Worth, Texas, 2,931.
- 18, Cassandra Shivers-Williams, Adelphi, Md. / Fero Williams, Adelphi, Md., 2,929.
- 19, Haley Richard, Tipton, Mich. / Nick Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 2,927.
- 20, Sydney Brummett, Fort Wayne, Ind. / Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 2,907.
- 21, Birgit Poppler, Germany / Jason Sterner, Cocoa, Fla., 2,907.
- 22, Kerry Smith, Lititz, Pa. / John Furey, East Windsor, N.J., 2,906.
- 23, Lindsay Boomershine, Perry, Utah / Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 2,904.
- 24, Bryanna Cote, Red Rock, Ariz. / Stuart Williams, England, 2,894.
- 25, Angela Chirpich, Urbandale, Iowa / Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 2,893.
- 26, Sierra Kanemoto, Dayton, Ohio / Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 2,890.
- 27, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y. / Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 2,889.
- 28, Katie Garcia, Wichita, Kan. / Geoffrey Young, Keller, Texas, 2,882.
- 29, Verity Crawley, England / Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 2,866.
- 30, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia / Adam Pogge, Austin, Texas, 2,859.
- 31, Carol Norman, Houston / Pete McCordic, Katy, Texas, 2,858.
- 32, (tie) Jeanne Naccarato, Tacoma, Wash. / Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., and Kayla Bandy,
- Salisbury, Md. / Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 2,857.
- 34, Christina Kinney, Las Vegas / Robert Lawrence, Del Valle, Texas, 2,855.
- 35, Jackie Carbonetto, Clarksville, Tenn. / Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 2,845.
- 36, Stephanie Schwartz, Racine, Wis. / Steve Lemke, Nacogdoches, Texas, 2,843.
- 37, Tannya Roumimper, Indonesia / Francois Lavoie, Wichita, Kan., 2,835.
- 38, DeeDee Jeffery, Little Rock, Ark. / Mykel Holliman, Memphis, Tenn., 2,833.
- 39, Josie Barnes, Hermitage, Tenn. / Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2,832.
- 40, Shannon Sellens, Copiague, N.Y. / Anthony Pepe, East Elmhurst, N.Y., 2,831.

Did not advance:

- 41, Brianna Brown, Floresville, Texas / Justin Ledwig, San Antonio, 2,829.
- 42, Amanda Greene, Romney, W.Va. / Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 2,826.
- 43, (tie) Cassandra Leuthold, Lincoln, Neb. / Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, and Summer
- Jasmin, Beckley, W.Va. / Joe Findling, Mesquite, Texas, 2,821.
- 45, Stefanie Johnson, McKinney, Texas / Chris Johnson, McKinney, Texas, 2,818.
- 46, Jordan Richard, Tipton, Mich. / Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 2,815.
- 47, Jen Higgins, Westerville, Ohio / Dan Higgins, Westerville, Ohio, 2,814.
- 48, Katelyn Zwiefelhofer, Racine, Wis. / David Eggert, New Lenox, Ill., 2,813.
- 49, Elysia Current, Ephrata, Pa. / AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 2,808.
- 50, Jodi Gawlik, Schaumburg, Ill. / Kyle Barnes, Nashville, Tenn., 2,806.
- 51, Elise Bolton, Merritt Island, Fla. / Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 2,803.
- 52, Rachel Perez, Maumelle, Ark. / Michael Shirley, North Little Rock, Ark., 2,801.
- 53, Jennifer Schultz, Beaumont, Texas / Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 2,793.
- 54, Tina Balser, Columbia, Mo. / Damien Laird, Columbia, Mo., 2,792.

55, (tie) Sabrena Divis, Gillette, Wyo. / Ted Pritts, Little Elm, Texas, and Anita Arnett, Houston / Brett Cooper, Aurora, Colo., 2,790.

- 57, Michelle Sterner, Buffalo, N.Y. / Mike Austin, Conroe, Texas, 2,789.
- 58, Ashley Lawley, Texas City, Texas / Troy Boyd, Pasadena, Texas, 2,789.
- 59, Amy Dillon-Bruce, Wichita, Kan. / Rick Justice, Lawton, Okla., 2,785.
- 60, Ashly Galante, Palm Harbor, Fla. / Mike Moore, Orlando, Fla., 2,781.
- 61, Robyn Renslow, Brentwood, Calif. / Zack Hattori, Las Vegas, Nev., 2,776.
- 62, Daria Pajak, Poland / Giorgio Clinaz, Venezuela, 2,769.

- 63, Catie Jensen, Fort Worth, Texas / Alex Cavagnaro, North Massapequa, N.Y., 2,768.
- 64, (tie) Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Keller, Texas / Michael Tang, San Francisco, 2,767, Brandi Branka,

Fairview Heights, Ill. / Mike Dole, Loves Park, Ill., and, Jessica Mellott, Lauderhill, Flla. / Matthew Farber, Plainview, N.Y., 2,767.

- 67, Wanda Parker, Garland, Texas / Danny Inocencio, College Station, Texas, 2,765.
- 68, Jodi Woessner, Oregon, Ohio / Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 2,764.
- 69, Joi Bell, Pflugerville, Texas / Will Werner, Montgomery, Texas, 2,750.
- 70, (tie) Tannya Lopez, Mexico / Matt Cabanski, Cibolo, Texas, and Marcia Kloempken, Pleasant View,
- Utah / Steven Smith, San Diego, 2,749.
- 72, Sandi Charles, Nolanville, Texas / Sean Lavery-Spahr, Dallas, 2,747.
- 73, Amanda Fry, Antelope, Calif. / Clint Land, Houston, 2,746.
- 74, Jennifer Russo, Monmouth Junction, N.J. / Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 2,740.
- 75, Jes Lesagonicz, Atlanta / Ryan Holland, Houston, 2,738.
- 76, Linda Walbaum, Brighton, Colo. / Mark London, Washington, Texas, 2,728.
- 77, Sarah Wille, Hoffman Estates, Ill. / Gregory Young, Jr., Viera, Fla., 2,726.
- 78, Brenda Padilla, Mansfield, Texas / DJ Archer, Houston, 2,725.
- 79, Ricki Ellison, Wichita, Kan. / Tyler Kemp, Wichita, Kan., 2,723.
- 80, Rina Asada, Japan / Shota Amakasu, Japan, 2,718.
- 81, Megan Kelly, Dayton, Ohio / Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 2,710.
- 82, T'nia Moore, Greensburg, Pa. / BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 2,702.
- 83, Heather D'Errico, Rochester, N.Y. / Omar Arnett, Houston, 2,700.
- 84, Heather Jones, Euless, Texas / Xeno Garcia, Fort Worth, Texas, 2,691.
- 85, Jamarva Norman, Chattanooga, Tenn. / Kendle Miles, Kennesaw, Ga., 2,687.

86, (tie) Anne Marie Duggan, Edmond, Okla. / Steven Badovinac, Monument, Colo., and Amanda Broege, Ronkonkoma, N.Y. / Jon Van Hees, Charleston, R.I., 2,684.

- 88, Kristina Parry, Palm Harbor, Fla. / Zulmazran Zulkifli, Malaysia, 2,683.
- 89, Beth Owen-Cipielewski, Bradenton, Fla. / Bryan Viator, Seabrook, Texas, 2,678.
- 90, Jeanette Van Gundy, San Antonio / Ryan Whitney, Hurst, Texas, 2,672.
- 91, Kristie Leong, Daly City, Calif. / DeeRonn Booker, Anaheim, Calif., 2,671.

92, (tie) Kimi Davidson, Lewisville, Texas / Brian Valenta, Stockbridge, Ga., and Lauren Hoffman, Monroe

- Township, N.J. / Brandon Martin, Wichita, Kan., 2,670.
- 94, Yuna Mukotani, China / Kenta Morimoto, Japan, 2,668.
- 95, Tish Johnson, Colorado Springs, Colo. / Hank Boomershine, Perry, Utah, 2,663.
- 96, Amber MacLeod, Huntsville, Texas / Matthew Stephens, Houston, 2,652.
- 97, Erica McPhail, Copperas Cove, Texas / Mark Morgan, Killeen, Texas, 2,645.
- 98, Kylie Mogard, Las Vegas / Dallas Leong, Las Vegas, 2,644.
- 99, Kelsi Anderson, San Antonio / Ricky Jimenez, San Antonio, 2,636.
- 100, Chantel Jefferson, Houston / Daniel Cashaw, Houston, 2,634.
- 101, Novella Daniels, Detroit, Mich. / George Gohagan III, Houston, 2,633.
- 102, Brandy Silva, Fort Worth, Texas / Timmy Crites, Dallas, 2,631.
- 103, Paula Vidad, Sun City, Calif. / Blake Paris, Fremont, Neb., 2,628.
- 104, Ashley Cole, Florissant, Mo. / Randy Miles, Jr., Kennesaw, Ga., 2,625.
- 105, Keli Callahan, Las Vegas / Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 2,624.
- 106, Cindy Mattingly, Puyallup, Wash. / Tanner Spacey, Burien, Wash., 2,623.
- 107, Robin Romeo, Newhall, Calif. / Timothy Tripp, Castle Rock, Colo., 2,621.
- 108, Teri Perkins, San Marcos, Texas / Eric Martinez, San Antonio, 2,619.
- 109, Amanda Cortese, Hoffman Estates, Ill. / Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 2,615.
- 110, Stephanie Zavala, Downey, Calif. / Tyson Branagan, Fort Worth, Texas, 2,614.
- 111, Gabriella Mayfield, Lake Isabella, Calif. / Steve Pavlinko, Jr., Deptford, N.J., 2,609.
- 112, (tie) Katie Maher, Ottumwa, Iowa / Billy Hibbard, Mukwonago, Wis., and Alyssa Harper, Orange City, Fla. / Peter Ferraro, Jr., Orange City, Fla., 2,607.
- 114, (tie) Erin Lenahan, Roseville, Calif. / Chris Castro, Plano, Texas, and Hayley Veitch, Kenner, La. / Justin Veitch, Kenner, La., 2,599.

- 116, Correen Lieber, Glendale, Ariz. / Chase Nadeau, Henderson, Nev., 2,588.
- 117, Chelsea Gilliam, Austintown, Ohio / Robert Gilliam, Jr., Independence, La., 2,585.
- 118, Alexandra Mosquera-Jimenez, Colombia / Eric Manthei, Lumberton, Texas, 2,582.
- 119, Jackie Evans, Acton, Mass. / Chris Muscarello, Baytown, Texas, 2,577.
- 120, Genie Franklin, Frisco, Texas / Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., 2,571.
- 121, Stacie Hartsfield, San Antonio / Jeff Hartsfield, San Antonio, 2,570.
- 122, Diana Jessie, Dallas / Toney Nelson, Grapevine, Texas, 2,557.
- 123, Britney Russell, Houston / David Tullos, Spring, Texas, 2,548.
- 124, Mary Jo Cox, Houston / Lee Lorts, Katy, Texas, 2,547.
- 125, Pam Lawrence, Pfugerville, Texas / Anthony Coats, Pflugerville, Texas, 2,532.
- 126, Ashley Adams, Midlothian, Texas / Daniel Adams, Midlothian, Texas, 2,529.
- 127, Debbie Ayers, La Mesa, Calif. / Nicholas Burgess, Jersey Village, Texas, 2,523.
- 128, Sabrina Duncan-Rose, Houston / Frank Rose, Houston, 2,519.
- 129, Connie Esters, San Pedro, Calif. / Justin Wren, Kingwood, Texas, 2,518.
- 130, Jaime Wells, Humble, Texas / Andy Silverman, Akron, Ohio, 2,511.
- 131, Tayna Fulmer-Spaulding, Colorado Springs, Colo. / Chris Bryant, Austin, Texas, 2,504.
- 132, Tristan Senegal, Baton Rouge, La. / Darrin Senegal, Baton Rouge, La., 2,472.
- 133, Olivia Sandham, Saint Joseph, Mo. / Daniel Pickerel, Saint Joseph, Mo., 2,467.
- 134, Jovan Ebalaroza, San Antonio / Keith Cipielewski, Bradenton, Fla., 2,457.
- 135, Amanda Falk, Tucson, Ariz. / Dwight Burns, Tucson, Ariz., 2,456.
- 136, Mads McDuff, Katy, Texas / Sean Sadat, Houston, 2,452.
- 137, Cathy Nelson, Lakeside, Texas / David Scardaville, Houston, 2,444.
- 138, Whitney Harris, Converse, Texas / Scott Dodson, Waxahachie, Texas, 2,442.
- 139, Teri Haugh, Faribault, Minn. / Darren Stanley, Vancouver, Wash., 2,417.
- 140, Ginger Bess, San Antonio / Jason Valenzuela, Corpus Christi, Texas, 2,409.
- 141, Celina Broderick, Wallingford, Conn. / T.J. Thompson, Houston, 2,406.
- 142, Aline Reed, Spring, Texas / William Titus, Houston, 2,395.
- 143, Gloria Wood, Corpus Christi, Texas / Darrell Wood, Corpus Christi, Texas, 2,393.
- 144, Kyra Kansaki, Greenbriar, Ark. / Luis De Leon, San Antonio, 2,384.
- 145, Yvette Clay, Austin, Texas / Robert Pohlman, Cedar Park, Texas, 2,354.
- 146, Barbara Bias, Houston / Bobby Abbott, Houston, 2,343.
- 147, Taylor Evans, Katy, Texas / Jeremy Evans, Katy, Texas, 2,337.
- 148, Nichole DePaul-Miller, Plano, Ill. / John Wukasch Jr., Montgomery, Texas, 2,333.
- 149, Brette Joseph, Pflugerville, Texas / Cecil Scarboro, Panama City, Fla., 2,325.
- 150, Tina Peters, Liberty Hill, Texas / Joseph Peters, Liberty Hill, Texas, 2,311.
- 151, Susan Saccomen, Katy, Texas / Tom Russo, Richmond, Texas, 2,294.
- 152, Shelly Slagle, Pearland, Texas / Ray Hart, Galveston, Texas, 2,266.
- 153, Halie Summers, Houston / Michael Ruffino, Houston, 2,250.
- 154, Mel McAllister, Colorado Springs, Colo. / Russell Elsner, Houston, 2,241.
- 155, Wendy Arnold, Hockley, Texas / Lee Arnold, Hockley, Texas, 2,217.
- 156, Norma Manns, Austin, Texas / Marvin Biagas, Houston, 2,213.
- 157, Diva Gwiscz, Houston / Kevin Foerster, Houston, 2,193.
- 158, Kayla Mahan, Friendswood, Texas / Chris Schramek, Pasadena, Texas, 2,163.

EJ Tackett, Liz Johnson Win PBA-PWBA Storm Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles Title with Dramatic Come-From-Behind Finish

HOUSTON, Texas (July 29, 2018) – EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., and Liz Johnson of Palatine, Ill., survived a dramatic final game to win the 19th PBA-PWBA Storm Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles title at Copperfield Bowl Sunday, sending Australia's Jason Belmonte and Chicago's Diandra Asbaty to their third consecutive runner-up finish.

Tackett, PBA's 2016 Player of the Year, and Johnson, one of two women ever to win a PBA Tour title, led the tournament through 17 games before being overtaken by Belmonte and Asbaty. Trailing Belmonte and Asbaty by 10 pins going into the final match, victory in the tournament was going to be decided by whichever team won the game.

Thanks in great part to a bold move by Johnson to move to an extreme outside angle on the left lane while continuing to play an inside angle along with the rest of the field on the right lane, she gave her team the edge with a 212-192 margin over Asbaty. Tackett was unable to strike in his 10th frame, but Belmonte, needing a double for the win, left a 10 pin on his first shot in his 10th frame. While Belmonte out-scored Tackett, 214-208, but it wasn't quite enough. Tackett and Johnson, bowling as partners for the first time in the event, won the final match, 420-406, and earned 30 match play bonus pins to post a composite 20-game total of 8,797 pins to win by a 34-pin margin.

"I'm ecstatic," said Tackett, who earned his 11th PBA Tour title and second of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season. "I'm so happy for Liz. I'm so proud to be part of this win. There was not a single person in this building who could have done what she did in that last game. It was absolutely amazing watching her play outside on one lane, inside on the other.

"There are only two people in the world who can do what Liz did – her and Norm Duke. That's one reason she is the greatest woman bowler of all-time."

"I'm pretty numb," Johnson said of her 20th PWBA title. "It's taken me 17 years to win here. People say You've won everything,' but this is a major title to me. I'm so proud. This is my favorite tournament of the year.

"This has always been an event unlike any we bowl all year and it's getting bigger and bigger," she added. "When I started bowling this event I think I was one of the only ones coming from out of town. Now players come from all over the country and all over the world."

PBA Tour players will return to competition in a pair of PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling events in August – the PBA Xtra Frame Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic at Mid-County Lanes in Middletown, Del., Aug. 17-19, followed by the PBA Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic at Pla-Mor Lanes in Coldwater, Ohio, Aug. 24-26.

Both events will be live stream exclusively on PBA's online channel, PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling. For subscription information, visit FloBowling.com.

The Professional Women's Bowling Association continues its 2018 schedule in the Pepsi PWBA St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open at Seminole Lanes in Seminole, Fla., Aug. 2-4.

PBA/PWBA STORM STRIKING AGAINST BREAST CANCER MIXED DOUBLES (a part of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule) Copperfield Bowl, Houston, Texas, Sunday

Final Standings (after 20 team games, including match play bonus pins)

- 1, Liz Johnson, Palatine, Ill./EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 8,797, \$16,000.
- 2, Diandra Asbaty, Chicago/Jason Belmonte, Australia, 8,763, \$8,000.
- 3, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y./Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 8,694, \$5,000.
- 4, Shannon O'Keefe, O'Fallon, Ill./Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 8,621, \$4,000.
- 5, Shannon Pluhowsky, Dayton, Ohio/Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 8,585, \$3,000.
- 6, Erin McCarthy, Omaha, Neb./AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 8,570, 2650.
- 7, Missy Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif./Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 8,560, 2450.
- 8, Leanne Hulsenberg, Pleasant View, Utah/Darren Tang, San Jose, Calif., 8,500, 2350.

Other Cashers (after 12 team games):

- 9, Natalie Cortese, Hoffman Estates, Ill./Brad Miller, Raytown, Mo., 5,141, \$2,200.
- 10, Liz Kuhlkin, Schenectady, N.Y./Richard Teece, England, 5,138, \$2,150.
- 11, Tannya Roumimper, Indonesia/Francois Lavoie, Wichita, Kan., 5,109, \$2,100.
- 12, Angela Chirpich, Urbandale, Iowa/Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 5,100, \$2,050.
- 13, Katie Garcia, Wichita, Kan./Geoffrey Young, Keller, Texas, 5,089, \$2,000.
- 14, Kayla Pashina, Minnetonka, Minn./Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 5,087, \$1,950.
- 15, Tina Williams, Phoenix/Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 5,031, \$1,900.
- 16, Taylor Bulthuis, Coral Springs, Fla./Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 5,039, \$1,850.
- 17, Giselle Poss, Montgomery, Ill./Matt Gasn, Clarksville, Tenn., 5,005, \$1,800.
- 18, Verity Crawley, England/Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 5,004, \$1,750.
- 19, Misaki Mukotani, China/Nobuhito Fujii, Japan, 5,001, \$1,700.
- 20, Bryanna Cote, Red Rock, Ariz./Stuart Williams, England, 4,998, \$1,650.
- 21, Kerry Smith, Lititz, Pa./John Furey, East Windsor, N.J., 4,976, \$1,600.
- 22, Sydney Brummett, Fort Wayne, Ind./Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 4,961, \$1,550.
- 23, Daria Kovalova, Ukraine/Joshua Roca, Wichita, Kan., 4,954, \$1,500.
- 24, Christina Kinney, Las Vegas/Robert Lawrence, Del Valle, Texas, 4,950, \$1,450.
- 25, Lindsay Boomershine, Perry, Utah/Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 4,949, \$1,400.
- 26, Josie Barnes, Hermitage, Tenn./Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 4,942, \$1,350.
- 27, Sierra Kanemoto, Dayton, Ohio/Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 4,940, \$1,300.
- 28, Birgit Poppler, Germany/Jason Sterner, Cocoa, Fla., 4,939, \$1,250.
- 29, Kayla Bandy, Salisbury, Md./Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 4,912, \$1,190.
- 30, DeeDee Jeffery, Little Rock, Ark./Mykel Holliman, Memphis, Tenn., 4,903, \$1,140.

31 (tie), Holly Harris, Wichita, Kan./Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., and Haley Richard, Tipton, Mich./Nick Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 4,899, \$1,065.

- 33, Carol Norman, Houston/Pete McCordic, Katy, Texas, 4,863, \$990.
- 34, Cassandra Shivers-Williams, Adelphi, Md./Fero Williams, Adelphi, Md., 4,833, \$940.
- 35, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia/Adam Pogge, Austin, Texas, 4,800, \$880.
- 36, Jeanne Naccarato, Tacoma, Wash./Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 4,798, \$840.
- 37, Jackie Carbonetto, Clarksville, Tenn./Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 4,782, \$780.
- 38, Shannon Sellens, Copiague, N.Y./Anthony Pepe, East Elmhurst, N.Y., 4,769, \$740.
- 39, Stephanie Schwartz, Racine, Wis./Steve Lemke, Nacogdoches, Texas, 4,764, \$720.
- 40, Kiyoko McDonald, Allen, Texas/Clint Johnson, Fort Worth, Texas, 4,758, \$700.

Kent, Sullins Take First Round Lead in PBA50 Security Federal Savings Bank Championship

KOKOMO, Ind. (July 29, 2018) - PBA Hall of Famer Doug Kent and three-time PBA50 Tour winner Harry Sullins both bowled 1,821 eight-game pinfall totals Sunday to share the first round lead in the PBA50 Security Federal Savings Bank Championship presented by Track at Dave Small's Heritage Lanes.

Sullins, whose last PBA50 Tour title came in the 2011 Senior Lake County Open, bowled games of 246, 204, 241, 208, 248, 183, 233 and 258.

"I've been bowling great in qualifying but not so great in match play," said the 60-year-old Sullins, who also owns five PBA Tour titles. "I just have to keep that never-give-up attitude and catch some breaks in match play and hopefully good things will happen.

"I bowled pretty well today but it was a battle to get lined up on each pair (of lanes)." Sullins added. "It seemed like I wasn't able to get comfortable until the third or fourth frame."

Kent, a 10-time PBA Tour winner who is trying for his first PBA50 Tour title, bowled games of 206, 224, 203, 247, 248, 178, 279 and 236.

"The first three or four games seemed like I could get the ball to the pocket but I couldn't kick out the corner pins," said the 51-year-old Kent. "For the most part I was staying away from bad games so I just had to be patient and hope that I would start carrying better."

Finishing 24 pins behind Sullins and Kent was four-time PBA50 Tour winner PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke in third with 1,797.

Michael Haugen Jr., who continues his march to PBA50 Player of the Year honors, appeared to be on track to take the first round lead but bowled a 167 in his final game to finish the round in fourth with 1,788. Hall of Famer Bryan Goebel rounded out the top five with 1,785.

Qualifying continues Monday with another eight-game round beginning at 10 a.m. EDT. After qualifying the top 16 players will advance to Tuesday's match play rounds with positions 17-25 and eight PBA60 players advancing to a cashers' round to determine eight additional match play spots. After match play the top five players will be determined for the stepladder finals scheduled for Tuesday at 7 p.m.

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PBA50 SECURITY FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK CHAMPIONSHIP Presented by Track Dave Small's Heritage Lanes, Kokomo, Ind., Sunday

- 1, (tie) ss-Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., and Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 1,821.
- 3, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,797.
- 4, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,788.
- 5, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 1,785.
- 6, Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 1,783.

- 7, ss-Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 1,766.
- 8, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 1,765.
- 9, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,763.
- 10, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 1,761.
- 11, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,749.
- 12, John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo., 1,744.
- 13, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 1,730.
- 14, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1,727.
- 15, Eddie Graham, Kettering, Ohio, 1,726.
- 16, Peter Knopp, Germany, 1,716.
- 17, Doug Henry, Columbus, Ind., 1,696.
- 18, (tie) ss-Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., and Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 1,693.
- 20, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 1,692.
- 21, ss-Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 1,691.
- 22, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 1,681.
- 23, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 1,678.
- 24, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,677.
- 25, ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 1,672.
- 26, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 1,669.
- 27, ss-Dale Csuhta, Wadsworth, Ohio, 1,668.
- 28, Ed Carter, Austintown, Ohio, 1,661.
- 29, Chris Gibbons, Madison, Wis., 1,656.
- 30, Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 1,654.
- 31, (tie) Gary Schluchter, Femont, Ohio, and ss-Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 1,644.
- 33, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 1,628.
- 34, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 1,627.
- 35, Tony Rodriguez Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 1,624.
- 36, Steve Kenyon, Grosse Ile., Mich., 1,621.
- 37, Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 1,605.
- 38, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 1,601.
- 39, ss-Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 1,597.
- 40, ss-Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,591.
- 41, Dave Han, Birmingham, Ala., 1,590.
- 42, ss-Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 1,589.
- 43, Rick Zakrajsek, Lorain, Ohio, 1,586.
- 44, Neil Kassel, Beavercreek, Ohio, 1,585.
- 45, ss-John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 1,582.
- 46, ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 1,581.
- 47, (tie) ss-Gary Kammes, Winfield, Ill., and Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 1,580.
- 49, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 1,569.
- 50, ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 1,556.
- 51, ss-Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 1,552.
- 52, Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 1,550.
- 53, (tie) ss-Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., and ss-Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., 1,548.
- 55, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 1,541.
- 56, ss-Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 1,523.
- 57, ss-Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 1,519.
- 58, John Kidwell, Indianapolis, Ind., 1,505.
- 59, ss-Gary Reh, Fort Mohave, Ariz., 1,497.
- 60, Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 1,490.
- 61, David Rosengarten, Gardendale, Ala., 1,482.
- 62, Craig O'Reilly, Tinley Park, Ill., 1,477.
- 63, ss-Jim Heintz, St. Charles, Mo., 1,475.

- 64, ss-Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 1,466.
- 65, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 1,461.
- 66, (tie) ss-James Storts, Westfield, Ind., and Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 1,450.
- 68, ss-Dick Gran, Hartville, Ohio, 1,436.
- 69, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 1,417.
- 70, ss-Richard Hunt, Valparaiso, Ind., 1,413.
- 71, Steve Easterday, Strasburg, Ohio, 1,407.
- 72, Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 1,371.
- 73, ss-Jim Dilyard, Burbank, Ohio, 1,338.
- 74, ss-Dale Reh, Appleton, Wis., 1,327.
- 75, John Christensen, Carmel, N.Y., 1,325.

Rookie Steven DiMartino Wins PBA50 Ned Micelli Memorial

NEW HYDE PARK, N.Y. (July 29, 2018) – Steven DiMartino of Upper Saddle River, N.J., bowling in his first PBA regional event as a member, compiled a 5-2-1 match play record and a 15-game total of 3,352 pins to win the PBA50 Ned Micelli Memorial at Herrill LanesSaturday by 49 pins over reigning PBA50 East Region Player of the Year Ray Edwards of Middle Island, N.Y.

DiMartino, who bowled in a handful of events as a non-member prior to joining in February, qualified for the match play finals in 10th position. He then rolled games of 256, 255, 232, 229, 170, 215, and 228 prior to the final position round match where he tied Edwards at 224-224 to split the 30 bonus pins awarded for match play wins, but it was enough to secure the victory and the \$1,500 first prize. Edwards earned \$800 as the runner-up.

The event, which was new to the PBA East Region, was organized by PBA member Glenn Smith of New York to honor Ned Micelli, a long-time fellow competitor. Micelli, who died in July 2017, competed well into his 80s throughout the Long Island area.

Next weekend, the PBA East Region holds the PBA Bowlers Supply/Storm Products Open at Colony Park Lanes North in York, Pa.

PBA50 NED MICELLI MEMORIAL

Herrill Lanes, New Hyde Park, N.Y., Saturday

Final Match Play Standings (after 15 games, including match play bonus pins)

- 1, Steven DiMartino, Upper Saddle River, N.J., 5-2-1, 3,352, \$1,500.
- 2, Ray Edwards, Middle Island, N.Y., 4-3-1, 3,303, \$800.
- 3, John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 5-3, 3,236, \$750.
- 4, Rick Graham, Lancaster, Pa., 5-3, 3,211, \$725.
- 5. Ken Yokobosky, Fredon, N.J., 4-4, 3,143, \$700.
- 6, Bob Caruso, Dayton, N.J., 6-2, 3,138, \$675.
- 7, Sam Maccarone, Williamstown, N.J., 3-5, 3,116, \$650.
- 8. Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 5-3, 3,102, \$630.
- 9. Pete DiChiara, Ardsley, N.Y., 3-5, 3,064, \$610.
- 10, Eddie Wu, New York 4-4, 3,058, \$590.
- 11, Jay Boyle, Garnet Valley, Pa., 3-5, 3,027, \$570.
- 12. n-Chun Bae, Cedarhusrt, N.Y., 0-8, 2,845, \$550.

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Working His Way Back Into Shape, Bryan Goebel Tops PBA50 Security Federal Savings Bank Championship Qualifying

KOKOMO, Ind. (July 30, 2018) - PBA Hall of Famer Bryan Goebel of Shawnee, Kan., who spent the first half of the year working himself back into shape after abdominal surgery last December, bowled a 1,807 eight-game pinfall total in the second round to emerge as the top qualifier in the PBA50 Security Federal Savings Bank Championship presented by Track Monday at Dave Small's Heritage Lanes.

Goebel finished with a 3,592 overall pinfall total for 16 games to lead qualifying after bowling games of 216, 214, 228, 239, 223, 216, 245 and 226 in the second round.

"It was a good round overall but a little frustrating at the same time," the 10-time PBA Tour winner said. "It feels good to be the leader but with a little better (pin) carry I think I could have had a lot more.

"I'm feel like I'm in good playing shape," Goebel added. "It's been a long road but I'm just now finding my way of throwing the ball. During the recovery I lost a lot of muscle so I've been practicing a lot to get that muscle memory back."

The 56-year-old Goebel owns one PBA50 Tour title which came in the 2017 Miller Lite Players Championship.

Finishing just three pins behind Goebel was fellow hall of famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., who finished with a 3,589 pinfall. Duke had games of 235, 203, 200, 246, 232, 258, 205 and 213 in his second round.

Michael Haugen Jr. of Phoenix, who has a commanding lead in the PBA50 Player of the Year points race and is the only two-time winner this year, also advanced to the second match play round finishing eighth with 3,453.

Other players advancing to the second match play round were Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,575; Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 3,540; Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 3,518; Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 3,506, and hall of famer Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 3,496.

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PBA50 SECURITY FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK CHAMPIONSHIP Presented by Track Dave Small's Heritage Lanes, Kokomo, Ind., Monday

SECOND ROUND (top 16 advance to match play. Places 17-25 plus eight PBA60 players advance to cashers round to determine eight additional match play spots)

- 1, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 3,592.
- 2, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3,589.
- 3, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,575.
- 4, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 3,540.
- 5, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 3,518.
- 6, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 3,506.
- 7, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 3,496.

8, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3,453. 9, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3,441. 10, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,438. 11, Dale Csuhta, Wadsworth, Ohio, 3,431. 12, Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 3,426. 13, Eddie Graham, Kettering, Ohio, 3,418. 14, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3,411. 15, Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 3,396. 16, Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 3,348. 17, Ed Carter, Austintown, Ohio, 3,343. 18, Rick Zakrajsek, Lorain, Ohio, 3,330. 19, Neil Kassel, Beavercreek, Ohio, 3,316. 20, (tie) Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., and John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo., 3,313. 23, Dave Han, Birmingham, Ala., 3,310. 24, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 3,302. 25, Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 3,298. 26, Steve Kenyon, Grosse Ile., Mich., 3,294. 27, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 3,278. 28, Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 3,270. 29, ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 3,260. 30, Peter Knopp, Germany, 3,251. 31, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 3,246. 32, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 3,244. 33, Doug Henry, Columbus, Ind., 3,239. 34, Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 3,229. 35, Tony Rodriguez Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 3,219. 36, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 3,215. 37, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 3,212. 38, Gary Schluchter, Femont, Ohio, 3,209. 39, Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 3,202. 40, ss-John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 3,193. 41, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3,187. 42, ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 3,173. 43, Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 3,169. 44, ss-Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., 3,168. 45, ss-Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 3,164. 46, ss-Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 3,157. 47, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 3,154. 48, ss-Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 3,151. 49, Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 3,150. 50, Chris Gibbons, Madison, Wis., 3,130. 51, Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 3,108. 52, Gary Kammes, Winfield, Ill., 3,105. 53, Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 3,098. 54, Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 3,065. 55, Gary Reh, Fort Mohave, Ariz., 3,064. 56, Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 3,062. 57, Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 3,039. 58, Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 3,036. 59, Craig O'Reilly, Tinley Park, Ill., 3,007. 60, Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 2,998. 61, Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 2,989.

- 62, David Rosengarten, Gardendale, Ala., 2,952.
- 63, James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 2,934.
- 64, John Kidwell, Indianapolis, Ind., 2,928.
- 65, Richard Hunt, Valparaiso, Ind., 2,903.
- 66, Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 2,884.
- 67, Steve Easterday, Strasburg, Ohio, 2,877.
- 68, Jim Heintz, St. Charles, Mo., 2,863.
- 69, John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 2,851.
- 70, Dick Gran, Hartville, Ohio, 2,837.
- 71, Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 2,814.
- 72, Dale Reh, Appleton, Wis., 2,676.
- 73, John Christensen, Carmel, N.Y., 2,653.
- 74, Jim Dilyard, Burbank, Ohio, 2,628.

ss-PBA60 Player ages 60 and over advancing to cashers round

Norm Duke Closes the Deal to Win PBA50 Security Federal Savings Bank Championship

PBA Hall of Famer beats Ryan Shafer, 236-222, in title match for first PBA50 win of the season and fifth of his career

KOKOMO, Ind. (July 31, 2018) – After two tough losses in PBA50 Tour majors earlier in the season, PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., was starting to question his ability to close the deal.

He regained his confidence Tuesday by defeating five-time PBA Tour winner and stepladder finals top qualifier Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y., 236-222, in the title match to win the PBA50 Security Federal Savings Bank Championship presented by Track at Dave Small's Heritage Lanes for his first win of the season.

"I'm just elated to get the monkey off my back," said the 54-year-old Duke, who finished second in the PBA50 National Championship and USBC Senior Masters. "In my opinion a second-place finish is one of the worst places you can finish."

In the title match, Duke got off to a strong start with four strikes in a row and took advantage of an open frame by Shafer in the third frame when he left the 4-6-7-10 split. Shafer, whose second-place finish was his career best PBA50 Tour finish, was able to make a run by throwing five consecutive strikes to close the match but Duke through a nine-count on his first ball in the 10th frame to seal the win.

"The main thing for me was to manage the pocket hits," said Duke, who qualified second for the finals. "You had to work to put a string of strikes together because light hits weren't getting it done.

"When you did get on a string you're adjusting on every shot," he added. "It's not like you get lined up and you can stay in one place for a while."

Duke, who won his fifth career PBA50 Tour title, last won on the tour for players 50 and over in the 2017 Race City Open in Mooresville, N.C.

"I've had a lot of second-place finishes," said Duke, a 38-time winner on the PBA Tour. "I knew I would win again but I just didn't know when. I needed this and I'm glad I won it the way I did."

In the semifinal match, Duke beat No. 3 qualifier Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio, 244-226, to advance to the title match. Kretzer' third-place finish was his third top-five of the season.

In the opening match, No. 4 qualifier Dale Csuhta of Wadsworth, Ohio, making his fifth career stepladder finals appearance and trying for his first PBA50 Tour win, defeated No. 5 qualifier two-time PBA50 Tour winner Jack Jurek of Lackawana, N.Y., 236-207.

In the second match Kretzer beat Csuhta, 216-201, to advance to the semifinal match against Duke.

The next stop for the PBA50 Tour will be the PBA50 Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic presented by Roto Grip Aug. 4-7 in Anderson, Ind.

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PBA50 SECURITY FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK CHAMPIONSHIP Presented by Track Dave Small's Heritage Lanes, Kokomo, Ind., Tuesday

Final Standings:

- 1, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., \$7,500.
- 2, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., \$4,000.
- 3, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, \$2,500.
- 4, Dale Csuhta, Wadsworth, Ohio, \$2,000.
- 5, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., \$1,750.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Csuhta def. Jurek, 236-207. Match Two – Kretzer def. Csuhta, 216-201. Semifinal Match – Duke def. Kretzer, 244-226. Championship Match – Duke def. Shafer, 236-222.

Modified Match Play Round 2 (after six games, including match play bonus pins. Top five advance to stepladder finals)

- 1, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 5-1, 1,592.
- 2, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., <u>4-1-1</u>, 1,528.
- 3, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 4-2, 1,485.
- 4, ss-Dale Csuhta, Wadsworth, Ohio, 4-2, 1,430.
- 5, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., <u>4-2</u>, 1,420.
- 6, ss-Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 3-3, 1,381, \$1,500.
- 7, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 3-3, 1,376, \$1,500.
- 8, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 3-3, 1,372, \$1,500.
- 9, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 2-4, 1,366, \$1,250.
- 10, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 2-3-1, 1,345, \$1,250.
- 11, ss-Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 3-1-2, 1,344, \$1,250.
- 12, Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 3-3, 1,327, \$1,250.
- 13, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 2-4, 1,324, \$1,250.
- 14, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 2-4, 1,304, \$1,250.
- 15, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 2-4, 1,295, \$1,250.
- 16, ss-Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 0-6, 1,123, \$1,250.

Modified Match Play Round 1 (after five games, including match play bonus pins)

- 17, ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 2-3, 1,130, \$1,100.
- 18, Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 3-2, 1,126, \$1,100.
- 19, ss-Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., 2-3, 1,079, \$1,100.
- 20, Neil Kassel, Beavercreek, Ohio, 2-3, 1,075, \$1,100.
- 21, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., <u>3-2</u>, 1,060, \$1,100.
- 22, Rick Zakrajsek, Lorain, Ohio, 1-4, 1,054, \$1,100.
- 23, Ed Carter, Austintown, Ohio, 2-3, 1,051, \$1,100.
- 24, Eddie Graham, Kettering, Ohio, 1-4, 1,022, \$1,100.

Other Cashers (after five-game cashers' round)

- 25, John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo., 981, \$1,000.
- 26, ss-Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 966, \$1,000.
- 27, ss-Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 963, \$1,000.
- 28, ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 960, \$1,000.
- 29, ss-Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 959, \$1,000.
- 30, ss-Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 947, \$1,000.
- 31, ss-Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 942, \$1,000.
- 32, Dave Han, Birmingham, Ala., 927, \$1,000.
- 33, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 919., \$1,000.

ss-PBA60 player ages 60 and older.

PBA Spare Shots

PBA50 PLAYERS IN HAMMOND TEACH A LESSON ABOUT THE VALUE OF A PIN

There's a school of thought in bowling that you should never throw away a pin, and if you need an object lesson, consider what happened during the PBA50 South Shore Open at Olympic Lanes in Hammond, Ind., last week.

• The first cut after 16 games of qualifying saw **Ernie Segura Jr.** survive with a 3,475 total, one pin ahead of PBA Hall of Famer **Parker Bohn III** and **Rick Zakrajsek**, who went home with 3,474 pins.

• In the five-game cashers round, PBA Hall of Famer **Tom Baker** and fellow PBA50 competitor **Leroy Johnson** tied for seventh place, advancing to modified match play with 1,086 totals – one pin ahead of **Dale Traber**.

• In the first five-game modified match play elimination round, **Tom Baker** again slipped through, qualifying eighth with a 1,131 total – one pin ahead of **Leroy Johnson**, who went home.

Thus in three consecutive rounds, players saw their chance to remain in the title hunt disappear by a single pin. It happens more often than you might think. Remember the old adage: when in doubt, go for count...

MARK SCROGGINS, JOE ELLISON TO ENTER PBA SOUTHWEST HALL OF FAME

The PBA Southwest Region has announced that 13-time PBA Regional Tour champion Mark

Scroggins of Canyon, Texas, and long-time PBA Southwest tournament host Joe Ellison of Junction

City, Kan., will be the 2018 inductees into the PBA Southwest Region Hall of Fame on Sept. 8 at the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort in Shawnee, Okla.

Scroggins, an Amarillo native and the twin brother of PBA Hall of Famer **Mike Scroggins**, will be inducted in the Performance category. In addition to his regional titles, he was the 1993 PBA Tour Rookie of the Year and the 2001 PBA Southwest Region Player of the Year. He has recorded 19 PBA 300 games and career earnings of over \$314,000, with approximately \$200,000 coming in regional events. Brother Mike is already a member of the region's Hall of Fame.

Ellison, the proprietor of Junction City Bowl, will be inducted in the Meritorious Service category. He has hosted PBA Southwest Regional events for 11 consecutive years, and in 2014 added PBA50 Regional events to the Southwest schedule. All of his events have been joint tournaments with the PBA Midwest Region.

Ticket information for the Southwest Region Hall of Fame ceremonies will be announced later.

"BEASTS" WIN "LUCI MIXED DOUBLES" SPECIAL EVENT

The team of five leading male qualifiers from the 2017 Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles tournament – affectionately called "The Luci" in honor of the late Luci Bonneau, a breast cancer victim who inspired the creation of the event – won a new special event kicking off the 2018 event, edging an all-female team in a one-game roll-off.

"The Beauties vs. The Beasts" competition began as a five-game Baker format contest pitting **Birgit Poppler, Stefanie Johnson, Holly Harris, Josie Earnest-Barnes** and **Natalie Cortese** against **Chris Barnes, Brad Miller, Kyle Troup, Clint Land** and **Tommy Jones.** The "Beasts" won the first two games, 198-188 and 190-181, and game four, 216-192. But the "Beauties," with 223-199 and 223-204 wins in games three and five, created a 1,007-1,007 tie. In the one-game rolloff concluding the live stream coverage by PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling, the "Beasts" won, 225-197, to claim the \$5,000 first prize.

HAUGEN HOLDS BIG LEAD AS PBA50 PLAYER OF YEAR RACE ENTERS FINAL TWO EVENTS

With the PBA50 Security Federal Savings Bank Championship, presented by Track, in the books, two events remain on the PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling schedule to decide the 2018 PBA50 Player of the

Year race plus 12 berths in a new end-of-season PBA50 Storm Invitational that will be held at Planet Fun Bowling and Entertainment Center in Shallotte, N.C., Sept. 28-30.

The Player of the Year race, based on competition points, concludes with the PBA50 Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic, presented by Roto Grip, in Anderson, Ind., Aug. 4-7, and the PBA50 Cup, presented by DV8, from Wyoming, Mich., Aug. 9-12. Heading into Anderson, **Michael Haugen Jr.** continues to lead the race with 25,998 points, more than 6,000 ahead of Kokomo winner **Norm Duke** (19,734). A PBA50 Tour player can earn a maximum of 5,000 points in a standard event (Anderson, Ind.) and up to 7,500 in a major (Wyoming, Mich.), so Duke would need a big finish and some help in order to overtake Haugen, the 2017 PBA50 Rookie of the Year.

Others in the top 12 in points as of today are **Ron Mohr** (17,817), **Walter Ray Williams Jr.** (17,207), **Brian Kretzer** (16,201), **Lennie Boresch Jr.** (15,235), **Ryan Shafer** (14,294), **Bob Learn Jr.** (12,525), **Parker Bohn III** (12,093), **Amleto Monacelli** (11,054), **Chris Warren** (9,302) and, in 12th place, **Pete Weber** (9,261). Also in the top 12 hunt are **Brian Voss** (8,750) and **Harry Sullins** (8,724).

The PBA50 Storm Invitational will feature a field of 14 including two invitational spots to be decided later. The special event offers a \$10,000 first prize. To follow the Player of the Year and PBA50 Storm Invitational points races, click here: <u>https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/Points/130</u>.

"Bonus coverage" on Xtra Frame will also include the PBA60 Dick Weber Championship for players 60 and older, presented by 900 Global, at Pro Bowl West in Fort Wayne, Ind., Aug. 14-16.

The PBA Xtra Frame Tour resumes Aug. 17-19 with the 10th anniversary Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic at Mid-County Lanes in Middletown, Del., followed by the Kenn-Feld Group Classic at Pla-Mor Lanes in Coldwater, Ohio, Aug. 24-26. PBA Tour titles will be at stake in both exclusive PBA Xtra Frame Tour events.

All PBA Xtra Frame events on FloBowling are covered live, from first ball to last. Existing Xtra Frame subscribers need to transition their current subscriptions to FloBowling by visiting https://www.flobowling.com/claim-account. New subscribers can enroll at FloBowling.com.

USBC/BPAA ANNOUNCE CHANGES FOR 2018 U.S. OPEN

The U.S. Open, the final major championship on the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule, will include some notable breaks from tradition when it takes place Oct. 24-31 at Northrock Lanes in Wichita, Kan.

• This year's U.S. Open will use four different lane conditioning patterns for qualifying and match play, with a fresh application of oil planned before each squad. The oil patterns will be posted before the start of the official practice sessions.

• All players will be limited to a maximum of 10 bowling balls for qualifying which must be listed on an equipment registration form before A Squad begins its first round of competition. Players will be able to make changes to their ball registration cards prior to the cashers round and stepladder finals.

• The tournament will be limited to a field of 144 players. Warmup lanes will be designated for 20 minutes of use prior to each round, but at the start of competition, players will be limited to one warmup ball on each of their starting lanes.

• The U.S. Open will use its traditional format: three eight-game qualifying rounds for all players, a cashers round for the top 36 after 24 games, and three eight-game round robin match play rounds leading to the five-man stepladder finals airing live on CBS Sports Network on Wednesday, Oct. 31.

Visit BOWL.com/USOpen for the complete rules and to see how bowlers qualify for the event.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: ROOKIE DIMARTINO WINS INAUGURAL NED MICELLI MEMORIAL

Steven DiMartino of Upper Saddle River, N.J., bowling in his first PBA regional event as a member, compiled a 5-2-1 match play record and a 15-game total of 3,352 pins to win the PBA50 Ned Micelli Memorial at Herrill Lanes Saturday by 49 pins over reigning PBA50 East Region Player of the Year **Ray Edwards** of Middle Island, N.Y.

DiMartino, who bowled in a handful of events as a non-member prior to joining in February, qualified for the match play finals in 10th position. He then rolled games of 256, 255, 232, 229, 170, 215, and 228 prior to the final position round match where he tied Edwards at 224-224 to split the 30 bonus pins awarded for match play wins, but it was enough to secure the victory and the \$1,500 first prize. Edwards earned \$800 as the runner-up.

The event, which was new to the PBA East Region, was organized by PBA member **Glenn Smith** of New York to honor **Ned Micelli**, a long-time fellow competitor. Micelli, who died in July 2017, competed well into his 80s throughout the Long Island area.

• Kicking off the August PBA Regional calendar this week will be the <u>PBA50 Progressive/Gerdeman</u> <u>Insurance Agency/Al Smith Chrysler/Dodge/Jeep Central/Midwest Classic</u> at Al-Mar Colonial Lanes in Bowling Green, Ohio; the Bowlers Supply/Storm Open at Colony Park Lanes North in York, Pa.; the Glo Bowl Midwest Open presented by 900 Global in Marengo, Ill., and the PBA50 SpareTimes Hampton South Open presented by Radical in Hampton, Va.

• The Aug. 10-12 PBA Regional schedule will include the AMF Western Branch South Open presented by Hammer in Chesapeake, Va.; the annual Tony Reyes Memorial West/Northwest Member/Non-Member Doubles at Fourth Street Bowl in San Jose, Calif., and the Greater Richmond Central Open at Richmond 40 Bowl in Richmond, Ind.

• On tap over the Aug. 17-19 weekend will be the Emerald Bowl Southwest Challenge presented by Track and Bowling Dynamix for non-PBA title winners in Houston, Texas; the Dave Husted Northwest/West Open presented by MOTIV at Husted's Milwaukie Bowl in Milwaukie, Ore., and the Sunday-only BowlerX.com Midwest Challenge for non-titlists at Strike N Spare II in Lockport, III.

• PBA's Japan Region will hold the DHC Chameleon Open and Women's Chameleon Open Aug. 25-26 in Nagano, Japan.

• Labor Day weekend will include the PBA60 Wilson & Sons Pest Control Super Senior Open and the PBA50 Mooresville South Open presented by Columbia 300 at George Pappas' Victory Lanes in Mooresville, N.C.; the PBA50 Hammer/Strike Zone Alleys Open in Pottsville, Pa., and the annual Illinois Valley Midwest/Central Open presented by Ebonite at Illinois Valley Super Bowl in Peru, Ill.

• For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit <u>pba.com</u>, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area...and remember, you can follow "live scoring" for all PBA Regional events on <u>pba.com</u> (easily accessible for Apple device users using the PBA app).

QUICK NOTES

• The PBA has advised its members that the PBA will comply with new United States Bowling Congress bowling ball specifications and timelines as announced by USBC in late June. The specs and timelines are effective as of today (Aug. 1, 2018). For a complete explanation of the specifications and timelines, click here: <u>https://www.bowl.com/News/NewsDetails.aspx?id=23622331380</u>

• The PBA has learned of the late June death of PBA50 competitor **John Bennett**, a Detroit area native who was living in The Villages, Fla., at the time of his death after a lengthy battle with ALS. The two-time PBA50 Tour titlist was 70.

• Check out the new PBA-logoed products at the PBA Store: http://pba.firelakedesigns.com/.

Strong Start Helps Ron Mohr Take First Round Lead In PBA50 Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic

ANDERSON, Ind. (Aug. 5, 2018) – PBA Hall of Famer Ron Mohr of Las Vegas, opened qualifying with a 300 game and never looked back to take the first round lead Sunday in the PBA50 Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic presented by Roto Grip.

Mohr, a two-time PBA50 Player of the Year, bowled a 1,959 eight-game pinfall total with games of 300, 248, 238, 214, 207, 269, 226 and 257 to hold a 40-pin lead over Marty Berke of Allentown, Pa., who finished the round in second with 1,919.

"I had a good look on the fresh condition right from the start," said the 62-year-old Mohr. "My ball speed has a tendency to overpower my rev rate so I really had to concentrate on keeping good control of my ball speed. I was able to keep my ball speed slow and just had to make a few small adjustment and a ball change before the last game to put together a good round."

Mohr is trying for his second win of the season after winning the PBA50 Northern California Classic in May for his 10th career PBA50 Tour title. He also has a third-place finish in the PBA50 National Championship and fifth-place finishes in the USBC Senior Masters and PBA50 Lucas Magazine Classic.

"This season has actually been beyond my expectations," said Mohr, who is a native of Fort Wayne, Ind. "I really didn't know what was going to happen when the season started so it's been a pleasant surprise for sure."

The entire field returns Monday for the second eight-game qualifying round beginning at 11 a.m. ET. After qualifying, the top 16 players advance to match play with positions 17-28 and eight PBA60 players advancing to a cashers round to determine eight additional match play spots. After Tuesday's match play rounds the top five bowlers will be determined for the stepladder finals at 7 p.m.

Rounding out the top eight after the first round were Dave Han, Birmingham, Ala., 1,914; PBA Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,903; John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo., 1,902; Hall of Famers Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla. and Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., tied at 1,901, and Rolando Sebelen, Dominican Republic, 1,899.

The Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic is streamed live on PBA's online bowling channel PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling. Subscription information is available by visiting <u>www.flobowling.com</u>.

PBA50 DAVE SMALL'S CHAMPIONSHIP LANES CLASSIC Presented by Roto Grip Dave Small's Championship Lanes, Anderson, Ind., Sunday

FIRST ROUND RESULTS (after eight games)

- 1, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 1,959.
- 2, ss-Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., 1,919.
- 3, Dave Han, Birmingham, Ala., 1,914.
- 4, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,903.
- 5, John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo., 1,902.
- 6, (tie) Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., and Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,901.
- 8, Rolando Sebelen, Dominica Republic, 1,899.
- 9, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 1,894.
- 10, Kevin Duncan, Mexico, Mo., 1,886.
- 11, ss-Charlie Tapp, Kalamazoo, Mich., 1,859.
- 12, Eddie Graham, Kettering, Ohio, 1,855.
- 13, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 1,847.
- 14, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,833.
- 15, ss-Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 1,827.
- 16, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 1,826.
- 17, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,823.
- 18, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1,818.
- 19, (tie) Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., and Doug Henry, Columbus, Ind., 1,814.
- 21, ss-Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 1,793.
- 22, ss-Dale Csuhta, Wadsworth, Ohio, 1,792.
- 23, (tie) ss-Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., and Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 1,788.
- 25, ss-Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 1,783.
- 26, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,773.
- 27, (tie) Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., and ss-Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 1,772.
- 29, Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 1,765.
- 30, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 1,763.
- 31, ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 1,761.
- 32, (tie) ss-David Axon, Bellevue, Neb., and ss-Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 1,759.
- 34, ss-Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 1,753.
- 35, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,747.

- 36, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 1,744.
- 37, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,737.
- 38, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 1,729.
- 39, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 1,727.
- 40, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 1,719.
- 41, ss-James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 1,713.
- 42, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 1,709.
- 43, John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 1,704.
- 44, ss-Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 1,698.
- 45, n-Curtis Matlock, Cloquet, Minn., 1,697.
- 46, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 1,696.
- 47, Rick Zakrajsek, Lorain, Ohio, 1,690.
- 48, ss-Gary Reh, Fort Mohave, Ariz., 1,689.
- 49, (tie) Dennis Klein, Phoenix, n, ss-Julius Mickel, Omaha, Neb., and Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 1,688.
- 52, ss-Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 1,686.
- 53, ss-Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,684.
- 54, Bill Watson, Monroe, Ohio, 1,682.
- 55, Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 1,680.
- 56, Chris Gibbons, Madison, Wis., 1,669.
- 57, Peter Knopp, Germany, 1,667.
- 58, Ed Carter, Austintown, Ohio, 1,666.
- 59, (tie) Tony Rodriguez Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., and Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 1,659.
- 61, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 1,657.
- 62, ss-Ross McDonald, Las Vegas, Nev., 1,653.
- 63, David Rosengarten, Gardendale, Ala., 1,650.
- 64, Gary Schluchter, Femont, Ohio, 1,646.
- 65, ss-Dave Dunphy, Canada, 1,644.
- 66, Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 1,642.
- 67, David Williams Jr., Omaha, Neb., 1,621.
- 68, ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 1,615.
- 69, ss-Dick Gran, Hartville, Ohio, 1,611.
- 70, ss-Gary Kammes, Winfield, Ill., 1,596.
- 71, (tie) Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., and Conn Casey, Canada, 1,590.
- 73, ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 1,588.
- 74, ss-Emilio Mora Sr., Defiance, Ohio, 1,587.
- 75, Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 1,569.
- 76, ss-Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 1,565.
- 77, Steve Easterday, Strasburg, Ohio, 1,555.
- 78, ss-Garry Blanton, Owensboro, Ky., 1,528.
- 79, ss-Richard Hunt, Valparaiso, Ind., 1,516.
- 80, ss-Dale Reh, Appleton, Wis., 1,502.
- 81, ss-Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 1,490.
- 82, n,ss-Rick York, Whiteland, Ind., 1,439.
- 83, John Kidwell, Indianapolis, Ind., 1,422.
- 84, ss-Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 1,419.
- 85, ss-Allen Meskan, Addison, Ill., 1,331.

300 games - Ron Mohr, Charlie Tapp, Kevin Duncan, Warren Nelson, Rolando Sebelen

n-non-member ss-PBA60 players ages 60 and over

Wilburn Wins First PBA50 Title in Sparetimes Hampton Southern Open

Hampton, Va. (August 5, 2018) – Richard Wilburn of Adamstown, Md., defeated Mike Hastings of Millsboro, Del., 245-211, in the title match to win his first Professional Bowlers Association title in the PBA50 Sparetimes Hampton Southern Open presented by Radical at Sparetimes Family Fun Center Sunday.

Wilburn, who was the qualifying leader, started the title match with five strikes while Hastings had two open frames in his first five. Hastings rallied behind a string of four strikes to threaten, but Wilburn answered with strikes in the ninth and 10th frames to seal the deal. Wilburn earned \$2,000 prize while Hastings earned \$1,000 as the runner-up.

In the semifinal round, Wilburn defeated Chris Johnson of Nashville, N.C., 217-167, while Hastings took out Tommy Brodowski of New Hyde Park, N.Y., 204-172.

The PBA South Region's next tournament will be the PBA AMF Western Branch Chesapeake South Open Aug. 10-12.

PBA50 SPARETIMES HAMPTON SOUTHERN OPEN Sparetimes Fun Center, Hampton, Va., Sunday

Championship (single game):

Richard Wilburn, Adamstown, Md. (\$2,000), def. Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del. (\$1,000), 245-211.

Semifinal Round (single game, losers earned \$800):

Hastings def. Tommy Brodowski, New Hyde Park, N.Y., 204-172. Wilburn def. Chris Johnson, Nashville, N.C., 217-167.

Round of 8 (three games total pinfall, losers eliminated and earned \$600 each):

Hastings def. William Banks, Laurel Hill, N.C., 632-587. Brodowski def. Chhoeun To, Falls Church, Va., 587-543. Wilburn def. Mike Bobbitt, Galax, Va., 675-435. Johnson def. Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 580-483.

Round of 12 (three games total pinfall, losers eliminated and earned \$550 each): Bobbitt def. David Goldenberg, Holtsville, N.Y., 576-501. n-To def. Dave Kneas, Annapolis, Va., 625-507.

Banks def. Roy Davis, Lumberton, N.C., 590-559. Faulkner def. Mal Williams, Greensboro, N.C., 632-456.

Round of 16 (three games total pinfall, losers eliminated and earned \$500 each):

Goldenberg def. Ken Shealy, Myrtle Beach, S.C., 572-511. Banks def. Dave Powers, Newport News, Va., 558-430. Kneas def. Terry Wiley, Vienna, Va., 596-523. Williams def. Todd Haney, Boiling Springs, S.C., 525-522.

n-denotes amateur

Andretta Wins PBA Bowlers Supply/Storm Eastern Open for Third Title

York, Pa. (August 5, 2018) – Darren Andretta of Wantagh, N.Y., rallied from a 30-pin deficit after seven frames to defeat Brad Angelo of Lockport, N.Y., 228-207, in the championship round of the PBA Bowlers Supply/Storm Open at Colony Park Lanes North Sunday.

Angelo was leading by 30 pins when he opened in the eighth frame. After Angelo converted a single-pin spare in the ninth frame, Andretta rolled strikes in the ninth and the first two in the 10th to clinch his third career title and his second of the 2018 season along with the \$2,500 first prize.

Andretta reached the finals by defeating Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Fla., 236-211, in the semifinal round while Angelo defeated Anthony Neuer of Lewisburg, Pa., 217-185, in the other semifinal match.

Angelo earned \$1,400 for his second runner-up finish, Daugherty won \$1,000 and Neuer, a 16-year old who recently won the U20 division of the USBC Junior Gold Championships, earned \$1,000 for his SMART scholarship account.

The next event in the PBA East Region is the PBA Xtra Frame Gene Carter's Pro Chop Classic hosted by Mid-County Lanes in Middletown, Del., Aug. 17-19. The 10th anniversary event will award a PBA Tour title along with a projected \$15,000 first prize. The Gene Carter Pro Shop Classic will be covered live from start to finish, exclusively on PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame on FloBowling. For subscription information, visit FloBowling.com.

PBA BOWLERS SUPPLY/STORM PRODUCTS EASTERN OPEN presented by Roto Grip Colony Park Lanes North, York, Pa., Sunday

Championship:

Darren Andretta, Wantagh, N.Y. (\$2,500) def. Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., (\$1,400), 228-207.

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

Andretta def. Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 236-211. Angelo def. n-y-Anthony Neuer, Lewisburg, Pa., 217-185.

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

Andretta def. Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas., 2-0. Angelo def. Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 2-0. Daugherty def. n-Michael Martell, Brooklyn, N.Y., 2-1. Neuer def. Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., 2-0.

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

Andretta def. David Knight Jr, Glassboro, N.J., 2-0. Angelo def. Tim Pfeifer, Oakdale, Pa., 2-1. Daugherty def. Bobby Hall II, Landover, Md., 2-0. Neuer def. Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 2-1.

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

Knight def. Todd Sigeti, Lititz, Pa., 2-1. Pfeifer def. Brian Elder, Newark, Del., 2-0. Hall def. Victor Florie, Jr., Richmond, Va., 2-0. Neuer def. Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 2-0.

n-denotes amateur; y-denotes youth scholarship participant

Mohr Bowls Second Perfect Game on Way to Top Qualifier Honors in PBA50 Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic

ANDERSON, Ind. (Aug. 6, 2018) – Ron Mohr of Las Vegas, bowled his second 300 game in two days on his way to becoming the top qualifier Monday in the PBA50 Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic presented by Roto Grip.

The 62-year-old Mohr, who led after Sunday's first round, finished qualifying with a 3,912 16-game overall pinfall total (244.5 average) after bowling games of 256, 238, 300, 247, 247, 206, 234 and 225 in the second round.

"You never know what's going to happen from one day to the next but I made sure to make a mental note of how the lanes played yesterday," Mohr said. "Today, they were pretty close to yesterday so that helped me make the adjustments I needed to make throughout the round a little easier."

The PBA Hall of Famer and two-time PBA50 Player of the Year holds the record for most 300s in a tournament with four other players at three. With one day to go in the tournament, the Fort Wayne, Ind., native will have another opportunity to challenge the record.

"As the tournament leader, the target's on your back somewhat but that's a good position to be in," Mohr added. "So far, I've had as good a look as I've had all year so I'm heading into match play with a lot of confidence."

Mohr is trying for his second win of the season having won the PBA50 Northern California Classic in May for his 10th career PBA50 Tour title.

Tournament defending champion hall of famer Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., bowled the 114th 300 game of his PBA career in the second round and finished qualifying in second with a 3,878 pinfall. Bohn, who leads the PBA perfect game all-time list, had games of 239, 268, 187, 216, 236, 300, 265 and 266 in his second round.

By finishing in the top eight, Mohr, Bohn and six other players will advance directly into Tuesday's second match play round. Also, advancing were hall of famer Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,756; three-time PBA50 Tour winner Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3,752; hall of famer Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,751; Kevin Duncan, Mexico, Mo., who also bowled his second 300 game of the tournament, 3,706; Doug Henry, Columbus, Ind., 3,688, and John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo., 3,658.

The top 16 players advance to match play with positions 17-28 and eight PBA60 players advancing to a cashers' round Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m. ET to determine eight additional match play spots. After Tuesday's match play rounds the top five bowlers will be determined for the stepladder finals at 7 p.m.

The Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic is streamed live on PBA's online bowling channel PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling. Subscription information is available by visiting <u>www.flobowling.com</u>.

PBA50 DAVE SMALL'S CHAMPIONSHIP LANES CLASSIC Presented by Roto Grip Dave Small's Championship Lanes, Anderson, Ind., Monday

SECOND ROUND RESULTS (after 16 games. Top 16 players advance to match play. Places 17-28 plus eight PBA60 players advance to cashers' round to determine eight additional match play spots)

- 1, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3,912.
- 2, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,878.
- 3, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,756.
- 4, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3,752.
- 5, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,751.
- 6, Kevin Duncan, Mexico, Mo., 3,706.
- 7, Doug Henry, Columbus, Ind., 3,688.
- 8, John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo., 3,658.
- 9, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 3,640.
- 10, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3,631.
- 11, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 3,630.
- 12, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 3,628.
- 13, Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 3,616.
- 14, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 3,606.
- 15, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 3,601.
- 16, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,595.
- 17, (tie) John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., and Rolando Sebelen, Dominican Republic, 3,584.
- 19, Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 3,577.
- 20, Eddie Graham, Kettering, Ohio, 3,573.
- 21, Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 3,563.
- 22, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 3,554.
- 23, (tie) Chris Gibbons, Madison, Wis., and Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., 3,535.
- 25, (tie) n-Julius Mickel, Omaha, Neb., and Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 3,531.
- 27, (tie) Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 3,527.
- 28, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3,526.
- 29, ss-Charlie Tapp, Kalamazoo, Mich., 3,526.
- 30, ss-Gary Reh, Fort Mohave, Ariz., 3,521.
- 31, (tie) ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., and Dave Han, Birmingham, Ala., 3,515.
- 33, Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 3,495.
- 34, ss-Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 3,492.
- 35, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,487.
- 36, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 3,484.
- 37, ss-Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 3,481.
- 38, ss-Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 3,466.
- 39, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 3,452.
- 40, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 3,451.
- 41, ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 3,450.
- 42, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 3,438.
- 43, Rick Zakrajsek, Lorain, Ohio, 3,434.
- 44, ss-David Axon, Bellevue, Neb., 3,416.
- 45, Emilio Mora Sr., Defiance, Ohio, 3,409.
- 45, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3,409.
- 47, Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 3,407.
- 48, Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 3,406.
- 49, Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 3,405.
- 50, David Williams Jr., Omaha, Neb., 3,399.
- 51, Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 3,395.
- 52, Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 3,391.
- 53, John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., and Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 3,388.
- 55, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 3,380.
- 56, James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 3,378.
- 57, Dick Gran, Hartville, Ohio, 3,377.
- 58, Bill Watson, Monroe, Ohio, 3,376.

- 59, Gary Kammes, Winfield, Ill., 3,373.
- 60, Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 3,367.
- 61, Gary Schluchter, Fremont, Ohio, 3,363.
- 62, Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 3,359.
- 63, Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 3,350.
- 64, Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 3,349.
- 65, Dennis Klein, Phoenix, 3,315.
- 66, Peter Knopp, Germany, 3,298.
- 67, Dale Csuhta, Wadsworth, Ohio, 3,297.
- 68, Tony Rodriguez Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 3,286.
- 69, Conn Casey, Canada, 3,281.
- 70, Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 3,280.
- 71, Ross McDonald, Las Vegas, Nev., 3,258.
- 72, Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 3,251.
- 72, Dave Dunphy, Canada, 3,251.
- 74, n, Curtis Matlock, Cloquet, Minn., 3,235.
- 75, Ed Carter, Austintown, Ohio, 3,208.
- 76, David Rosengarten, Gardendale, Ala., 3,204.
- 77, Steve Easterday, Strasburg, Ohio, 3,135.
- 78, Richard Hunt, Valparaiso, Ind., 3,103.
- 79, Dale Reh, Appleton, Wis., 3,058.
- 80, Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 3,012.
- 81, Garry Blanton, Owensboro, Ky., 3,009.
- 82, Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 2,950.
- 83, n, Rick York, Whiteland, Ind., 2,853.
- 84, John Kidwell, Indianapolis, Ind., 2,844.
- 85, Allen Meskan, Addison, Ill., 2,651.

n-non-member ss-PBA60 players ages 60 and over advancing to cashers' round

Jakob Butturff Wins PBA Glo Bowl Midwest Open for 17th Regional Title

Hoffman Estates, Ill. (July 15, 2018) – Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz., defeated AJ Johnson of Oswego, Ill., 249-234, to win the Professional Bowlers Association Glo Bowl Midwest Open at Glo Bowl Fun Center Sunday for his 17th career PBA Regional title.

Butturff, a 24-year-old left-hander, earned \$1,600 along with his second PBA Midwest Region title of the 2018 season.

Johnson, the PBA Midwest Region's reigning Player of the Year, defeated Nick Kruml of Downers Grove, Ill., 268-190, in the first stepladder match and then eliminated Tom Hess of Urbandale, Iowa, 236-197, in the semifinal game to advance to the championship match.

Johnson earned \$900 for second place, Hess won \$700 for third, and Kruml won \$600 for fourth. The PBA Midwest Region's next event will be the BowlerX.com Midwest Challenge for non-title winners at Strike N Spare II in Lockport, Ill., Aug. 19.

PBA Glo Bowl Midwest Open Glo Bowl Fun Center, Marengo, Ill., Sunday August 5, 2018

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Johnson def. Kruml, 268-190. Semifinal Match – Johnson def. Hess, 236-197. Championship – Butturff def. Johnson, 249-234.

Final Match Game Standings (after 20 games including match play bonus pins)

- 1, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 8-4, 5,001.
- 2, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 7-5, 4,982.
- 3, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 7-5, 4,897.
- 4, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 8-4, 4,858.
- 5, n-Dan Marazzo, Glendale Hts., Ill., 7-4-1, 4,828, \$550.
- 6, Gerald Marrs, Lake in the Hills, Ill., 6-6, 4,810, \$520.
- 7, Mike Steil, Wheeling, Ill., 6-6, 4,780, \$500.
- 8, n-Kyle Anderson, Lockport, Ill., 6-5-1, 4,749, \$480.
- 9, n-Tyler Tornow, Deer Grove, Ill., 6-6, 4,682, \$460.
- 10, Paul Kaminski, Yorkville, Ill., 5-7, 4,526, \$440.
- 11, Chris O'Neil, Decatur, Ill., 3-9, 4,524, \$420.
- 12, Trevor Blessing Light, Urbandale, Iowa, 2-10, 4,419, \$400.

n-denotes non-member.

Marsala Beats Haugen to Win PBA50 Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic For First PBA50 Tour Title

Michael Haugen Jr.'s second-place finish clinches PBA50 Player of the Year honors

ANDERSON, Ind. (Aug. 7, 2018) – Newcomer John Marsala of St. Louis, beat Michael Haugen Jr. of Phoenix, 224-218, in the title match to win the PBA50 Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic presented by Roto Grip Tuesday for his first PBA50 Tour title.

Marsala, bowling in his fifth PBA50 Tour tournament, took control after five consecutive strikes in the middle of the title match and sewed up the win with a nine count on his first ball in the 10th frame. Haugen, whose second-place finish was enough to win PBA50 Player of the Year, was unable to string strikes until the ninth and 10th frame but by then it was too late.

Marsala won all six of his matches in the final round of match play earlier in the day to earn the top spot for the stepladder finals.

"It's a dream come true," said Marsala, who won his first title in topflight competition. "Winning a tournament at this level is something I've thought about ever since I was a kid.

"I knew I had to stay relaxed because I had to make sure I kept the ball in play," the 55-year-old lefthander said of the title match. "I just had the attitude that win or lose, this tournament was a win for me. It was beyond my expectations."

Haugen, the only two-time winner this season, also has two second-place and two third-place finishes which helped him take the player of the year crown.

The 51-year-old Haugen had to work hard for his runner-up finish earning the last position in the cashers' round and then advanced through two match play rounds to earn the No. 2 qualifying position for the finals.

"To win player of the year was a goal but you never know when it's going to happen," said the 2017 PBA50 Rookie of the Year. "As the season went on the confidence was building especially after my second win but all you can do is believe in yourself and hope good things will happen.

"Like I often say; wash, rinse and repeat," Haugen added. "My goal is to keep it simple because it puts me in the best position to make the right adjustments and ball choices. I knew if I kept making shows I'd have a good shot at player of the year so I guess the formula worked."

In the opening stepladder match between two of PBA's all-time greats, Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., beat fellow PBA Hall of Famer and 11-time PBA50 Tour winner Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., when he won a one-frame roll-off, 10-9, after tying the match 247-247.

In the second match, Bohn, a four-time PBA50 Tour titlist, defeated seven-time PBA Tour winner Steve Jaros of Yorkville, Ill., 279-241, to advance to the semifinal where he lost to Haugen, 257-178.

The PBA50 Tour regular season concludes with the season's final major when Spectrum Lanes in Wyoming, Mich., hosts the PBA50 Cup presented by DV8 Aug. 9-12.

Fans can catch all the action on PBA's online bowling channel PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling. For subscription and schedule information visit **<u>www.flobowling.com</u>**.

PBA50 DAVE SMALL'S CHAMPIONSHIP LANES CLASSIC Presented by Roto Grip Dave Small's Championship Lanes, Anderson, Ind., Tuesday

Final Standings:

- 1, John Marsala, St. Louis, \$7,500.
- 2, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, \$4,000.
- 3, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., \$2,500.
- 4, Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., \$2,000.
- 5, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla. \$1,750.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Bohn def. Williams, 247-247 (Bohn won one-frame roll-off, 10-9). Match Two – Bohn def. Jaros, 279-241. Semifinal Match – Haugen def. Bohn, 257-178. Championship Match – Marsala def. Haugen, 224-218.

Modified Match Play Round 2 (after six games, including match play bonus pins. Top five advance to stepladder finals)

- 1, John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo., 6-0, 1,701.
- 2, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 5-1, 1,618.
- 3, Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 3-3, 1,613.
- 4, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 4-2, 1,577.
- 5, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3-3, 1,575.
- 6, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3-3, 1,520, \$1,500.
- 7, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 4-2, 1,515, \$1,500.
- 8, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 4-2, 1,509, \$1,500.
- 9, Eddie Graham, <u>Kettering, Ohio, 3-3</u>, 1,496, \$1,250.

- 10, Doug Henry, Columbus, Ind., 2-3-1, 1,446, \$1,250.
- 11, Kevin Duncan, Mexico, Mo., 3-3, 1,441, \$1,250.
- 12, ss-Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 1-4-1, 1,431, \$1,250.
- 13, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 1-5, 1,354, \$1,250.
- 14, ss-David Axon, Bellevue, Neb., 2-4, 1,348, \$1,250.
- 15, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 2-4, 1,320, \$1,250.
- 16, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 1-5, 1,307, \$1,250.

Modified Match Play Round 1 (after five games, including match play bonus pins)

- 17, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 2-3, 1,228, \$1,100.
- 18, Rolando Sebelen, Dominican Republic, 3-2, 1,190, \$1,100.
- 19, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 2-3, 1,179, \$1,100.
- 20, ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 2-3, 1,157, \$1,100.
- 21, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 3-2, 1,153, \$1,100.
- 22, ss-Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 2-3, 1,098, \$1,100.
- 23, ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 1-4, 1,086, \$1,100.
- 24, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1-4, 942, \$1,100.

Other Cashers (after five-game cashers' round)

- 25, Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 1,124, \$1,000.
- 26, ss-Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., 1,099, \$1,000.
- 27, Chris Gibbons, Madison, Wis., 1,094, \$1,000.
- 28, ss-Gary Reh, Fort Mohave, Ariz., 1,064, \$1,000.
- 29, ss-Charlie Tapp, Kalamazoo, Mich., 1,047, \$1,100.
- 30, ss-Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 1,041, \$1,000.
- 31, n, ss-Julius Mickel, Omaha, Neb., 1,029, \$1,000.
- 32, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 1,024, \$1,000.
- 33, ss-Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 1,016, \$1,000.
- 34, ss-Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 1,012, \$1,000.
- 35, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,007, \$1,000.
- 36, ss-Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 697, \$1,000.

n-non-member ss-PBA60 player ages 60 and older

Go Bowling! PBA Tour's Xtra Frame Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic Could Be a Significant Factor in 2018 PBA Player of the Year Race

World's top bowlers return to Delaware's Mid-County Bowling & Entertainment Aug. 17-19

MIDDLETOWN, Del. (Aug. 8, 2018) – As the world's top bowlers prepare to arrive in Delaware for the 10th anniversary PBA Tour Xtra Frame Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic August 17-19, focus on winning the event may have far-reaching consequences as the race for 2018 PBA Player of the Year honors heats up.

In addition to a \$15,000 first prize, the PBA Tour title that will be awarded to the winner at Mid-County Lanes could be a significant factor in determining the PBA's best player in 2018. Two of the Go Bowling! PBA Tour season's three two-time title winners – Andrew Anderson of Holly, Mich. (USBC Masters and PBA Xtra Frame Greater Jonesboro Open) and EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind. (PBA Xtra Frame Parkside Lanes Open and PBA-PWBA Storm Striking Against Breast Cancer Open) – will be in the Delaware field (the other two-time titlist, reigning PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte of Australia, is not entered).

Other title winners who will be looking for a second 2018 title include Matt O'Grady of Rahway, N.J. (PBA Tournament of Champions); Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa. (Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship), and Dick Allen of Lexington, S.C. (PBA Xtra Frame Port Property Management Maine Shootout).

Defending Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic winner Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill.; 2016 winner Michael Haugen Jr. of Phoenix; 2015 winner Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y., and 2014 Delaware champ Jason Couch of Clermont, Fla., are among the 22 PBA Tour champions in the field. Among those established stars are a trio of PBA Hall of Famers: Couch, Parker Bohn III and Walter Ray Williams Jr.

The capacity field of 150 will also include many of the PBA East Region's top players along with several emerging stars looking for their first PBA Tour title.

The entire tournament will be covered live, exclusively by PBA's Xtra Frame on FloBowling online bowling channel. Xtra Frame on FloBowling is a subscription-based video-streaming service, available on monthly or annual subscription plans. For more details and enrollment information, visit FloBowling.com.

The Gene Carter Pro Shop East Classic gets underway on Friday, Aug. 17, with a practice session for tournament players from 11 a.m., followed by pro-am squads at 3, 5:15 and 8 p.m. when grassroots league bowlers – men, women, kids, seniors – can bowl with PBA stars for their own prizes. For pro-am information, send an email to: <u>len.h@outlook.com</u>.

Competition begins with two seven-game qualifying squads on Saturday at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. The top 50 players after seven games will advance to a four-game cashers round Sunday at 9 a.m., after which the top 16 will bowl a modified 12-game round-robin match play round. Based upon combined 23-game pinfall totals (including 30 bonus pins for matches won), the top four will compete in a stepladder finals at 6:30 p.m.

PBA XTRA FRAME GENE CARTER'S PRO SHOP CLASSIC (A 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour event) Mid-County Bowling and Entertainment, Middletown, Del., Aug. 17-19 (all times Eastern)

Friday, Aug. 17

11 a.m. - Practice session
3 p.m. – AB Sports Junior Scholarship pro-am
5:15 and 8 p.m. – Anchor Buick-GMC/Williams Chevrolet adult pro-am squads

Saturday, Aug. 18

9 a.m. - A Squad, 7 qualifying games 4 p.m. – B Squad, 7 qualifying games Top one-third of field after 7 games advances to cashers round

Sunday, Aug. 19

9 a.m. – Cashers round, 4 games (top 16 after 11 games advance to match play) 1 p.m. – Top 16, 12 games modified round robin match play (top four after 23 games advance to stepladder finals) 6:30 p.m. - Top four stepladder finals

PBA Spare Shots

MICHAEL HAUGEN JR. LOCKS UP PBA50 PLAYER OF THE YEAR HONORS

On the basis of points earned for his runner-up finish in Tuesday's PBA50 Security Federal Savings Bank Championship, presented by Track, in Anderson, Ind., 2017 PBA50 Rookie of the Year **Michael Haugen Jr.** of Phoenix has added the 2018 PBA50 Player of the Year award to his portfolio.

With only the PBA50 Cup presented by DV8 remaining on the PBA50 Tour's regular-season schedule, Haugen ended the PBA50 Player of the Year drama in Anderson by boosting his tour-leading competition points total to 28,500 – eliminating **Norm Duke** (20,014),**Ron Mohr** (19,721) and **Walter Ray Williams Jr.** (19,027) from contention. All three had mathematical chances to catch Haugen entering last week's tournament.

By locking up Player of the Year, Haugen became the second player to win PBA50 ROY and POY honors in consecutive years, joining **Mark Roth** who accomplished the feat in 2001 and '02. Duke and **Tom Baker** are the only two to win ROY and POY in the same year. A handful of others have won both awards, but not in the same or consecutive years.

With POY settled, the PBA50 Rookie of the Year race is still up in the air heading into the PBA50 Cup in Wyoming, Mich., along with the 12 berths in a new end-of-season PBA50 Storm Invitational that will be held at Planet Fun Bowling and Entertainment Center in Shallotte, N.C., Sept. 28-30. In addition to Haugen, Duke, Mohr and Williams, the other eight players among the top 12 in points after Anderson include **Brian Kretzer** (17,015), **Lennie Boresch Jr.** (16,089), **Ryan Shafer** (14,684), **Parker Bohn III** (14,533), **Bob Learn Jr.** (14,049), **Amleto Monacelli** (12,634), **Pete Weber** (10,307) and **Harry Sullins** (9,814). Just off the pace are **Brian Voss** (9,664) and **Bryan Goebel** (9,430).

The PBA50 Storm Invitational will feature a field of 14 including two invitational spots to be decided later. The special event will offer a \$10,000 first prize.

Following the PBA50 Cup, Xtra Frame will cover the PBA60 Dick Weber Championship for players 60 and older, presented by 900 Global, at Pro Bowl West in Fort Wayne, Ind., Aug. 14-16, before the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour resumes competition Aug. 17-19 with the 10th anniversary Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic at Mid-County Lanes in Middletown, Del., followed by the Kenn-Feld Group Classic at Pla-Mor Lanes in Coldwater, Ohio, Aug. 24-26. PBA Tour titles will be at stake in both exclusive PBA Xtra Frame Tour events.

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PBA CEO-COMMISSIONER ATTENDS TERRELL OWENS' NFL HALL OF FAME CEREMONY

PBA CEO and Commissioner **Tom Clark** was on hand to help his long-time PBA friend, **Terrell Owens**, celebrate his entry into the NFL Hall of Fame in a unique ceremony held at Owens' alma mater, the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, on Aug. 4.

Owens, who has been a friend of the PBA since becoming one of the original PBA League owners (Dallas Strikers) in 2013, has since competed as a player in the PBA World Series of Bowling in Las Vegas, participated in five CP3 PBA Celebrity invitational events (winning in 2013 in Los Angeles with partner Pete Weber), and hosted the 2017 Main Event Terrell Owens PBA Super Clash in Houston. He has attended several other PBA events as a fan, and has competed in two USBC Open Championships with Clark and others on a Bowlers Journal team as an active bowler.

Owens, in making a statement to the football writers who select NFL Hall of Famers, decided not to participate in the traditional induction ceremonies in Canton, Ohio, but hosted his own induction ceremony in Chattanooga.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: JAKOB BUTTURFF WINS 17TH PBA REGIONAL TITLE

Third-year PBA member **Jakob Butturff** of Tempe, Ariz., defeated **AJ Johnson** of Oswego, Ill., 249-234, to win the PBA Glo Bowl Midwest Open at Glo Bowl Fun Center in Hoffman Estates, Ill., Sunday for his 17th career PBA Regional title.

Butturff, a 24-year-old left-hander, earned \$1,600 along with his second PBA Midwest Region title of the 2018 season to go along with two other titles won in the PBA's West and Northwest Regions earlier in the season.

Johnson, the PBA Midwest Region's reigning Player of the Year, defeated **Nick Kruml** of Downers Grove, Ill., 268-190, in the first stepladder match and then eliminated **Tom Hess** of Urbandale, Iowa, 236-197, in the semifinal game to advance to the championship match. • Harry Sullins of Chesterfield Twp., Mich. defeated **Ryan Shafer** of Horseheads, N.Y., 246-213, to win the 21st PBA50 Progressive/Gerdeman Insurance-Al Smith Chrysler/Dodge/Jeep Central/Midwest Classic at Al-Mar Lanes in Bowling Green, Ohio, Saturday.

The title was Sullins' second of the year in the PBA Central Region and his 35th career PBA Regional title. He also earned \$3,500.

Sullins defeated **Eddie Graham** of Centerville, Ohio, 181-158, to advance to the championship match after eliminating **Brian Kretzer** of Dayton, Ohio, 222-194, in the first stepladder match.

• **Darren Andretta** of Wantagh, N.Y., rallied from a 30-pin deficit after seven frames to defeat **Brad Angelo** of Lockport, N.Y., 228-207, in the championship round of the PBA Bowlers Supply/Storm Open at Colony Park Lanes North in York, Pa., Sunday.

Angelo was leading by 30 pins when he opened in the eighth frame. After Angelo converted a single-pin spare in the ninth frame, Andretta rolled strikes in the ninth and the first two in the 10th to clinch his third career title and his second of the 2018 season along with the \$2,500 first prize.

Andretta reached the finals by defeating **Tom Daugherty** of Riverview, Fla., 236-211, in the semifinal round while Angelo defeated teenager **Anthony Neuer** of Lewisburg, Pa., 217-185, in the other semifinal match. Neuer, the 16-year old son of PBA Tour titlist**Andy Neuer**, recently won the U20 division of the USBC Junior Gold Championships, earned \$1,000 for his SMART scholarship account.

• **Richard Wilburn** of Adamstown, Md., defeated **Mike Hastings** of Millsboro, Del., 245-211, in the title match to win his first PBA title in the PBA50 Sparetimes Hampton Southern Open presented by Radical at Sparetimes Family Fun Center Sunday.

Wilburn started the title match with five strikes while Hastings had two open frames in his first five. Hastings rallied behind a string of four strikes to threaten, but Wilburn answered with strikes in the ninth and 10th frames to seal the \$2,000 top prize. In the semifinal round, Wilburn defeated **Chris Johnson** of Nashville, N.C., 217-167, while Hastings took out **Tommy Brodowski** of New Hyde Park, N.Y., 204-172.

• The Aug. 10-12 PBA Regional schedule will include the AMF Western Branch South Open presented by Hammer in Chesapeake, Va.; the annual Tony Reyes Memorial West/Northwest Member/Non-Member Doubles at Fourth Street Bowl in San Jose, Calif., and the Greater Richmond Central Open at Richmond 40 Bowl in Richmond, Ind.

• On tap over the Aug. 17-19 weekend will be the Emerald Bowl Southwest Challenge presented by Track and Bowling Dynamix for non-PBA title winners in Houston, Texas; the Dave Husted Northwest/West Open presented by MOTIV at Husted's Milwaukie Bowl in Milwaukie, Ore., and the Sunday-only BowlerX.com Midwest Challenge for non-titlists at Strike N Spare II in Lockport, Ill.

• PBA's Japan Region will hold the DHC Chameleon Open and Women's Chameleon Open Aug. 25-26 in Nagano, Japan.

• Labor Day weekend will include the PBA60 Wilson & Sons Pest Control Super Senior Open and the PBA50 Mooresville South Open presented by Columbia 300 at George Pappas' Victory Lanes in Mooresville, N.C.; the PBA50 Hammer/Strike Zone Alleys Open in Pottsville, Pa., and the annual Illinois Valley Midwest/Central Open presented by Ebonite at Illinois Valley Super Bowl in Peru, Ill.

• For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit <u>pba.com</u>, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area...and remember, you can follow "live scoring" for all PBA Regional events on <u>pba.com</u> (easily accessible for Apple device users using the PBA app).

QUICK NOTES

• Sean and Sara Rash welcomed the arrival of daughter Olivia Lynn Rash on Wednesday. Olivia, who weighed in at 7 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 20 inches long, joins sister Kaylee as a member of the Rash family.

• PBA Hall of Famer **Parker Bohn III** and 2018 USBC Masters champion **Andrew Anderson** will join PWBA titlist **Daria Pajak** on Fox & Friends on Saturday, Aug. 11, between 6 and 10 a.m. EDT to help promote National Bowling Day. The trio is expected to appear in at least three full segments featuring bowling, as well as multiple bumps and quick shots.

New PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game "Progressive Tournament" to Help Celebrate Concrete Software's 15th Anniversary

Week-long Concrete Anniversary Challenge for mobile device players begins Wednesday

CHICAGO (Aug. 10, 2018) – If the sport of bowling needs proof of its popularity around the world, there might not be a better source than Concrete Software's wildly-popular PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game as the founding company prepares to celebrate its 15th anniversary with a unique "progressive bowling tournament" beginning on Wednesday, Aug. 15.

The original PBA Bowling was added to the Concrete Software lineup of mobile games 10 years ago and has grown into what is now PBA Bowling Challenge. Since its release under its new name in 2013, PBA Bowling Challenge has been downloaded to Android and iOS mobile devices 22,071,329 times, including 1,952,908 downloads in 2018 alone. It has historically held a "top 10" position among all games played on mobile devices around the world – a resounding statement in support of bowling's popularity, no matter how or where the game is played.

As an example, 43 percent of all PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game players on Android devices come from the U.S. while 6 percent are from India and 5 percent live in Brazil. Among iOS users, the U.S. dominates with 73 percent followed by China with 5 percent and the United Kingdom a distant third with 3 percent.

PBA Bowling Challenge, which can be downloaded at no cost at Google Play or the Apple App Store, is basically a game of tenpin bowling with a lot of variations. At its most fundamental level, it's a free game played by millions. At more advanced levels, players can purchase special bowling balls and/or "pin packs" to enhance the competition. By visiting the "pro shop" you can also select a PBA star to serve as your bowler.

As a point of interest, the 10 most popular PBA stars selected by PBA Bowling Challenge players are, in order, Ronnie Russell, Parker Bohn III, Anthony Simonsen, Osku Palermaa, Gary Faulkner, EJ Tackett, Pete Weber, Tommy Jones, Tom Smallwood and Dom Barrett. Close behind Barrett are Chris Barnes, Bill O'Neill, Andres Gomez, Sean Rash, Wes Malott and Norm Duke.

As PBA Bowling Challenge has evolved over the past decade, with new features such as a variety of lane conditions, bowling venues, ball choices, etc., have been added on a regular basis, and the Concrete Software has created a series of special challenge events which typically attract thousands of players.

But none of those special events have been as elaborate as the upcoming Concrete Anniversary Challenge, which will involve a "progressive tournament" requiring players to tackle a series of 15 games, with each victory "lighting a candle" and providing substantial rewards – some as high as 15 times the prize of a typical weekend challenge event.

To "compete" in the Concrete Anniversary Challenge, players must acquire at least one of three bowling balls designated for the three tiers within the challenge. The higher the tier of balls a player owns, the bigger the reward – up to a maximum of five times the standard award.

If you'd like to play, the special challenge begins on Aug. 15 and continues through Tuesday, Aug. 21, at midnight. If you aren't already a PBA Bowling Challenge player, now's the time to download the game and start practicing.

Dominican Republic's Rolando Sebelen Dominates PBA50 Cup First Round Qualifying

WYOMING, Mich. (Aug. 10, 2018) – Rolando Sebelen of the Dominican Republic, a multi-medalist in international competition, averaged 232 to dominate the first round of qualifying in the PBA50 Cup presented by DV8 Friday at Spectrum Lanes.

The PBA50 Tour rookie bowled a 1,857 eight-game pinfall total with games of 248, 248, 264, 214, 191, 227, 231 and 234 to a hold 77-pin lead over Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio, in second with a 1,780.

"I'm feeling great and my physical game is very good," Sebelen said. "I didn't want to change my ball so I just kept moving left on the lane so my ball would have a good angle to the pocket and carry the 10 pins. In the 190 game, I bowled good but left a lot of 10 pins. I moved a little more left and didn't leave so many 10 pins." The 50-year-old Sebelen has been a member of the Dominican Republic national bowling team for 32 years. Among his most notable finishes in international competition were a doubles bronze medal in the 2007 Pan Am Games and a team gold medal in the 1989 World Bowling Championships.

Sebelen's best finishes this season have come in two other PBA50 Tour majors, an eighth-place finish in the PBA50 National Championship and 10th in the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open.

"I've bowled many tournaments internationally so I have a lot of experience bowling on many different lane conditions," Sebelen added. "With every PBA50 tournament I bowl I get more comfortable and I feel that I can win."

Still trying for his first PBA50 Tour win, Kretzer has three top-three finishes this season which include a runnerup finish in the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open and third-place finishes in the River City Extreme Open and Security Federal Savings Bank Championship.

Kretzer had games of 237, 220, 193, 230, 247, 190, 227 and 236 in the first round.

"I'm trying hard to win one of these things," said Kretzer, who owns one PBA Tour title. "I had a good shot and got a solid start right from the get-go so I was able to keep that momentum going for the rest of the round. I made a few mistakes but I learned from them and made the adjustments I needed to make."

Rounding out the top five after the first round were PBA Hall of Famer Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 1,779; seven-time PBA Tour winner Steve Jaros, Yorkville, III., 1,744, and three-time PBA50 Tour winner Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 1,734.

The entire field returns Saturday for another eight-game qualifying round beginning at 10 a.m. ET after which the top 30 players will advance to two modified round-robin match play rounds beginning Sunday morning at 9 a.m. After match play, the top five players will be determined for the stepladder finals at 7 p.m.

The PBA50 Cup is streamed live on PBA's online bowling channel PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling. Subscription information is available by visiting www.flobowling.com.

PBA50 CUP

Presented by DV8

Spectrum Lanes, Wyoming, Mich., Friday

FIRST ROUND RESULTS (after eight games)

- 1, Rolando Sebelen, Dominican Republic, 1,857.
- 2, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1,780.
- 3, ss-Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 1,779.
- 4, Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 1,744.
- 5, ss-Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 1,734.
- 6, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,730.
- 7, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,722.
- 8, Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 1,705.
- 9, n-Micahel Kereluk, Warren, Mich., 1,678.
- 10, Peter Knopp, Germany, 1,675.
- 11, ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 1,672.
- 12, Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 1,665.
- 13, Larry Verble, Mason, Mich., 1,664.
- 14, Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 1,660.
- 15, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 1,658.
- 16, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 1,648.
- 17, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,646.
- 18, Jeff Johnson, Freeport, III., 1,644.

- 19, ss-Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 1,638.
- 20, (tie) Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., and ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 1,636.
- 22, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,624.
- 23, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 1,622.
- 24, ss-Charlie Tapp, Kalamazoo, Mich., 1,617.
- 25, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,616.
- 26, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 1,614.
- 27, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 1,610.
- 28, Tony Rodriguez Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 1,607.
- 29, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,606.
- 30, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 1,601.
- 31, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 1,600.
- 32, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 1,589.
- 33, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 1,586.
- 34, (tie) Paul LeMond, Jasper, Ind., and Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,576.
- 36, ss-Michael Lucente, Warren, Mich., 1,573.
- 37, Larry Salvati, Canada, 1,572.
- 38, Eddie Graham, Kettering, Ohio, 1,566.
- 39, ss-Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 1,565.
- 40, ss-David Axon, Bellevue, Neb., 1,564.
- 41, ss-John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 1,563.
- 42, Steve Kenyon, Grosse IIe., Mich., 1,558.
- 43, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 1,556.
- 44, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 1,550.
- 45, Steven DiMartino, Upper Saddle River, N.J., 1,549.
- 46, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 1,543.
- 47, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 1,541.
- 48, John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo., 1,537.
- 49, John Kidwell, Indianapolis, Ind., 1,534.
- 50, ss-Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 1,533.
- 51, ss-Gary Kammes, Winfield, III., 1,518.
- 52, ss-Marc Lineberry, Camanche, Iowa, 1,514.
- 53, (tie) ss-Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., ss-Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., and n, ss-George Phillips, Centreville, Mich., 1,511.
- 56, Rick Zakrajsek, Lorain, Ohio, 1,510.
- 57, ss-Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 1,509.
- 58, Glenn Smith, New York, 1,504.
- 59, (tie) Dave Han, Birmingham, Ala., 1,498.
- 59, ss-Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 1,498.
- 61, Gary Schluchter, Femont, Ohio, 1,496.
- 62, ss-n-Peter Minaudo, Chesterfield, Mich., 1,494.
- 63, ss-Gary Reh, Fort Mohave, Ariz., 1,480.
- 64, ss-Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 1,479.
- 65, ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 1,469.
- 66, n-Curtis Matlock, Cloquet, Minn., 1,466.
- 67, David Scardaville, Houston, Texas, 1,462.
- 68, Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 1,459.
- 69, ss-Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., 1,456.
- 70, John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 1,446.
- 71, ss-Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 1,433.
- 72, ss-James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 1,419.
- 73, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 1,412.
- 74, Al Danz Jr., Escanaba, Mich., 1,405.
- 75, ss-Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 1,400.
- 76, Timothy Rice, Kaukauna, Wis., 1,381.
- 77, ss-Mark Nance Sr., Grove City, Ohio, 1,380.
- 78, ss-Phillip Moros, Lombard, Ill., 1,379.
- 79, ss-Ross McDonald, Las Vegas, Nev., 1,374.
- 80, (tie) ss-Dale Reh, Appleton, Wis., and Dennis Briggs, New Galilee, Pa., 1,366.

82, Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 1,349.
83, ss-Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 1,321.
84, Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 1,319.
85, ss-Robert Davis, Annapolis, Md., 1,220.

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ss-PBA60 players ages 60 and over

Trip to New York Between Rounds Doesn't Stop Parker Bohn III from Becoming PBA50 Cup Top Qualifier

Hall of Famer leads 30 players advancing to Sunday's match play rounds

WYOMING, Mich. (Aug. 11, 2018) – PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III returned for Saturday afternoon's second round of the PBA50 Cup presented by DV8 after an overnight trip to New York where he participated in a National Bowling Day segment on "FOX & Friends" Saturday morning. Despite a whirlwind trip, he proceeded to take top qualifier honors for the season's final PBA50 Tour major.

After finishing sixth in Friday's first round with a 1,730 eight-game pinfall total at Spectrum Lanes, Bohn caught a flight from Grand Rapids to Newark. He then returned to Grand Rapids after the early morning FOX appearance just in time for his second squad Saturdayafternoon where he bowled 1,830 for eight games to take the tournament lead.

Bohn finished with a 16-game overall qualifying pinfall total of 3,560 (222.5 average), 60 pins ahead of Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio, who held on to second with 3,500 for his 16 games of qualifying.

Bohn, a 35-time PBA Tour and four-time PBA50 Tour winner, bowled games of 262, 211, 248, 185, 214, 246, 233 and 231 in the second round but it almost didn't happen. A delayed return flight from Newark nearly ended the tournament for Bohn.

"Everything went well on the trip there but on the way back it was another story," said Bohn of his ordeal on the return trip. "My plane was supposed to leave at 11:50 a.m., but it was delayed and we didn't leave until about 1 p.m.

"When I got to the Grand Rapids airport I had to sprint to the exit where my wife (Leslie) was waiting for me to take me to the center. As I was walking in the door at Spectrum Lanes (tournament director) John Weber was getting ready to start the squad.

"I didn't get any practice," Bohn continued. "I started with the same ball as I used on Friday and took a guess on my speed and where I should play and went from there."

It was about a month ago that Bohn, along with PBA Tour star Andrew Anderson and PWBA star Daria Pajak were asked to be part of the "FOX & Friends" National Bowling Day segment. After looking at the PBA50 Cup schedule, and the airline schedule, Bohn found that making the trip to New York was possible.

"I wanted to go because of my love for the game and to promote the sport – it's as simple as that," Bohn said. "I was running on adrenaline and pretty pumped so I think that's how I got through the day today. I'm just glad it all worked out."

Bohn led 30 players who advanced to two modified round-robin match play rounds which will begin Sunday morning at 9 a.m. ET. After match play, the top five players will be determined for the stepladder finals at 7 p.m.

A 253 final game in the second round helped PBA50 Tour rookie Rolando Sebelen of the Dominican Republic hang onto third place. The first round leader finished qualifying with a 3,480 pinfall, finding the going tougher in the second round bowling 1,623 for eight games after 1,857 in the first round.

The final day of the PBA50 Cup will be streamed live on PBA's online bowling channel PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling. Subscription information is available by visiting <u>www.flobowling.com</u>.

PBA50 CUP Presented by DV8 Spectrum Lanes, Wyoming, Mich., Saturday

SECOND ROUND RESULTS (after 16 games. Top 30 advance to Sunday's modified roundrobin match play rounds)

- 1, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,560.
- 2, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3,500.
- 3, Rolando Sebelen, Dominican Republic, 3,480.
- 4, Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 3,433.
- 5, Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 3,429.
- 6, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,424.
- 7, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 3,389.
- 8, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3,384.
- 9, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 3,365.
- 10, n-Michael Kereluk, Warren, Mich., 3,339.
- 11, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,336.
- 12, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 3,330.
- 13, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3,327.
- 14, Peter Knopp, Germany, 3,315.
- 15, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 3,300.
- 16, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 3,299.
- 17, Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 3,298.
- 18, Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 3,296.
- 19, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,291.
- 20, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 3,285.
- 21, (tie) Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., and Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 3,282.
- 23, David Axon, Bellevue, Neb., 3,271.
- 24, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 3,266.
- 25, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 3,265.
- 26, Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 3,248.
- 27, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 3,244.
- 28, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3,242.
- 29, n-Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 3,241.
- 30, Tony Rodriguez Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 3,224.

Did not advance:

- 31, Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 3,223.
- 32, Larry Verble, Mason, Mich., 3,218.
- 33, Rick Zakrajsek, Lorain, Ohio, 3,217.
- 34, ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 3,208, \$1,050.

- 35, Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 3,203.
- 36, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 3,178.
- 37, ss-Charlie Tapp, Kalamazoo, Mich., 3,172, \$1,050.
- 38, ss-Michael Lucente, Warren, Mich., 3,158, \$1,050.
- 39, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 3,127, \$1,050.
- 40, ss-Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 3,124, \$1,050.
- 41, Eddie Graham, Kettering, Ohio, 3,123.
- 42, John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo., 3,110.
- 43, (tie) Gary Schluchter, Femont, Ohio, and ss-Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 3,107, \$1,050.
- 45, ss-Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 3,078, \$1,050.
- 46, ss-Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 3,060, \$1,050.
- 47, Larry Salvati, Canada, 3,059.
- 48, Glenn Smith, New York, 3,050.
- 49, n-George Phillips, Centreville, Mich., 3,049.
- 50, Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 3,043.
- 51, Gary Reh, Fort Mohave, Ariz., 3,031.
- 52, Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 3,027.
- 53, Paul LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 3,021.
- 54, Marc Lineberry, Camanche, Iowa, 3,020.
- 55, Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., 3,019.
- 56, Gary Kammes, Winfield, Ill., 3,005.
- 57, (tie) Dave Han, Birmingham, Ala., and Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 3,002.
- 59, (tie) Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., and Steven DiMartino, Upper Saddle River, N.J., 3,001.
- 61, John Kidwell, Indianapolis, Ind., 2,999.
- 62, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 2,977.
- 63, Steve Kenyon, Grosse Ile., Mich., 2,975.
- 64, John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 2,972.
- 65, Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 2,964.
- 66, Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 2,961.
- 67, Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 2,956.
- 68, Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 2,944.
- 69, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 2,919.
- 70, (tie) Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., and n-Curtis Matlock, Cloquet, Minn., 2,895.
- 72, n-Peter Minaudo, Chesterfield, Mich., 2,887.
- 73, Al Danz Jr., Escanaba, Mich., 2,870.
- 74, David Scardaville, Houston, Texas, 2,849.
- 75, Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 2,847.
- 76, Ross McDonald, Las Vegas, Nev., 2,805.
- 77, Mark Nance Sr., Grove City, Ohio, 2,794.
- 78, James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 2,784.
- 79, Dennis Briggs, New Galilee, Pa., 2,767.
- 80, Dale Reh, Appleton, Wis., 2,761.
- 81, Phillip Moros, Lombard, Ill., 2,725.
- 82, Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 2,684.
- 83, Robert Davis, Annapolis, Md., 2,541.
- 84, Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 2,533.

300 games – Greg Thomas

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ss-PBA60 player age 60 and over out of the regular prize fund cashing for \$1,050

Brian Kretzer Wins PBA50 Cup for First PBA50 Tour Title

Kretzer defeats Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli, 259-225, in title match of final major of the season

WYOMING, Mich. (Aug. 12, 2018) – Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio, defeated PBA Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli, 259-225, in the title match of the PBA50 Cup presented by DV8 Sunday at Spectrum Lanes to win his first title on PBA's tour for players 50 and over.

Monacelli jumped out to the early lead with four strikes in a row to start the title match and looked to be well in control with a 20-pin lead in the fifth frame. A turning point in the match came when Kretzer was able to convert the 2-4-10 split in the fifth frame to stay in the match and then went on to finish with seven consecutive strikes for the win. Still in contention in the ninth frame, Monacelli got a bad break when he left a pocket 7-10 split which ended his hopes of winning his fifth PBA50 Tour major title.

"When I left the 2-4-10 in the fifth frame I told myself that the match isn't over if I can make this split," Kretzer said. "I was fortunate to make it and then I just had to buckle down. It was up to me to make the right adjustments and make good shots for the rest of the match."

Kretzer finished second after the qualifying portion of the tournament and put together a 10-6 record in match play earlier in the day Sunday which helped him earn the No. 1 qualifying position for the stepladder finals.

"I had a good feeling the whole tournament," said the 52-year-old Kretzer, who also owns one PBA Tour title. "There was really never a time in the tournament where I felt like I was in trouble. It just seemed like all the ingredients were there to get it done this time."

Earlier this season Kretzer finished second in the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open and had other top finishes of third in the Security Federal Savings Bank Championship and River City Extreme Open.

Monacelli defeated South Shore Open winner Eugene McCune of Munster, Ind., 250-181, in the semifinal match to advance to the title match against Kretzer. McCune posted a 13-3 record in match play to earn the No. 2 spot for the finals.

In the second match, Monacelli, who qualified third for the finals, beat fellow Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III, 237-192, to advance to the semifinal.

It was a memorable fourth-place finish for Bohn after taking a side trip to New York between the first and second rounds to participate in a National Bowling Day segment on "FOX & Friends" Saturday morning in New York City. He returned just in time to make the second round Saturday afternoon and went on to take top qualifier honors. In Sunday's match play, he posted a 10-6 record which helped him earn the No. 4 position for the finals.

In the opening stepladder match Bohn defeated No. 5 qualifier PBA Hall of Famer Ron Mohr of Las Vegas, 248-214, to advance to the second match against Monacelli. Bohn was trying for his fifth PBA50 Tour title and Mohr was trying for his 11th.

The 2018 PBA50 Tour season ends Aug. 14-16 with the PBA60 Dick Weber Championship presented by 900 Global for players 60 and over at Pro Bowl West in Fort Wayne, Ind.

The PBA60 Dick Weber Championship will be streamed live on PBA's online bowling channel PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling. Subscription information is available by visiting <u>www.flobowling.com</u>.

PBA50 CUP Presented by DV8

Spectrum Lanes, Wyoming, Mich., Sunday

Final Standings:

- 1, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, \$10,000.
- 2, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, \$5,500.
- 3, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., \$3,000.
- 4, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., \$2,500.
- 5, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, \$2,000.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Bohn def. Mohr, 248-214. Match Two – Monacelli def. Bohn, 237-192. Semifinal Match – Monacelli def. McCune, 250-181 Championship Match – Kretzer def. Monacelli, 259-225.

FOURTH ROUND RESULTS (after 32 games. Top five advance to stepladder finals. Includes match play record and total pinfall including bonus pins)

- 1, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 10-6, 7,316.
- 2, n-Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 13-3, 7,252.
- 3, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 10-6, 7,238.
- 4, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 10-6, 7,233.
- 5, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 10-6, 7,216.
- 6, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 12-4, 7,212, \$1,800.
- 7, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 13-3, 7,142, \$1,700.
- 8, Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 11-5, 7,067, \$1,650.
- 9, Rolando Sebelen, Dominican Republic, 9-7, 7,047, \$1,600.
- 10, Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 11-5, 7,046, \$1,550.
- 11, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 8-8, 7,004, \$1,500.
- 12, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 10-6, 6,978, \$1,450.
- 13, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 8-7-1, 6,902, \$1,400.
- 14, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 8-7-1, 6,866, \$1,375.
- 15, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 8-8, 6,851, \$1,350.
- 16, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 7-9, 6,792, \$1,325.
- 17, Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 6-10, 6,772, \$1,300.
- 18, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 8-8, 6,739, \$1,275.
- 19, Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 5-11, 6,732, \$1,250.
- 20, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 5-10-1, 6,728, \$1,240.
- 21, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 7-9, 6,712, \$1,230.
- 22, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 8-8, 6,706, \$1,220.
- 23, n-Michael Kereluk, Warren, Mich., 6-10, 6,613, \$1,210.
- 24, Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 5-11, 6,577, \$1,200.
- 25, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 6-10, 6,543, \$1,190.
- 26, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 5-11, 6,531, \$1,180.
- 27, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 4-11-1, 6,517, \$1,170.
- 28, David Axon, Bellevue, Neb., 5-11, 6,489, \$1,160.
- 29, Tony Rodriguez Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 7-9, 6,475, \$1,155.
- 30, Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 1-7, 6,101, \$1,150.

THIRD ROUND RESULTS (after 24 games. Includes match play record and total pinfall including bonus pins. All players advance to fourth round)

- 1, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 5-3, 5,457.
- 2, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 5-3, 5,412.
- 3, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 7-1, 5,350.

- 4, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 4-4, 5,348.
- 5, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 5-3, 5,320.
- 6, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 6-2, 5,305.
- 7, n-Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 7-1, 5,301.
- 8, Rolando Sebelen, Dominican Republic, 4-4, 5,258.
- 9, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 4-3-1, 5,257.
- 10, Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 5-3, 5,231.
- 11, Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 5-3, 5,186.
- 12, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 5-3, 5,153.
- 13, Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 4-4, 5,134.
- 14, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 4-3-1, 5,124.
- 15, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 4-3-1, 5,112.
- 16, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 5-3, 5,107.
- 17, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 3-5, 5,098.
- 18, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 6-2, 5,087.
- 19, (tie) Tom Baker, King, N.C., 4-4, and John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 4-4, 5,048.
- 21, Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 1-7, 5,023.
- 22, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 3-4-1, 5,017.
- 23, n-Michael Kereluk, Warren, Mich., 2-6, 5,009.
- 24, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 3-5, 4,983.
- 25, Peter Knopp, Germany, 2-6, 4,966.
- 26, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 2-6, 4,923.
- 27, Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 2-6, 4,898.
- 28, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 2-6, 4,896.
- 29, David Axon, Bellevue, Neb., 2-6, 4,824.
- 30, Tony Rodriguez Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 3-5, 4,818.

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Colella Wins PBA Greater Richmond Central Open

Richmond, Ind. (August 12, 2018) – Chris Colella of Indianapolis defeated Jean Perez of Puerto Rico, 211-166, to win the Professional Bowlers Association's Greater Richmond Central Open at Richmond 40 Bowl Sunday.

Colella, who earned his second regional title and \$1,600 for the one-day, reduced entry fee event, downed Kyle Cook of Centerville, Ohio, 279-173, while Perez eliminated Joe Bailey of Wooster, Ohio, 209-186, to set up the championship match.

Perez earned \$1,100 for second place. Bailey and Cook each earned \$775 as semifinal round losers.

The next PBA Central Region event will be the PBA Xtra Frame Tour's Kenn-Feld Group Classic in Coldwater, Ohio, August 24-26. The Kenn-Feld Group Classic will award a PBA Tour title to the winner if he is a PBA member.

PBA GREATER RICHMOND CENTRAL OPEN Richmond 40 Bowl, Richmond, Ind., Sunday

Championship: Chris Colella, Indianapolis (\$1,600) def. Jean Perez, Puerto Rico (\$1,100), 211-166.

Semifinal Round (best game, losers earned \$775):

Colella def. Kyle Cook, Centerville, Ohio, 279-173. Perez def. Joe Bailey, Wooster, Ohio, 209-186.

Round of 8 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$575 each):

Cook def. Zach Doty, Campbellsville, Ky., 2-1. Colella def. Graham Fach, Canada, 2-0. Bailey def. Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 2-1. Perez def. s-Neil Kassel, Beavercreek, Ohio, 2-1.

Round of 12 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$450 each):

Fach def. Anthony Kennard, Wapakoneta, Ohio, 2-0. Kassel def. Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 2-0. Bailey def. Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 2-1. Cook def. Aaron Beaver, Goshen, Ind., 2-1.

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Harry Sullins Fires 279 in Final Game of First Round To Take Lead in PBA60 Dick Weber Championship

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (Aug. 14, 2018) – Five-time PBA Tour and three-time PBA50 Tour winner Harry Sullins of Chesterfield Twp., Mich., bowled a 279 game in his last game of first round qualifying Tuesday to take the lead in the PBA60 Dick Weber Championship presented by 900 Global for players ages 60 and over.

The 60-year-old Sullins bowled a 1,683 seven-game pinfall total at Pro Bowl West with games of 196, 276, 247, 212, 265, 208 and 279 going around Sammy Ventura of Syracuse, N.Y., who finished the round in second with 1,653.

The 196 game could have been 220," Sullins said. "I had a good shot to the pocket but I just didn't have my speed and line to the pocket matched up like I did in the second game.

"The 279 at the end of the game was kind of unexpected because in the game before it (208) I didn't have a good feel," he added. I really didn't make much of an adjustment in the last game, I just refocused and gave it a little more extra effort."

Sullins is hoping to end a drought without a win in national senior competition that dates back to the 2011 PBA50 Senior Lake County Open.

"Every year it gets harder on the senior tour," Sullins said. "There's more and more good players coming out here and there's a lot of guys that are just plain tough to beat. I've had a lot of good finishes recently just not good enough to make the top five."

Rounding out the top five after the first round were William Peters, Dayton Ohio, 1,623; Dale Csuhta, Wadsworth, Ohio, 1,620, and Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., 1,597. PBA Hall of Famer Brian Voss finished the round in sixth with 1,579 and defending champion Darryl Bower of Middletown, Pa., finished tied for 22nd with 1,495.

The PBA60 Dick Weber Championship is the final event of the PBA50 Tour season and is the second event specifically for players 60 and over. Mike Dias won the Super Senior Classic for players 60 and over in June.

The PBA60 Dick Weber Championship is streamed live on PBA's online bowling channel PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling now with multiple streams. Subscription information is available by visiting <u>www.flobowling.com</u>.

The entire field returns Wednesday morning for another seven-game qualifying round at 9 a.m. ET. The top 32 players will then advance to the first round of match play at 4 p.m. After another match play round Thursday morning, the top five will be determined for the stepladder finals at 1 p.m.

PBA60 DICK WEBER CHAMPIONSHIP Presented by 900 Global Pro Bowl West, Fort Wayne, Ind., Tuesday

FIRST ROUND RESULTS (after seven games)

- 1, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 1,683.
- 2, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 1,653.
- 3, William Peters, Dayton, Ohio, 1,623.
- 4, Dale Csuhta, Wadsworth, Ohio, 1,620.
- 5, Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., 1,597.
- 6, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 1,579.
- 7, Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 1,564.
- 8, John DiSantis, Wilmington, Del., 1,559.
- 9, Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 1,547.
- 10, Michael Chrzanowski, Shepherd, Mich., 1,539.
- 11, (tie) Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, and Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 1,537.
- 13, Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 1,528.
- 14, Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 1,527.
- 15, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 1,526.
- 16, n-Peter Minaudo, Chesterfield, Mich., 1,524.
- 17, Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 1,513.
- 18, n-Victor Van Hentenryck, Fort Wayne, Ind., 1,508.
- 19, Robert Donovan, Prattsville, N.Y., 1,500.
- 20, n-Julius Mickel, Omaha, Neb., 1,499.
- 21, Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 1,497.
- 22, (tie) n-Ed Austreng, Waterford, Mich., 1,495 and Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,495.
- 24, Frankie May, Reading, Pa., 1,491.
- 25, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 1,486.
- 26, Patrick King, Yankton, S.D., 1,485.
- 27, Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., 1,484.
- 28, John Hunt, Grayling, Mich., 1,482.
- 29, n-Leroy Johnson, Chicago, 1,481.
- 30, n-Gary Kinyon, Lockport, N.Y., 1,480.
- 31, Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 1,478.
- 32, Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 1,471.
- 33, Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 1,469.
- 34, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,466.
- 35, Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 1,465.
- 36, Michael Lucente, Warren, Mich., 1,459.
- 37, (tie) Ron Glick, Morganville, N.J., and Bill Sell, Menasha, Wis., 1,457.
- 39, Phillip Moros, Lombard, Ill., 1,456.
- 40, Mike Moore, Marietta, Ohio, 1,454.
- 41, Sam Maccarone, Williamstown, N.J., 1,453.
- 42, Timothy Kauble, Marion, Ohio, 1,451.

- 43, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 1,448.
- 44, Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 1,447.
- 45, Emilio Mora Sr., Defiance, Ohio, 1,445.
- 46, Gary Kammes, Winfield, Ill., 1,444.
- 47, n-Gus Yannaras, Greenfield, Wis., 1,440.
- 48, Jim Heintz, St. Charles, Mo., 1,438.
- 49, Mark Everette, Aliquippa, Pa., 1,436.
- 50, Charlie Tapp, Kalamazoo, Mich., 1,429.
- 51, Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 1,426.
- 52, Bob Caruso, Dayton, N.J., 1,425.
- 53, John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 1,423.
- 54, n-Mike Haggerty, Montrose, Mich., 1,422.
- 55, (tie) James Storts, Westfield, Ind., and Ross McDonald, Las Vegas, Nev., 1,417.
- 57, n-George Phillips, Centreville, Mich., 1,410.
- 58, Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., 1,401.
- 59, Carlton Turley, Huntingtown, Md., 1,392.
- 60, Lance Lorfeld, University Place, Wash., 1,387.
- 61, n-Fred McLain, Allen Park, Mich., 1,385.
- 62, Richard Hunt, Valparaiso, Ind., 1,384.
- 63, (tie) Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., and n-Fran Bax, Niagara Falls, N.Y., 1,379.
- 65, Dale Holgate, Peninsula, Ohio, 1,374.
- 66, Don Lane, San Francisco, 1,369.
- 67, Bob Kelly, Dayton, Ohio, 1,367.
- 68, Ken Ball, Avon, N.Y., 1,364.
- 69, Gary Reh, Fort Mohave, Ariz., 1,360.
- 70, n-Daniel Mayer, Waterford, Mich., 1,353.
- 71, Richard Nardozza, Clearfield, Pa., 1,350.
- 72, n-Marc Lineberry, Camanche, Iowa, 1,347.
- 73, n-David Memmer, Defiance, Ohio, 1,344.
- 74, (tie) Dale Reh, Appleton, Wis., and Daniel Seppa, Madison, Wis., 1,334.
- 76, Jim Dilyard, Burbank, Ohio, 1,329.
- 77, Tom Howison, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,318.
- 78, Mike Flinchbaugh, Marion, Ohio, 1,314.
- 79, Mark Nance Sr., Grove City, Ohio, 1,313.
- 80, Robert Davis, Annapolis, Md., 1,304.
- 81, Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 1,303.
- 82, Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 1,297.
- 83, n-Earl Bell, Troy, Tenn., 1,292.
- 84, Burdette Walker, Rockwood, Pa., 1,289.
- 85, n-Victor Latuch, Somerset, Penn., 1,284.
- 86, Lyle Zikes, Arlington Heights, Ill., 1,282.
- 87, Stephen Lippman, Palm Harbor, Fla., 1,273.
- 88, Allen Meskan, Addison, Ill., 1,255.
- 89, Chris Patton, Park City, Utah, 1,252.
- 90, n-Joseph Woznicki, Lakeland, Fla., 1,242.
- 91, n-Roland Wright, Christianburg, Va., 1,237.
- 92, Peter Brainard, Tampa, Fla., 1,231.
- 93, Robert Teeters, Lapel, Ind., 1,225.
- 94, Allen Brothers, Punxsutawney, Pa., 1,216.
- 95, n-John Goerlitz, Defiance, Ohio, 1,208.
- 96, Bruce Siegel, Highland Park, Ill., 1,109.
- 97, n-William Zwit, Galesburg, Ill., 1,064.

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Jason Sterner Wins 12th PBA South Region Title in Chesapeake

CHESAPEAKE, VA. (August 12, 2018) – Jason Sterner, a newly-relocated resident of Atlanta, Ga., won his 12th Professional Bowlers Association Regional title Sunday, defeating Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C., 278-216, in the title match of the third annual PBA AMF Chesapeake South Open presented by Hammer at AMF Western Branch Lanes.

Sterner, the top qualifier for the stepladder finals, waited while Troup disposed of Stephen Hahn of Sterling, Va., in opening match, 215-186, and Randy Weiss of Columbia, S.C., 224-173, in the semifinal contest to advance to the championship match.

In the title match Sterner started with six strikes while Troup started with four. The final difference was that Sterner converted a single-pin spare in the seven frame and then struck out until leaving another single pin on his final ball while Troup was unable to match Sterner's strike barrage.

Sterner earned \$5,000 while Troup pocketed \$2,500 for second, Weiss took home \$1,300 for third place finish and Curtis earned \$1,150 for fourth.

The PBA South Region's next event will be the PBA60 Wilson & Sons Pest Control Super Senior South Open August 30-Sept. 1 at George Pappas' Victory Lanes in Mooresville, N.C.

PBA AMF CHESAPEAKE SOUTH OPEN

AMF Western Branch Lanes, Chesapeake, VA., Sunday

Final Standings:

- 1, Jason Sterner, Atlanta, Ga., \$5,000.
- 2, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., \$2,500.
- 3, Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., \$1300.
- 4, Stephen Hahn, Sterling, Va., \$1,150.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Troup def. Hahn, 215-186. Semifinal – Troup def. Weiss, 224-173. Championship – Sterner def. Troup, 278-216.

Final Qualifying Standings (after 17 games, top 4 advanced to stepladder finals):

- 1, Sterner, 3,705.
- 2, Weiss, 3,659.
- 3, Troup, 3,601.
- 4, Hahn, 3,563.
- 5, Cody Shoemaker, Hanover, Pa., 3,554, \$1,000.
- 6, Sam Cooley, Australia, 3,540, \$850.
- 7, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 3,527, \$725.
- 8, n-Jeremy Merriner, Winchester, Va., 3,501, \$675.

Round of 16 Cashers (eliminated after 15 games):

- 9, Troy McKinney, Yorktown, Va., 3,096, \$650.
- 10, Dwight Adams, Greensboro, N.C., 3,077, \$625.
- 11, Kip Roberts, Glen Allen, Va., 3,062, \$600.
- 12, Trevor Roberts, Crystal River, Fla., 3,034, \$590.
- 13, Matt Wozney, Clayton, Del., 3,032, \$580.
- 14. Leon Platt, Summerville, S.C., 2,992, \$570.

15, Greg Wilson, Warrenton, Va., 2,949, \$560. 16, Kole Payne, Charlotte, N.C., 2,929, \$550.

Other Cashers Round Cashers (after 12 games):

Tim Davidson Jr., Clifton, Va., 2,405, \$430.
 Chris Bolosan, Newport News, Va., 2,402, \$430.
 Ken Yokobosky, Fredon, N.J., 2,390, \$430.
 Victor Florie Jr., Richmond, Va., 2,365, \$420.
 Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 2,356, \$420.
 Chris Barry, Black Mountain, N.C., 2,351, \$420.
 n-Ricky Boyters, Newport News, Va., 2,325, \$410.
 Russell Sawyers, Culpepper, Va., 2,320, \$410.
 n-Joshua Zilk, Virginia Beach, Va., 2,306, \$405.
 Bobby Hall II, Landover, Md., 2,306, \$405.
 Nick Johnston, Asheville, N.C., 2,179, \$400.

300 Games: Mike Vitalone Jr., Troy McKinney.

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Jason Belmonte's Replica Jersey Ranks No. 1 Among PBA Fans

PBA's official jersey partner H5G Brands lists top 10 best-sellers

CHICAGO (Aug. 16, 2018) –Professional Bowlers Association fans aren't much different than fans of other sports when it comes to making it known who their favorite player is, and one of the most common ways to do that is to wear their favorite's jersey.

In the PBA's case, the "fan favorite" is Australia's **Jason Belmonte**, who leads the Tour in replica jersey sales from the PBA's official jersey partner, H5G Brands (formerly known as High 5 Gear). A collection of "official" Jason Belmonte jerseys, replicating those he has worn in PBA Tour competition between 2013 and 2018, can be found on the H5GBrands website (<u>http://www.h5gbrands.com/bowling/pba-pro-replica-jerseys.html</u>) along with a wide variety of additional replica jerseys worn by other PBA stars. The remainder of the top 10 in replica jersey sales, in order, are: Pete Weber, Bill O'Neill, Kyle Troup, Chris Barnes, AJ Johnson, Marshall Kent, EJ Tackett, Osku Palermaa and Mike Fagan. Replica jerseys for a number of other players also are available, as well as team jerseys for the eight PBA League teams. To order a PBA League jersey, click here: <u>http://www.h5gbrands.com/bowling/pba-league-replica-jerseys.html</u>.

PBA Spare Shots

FLOBOWLING DEBUTS MULTI-STREAM OPTIONS FOR PBA60 FINALS, XF TOUR EVENTS

As the PBA "senior" players wrapped up their regular season this week with the third annual PBA60 Dick Weber Championship, PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling unveiled a new multi-stream system to provide subscribers with a "sneak peek" at enhanced viewing options to watch a variety of players. For the Dick Weber Championship, an event that included a field of 97 players 60 and older, FloBowling began using six streams covering five different pairs of lanes along with a sixth "FloZone" stream that is similar to DirectTV's "Red Zone" channel. A banner at the bottom of the screen includes links to the available pairs of lanes being streamed. The "FloZone" channel provides live commentary by the Xtra Frame announcing team, but the remaining channels provide scoring and allow viewers the opportunity to watch the players in action.

The Dick Weber Championship, presented by 900 Global, concluded today at Pro Bowl West in Fort Wayne, Ind., wrapping up with the stepladder finals airing live on PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling at 1 p.m. EDT.

For the upcoming the Go Bowling! PBA Tour events on PBA Xtra Frame in Middletown, Delaware, multistream options will be expanded to 10 simultaneous streams. That means, if there are four players on any given pair of lanes, viewers will have the ability to watch 40 different players on 10 different pairs of lanes during any given game. In Coldwater, Ohio the following week, all eight pairs in 16-lane Pla-Mor Lanes will be live-streamed throughout the event.

Xtra Frame on FloBowling coverage of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour's 10th anniversary Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic at Mid-County Lanes in Middletown, Del., is set for Saturday and Sunday, with the stepladder finals airing on Sunday at 7 p.m. EDT. The PBA Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic takes place in Coldwater Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 25-26. PBA Tour titles will be at stake in both exclusive PBA Xtra Frame Tour events.

All PBA Xtra Frame events on FloBowling are covered live, from first ball to last. Existing Xtra Frame subscribers need to transition their current subscriptions to FloBowling by visiting <u>https://www.flobowling.com/claim-account</u>. New subscribers can enroll at FloBowling.com.

PETRAGLIA, VOSS TO JOIN END-OF-SEASON PBA50 STORM INVITATIONAL QUALIFIERS

With the conclusion of the PBA50 Tour's regular season Sunday in Wyoming, Mich., the field of 12 qualifiers for the new PBA50 Storm Invitational in late September has been finalized, and the two invitational berths in the end-of-season tournament have been awarded to PBA Hall of Famers **Johnny Petraglia** and **Brian Voss**, PBA50 Tour Director **John Weber** has confirmed.

Advancing to the invitational tournament at Planet Fun Bowling and Entertainment Center in Shallotte, N.C., Sept. 28-30, will be 2018 points leader and Player of the Year **Michael Haugen Jr.** (30,123), PBA50 Cup winner **Brian Kretzer** (23,915), PBA60 star **Ron Mohr**(22,190), **Walter Ray Williams Jr.** (20,194), **Norm Duke** (20,014), **Parker Bohn III** (18,313), **Lennie Boresch Jr.** (17,388), **Amleto Monacelli** (16,699), **Ryan Shafer** (16,685), **Bob Learn Jr.** (14,886), **Pete Weber** (12,182) and **Harry Sullins** (11,617). Sullins held on to out-point Voss (11,161) for the final berth based on points.

The all-star special event will be covered in its entirety by PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling. Competition will include of two rounds of qualifying to determine the top five for a stepladder final to decide the winner of the \$10,000 first prize on Sept. 30 at 6 p.m. ET.

PBA50 PLAYERS TO REPRESENT U.S. IN 2018 PABCON SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Three PBA50 competitors including four-time PBA50 Tour titlist **Lennie Boresch Jr.** of Kenosha, Wis.; three-time winner **Bob Learn Jr.** of Erie, Pa., and 2018 PBA50 Florida Open winner **Warren Eales** of Chandler, Ariz., will be among the eight 50-and-older players representing the United States in the 2018 Pan American Bowling Confederation Senior Championships at Let's Bowl in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, Aug. 19-24.

The fourth member of the men's delegation will be **Steve Badovinac** of Parker, Colo. On the women's side will be **Tish Johnson** of Colorado Springs, Colo.; **Sharon Powers** of Lakewood, Colo.; **Lucy Sandelin** of Tampa, Fla., and **Paula Vidad** of Sun City, Calif. Three-time PBA Tour titlist and USBC Gold coach **Bill Spigner** of Vernon Hill, Ill., will coach the team.

The United States has not competed in the PABCON Senior Championships since its inaugural event in 2008.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: BUTTURFF WINS REYES DOUBLES FOR 18TH REGIONAL TITLE

Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz., and his non-member partner, **Ryan Nikolas** of Milwaukie, Ore., posted a 9-3 match play record and a combined 20-game total of 10,033 pins Sunday to run away with the PBA Tony Reyes Memorial Member/Non-Member Doubles title at 4th Street Bowl in San Jose, Calif.

Nikolas and Butturff, who picked up his fifth PBA Regional title of the year and the 18th in his three-year PBA career, defeated **Darren Tang** of San Francisco and non-member **Zack Hattori** of Las Vegas by 824 pins to split the \$4,000 first prize. Tang and Hattori posted an 8-4 match play record and a 9,209 pinfall total to earn \$2,200.

The Tony Reyes Memorial is named in honor of the late PBA Tour champion who died in 2012.

• **Jason Sterner**, a newly-relocated resident of Atlanta, Ga., won his 12th PBA Regional title and the \$5,000 top prize Sunday, defeating **Kyle Troup** of Taylorsville, N.C., 278-216, in the title match of the third annual PBA AMF Chesapeake South Open presented by Hammer at AMF Western Branch Lanes in Chesapeake, Va.

Sterner, the top qualifier for the stepladder finals, waited while Troup disposed of **Stephen Hahn** of Sterling, Va., in opening match, 215-186, and **Randy Weiss** of Columbia, S.C., 224-173, in the semifinal contest. In the title match Sterner started with six strikes while Troup started with four. The final difference was that Sterner converted a single-pin spare in the seven frame and then struck out until leaving another single pin on his final ball while Troup was unable to match Sterner's strike barrage.

• **Chris Colella** of Indianapolis defeated **Jean Perez** of Puerto Rico, 211-166, to win the PBA Greater Richmond Central Open at Richmond 40 Bowl in Richmond, Ind., Sunday, earning \$1,600 and his second PBA Regional title.

Colella downed **Kyle Cook** of Centerville, Ohio, 279-173, in the semifinal round while Perez eliminated **Joe Bailey** of Wooster, Ohio, 209-186, to also advance to the championship match.

• On tap over the Aug. 17-19 weekend will be the Emerald Bowl Southwest Challenge presented by Track and Bowling Dynamix for non-PBA title winners in Houston, Texas; the Dave Husted Northwest/West Open presented by MOTIV at Husted's Milwaukie Bowl in Milwaukie, Ore., and the Sunday-only BowlerX.com Midwest Challenge for non-titlists at Strike N Spare II in Lockport, III.

• PBA's Japan Region will hold the DHC Chameleon Open and Women's Chameleon Open Aug. 25-26 in Nagano, Japan.

• Labor Day weekend will include the PBA60 Wilson & Sons Pest Control Super Senior Open and the PBA50 Mooresville South Open presented by Columbia 300 at George Pappas' Victory Lanes in Mooresville, N.C.; the PBA50 Hammer/Strike Zone Alleys Open in Pottsville, Pa., and the annual Illinois Valley Midwest/Central Open presented by Ebonite at Illinois Valley Super Bowl in Peru, Ill.

• For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit <u>pba.com</u>, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area...and remember, you can follow "live scoring" for all PBA Regional events on <u>pba.com</u> (easily accessible for Apple device users using the PBA app).

Ron Mohr Strikes Out in 10th Frame of Title Match to Win PBA60 Dick Weber Championship

PBA Hall of Famer defeats Harry Sullins by two pins for second PBA60 title

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (Aug. 16, 2018) – PBA Hall of Famer and Fort Wayne native Ron Mohr won all four stepladder finals matches and threw three strikes in the 10th frame of the title match to win the PBA60 Dick Weber Championship presented by 900 Global Thursday at Pro Bowl West.

The 62-year-old Mohr, who qualified fifth for the finals, defeated top qualifier Harry Sullins of Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 237-235, for his second tournament win for players 60 and over. His first came in the 2017 Super Senior Classic.

Sullins, who finished the match first, made a late run finishing with five consecutive strikes and a ninecount which forced Mohr to get the first two strikes and at least nine on his fill ball in the 10th to win.

"I felt really confident on the right lane so I wasn't worried about that," said Mohr, who bowled his 10th frame on the right lane. "The left lane was the challenge and I found myself having to make a number of adjustments. I just had to read and react, stay in the moment and keep telling myself to stay slow."

It was Mohr's second senior win of the season after winning the PBA50 Northern California Classic in May for his 10th PBA50 Tour title. Sullins, a three-time PBA50 Tour winner, was trying for his first national senior win since winning the 2011 Senior Lake County Open.

Mohr found himself dangerously close to elimination more than once in the tournament. He started the tournament 44th after the first qualifying round and scrambled to make the cut to match play finishing second round qualifying in 25th after dropping as low as 31st. He then had to win his position round match in the final game of match play Thursday morning to take the fifth qualifying spot for the finals.

"I've made a lot of comebacks in a tournament for a good finish, or to win, but this one ranks right at the top," said Mohr, who now makes his home in Las Vegas. "I don't recall ever being on the brink of being eliminated as much as I was in this tournament.

"It's a spectacular way to wrap up the season where I accomplished way more than I thought I would," he added. "This is extra special because I grew up here."

Mohr, who earned his third consecutive PBA60 Player of the Year award, started the finals with a 288-215 win over No. 4 qualifier Christopher Keane of Cape Coral, Fla., who was trying for his first national senior title.

Mohr then went on to beat No. 3 qualifier, PBA Hall of Famer Brian Voss of Centennial, Colo., who turned 60 earlier this month to become eligible for the Dick Weber Championship, 249-212, in the second match.

In the semifinal, Mohr beat PBA50 Tour veteran Sammy Ventura of Syracuse, N.Y., also trying for his first senior title, 224-184, to advance to the title match against Sullins.

The Dick Weber Championship was streamed live on PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling now featuring multiple streams. Next on the Xtra Frame calendar is the PBA Tour's Xtra Frame Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic Aug. 18-19. For subscription and schedule information visit<u>www.flobowling.com</u>.

PBA60 DICK WEBER CHAMPIONSHIP Presented by 900 Global Pro Bowl West, Fort Wayne, Ind., Thursday

Final Standings:

- 1, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, \$7,500.
- 2, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., \$4,000.
- 3, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., \$2,500.
- 4, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., \$2,000.
- 5, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., \$1,750.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Mohr def. Keane, 288-215 Match Two – Mohr def. Voss, 249-212. Semifinal Match – Mohr def. Ventura, 224-184. Championship Match – Mohr def. Sullins, 237-235.

FOURTH ROUND RESULTS (after 26 games. Top five advance to stepladder finals. Includes match play record and total pinfall including bonus pins)

- 1, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 8-4, 6,500.
- 2, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 9-3, 6,447.
- 3, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 9-2-1, 6,327.
- 4, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 8-4, 6,226.
- 5, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 8-4, 6,180.
- 6, n-Leroy Johnson, Chicago, 8-4, 6,167, \$1,600.
- 7, Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 6-6, 6,157, \$1,500.
- 8, Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., 7-5, 6,089, \$1,450.
- 9, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 7-5, 6,084, \$1,400.
- 10, Ed Silva, Manteca, Calif., 8-4, 6,066, \$1,350.
- 11, Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 7-5, 6,003, \$1,300.
- 12, (tie) Dale Csuhta, Wadsworth, Ohio, 5-7, 6,001, and Charlie Tapp, Kalamazoo, Mich., 7-5, 6,001, \$1,238.
- 14, Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 6-6, 5,985, \$1,200.
- 15, Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 7-5, 5,954, \$1,175.
- 16, William Peters, Dayton, Ohio, 6-6, 5,947, \$1,150.
- 17, n-Julius Mickel, Omaha, Neb., 6-6, 5,922, \$1,140.
- 18, n-Ed Austreng, Wterford, Mich., 9-3, 5,909, \$1,130.
- 19, n-Gary Kinyon, Lockport, N.Y., 7-5, 5,857, \$1,120.
- 20, Sam Maccarone, Williamstown, N.J., 6-6, 5,854, \$1,110.
- 21, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 7-5, 5,823, \$1,105.
- 22, Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 4-8, 5,817, \$1,100.
- 23, Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 5-7, 5,754, \$1,095.
- 24, James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 4-7-1, 5,743, \$1,090.
- 25, Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 5-7, 5,721, \$1,085.
- 26, Michael Chrzanowski, Shepherd, Mich., 4-8, 5,713, \$1,080.
- 27, Patrick King, Yankton, S.D., 3-9, 5,701, \$1,075.
- 28, John DiSantis, Wilmington, Del., 4-8, 5,694, \$1,070.
- 29, n-Gus Yannaras, Greenfield, Wis., 3-9, 5,642, \$1,065.
- 30, Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 3-9, 5,619, \$1,060.
- 31, Phillip Moros, Lombard, Ill., 4-8, 5,588, \$1,055.
- 32, Mark Everette, Aliquippa, Pa., 1-11, 5,414, \$1,050.

300 games – Gary Kinyon n-non-member

EJ Tackett Leads PBA Xtra Frame Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic Qualifiers

Fellow two-time 2018 titlist Andrew Anderson also advances to Sunday's cashers round

WILMINGTON, Del. (Aug. 18, 2018) – EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., finished Saturday's sevengame qualifying round with games of 269, 288 and 269 to take a 99-pin lead over the 50 players who advanced to Sunday's cashers' round in the 10th anniversary PBA Xtra Frame Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic at Mid-County Bowling and Entertainment Center.

Tackett and Andrew Anderson of Holly, Mich., two of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour's three two-time titlists, will continue their bids to become the season's first three-time winner when the Delaware tournament continues Sunday morning. Anderson advanced in a tie for 30th place. The other two-time winner in 2018, reigning PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte of Australia, isn't bowling in Delaware.

Tackett, who led off his round with games of 248, 234, 257 and 204, kicked his game into high gear for the final three games to finish with a 1,769 pinfall total – a 252.71 average – to break open a close battle with Jason Sterner of Atlanta, who finished with 1,670 pins. Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas, was third with a 1,623 total followed by Brett Spangler of Niles, Ohio, with 1,612 pins and PBA Tour rookie Kamron Doyle of Brentwood, Tenn., with 1,610 pins.

Defending champion Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., advanced in 15th place with a 1,556 total.

After Sunday's four-game cashers round at 9 a.m., the field will be cut to the top 16 players for match play beginning at 1 p.m. The top four players after 23 games, including match play bonus pins, will advance to the stepladder finals at 7 p.m. All times are Eastern. PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling will cover all rounds using its new "FloZone" coverage system which gives viewers the opportunity to follow all of the action simultaneously on 10 pairs of lanes.

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PBA XTRA FRAME GENE CARTER'S PRO SHOP CLASSIC (A 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour event) Mid-County Bowling and Entertainment Center, Middletown, Del., Saturday

First Round (After seven games. Top 50 advance to Sunday's cashers round)

- 1, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,769.
- 2, Jason Sterner, Atlanta, Ga., 1,670.
- 3, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 1,623.
- 4, Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 1,612.
- 5, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 1,610.
- 6, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 1,601.
- 7, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,590.
- 8, Michael Markis, Scranton, Pa., 1,582.
- 9, David Knight Jr., Glassboro, N.J., 1,578.
- 10, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,577.
- 11, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 1,562.
- 12, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 1,561.
- 13, Sam Cooley, Australia, 1,560.
- 14, Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., 1,558.
- 15, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,556.

- 16, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,550.
- 17, Rick Graham, Lancaster, Pa., 1,544.
- 18, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 1,542.
- 19, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,540.
- 20, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 1,539.
- 21, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 1,531.
- 22, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 1,529.
- 23, Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 1,526.
- 24, David Stouffer, Lehigh Acres, Fla., 1,525.
- 25, Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., 1,524.
- 26, Brian Elder, Newark, Del., 1,518.
- 27, Graham Fach, Canada, 1,507.
- 28, Josh Schmehl, Millsboro, Del., 1,502.
- 29, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 1,492.
- 30 (tie), Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., and Robert Mockenhaupt, Rutherford, N.J., 1,488.
- 32, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 1,487.
- 32, Richie Teece, England, 1,487.
- 34, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,485.
- 35, Daniel Mitchell, Elkton, Md., 1,484.
- 36 (tie), Keith Laing, Oakdale, Conn., and Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, 1,482.
- 38, Todd Sigeti, Lititz, Pa., 1,481.
- 39, Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 1,475.
- 40 (tie), Bobby Hall II, Landover, Md., and Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 1,474.
- 42, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 1,469.
- 43, Bryan Paul, Brooklyn, N.Y., 1,468.
- 44, Victor Florie Jr, Richmond, Va., 1,467.
- 45, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,466.
- 46, Jason Cornog, Cherry Hill, N.J., 1,464.
- 47, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,463.
- 48, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 1,460.
- 49, Stephen Pavlinko Jr., Sewell, N.J., 1,455.
- 50, Tim Pfeifer, Oakdale, Pa., 1,454.

Failed to advance:

- 51, Darren Andretta, Wantagh, NY, 1,447.
- 52 (tie), Kristian Rogers, Salisbury, N.C., and Jack Bogan, Kensington, Md., 1,446.
- 54 (tie), David Harvey, Danville, Pa., and Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 1,444.
- 56, Todd Benner, Sinking Spring, Pa., 1,443.
- 57 (tie), n-Bryan Lindecamp, North East, Md., and Austin Chubb, Mechanicsburg, Pa., 1,441.
- 59, Dwight Adams, Greensboro, N.C., 1,439.
- 60, Glenn Smith, New York, 1,436.
- 61, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,428.
- 62, James Scott, Manassas, Va., 1,427.
- 63, Cody Shoemaker, Hanover, Pa., 1,426.
- 64, Paul Bajorski, West Babylon, N.Y., 1,425.
- 65 (tie), Tommy Dakouvanos, N. Middletown, N.J., and Frank Gray Jr., North East, Md., 1,423.
- 67, Adam Chase, North Babylon, N.Y., 1,417.
- 68, John Furey, Howell, N.J., 1,416.
- 69, Joseph Rzemieniewski, Middletown, Del., 1,414.
- 70, Ray Edwards, Middle Island, N.Y., 1,410.
- 71, Rob Manley, Newark, Del., 1,409.
- 72, Jeffrey Voght, Canojaharie, N.Y., 1,406.
- 73, Tim Beaver, Kingston, N.Y., 1,405.
- 74, n-Jason Stetina, Kingston, Pa., 1,403.

- 75, Richard Martinez, Ballston Spa, N.Y., 1,400.
- 76, Tom Sorce, Blasdell, N.Y., 1,396.
- 77, Jacob Rivers Jr, Albany, N.Y., 1,395.
- 78 (tie), Darryl Carreon, Woodbridge, Va., and Michael Houtz, Myerstown, Pa., 1,390.
- 80 (tie), n-Jason Pavlinko, Sewell, N.J., and Brian Kasperowski, Dickson City, Pa., 1,382.
- 82, Francois Louw, South Africa, 1,381.
- 83, Gary Haines, West Babylon, N.Y., 1,377.
- 84, Jason Stadtler, Lafayette, N.J., 1,376.
- 85, Adam Baer, York Springs, Pa., 1,368.
- 86, Benjamin Rynes, Forest Hill, Md., 1,365.
- 87, Doug Becker, Clermont, Fla., 1,364.
- 88, Matt Wozney, Clayton, Del., 1,363.
- 89, Pete DiChiara, Ardsley, N.Y., 1,360.
- 90, Michael Vella, Bellport, N.Y., 1,358.
- 91 (tie), David Kneas, Annapolis, Md., and Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 1,357.
- 93, Kevin Donovan, Painted Post, N.Y., 1,354.
- 94, Sam Maccarone, Williamstown, N.J., 1,352.
- 95, Tyler Morgan, Newark, Del., 1,349.
- 96 (tie), Chris Blackmore, Aldie, Va., and Stephen Hahn, Sterling, Va., 1,347.
- 98, n-Stanley Waite, Dover, Del., 1,344.
- 99 (tie), Justin D'Amico, Staten Island, N.Y., and Leonardo Apollonia, Raleigh, N.C., 1,342.
- 101, Dylan Reed, Waynesboro, Pa., 1,340.
- 102 (tie), Isaac Rose, Colorado Springs, Colo., and Maurice Frazier, Suffolk, Va., 1,335.
- 104 (tie), Jeremy Domingo, Sewell, N.J., and Jim Tomek Jr., New Cumberland, Pa., 1,334.
- 106, Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,333.
- 107, Rocco Serpico, Hazlet, N.J., 1,331.
- 108, Shane Yesovich, Boardman, Ohio, 1,329.
- 109, Ken Yokobosky, Fredon, N.J., 1,325.
- 110, Benjamin Thompson II, Townsend, Del., 1,324.
- 111, Mike Lattuca, Harrisburg, Pa, 1,323.
- 112 (tie), Troy Lehigh, York, Pa., and Michael Huhn, Secane, Pa.,, 1,322.
- 114, Ben Zakrocki, Philadelphia, 1,317.
- 115, Ervin Raines, New Cummberland, Pa., 1,315.
- 116, William Slack, Barton, N.Y., 1,313.
- 117, Bradley Hoffman, Lemoyne, Pa, 1,312.
- 118, John DiSantis, Wilmington, Del., 1,308.
- 119, n-Jeremy Elder, Wilmington, Del, 1,305.
- 120, George Tignor, Winchendon, Mass., 1,304.
- 121 (tie), Tyler Tardona, Claymont, Del., and Paul Brion, Mansfield, Pa., 1,301.
- 123, Collin Raineri, Gilbertsville, Pa., 1,300.
- 124 (tie), Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va.; Nathan Lidke, Elkton, Md., and Larry Woomer, State College, Pa., 1,299.
- 127, Gregory Hess, Hamilton, N.J., 1,295.
- 128, Geordin Krupski, Newtonville, N.J., 1,294.
- 129, Stephen Pavlinko, Sewell, N.J., 1,286.
- 130, Hector Medina II, Woodbridge, Va., 1,280.
- 131, Jay Boyle, Garnet Valley, Pa., 1,278.
- 132, Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., 1,277.
- 133, Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,275.
- 134, n-Arthur Nowlin, New Castle, Del., 1,272.
- 135, Anthony Fusco, West Hempstead, N.Y., 1,269.
- 136, Ronnie Horton, Christiansburg, Va., 1,268.
- 137, Chad Zimmerman, Harrisburg, Pa., 1,265.

138, Mike Gossman, Allentown, Pa., 1,249.
139, Scott Canfield, Conestoga, Pa., 1,241.
140, Kyle Walther, Miami Beach, Fla., 1,237.
141, John Maslanik Jr., Mantua, N.J., 1,233.
142, Nathan Johnson, Elmira, N.Y., 1,218.
143, Scott Schnur, Jr., Chruchville, Md., 1,208.
144, Naime Esteves, Clifton Park, N.Y., 1,206.
145, Bob Andretta Jr., East Patchogue, N.Y., 1,194.
146, Richard Walker, Owings Mills, Md., 1,192.
147, Williard Isaacs, Jr, Kenton, Del., 1,176.
148, Joseph Steuber, Lakehurst, N.J., 1,170.
149, Adam Travis, Cockeysville, Md., 1,162.
150, n-Jeffrey Roberts, Clermont, Fla., 1,132.

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Anthony Simonsen Gets Creative to Win PBA Xtra Frame Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic

Texas two-handed player uses reverse hook to capture fourth career PBA Tour title

WILMINGTON, Del. (Aug. 19, 2018) – Anthony Simonsen, a 21-year-old two-handed bowler from Austin, Texas, got creative to win his fourth career PBA Tour title in the 10th anniversary PBA Xtra Frame Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic at Mid-County Bowling and Entertainment Center Sunday.

Simonsen – who normally plays the lanes from the right side – resorted to a reverse hook, bowling like a left-hander and targeting the 1-2 pocket, to defeat left-hander Matt Sanders of Indianapolis, 216-194, for the title.

Simonsen made a dramatic change after scoring conditions proved more than a little difficult, forcing many of the right-handed players to move to a deep inside angle that was unmanageable for most.

"To be honest with you, I'm a bit speechless," he said. "These guys are the best bowlers in the world, and to beat them, sometimes you've got to be creative. I didn't have any (kind of consistent shot) on the right, so I had to try something different."

Simonsen said he had tried the so-called "backup ball" technique in a couple of recent PBA Regional tournaments, with limited success, "but I did it enough to think it might work if I practiced a little. I actually practiced three times last week, which is three times more than I usually practice, and I decided to try it in game 10 of match play, and it worked."

Simonsen became the second-youngest player ever to win a PBA Tour title when he won the 2016 Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship with partner Connor Pickford as an 18-year-old, and shortly thereafter won the 2016 USBC Masters at age 19. He won his third PBA Tour title in the 2017 Xtra Frame Wilmington Open, but several other opportunities have escaped him.

"It's been frustrating, but if you keep knocking, they're eventually going to let you in," he said. "You never know if (the reverse hook) will have to come out again, but I'm going to practice and see if I can get better at it."

In the opening match, Sanders, PBA's 2017 Rookie of the Year, had a string of six strikes in an otherwise error-free game, eliminating Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C., who failed to convert a 2-4-8-10 split in the third frame and a 2-10 split in the eighth, 256-210.

In the semifinal match of the four-man stepladder finals, Sanders converted a 2 pin in the first frame and threw four strikes in a row, threatening to blow open his match against 20-year-old PBA Rookie of the Year contender Kamron Doyle of Brentwood, Tenn. But Sanders missed a 7 pin in the sixth frame, giving Doyle an opening and Doyle took advantage, throwing his own string of four strikes to take the lead. After converting a 6 pin in the eighth frame, Sanders finished with four strikes to put the pressure on Doyle, who needed to throw a fifth straight strike to remain in contention for his first PBA Tour title. Doyle left a 10 pin on his first shot, and Sanders moved on to the title match with a 237-223 decision.

The 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour continues with the PBA Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic from Pla-Mor Lanes in Coldwater, Ohio, next Saturday and Sunday, where EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., and Andrew Anderson of Holly, Mich., will again try for a third 2018 title. Tackett led the Delaware event until the final two games when his inability to overcome the deteriorating lane conditions led to a 4-8 match play record and ultimately a fifth-place finish. Anderson came into Sunday's competition in a tie for 30th place, made a big move to sneak into match play as the 16th qualifier and eventually he finished 14th.

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10TH ANNIVERSARY PBA XTRA FRAME GENE CARTER'S PRO SHOP CLASSIC (A 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour event) Mid-County Bowling and Entertainment Center, Middletown, Del., Sunday

Final Standings:

- 1, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, \$15,000.
- 2, Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, \$7,800.
- 3, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., \$4,000.
- 4, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., \$2,500.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Sanders def. Troup, 256-210. Semifinal Match – Sanders def. Doyle, 237-223. Championship – Simonsen def. Sanders, 216-194.

Final Match Play Standings (after 23 games, including match play bonus pins):

- 1, Simonsen, 7-5, 5,380.
- 2, Doyle, 10-2, 5,342.
- 3, Sanders, 5-7, 5,329.
- 4, Troup, 9-3, 5,318.
- 5, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 4-8, 5,281, \$1,600.
- 6, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 6-6, 5,219, \$1,400.
- 7, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 7-5, 5,171, \$1,200.
- 8, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 6-6, 5,168, \$1,100.
- 9, Jason Sterner, Atlanta, 6-6, 5,140, \$1,080.
- 10, Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., 7-5, 5, 132, \$1,060.
- 11, Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 6-6, 5,118, \$1,050.
- 12, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 5-7, 5,107, \$1,040.
- 13, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 5-7, 5,056, \$1,030.
- 14, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 5-7, 5,013, \$1,020.

- 15, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 6-6, 4,985, \$1,010.
- 16, Michael Markis, Scranton, Pa., 2-10, 4,801, \$1,000.

Cashers Round Cashers (did not advance, after 11 games):

- 17, Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., 2,422, \$700.
- 18, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 2,415, \$700.
- 19, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 2,411, \$700.
- 20, Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 2,410, \$700.
- 21, Rick Graham, Lancaster, Pa., 2,408, \$700.
- 22, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,405, \$700.
- 23, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 2,401, \$700.
- 24, David Knight Jr., Glassboro, N.J., 2,398, \$700.
- 25, Sam Cooley, Australia, 2,393, \$650.
- 26, Graham Fach, Canada, 2,387, \$650.
- 27, David Stouffer, Lehigh Acres, Fla., 2,380, \$650.
- 28, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 2,368, \$650.
- 29, Josh Schmehl, Millsboro, Del., 2,364, \$650.
- 30, Tim Pfeifer, Oakdale, Pa., 2,354, \$650.
- 31, Daniel Mitchell, Elkton, Md., 2,348, \$650.
- 32 (tie), Victor Florie Jr., Richmond, Va., and Brian Elder, Newark, Del., 2,329, \$625.
- 34 (tie), Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, and Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 2,325, \$600.
- 36, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 2,322, \$600.
- 37, Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 2,321, \$600.
- 38, Jason Cornog, Cherry Hill, N.J., 2,319, \$600.
- 39, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 2,316, \$600.
- 40, Richie Teece, England, 2,315, \$600.
- 41, Bryan Paul, Brooklyn, N.Y., 2,305, \$600.
- 42, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 2,290, \$600.
- 43, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 2,286, \$600.
- 44, Bobby Hall II, Landover, Md., 2,282, \$600.
- 45, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 2,280, \$600.
- 46, Stephen Pavlinko Jr., Sewell, N.J., 2,235, \$600.
- 47, Keith Laing, Oakdale, Conn., 2,232, \$600.
- 48, Robert Mockenhaupt, Rutherford, N.J., 2,206, \$600.
- 49, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 2,202, \$600.
- 50, Todd Sigeti, Lititz, Pa., 2,190, \$600.

Coldwater's PBA Xtra Frame Tour Tournament Becomes a "Can't Miss" Event

Sold-out field of top bowling stars set for another Kenn-Feld Group Classic

COLDWATER, Ohio (Aug. 21, 2018) – By all standards normally applied to a Professional Bowlers Association tournament, the PBA Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic shouldn't even appear on the radar screen. But next week, the 11th annual edition of the PBA Xtra Frame Tour event returns as a "can't miss" event on the schedule of many of the PBA's top stars.

Held in Coldwater, Ohio, a community of just over 4,000 residents, and hosted by Pla-Mor Lanes, a 16lane facility renowned for its challenging scoring conditions, the Kenn-Feld Group Classic will again feature a sold-out field of 96 PBA members including defending champion Rhino Page of Orlando, Fla., and a number of PBA Tour champions including a sprinkling of PBA Hall of Famers. The entire tournament will be live-streamed by PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling, and will include a new FloBowling option that will allow subscribers to watch the action on all eight pairs of lanes, from start to finish, Saturday and Sunday.

"Because it's a small rural community, and held in a 16-lane center where it's hard to knock down 10 pins, if you win, you feel like you've conquered something if you win here," said PBA Central Region Manager Bobby Jakel, who manages the tournament. "It's one of those things, where moving from pair to pair, they play differently. It's more than getting the ball to the pocket; it's a matter of knocking down 10 pins. You can shoot 230 on one pair and 150 on the next. That's the nature of the center."

That basically describes the challenge for the players. It features all of the tests of skills players will find in a U.S. Open, but in a smaller scale. But the scoring challenges are only part of the reason why PBA members like to come to Coldwater.

"The proprietors (Rick Hartings and his father Linus) are just amazing people," Jakel said. "The whole community is great. It's a special event."

And the format is appealing. Because Pla-Mor Lanes is a small 16-lane facility, small by PBA tournament standards, a special schedule was created to allow the event to accommodate 96 players: 32 bowling eight qualifying games each on three different squads on Saturday, with the top 32 advancing to Sunday's final rounds.

"A number of PBA tournaments have adopted the eliminator format that originated in Coldwater," Jakel said. "It's a format that is based on the idea that the more pins you knock down, the longer you stay in the tournament."

Sunday's schedule begins with a four-game cashers round for Saturday's top 32 at 10 a.m. Based on 12game totals after the cashers round, the top 16 will bowl three more games at 12:30 p.m. After the Round of 16, the top eight based on 15-game totals move on to the Round of 8, where they will bowl two more games. Based on 17-game totals, the top four will compete in the stepladder finals at 3:30 p.m.

A win in Coldwater could also have other impacts. Last year's win, followed by a victory in the U.S. Open, helped Page secure the "Best Bowler" award at ESPN's annual Espy Awards ceremony. A win this year could help contenders in the PBA Player and Rookie of the Year races.

Many of the world's premier players are headed to western Ohio following the Xtra Frame Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic in Middletown, Del., including Andrew Anderson of Holly, Mich., and EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., who have both won two PBA Tour titles this year. Others in the field with one 2018 PBA Tour title include Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz.; Matt O'Grady of Rahway, N.J.; Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich.; Dick Allen of Lexington, S.C., and 21-year-old Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas, a two-handed right-hander who won last Sunday's title in Delaware by throwing a reverse hook ("backup ball") from the left side of the lane – a unique feat in PBA Tour history.

Twenty-one additional PBA Tour titlists entered include Brad Angelo of Lockport, N.Y.; Mitch Beasley of Clarksville, Tenn.; PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J.; Ryan Ciminelli of Clarence, N.Y.; Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Fla.; Graham Fach of Canada; Tom Hess of Urbandale, Iowa; Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash.; Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio; Anthony LaCaze of Elgin, Ill.; Chris Loschetter of Avon, Ohio; Jake Peters of Henderson, Nev.; Connor Pickford of Charlotte, N.C.; Kurt Pilon of Warren, Mich.; Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill.; Ronnie Russell of Marion, Ind.; Matt Sanders of Indianapolis; Jason Sterner of Atlanta, Ga.; Richie Teece of England, and Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C.

Mix the established champions into a field of talented young players who are out to make a name for themselves in PBA competition, and you have the makings for an exciting conclusion to PBA's Xtra Frame Tour season.

The Kenn-Feld Group Classic gets underway on Friday, Aug. 25, with a practice session for tournament players at 2 p.m., followed by pro-am squads at 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. when Coldwater area grassroots league bowlers – men, women, kids, seniors – can bowl with PBA stars for their own prizes. For pro-am information, call Pla-Mor Lanes at 419-678-3113.

Competition begins with eight-game qualifying squads on Saturday at 8 a.m., 1:30 and 7 p.m. The top 32 players after eight games will advance to a four-game cashers round Sunday at 10 a.m. After 12 games, the top 16 will bowl an additional three games at 12:30 p.m.Based on 15-game pinfall totals, the top eight will bowl two more games to determine the top four stepladder finalists based on 17-game pinfall totals. The finals will take place at 3:30 p.m. Sunday.

PBA XTRA FRAME KENN-FELD GROUP CLASSIC

Pla-Mor Lanes, Coldwater, Ohio, Aug. 24-26 (all times Eastern)

Friday, Aug. 24 2 p.m. - Practice session 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. – Pro-am squads

Saturday, Aug. 25

8 a.m. - A Squad, 8 qualifying games
1:30 p.m. - B Squad, 8 qualifying games
7 p.m. - C Squad, 8 qualifying games
Top 32 players after 8 games advances to Sunday's cashers round

Sunday, Aug. 26

10 a.m. – Cashers round, 4 games (top 16 after 12 games advance to Round of 16) 12:30 p.m. – Round of 16, three games (top 8 based on 15 games advance to Round of 8) 2 p.m. – Round of 8, two games (top 4 based on 17 games advance to stepladder finals) 3:30 p.m. - Top four stepladder finals

Collegiate Bowler Tyler Lewis Wins PBA Houston Emerald Bowl Southwest Challenge

Houston, Texas, (August 21, 2018) – Collegiate bowler Tyler Lewis from Ponchatoula, La., edged fellow Louisianian Jacob Dupre from Baton Rouge by one pin to claim victory in the Professional Bowlers Association Houston Emerald Bowl Southwest Challenge presented by Bowling Dynamix and Track Sunday.

Lewis, a student at Southeastern Louisiana, trailed Dupre by 87 pins going into the final position round match. Dupre, a student at LSU, struggled to find the pocket through most of the final game as Lewis kept increasing his lead. Lewis threw three strikes to end his game, forcing Dupre to strike to win the event, but a solid 10 pin on his first shot allowed Lewis to win the game, 222-164, and with the 30 bonus pins, claim the \$2,000 first prize. Lewis finished the eight-game modified round robin finals with 4,517 total pins while Dupre finished with 4,516 total pins for his 21 games, including match play bonus pins.

Because Lewis is not a PBA member, he doesn't get credit for a PBA title.

Next on the PBA Southwest Region schedule will be the PBA Grand Casino/Hotel/Resort Southwest Invitational, Sept. 7-9, at FireLake Lanes in Shawnee, Okla. Xtra Frame on FloBowling will livestream the event from start to finish. The following weekend, a \$4,000 first place prize will be offered in Liberal, Kan., at Ayres' Lanes, Sept. 14-16. Another Challenge event for non-champions follows at South Plains Lanes in Lubbock, Texas, Sept. 21-23.

PBA HOUSTON EMERALD BOWL SOUTHWEST CHALLENGE, presented by Bowling Dynamix and Track

Emerald Bowl, Houston, Texas, Sunday

Final Standings (after 21 games, including match play bonus pins):

1, n-Tyler Lewis, Ponchatoula, La., <u>6-2</u>, 4,517, \$2,000. 2, n-Jacob Dupre, Baton Rouge, La., 3-5, 4,516, \$1,250. 3, David Tullos, <u>Spring, Texas, 6-2</u>, 4,470, \$1,000. 4, n-Eric Manthei, Lumberton, Texas, 5-3, 4,414, \$850. 5, Jacob Heger, Spring, Texas, 3-5, 4,401, \$725. 6, Marshal Morrison, <u>Wills Point, Texas, 6-2</u>, 4,374, \$675. 7, Travis Tribolet, San Angelo, Texas, 2-6, 4,367, \$630. 8, Clint Land, Houston, 5-3, 4,348, \$600.

9, Justin Wren, Spring, <u>Texas</u>, <u>3-5</u>, 4,345, \$580. 10, n-Lee Lorts, Katy, Texas, 4-4, 4,327, \$560. 11, Clinton Holliday Jr., Waller, Texas, 5-3, 4,270, \$550. 12, n-Corey Bottos, Houston, 5-3, 4,261, \$535. 12, n-Victor de la Garza, Mexico, 3-5, 4,261, \$535. 14, Bryan Pogor, Round Rock, Texas, 3-5, 4,241, \$520. 15, n-Terry Ward, San Angelo, Texas, 2-6, 4,196, \$510. 16, n-Tyler Wright, Gonzales, Lou., 3-5, 4,178, \$500.

n-denotes non-member

Rob Stone Returns as Play-By-Play Announcer for Fox Sports Telecasts of 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour

"Hambone" Creator Reunited with Analyst Randy Pedersen, Sideline Reporter Kimberly Pressler

LOS ANGELES (Aug. 21, 2018) – Today, FOX Sports and the Professional Bowlers Association announce the lead broadcasting team for the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour, including the return of Rob Stone as playby-play announcer, along with analyst Randy Pedersen and reporter Kimberly Pressler. The trio will make its FOX debut on Sunday, Dec. 23, with the PBA Clash on FOX. The announcement was made today by John Entz, President of Production & Executive Producer, FOX Sports, and PBA CEO-Commissioner Tom Clark.

"Rob is a dynamic and versatile sports broadcaster who is passionate about bowling," said Entz. "And he's already a legend in the sport for inventing the term 'hambone'."

"We are very excited to have Rob Stone back with the PBA," Clark said. "He became part of the bowling family when he was our play-by-play voice years ago with Pedersen and Pressler and he never left. We are very proud of the great career Rob has built at FOX Sports and look forward to the passion he will bring when he returns to our events."

A veteran sports broadcaster, Stone was most recently the lead studio host for FOX Sports coverage of the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia[™] live from Moscow. Since joining FOX Sports in 2012, Rob has served as the lead studio host for the network's soccer, college football and college basketball programming.

Stone was PBA's play-by-play announcer from 2008 until 2012. He endeared himself to the bowling public with his eagerness to learn the sport, his sense of humor, an enthusiastic personality and his immediate connection with Pedersen, a PBA Hall of Famer and veteran color analyst. Learning that three consecutive strikes in bowling is called a "turkey," but there was no common term for four strikes in a row, Stone coined the expression "hambone." His catch phrase took on a life of its own and remains a part of bowling's lexicon.

"Back in 2008, the PBA unexpectedly became a cherished part of my career," said Stone. "The hope to be reunited with the world's best bowlers has existed for years. I am honored to return and cannot wait to get back to the lanes with my old partners Randy and Kimberly, and my many other co-workers and lifetime bowling friends."

Stone returns to the play-by-play booth with Pedersen, who will provide analysis for PBA telecasts for the 17th consecutive year. Pedersen ranked among the Tour's top players during a 25-year career on the lanes. The 13-time PBA Tour champion was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame in 2011. He revived his professional career in 2013 after seven years by competing on the PBA50 Tour where he won his first title in his PBA50 Tour debut.

"I'm personally very excited to have an opportunity to work with my old buddy, Rob Stone, again," Pedersen said. "We developed a great relationship and friendship, and we've maintained it ever since. And I'm looking forward to the PBA moving to FOX Sports over the coming years. It's very thrilling for professional bowling."

Pressler has also been a fixture on the tour, serving as PBA's sideline reporter since 2010. The Miss USA 1999 has covered events for ABC, MTV, ESPN, FOX Sports, NBC and the SPEED Network, ranging from the ACIS Fitness National Championships, Traxxas TORC truck racing series, Red Bull X-Fighters series to the X-Games. Pressler once worked for the U.S. Department of Energy at a nuclear power plant.

"I'm honored to be joining the PBA telecasts on FOX and am thrilled to have Rob back on the PBA telecast team," Pressler added. "I'm looking forward to the inaugural season with FOX Sports and working alongside both Rob and Randy again. This will be the best season yet."

The PBA makes its FOX television debut on Sunday, Dec. 23, 2018, with the PBA Clash from Houston, Texas (FOX, 2:30 or 4:30 p.m. ET, depending on the viewer's location).

PBA Spare Shots

DID ANTHONY SIMONSEN UNVEIL THE NEXT EVOLUTION OF BOWLING TECHNIQUES?

On Sunday, August 19, **Anthony Simonsen** of Austin, Texas, made PBA history in winning the PBA Xtra Frame Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic Sunday in Middletown, Del., by throwing a "backup ball."

Simonsen, 21, who normally delivers a powerful two-handed hook from the right side of the lane, made a dramatic decision, using his two-handed skills from the left side of the lane and throwing a reverse hook to play the lanes like a left-hander.

In doing so, Simonsen may have introduced the next evolutionary advancement in bowling technique.

In researching the use of a "backup ball" in a PBA title match, the PBA found the closest a "backup ball" player came to winning a PBA Tour title was the late **Ernie Hoesterey** of New Bedford, Mass., who finished seventh in the 1965 Boston Open. More on Hoesterey later...

If PBA Hall of Famer **Johnny Petraglia** is correct, the ability of two-handed players to compete from either side of the lane could revolutionize the sport. And Petraglia, who has seen it all in his 53-year PBA career, believes this is the next-gen.

"We've got juniors doing that right now. One of them, **Matt Stephens**, is a high school state recordholder," the 71-year-old New Jersey left-hander said. "Ironically, he learned to bowl as a backup ball player and then he learned the other way. I don't know what his future holds, but if he figures it out, the game changes completely."

Petraglia, one of the most astute observers of bowling history among today's active competitors, noted that the governing bodies of bowling long ago adopted rules that forbid players from changing delivery hands during competition. That is, a right-handed player isn't allowed to shoot at a spare with a left-handed delivery, nor can he change delivery hands in the middle of competition.

"But that kinda goes by the board (with two-handers)," he said. "We have a guy around here who can bowl with either hand. He who looks like a mirror (image of himself); it's not just which arm but his whole body. But now you can bowl with both hands on either side of the lane? I don't know what happens after that.

"That said, I don't think any rules should be passed to stop two-handers," Petraglia said. "If you grew up, like Jason Belmonte, throwing the ball with two hands from the time you were three years old, and you get to be 30 and they tell you you can't play like that? That's unfair. I don't think you should ban it, but it is a problem."

Back to Ernie Hoesterey, who died in 1991. He was a right-hander who threw a reverse hook/backup ball his entire life. He co-owned Country Club Lanes in Fairhaven, Mass., as well as a company that manufactured precision surgical scissors. He bowled PBA Tour events primarily in New England, where he was an active New England Bowling Association competitor, winning four NEBA titles and earning induction into the NEBA Hall of Fame.

"Ernie was a right-handed lefty, a very good player," said PBA Hall of Famer and founding member **Carmen Salvino**. "He blew racks."

"You could only do that (throw a 'backup ball') if your arm went that way," said PBA Hall of Famer **Wayne Webb**, who grew up in the area and knew Hoesterey well. "I saw him bowl all over the place; he was really good at it."

Simonsen, like thousands of bowlers before him, began to tinker with the reverse hook as a way to get a better angle to try to convert the 2-8-10 split. He also observed a favorable ball path when he did that, so he expanded his experimentation in a couple of PBA Regional tournaments prior to Middletown, and liked what he saw. A lot of other bowlers have thrown "backup balls" here-and-there, but no one had ever tried the technique for an game and won a PBA title in the process.

In the XF Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic, Simonsen decided to try the reverse hook with two games to go in match play, and shot 245 and 268 in his final two matches to jump from fourth to first. Even though the stepladder finals were bowled on a freshly-oiled pair of lanes, Simonsen decided to stick with his left side, reverse hook delivery and it paid off as he defeated **Matt Sanders** of Indianapolis, 216-194, for his fourth PBA Tour title.

It probably won't be the last time we'll see the reverse hook used in PBA competition.

MULTI-STREAM COVERAGE OF PBA XTRA FRAME KENN-FELD CLASSIC SET FOR WEEKEND

PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling will have a unique opportunity to showcase its new multi-stream system this weekend when it covers every player in every game of the PBA Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Classic from Pla-Mor Lanes in Coldwater, Ohio, this weekend.

Because Pla-Mor is a 16-lane center, FloBowling will be able to stream live coverage on all eight pairs of lanes including a designated "FloZone" pair that will provide live commentary by the Xtra Frame announcing team. The other pairs will provide video coverage with scoring. The banner at the bottom of the screen will provide links to the available pairs of lanes being streamed so viewers can select the lanes they want to watch. The 96-player field will be divided into three qualifying squads on Saturday. To find out which squad any given player is assigned to, click here: https://www.pba.com/Rosters/Details/2698.

FloBowling also is tentatively planning to expand its Xtra Frame coverage to include the PBA International-World Bowling Tour Storm Lucky Larsen Masters from Malmo, Sweden, Sept. 6-9. A pair of PBA Regional events also have been added to the PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling schedule: the Grand Hotel Casino and Resort Southwest Open from Shawnee, Okla., Sept. 8-9, and the Double Decker West/Northwest Open presented by Roto Grip from Double Decker Lanes in Rohnert Park, Calif., Sept. 29-30.

All PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling events are covered live from start to finish. Existing Xtra Frame subscribers need to transition their current subscriptions to FloBowling by visiting <u>https://www.flobowling.com/claim-account</u>. New subscribers can enroll at FloBowling.com.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: LAKOTA GETS FIRST TITLE IN ILLINOIS

• Four years after winning in Lockport, Ill., as an amateur, **Ryan Lakota** of Shorewood, Ill., defeated **Mike Martell** of Brooklyn, N.Y., 179-144, to win his first PBA title in the PBA BowlerX.com Midwest Challenge at Strike N Spare II in Lockport Sunday.

Lakota, who earned \$1,400 along with his title, defeated **Mike Schlabach** of Goshen, Ind., 202-189 and Martell, a non-PBA member, rolled past **Kevin Kullman** of Lockport, 204-160, in the semifinal round to set up the championship match. PBA Challenge events are open to players who have never won a PBA title.

• In a battle of collegiate bowlers, **Tyler Lewis** from Ponchatoula, La., edged fellow Louisianian **Jacob Dupre** from Baton Rouge by one pin to claim victory in the PBA Emerald Bowl Southwest Challenge presented by Bowling Dynamix and Track in Houston, Texas, Sunday.

Lewis, a student at Southeastern Louisiana, trailed Dupre by 87 pins going into the final position round match. Dupre, a student at LSU, struggled to find the pocket through most of the final game as Lewis kept increasing his lead. Lewis threw three strikes to end his game, forcing Dupre to strike to win the event, but a solid 10 pin on his first shot allowed Lewis to win the game, 222-164, and with the 30 bonus pins, claim the \$2,000 first prize with 4,517 total pins.

Because Lewis is not a PBA member, he doesn't get credit for a PBA title.

• A week after winning his first PBA Regional event with doubles partner **Jakob Butturff**, amateur **Ryan Nikolas** of Milwaukie, Ore., posted a 5-7 match play record and a 20-game total of 5,036 pins Sunday to win his second PBA Regional in the PBA's longest-running regional tournament, the 39th annual PBA Dave Husted Northwest Open presented by 900 MOTIV at Husted's Milwaukee Bowl in Milwaukie, Ore. Nikolas, who earned \$2,000, defeated **Craig Tuholski** of Troutdale, Ore., by 114 pins for the win, but won't receive credit for a title in either event because he isn't a PBA member.

• PBA's Japan Region will hold the DHC Chameleon Open and Women's Chameleon Open Aug. 25-26 in Nagano, Japan.

• Labor Day weekend will include the PBA60 Wilson & Sons Pest Control Super Senior Open and the PBA50 Mooresville South Open presented by Columbia 300 at George Pappas' Victory Lanes in Mooresville, N.C.; the PBA50 Hammer/Strike Zone Alleys Open in Pottsville, Pa., and the 23rd annual Illinois Valley Midwest/Central Open presented by Ebonite at Illinois Valley Super Bowl in Peru, Ill.

• For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit <u>pba.com</u>, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area...and remember, you can follow "live scoring" for all PBA Regional events on <u>pba.com</u> (easily accessible for Apple device users using the PBA app).

Rolando Sebelen's PBA50 Rookie of the Year Award Writes Another Chapter for the First Family of Bowling in the Dominican Republic

CHICAGO (Aug. 23, 2018) – With three top-10 finishes in majors during the 2018 season, Rolando Sebelen is the recipient of the PBA50 Rookie of the Year Award and in the process, adding another milestone for what could be called the first family of bowling in the Dominican Republic.

Sebelen, who joins Venezuelan native and PBA Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli as only the second international player to win the PBA50 Rookie of the Year award, finished eighth in the PBA50 National Championship, 10th in the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open and ninth in the PBA50 Cup to conclude the season while leading the points list among PBA50 rookies.

"My impression right away was the quality of the bowlers," the 50-year-old Sebelen said of his first experience in PBA competition. "To be able to bowl with the players that I watched on TV was very exciting for me.

"It was a totally new experience for me with the formats and match play because I had never done that before," Sebelen continued. "It was definitely one of the highlights of my career."

Sebelen said his most rewarding experience during the season was his eighth-place finish in the PBA50 National Championship.

"I remember people saying, 'Who was that guy?' because that was my first tournament," Sebelen said. "The other players were congratulating me and that made me very comfortable and excited to bowl on the PBA50 Tour."

While a newcomer to PBA competition, Sebelen is a member of the Dominican Republic's most decorated bowling family, and a long-time competitor in international bowling circles.

His father, also a Rolando, was introduced to the game by relatives while living in Puerto Rico. He took to the game quickly and would eventually win the 1971 FIQ Doubles Championship – held in Milwaukee – with partner Carlos Diaz. It was the first medal in international bowling competition for the Dominican Republic.

The Sebelen family – which actually includes seven "Rolandos" – the "senior" Rolando, three sons and three grandsons – developed a passion for bowling and would make periodic 30-minute plane trips to Puerto Rico to practice because of the lack of adequate bowling facilities in the Dominican Republic. As the Sebelen family became more involved in the sport, eventually the elder Sebelen built a 22-lane bowling center in Santo Domingo in 1996. Their center hosted the 1997 FIQ (now Pan American Bowling Confederation) American Zone Championships, and will host the 2018 PABCON Women's Championships in late September.

Following in his father's footsteps, the younger Rolando, a member of the Dominican Republic national bowling team for more than 30 years, also has had success in international competition. He is a multimedalist in international competition, most notably winning a doubles bronze medal in the 2007 Pan Am Games and a team gold medal in the 1989 World Bowling Championships.

Dick Allen Leads PBA Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic Qualifiers

Consistency key to five-time PBA Tour title winner's first eight games

COLDWATER, Ohio (Aug. 25, 2018) – Dick Allen of Lexington, S.C., averaged 221.38 on demanding lane conditions Saturday to lead the 32 players who advance to Sunday's cashers round in the PBA Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic at Pla-Mor Lanes .

The PBA Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic is a part of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour.

The 39-year-old Allen, a five-time PBA Tour champion, was the model of consistency, starting Saturday's eight-game qualifying round with his only sub-200 game (192) and finishing with games of 204, 212, 233, 258, 253, 217 and 202 for a 1,771 pinfall total. Allen is trying to win his third PBA Xtra Frame Tour title. He previously won the Xtra Frame Chesapeake Open in Chesapeake, Va., in 2017 and the Xtra Frame Port Property Management Open in Portland, Maine, earlier in 2018.

Pla-Mor Lanes, notorious for its challenging scoring environment, played true to its reputation. Only 16 of the 96 players were able to average 200 or high during the qualifying round.

"In an event like this, you have to find a way to get to the pocket and make as few changes as possible. Every mistake you make, you lose pins, and every pin counts," Allen said. "There's an old Russian saying that would be interpreted here to say something like, you don't get the pins in Coldwater. The pins get you."

His closest challenger after the first eight games was seven-time PBA Tour titlist Ryan Ciminelli of Clarence, N.Y., with 1,706 pins. Two-time titlist Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Fla., third with a 1,678 total. Defending champion Rhino Page of Orlando, Fla., advanced in eighth place.

Sunday's schedule begins with a four-game cashers round at 10 a.m. Based on 12-game pinfall totals after the cashers round, the top 16 will bowl three more games at 12:30 p.m. After the Round of 16, the top eight based on 15-game totals move on to the Round of 8, where they will bowl two more games.

Pinfall totals for 17 games will decide the four players who will compete in the stepladder finals at 3:30 p.m. All times are Eastern.

All of Sunday's competition will be live-streamed by PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling, and will include a new FloBowling option that will allow subscribers to watch the action on all eight pairs of lanes. For subscription information, visit FloBowling.com.

PBA XTRA FRAME KENN-FELD GROUP CLASSIC (A part of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour) Pla-Mor Lanes, Coldwater, Ohio, Saturday

First Round (After eight games; top 32 advance to Sunday's cashers qualifying round)

- 1, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 1,771.
- 2, Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., 1,706.
- 3, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 1,678.
- 4 (tie), Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., and Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 1,665.
- 6, Richie Teece, England, 1,662.
- 7, Jason Lundquist, Columbus, Ohio, 1,651.
- 8, Rhino Page, Orlando, 1,649.
- 9, n-Chad Roberts, Reynoldsburg, Ohio, 1,646.
- 10 (tie), Joe Bailey, Wooster, Ohio, and Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,642.
- 12, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 1,641.
- 13, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,637.
- 14, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 1,626.
- 15, Chris Colella, Indianapolis, Ind., 1,622.
- 16, Francois Louw, South Africa, 1,604.
- 17, Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 1,597.
- 18, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,596.
- 19, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,589.
- 20, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 1,588.
- 21, AJ Chapman, St. Paul, Minn., 1,585.
- 22, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 1,584.
- 23, Michael Tang, San Francisco, 1,580.
- 24, Graham Fach, Canada, 1,579.
- 25, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 1,578.
- 25, Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., 1,578.
- 27, JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 1,576.
- 28, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 1,572.
- 29, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 1,565.
- 30, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,562.
- 31 (tie), x-Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C. and y-Michael Clark Jr., Cleveland, Ohio, 1,561.

Failed to advance:

- 33, z-Jason Sterner, Atlanta, Ga., 1,561.
- 34 (tie), EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., and Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 1,559.
- 36, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,554.
- 37 (tie), Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, and Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1,553.
- 39, Richard McCormick, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1,552.
- 40, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 1,548.
- 41, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 1,540.
- 42, Ryan Lakota, Shorewood, Ill., 1,539.
- 43, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 1,534.
- 44, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 1,531.
- 45, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 1,528.

- 46, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, IL, 1,509. 47, Frank Snodgrass, Center Line, Mich., 1,506. 48, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,501. 49, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,499. 50, James Hennessey, Adrian, Mich, 1,496. 51, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 1,493. 52, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 1,491. 53, n-Casey Cohagan, Fairport, Ohio, 1,490. 54, Chandler Stevens, Archbold, Ohio, 1,489. 55, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 1,478. 56, John Furey, Howell, N.J., 1,476. 57, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 1,472. 58, Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 1,470. 59, Bobby Hall II, Landover, Md., 1,466. 60, Kyle Cook, Centerville, Ohio, 1,463. 61, Tom Sorce, Blasdell, N.Y., 1,459. 62, Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, 1,457. 63, Tim Pfeifer, Oakdale, Pa., 1,455. 64, Sam Cooley, Australia, 1,447. 65, Anthony LaCaze, Elgin, Ill., 1,442. 66 (tie), Jean Perez, Puerto Rico, and Trent Knoop, Sidney, Ohio, 1,440. 68, Kyle Mayberry, Mt. Vernon, Ohio, 1,434. 69, Anthony Kennard, Wapakoneta, Ohio, 1,433. 70, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 1,427. 71, Bill Crane III, Mooresville, Ind., 1,425. 72, ss-Jim Dilyard, Burbank, Ohio, 1,424. 73, Brandon Keirns, Marion, Ohio, 1,420. 74, Zach Doty, Campbellsville, Ky., 1,418. 75, n-Brandon Kennard, Wapakoneta, Ohio, 1,417. 76, Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 1,415. 77, Zachery Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,413. 78, Charlie Brown Jr, Grandville, Mich., 1,410. 79, Kyle Walther, Miami Beach, Fla., 1,407. 80, Christopher Elizondo, Waynesburg, Pa., 1,386. 81, Dakota Vostry, Chicago, Ill., 1,366. 82, Brett Miller, Morehead, Ky., 1,363. 83, Scott McIntire Jr., North Royalton, Ohio, 1,360. 84, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 1,357. 85, Carleton Chambers, Detroit, 1,351.
- 86 (tie), Andrew Silverman, Akron, Ohio, and Bill Burke, Angola, Ind., 1,336.
- 88, Dan Hochstein, Canton, Mich., 1,334.
- 89, Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C., 1,332.
- 90, David Rosengarten, Gardendale, Ala., 1,289.
- 91, Gerald Malcom, Jr., River Rouge, Mich., 1,246.
- 92, Michael Baker, Moline, Ill., 1,204.
- 93, Trevor Besel, Maricopa, Ariz., 1,170.
- 94, Steve Tobolt, Chicago, Ill., 1,164.
- 95, Gary Zwiezinski, Elyria, Ohio, 1,155.

x-Troup 204 and y-Clark 188 advanced to cashers round following one-game roll-off to break a tie for 31st and 32nd positions. z-Sterner 170 finished in 33rd place.

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Jakob Butturff Wins PBA Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic

Unorthodox left-hander wins fourth career title, enters 2018 Player of the Year race

COLDWATER, Ohio (Aug. 26, 2018) – Jakob Butturff, an unorthodox 24-year-old left-hander from Tempe, Ariz., inserted himself into the Professional Bowlers Association Player of the Year conversation Sunday when he defeated Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Fla., 217-182, to win the PBA Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic at Pla-Mor Lanes.

Butturff, who won the Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic earlier in the year in Indianapolis, joins Australia's Jason Belmonte; EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., and Andrew Anderson of Holly, Mich., as the Go Bowling! PBA Tour's fourth two-time titlist in 2018.

Butturff, who uses a quirky double-jointed delivery, entered the finals as the top qualifier after overtaking Daugherty in the final game of qualifying earlier in the day. He then started the title match with four strikes, but surrendered the lead when he left and failed to convert the 1-3-7-9 in the seventh frame. Daugherty, who had a clean game including a turkey through seven frames, lost his edge when he failed to convert the 2-4-5-8 in the eighth frame and then missed a 5 pin in the ninth.

"This win means everything," Butturff, now a four-time title winner, said before turning his praise to the fans of Coldwater, a rural community of just over 4,000 residents who turned out in droves to support the 11th annual tournament. "Every time I come in here, it's amazing. The fans want to see us bowl and they give us their all. They're what keeps our sport going."

In the first match of the four-man stepladder final, PBA Tour veteran Brad Angelo of Lockport, N.Y., bowled an error-free game, rolling a key strike in the ninth frame and striking out in the 10th for a dramatic win after defending champion Rhino Page recovered from failing to convert the 2-4-7-10 split in his fourth frame, finishing with six strikes to force Angelo's hand. Angelo won, 228-225.

In the semifinal match, Daugherty got some help when Angelo had three open frames, throwing his own decisive string of four strikes in a 226-188 victory to advance to the championship match.

The 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour will complete its domestic schedule with the three-event FloBowling PBA Fall Swing in suburban Tulsa, Okla., Oct. 14-20, followed by the U.S. Open Oct. 24-31 in Wichita, Kan. The Fall Swing will award titles in the Wolf, Bear and Tulsa Opens, all of which will be live streamed from start to finish on FloBowling. For subscription information, visit FloBowling.com.

Prior to the Fall Swing, PBA Tour players will have an opportunity to bowl for PBA International-World Bowling Tour titles in the Storm Lucky Larsen Open that is currently underway in Malmo, Sweden, concluding Sept. 9, and the WBT Thailand in Bangkok, Sept. 22-28.

PBA XTRA FRAME KENN-FELD GROUP CLASSIC (A part of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour) Pla-Mor Lanes, Coldwater, Ohio, Sunday

Final Standings:

- 1, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., \$10,000.
- 2, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., \$5,000.
- 3, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., \$2,500.
- 4, Rhino Page, Orlando, \$2,250.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Angelo def. Page, 228-225. Semifinal Match – Daugherty def. Angelo, 226-188. Championship – Butturff def. Daugherty, 217-182.

Round of 8 (after 17 games):

- 1, Butturff, 3,709.
- 2, Daugherty, 3,703.
- 3, Page, 3,587.
- 4, Angelo, 3,569.
- 5, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 3,554, \$2,000.
- 6, Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., 3,542, \$1,750.
- 7, Jason Lundquist, Columbus, Ohio, 3,540, \$1,500.
- 8, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 3,378, \$1,250.

Round of 16 Cashers (did not advance, after 15 games):

- 9, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 3,036, \$1,100.
- 10, Francois Louw, South Africa, 3,001, \$1,000.
- 11, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 2,989, \$950.
- 12, Richie Teece, England, 2,977, \$900.
- 13, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 2,973, \$875.
- 14, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 2,971, \$850.
- 15, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 2,955, \$825.
- 16, Joe Bailey, Wooster, Ohio, 2,918, \$800.

Cashers Round Cashers (did not advance, after 12 games):

- 17, Chris Colella, Indianapolis, Ind., 2,381, \$775.
- 18, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 2,376, \$775.
- 19, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 2,375, \$775.
- 20, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 2,369, \$775.
- 21, Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., 2,361, \$750.
- 22, Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 2,335, \$750.
- 23, n-Chad Roberts, Reynoldsburg, Ohio, 2,327, \$750.
- 24, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 2,323, \$750.
- 25, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,317, \$725.
- 26, AJ Chapman, St. Paul, Minn., 2,311, \$725.
- 27, JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 2,301, \$725.
- 28, Graham Fach, Canada, 2,300, \$725.
- 29, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 2,296, \$700.
- 30, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 2,295, \$700.
- 31, Michael Clark Jr., Cleveland, Ohio, 2,289, \$700.
- 32, Michael Tang, San Francisco, 2,288, \$700.

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2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour Tournaments on FOX to be Open to PBA Members Only

Regionals, Xtra Frame events, USBC Masters will continue to be open to non-PBA members

CHICAGO (Aug. 28, 2018) – The Professional Bowlers Association has announced its 2019 schedule of Go Bowling! PBA Tour events airing on FOX Sports will be open exclusively to PBA members.

The exception to the policy will be the United States Bowling Congress Masters, an event that traditionally has included USBC members who may or may not be PBA members.

Tournaments included in the members only policy include: the PBA Hall of Fame Classic in Arlington, Texas; Oklahoma Open and Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship in Shawnee, Okla.; Lubbock Sports Open in Lubbock, Texas; PBA Tournament of Champions in Fairlawn, Ohio; PBA Players Championship in Columbus, Ohio; Indianapolis Open in Indianapolis; Jonesboro Open in Jonesboro, Ark.; PBA World Series of Bowling X in Allen Park, Mich., the PBA League in Portland, Maine, and any Pre-Tournament Qualifier (PTQ) held in conjunction with these events.

The PBA will continue to welcome non-members in its Regional Tour, PBA Xtra Frame Tour on FloBowling and PBA50 Tour events. Non-members are allowed to bowl in these events until they cash twice in any given year, at which time they are required to join in order to continue participation in PBA events. "The return to members-only status for PBA Tour competition is a return to the rules that applied to PBA competition for most of the organization's 60-year history," said PBA Deputy Commissioner Kirk von Krueger in announcing the policy. "It's a privilege to be able to compete with and against the best bowlers in the world, not a right. Restoring the original policy is simply a matter of restoring one of the building blocks of the PBA."

PBA membership includes a variety of benefits including reduced tournament entry fees, discounts on equipment from PBA Product Registered companies, reduced or no-cost lineage fees to practice at participating bowling centers, and other perks.

To join the PBA, visit <u>pba.com</u> and click on the "join" link (<u>https://www.pba.com/join</u>). Competitive membership in the PBA is open to any bowler who has maintained a 200 or higher average for a minimum of 36 games in any USBC-certified league or tournament club within the previous (190 for Sport leagues) 12 months, or who has cashed in PBA tournament of any kind within the last two years.

PBA to Donate Go Bowling! PBA Tour And PBA50 Tour Player Fines to BVL

CHICAGO (Aug. 28, 2018) - The Professional Bowlers Association has announced that the PBA will donate all proceeds from player fine money collected from Go Bowling! PBA Tour and PBA50 Tour competition to the Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL).

Founded in 1942, BVL grants provide arts and crafts programs, music and sports activities, reading materials, board games and much more to help boost spirits and improve morale for veterans while also speeding recuperation for those in VA Medical Centers, Vet Centers and State Veterans Homes. BVL also assists recuperating veterans, veterans suffering from PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) and aging veterans by giving them an outlet for the joy, freedom, and friendship that recreation and sport can bring. Since its inception BVL has raised almost \$50 million dollars for America's active duty service members and veterans.

"The genesis of this new annual charitable donation came from conversations with the PBA Player Committee," said PBA Commissioner Tom Clark. "Fines happen. No player wants to be fined, but from now on everyone will know that money goes directly to support the BVL."

"We're very happy that the PBA and PBA Players Committee thought of us for this kind gesture," said John LaSpina, BVL Board of Directors Chair. The BVL is very appreciative of PBA's generosity to our efforts because nothing can be greater than supporting the men and women who serve our country."

PBA incorporates a policy of levying fines for various rules violations. Players can be fined for a number of rules infractions which range from an improperly filled out recap sheet to unsportsmanlike conduct. PBA will donate funds beginning with those collected during the 2018 season.

PBA Hall of Famer Johnny Petraglia, a 14-time PBA Tour and eight-time PBA50 Tour champion, is a spokesperson for BVL and often visits VA hospitals throughout the country. After having already started his professional bowling career, Petraglia was called to duty and served in the Army during the Vietnam War from 1967-68.

For additional information about BVL visit <u>www.bowlforveterans.org</u>.

PBA Spare Shots

JASON BELMONTE'S STAR IS RISING IN EYES OF AUSTRALIA'S MAINSTREAM MEDIA

Despite producing several world-class champions over the past few decades, Australian bowlers have never been top-of-mind sport in their home country until **Jason Belmonte** began to gather trophies around the world. Even after raising to his stature as arguably the world's best bowler, it has taken the non-stop promotional efforts by "Belmo" himself, a hands-on effort led by Australia's **Lynne Clay** and the PBA's constant coverage of Belmonte's accomplishments to get key media doors opened.

After winning PBA Player of the Year honors in four of the past five years, becoming the fastest "millionaire" in PBA history, collecting nine major championships (among his 18 PBA Tour titles) and other unprecedented feats, the sport's most popular (and/or most disliked) personality – depending on your viewpoint regarding his two-handed technique – has seen his "star" rise in his homeland.

Earlier this year, the Australia Broadcast Corporation – the country's version of America's ABC-TV – profiled Belmonte's life and bowling career in a six-and-a-half minute segment on its popular prime time "7:30" magazine-style program (<u>http://www.abc.net.au/7.30/meet-the-world%E2%80%99s-number-one-tenpin-bowler,/9847034</u>).

In July, "Inside Sport," Australia's version of "Sports Illustrated," published an eight-page tribute to Belmonte

(https://www.pba.com/content/files/downloads/INSIDE_SPORT_magazine_July_2018.pdf) under the headline, "That's How He Rolls."

And because Belmonte early-on embraced social media and its global platforms, he has cultivated a world-wide fan base. Most recently, working with the wildly popular "Dude Perfect" YouTube channel for the second time in four years, Belmonte helped orchestrate a series of outrageous "trick shots" that recorded more than 10 million views in the first 24 hours (<u>www.youtube.com/watch?v=wSB9JvsBT4M</u>).

Editor's Note: Dude Perfect is a group of former basketball players and Texas A&M University roommates who created what has become the second-largest YouTube channel in the world. The group teamed up

with Belmonte in 2014 to create "Bowling Trick Shots 1," which has since notched nearly 90 million views, many of them among the highly-coveted youth market.

Among the trick shots on the first episode was a "two-handed, 250-yard strike." When he was approached to do a second version, Belmonte said, "After the success of the first video, I knew we had to up the ante. And after three days of shooting, I told the boys, I'm not sure how we did it, but we just made a better video..."

Watch both YouTube videos, and you be the judge.

BJI PUBLISHER DECLARES "BELMO" BOWLING'S MOST INFLUENTIAL PLAYER

Speaking of **Jason Belmonte**, Bowlers Journal International publisher **Keith Hamilton**, in his "Leading Off" column in September's issue, declares "Belmo" as "bowling's most influential" player, citing the eyecatching number of youth bowlers who are now throwing the ball using Belmonte's two-handed technique.

Relating statistics from the recently-completed USBC Junior Gold Championships, Hamilton notes 25 percent of the U12 (12-and-under) age group bowled two-handed as did 24 percent of the U15 players and 19 percent of the U20 players. Overall that represented 21 percent of the entire field.

Hamilton's conclusion: "By the time Belmonte is finished bowling, I'm not certain how many titles he will have won. But his impact on the game might just make him the most important and influential bowler ever – and, without question, of the 21st century."

XTRA FRAME ON FLOBOWLING TO GO INTERNATIONAL FOR NEXT EVENT

PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling will go international for its next event, providing live coverage of the final day of competition in the PBA International-World Bowling Tour Storm Lucky Larsen Masters from Malmo, Sweden, beginning at 2 a.m. EDT Sunday, Sept. 9.

Fans can track daily results of the Lucky Larsen Masters while the tournament is underway at his website: (<u>http://luckylarsenmasters.com/results2018/</u>). Australia's **Jason Belmonte** is defending champion.

Also on the schedule for Sept. 8-9 is the PBA Grand Hotel Casino and Resort Southwest Open from Shawnee, Okla., Sept. 8-9. The PBA Double Decker West/Northwest Open presented by Roto Grip will air on FloBowling.com from Double Decker Lanes in Rohnert Park, Calif., Sept. 29-30.

All PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling events are covered live from start to finish. Existing Xtra Frame subscribers need to transition their current subscriptions to FloBowling by visiting <u>https://www.flobowling.com/claim-account</u>. New subscribers can enroll at FloBowling.com.

PBA NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR TONY REYES COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

The PBA is now accepting nominations for the 2018 Tony Reyes Community Service award, named in honor of the late PBA Tour player in recognition of his service to the bowling community. The award will

be presented in early January to a PBA member in good standing, based upon the extraordinary community service, charitable and/or educational contributions the nominee has made during the 2018 calendar year.

The postmark deadline for nominations will be Thursday, Nov. 15. Nominees must be current PBA members in good standing. The winner will be selected by a PBA committee and announced during The Clash telecast on FS1 on Sunday, Dec. 23, along with the 2019 Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year, Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year and Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award winner.

Reyes award nominations may be submitted by anyone. Additional information and nomination form may be obtained by visiting <u>https://www.pba.com/Corporate/Awards.</u>

Past winners of the Tony Reyes award are: **Parker Bohn III** (2013), **Missy Parkin** (2014), **Ed Godbout (2015)**, **Rhino Page** (2016) and **Del Ballard Jr.** (2017).

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: FOUR EVENTS ON TAP FOR LABOR DAY WEEKEND

• Labor Day weekend will include the PBA60 Wilson & Sons Pest Control Super Senior Open and the PBA50 Mooresville South Open presented by Columbia 300 at George Pappas' Victory Lanes in Mooresville, N.C.; the PBA50 Hammer/Strike Zone Alleys Open in Pottsville, Pa., and the 23rd annual Illinois Valley Midwest/Central Open presented by Ebonite at Illinois Valley Super Bowl in Peru, Ill.

• For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit <u>pba.com</u>, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area...and remember, you can follow "live scoring" for all PBA Regional events on <u>pba.com</u> (easily accessible for Apple device users using the PBA app).

QUICK NOTES:

• England's **Dom Barrett and wife Cassie** became first-time parents with the arrival of **Colby Henry Barrett** on Saturday, Aug. 18, weighing in at 7.3 pounds.

• The PBA also is saddened to learn of the passing of **MaryAnn O'Neill**, mother of PBA star **Bill O'Neill**, on Saturday, Aug. 18 at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. She was 63. The family has asked that memorial contributions in MaryAnn O'Neill's name be made to the Polycystic Kidney Disease Foundation, 1001 E. 101st Terrace, Suite 220, Kansas City, MO 64131 or at <u>https://pkdcure.org/</u>.

• **Anne Wangeman**, wife of long-time PBA tournament host proprietor **Jim Wangeman**, passed away on Aug. 27 at the age of 83. The couple built and operated Harvest Park Bowl in Brentwood, Calif., which is approaching its 25th year of operation, and has most recently been host of the PBA50 Tour's Northern California Classic. A Celebration of Life will be held at Harvest Park Bowl on Sept. 2 at 2 p.m. PDT. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Harvest Park Bowl Youth Scholarship Program, Harvest Park Bowl, 5000 Balfour Rd., Brentwood, CA 94513.

• FloBowling has retained **Lucas Wiseman** as its Senior Editor to produce editorial content for the PBA's new live streaming partner. Wiseman, who studied journalism at the University of South Florida, has covered bowling for more than 20 years including stints in the daily newspaper realm and 13 years in public relations and social media positions with the United States Bowling Congress. Most recently he worked as the public relations manager for a national sports marketing agency and continued to cover bowling on a freelance basis.

2019 PBA Hall of Fame Ceremonies Set for January 5 in Texas

FOX Sports' first live telecast to originate from International Bowling Campus

CHICAGO (August 31, 2018) – The Professional Bowlers Association's historic first live telecast under its new agreement with FOX Sports is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 6, as part of a PBA Hall of Fame week that will include the PBA Hall of Fame Classic tournament and the induction of the PBA's Class of 2019 Hall of Famers – all of which will take place at the International Bowling Campus, including the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame, in Arlington, Texas.

The PBA Hall of Fame Classic, the first event on the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule, will include exclusive preliminary round live streaming on PBA Xtra Frame by PBA's new live streaming partner, FloBowling.com; live coverage of the PBA Hall of Fame induction dinner at the International Bowling Campus on Saturday, Jan. 5, and live broadcast television coverage of the PBA Hall of Fame Classic finals on FS1 on Sunday, Jan. 6, 11 a.m. EST.

The PBA Hall of Fame Classic will be contested at the International Bowling Campus' International Testing and Research Center in Arlington beginning Wednesday, Jan. 2. The tournament will be the first qualifying event toward the 2019 PBA Playoffs. Tournament details will be announced later.

Also to be announced soon will be the 2019 PBA Hall of Fame candidates in Superior Performance and Meritorious Service categories along with details regarding tickets for the Hall of Fame dinner.

Jay Boyle Wins Hammer/Strike Zone Open for Second PBA50 Regional Title

Pottsville, Pa. (September 2, 2018) – Jay Boyle of Garnet Valley, Pa. defeated Ray Textor of Kennedy, N.Y., 213-188, to win the PBA50 Hammer/Strike Zone Open at the Strike Zone Alleys Sunday for his second career PBA50 Regional title.

Boyle, who had gone undefeated throughout the earlier elimination rounds, left the door open for Textor when he failed to double in his 10th frame. Textor, who had a previous career best finish of seventh place, failed to strike out in the final frame to force a tie. Boyle earned \$1,500 along with his title while Textor earned \$750 as the runner-up.

Boyle defeated Darryl Bower of Middletown, Pa., 235-224, and Textor defeated Glenn Smith of New York City, 210-170, in the semifinal round. Bower and Smith each earned \$625 as semifinal round losers.

Next week, the PBA East Region travels to the Schenectady, N.Y. for the PBA50 Brian LeClair's Revolutions Pro Shop Open.

PBA50 HAMMER/STRIKE ZONE OPEN Strike Zone Alleys, Pottsville, Pa., Sunday

Championship: Jay Boyle, Garnet Valley, Pa. (\$1,500) def. Ray Textor, Kennedy, N.Y., (\$750), 213-188.

Semifinal Round (losers earned \$625):

Boyle def. Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 235-224. Textor def. Glenn Smith, New York City, 210-170.

Round of 8 (best of five games, losers eliminated and earned \$575 each):

Boyle def. Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 2-0. Textor def. Rick Graham, Lancaster, Pa., 2-1 Smith def. Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 2-0. Bower def. Bob Caruso, Dayton, N.J, 2-1.

Round of 12 (best of five games, losers eliminated and earned \$525 each):

Boyle def. Greg Hess, Hamilton, N.J., 2-0. Textor def. Michael Tryniski, Fulton, N.Y., 2-1. Caruso def. Gary Shultis, Levittown, N.Y., 2-0. Smith def. Larry Ivey, Berwick, Pa., 2-1.

Round of 16 (best of five games, losers eliminated and earned \$500 each):

Tryniski def. Ben Martinez, Lebanon, Pa., 2-0. Boyle def. David Kneas, Annapolis, Md., 2-0. Caruso def. n-George Szczubiewski, West Seneca, N.Y., 2-1. Smith def. Ken Yokobosky, Fredon, N.J., 2-1.

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PBA Spare Shots

"PERFECT" BOWLING BINGE NOW AIRING ON PBA'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL, FACEBOOK PAGE

For every PBA fan, you can now binge on the greatest collection of bowling achievements in the PBA's 60-year history by visiting the PBA channel on YouTube where a series of videos showing every nationally-televised PBA Tour 300 game is now showing.

As of September 5, the PBA YouTube Channel (and the PBA Facebook page) has aired the first eight televised 300 games. A new perfect performance will be added every weekday until all 26 300 games have aired. Visit YouTube.com and search for: <u>PBA 60th Anniversary Collection: Televised 300 Games</u>. Then click on the show you'd like to watch on the playlist. The same shows also are available on the PBA page on Facebook under "Featured

Videos:" https://www.facebook.com/pg/ProfessionalBowlersAssociation/videos/?ref=page_internal

The 300 games that are currently available on YouTube and Facebook include the following:

- 1) Jack Biondolillo vs. Les Schissler, 216 (Akron, OH, April 1, 1967);
- 2) John Guenther vs. Don Johnson, 189 (San Jose, CA, Feb. 1, 1969);
- 3) Jim Stefanich vs. Glenn Carlson, 243 (Alameda, CA, Jan. 5, 1974);
- 4) Pete McCordic vs. Wayne Webb, 249 (Torrance, CA, Jan. 31, 1987);
- 5) @ Bob Benoit vs. Mark Roth, 255 (Grand Prairie, TX, Jan. 23, 1988);
- 6) @ Mike Aulby vs. David Ozio, 279 (Wichita, KS, July 31, 1993);
- 7) Johnny Petraglia vs. Walter Ray Williams Jr., 194 (Toledo, OH, March 5, 1994);
- 8) Butch Soper vs. Bob Benoit, 236 (Reno, NV, July 12, 1994);

Coming in the days ahead will be:

- 9) C.K. Moore vs. Parker Bohn III, 192 (Austin, TX, Feb. 2, 1996);
- 10) Bob Learn Jr. vs. Johnny Petraglia, 279 (Erie, PA, April 6, 1996);
- 11) Jason Queen vs. Bobby Fleetwood, 225 (Huntsville, AL, May 3, 1997;
- 12) Steve Hoskins vs. Walter Ray Williams Jr., 234 (Rochester, NY, Oct. 15, 1997);
- 13) Parker Bohn III vs. Chris Sand, 246, and Mike Mullin, 191 (Reno, NV, May 9, 1998);
- 14) Steve Jaros vs. Ricky Ward, 200 (Chattanooga, TN, Feb. 13, 1999);
- 15) Mike Miller vs. Danny Wiseman, 266, and Tim Criss, 224 (Reno, NV, June 20, 1999);
- 16) Norm Duke vs. Walter Ray Williams Jr., 213 (Tacoma, WA, Jan. 5, 2003);
- 17) Mika Koivuniemi vs. Jason Couch, 248 (Windsor Locks, CT, Dec. 7, 2003);
- 18) Tony Reyes vs. Parker Bohn III, 215 (Taylor, MI, Nov. 5, 2006);
- 19) Ryan Shafer vs. Jeff Carter, 228 (Indianapolis, IN, March 18, 2007);
- 20) Rhino Page vs. Tae Hwe Jeong (Tokyo, Japan, April 25, 2009);
- 21) Jason Belmonte vs. Brian Kretzer, 231, and Mike Fagan, 220 (Las Vegas, Nov. 19, 2011);
- 22) Chris Barnes vs. Jason Belmonte, 215, and Sean Rash, 182 (Las Vegas, Nov. 19, 2011);
- 23) Sean Rash vs. Chris Loschetter, 236 (Shawnee, OK, May 24, 2014);
- 24) **Ronnie Russell** vs. Sean Rash, 266, and J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 186, (Las Vegas, Dec. 28, 2014);
- 25) Sean Rash vs. Ryan Ciminelli, 214 (Indianapolis, IN, Feb. 15, 2015);
- 26) Francois Lavoie vs. Shawn Maldonado, 211 (Las Vegas, Nov. 10, 2016).

@-denotes perfect game bowled in the championship match.

If you miss one, no problem. All of the 300 game segments will be maintained in the YouTube and Facebook archives so you can watch them at your leisure.

XTRA FRAME ON FLOBOWLING VISITS SWEDEN, OKLAHOMA THIS WEEKEND

For all of your late-night bowling fans, PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling will be streamed live from Malmo, Sweden, starting in the wee-early hours Sunday with the final day of competition in the PBA International-World Bowling Tour Storm Lucky Larsen Masters from Malmo, Sweden. Lucky Larsen coverage begins with the four-game "Step One" round at 1:30 a.m. Sunday, followed by the four-game "Step Two" round at 4 a.m. and the eight-game "Step Three" round at 7 a.m. The top four players from Step Three will advance to the stepladder finals at noon. All times are Eastern Daylight.

Fans can track daily results of the Lucky Larsen Masters while the tournament is underway at this website: (<u>http://luckylarsenmasters.com/results2018/</u>). Many of the PBA's leading player of the year candidates are entered in Malmo including Australia's**Jason Belmonte**, the defending champion; 2018 USBC Masters winner **Andrew Anderson**; **Anthony Simonsen** and **EJ Tackett**.

Also on the Xtra Frame on FloBowling schedule for Saturday and Sunday is a PBA Southwest Regional event – the PBA Grand Hotel Casino and Resort Southwest Open from Shawnee, Okla.

Closing out the month, PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling will cover another pair of events, including the PBA50 Storm Invitational at Planet Fun Bowling and Entertainment Center in Shallotte, N.C., and another PBA Regional event, the PBA Double Decker West/Northwest Open presented by Roto Grip from Double Decker Lanes in Rohnert Park, Calif., Sept. 29-30. The PBA50 Invitational will include a field of 14 include 2018 PBA50 Player of the Year **Michael Haugen Jr.**, PBA50 Cup winner **Brian Kretzer**, PBA60 Player of the Year **Ron Mohr**, **Walter Ray Williams Jr.**, **Norm Duke**, **Parker Bohn III**, **Lennie Boresch Jr.**, **Amleto Monacelli**, **Ryan Shafer**, **Bob Learn Jr.**, **Pete Weber**, **Harry Sullins**, **Brian Voss** and Johnny Petraglia.

All PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling events are covered live from start to finish. One last reminder: existing Xtra Frame subscribers need to transition their current subscriptions to FloBowling by visiting <u>https://www.flobowling.com/claim-account</u>. New subscribers can enroll at FloBowling.com.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: CALKINS LAST-MINUTE DECISION PAYS OFF IN FIRST TITLE

Kenny Calkins of Des Moines, Iowa, made a last-minute decision to make the trip to Peru, Ill., where he defeated top qualifier and 12-time PBA Tour title winner **Sean Rash** of Montgomery, Ill. 254-214 to win the 23rd annual Illinois Valley Midwest Region Open at Illinois Valley Super Bowl Sunday for his first PBA title.

Calkins, who also earned \$2,000, qualified fourth for the stepladder finals and defeated Ambrose University collegiate bowler **Nate Stubler** of Peru, 221-214, in the first match and reigning PBA Midwest Region Player of the Year **AJ Johnson** of Oswego, Ill., 236-228, in the semifinal game to advance to the championship match.

• **Jay Boyle** of Garnet Valley, Pa. defeated **Ray Textor** of Kennedy, N.Y., 213-188, to win the PBA50 Hammer/Strike Zone Open at the Strike Zone Alleys in Pottsville, Pa., Sunday for his second career PBA50 Regional title.

Boyle, who had gone undefeated throughout the earlier elimination rounds, left the door open for Textor when he failed to double in his 10th frame. Textor, who had a previous career best finish of seventh place, failed to strike out in the final frame to force a tie. Boyle, who earned \$1,500, defeated **Darryl Bower** of Middletown, Pa., 235-224, and Textor defeated **Glenn Smith** of New York City, 210-170, in the semifinal round.

• September's PBA Regional activity continues this week with the PBA60 Kingsport Super Senior South Open presented by Storm at Warpath Lanes in Kingsport, Tenn., concluding a tripleheader program over the extended Labor Day weekend. Events this weekend include the PBA Grand Casino Hotel and Resort Southwest Invitational (streaming live on PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling); Brian LeClair's PBA50 Revolutions Pro Shop Open at Boulevard Bowl in Schenectady, N.Y.; the Fayetteville South Open at Lafayette Lanes in Fayetteville, N.C.; the PBA50 Diamond Jo Casino Midwest Open presented by Brunswick, and the PBA Japan Region's Aikyo House Cup Wolf Open and Women's Wolf Open in Chiba, Japan.

• PBA Regional events on the Sept. 14-16 weekend schedule include the Sturgis Central/Midwest Open at Sturgis Bowl in Sturgis, Mich.; the Century Lanes South Open in Hampton, Va., and the Liberal Kansas Southwest Open at Ayr Lanes.

• September's PBA Regional calendar continues over the Sept. 21-23 weekend with the PBA/PBA50 Millsboro Lanes Eastern Doubles in Millesboro, Del.; the one-day Florence Bowling Center Central Open in Florence, Ky.; the PBA50 Cherokee Lanes South Open presented by Roto Grip in Canton, Ga.; the Lubbock Sports Southwest Challenge at South Plains Lanes in Lubbock, Texas, the one-day Mockingbird Lanes PBA and PBA50 Midwest Open doubleheader presented by Hammer in Omaha, Neb., and a Northwest/West/Northwest tripleheader at Paradise Lanes in Tacoma, Wash., including the Always Painting Northwest/West Open presented by Vac-Tec; the **Gary Mage** PBA50 Northwest/West Open presented by Great American Casino, and the **Jeanne Naccarato** Women's Open.

• The September PBA Regional schedule concludes over the Sept. 28-30 weekend with the Bluffton Central/Midwest Open at EZ Bowl in Bluffton, Ind.; the PBA50 J&L Sports South Open at Paradise Lanes in Spartanburg, S.C., and the Double Decker West/Northwest Open presented by Roto Grip in Rohnert Park, Calif. The Double Decker event will be live-streamed by PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling.

• For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit <u>pba.com</u>, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area...and remember, you can follow "live scoring" for all PBA Regional events on <u>pba.com</u> (easily accessible for Apple device users using the PBA app).

QUICK NOTES:

• Completely useless trivia fact: There are 15 bowlers named Andersson bowling in the Storm Lucky Larsen Masters in Malmo, Sweden, this week. All but one are Swedes. The other is American PBA member Andrew Anderson, who is the only one who spells his last name with one "s"...

Troup Upsets Belmonte to Win PBA-WBT Storm Lucky Larsen Masters Title

Two-handed players finish one-two-three in Sweden; U.S. star Bill O'Neill rounds out top four

MALMO, Sweden (Sept. 9, 2018) – Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C., threw strikes on seven of his first eight shots on his way to upsetting top qualifier and defending champion Jason Belmonte of Australia, 248-232, in the title match of the PBA International-World Bowling Tour Storm Lucky Larsen Masters at Baltiska Bowlinghallen Sunday.

Troup, a 27-year-old 10th-year PBA member, earned his third PBA Tour title along with a \$16,500 first prize, completing a sweep of the top three positions by two-handed players. Belmonte, who led qualifying as well as the "Step Three" round leading into the stepladder finals, saw his hopes for a title repeat when he failed to convert the 2-10 split in the fourth frame and left the 2-8 in the ninth frame after rallying behind a string of four strikes.

The colorful Troup, dressed in matching jersey and slacks in Sweden's blue-and-yellow national colors, also bowled without his trademark "afro" hairdo in denying Belmonte his third title of the 2018 season.

"This is my first trip to Sweden," Troup said. "I couldn't ask for a better result."

In the first stepladder match, Ireland's Christopher Sloan opened in the seventh frame of a close match, but recovered by throwing six strikes to close out the contest and eliminate nine-time PBA Tour champion Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., 236-234.

Troup advanced to the title match with a 235-187 win over Sloan, a 24-year-old third-year PBA member from Dublin, who was unable to sustain his first-game momentum. Sloan threw one strike and had an open in his first six frames while Troup started with four strikes. A pocket 7-10 in the sixth frame slowed Troup, but he came right back with another three strikes to roll to an easy win.

The Malmo tournament – named in honor of Swedish PBA star Martin Larsen – was a World Bowling Tour points event. The tournament format involved multiple six-game qualifying squads to arrive at 60 finalists. Qualifiers 34-60 bowled the four-game Step One, with the top 11 advancing to Step Two along with qualifiers 9-33. The 36 players in Step Two bowled another four-game block, with the top 16 joining qualifiers 1-8 in Step Three for an eight-game round to determine the four stepladder finalists. In each "Step" round, pinfall from all previous rounds was dropped. Under tournament rules, women bowling in the event were entitled to eight handicap pins per game.

The final PBA International-WBT event on the 2018 schedule is the WBT Thailand which will take place in Bangkok Sept. 22-28. Thailand's Jojoe Yannaphon is defending champion. Fans can follow the event on the Asian Bowling Federation website (<u>http://www.abf-online.org/results/ttbawbt18.htm</u>).

PBA INTERNATIONAL-WORLD BOWLING TOUR STORM LUCKY LARSEN MASTERS

Baltiska Bowlinghallen, Malmo, Sweden, Sunday

Final Standings:

- 1, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., \$16,498.
- 2, Jason Belmonte, Australia, \$12,099.
- 3, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, \$8,799.
- 4, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., \$6,599.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Sloan def. O'Neill, 236-234. Semifinal Match – Troup def. Sloan, 235-187. Championship – Troup def. Belmonte, 248-232.

Step Three Cashers (after 8 games; top 4 advanced to stepladder finals):

- 1, Belmonte, 1,916.
- 2, Troup, 1,810.
- 3, O'Neill, 1,800.
- 4, Sloan, 1,776.
- 5, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 1,774, \$4,949.
- 6, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 1,767, \$3,850
- 7, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 1,765, \$3,300.
- 8, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 1,733, \$2,750.
- 9, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,726, \$2,200.
- 10, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 1,720, \$1,980.
- 11, Annop Arromsaranon, Thailand, 1,714, \$1,870.
- 12, Mattias Wetterberg, Sweden, 1,678, \$1,787.
- 13, Stuart Williams, England, 1,671, \$1,732.
- 14, Teemu Putkisto, Finland, 1,658, \$1,677.
- 15, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,645, \$1,650.
- 16, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 1,634, \$1,622.
- 17, Karl Wahlgren, Sweden, 1,615, \$1,595.
- 18, Jimmy Dan Mortensen, Denmark, 1,593, \$1,567.
- 19, Jojoe Yannaphon, Thailand, 1,591, \$1,540.
- 20, w-Sandra Gongora, Mexico, 1,571, \$1,512.
- 21, w-Daria Pajak, Poland, 1,544, \$1,485.
- 22, William Svensson, Sweden, 1,541, \$1,457.
- 23, Mikael Roos, Sweden, 1,535, \$1,430.
- 24, Tore Torgersen, Norway, 1,516, \$1,375.

Step Two Cashers (did not advance, after 4 games):

- 25, Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland, 855, \$1,320.
- 26, Peter Hellstrom, Sweden, 849, \$1,265.
- 27, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 849, \$1,237.
- 28, Gustaf Johansson, Sweden, 844, \$1,210.
- 29, Matt McNiel, Minneapolis, 839, \$1,182.
- 30, Richie Teece, England, 835, \$1,155.
- 31, Joonas Hahl, Finland, 821, \$1,127.
- 32, w-Liz Johnson, Palatine, Ill., 811, \$1,100.
- 33, Alfred Berggren, Sweden, 810, \$1,072.
- 34, Daniel Fransson, Sweden, 809, \$1,045.
- 35, w-Li Jan Sin, Malaysia, 807, \$1,017.
- 36, Emanuel Jonsson, Sweden, 790, \$990.
- 37, Gaetan Mouveroux, France, 773, \$962.

- 38, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 771, \$935.
- 39, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 762, \$907.
- 40, Syafiq Ridhwan, Malaysia, 749, \$880.
- 41, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 731, \$852.
- 42, AJ Chapman, St. Paul, Minn., 724, \$825.
- 43, Kim Andersson, Sweden, 709, \$797.
- 44, Pyry Puharinen, Finland, 624, \$770.

Step One Cashers (did not advance, after 4 games):

- 45, w-Jenny Wegner, Sweden, 840, \$715.
- 46, Tomas Kayhko, Finland, 837, \$660.
- 47, Kevin Lindbladh, Sweden, 825, \$660.
- 48, Carsten Warming Hansen, Denmark, 824, \$660.
- 49, Cameron Weier, Tacoma, Wash., 814, \$605.
- 50 (tie), Rasmus Edvall, Sweden, and Viktor Albihn, Sweden, 808, \$525.
- 52, Niko Oksanen, Finland, 796, \$495.
- 53, Bendt Petersson, Sweden, 795, \$495.
- 54, Jorgen Roos, Sweden, 780, \$440.
- 55, Martin Paulsson, Sweden, 779, \$440.
- 56, Francois Louw, South Africa, 776, \$440.
- 57, Joachim Karlsson, Sweden, 769, \$385.
- 58, Eric Ahlstrand, Sweden, 752, \$385.
- 59, Robin Persson, Sweden, 714, \$385.
- 60, Thor Morten Bjorge, Norway, 694, \$385.

w-denotes woman (women received 8 handicap pins per game).

Andy Patterson Wins PBA Grand Casino Resort & Hotel Southwest Invitational

Shawnee, Oklahoma, (Sept. 10, 2018) – Andy Patterson from Tyler, Texas defeated Chris Hibbitts from Keller, Texas, to win the fifth annual PBA Grand Casino Resort & Hotel Southwest Invitational at FireLake Bowling Center Sunday.

Patterson, who earned his sixth PBA Regional title by a healthy 62-pin margin, was able to string strikes while Hibbitts had trouble adjusting to the final pair's conditions, topping him, 220-158, to claim the \$4,000 winner's check.

After 12 games of qualifying, both players had long roads to the final match. Neither earned any byes in the elimination finals as Patterson qualified 13th and Hibbitts 14th. Patterson started his road to victory by downing Houston PBA50 player David Scardaville, 2-0, in the best-of-three-game Round of 16. He then survived a close match with David Krol from Nixa, Mo., 2-1, in the Round of 12, and Tyler Albracht of Amarillo, Texas, 2-1 in the Round of 8. In the semifinal round, he eliminated newly-inducted PBA Southwest Hall of Famer Mark Scroggins of Canyon, Texas, whose late open frame allowed Patterson to advance to the finals with a 279-243 win.

Hibbitts, who has won two previous PBA Regionals at FireLake, defeated Sean Lavery-Spahr from Pasadena, Texas, 2-1; Joe Findling from Mesquite, Texas, 2-0; Shawn Maldonado of Houston, 2-1, and Devin Bidwell of Wichita, Kan., 236-160, before Patterson ended his bid for another PBA title.

Hibbitts earned \$2,500 for second place. Bidwell and Scroggins each received \$1,500.

As part of the tournament weekend, Mark Scroggins and Junction City Bowl proprietor and long-time PBA Regional tournament host Joe Ellison from Junction City, Kan., were inducted into the PBA Southwest Region Hall of Fame.

The Southwest Region's next events will be the second annual PBA Liberal Kansas Southwest Open at Ayer's Lanes, Sept. 14-16. That event will offer a \$4,500 first prize. The PBA Lubbock Sports Southwest Challenge, a non-champions event, follows at South Plains Lanes in Lubbock, Texas, Sept. 21-23.

PBA GRAND CASINO HOTEL & RESORT SOUTHWEST INVITATIONAL FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Oklahoma, Sunday

Championship:

Andy Patterson, Lawrence, Kan. (\$4,000) def. Chris Hibbitts II, Keller, Texas (\$2,500), 220-159.

Semifinal Round (losers earned \$1,500):

Patterson def. Mark Scroggins, Texas, 279-243. Hibbitts def. Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 236-160.

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

Hibbitts def. Shawn Maldonado, Houston, Texas 2-1. Patterson def. Tyler Albracht, Amarillo, Texas, 2-0. Bailey def. DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 2-1. Bidwell def. Austin Boulds, Creal Springs, Ill., 2-1.

Round of 12 (best of three games, losers earned \$725):

Hibbitts def. Joe Findling, Mesquite, Texas, 2-0. Scroggins def. Dylan Burns, Lawrence, Kan., 2-0. Patterson def. Dave Krol, Nixa, Mo, 2-1. Boulds def. Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2-0.

Round of 16 (best of three games, losers earned \$550 each):

Hibbitts def. Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2-1. Patterson def. David Scardaville, Houston, Texas, 2-1. Scroggins def. Brad Miller, Lee Summit, Mo., 2-0. A. Lavery-Spahr def. Roger Petrin, Wichita, Kan., 2-0.

Eight Berths at Stake for End-of-Season PBA Clash, 2019 FOX Preview

Contenders hope to follow Kyle Troup's example with five events remaining on 2018 schedule

CHICAGO (Sept. 11, 2018) – The Professional Bowlers Association Clash, which will air on FOX on Sunday, Dec. 23 to usher in the PBA's historic 2019 television agreement with FOX Sports, will be a unique end-of-season "eliminator" event, showcasing the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour's eight earnings lea ders.

The PBA Clash will showcase eight of the PBA's premier stars who will qualify for the event based on total earnings in 2018, including prize money yet-to-be-won in the WBT Thailand in Bangkok Sept. 22-28; the FloBowling PBA Fall Swing (including the Wolf Open, Bear Open and Tulsa Open) at The Lanes at Coffee Creek in suburban Tulsa, Okla., Oct. 15-20, and U.S. Open at Northrock Lanes in Wichita, Kan., Oct. 24-31.

After last week's PBA-WBT Storm Lucky Larsen Masters in Sweden, the eight earnings leaders were Jason Belmonte, Anthony Simonsen, Dom Barrett, Andrew Anderson, EJ Tackett, Marshall Kent, Kyle Troup and Jakob Butturff. Close behind were Bill O'Neill, Tom Smallwood, Matt O'Grady and Jesper Svensson. There is ample room for PBA members to make big moves in the final five events, just like Troup, the Lucky Larsen Masters winner, did when he earned a \$16,385 first prize to move into the top eight.

The Clash will feature a unique format beginning with all eight players bowling a ninth and 10th frame. Based on total pinfall for the two-frame round, the low score will be eliminated. Starting with the second round, competition will shift to a one-ball, low-man-out format until two survivors remain. The last two survivors will bowl a traditional game to decide the PBA Clash winner-take-all prize is \$25,000.

The 90-minute telecast will include biographical profiles of the eight Clash players, and it will include the announcements of the 2018 Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year and Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year.

The Clash also will include a preview of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule of 30 telecasts on FOX and FS1, resulting in 60 hours of national television coverage in 2019 – twice as many hours as last year. The 10 hours of live broadcast network coverage on FOX is the most for bowling in 20 years. Combined with FS1 telecasts, the PBA will bring its fans 38 hours of live TV, almost five times as much as 2018.

The final PBA International-World Bowling Tour event of 2018 will be the WBT Thailand at Blu-O Rhythm & Bowl Paragon in Bangkok, offering a \$32,250 first prize. PBA fans can follow the Thailand tournament online through the Asian Bowling Federation's website: <u>http://www.abf-online.org/results/ttbawbt18.htm</u>. Thai native Jojoe Yannaphon is the defending champion.

The FloBowling PBA Fall Swing will include the two-day Wolf Open (Oct. 15-16), two-day Bear Open (Oct. 17-18) and the two-day Tulsa Open (Oct. 19-20). The Tulsa Open will be an 18-game round robin match play event for the top 18 qualifiers based on combined 24-game pinfall totals after the Wolf and Bear rounds (12 games in each). PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling will cover all three events, live from first ball to last. First prize in the Wolf and Bear Opens will be \$10,000. The winner of the Tulsa Open will earn \$30,000.

The final qualifying event for the PBA Clash will be the 2018 season's final major championship, the U.S. Open. CBS Sports Network will air the finals live on Wednesday, Oct. 31. The U.S. Open will offer a \$30,000 first prize.

Lickliter, Baker Win in Mooresville; Peters Gets First PBA Title in Kingsport

Steve Lickliter of Beckley, W.Va., won the PBA60 Wilson & Sons Pest Control Open title in Mooresville, N.C.; Stoney Baker of Canton, Ga., notched his 31st PBA regional win in the PBA50 Samuel Adams Mooresville South Open presented by Columbia 300, and Bill Peters of Dayton, Ohio, won his first PBA title in the PBA60 Kingsport Southern Open presented by Storm to complete the PBA South Region's annual extended Labor Day "tripleheader" at Warpath Lanes in Kingsport, Tenn.

Lickliter kicked off the series by defeating Sam Ventura of Syracuse, N.Y., 214-207, in the final of the PBA60 Wilson & Sons event at Victory Lanes in Mooresville, N.C., on Sept. 1. Two days later, Stoney Baker came out striking with the front five to defeat PBA Hall of Famer and defending champion Tom Baker of King, N.C., 258-220, in the PBA50 event, also at Victory Lanes in Mooresville.

Along with his 15th regional title, Lickliter earned \$2,200. Stoney Baker earned \$2,300 in the PBA50 event.

The South Region players then traveled to Tennessee where Peters was the top qualifier. A recent "super senior" after turning 60 on Dec. 27, Peters defeated no. 2 qualifier Sammy Ventura of Syracuse, N.Y., 259-181, to win the PBA60 title and \$1,600 in Kingsport.

PBA50 tournaments are open to players ages 50 and older; PBA60 events are for players ages 60 and older.

PBA60 WILSON & SONS TERMITE AND PEST CONTROL SOUTHERN OPEN Victory Lanes, Mooresville, N.C., Saturday, Sept. 1

Championship:

Steve Lickliter, Beckley, W.Va. (\$2,200) def. Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y. (\$1,100), 214-207.

Semifinal Round (losers earned \$850):

Lickliter def. Brian Voss, Centennial, Co., 189-176. Ventura def. Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 215-174.

Round of 8 (three games total pinfall, losers earned \$675 each):

Voss def. Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 738-681. Profitt def. n-Phillip Johnson, Nashville, N.C., 682-582. Ventura def. Bill Argenbright, New Hope, Va., 674-621. Lickliter def. Dave Martin, Chesapeake, Va., 683-676.

Round of 12 (three games total pinfall, losers earned \$575 each):

n-Johnson def. Dale Csuhta, Wadsworth, Ohio, 686-657. Ventura def. Greg McMahan, Dandridge, Tenn., 700-698. Lickliter def. Dick Gran, Hartville, Ohio, 784-629. Brosius def. Jeff Bellinger, Columbia, S.C., 641-625.

Round of 16 (three games total pinfall, losers earned \$525 each):

Bellinger def. n-Paul Kreins, Mooresville, N.C., 805-663. Csuhta def. Mark McNutt, Alpharetta, Ga., 719-576. McMahan def. Tom Baker, King, N.C., 649-595. Gran def. Hector Valenzuela, Whitsett, N.C., 722-621.

300 Games: Ron Profitt, Jeff Bellinger.

PBA50 SAMUEL ADAMS MOORESVILLE SOUTHERN OPEN Presented by Columbia 300 Victory Lanes, Mooresville, N.C., Sept. 3

Championship:

Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga. (\$2,300) def. Tom Baker, King, N.C. (\$1,200), 258-220.

Semifinal Round (losers earned \$900):

S. Baker def. Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 222-219. T. Baker def. Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 227-204.

Round of 8 (three games total pinfall, losers earned \$700 each):

T. Baker def. Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 688-547. Thomas def. Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 708-623. S. Baker def. Roy Davis, Lumberton, N.C., 620-547. Williams def. Mac Sanders, Taylors, S.C., 689-642.

Round of 12 (three games total pinfall, losers earned \$600 each):

Baker def. Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 2-0. Martin def. n-Mike Phillips, Ocilla, Ga., 2-1. DeVore def. Bill McCorkle, Westerville, Ohio, 2-0. Walker def. Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 2-0.

Round of 16 (three games total pinfall, losers earned \$550 each):

Sanders def. n-Johnny Manzella, McCalle, Ala., 594-581. Thomas def. James Winterfeld, Fort Mill, S.C., 622-582. Ventura def. Mal Williams, Jamestown, N.C., 672-608. Davis def. Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 654-589.

PBA60 KINGSPORT SOUTHERN OPEN Presented by Storm Warpath Lanes, Kingsport, Tenn., Sept. 6

Final Standings: 1, Bill Peters, Dayton, Ohio, \$1,600. 2, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., \$1000. 3, Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., \$900. 4, Greg McMahan, Dandridge, Tenn., \$800.

Stepladder Results: Game 1: Berke def. McMahan, 256-234. Semifinal: Ventura def. Berke, 254-227. Championship: Peters def. Ventura, 259-181.

Final Qualifying Standings (after 16 games):

- 1, Peters, 3,974.
- 2, Ventura, 3,852.
- 3, Berke, 3,836.
- 4, McMahan, 3,827.
- 5. Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 3,746, \$650
- 6, Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 3,744, \$600.
- 7, William Banks, Laurel Hill, N.C., 3,563, \$550.
- 8, Keith Eberly, Palmyra, Pa., 3,334, \$500.

Brandon Curtis Wins First PBA Title in Fayetteville South Open

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. (September 9, 2018) – Brandon Curtis of Manson, N.C. won his first Professional Bowlers Association title Sunday, defeating Matt Martin of Axton, Va., 278-246, to win the 15th annual PBA Fayetteville South Open presented at Lafayette Lanes.

Curtis, who qualified in the fourth-and-final position for the four-man stepladder finals with a 17-game total of 4,199 pins – one pin ahead of PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. – disposed of Mike Coffey of Melbourne, Fla., in opening match, 268-245, and easily defeated Dick Allen of Columbia, S.C., 265-226, in the semifinal contest to advance to the championship match.

In the title match Curtis started with nine strikes to grab a healthy lead while Martin fumbled early. Despite a six-strike rally from the fourth frame to the 10th, it wasn't enough to catch Curtis who earned \$2,400. Martin pocketed \$1,200 for second, Allen took home \$1,000 for third place and Coffey earned \$900 for fourth.

The PBA South Region's next event will be the PBA50 Canton South Open Sept. 21 at Cherokee Lanes in Canton, Ga.

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

Final Standings:

- 1, Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C., \$2,400.
- 2, Matt Martin, Axton, Va., \$1,200.
- 3, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., \$1,000.
- 4, Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., \$900.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Curtis def. Coffey, 268-245. Semifinal – Curtis def. Allen, 265-226. Championship – Curtis def. Martin, 278-246.

Final Qualifying Standings (after 17 games, top 4 advanced to stepladder finals):

- 1, Martin, 4,253.
- 2, Allen, 4,238.
- 3, Coffey, 4,213.
- 4, Curtis, 4,199.
- 5, Walter Ray Williams, Oxford, Fla., 4,198, \$800.
- 6, Steve Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., 4,132, \$700.
- 7, Jason Sterner, Atlanta, Ga., 4,063, \$650.
- 8, Anthony Caso, Merritt Island, Fla., 4,025, \$600.

Round of 16 Cashers (eliminated after 15 games):

- 9, Matt Taylor, Youngsville, N.C., 3,562, \$550.
- 10, Christopher Glaz, Huntersville, N.C., 3,554, \$525.
- 11, Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 3,537, \$500.
- 12, Joseph Grago, Hampstead, N.C., 3,522, \$490.
- 13, n-Andrew Diley, Conway, S.C., 3,516, \$480.
- 14. Vic Florie, Richmond, Va., 3,466, \$470.
- 15, Tyler Rinehart, Virginia Beach, Va., 3,403, \$460.
- 16, Nick Johnston, Asheville, N.C., 3,338, \$450.

Cashers Round (eliminated after 12 games):

- 17, n-Mike Zylius, Highland Park, Ill., 2,729, \$410.
- 18, n-Mike Rivera, Hanahan, S.C., 2,678, \$405.
- 19, Wayne Bolin, Lumberton, N.C., 2,678, \$405.

300 Games: Steve Arehart, Vic Florie, Tyler Rinehart, Greg Thomas.

n-denotes non-PBA member.

Rick Graham wins PBA50 Brian LeClair's Revolutions Pro Shop Eastern Open

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The win was Graham's fourth in PBA Regional competition, but his first in PBA50 competition. He earned \$1,500 for the win while LeClair, who rolled a 279 in the position round to move into second place, earned \$900. Bruce Hall of Westborough, Mass. was third, earning \$850.

The next stop on the PBA East Region tour is the PBA Millsboro Over/Under 50 Doubles, which will be held at Millsboro Lanes in Millsboro, Del., Sept. 21-23.

PBA50 BRIAN LECLAIR'S REVOLUTIONS PRO SHOP OPEN

Boulevard Bowl, Schenectady, N.Y., Sunday

Final Match Play Standings (after 8 games, including match play bonus pins)

1, Rick Graham, Lancaster, Pa., 6-1-1, 2,083, \$1,500.

- 2, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 5-3, 2,014, \$900.
- 3, Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., 4-3-1, 1,968, \$850.
- 4, Tim Beaver, Kingston, N.Y., 4-4, 1,850, \$825.
- 5, John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 3-5, 1,826, \$800.
- 6, Ray Textor, Kennedy, N.Y., 2-6, 1,758, \$750.
- 7, Sam Maccarone, Williamstown, N.J., 5-3, 1,752, \$725.
- 8, Tom Yadanza, Saratoga Springs, N.Y., 2-6, 1,695, \$700.

Semifinal Round (after 5 games, top 4 advanced along with top 4 from qualifying round)

- 1, Graham, 1.258.
- 2, LeClair, 1.250.
- 3, Hall, 1.175.
- 4, Yadanza, 1,137.
- 5, Ray Edwards, Middle Island, N.Y., 1,113, \$640.
- 6, Sammy Ventura, Norwich, N.Y., 1,099, \$630.
- 7, n-Pat Brick, Buffalo, N.Y., 1,074, \$625.
- 8, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 1,060, \$620.
- 9, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Township, Mich., 993, \$615.
- 10, n-Jack Scaccia, Guilderland, N.Y., 992, \$610.
- 11, Gary Burns, Endicott, N.Y., 962, \$505.
- 12, Mike Tweed, Camp Hill, Pa., 908, \$600.

n-denotes non-PBA member

300 Game: Harry Sullins

PBA Spare Shots

PBA INTERNATIONAL-WORLD BOWLING TOUR RETURNS TO BANGKOK SEPT. 22-28

The next stop for PBA Tour players who are chasing the top eight places on the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour earnings list for a berth in the end-of-season PBA Clash will be the PBA International-World Bowling Tour Thailand, Sept. 22-28, at Blu-O Rhythm & Bowl Paragon in Bangkok where the tournament's US\$32,250 first prize could play a significant role in the 2018 earnings race.

The WBT Thailand format includes three three-game qualifying blocks with nine-game pinfall totals determining the 42 players who will advance to Round Two which involves qualifiers 25-42 bowling six games (all previous pins are dropped). The top 10 from Round Two will join qualifiers 9-24 for another six-game block in Round Three. The top 12 from Round Three will join qualifiers 1-8 for the six-game Round Four.

Round Four will decide the seven players who will join the highest-qualifying Thai player for the final round on Friday, Sept. 28, that will be a modified stepladder schedule. Match One will include Finalists 6, 7 and 8. The winner moves on to Match Two along with finalists 4 and 5. That winner bowls Finalist 3 in Match Three. The Match Three winner bowls Finalist 2 in the Semifinal Match. The Semifinal winner advances to the championship match where he/she has to beat Finalist 1 twice in order to win the event.

The winner will earn a PBA Tour title if he/she is a PBA member and doesn't accept handicap pins (like many WBT events, WBT Thailand offers women 8 handicap pins per game.

PBA fans can follow the Thailand tournament online through the Asian Bowling Federation's website: <u>http://www.abf-online.org/results/ttbawbt18.htm</u>. Thailand's **Jojoe Yannaphon**, a PBA member, is the defending champion. In 2017, Yannaphon was high qualifier and defeated Sweden's two-handed star, Jesper Svensson, 212-202, to earn his first PBA Tour title.

The WBT Thailand is also a WBT points event. The top three men and top three women in WBT points for the 2018 season will compete in the World Bowling Tour Finals presented by the PBA which will be contested at the International Training and Research Center in Arlington, Texas, for airing on FS1 on Sunday, March 10, at 10 p.m. EST.

NEXT UP: XTRA FRAME ON FLOBOWLING VISITS NORTH CAROLINA, CALIFORNIA

Closing out the month, PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling will visit North Carolina and California to cover another weekend doubleheader: the PBA50 Storm Invitational at Planet Fun Bowling and Entertainment Center in Shallotte, N.C., and a PBA Regional event, the PBA Double Decker West/Northwest Open presented by Roto Grip from Double Decker Lanes in Rohnert Park, Calif., Sept. 29-30.

The PBA50 Invitational, Saturday and Sunday, Sept.29-30, will involve a field of 14 including 2018 PBA50 Player of the Year **Michael Haugen Jr.**, PBA50 Cup winner **Brian Kretzer**, PBA60 Player of the Year **Ron Mohr**, **Walter Ray Williams Jr.**, **Norm Duke**, **Parker Bohn III**, **Lennie Boresch Jr.**, **Amleto Monacelli**, **Ryan Shafer**, **Bob Learn Jr.**, **Pete Weber**, **Harry Sullins**, **Brian Voss** and Johnny Petraglia.

All PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling events are covered live from start to finish. One last reminder: existing Xtra Frame subscribers need to transition their current subscriptions to FloBowling by visiting <u>https://www.flobowling.com/claim-account</u>. New subscribers can enroll at FloBowling.com.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: ANDY PATTERSON WINS GRAND CASINO INVITATIONAL

Andy Patterson from Tyler, Texas defeated **Chris Hibbitts II** from Keller, Texas, to win the fifth annual PBA Grand Casino Resort & Hotel Southwest Invitational at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla., Sunday. The entire event was live-streamed by PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling.

Patterson, who earned his sixth PBA Regional title, was able to string strikes while Hibbitts had trouble adjusting to the final pair's conditions, topping him, 220-158, to claim the \$4,000 winner's check.

After 12 games of qualifying, both players had long roads to the final match. After qualifying 13th, Patterson started his road to victory by downing Houston PBA50 player **David Scardaville**, 2-0, in the best-of-three-game Round of 16; **David Krol** from Nixa, Mo., 2-1, in the Round of 12, and **Tyler Albracht** of Amarillo, Texas, 2-1 in the Round of 8. In the semifinal round, he eliminated newly-inducted PBA Southwest Hall of Famer **Mark Scroggins** of Canyon, Texas, 279-243.

Hibbitts, who had won two previous PBA Regionals at FireLake, qualified 14th and defeated **Sean Lavery-Spahr** from Pasadena, Texas, 2-1; **Joe Findling** from Mesquite, Texas, 2-0; **Shawn Maldonado** of Houston, 2-1, and **Devin Bidwell** of Wichita, Kan., 236-160, before Patterson ended his bid for another PBA title.

As part of the tournament weekend, Scroggins and Junction City Bowl proprietor and long-time PBA Regional tournament host **Joe Ellison** from Junction City, Kan., were inducted into the PBA Southwest Region Hall of Fame.

• **Steve Lickliter** of Beckley, W.Va., won the PBA60 Wilson & Sons Pest Control Open title in Mooresville, N.C.; **Stoney Baker** of Canton, Ga., notched his 31st PBA regional win in the PBA50 Samuel Adams Mooresville South Open presented by Columbia 300, and **Bill Peters** of Dayton, Ohio, won his first PBA title in the PBA60 Kingsport Southern Open presented by Storm to complete the PBA South Region's annual extended Labor Day "tripleheader" at Warpath Lanes in Kingsport, Tenn.

Lickliter kicked off the series by defeating **Sam Ventura** of Syracuse, N.Y., 214-207, in the final of the PBA60 Wilson & Sons event at Victory Lanes in Mooresville, N.C., on Sept. 1. Two days later, **Stoney Baker** came out striking with the front five to defeat PBA Hall of Famer and defending champion **Tom Baker** (no relation) of King, N.C., 258-220, in the PBA50 event, also at Victory Lanes in Mooresville.

Along with his 15th regional title, Lickliter earned \$2,200. Stoney Baker earned \$2,300 in the PBA50 event.

The South Region players then traveled to Tennessee where Peters was the top qualifier. A recent "super senior" after turning 60 on Dec. 27, Peters defeated no. 2 qualifier **Sammy Ventura** of Syracuse, N.Y., 259-181, to win the PBA60 title and \$1,600 in Kingsport.

• Also in the PBA South Region, **Brandon Curtis** of Manson, N.C. won his first PBA title Sunday, defeating **Matt Martin** of Axton, Va., 278-246, to win the 15th annual PBA Fayetteville South Open at Lafayette Lanes in Fayetteville, N.C.

Curtis, who qualified in the fourth-and-final position for the four-man stepladder finals with a 17-game total of 4,199 pins – one pin ahead of PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. – disposed of **Mike Coffey** of Melbourne, Fla., in opening match, 268-245, and easily defeated **Dick Allen** of Columbia, S.C., 265-226, in the semifinal contest to advance to the championship match.

In the title match Curtis started with nine strikes to grab a healthy lead while Martin fumbled early. Despite a six-strike rally from the fourth frame to the 10th, it wasn't enough to catch Curtis who earned \$2,400 along with his title.

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• John Dudak of Orland Park, Ill., defeated **Brian Menini** of Brookfield, Mo., 254-163, to win the PBA50 Diamond Jo Casino Midwest Open at Cherry Lanes in Dubuque, Iowa, Sunday, for his first PBA title after competing in more than 200 events as a "senior" bowler.

The 64-year-old Dudak, a veteran of 103 PBA50 Tour and 115 PBA50 regional events, earned a \$1,600 prize. He defeated Menini after Menini eliminated **Jon Schure** of Ripon, Wis, 259-223, in the first match and **Dean Mueller** of Arlington Heights, Ill., 222-180, in the semifinal contest.

• PBA Regional events on the Sept. 14-16 weekend schedule include the Sturgis Central/Midwest Open at Sturgis Bowl in Sturgis, Mich., and the Liberal Kansas Southwest Open at Ayr Lanes.

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Anthony Simonsen Wins PBA Liberal Kansas Southwest Open

Liberal, Kan., (Sept. 17, 2018) – Four-time Professional Bowlers Association Tour champion Anthony Simonsen from Austin, Texas, won five of his eight matches to overtake Anthony Lavery-Spahr of Pasadena, Texas, and claim his fifth PBA Regional title in the second annual PBA Liberal Kansas Southwest Open Sunday at Ayr Lanes.

Simonsen began the eight-game modified round-robin finals with 102-pin lead over Lavery-Spahr, but dropped his first two matches before eking out a 177-163 win over Dylan Burns from Garden City, Kan. Meanwhile, Lavery-Spahr won his first three matches with games of 239, 229, and 247, to build his lead to over 120 pins. Simonsen then out-dueled Anthony's twin brother, Sean Lavery-Spahr, to win a 279-275 decision in game 4 to narrow the gap as the top two players pulled away from the rest of the finals field.

Going into the final position round match, Anthony Lavery-Spahr held a nine-pin lead, needing to defeat Simonsen for the title, but Simonsen coverted the 6-7-10 split in the ninth frame and then filled the 10th frame with a strike and spare to win the match, 226-223, and claim the \$4,500 first place check. Simonsen finished with a 21-game total of 5,019 pins, including match play bonus pins, for a 24-pin margin of victory over Anthony Lavery-Spahr, who earned \$3,000 as runner-up.

Sean Lavery-Spahr put on a late charge to grab the third-place check of \$2,200. Non-member Brandon Martin from Derby, Kan., rounded out the top four and collected \$1,700.

The Southwest Region's next event is the PBA Lubbock Sports Southwest Challenge, an event for nonchampions, Sept. 21-23, at South Plains Lanes in Lubbock, Texas. Two one-day PBA50 tournaments follow over the Oct. 5-7 weekend at Junction City Bowl in Junction City, Kan. The inaugural PBA50 Waxahachie Southwest Open will be held at Hilltop Lanes, Oct. 19-21.

PBA LIBERAL KANSAS SOUTHWEST OPEN Ayr Lanes, Liberal, Kan., Sunday

Final Standings (after 21 games, including match play bonus pins):

1, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 5-3, 5,019, \$4,500. 2, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 5-3, 4,995, \$3,000. 3, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 5-3, 4,814, \$2,200. 4, n-Brandon Martin, Derby, Kan., 5-2-1, 4,812, \$1,700. 5, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 4-4, 4,787, \$1,400. 6, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 2-5-1, 4,702, \$1,150.

7, Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 3-3-2, 4,697, \$1,050. 8, Roger Petrin, Arlington, Texas, 4-4, 4,649, \$1,000. 9, Mitch Hupe, Canada, 5-3, 4,619, \$950. 10, Kris Koeltzow, Wheat Ridge, Colo., 2-6, 4,566, \$900. 11, Dylan Burns, Garden City, Kan., 4-4, 4,523, \$850. 12, n-Rameses Chambers, Kansas City, Mo., 2-6, 4,506, \$800.

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PBA Spare Shots

ALL SYSTEMS "GO" FOR PBA50 STORM INVITATIONAL AS FLOODING SUBSIDES

Thanks in great part to the foresight of its builders, Planet Fun Bowling and Entertainment Center in Shallotte, N.C., has escaped the ravages of Hurricane Florence and the show will go on as planned.

"The show" is the PBA50 Storm Invitational, a new end-of-season tournament for 12 elite "senior" stars who excelled during the 2018 season (**Michael Haugen Jr., Brian Kretzer, Ron Mohr, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Norm Duke, Parker Bohn III, Lennie Boresch Jr., Amleto Monacelli, Ryan Shafer, Bob Learn Jr., Pete Weber** and **Harry Sullins)** plus PBA Hall of Fame legends **Johnny Petraglia** and **Brian Voss**, will take place at 32-lane Planet Fun Sept. 29-30. PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling will live-stream the entire 14-game round-robin match play event plus the stepladder finals.

In the wake of the tragic flooding and wind damage caused by Hurricane Florence, the Planet Fun family entertainment complex in the sleepy little resort area of 3,600 residents escaped with minimal damage and is now patiently waiting for flood waters to recede.

"We're doing okay," proprietor Brian McCall said Tuesday. "We made it through the storm with very little damage. The area is still in the midst of trying to recover; roads are still really bad, but flooding is supposed to crest soon so we're hoping we'll get back to normal soon."

Shallotte, McCall noted, is only a couple of miles from the ocean. It's midway between Wilmington to the north and Myrtle Beach to the south. Shallotte got about 15 inches of rain – far less than areas of the north – and winds that hit the 80-100 mph range. But the bowling center itself escaped, despite having a river right behind it, because "we raised the center about 11 feet to get out of flood plain when we built it," McCall said. "We got it about 19 feet above sea level. It certainly has paid for itself a couple of times over. The river has never gotten to our parking lot, but we can see it from there."

The upcoming PBA50 event, he said, may prove to be therapeutic for the region.

"We look forward to hosting the event," McCall said. "We know people will show up to support it. We hope it'll be a breath of fresh air for people around here. We had to shut down the center for a week because our league bowlers couldn't get here, but as bad as things have been, they could have been a whole lot worse."

EIGHT MORE CHINESE BOWLERS QUALIFY FOR PBA MEMBERSHIP

Thanks to the on-going efforts of **Frank Zhao**, owner of Longmarch Bowling in China, eight more Chinese bowlers have qualified to apply for PBA membership by participating in the 14th Longmarch Pioneers Tournament at Tian-Cheng-Hong-Ri Bowling Center in Shenyang in north China.

To qualify for PBA membership, the bowlers have to average 200 or more over a minimum of 21 games on PBA-level lane conditions. In the Longmarch tournament, 25 players bowled 36 games in three days and eight topped the 200 average target.

Since China entered players in PBA World Series of Bowling VI in 2014, a total of 94 bowlers have qualified and applied for PBA membership through Zhao's Pioneers Tournaments, including 89 men and five women representing players from Taiwan, The Philippines and Hong Kong as well as China. Six of the 94 were younger than 24; the rest were 24 or older.

Zhao hopes to bring a contingent of Chinese PBA members to WSOB X at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Mich., in March of 2019.

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Ciminelli finished with a 6-2 match play record and a total of 4,738 pins for 21 games, including match play bonus pins, to win his 12th career title along with the \$2,600 first prize.

• The PBA Century Lanes South Open, scheduled for last weekend in Hampton, Va., was cancelled due to the presence of Hurricane Florence in the Atlantic Coast region.

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The next PBA Central Region event will be the Florence Central Open, a one day/reduced entry fee September 21-22.

PBA STURGIS CENTRAL/MIDWEST OPEN Sturgis Bowl, Sturgis, Mich., Sunday

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

1, Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., 6-2, 4,738, \$2,600. 2, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 6-2, 4,696, \$1,400. 3, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 4-4, 4,669, \$1,100. 4, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 5-3, 4,638, \$950. 5, Graham Fach, Canada, 4-4, 4,632, \$850. 6, n-Justin Knowles, Okemos, Mich., 4-4, 4,490, \$800. 7, Tyler Wilds, Three Rivers, Mich., 3-5, 4,446, \$775. 8, Chris Colella, Indianapolis, Ind., 0-8, 4,341, \$750.

Other Cashers (after 13 games):

9, Dakota Vostry, Chicago, 2,660, \$550. 10, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 2,652, \$550. 11, Jason Lundquist, Columbus, Ohio, 2,644, \$550. 12, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 2,611, \$525. 13, Kyle Mayberry, Mechanicsburg, Ohio, 2,580, \$525. 14, s-Michael Baker, Moline, Ill., 2,563, \$525. 15, s-Gary Kammes, Winfield, Ill., 2,542, \$500. 16, Michael Schlabach, Goshen, Ind., 2,538, \$500.

n-denotes non-member; s-denotes PBA50 member.

Walter Ray Williams Jr. Wins Title No. 108 in PBA50 Canton South Open

CANTON, Ga. (Sept. 23, 2018) – PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., defeated Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio, 237-203, to take the first prize in the PBA50 Canton South Open presented by Roto Grip at Cherokee Lanes Sunday, improving his all-time PBA titles record to 108.

The 58-year-old Williams qualified in fourth place for the stepladder finals with an 3-5 match play record and a 16-game total of 3,699 pins, including match play bonus pins, and then won three consecutive matches to earn the \$1,500 first prize. Kretzer posted an 8-0 match play record and had 4,059 pins to qualify first, 360 pins ahead of Williams, but had to settle for the \$900 second prize.

Williams, the all-time PBA Tour titles leader with 47, also has won 33 standard PBA Regiona titles, 12 PBA Tour and 16 PBA50 Regional titles.

In the first stepladder match Williams defeated Stoney Baker of Canton, Ga., 10-9 in a one-ball roll-off after they tied, 195-195. Williams then disposed of Greg Thomas of Irmo, S.C., 226-181, in the semifinal match.

The PBA South Region's next tournament will be the PBA50 J&L Sports Spartanburg South Open in Spartanburg, S.C., Sept. 28-30.

PBA50 CANTON SOUTH OPEN Presented by Roto Grip Cherokee Lanes, Canton, Ga., Sunday **Final Standings:** 1, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., \$1,500. 2, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, \$900. 3, Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C. \$800. 4, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., \$750.

Stepladder Results: Match One – Williams def. Baker, 195(10)- 195(9). Semifinal Match – Williams def. Thomas, 226-181. Championship – Williams def. Kretzer, 237-203.

Final Match Play Standings (after 16 games)

- 1, Kretzer, 8-0, 4,059.
- 2, Thomas, 5-3, 3,819.
- 3, Baker, 5-3, 3,785.
- 4, Williams, 3-5, 3,699.
- 5. Dave Han, Birmingham, Ala., 4-4, 3,572, \$675.
- 6, Ken Shealy, Myrtle Beach, S.C., 4-4, 3,544, \$600.
- 7, Greg McMahan, Dandridge, Tenn., 3-5, 3,503, \$550.
- 8, David Sanders, Blythewood, S.C., 0-8, 3,245, \$500.

300 Games: Brian Kretzer, Walter Ray Williams Jr.

Top Performers on PBA50 Tour in 2018 to Compete in PBA50 Storm Invitational Sept. 29-30 in Shallotte, N.C.

10 Hall of Famers in 14-player field that will feature 2018 season's top 12 in points and two invitees

SHALLOTTE, N.C. (Sept. 24, 2018) – What has now become the aptly-named PBA50 Storm Invitational, showcasing 14 top PBA50 Tour bowlers in head-to-head match play competition, will officially conclude the 2018 PBA50 Tour season Sept. 29-30 at Planet Fun Bowling & Entertainment Center in Shallotte, N.C.

Named after tournament sponsor Storm Bowling Products (not Hurricane Florence), the top 12 players in points on PBA's tour for players 50 and over, led by 2018 PBA50 Player of the Year Michael Haugen Jr., plus two invitees (Hall of Famers Johnny Petraglia and Brian Voss) will compete in the "all-star" special event.

Admission is free and fans will also be able to watch the event in its entirety beginning with the first match play round Saturday, Sept. 29 at 10 a.m. ET on PBA's online bowling channel, PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling, which will feature multiple streams that will cover all of the lanes used for every game. For subscription and schedule information visit <u>www.flobowling.com</u>.

The top 12 in order of points ranking who will compete in the event along with their 2018 season highlights are:

Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, Ariz. – Five-time PBA Tour and three-time PBA50 Tour titlist earned 2018 PBA50 Player of the Year honors after winning Rookie of the Year in 2017. Won Johnny Petraglia BVL Open and River City Extreme Open to become only multiple winner in 2018. Also had two runner-up finishes and two third-place finishes including third in the USBC Senior Masters.

Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio – One-time PBA Tour winner won season-ending PBA50 Cup for his first PBA50 Tour title. Also had three other top-five finishes including a runner-up finish in Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open.

Ron Mohr, Las Vegas – PBA Hall of Famer won Northern California Classic for his 10th career PBA50 Tour title. He also had five other top-five finishes including a third in the PBA50 National Championship and won PBA60 Player of the Year honors for the third consecutive year.

Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla. - PBA and USBC Hall of Famer who is the PBA Tour's all-time career titles leader with 47 wins, had three PBA50 Tour runner-up finishes in 2018. The 11-time PBA50 Tour winner also had two other top-five finishes including fifth in the PBA50 National Championship.

Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla. – PBA and USBC Hall of Famer won the PBA50 Security Federal Savings Bank Championship for his fifth PBA50 Tour title. The 38-time winner on the PBA Tour also had five other top-five finishes including runner-up finishes in the USBC Senior Masters and PBA50 National Championship.

Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J. – PBA and USBC Hall of Famer, 35-time PBA Tour winner and fourtime PBA50 Tour titlist had five top-five finishes with best of third in Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic.

Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis. – USBC Hall of Famer won the PBA50 National Championship for fourth career PBA50 title and first major win. Also had a runner-up finish in the PBA50 Mooresville (N.C.) Open.

Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela – PBA and USBC Hall of Famer, 20-time PBA Tour winner and eight-time PBA50 Tour titlist had six top-10 finishes with best of second in season-ending PBA50 Cup.

Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y. – Five-time PBA Tour winner had six top-10 finishes including careerbest PBA50 Tour finish of second in Security Federal Savings Bank Championship.

Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa. – Five-time PBA Tour winner and three-time PBA50 Tour winner had six top-10 finishes including season-best second in River City Extreme Open.

Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo. – PBA and USBC Hall of Famer, 37-time PBA Tour and 11-time PBA50 Tour winner had three top-10 finishes with best of fourth in Mooresville Open and sixth-place finishes in Suncoast Senior U.S. Open and PBA50 National Championship.

Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich. – USBC Hall of Famer, five-time PBA Tour and three-time PBA50 Tour winner had five top-15 finishes with best of eighth in South Shore Open.

Invitees

Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J. – PBA and USBC Hall of Famer is a 14-time PBA Tour and eight-time PBA50 Tour winner. He is the only player to win a national PBA tournament (PBA Tour or PBA50 Tour) in six different decades.

Brian Voss, Cornelius, N.C. – PBA and USBC Hall of Famer with 25 PBA Tour titles, won Mooresville Open for second career PBA50 Tour title. Also had third-place finish in Suncoast Senior U.S. Open.

While the event will not award a PBA50 title, the players will be bowling for a \$10,000 first prize.

Competition gets underway with a seven-game match play round at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 29 and another seven-game match play round Sunday, Sept. 30 at 1 p.m. which will determine the top five for the stepladder finals at 6 p.m. A practice session will be held from 4-5:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 28 with a pro-am scheduled for 6:30 p.m. All times are Eastern. For more information contact Planet Fun Bowling & Entertainment Center at (910) 755-2386.

PBA50 STORM INVITATIONAL SCHEDULE Planet Fun Bowling & Entertainment Center Shallotte, N.C. (all times Eastern)

Friday, September 28 4-5:30 p.m. Practice Session 6:30 p.m. - Pro-Am

Saturday, September 29 10 a.m. – Match Play (7 games)

Sunday, September 30

1 p.m. – Match Play (7 games) Top five after 14 games advance to stepladder finals 6 p.m. – Stepladder finals

Edwards, Ostrander Team Up to Win PBA/PBA50 Millsboro Lanes Doubles Title

Millsboro, Del. (September 23, 2018) – Ray Edwards of Middle Island, N.Y. and Greg Ostrander of Freehold, N.J., defeated Don Herrington of Ballston Lake, N.Y. and Jeff Voght of Canajoharie, N.Y., 388-460, 421-384, 431-406, in the best-of-three-game title match of the PBA50/PBA Millsboro Lanes Doubles Sunday at Millsboro Lanes.

The win was the 21st career regional title for Edwards, who is the two-time and reigning PBA50 East Region Player of the Year. It was the third career title for Ostrander. Edwards and Ostrander each earned \$2,000 while Herrington and Voght, who earned \$1,000 each as runners-up for the second time in the past three years.

In the best-of-three semifinal round, Edwards and Ostrander defeated Darryl Bower of Middletown, Pa. and Kerry Smith of New Holland, Pa., 2-0, while Herrington and Voght eliminated Mike Taylor of Havertown, Pa. and Dave Knight Jr. of Glassboro, N.J., 2-1. The losing team members each earned \$650.

The next East Region event is the PBA50 Bryans Bowling Center Open presented by the Hopkins Automotive Group and 900 Global, which is will be held in Laurel, Del., Oct. 26-28.

PBA50/PBA MILLSBORO LANES DOUBLES Millsboro Lanes, Millsboro, Del., Sunday

Championship (best of three games): Ray Edwards, Middle Island, N.Y./Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J. (\$4,000) def. Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y./Jeff Voght, Canajoharie, N.Y., (\$2,000), 2-1 (388-460, 421-384, 431-406).

Semifinal Round (best of three games, losing team earned \$1,300):

Edwards/Ostrander def. Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa./w-n-Kerry Smith, New Holland, Pa., 2-0. Herrington/Voght def. n-Mike Taylor, Havertown, Pa./Dave Knight Jr, Glassboro, N.J., 2-1.

Round of 8 (best of three games, losing team earned \$1,200):

Edwards/Ostrander def. John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y./Alex Cavagnaro, Massagequa, N.Y., 2-1. Herrington/Voght def. Danny Wiseman, Baltimore/Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 2-0. Taylor/Knight def. Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y./Tommy Gollick, Oberlin, Pa., 2-1. Bower/Smith def. Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va./Cody Shoemaker, Hanover, Pa., 2-0.

Round of 12 (best of three games, losing team earned \$1,100):

Shafer/Gollick def. Steve Pavlinko Sr., Sewell, N.J./Steve Pavlinko Jr., Sewell, N.J., 2-1. Bower/Smith def. n-Jim Hosier, Wayne, N.J./Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 2-0 Wiseman/Foy def. Sammy Ventura, Norwich, N.Y./n-Brett Cunningham, Clay, N.Y, 2-1. Conroy/Cavagnaro def. Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del./Josh Schmehl, Millsboro, Del., 2-0.

n-designates non-PBA member, w-designates woman.

Jacob Cutler Tops PBA Lubbock Sports Southwest Challenge Field

Lubbock, Texas, (September 24, 2018) – Jacob Cutler from College Station, Texas, completed his quest for his first Professional Bowlers Association title in the final position round match. After non-PBA member Trey Sledge, from Amarillo, Texas, threw three strikes in his tenth frame, Cutler matched his strikes to win the game, 258-254, and the PBA Lubbock Sports Southwest Challenge, presented by Ebonite, winner's check of \$2,000, Sunday at South Plains Lanes.

Cutler had built a sizable lead by winning his first six games, averaging 252. In game seven of the eight game round robin finals, Cutler hit his first road bump, falling to Brian Bledsoe, of Albuguergue, New Mexico, 200-172. Meanwhile, Sledge was winning his fifth match in a row with a 267-253 victory over Scotty Pope, from Midland, Texas, to cut into Cutler's lead, and setting up the pivotal position round match.

Cutler, who gualified fourth for the round robin match play finals, won seven of his eight matches to finish with 5,067 total pins, including match play bonus pins. Sledge held on to second place with a 5,015 total and earned \$1,225. Pope finished in third place, collecting \$850.

PBA Challenge events are open to amateurs who have not won a PBA event and to PBA members not credited with a PBA title.

The Southwest Region's next events are PBA50 regionals. The PBA50 Junction City Bowl Southwest Opens at Junction City, Kansas, are October 5-7. There will be two one day tournaments in Junction City, one on Saturday, and a second on Sunday, each having different finals formats, and on different PBA50 lane patterns. The inaugural PBA50 Waxahachie Southwest Open at Hilltop Lanes follows Oct. 19-20.

PBA LUBBOCK SPORTS SOUTHWEST CHALLENGE presented by Ebonite

South Plains Lanes, Lubbock, Texas, Sunday

Final Standings (after 21 games, including match play bonus pins):

1, Jacob Cutler, College Station, Texas, 7-1, 5,067, \$2,000. 2, n-Trey Sledge, Amarillo, Texas, 6-2, 5,015, \$1,225. 3, n-Scotty Pope Jr., Odessa, Texas, 6-2, 4,957, \$850. 4, Cody Meiers, Lubbock, Texas, 3-5, 4,803, \$700. 5, Levi Fintel, Lubbock, Texas, 4-4, 4,745, \$625. 6, Scott McCleery, Lubbock, Texas, 2-6, 4,686, \$550. 7, Tyler Albracht, Amarillo, Texas, 2-6, 4,506, \$525. 8, Brian Bledsoe, Albuquerue, N.M., 2-6, 4,452, \$500.

300 games: Madeleine McDuff n-denotes non-member

Plans Moving Forward to Introduce Revolutionary PBA Playoffs in 2019

Historic competition with \$100,000 first prize will be a centerpiece of PBA's inaugural season on FOX Sports

CHICAGO (Sept. 25, 2018) – With the return of Professional Bowlers Association competition to broadcast television looming in 2019, the PBA and its new broadcast partner, FOX Sports, are finalizing plans for an historic PBA Playoffs series that will add unprecedented drama to the Go Bowling! PBA Tour's 61st season.

Beginning in January, PBA members will compete in a schedule of 13 PBA Tour events, earning points toward 24 berths in an all-new PBA Playoffs match play elimination series that will unfold over nine weeks of television coverage on FOX Sports' FS1 and FOX channels. The 10-event television series will begin with live coverage of the first Round of 24 matches from Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, on Monday, April 8, and conclude with live coverage of the semifinal and final rounds on FOX on Saturday and Sunday, June 1-2, also from Bayside Bowl.

Details for each tournament, including schedules, formats and more, are posted on <u>pba.com</u> under the "Schedules/2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour" tab.

The winner of the PBA Playoffs will earn \$100,000.

"With the largest first prize in bowling at stake and live broadcast TV on FOX for the championship rounds, qualifying for the PBA Playoffs will be the goal of every player on the 2019 PBA Tour," said Tom Clark, PBA CEO and Commissioner. "At each of the 13 Tour events leading up to the Playoffs, points will be at stake, with only the top 24 making the cut. Keeping track of that points list during the first part of the year, and then watching all the intense elimination matches play out on mostly Monday nights in the spring on FS1, the Playoffs will capture the attention of fans everywhere.

"We couldn't choose a better home for the first PBA Playoffs on FOX Sports than Portland's Bayside Bowl, with its great fan base and unique atmosphere. Maine is going to host the most exciting tournament ever held."

Here's how the PBA Playoffs will unfold:

• PBA Tour players will earn points based on positions for both qualifying and final standings in 13 tournaments classified as Tier 1 (major championship), Tier 2 (traditional) events, or Tier 3 (small or limited field, short format) events. Tier 1 events will award 50 percent more points than Tier 2 and three times as many as Tier 3 events.

The 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule, with "tier" designation, includes: Jan. 1-6 – PBA Hall of Fame Classic, Arlington, Texas (Tier 3). Jan. 8-13 – PBA Oklahoma Open, Shawnee, Okla. (Tier 2). Jan. 8-13 – Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles, Shawnee, Okla. (Tier 3). Jan. 23-27 – PBA Lubbock Sports Open, Lubbock, Texas (Tier 2). Feb. 5-10 – PBA Tournament of Champions, Fairlawn, Ohio (Tier 1). Feb. 12-17 – PBA Players Championship, Columbus, Ohio (Tier 1). Feb. 19-24 – PBA Indianapolis Open, Indianapolis, Ind. (Tier 2). Feb. 27-March 3 – PBA Jonesboro Open, Jonesboro, Ark. (Tier 2). March 11-18 – PBA World Series of Bowling X Cheetah Championship, Allen Park, Mich. (Tier 3). March 11-19 - PBA World Series of Bowling X Scorpion Championship, Allen Park, Mich. (Tier 3). March 11-20 - PBA World Series of Bowling X Scorpion Championship, Allen Park, Mich. (Tier 3). March 11-21 - PBA World Series of Bowling X Scorpion Championship, Allen Park, Mich. (Tier 3). March 11-21 - PBA World Series of Bowling X Scorpion Championship, Allen Park, Mich. (Tier 3). March 11-21 - PBA World Series of Bowling X Scorpion Championship, Allen Park, Mich. (Tier 1). March 11-21 - DBA World Series of Bowling PBA World Championship, Allen Park, Mich. (Tier 1). March 26-April 1 – USBC Masters, Las Vegas (Tier 1).

• If any of the 2019 events includes a limited field, all PBA members will have the opportunity to advance into the field through a PTQ regardless of the size of the field.

• In each Tier 1, 2 or 3 tournament, up to 64 players may earn points for their finishing positions in both qualifying and the finals. The maximum a player can earn in a Tier 2 event will be 5,000 points per event (1,000 for leading qualifying, 4,000 for winning the tournament. In Tier 1 events, 64 players will earn points. The maximum will be 7,500 points (1,500 for leading qualifying, 6,000 for winning the event). In Tier 3 tournaments, the maximum will be 2,500 points (500 for leading qualifying, 2,000 for winning the event).

• Based on cumulative points earned at the completion of the USBC Masters, the top 24 players will advance to the PBA Playoffs. The top 8 on the points list will earn a bye for the first single-elimination match play round.

• The Round of 24 will include qualifiers 9 through 24 bowling one-game matches. The winners will advance to the Round of 16 (joining qualifiers 1-8) for best-of-three-game matches wherein the third game will consist of a two-frame tiebreaker if needed. The winners will continue to advance to the Round of 8, the semifinal round and the championship for the two survivors.

• Complete details including pairings, prize money and more will be posted on the PBA Playoffs page on <u>pba.com</u> in the near future.

• The PBA Playoffs will be contested in front of Bayside Bowl's enthusiastic fans in Portland, Maine, beginning with a live telecast on Monday, April 8, on FS1. Preliminary rounds will air for eight consecutive Monday nights through May 27. The semifinals and finals will then move to FOX for live coverage at noon Eastern on Saturday and Sunday, June 1-2.

2019 FOX-FS1 PBA PLAYOFFS TELECAST SCHEDULE (All times Eastern)

Monday, April 8 – PBA Playoffs Round of 24, Portland, Maine (FS1, 7 p.m., live). Monday, April 15 - PBA Playoffs Round of 24, Portland, Maine (FS1, 8 p.m.). Monday, April 22 - PBA Playoffs Round of 24, Portland, Maine (FS1, 9 p.m.). Monday, April 29 - PBA Playoffs Round of 24, Portland, Maine (FS1, 9 p.m.). Monday, May 6 - PBA Playoffs Round of 16, Portland, Maine (FS1, 9 p.m.). Monday, May 13 - PBA Playoffs Round of 16, Portland, Maine (FS1, 9 p.m.). Monday, May 20 - PBA Playoffs Quarterfinals, Portland, Maine (FS1, 9 p.m.). Monday, May 27 - PBA Playoffs Quarterfinals, Portland, Maine (FS1, 9 p.m.). Saturday, June 1 - PBA Playoffs Final Four, Portland, Maine (FOX, noon, live). Sunday, June 2 - PBA Playoffs Championship Round, Portland, Maine (FOX, noon, live). Tuesday, July 16 – PBA League Quarterfinals, Portland, Maine (FS1, 7 p.m., live). Tuesday, July 16 – PBA League Quarterfinals, Portland, Maine (FS1, 9 p.m., live). Wednesday, July 17 – PBA League Semifinals, Portland, Maine (FS1, 9 p.m., live). Thursday, July 18 – PBA League Elias Cup Finals, Portland, Maine (FS1, 9 p.m., live).

PBA Spare Shots

PBA-WBT THAILAND MAY INFLUENCE PBA CLASH, 2018 WORLD BOWLING TOUR FINALS

The PBA International-World Bowling Tour Thailand, which concludes Friday at Blu-O Rhythm & Bowl Paragon in Bangkok, may have a significant influence on the top eight places on the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour earnings list as well as the 2018 World Bowling Tour points race.

The PBA Tour earnings list involves eight spots in the end-of-season PBA Clash that will be televised on Sunday, Dec. 23, on FOX as the first event in PBA's historic television package with FOX Sports. WBT Thailand's US\$32,250 first prize is likely to impact the 2018 earnings race. Heading into the Thailand tournament, the top 10 in 2018 PBA Tour earnings are: **Jason Belmonte, Anthony Simonsen, Dom Barrett, Andrew Anderson, EJ Tackett, Marshall Kent, Kyle Troup, Jakob Butturff, Bill O'Neill** and **Tom Smallwood**.

The WBT Thailand is also a WBT points event. The top three men and top three women in WBT points for the 2018 season will compete in the World Bowling Tour Men's and Women's Finals presented by the PBA which will be contested at the International Training and Research Center in Arlington, Texas, for airing on FS1 on Sunday, March 10, at 10 p.m. EST.

The current top five in men's WBT points are: **Anthony Simonsen** 1,589; **Jason Belmonte** 1,118, **Kyle Troup** 974; **Stuart Williams** 963, and **Andrew Anderson** 894. The women's top five are: **Danielle McEwan** 2,314; **Liz Johnson** 1,960; **Daria Pajak** 1,428; **Shannon O'Keefe** 1,140 and **Clara Guerrero** 1,100.

PBA fans can follow the Thailand tournament online through the Asian Bowling Federation's website: <u>http://www.abf-online.org/results/ttbawbt18.htm</u>. WBT points standings are posted on World Bowling's official website: <u>https://www.worldbowling.org/events-results/world-bowling-tour/</u>.

NEXT UP: XTRA FRAME ON FLOBOWLING VISITS NORTH CAROLINA, CALIFORNIA

Closing out the month, PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling will visit North Carolina and California to cover another weekend doubleheader: the PBA50 Storm Invitational at Planet Fun Bowling and Entertainment Center in Shallotte, N.C., and a PBA Regional event, the PBA Double Decker West/Northwest Open presented by Roto Grip from Double Decker Lanes in Rohnert Park, Calif., Saturday and Sunday.

The PBA50 Invitational will involve a field of 14 including 2018 PBA50 Player of the Year **Michael Haugen Jr.**, PBA50 Cup winner **Brian Kretzer**, PBA60 Player of the Year **Ron Mohr**, **Walter Ray Williams Jr.**, **Norm Duke**, **Parker Bohn III**, **Lennie Boresch Jr.**, **Amleto Monacelli**, **Ryan Shafer**, **Bob Learn Jr.**, **Pete Weber**, **Harry Sullins**, **Brian Voss** and **Johnny Petraglia**. All PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling events are covered live from start to finish. A final reminder: existing Xtra Frame subscribers need to transition their current subscriptions to FloBowling by visiting <u>https://www.flobowling.com/claim-account</u>. New subscribers can enroll at FloBowling.com.

PBA STARS TO COMPETE IN WORLD BOWLING MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS IN HONG KONG

Several PBA stars from around the world will compete for gold, silver and bronze medals in the World Bowling Men's World Championships Nov. 24-Dec. 5 in Hong Kong, including Team USA members **Andrew Anderson, Chris Barnes, Jakob Butturff, Tommy Jones, EJ Tackett** and **Kyle Troup**. Barnes and Jones are the veterans on Team USA, having made their debuts in 1995 and 1996, respectively. Butturff also was a member of the 2017 gold medal winning U.S. team. Anderson, Tackett and Troup will be making their debuts as members of adult Team USA.

The Men's World Championships are held every four years. Competition includes singles, doubles, trios, five-man team, all-events and Masters events.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: WALTER RAY WILLIAMS JR. WINS 108TH PBA TITLE IN CANTON

PBA Hall of Famer **Walter Ray Williams Jr.** of Oxford, Fla., defeated **Brian Kretzer** of Dayton, Ohio, 237-203, to take the first prize in the PBA50 Canton South Open presented by Roto Grip at Cherokee Lanes in Canton, Ga., Sunday, improving his all-time PBA titles record to 108.

The 58-year-old Williams qualified in fourth place for the stepladder finals with a 3-5 match play record and a 16-game total of 3,699 pins, including match play bonus pins, and then won three consecutive matches to earn the \$1,500 first prize. Kretzer posted an 8-0 match play record and had 4,059 pins to qualify first, 360 pins ahead of Williams, but had to settle for the \$900 second prize.

Williams, the all-time PBA Tour titles leader with 47, also has won 33 standard PBA Regional titles, 12 PBA50 Tour and 16 PBA50 Regional titles.

In the first stepladder match Williams defeated **Stoney Baker** of Canton, Ga., 10-9 in a one-ball roll-off after they tied, 195-195. Williams then disposed of **Greg Thomas** of Irmo, S.C., 226-181, in the semifinal match.

• **Kyle Mayberry** of Mechanicsburg, Ohio defeated **Zach Doty** of Campbellsville, Ky., 204-189, to win the PBA Florence Bowling Center Central Open in Florence, Ky., Saturday.

Mayberry, who earned his second regional title and \$2,000 for the one-day event, downed **JR Raymond** of Clinton Twp., Mich., 2-1, while Doty blanked **Graham Fach** of Canada, 2-0, in the best-ofthree-game semifinal round to set up the championship match.

• **Brad Miller** of Lees Summit, Mo., defeated **Tony Manna Jr.** of Papillion, Neb., 2,930-2,854, to win the PBA Mockingbird Lanes Midwest Open and **Jeff Johnson** of Freeport, Ill., defeated **Steve Rogers** of Manteno, Ill., 3,045-2,922, to win the PBA50 Mockingbird Lanes Midwest Open in Omaha in a Sunday PBA Midwest Region doubleheader.

Miller won his third career regional title along with a \$2,300 prize for his 13-game pinfall total. Johnson won his first PBA50 regional title and \$2,000.

• **Ray Edwards** of Middle Island, N.Y. and partner **Greg Ostrander** of Freehold, N.J., defeated **Don Herrington** of Ballston Lake, N.Y. and **Jeff Voght** of Canajoharie, N.Y., 388-460, 421-384, 431-406, in the best-of-three-game title match of the PBA50/PBA Millsboro Lanes Doubles Sunday in Millsboro, Del.

The win was the 21st career regional title for Edwards, the reigning PBA50 East Region Player of the Year, and the third for Ostrander. Each earned \$2,000.

In the best-of-three semifinal round, Edwards and Ostrander defeated **Darryl Bower** of Middletown, Pa. and **Kerry Smith** of New Holland, Pa., 2-0, while Herrington and Voght eliminated **Mike Taylor** of Havertown, Pa. and **Dave Knight Jr.** of Glassboro, N.J., 2-1.

• **Jacob Cutler** from College Station, Texas, completed his quest for his first PBA title, throwing three strikes in his 10th frame for a 258-254 victory over **Trey Sledge** of Amarillo, Texas, to win the PBA Lubbock Sports Southwest Challenge presented by Ebonite Sunday at South Plains Lanes in Lubbock, Texas.

After Sledge, a non-member, struck out in his half of the final frame, Cutler matched Sledge to claim the winner's check of \$2,000 with a 21-game total of 5,067 pins, 52 ahead of Sledge. Cutler had built a sizable lead by winning his first six games, averaging 252, but in game seven of the eight-game round robin match play finals, Cutler hit his first road bump, falling to **Brian Bledsoe** of Albuquerque, N.M., 200-172. At the same time, Sledge was winning his fifth match in a row, 267-253, over**Scotty Pope** from Midland, Texas, to set up the pivotal position round match.

• Josh Blanchard of Mesa, Ariz.; Barry Tate of Wenatchee, Wash., and Catherine Rawsthorne of Federal Way, Wash., were victorious in a PBA Northwest Region tripleheader at Paradise Lanes Sunday.

Blanchard posted a 10-2 match play record and a 20-game total of 4,959 pins, including match play bonus pins, to win the PBA Always Painting Northwest Open, a standard PBA Regional event. Blanchard held off red-hot **Jakob Butturff** of Tempe, Ariz., to win his 10th PBA regional title and the \$2,000 first prize.

Tate won the PBA50 **Gary Mage** Northwest Open portion of the tripleheader with an 8-2 match play record and an 18-game total of 4,061 pins to top **Hugh Miller** of Mercer Island, Wash., by 31 pins for his second PBA50 Regional title and a \$1,500 first prize.

Rawsthorne had a 5-3 match play record and knocked down 3,469 total pins for her 16 games to top fellow non-PBA member **Courtney Couch** of Puyallup, Wash., for the win in the Diamondback Delivery Service **Jeanne Naccarato** Women's Open to earn the \$1,000 prize.

• The September PBA Regional schedule concludes this weekend with the Bluffton Central/Midwest Open at EZ Bowl in Bluffton, Ind.; the PBA50 J&L Sports South Open at Paradise Lanes in Spartanburg, S.C., and the Double Decker West/Northwest Open presented by Roto Grip in Rohnert Park, Calif. The Double Decker event will be live-streamed by PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling.

• For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit <u>pba.com</u>, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area...and remember, you can follow "live scoring" for all PBA Regional events on <u>pba.com</u> (easily accessible for Apple device users using the PBA app).

QUICK NOTES:

• A footnote involving **Walter Ray Williams Jr.**'s 108th PBA victory in Canton, Ga., over the weekend was the fact that he also bowled his 107th 300 game in PBA competition en route to the title. He remains second on the all-time PBA perfect game list behind fellow Hall of Famer **Parker Bohn III** who has bowled 114 perfect games in PBA competition at all levels. Bohn has bowled 21,748 games in PBA Tour,

PBA Regional, PBA50 Tour and PBA50 Regional events which means he has bowled a 300 game once in every 190.7 games

FIELD OF 20 SET FOR FRIDAY'S PBA-WBT THAILAND FINALS

BANGKOK, Thailand – Japan's Shota Kawazoe, Malaysia's Rafiq Ismail and American Kyle Troup are among the field of 20 men and women from around the world who will advance to Friday's final rounds of the PBA International-WBT Thailand at Blu-O Rhythm and Bowl Paragon.

The finalists represent the top eight qualifiers from the nine-game Round One who earned byes all the way to Round Four, and 12 players who advanced from Thursday's six-game elimination Rounds Two and Three. In the elimination rounds, all previous pinfall is dropped. In all cases, women in the tournament receive eight handicap pins per game.

In Friday's Round Four, the 20 finalists will bowl another six games to determine the eight players who will advance to the modified stepladder finals, which will begin with a one-game shootout match for qualifiers six, seven and eight. The highest scoring player advances to another shootout match with qualifiers four and five. The leader in that match moves on. The final three matches are two-player matches, but survivor reaching the championship match has to beat the top qualifier twice to win the title.

Among the top 20 are home-country favorite Jojoe Yannaphon, the defending WBT Thailand champion, and Troup, the Taylorsville, N.C., two-handed player who is bidding for his second straight WBT title after winning the Storm Lucky Larsen Masters in Malmo, Sweden, on Sept. 9.

PBA fans can follow the Thailand tournament online through the Asian Bowling Federation's website: <u>http://www.abf-online.org/results/ttbawbt18.htm</u>

Friday's PBA-WTB Thailand finalists, in no particular order, are: Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas; Francois Lavoie, Canada; Jesper Svensson, Sweden; Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill.; Surasak Manuwong, Thailand; Rafig Ismail, Malavsia; Shota Kawazoe, Japan; Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C.; Wu Siu Hong, Hong Kong; Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash.; Jojoe Yannaphon, Thailand; Stuart Williams, England; Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio; Greg Young, Viera, Fla.; Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa.; Osku Palermaa, Finland; Surasak Manuwong, Thailand.

Women qualifiers are: Sin Li Jane, Malaysia; New Hui Fen, Singapore; Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y.; Liz Johnson, Palatine, Ill.

Danielle McEwan Wins PBA International-WBT Thailand Title

Four-time PWBA titlist turns back England's Stuart Williams in two-game title match

BANGKOK, Thailand (Sept. 28, 2017) – Top qualifier Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, N.Y., turned back Stuart Williams of England in a two-game championship match to win the PBA International-WBT Thailand at Blu-O Rhythm and Bowl Paragon on Friday.

McEwan, a four-time Professional Women's Bowling Association titlist, won the six-game qualifying round to earn the top berth in the eight-player stepladder finals by seven pins over Malaysia's Rafiq Ismail, taking advantage of the eight handicap pins per game awarded to women in the tournament.

Williams, who qualified third, defeated Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C., 182-173, and Ismail, 206-205, to advance to the title match where he needed to beat McEwan twice to win the event. Williams won the first game, 232-218, but McEwan won the second, 225-179, to claim the \$31,908 first prize.

McEwan is a PBA member, but won't receive credit for a PBA title because she accepted the handicap pins.

Next on the PBA Tour's 2018 schedule will be the FloBowling Fall Swing Oct. 14-20 at The Lanes at Coffee Creek in suburban Tulsa, Okla. The multi-event tournament, open to an elite field of 120 PBA members only, will be covered exclusively on FloBowling.com and will award three PBA Tour titles for the PBA Wolf Open, PBA Bear Open and FloBowling Tulsa Open events.

The U.S. Open from Northrock Lanes in Wichita, Kan., will be the final qualifying event for the PBA Clash and the final event of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season. The U.S. Open finals will air live on CBS Sports Network on Wednesday, Oct. 31 at 7:30 p.m. ET. Rhino Page is the defending champion.

PBA INTERNATIONAL-WBT THAILAND Blu-O Rhythm and Bowl Siam Paragon, Bangkok, Thailand, Sept. 28

Final Standings:

- 1, w-Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., \$31,908.
- 2, Stuart Williams, England, \$15,954.
- 3, Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia, \$9,572.
- 4, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., \$6,381.
- 5, w-Sin Li Jane, Malaysia, \$3,190.
- 6, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, \$2,871.
- 7, Jojoe Yannaphon, Thailand, \$2,712.
- 8, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., \$2,552.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Jane (261) def. Yannaphon (246) and Rash (195). Match Two – Troup (220, 10) def. Jane (220, 9) and Simonsen (178). Match Three – Williams def. Troup, 182-173. Semifinal – Williams def. Ismail, 206-205. Championship – McEwan def. x-Williams, 218-232, 225-179. x-Williams had to defeat McEwan, the high qualifier, twice to win the title.

Round 4 Cashers (after 6 games, top 7 plus highest ranking Thailand player advanced to stepladder finals):

1, w-McEwan, 1,381, 2, Ismail, 1,374. 3, Williams, 1,352. 4, Troup, 1,348.

5, Simonsen, 1,339.

6, w-Jane, 1,317.

- 7, Rash, 1,316.
- 8, y-Yannaphon, 1,240.

y-Yannaphon qualified 15th but automatically advanced as the highest finishing Thailand player in the field.

Failed to advance (\$2,233 each):

- 9, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 1,306.
- 10, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 1,261.
- 11, w-New Hui Fen, Singapore, 1,260.
- 12, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 1,251.
- 13, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 1,249.
- 14, w-Liz Johnson, Palatine, Ill., 1,247.
- 15, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,246.
- 16, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 1,230.
- 17, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,218.
- 18, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,212.
- 19, Surasak Manuwong, Thailand, 1,199.
- 20, Wu Siu Hong, Hong Kong, 1,179.

Round 3 Cashers (after six games, \$1,595 each):

- 21, Sithiphol Kunaksorn, Thailand, 1,272.
- 22, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,267.
- 23, w-Natasha Roslan, Malaysia, 1,252.
- 24, Michael Tang, San Francisco, 1,227.
- 25, w-Esther Cheah), Malaysia, 1,216.
- 26, Billy Islam, Indonesia, 1,214.
- 27, Sam Cooley, Australia, 1,209.
- 28, Ryan Lalisang, Indonesia, 1,199.
- 29, Napat Buspanikonkul, Thailand, 1,191.
- 30, Abdulrahman Alkheliwi, Saudi Arabia, 1,176.
- 31, Steve Weber, Chalmette, La., 1,168.
- 32, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 1,139.
- 33, Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., 1,128.
- 34, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,068.

Round 2 Cashers (after six games, \$1,276 each):

- 35, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 1,227.
- 36, Choi Won Young, Korea, 1,216.
- 37, Francois Louw, South Africa, 1,205.
- 38, Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, 1,192.
- 39, w-Daphne Tan, Singapore, 1,185.
- 40, Alhassan Sugati, Saudi Arabia, 1,172.
- 41, Atchariya Cheng, Thailand, 1,169.
- 42, w-Misaki Mukotani, Japan, 1,149.

w-denotes woman (women received 8 handicap pins per game)

Lennie Boresch Jr. Compiles 6-1 Match Play Record to Lead PBA50 Storm Invitational First Round

SHALLOTTE, N.C. (Sept. 29, 2018) – After the first seven-game match play round, 2018 PBA50 National Championship winner Lennie Boresch Jr. of Kenosha, Wis., compiled a 6-1 match play record and averaged 243 to lead the 14-player field in the PBA50 Storm Invitational Saturday at Planet Fun Bowling & Entertainment Center.

Boresch, who finished with a 1,882 overall pinfall total including 30 bonus pins for each match win, bowled games of 259, 224, 233, 259, 242, 238 and 247 on the 42-foot PBA Mark Roth lane condition. The USBC Hall of Famer's only loss came in a 244-238 defeat at the hands of 2018 PBA50 Cup winner Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio, in the sixth match of the round.

"When you're in a field with this much talent I just wanted to be in contention to make the finals, so to be leading was a little unexpected," said Boresch of the field that includes 10 hall of famers. "It seemed like every adjustment I was making was the right one and I only had one open so the goal going forward is simple—just keep doing the same thing tomorrow."

Kretzer, who concluded the regular season with his PBA50 Cup win for his first career PBA50 Tour title, finished the first round in second 40 pins behind Boresch with a 1,842 pinfall and 5-2 match play record.

Rounding out the top five were Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,799; 2018 PBA50 Player of the Year Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,765, and PBA/USBC Hall of Famers Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., and Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford Fla., 1,726, who tied for fifth.

The "all-star" special event features the top 12 in 2018 PBA50 Tour points plus invitees hall of famers Johnny Petraglia and Brian Voss. The entire field returns Sunday for the second seven-game match play round at 1 p.m. ET which will determine the top five players for the stepladder finals set for 6 p.m.

Fans can catch all the action on PBA's online bowling channel PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling. For subscription and schedule information visit <u>www.flobowling.com</u>.

PBA50 STORM INVITATIONAL

Planet Fun Bowling & Entertainment Center Shallotte, N.C.

FIRST ROUND RESULTS (after 7 games. Includes match play record and total pinfall including bonus pins)

- 1, Lennie Boresch Jr, Kenosha, Wis., 6-1, 1,882.
- 2, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 5-2, 1,842.
- 3, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 5-2, 1,799.
- 4, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 5-2, 1,765.
- 5, (tie) Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 4-2-1, and Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 5-2, 1,726.
- 7, Brian Voss, Cornelius, N.C., 4-3, 1,661.
- 8, Bob Learn Jr, Erie, Pa., 2-5, 1,580.
- 9, (tie) Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 2-5, and Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 2-3-2, 1,570.
- 11, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 2-5, 1,546.
- 12, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 2-5, 1,479.
- 13, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1-6, 1,469.
- 14, Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 2-4-1, 1,422.

Walter Ray Williams Jr. Beats Norm Duke to Win PBA50 Storm Invitational

Williams defeats Duke 259-237 in title match to win tournament featuring PBA50 Tour's elite players from 2018

SHALLOTTE, N.C. (Sept. 30, 2018) – In a showdown between two of the Professional Bowlers Association's all-time greats, PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. beat fellow hall of famer and top qualifier Norm Duke, 259-237, in the title match Sunday to win the PBA50 Storm Invitational at Planet Fun Bowling & Entertainment Center.

Williams and Duke were part of an elite 14-player field that competed in the "all-star" non-title special event that featured the top 12 in points from PBA's tour for players 50 and over plus invitees hall of famers Johnny Petraglia and Brian Voss.

Down by eight pins in the fourth frame of the title match, Williams, the PBA Tour's career titles leader with 47 wins and an 11-time PBA50 Tour winner, took advantage of a missed 9-pin by Duke in the fifth frame and then struck on the next seven of eight shots to take the title.

"When I got done with practice I wasn't real excited about how I was going to play the lanes," said Williams, who turns 59 on Oct. 6. Going into the semifinal match I planned on playing the lanes straighter but I had to make an adjustment a little further inside and hook it a little more. When I go to the title match against Norm I started to feel pretty comfortable and didn't miss the pocket.

"Both of us threw good shots in the title match," Williams added. "I was fortunate that I only left two 10 pins."

Both Williams and Duke, who is third on the all-time PBA Tour titles list with 38 wins and also owns five PBA50 Tour titles, have been bowling against each other in tour competition for more than three decades.

"We've been bowling against each other for a long time and he's a great player," Williams said. "When you bowl someone like Norm, you always feel fortunate to come out on the winning end."

Williams finished the season fourth in points with three runner-up finishes and two other top-five finishes including fifth in the PBA50 National Championship. Duke, who finished the season fifth in points, had one title in 2018 and runner-up finishes in the PBA50 National Championship and USBC Senior Masters.

Williams, who qualified second for the finals after two seven-game match play rounds, defeated No. 3 qualifier five-time PBA Tour winner Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y., 256-212, in the semifinal to advance to the title match against Duke.

Shafer, who finished ninth in points, had six PBA50 Tour top-10 finishes including a career best of second.

In the second match, Shafer beat USBC Hall of Famer and 2018 PBA50 National Championship winner Lennie Boresch Jr. of Kenosha, Wis., who qualified fifth for the finals, 257-222, to advance to the semifinal match against Williams.

In the opening match Boresch, who finished the season seventh in points, beat 2018 PBA50 Player of the Year and season points leader Michael Haugen Jr., of Phoenix, 225-207, to advance to the second stepladder match against Shafer.

PBA50 STORM INVITATIONAL

Planet Fun Bowling & Entertainment Center Shallotte, N.C.

Final Standings

- 1, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., \$10,000
- 2, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., \$5,000
- 3, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., \$3,500
- 4, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis. \$2,500.
- 5, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, \$2,000.

Stepladder Results

Match One – Boresch def. Haugen, 225-207. Match Two – Shafer def. Boresch, 257-222. Semifinal – Williams def. Shafer, 256-212. Final – Williams def. Duke, 259-237.

SECOND ROUND RESULTS

(after 14 games. Includes match play record and total pinfall including bonus pins. Top five advance to stepladder finals)

- 1, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 8-5-1, 3,633.
- 2, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 10-4, 3,573.
- 3, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 10-4, 3,566.
- 4, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 8-6, 3,505.
- 5, Lennie Boresch Jr, Kenosha, Wis., 9-5, 3,494.
- 6, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 8-6, 3,449, \$1,700.
- 7, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 8-6, 3,350, \$1,600.
- 8, Brian Voss, Cornelius, N.C., 6-8, 3,257, \$1,500.
- 9, Bob Learn Jr, Erie, Pa., 6-8, 3,241, \$1,400.
- 10, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 4-8-2, 3,030, \$1,300.
- 11, Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 5-8-1, 2,935, \$1,200.
- 12, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3-11, 2,931, \$1,100.
- 13, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 4-10, 2,921, \$1,050.
- 14, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 4-7, 2,436, \$1,000, WD.

PBA Champions Patrick Allen, Mika Koivuniemi Elected to Hall of Fame

Veteran bowling journalist Bob Johnson, Indianapolis tournament host Jim Doty also to be honored

CHICAGO (Oct. 1, 2018) – Professional Bowlers Association champions Patrick Allen of South Salem, N.Y., and Mika Koivuniemi of Finland have been elected to the PBA Hall of Fame along with veteran bowling journalist Bob Johnson of Las Vegas and long-time Indianapolis tournament host Jim Doty, PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark announced today.

The 2019 PBA Hall of Fame induction ceremonies will be held on Saturday, Jan. 5, at the International Bowling Campus in Arlington, Texas, as part of the PBA Hall of Fame Classic tournament that will be contested at the International Research and Training Center Jan. 2-6. The finals of the first tournament on the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season will be televised live on FS1 on Sunday, Jan. 6, at 11 a.m. EST.

Allen, a 13-time PBA Tour title winner, and Koivuniemi, one of the most successful international players in PBA history, were elected by an elite panel of veteran bowling writers, industry leaders and PBA Hall of Famers in the Superior Performance category.

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

"I don't know exactly how I feel yet," Allen said. "People are always saying you're a lock (for hall of fame election), but you don't know until it happens. I'm just happy I finally got there. I'm going to embrace it, and now I'll have to figure out a speech.

"It was a helluva ride," the 48-year-old left-hander said. "It just went faster than I would have liked. You blink your eyes and wonder, where did it go? But the time comes for every professional athlete, and the results show that. Your mind says you can do it, but your body won't respond. You have to know when to say when."

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

"I'm having a really good day," the 51-year-old Koivuniemi said. "It was a really great call (from Tom Clark).

"I was 32 when I joined the PBA, but I had my experience around the world before I joined. But back then bowling on tour was something you needed to learn about. To bowl every week and to realize how good the players really were was different. Even when you had a good week, making the top 24 or a (TV) show was really hard. I knew I had to get better.

"It's amazing how fast time goes," he added. "I can't believe it's been almost three years since I bowled on tour for the last time. But being in the hall of fame now is a great, great honor."

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

"I have been blessed to be able to cover bowling competition at the highest level, to see the best players bowl in the most pressure-packaged situations, and to be able to talk to them and write about them is a privilege I've never taken lightly," Johnson said. "To be honored for the work I've done is really something I don't have the words to describe. If I was talking about someone else, I could describe, but myself? Well, that's difficult."

Doty, who has served as general manager of Indianapolis' Royal Pin Leisure Centers chain since 1996, has served as host for every major championship tournament conducted by the PBA at least once over the past two-plus decades. The 1971 Indiana University graduate joined the Royal Pin group in 1978, working under Royal Pin founder and 2018 PBA Hall of Fame inductee Don Mitchell as marketing manager until his promotion to general manager.

"It's a nice way to start your week," said Doty of his congratulatory call from Clark. "It was a surprise. I wasn't thinking about it, actually. I don't think you do what you do with the hopes of someday being put into the hall of fame, but it's always nice to be recognized for what you do.

"It's not only me; it's having a great staff of people who make these things happen," Doty added. "It's a continuing process. At Woodland Bowl, we have endeared ourselves to the PBA over the years. The bowling industry is changing, but traditions need to be retained and honored, and that's what we try to do."

Additional career details for the four inductees are included below.

The 2019 PBA Hall of Fame ceremonies will be live streamed by PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling. Tickets for the event will be available online in the future (<u>https://www.pba.com/Tickets</u>).

PATRICK ALLEN CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Patrick Allen, affectionately known as "P.A." among his peers, had 40 top-five finishes in the 300 PBA Tour events he entered, cashing in 214 of them and averaging at a 218.9 pace for more than 6,300 games. He finished in the top 10 in PBA earnings six times, and won the 2005 Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year Award after earning \$350,740 – the second highest total in PBA history (behind only Walter Ray Williams Jr.'s \$419,700 for the 2002-03 season.

Allen won his first PBA Tour title in the 2001 Greater Detroit Open, and has two majors in the 2005 PBA World Championship and the 2009 PBA Tournament of Champions. The 2004-05 season was especially memorable because he became the second PBA player ever to place in the top five in all four majors in a single season (second in the USBC Masters, 2nd in the U.S. Open, first in the PBA World Championship and fifth in the PBA Tournament of Champions.

As a full-time competitor, the New York native also won 30 PBA Regional titles including posting victories in the PBA's East, South, Central, Southwest and West Regions. He has earned \$1,539,260 during his career.

MIKA KOIVUNIEMI CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Mika Koivuniemi, who didn't join the PBA until he was 32, quickly earned the nickname "Major Mika" after winning the 2000 USBC Masters and 2001 U.S. Open before winning his first "standard" PBA Tour title in 2003. His most memorable feat might have been his historic 299-100 victory over Tom Daugherty in the semifinal match of the 2011 PBA Tournament of Champions, followed by a victory over Tom Smallwood in the title match of the \$1 million event, winning the richest first prize in PBA history (\$250,000).

Despite his reasonably-late start in PBA Tour competition, the native of Finland bowled in 405 PBA Tour events and finished in the top five 45 times on his way to \$1,851,503 in career earnings. He finished in the top 10 in earnings eight times, averaged 219.21 for 6,774 games and won the Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year Award in 2004 and 2011.

A member of the World Bowling Writers and Finland Bowling Halls of Fame, Koivuniemi has won titles and bowled 300 games in 21 different countries. He bowled the 17th nationally-televised PBA 300 game during the finals of the 2003 Cambridge Credit Classic – the first standard PBA Tour event he won. He is the only foreign-born player to win both the USBC Masters and the U.S. Open, and he was the first European bowler to win the Japan Cup.

In his second year as a PBA50 Tour competitor, he added another major – the 2018 Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open.

BOB JOHNSON CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Bob Johnson started working for the Pacific Bowler when he was 15 years old, and he's still writing about bowling 45 years later. He is the only person to have served as Editor of the American Bowling Congress' Bowling Magazine, International Bowling Industry, Bowlers Journal International, and Bowling Center Management.

During his tenure at Bowlers Journal, he produced BJI's historic 300-page 100th Anniversary Issue and he wrote several key chapters in the PBA's "50 Greatest" book published by Luby Publishing.

Through the years, Johnson has covered every PBA major tournament among other important events and has interviewed dozens of PBA players. He has written countless editorials and columns suggesting ideas or changes for the betterment of the PBA and the enrichment of its players. He has delved into some of the PBA's most sensitive moments, including Scott Norton's decision to "come out" as a gay bowler, how Ryan Shafer dealt with his wife's suicide, and Mark Baker's battle with addiction.

JIM DOTY CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Jim Doty is general manager of Royal Pin Leisure centers, the Indianapolis chain that includes long-time PBA host Woodland Bowl, Western Bowl, Expo Bowl and Southern Bowl. Doty, who graduated from Indiana University in 1971 with a business degree, worked at Nora Bowl while attending high school and college. He joined the Royal Pin group in 1978, serving as general manager of 421 Bowl and Woodland Bowl while also serving as marketing director for the chain. He was promoted to general manager of all Royal Pin centers in 1996.

Under Doty's leadership, Royal Pin Leisure Centers has hosted PBA events over a span of 20 years, including the U.S. Open, PBA Touring Players Championship, USBC Masters, PBA World Championship, PBA Tournament of Champions and PBA League Elias Cup finals among other events. Woodland Bowl is the only center to host all five PBA major Championships.

The Royal Pin group also has hosted the USBC Junior Gold Championships a record five times, the 1999 USBC Women's Championships and Queens. Nearly 20 local high school teams call one of Royal Pin's centers home. Doty also is a past president and currently a director with the Central Indiana Bowling Centers Association. He served multiple terms as a BPAA board member, serving on BPAA's marketing committee.

Florida's Chris Keane Earns Second PBA50 Dick Weber Sportsmanship Award

CHICAGO (Oct. 2, 2018) - Veteran PBA50 Tour player Chris Keane of Cape Coral, Fla., has been selected as the 2018 PBA50 Dick Weber Sportsmanship Award winner in voting by his fellow competitors, becoming the second two-time winner of the award.

The 60-year-old Keane, who won his first sportsmanship award in 2014, has been competing on the PBA50 Tour for eight seasons. He took the opportunity to bowl full-time on the PBA50 Tour after selling his car wash and auto repair business.

"It was very special to win it the first time and especially so the second time," Keane said. "You become such a family out here (on tour) that you want to see everyone succeed. I try to reach out and help guys whenever I can and many of them do the same for me.

"It's interesting to see the evolution of meeting someone on tour for the first time and then you become good friends. It has become such a part of our lives that we're not just bowling people; many of us also are motorhome people."

Keane has a career-high PBA50 Tour finish of fourth in the 2015 PBA/PBA50 Tour South Shore Doubles with partner Tommy Jones. He had a 2018 season-best finish of ninth in the South Shore Open and a fifth-place finish in the season-ending PBA60 Dick Weber Championship.

"I'm happy to say that I'm getting better each year," Keane added. "Sooner or later you accept the fact that you need to do something different to get better and thankfully I've learned that lesson."

The only other player to previously earn the Dick Weber Sportsmanship Award twice was Robert Harvey in 2010 and 2013.

Other 2018 PBA50 Tour award winners were Michael Haugen Jr., who earned PBA50 Tour Player of the Year; Rolando Sebelen, Rookie of the Year, and Ron Mohr who earned his third consecutive PBA60 Player of the Year. Player and Rookie of the Year awards were based on competition points. Recipients will receive their awards during a presentation at the 2019 Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open in Las Vegas.

The Dick Weber Sportsmanship Award is named in honor of the PBA legend who won 30 PBA Tour and six PBA50 Tour titles during his Hall of Fame career, and was considered one of the sport's greatest ambassadors.

Keith Lesko Wins PBA50 J & L Sports Spartanburg South Open

Spartanburg, S.C. (Sept. 30, 2018) – Keith Lesko of Prosper, Texas, defeated Mac Sanders of Taylors, S.C., 223-216, to win the PBA50 J & L Sports Spartanburg South Open at Paradise Lanes Sunday.

Lesko, who won \$1,900 along with his fifth career regional title. After rolling a strike in the ninth frame, he needed another on his first shot in the 10th frame to take the title and delivered the shot he needed for the win. Sanders pocketed \$1,000 as the runner-up.

In the semifinal round, Lesko defeated Craig Auerbach of Sunrise, Fla., 244-178, while Sanders disposed of Tim Regan of East Northport, N.Y., 280-183.

The tournament drew 52 50-and-older players. The PBA South Region's next tournament will be the PBA Albany Strikers South Open Oct. 5 in Albany, Ga.

PBA50 J & L SPORTS SPARTANBURG SOUTH OPEN Paradise Lanes, Spartanburg, S.C., Sunday

Championship:

Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas (\$1,900) def. Mac Sanders, Taylors, S.C. (\$1,000), 223-216.

Semifinal Round (losers earned \$700):

Lesko def. Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 244-178. Sanders def. Tim Regan, East Northport, N.Y., 280-183.

Round of 8 (three games total pinfall, losers eliminated and earned \$600 each):

Regan def. S. Baker, Canton, Ga., 581-554. Sanders def. T. Baker, King, N.C., 637-576. Auerbach def. Pete Bryan, Laurel, Del., 643-622. Lesko def. Sam Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 695-644.

Round of 12 (total pinfall three games, losers eliminated and earned \$550 each):

Lesko def. Dave Han, Birmingham, Ala., 722-593. Bryan def. Chuck Walker, Blaine, Tenn., 592-516. T. Baker def. n-James Winterfeld, Fort Mill, S.C., 623-462. Regan def. Fred Childress, Bassett, Va., 517-473.

Round of 16 (total pinfall three games, losers eliminated and earned \$500 each):

Regan def. Allen Hall, Fieldale, Va., 590-470. Walker def. n-Gary English, Martin, Ga., 590-495. Han def. Steve Putnnam, Warner Robins, Ga., 629-548. n-Winterfeld def. n-Robert Crain, Grey Court, S.C., 590-542.

PBA Spare Shots

BILL O'NEILL NOW ON "BUBBLE" AS PBA-WBT THAILAND SHUFFLES PBA CLASH TOP 8 LIST The PBA International-WBT Thailand, which concluded Friday in Bangkok, at least temporarily shuffled the top eight qualifying positions on the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour earnings list heading into the end-of-season PBA Clash, and **Bill O'Neill** is now "bubble boy" in the eighth spot.

Following the Thailand tournament, the top four on the 2018 PBA Tour earnings list remain the same: **Jason Belmonte, Anthony Simonsen, Dom Barrett** and **Andrew Anderson.** After a fourthplace finish in Thailand, **Kyle Troup** has moved up two spots to fifth; **EJ Tackett** drops one spot to sixth, **Marshall Kent** is seventh (down from sixth) and O'Neill is now on the bubble in eighth place, moving up two spots after finishing 15th in Thailand. **Jesper Svensson** has advanced to ninth (\$1,470 behind O'Neill) followed by **Jakob Butturff** and **Tom Smallwood**.

Attention now turns to the FloBowling PBA Fall Swing (including the Wolf Open, Bear Open and Tulsa Open) at The Lanes at Coffee Creek in suburban Tulsa, Okla., Oct. 15-20, followed by the U.S. Open at Northrock Lanes in Wichita, Kan., Oct. 24-31, which will decide the earnings race.

PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling will cover the PBA Fall Swing live from start to finish. Subscriptions are available at FloBowling.com. The preliminary rounds of the U.S. Open also will be live-streamed by Xtra Frame on FloBowling, Oct. 26-30, before the finals air live on CBS Sports Network on Oct. 31.

The WBT Thailand was also a WBT points event. The top three men and top three women in WBT points for the 2018 season will compete in the World Bowling Tour Men's and Women's Finals presented by the PBA which will be contested at the International Training and Research Center in Arlington, Texas, for airing on FS1 on Sunday, March 10, at 10 p.m. EST.

The current top five in men's WBT points are: **Anthony Simonsen, Stuart Williams, Kyle Troup, Andrew Anderson** and **Sean Rash**. The women's top five are WBT Thailand winner **Danielle McEwan, Liz Johnson, Daria Pajak, Siti Safiyah Amirah** and **Shannon O'Keefe**.

The final three events to earn WBT points in 2018 will be the PBA Tulsa Open, the U.S. Open and the allevents division of the World Bowling Men's World Championships Nov. 24-Dec. 5 in Hong Kong.

PBA STARS TO COMPETE IN WORLD BOWLING MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS IN HONG KONG

Several PBA stars from around the world will compete for gold, silver and bronze medals in the World Bowling Men's World Championships Nov. 24-Dec. 5 in Hong Kong, including Team USA members **Andrew Anderson, Chris Barnes, Jakob Butturff, Tommy Jones, EJ Tackett** and **Kyle Troup**. Barnes and Jones are the veterans on Team USA, having made their debuts in 1995 and 1996, respectively. Butturff along with Barnes and Jones were members of the 2017 gold-medal U.S. men's team in the combined men's and women's World Bowling Championships in Las Vegas. Anderson, Tackett and Troup will be making their debuts as members of adult Team USA.

The Men's World Championships are held every four years. Competition includes singles, doubles, trios, five-man team, all-events and Masters events.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: BUTTURFF WINS 19TH REGIONAL TITLE IN ROHNERT PARK

Top qualifier **Jakob Butturff** of Tempe, Ariz., defeated **Josh Blanchard** of Mesa, Ariz., 259-206, to win the PBA Double Decker Lanes West/Northwest Open presented by Roto Grip at Double Decker Lanes Sunday, continuing his unprecedented domination of PBA Regional competition in the west.

The win, which was covered live by PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling, was Butturff's 19th regional title in his three-year PBA career, and earned the \$2,000 top prize.

Blanchard defeated **Wayne Garber** of Modesto, Calif., 232-222, in the semifinal match after Garber defeated **Tim Cagle II** of Hercules, Calif., in the opening match, 223-174,

• In Bluffton, Ind., **EJ Tackett** gave his family's newly-purchased bowling center, EZ Bowl, a successful initiation Sunday when he defeated **Patrick Dombrowski** of Parma, Ohio, 235-199 to win the Bluffton Central/Midwest Open.

Tackett re-located from Huntington, Ind., to Bluffton when his family recently acquired the bowling center that was subsequently renamed "EZ Bowl" based on the initials of the Tackett brothers, EJ and Zach.

The title was Tackett's first of the year in the PBA Central Region and his seventh career PBA Regional title. He earned \$2,500 along with his title.

Dombrowski defeated **Michael Davidson** of Versailles, Ohio, 223-204, to advance to the championship match after edging **Brad Angelo** of Lockport, N.Y., 182-181, in the first stepladder match.

• **Keith Lesko** of Prosper, Texas, defeated **Mac Sanders** of Taylors, S.C., 223-216, to win the PBA50 J&L Sports Spartanburg South Open at Paradise Lanes in Spartanburg, S.C., Sunday.

Lesko won \$1,900 along with his fifth career regional title. After rolling a strike in the ninth frame, he needed another on his first shot in the 10th frame to take the title and he delivered the shot he needed.

In the semifinal round, Lesko eliminated **Craig Auerbach** of Sunrise, Fla., 244-178, while Sanders disposed of **Tim Regan** of East Northport, N.Y., 280-183.

• October's PBA Regional events get underway this weekend with the PBA50 Mel Westrich Memorial/Ebonite Central/Midwest Open at Delphos Recreation in Delphos, Ohio; a PBA50 Southwest/Midwest two-day, two-tournament program at Junction City Bowl in Junction City, Kan.; the Albany Strikers South Open in Albany, Ga.; the 13th annual Battle at Black Oak Casino West Open in Tuolumne, Calif., and the DHC Japan Cheetah Mixed Doubles and Japan Queens at Nagoya Grand Bowl in Nagoya, Japan.

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• For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit <u>pba.com</u>, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area...and remember, you can follow "live scoring" for all PBA Regional events on <u>pba.com</u> (easily accessible for Apple device users using the PBA app).

QUICK NOTES:

• PBA's list of all-time regional title winners suggests no PBA member has come close to **Jakob**

Butturff's record in regional competition in his first three years as a member. Unofficially – because the

PBA has never created record categories for its regional program – the closest to Butturff's performance would be newly-elected PBA Hall of Famer **Patrick Allen** who won 10 of his 30 career PBA Regional titles between 2000 and 2002, his first three years of membership.

A quick check suggests no other PBA member has reached double figures in regional wins in a similar three-year span to start a career. Among the all-time regional title leaders, **Chris Warren** is no. 1 with 47 titles, but won only five times in his first three years. **Pete Weber** (second with 46 regional titles) won three times; **Steve Jaros** (43) won five times and **Walter Ray Williams Jr.** (33) won two regional titles in his first three years.

The PBA has previously noted that the 24-year-old left-hander won a record nine regional titles in his rookie year (2016), four in 2017 and six times as of Sunday in 2018.

Go Bowling! PBA Tour Returns to Tulsa Area for Multi-Event FloBowling PBA Fall Swing Oct. 15-20

Three PBA Tour titles up for grabs to be contested on

PBA's Wolf 33 and Bear 39 lane conditions

OWASSO, Okla. (Oct. 8, 2018) – The Go Bowling! PBA Tour will return to the Tulsa area for the first time in 13 years when The Lanes at Coffee Creek in Owasso, Okla., hosts the 2018 revival of the FloBowling PBA Fall Swing Oct. 15-20.

The multi-event tournament package, which will be conducted on two different PBA lane conditions, will be covered live exclusively on PBA's online streaming service *Xtra Frame on FloBowling*.

The Fall Swing will feature three PBA Tour events – Wolf Open, Bear Open and Tulsa Open – each awarding a PBA Tour title. The Fall Swing will precede the U.S. Open – the final major championship of the season – which takes place Oct. 24-31 at Northrock Lanes in Wichita, Kan.

The Wolf Open will be conducted on PBA's Wolf 33-foot pattern, the Bear Open on the Bear 39-foot pattern. The 18 players who advance to the Tulsa Open match play rounds will have the added challenge of competing on a mixed condition that uses the Bear condition on the left lane and Wolf condition on the right lane. The mixed Bear/Wolf oiling system also will be used for the Tulsa Open stepladder finals on Saturday, Oct. 20.

As the 2018 season heads down the homestretch, the Fall Swing will play a pivotal role in determining the PBA Player and Rookie of the Year award winners. Leading contenders for Player of the Year heading into the Fall Swing are four two-time PBA Tour winners this season including four-time and reigning Player of the Year Jason Belmonte of Australia; 2016 Player of the Year EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Ind.;, 2018 USBC Masters champion Andrew Anderson of Holly, Mich., and Jakob Butturff of Chandler, Ariz. The defending champions from the last Fall Swing held in 2016 at Thunderbowl Lanes in suburban Detroit are Tackett (Bear Open), Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Fla. (Wolf Open) and Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill. (Detroit Open).

The last time the PBA Tour visited the Tulsa area was in October 2005 when 18-time PBA Tour winner Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., won the Tulsa Championship at The Lanes at Coffee Creek, defeating Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, 289-248, in the title match. Both players are also entered in the Fall Swing which will feature a field of approximately 120 players representing 10 countries.

Of local interest will be Oklahoma players including 18-year-old two-hander Trey Ford III of Bartlesville and former touring player Mike Edwards of Tulsa. Ford made PBA history earlier this year by becoming the youngest player to win a PBA regional tournament at the age of 17. He has competed in several other PBA national events with a best finish of 11th in the PBA Grand Hotel & Resort Open in July of 2017. Edwards owns one PBA Tour title which came in the IOF Foresters Bowling For Miracles Open in 1994.

Following an official practice day on Oct. 14, the FloBowling PBA Fall Swing will get underway with two Wolf Open six-game qualifying rounds on Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 15-16. After 12 games, the top five will advance to the Wolf Open stepladder finals Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. CT.

Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 17-18, all players will bowl two more six-game qualifying rounds in the Bear Open with the top five bowling for the Bear Open title Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Based on the combined 24-game qualifying totals from the Wolf and Bear events, the top 18 players will advance to Tulsa Open match play, which will consist of two six-game round robin match play rounds on Friday, Oct. 19 and the final six-game round on Saturday, Oct. 20. Based on combined total pinfall for 42 games, including match play bonus pins, the top five scorers will compete for the Tulsa Open title Saturday at 12:30 p.m.

Spectator admission is \$10 each day including the stepladder finals on Oct. 20. Grassroots bowlers can bowl with the pros during a special practice session on Oct. 14 at 6 p.m. which will provide the opportunity to get instruction from some of the best bowlers in the world. For additional admission and Practice with the Pros entry information contact The Lanes at Coffee Creek by calling (918) 274-0400.

FLOBOWLING PBA FALL SWING SCHEDULE

The Lanes at Coffee Creek, Owasso, Okla. (all times are Central) All rounds covered live on Xtra Frame on FloBowling

Sunday, Oct. 14

10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. – Official practice sessions 6 p.m. – Practice With the Pros

Monday, Oct. 15

9 a.m. – A Squad, Wolf Open, 6 qualifying games 3 p.m. – B Squad, Wolf Open, 6 qualifying games

Tuesday, Oct. 16

9 a.m. – B Squad, Wolf Open, 6 qualifying games
3 p.m. – A Squad, Wolf Open, 6 qualifying games Top five advance to stepladders finals
7:30 p.m. – Stepladder finals, live on *Xtra Frame on FloBowling*

Wednesday, Oct. 17

9 a.m. – A Squad, Bear Open, 6 qualifying games

3 p.m. – B Squad, Bear Open, 6 qualifying games

Thursday, Oct. 18

9 a.m. – B Squad, Bear Open, 6 qualifying games

3 p.m. – A Squad, Bear Open, 6 qualifying games

Top five advance to stepladders finals; top 18 after 24 combined qualifying games advance to Tulsa Open finals

7:30 p.m. - Stepladder finals, live on Xtra Frame on FloBowling

Friday, Oct. 19

9 a.m. – Top 18, 6 games, round robin match play

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Saturday, Oct. 20

9 a.m. – Top 18, 6 games, round robin match play Top five after 42 games advance to stepladder finals
12:30 p.m. – Stepladder finals live on *Xtra Frame on FloBowling*

Bear 39 lane condition will be used on left lane and Wolf 33 used on right lane for final match play round and stepladder finals

Rookie Michael Coffey Wins First PBA Title in Albany Strikers South Open

ALBANY, GA. (Oct. 7, 2018) – Michael Coffey of Melbourne, Fla. won his first Professional Bowlers Association title Sunday, defeating 22-time PBA Regional titlist Stoney Baker of Canton, Ga., 221-213, to win the second annual PBA Albany Strikers South Open at Albany Strikers Lanes.

Coffey, a 23-year-old PBA rookie, qualified in the final position for the four-man stepladder finals with a 16-game total of 3,740 pins and disposed of two-time PBA Tour champion Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Fla., in opening match, 300-268, and narrowly defeated 2015 PBA World Champion Gary Faulkner of Memphis, Tenn., 245-244, in the semifinal contest to advance to the championship match.

In the title match Coffey needed to double in the 10th frame to win and did just that to win his first PBA South title. Coffey, the 2015 Teen Masters champion and a two-time member of Junior Team USA, earned \$2,400, Baker pocketed \$1,200 for second, Faulkner took home \$1,000 for third place and Daugherty earned \$900 for fourth.

The PBA South Region's next event will be the PBA/PBA50 D.A. Roofing Bluffton Baker Doubles South Open Oct. 12 at Station 300 Lanes in Bluffton, S.C.

PBA ALBANY STRIKERS SOUTH OPEN Albany Strikers Lanes, Albany, Ga., Sunday

Final Standings:

- 1, Michael Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., \$2,400.
- 2, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., \$1,200.
- 3, Gary Faulkner, Memphis, Tenn., \$1,000.
- 4, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., \$900.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Coffey def. Daugherty, 300-268. Semifinal – Coffey def. Faulkner, 245-244. Championship – Coffey def. Baker, 221-213.

Final Qualifying Standings (after 16 games, top 4 advanced to stepladder finals):

- 1, Baker, 3,838.
- 2, Faulkner, 3,764.
- 3, Daugherty, 3,761.
- 4, Coffey, 3,7409.
- 5, Chris Polizzi, Spring Hill, Fla., 3,729, \$700.
- 6, James Campbell, Clearwater, Fla., 3,619, \$625.
- 7, Sean Wilcox, Altamonte Springs, Fla., 3,531, \$550.
- 8, Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C., 3,470, \$500.

Round of 16 Cashers (eliminated after 12 games):

- 9, Mike Vitalone Jr., Lake Worth, Fla., 2,723, \$450.
- 10, n-Jackson Harris, Dothan, Ala., 2,714, \$440.
- 11, Trevor Roberts, Crystal River, Fla., 2,697, \$430.
- 12, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 2,678, \$420.
- 13, Charles Clifford Jr., Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., 2,638, \$410.
- 14. Jeffrey Campbell, Clearwater, Fla., 2,557, \$400.

300 Games: Brandon Curtis, Mike Coffey.

n-denotes non-PBA member

Kretzer Wins PBA50 Mel Westrich Memorial Central/Midwest Open

Delphos, Ohio (Oct. 7, 2018) – Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio defeated Jeff Zaffino of Warren, Pa., by 223 pins to win the PBA50 Mel Westrich Memorial Central/Midwest Open at Delphos Recreation Center Sunday.

Kretzer finished the 20-game event with a 10-2 match play record and a total of 4,986 pins, including match play bonus pins, to earn his first PBA50 Central Region title of the year and his ninth overall PBA50 Regional title. The reining PBA50 Central Region Player of the Year also earned \$1,500.

The next PBA Central Region tournament is the PBA50/PBA60 Doubles in North Canton, Ohio, Oct. 12-14.

PBA50 MEL WESTRICH MEMORIAL CENTRAL/MIDWEST OPEN Delphos Recreation Center, Delphos, Ohio, Sunday

Final Match Play Standings (after 20 games, including match play bonus pins):

1, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 10-2, 4,986, \$1,500. 2, Jeff Zaffino, Warren, Pa., 8-4, 4,763, \$1,000.

3, ss-Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 8-4, 4,713, \$850. 4, Richie Brown, Marion, Ohio, 6-6, 4,641, \$750. 5, ss-Michael Llaneza, Columbus, Ohio, 8-3-1, 4,449, \$700. 6, R.J. Alman, Murrysville, Pa., 4-8, 4,397, \$650.

7, Michael Craig, Westerville, Ohio, 8-4, 4,312, \$600. 8, ss-Dick Gran, Hartville, Ohio, 4-8, 4,282, \$580. 9, Dave Johnson, Ashtabula, Ohio, 6-6, 4,209, \$560. 10, ss-Dannie Hettinger, Circleville, Ohio, 5-

6-1, 4,206, \$540. 11, n-Rick Woloszyn, Griffith, Ind., 3-9, 4,122, \$520. 12, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 1-11, 3,977, \$500.

ss-denotes PBA60 player; n-denotes non-member.

Mark Williams, Ricky Schissler Win PBA50 Regional Titles in Junction City

Junction City, Kan., (Oct. 9, 2018) – PBA Hall of Famer Mark Williams from Beaumont, Texas, and Ricky Schissler of Brighton, Colo., won titles in a pair of joint PBA50 Southwest/Midwest Regional events over the weekend at Junction City Bowl.

On Saturday, Williams defeated Team USA competitor and new PBA member Steve Badovinac of Parker Colo., 224-192, to win his 21st PBA title. Badovinac started the championship match strong with four strikes, but two late open frames allowed a late charge by Williams to win the match and the \$1,200 first place check.

On Sunday, Schissler, who won the same event in 2017 for his first PBA title, won six of his seven matches in the eight-game round robin match play finals to build a comfortable 122-pin lead over qualifying leader Keith Lesko from Prosper, Texas. Schissler's 188-183 win over Lesko in the final position round match allowed Williams to advance to second. Schissler finished the 15-game event with 3,406 total pins, including match play bonus pins, while Williams ended with a 3,280 pinfall total, 31 ahead of Lesko.

The PBA Southwest Region will visit Hilltop Lanes for the PBA50 Waxahachie Southwest Open Oct. 19-21.

PBA50 JUNCTION CITY SOUTHWEST/MIDWEST OPEN I Junction City Bowl, Junction City, Kan., Saturday

Championship: ss-Mark Williams (\$1,200), Beaumont, Texas, def. Steven Badovinac (\$750), Parker, Colo., 224-192.

Semifinal Round (best of three games. Losers eliminated, earn \$500)

Badovinac def. n-Felix Garcia, Aurora, Colo., 2-0. Williams, Beaumont, Texas, def. Brian Menini, Brookfield, Mo., 2-1.

Round of 6 (best of three games. Losers eliminated, earn \$450)

Garcia def. David Williams Jr., Omaha, Neb., 2-0. Menin def. Randy Peterson, Carrington, N.D., 2-1

Round of 8 (best of three games. Losers eliminated, earn \$400)

Williams Jr. def. Wayne Stellick , Aurora, Colo., 2-1. Menini def. Keith Lesko Prosper, Texas, 2-0.

PBA50 JUNCTION CITY SOUTHWEST/MIDWEST OPEN II, presented by Radical Junction City Bowl, Junction City, Kan., Sunday

Final Match Play Standings (after 15 games, including match play bonus pins):

1, Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 7-1, 3,406, \$1,200. 2, ss-Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 5-2-1, 3,280, \$700. 3, Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 2-6, 3,249, \$525. 4, Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 4-4, 3,236, \$475. 5, n-ss-David Pritts, Salina, Kan., 5-3, 3,205, \$450. 6, ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 4-4, 3,170,

\$430. 7, Scott Merritt, Iowa City, Iowa, 1-6-1, 3,113, \$415. 8, Martin Bedford, Gasport, N.Y., 3-5, 3,106, \$400.

n-denotes non-PBA member; ss- denotes PBA50 player (60-and-older) 300 game- Randy Peterson

PBA Spare Shots

FINLAND CELEBRATES MIKA KOIVUNIEMI'S PBA HALL OF FAME ELECTION

Election to the PBA Hall of Fame is a big deal no matter who the individual or where he comes from, but it was an especially memorable honor for native **Mika Koivuniemi** who will become the first bowler from Finland inducted into the PBA Hall in January.

To celebrate Koivuniemi's election, Finland's Tornia Brewery created a "special edition" case of its Original Lapland Lager, Koivuniemi's favorite, with a neck label recognizing his election.

FLOBOWLING BRINGS FANS PERSONALITY INSIGHTS, PODCASTS AND MORE

As the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour heads down the home stretch, and attention turns to next week's FloBowling PBA Fall Swing at The Lanes at Coffee Creek in suburban Tulsa, Okla., PBA fans are learning more and more about PBA players, tournaments, viewpoints and more through PBA's new partnership with FloSports and its dedicated PBA network, FloBowling.

In addition to its exclusive live-streaming coverage of specific events on PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling, PBA's new online partner has recently produced podcasts with PBA Tour champion **Tom Daugherty**, video tips with **Bob Learn Jr**., stories about the unconventional two-handed style of **Tim Cagle II**, a preview of the Fall Swing oil patterns with **Josh Blanchard**, a guest column by PBA CEO-Commissioner **Tom Clark** re: his phone calls to PBA's newly-elected hall of famers, and, most recently, a pointed commentary by Australia's **Jason Belmonte** who told his "two-handed haters" he could still beat most them bowling with one hand.

A growing library of articles and podcasts are available to PBA fans at no cost simply by visiting <u>https://www.flobowling.com/</u>, where all content is free unless it is designated as "PRO" content.

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At stake as the season winds down are eight berths in the PBA Clash which will air on Dec. 23 on FOX, kicking off the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season on FOX, and berths in the World Bowling Tour Men's and Women's Finals presented by the PBA which will be contested at the International Training and Research Center in Arlington, Texas, for airing on FOX Sports 1 (FS1) on Sunday, March 10, at 10 p.m. EST.

...AND THEY CAN PLAY GOLF PRETTY WELL, TOO...

Contributing editor Cliff Schrock, writing for Golf Digest, does an annual report on high-quality golfers among athletes who star in other sports, including the NFL, NBA, MLB, etc. This year's list, released

Tuesday on <u>golfdigest.com</u>, includes four PBA players who also excel on the links along with their unofficial golf handicaps. Schrock's list includes:

• **EJ Tackett**: a 2 handicapper lists his home course as Orchard Ridge Country Club in Indiana.

• **Ronnie Russell:** plays to a 3.2 handicap; calls Meshingomesia Golf Club in Indiana home.

• **Tommy Jones:** the 2005-06 PBA Player of the Year is a 5 handicap golfer; his home course is Holly Tree Country Club in South Carolina.

• **Pete Weber:** the 37-time PBA Tour titlist is a 9 handicap golfer; his home course is Bogey Hills Country Club in the St. Louis area.

Also worth noting are a couple of other well-known athletes with PBA ties:

• Boston Red Sox star **Mookie Betts** regularly shoots in the 80-85 range in posting a 12 handicap; he is known to frequent Talis Park G.C. in Florida and the Nashville Golf and Athletic Club near his Tennessee home.

• Houston Rockets star **Chris Paul**, host of the annual CP3 PBA Invitational, has improved from a 20 to a 13.7 handicap in golf over the past couple of years. He led an NBA team of eight stars in the State Farm Showdown last summer at Mohegan Sun Golf Club in Connecticut.

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• For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit <u>pba.com</u>, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area...and remember, you can follow "live scoring" for all PBA Regional events on <u>pba.com</u> (easily accessible for Apple device users using the PBA app).

QUICK NOTES:

• PBA Hall of Famer **Norm Duke** has withdrawn from the Flo Bowling PBA Fall Swing while nursing a recurring calf injury and a sore right elbow. Duke has noted, however, that he hopes to be well enough to compete in the U.S. Open, the season's final major championship, Oct. 24-31 in Wichita, Kan.

• Speaking of the FloBowling PBA Fall Swing, 10 countries will be represented in the field of more than 100 players, including competitors from Australia, England, Mexico, Canada, Sweden, Colombia, Denmark, Finland, Thailand and the U.S.

• PBA Hall of Famer **Danny Wiseman** recently conducted his annual scholarship tournament for youth bowlers in the Baltimore area. For results and photos, click here: <u>www.facebook.com/pages/DANNY-WISEMAN-BOWLING-FAN-PAGE/107752155919763</u>

Big Start Vaults Bill O'Neill Into FloBowling PBA Wolf Open First Round Lead

> Qualifying continues with second round Tuesday to determine five players for stepladder finals at 7:30 p.m. CT

OWASSO, Okla. (Oct. 15, 2018) – Nine-time Go Bowling! PBA Tour winner Bill O'Neill fired a 1,506 six-game pinfall total Monday to take the first round lead in the FloBowling PBA Wolf Open, the first of three events making up the weeklong FloBowling PBA Fall Swing at The Lanes at Coffee Creek.

Bowling on PBA's 33-foot Wolf lane condition, O'Neill, who makes his home in Langhorne, Pa., bowled games of 298, 278, 236, 207, 252 and 235 to average 251 for the round.

"I wanted to play it safe by starting the round with a ball I was confident would control the lane and get to the pocket consistently," O'Neill said. "I felt if I can do that, I can make the smaller adjustments necessary to get the pin carry.

"You don't anticipate starting 290 and 270 but you certainly want to take advantage of a good start like that," O'Neill added. "I was actually more satisfied with the end of the round because in the middle of the fourth game I made a ball change and moved 10 boards left on the approach which gave me the confidence that I was making the right adjustment decisions.

O'Neill, who turns 37 on Oct. 21, teamed with four-time and reigning PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte to win the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship earlier this season for his ninth career title.

"It's been a pretty good year," O'Neill said. "I wish I was winning more but I've been pretty happy with the way I'm bowling overall. With the way the game has evolved things aren't as instinctual to me as they used to be. I just keep knocking on the door and hope I can put myself in the best possible position to win."

O'Neill holds a commanding 76-pin lead over AJ Johnson of Oswego, Ill., who finished the round in second with a 1,430 pinfall total. Markus Jansson of Sweden finished third with 1,421 followed by Kristopher Prather of Plainfield, Ill., with 1,391 and 2018 USBC Masters Champion Andrew Anderson of Holly, Mich., rounding out the top five with 1,387.

The 102-player field returns for the second six-game qualifying round Tuesday that will determine the top five players who will advance to the stepladder finals at 7:30 p.m. CT, which can be seen live on PBA's online bowling channel *Xtra Frame on FloBowling*.

After Tuesday's Wolf Open stepladder finals, the Fall Swing continues with Bear Open qualifying on Wednesday.

Based on the combined 24-game qualifying totals from the Wolf and Bear events, the top 18 players will advance to Tulsa Open match play, consisting of two six-game round robin match play rounds, on Friday and the final six-game round on Saturday morning that will determine the top five players for the Tulsa Open stepladder finals at 12:30 p.m.

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FLOBOWLING PBA WOLF OPEN The Lanes at Coffee Creek, Owasso, Okla., Monday

FIRST ROUND QUALIFYING RESULTS (after six games)

1, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,506. 2, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,430.

- 3, Markus Jansson, Sweden, 1,421.
- 4, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 1,391.
- 5, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 1,387.
- 6, Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., 1,385.
- 7, (tie) Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, and Rhino Page, Orlando, 1,382.
- 9, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,381.
- 10, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 1,366.
- 11, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 1,364.
- 12, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 1,360.
- 13, Dom Barrett, England, 1,358.
- 14, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 1,357.
- 15, (tie) AJ Chapman, St Paul, Minn., and EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 1,354.
- 17, Graham Fach, Canada, 1,347.
- 18, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 1,345.
- 19, Zachery Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,336.
- 20, (tie) Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., and Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 1,333.
- 23, Sam Cooley, Australia, 1,319.
- 24, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 1,313.
- 25, (tie) Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, and Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 1,312.
- 27, Stuart Williams, England, 1,311.
- 28, (tie) Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., and Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 1,310.
- 30, (tie) Jason Belmonte, Australia, Charlie Brown Jr., Grandville, Mich., Francois Lavoie, Canada, and Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, 1,307.
- 34, (tie) JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., and Michael Tang, San Francisco, 1,306.
- 36, (tie) Thomas Larsen, Denmark, and Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 1,305.
- 38, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 1,302.
- 39, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 1,295.
- 40, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 1,292.
- 41, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,288.
- 42, Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., 1,285.
- 43, (tie) Pontus Andersson, Sweden, and Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., 1,280.
- 45, (tie) Richie Teece, England, George Duke, Vidor, Texas, and Francois Louw, South Africa, 1,275.
- 48, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 1,274.
- 49, (tie) John Furey, Howell, N.J., and Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,265.
- 51, Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, 1,264.
- 52, (tie) Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., and Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 1,259.
- 54, Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 1,256.
- 55, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,250.
- 56, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,249.
- 57, (tie)Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., and Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,247.
- 59, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 1,244.
- 60, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,238.
- 61, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 1,236.
- 62, (tie) Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., and Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,235.
- 65, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,232.
- 66, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 1,231.
- 67, Dakota Vostry, Chicago, Ill., 1,227.
- 68, (tie) Daniel Fransson, Sweden, and Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill., 1,225.
- 70, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 1,224.
- 71, Jim Pratt, Avondale, Ariz., 1,223.
- 72, Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 1,222.

- 73, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 1,220.
- 74, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 1,219.
- 75, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 1,217.
- 76, (tie) Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., and DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 1,213.
- 78, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 1,203.
- 79, (tie) Kenneth Ryan, Morganville, N.J., and Rocio Restrepo, Colombia, 1,181.
- 81, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 1,178.
- 82, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 1,174.
- 83, Zach Doty, Campbellsville, Ky., 1,171.
- 84, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 1,169.
- 85, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 1,163.
- 86, Kyle King, Glendale, Ariz., 1,162.
- 87, (tie) Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., and Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1,143.
- 89, David Krol, Nixa, Mo., 1,141.
- 90, Stephen Pavlinko Jr., Sewell, N.J., 1,135.
- 91, Kenneth Bland Jr., San Antonio, Texas, 1,111.
- 92, Matt Wozney, Clayton, Del., 1,084.
- 93, Julio Cesar Blancas, Mexico, 1,077.
- 94, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 1,058.
- 95, Russ Oviatt, Chandler, Ariz., 1,055.
- 96, Stephen Hahn, Sterling, Va., 1,030.
- 97, Michael Duran, Banning, Calif., 1,024.
- 98, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 1,022.
- 99, James Britton, Grand Prairie, Texas, 1,019.
- 100, Andrew Silverman, Akron, Ohio, 1,010.
- 101, James Sitters, Australia, 952.
- 102, Michael Foster, Tulsa, Okla., 869.

300 games - AJ Johnson, Marshall Kent

Anthony Simonsen Wins FloBowling PBA Wolf Open for Second Go Bowling! PBA Tour Title of the Season

Simonsen beats Andrew Anderson, 239-226, in title match to also win fifth career title

OWASSO, Okla. (Oct. 16, 2018) – Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas, won the FloBowling PBA Wolf Open Tuesday to become the fifth two-time winner this season and adding his name as a candidate for PBA Player of the Year honors with only three Go Bowling! PBA Tour tournaments left in the season.

In the first tournament of the FloBowling PBA Fall Swing, Simonsen, the top qualifier for the finals, beat another two-time winner, Andrew Anderson of Holly, Mich., 239-226, in the title match at The Lanes at Coffee Creek to also win his fifth career title.

Simonsen opened in the eighth frame of the title match but still had a five-pin lead over Anderson heading into the ninth frame. He got back on track with a strike in the ninth and the first shot of the 10th frame which was enough for the victory.

"I didn't throw a good shot in the seventh frame so when I left the 2-4-8 in the eighth frame, that was the result of an over correction," Simonsen said. "I didn't panic because with the five-pin lead heading into the ninth I felt the match was still in my hands. I had confidence in my ball reaction and that I could buckle down and throw the good shots I needed to make."

Simonsen joined Anderson, and other player of the year candidates 2016 player of the year EJ Tackett, four-time and reigning player of the year Jason Belmonte and Jakob Butturff as the season's other two-time winners.

"Overall it's been a good season for me but I think there's a couple guys, including Andrew, who have the edge on the player of the year race, said the 21-year-old Simonsen. "We've got two more tournaments here and we wrap up the season with the U.S. Open so there's a lot of bowling left to determine that."

The 2018 season concludes with the U.S. Open Oct. 24-31 at Northrock Lanes in Wichita, Kan.

In the semifinal match, Anderson, the 2018 USBC Masters winner, beat Kris Prather of Plainfield, Ill., who was trying for his first tour win, 297-227. Anderson was denied a 300 game when his final shot in the 10th frame went high and he left the 3-6-10.

In the opening stepladder match, 18-time tour winner Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., beat Darren Tang of San Francisco, who was also trying for his first tour win, 227-216. Jones then advanced to the second match where he lost to Anderson 230-191.

The FloBowling PBA Fall Swing continues with the first round of qualifying for the Bear Open Wednesday which will be followed by the second round Thursday to determine the top five players for the Bear Open stepladder finals Thursday at 7:30 p.m. CT.

After the combined 24-game qualifying totals from the Wolf and Bear events, the top 18 players will advance to Tulsa Open match play, consisting of two six-game round robin match play rounds on Friday and the final six-game round on Saturday morning. The top five after 42 games, including match play bonus pins will advance to the Tulsa Open finals at 12:30 p.m. Saturday.

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FLOBOWLING PBA WOLF OPEN The Lanes at Coffee Creek, Owasso, Okla., Tuesday

Final Standings

- 1, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, \$10,000
- 2, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich. \$6,000
- 3, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., \$4,000
- 4, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., \$3,500.
- 5, Darren Tang, San Francisco, \$3,000.

Stepladder Results

Match One – Jones def. Tang, 227-216. Match Two – Anderson def. Jones, 230-191. Semifinal – Anderson def. Prather, 297-227. Final – Simonsen def. Anderson, 239-226.

SECOND ROUND RESULTS

(after 12 games. Top five advance to stepladder finals)

- 1, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 2,803.
- 2, (tie) Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., and Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 2,763.

(Prather defeated Anderson in one-game roll-off, 255-232, to earn No. 2 qualifying position for finals)

- 4, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 2,740.
- 5, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 2,739.
- 6, Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, 2,730, \$2,000.
- 7, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 2,729, \$1,500.
- 8, (tie) Graham Fach, Canada, and EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 2,721, \$975.
- 10, (tie) Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., and Rhino Page, Orlando, 2,710, \$925.
- 12, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 2,687, \$800.
- 13, Dom Barrett, England, 2,674, \$790.
- 14, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2,671, \$780.
- 15, Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., 2,663, \$770.
- 16, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 2,662, \$760.
- 17, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 2,659, \$750.
- 18, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,658.
- 19, Markus Jansson, Sweden, 2,655.
- 20, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 2,645.
- 21, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 2,644.
- 22, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 2,637.
- 23, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 2,635.
- 24, (tie) Arturo Quintero, Mexico, Martin Larsen, Sweden, and Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 2,633.
- 27, Michael Tang, San Francisco, 2,619.
- 28, (tie) JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., and Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 2,618.
- 30, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 2,614.
- 31, (tie) Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., and Stuart Williams, England, 2,605.
- 33, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 2,601.
- 34, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 2,598.
- 35, AJ Chapman, St Paul, Minn., 2,589.
- 36, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 2,582.
- 37, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 2,575.
- 38, Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., 2,574.
- 39, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 2,562.
- 40, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 2,560.
- 41, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 2,558.
- 42, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 2,554.
- 43, Richie Teece, England, 2,548.
- 44, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 2,546.
- 45, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 2,543.
- 46, Francois Louw, South Africa, 2,538.
- 47, Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., 2,536.
- 48, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 2,531.
- 49, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 2,527.
- 50, Charlie Brown Jr., Grandville, Mich., 2,524.
- 51, (tie) Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., and Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 2,521.
- 53, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 2,519.
- 54, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 2,518.
- 55, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 2,512.
- 56, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 2,503.
- 57, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 2,497.
- 58, Sam Cooley, Australia, 2,494.
- 59, Zachery Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 2,490.

60, (tie) Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., and Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 2,481.

- 63, Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 2,478.
- 64, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2,464.
- 65, (tie) Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, and John Furey, Howell, N.J., 2,459.
- 67, Daniel Fransson, Sweden, 2,457.
- 68, Jim Pratt, Avondale, Ariz., 2,449.
- 69, Julio Cesar Blancas, Mexico, 2,436.
- 70, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill., 2,427.
- 71, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 2,426.
- 72, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 2,420.
- 73, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 2,419.
- 74, Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, 2,416.
- 75, Zach Doty, Campbellsville, Ky., 2,410.
- 76, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 2,395.
- 77, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 2,390.
- 78, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 2,389.
- 79, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 2,387.
- 80, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 2,377.
- 81, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 2,375.
- 82, (tie) Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., and Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 2,349.
- 84, David Krol, Nixa, Mo., 2,348.
- 85, Rocio Restrepo, Colombia, 2,346.
- 86, Dakota Vostry, Chicago, Ill., 2,344.
- 87, Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 2,340.
- 88, Kyle King, Glendale, Ariz., 2,318.
- 89, Stephen Pavlinko Jr., Sewell, N.J., 2,314.
- 90, Kenneth Ryan, Morganville, N.J., 2,271.
- 91, George Duke, Vidor, Texas, 2,258.
- 92, Russ Oviatt, Chandler, Ariz., 2,244.
- 93, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 2,233.
- 94, Matt Wozney, Clayton, Del., 2,205.
- 95, Kenneth Bland Jr., San Antonio, Texas, 2,185.
- 96, Stephen Hahn, Sterling, Va., 2,171.
- 97, Michael Duran, Banning, Calif., 2,128.
- 98, Andrew Silverman, Akron, Ohio, 2,014.
- 99, Steve Britton, Grand Prairie, Texas, 1,992.
- 100, James Sitters, Australia, 1,795.
- 101, Michael Foster, Tulsa, Okla., 1,605.
- 102, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 1,259.

300 games: Marshall Kent

England's Richie Teece Takes FloBowling PBA Bear Open First Round Lead

Kris Prather leads Tulsa Open qualifying after three rounds

OWASSO, Okla. (Oct. 17, 2018) – After a 43rd-place finish in the FloBowling PBA Fall Swing's Wolf Open, England's Richie Teece averaged 235 for six games to bounce back and take the Bear Open first round lead Wednesday in the second of three events that make up the Fall Swing at The Lanes at Coffee Creek.

Teece posted a 1,410 six-game pinfall total on PBA's 39-foot Bear lane condition pattern with games of 217, 267, 236, 255, 244 and 191.

"I wasn't miles away from where I needed to be in the Wolf tournament so I was pretty optimistic coming into the Bear," Teece said. "I looked at it as a new tournament and I was able to take advantage of making a fresh start.

"These oil patterns make you work hard for sure," Teece continued. "I've made a few changes to my physical game where I'm concentrating more on reading the lane conditions more front to back than side to side which has helped me make smaller and more accurate adjustments.

Teece won his first Go Bowling! PBA Tour title in the 2017 World Series of Bowling Shark Championship but has struggled somewhat this year with best finishes of 10th in the Storm Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles and 12th in the Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Classic.

"It's been a steady year but not a great year," the 28-year-old Teece said. "I haven't really met the goals I've set for myself. I want to feel that buzz again that you get when you make a stepladder final."

Teece holds a 16-pin lead over fellow Englander Stuart Williams who finished the round in second with a 1,394 pinfall.

Anthony Simonsen, who won the Wolf Open for his second title of the season and fifth of his career, struggled in the first round of the Bear Open finishing tied for 36th with a 1,205 pinfall.

Fresh off his third-place finish in the Wolf Open Tuesday, Kris Prather of Plainfield, Ill., holds the lead in Tulsa Open qualifying after 18 games (12 games in the Wolf Open and the first six in the Bear Open) with a 4,096 pinfall (227.5 average). He bowled games of 238, 279, 246, 223, 177 and 170 in Bear Open first round.

"Obviously I'm disappointed with the way I finished the round but in general I'm still pretty confident," Prather said. "The challenge of bowling multiple tournaments like this is that it just gets harder and harder to repeat good shots."

The field returns for the second Bear Open six-game round Thursday that will determine the top five players who will advance to the stepladder finals at 7:30 p.m. CT.

The players also are competing to make the cut to the top 18 for the match play rounds of the Tulsa Open which begin on Friday. The top 18 scorers after 24-game qualifying totals from the Wolf and Bear events will advance to match play which consists of two six-game round robin match play rounds on Friday and the final six-game round on Saturday morning at 9 a.m. After match play the top five players advance to the Tulsa Open stepladder finals Saturday at 12:30 p.m.

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FLOBOWLING PBA BEAR OPEN

The Lanes at Coffee Creek, Owasso, Okla., Wednesday

FIRST ROUND QUALIFYING RESULTS (after six games)

- 1, Richie Teece, England, 1,410.
- 2, Stuart Williams, England, 1,394.
- 3, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,362.

- 4, Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., 1,356.
- 5, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 1,351.
- 6, JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 1,347.
- 7, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,340.
- 8, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 1,338.
- 9, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 1,333.
- 10, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill., 1,312.
- 11, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 1,303.
- 12, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 1,300.
- 13, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 1,299.
- 14, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 1,295.
- 15, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 1,291.
- 16, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 1,290.
- 17, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 1,288.
- 18, Michael Tang, San Francisco, 1,278.
- 19, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 1,277.
- 20, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 1,269.
- 21, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 1,268.
- 22, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,266.
- 23, (tie) Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., and Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 1,265.
- 25, (tie) AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., and Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 1,263.
- 27, Dom Barrett, England, 1,257.
- 28, Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, 1,233.
- 29, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 1,229.
- 30, (tie) Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., and Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,226.
- 32, (tie) Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., and Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,217.
- 34, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,211.
- 35, Kyle King, Glendale, Ariz., 1,209.
- 36, (tie) Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, and Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, 1,205.
- 38, (tie) Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., and Zachery Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,204.
- 40, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,200.
- 41, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 1,199.
- 42, Dakota Vostry, Chicago, Ill., 1,197.
- 43, Julio Cesar Blancas, Mexico, 1,196.
- 44, Russ Oviatt, Chandler, Ariz., 1,193.
- 45, (tie) Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., and Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 1,191.
- 47, (tie) Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, and Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 1,190.
- 49, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,189.
- 50, (tie) Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, David Krol, Nixa, Mo., and Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., and Zach Doty, Campbellsville, Ky., 1,183.
- 55, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,179.
- 56, Charlie Brown Jr., Grandville, Mich., 1,177.
- 57, (tie) Jason Belmonte, Australia, and Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 1,176.
- 59, (tie) Francois Louw, South Africa, John Furey, Howell, N.J., and Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 1,175.
- 62, Sam Cooley, Australia, 1,174.
- 63, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 1,173.
- 64, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 1,172.
- 65, Rhino Page, Orlando, 1,171.
- 66, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,169.
- 67, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 1,163.
- 68, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 1,159.
- 69, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 1,153.

- 70, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 1,151.
- 71, Kenneth Ryan, Morganville, N.J., 1,146.
- 72, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 1,144.
- 73, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 1,140.

74, (tie) Stephen Pavlinko Jr., Sewell, N.J., Daniel Fransson, Sweden, and Rocio Restrepo, Colombia, 1,136.

- 77, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 1,131.
- 78, Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 1,129.
- 79, (tie) Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., and Andrew Silverman, Akron, Ohio, 1,128.
- 81, Graham Fach, Canada, 1,127.
- 82, AJ Chapman, St Paul, Minn., 1,110.
- 83, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 1,105.
- 84, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 1,100.
- 85, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 1,099.
- 86, Markus Jansson, Sweden, 1,093.
- 87, Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1,087.
- 88, Stephen Hahn, Sterling, Va., 1,080.
- 89, (tie) Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, and Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 1,077.
- 91, Jim Pratt, Avondale, Ariz., 1,069.
- 92, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,061.
- 93, George Duke, Vidor, Texas, 1,053.
- 94, Kenneth Bland Jr., San Antonio, Texas, 1,036.
- 95, Matt Wozney, Clayton, Del., 1,029.
- 96, Michael Duran, Banning, Calif., 1,021.
- 97, James Sitters, Australia, 997.
- 98, Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo.,, 978.
- 99, Steve Britton, Grand Prairie, Texas, 915.
- 100, Michael Foster, Tulsa, Okla., 912.

TULSA OPEN STANDINGS (after 18 games)

- 1, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 4,096.
- 2, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 4,067.
- 3, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 4,063.
- 4, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 4,038.
- 5, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 4,020.
- 6, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 4,009.
- 7, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 4,008.
- 8, Stuart Williams, England, 3,999.
- 9, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 3,975.
- 10, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 3,968.
- 11, JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 3,965.
- 12, Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, 3,963.
- 13, Richie Teece, England, 3,958.
- 14, Dom Barrett, England, 3,931.
- 15, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 3,924.
- 16, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 3,909.
- 17, Michael Tang, San Francisco, 3,897.
- 18, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 3,882.
- 19, Rhino Page, Orlando, 3,881.
- 20, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 3,867.
- 21, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 3,861.
- 22, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 3,860.
- 23, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 3,849.

24, Graham Fach, Canada, 3,848. 25, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 3,847. 26, Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., 3,837. 27, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 3,825. 28, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 3,823. 29, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 3,822. 30, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 3,820. 31, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 3,816. 32, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 3,815. 33, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 3,810. 34, Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., 3,801. 35, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 3,799. 36, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 3,798. 37, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 3,780. 38, Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., 3,778. 39, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 3,775. 40, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 3,774. 41, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 3,773. 42, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 3,765. 43, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 3,762. 44, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 3,752. 45, Markus Jansson, Sweden, 3,748. 46, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 3,745. 47, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 3,744. 48, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 3,743. 49, Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 3,741. 50, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill., 3,739. 51, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 3,729. 52, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 3,723. 53, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 3,718. 54, Francois Louw, South Africa, 3,713. 55, Charlie Brown Jr., Grandville, Mich., 3,701. 56, AJ Chapman, St Paul, Minn., 3,699. 57, Zachery Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 3,694. 58, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 3,689. 59, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,686. 60, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 3,677. 61, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 3,670. 62, Sam Cooley, Australia, 3,668. 63, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 3,643. 64, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 3,642. 65, Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., 3,641. 66, John Furey, Howell, N.J., 3,634. 67, Julio Cesar Blancas, Mexico, 3,632. 68, Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, 3,621. 69, (tie) Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, and Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 3,602. 71, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 3,595. 72, (tie) Zach Doty, Campbellsville, Ky., and Daniel Fransson, Sweden, 3,593. 74, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 3,575.

- 75, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 3,573.
- 76, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 3,566.
- 77, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 3,558.
- 78, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 3,554.

79, Dakota Vostry, Chicago, Ill., 3,541. 80, David Krol, Nixa, Mo., 3,531. 81, Kyle King, Glendale, Ariz., 3,527. 82, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 3,521. 83, Jim Pratt, Avondale, Ariz., 3,518. 84, (tie) Rocio Restrepo, Colombia, and Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 3,482. 86, Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 3,469. 87, Stephen Pavlinko Jr., Sewell, N.J., 3,450. 88, Russ Oviatt, Chandler, Ariz., 3,437. 89, Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 3,436. 90, Kenneth Ryan, Morganville, N.J., 3,417. 91, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 3,333. 92, George Duke, Vidor, Texas, 3,311. 93, Stephen Hahn, Sterling, Va., 3,251. 94, Matt Wozney, Clayton, Del., 3,234. 95, Kenneth Bland Jr., San Antonio, Texas, 3,221. 96, Michael Duran, Banning, Calif., 3,149. 97, Andrew Silverman, Akron, Ohio, 3,142. 98, Steve Britton, Grand Prairie, Texas, 2,907. 99, James Sitters, Australia, 2,792. 100, Michael Foster, Tulsa, Okla., 2,517.

PBA Spare Shots

HALL OF FAMER MARSHALL HOLMAN ADDRESSES PBA PLAYERS ABOUT ROLES AS ENTERTAINERS

During the annual PBA players meeting prior to the start of the FloBowling PBA Fall Swing in Owasso, Okla., earlier this week, PBA Hall of Famer **Marshall Holman** accepted an invitation from the PBA to talk about the role of PBA players and all professional athletes as entertainers.

During a colorful career in which he won 22 PBA Tour titles over a span of more than two decades, the volatile Holman built one of the PBA's largest love-hate fan bases, but always respected the game and in retirement has continued to embrace the sport's fans through his involvement as an unofficial ambassador for the PBA.

The meeting also brought players up to speed on new media partners FOX Sports and FloSports, ushering in a new era of the PBA heading into the ground-breaking 2019 season.

PBA OFFERS \$1 MILLION BONUS FOR TITLE MATCH 300 GAME IN FOUR 2019 EVENTS

At the members' gathering in Owasso, PBA CEO-Commissioner **Tom Clark** announced that PBA players will have four opportunities to bowl for a \$1 million bonus if any of them can roll a 300 game in the title match of four PBA tournaments in 2019.

The 300 game bonus will be at stake during FOX Sports' live telecasts of the PBA Tournament of Champions on FOX on Sunday, Feb. 10, at 5 p.m. EDT from AMF Riviera Lanes in Akron, Ohio; the PBA Players Championship on FS1 on Sunday, Feb. 17, at 1 p.m. from Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl in Columbus, Ohio; the Go Bowling! Indianapolis Open on FS1 on Sunday, Feb. 24, at 1 p.m. from Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis, and the PBA World Championship on FS1 on Thursday, March 21, at 8 p.m. from Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Mich.

There have been 26 perfect games bowled on national television throughout the PBA's history, but only two in title matches: the first by **Bob Benoit** in defeating PBA legend **Mark Roth**, 300-255, in the title match of the Quaker State Open in Grand Prairie, Texas, in 1988, and the second by PBA Hall of Famer **Mike Aulby** in the highest scoring title match in PBA history, topping **David Ozio**, 300-279, in the finals of the 1993 Wichita (Kan.) Open.

IBM/HF RAFFLE OFFERS "HALL OF FAME VIP EXPERIENCE" FOR PBA HALL OF FAME CLASSIC

The International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame, in cooperation with the PBA, has created plans for a "Hall of Fame VIP Experience" in conjunction with the PBA Hall of Fame Classic that will be contested at the International Testing and Research Center on the International Bowling Campus in Arlington, Texas, Jan. 3-6.

The "Hall of Fame VIP Experience" project involves a nation-wide fund-raising raffle that will provide one lucky winner with a once-in-a-lifetime experience centered around the PBA tournament and PBA Hall of Fame induction ceremonies in Arlington Jan. 5-6.

The PBA Hall of Fame Classic will be the first event of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season and the first PBA championship to air live on FS1 as part of the PBA's new television agreement with FOX Sports. The stepladder finals will be televised on Sunday, Jan. 6, at 11 a.m. EST from the ITRC in Arlington.

Raffle ticket sales, for \$20 per ticket, are currently underway at participating bowling centers throughout the U.S., or by contacting the IBM/HF at 817-385-8230 or <u>www.bowlingmuseum.com</u>. The winning ticket will be drawn on Facebook Live on Tuesday, Dec. 18 at 2 p.m. EST. All proceeds from the raffle will benefit the museum's Frame4Frame Film Restoration Initiative which is intended to restore and preserve the IBM/HF's irreplaceable collection of history bowling films.

The lucky winner will receive:

• Round-trip travel and meal expenses for two to the International Bowling Campus, site of the 2019 PBA Hall of Fame Classic.

• Invitations to weekend events hosted by Hall of Famer Mike Aulby.

• Private, behind-the-scenes guided tour of the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame, and the International Bowling Campus.

- Special exhibit ribbon-cutting at the museum.
- Tickets to the PBA Hall of Fame cocktail party.
- VIP seating at the PBA Hall of Fame Awards Banquet.
- Meet and greet with PBA Hall of Fame bowlers.
- Special PBA production tour.
- VIP seating at the live FOX Sports televised-finals of the PBA Hall of Fame Classic on FS1.
- Bowling jersey autographed by the PBA Hall of Fame Classic champion.
- Autographed PBA championship pin.
- Photo in a national bowling magazine.
- Tons of photo and autograph opportunities.

PBA APP FOR ANDROID DEVICES IS NOW AVAILABLE

A new app to access <u>pba.com</u>, including live scoring when any PBA event is live, the latest PBA news, tournament schedules, player bios, the extensive archive of records, facts and figures residing on the PBA's official website and more, is now available via Google Play. To load the free app, click here: <u>https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.pba</u>.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: HURRICANE MICHAEL POSTPONES BLUFFTON DOUBLES

Hurricane Michael forced the postponement of the PBA-PBA50 Station 300 Baker Doubles planned for the Oct. 13-14 weekend in Bluffton, S.C. PBA South Region tournament manager **Sam Zurich** said he and the tournament host center will explore the possibility of re-scheduling the event for a later date.

• PBA Hall of Famer **Parker Bohn III** of Jackson, N.J., making his annual trip to the Pacific Northwest, posted a 7-1 match play record and knocked down 3,819 pins Sunday to win the PBA50 Dick's Pro Shop Northwest/West Open at Linn Lanes in Lebanon, Ore.

Bohn, who earned \$1,500, defeated **Chris Warren** of Grants Pass, Ore., by 28 pins for the win. Warren had a 5-3 match play record and 3,791 total pins for his 16 games including match play bonus pins.

In the companion PBA60 Open for bowlers age 60 and older, non-member **Mike Karch** of Edgewood, Wash., went 6-2 and knocked down 3,907 total pins for 16 games to top **Ed Silva** of Manteca, Calif., by 287 pins and earn \$1,500. Silva had a 5-3 match play record and a total of 3,620 pins.

• PBA60 competitor **Sammy Ventura** of Syracuse, N.Y. and his PBA50 partner **Jeff Zaffino** of Warren, Pa., defeated **Dick Gran** of Hartville, Ohio and **Brian Kretzer** of Dayton, Ohio, 2-0, in the best-of-three-game championship match to win the PBA50/PBA60 Doubles Park Centre Lanes Central Open presented by Columbia 300 at Park Centre Lanes in North Canton, Ohio, Sunday.

Teams in the event included one bowler between the ages of 50 and 59 and one bowler over the age of 60. This was Ventura's eighth PBA50 regional title and Zaffino's 11th. The champions split the \$2,800 first prize.

In the best-of-three-game semifinal round, Ventura and Zaffino defeated **Darryl Bower** of Middletown, Pa., and **Michael Tryniski** of Fulton, N.Y., 2-0, while Gran and Kretzer downed **William Peters** of Dayton, Ohio, and **Eddie Graham** of Kettering, Ohio, 2-1, to set up the championship match.

• The Oct. 19-21 PBA Regional calendar includes the PBA50 Waxahachie Southwest Open at Hilltop Lanes in Waxahachie, Texas, and the Jackson Central/Midwest Open at Dave Small's Jax 60 in Jackson, Mich.

• The final PBA Regional events of October take place over the Oct. 26-28 weekend, including the PBA50 Bryan's Bowling Center East Open presented by the Hopkins Automotive Group and 900 Global in Laurel, Del., and the South Point West Challenge and PBA Member-Nonmember Doubles, both presented by Radical, at South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas

• For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit <u>pba.com</u>, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area...and remember, you can follow "live scoring" for all PBA Regional events on <u>pba.com</u> (easily accessible for Apple and Android device users using the PBA app).

EJ Tackett Wins FloBowling PBA Bear Open to Become First Three-Time Winner of 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour Season Tackett beats England's Stuart Williams, 212-197, in title match for 12th career title

OWASSO, Okla. (Oct. 18, 2018) – EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Ind., won the FloBowling PBA Bear Open Thursday to become the first three-time winner of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season.

In the second tournament of the FloBowling PBA Fall Swing at The Lanes at Coffee Creek, Tackett successfully defended his Bear Open title from 2016 by beating top qualifier Stuart Williams of England, 212-197, in the title match for the 12th win of his career.

Despite an open in the 10th frame, Tackett had struck in the seventh, eighth and ninth frames which gave him enough of a lead to clinch the win. Williams, who was trying for his second career tour title, opened in the seventh frame when he left the 2-4-8-10 split and was unable to close the gap.

"You hate to win a match with an open in the 10th frame," said Tackett, the 2016 PBA Player of the Year. "I was fortunate that the strikes in the seventh, eighth and ninth gave me enough of a cushion and set me up to be in good position for the win even though it wasn't pretty at the end."

As the season's only three-time winner, Tackett becomes a top contender for PBA Player of the Year honors with just the FloBowling PBA Tulsa Open and U.S. Open left in the season.

"I'm the first to win three but you can't be sure of anything at this point especially with two big tournaments left," Tackett said. "I've been doing a good job of giving myself the best chances to succeed all year and I'm going to have to continue to do that down the stretch."

Tackett, the No. 2 qualifier for the finals, advanced to the title match by winning the semifinal against Kris Prather of Plainfield, Ill., winning a one-ball roll-off 9-8 after a 245-245 tie.

Prather was coming off a season's best third-place finish in the Wolf Open which concluded Tuesday.

Prather, the No. 3 qualifier, beat Wolf Open runner-up Andrew Anderson of Holly, Mich., a two-time winner this season that includes the USBC Masters, 199-194, in the second stepladder match to advance to the semifinal.

In the opening match, Anderson, the No. 4 qualifier, beat No. 5 qualifier one-time tour winner Richie Teece of England, 202-178, to advance to the second match against Prather.

The finals were conducted on PBA's Bear 39-foot lane condition pattern.

Top 18 Advance to FloBowling Tulsa Open Match Play

After the combined 24-game qualifying totals from the Wolf and Bear events, Prather leads the field of 18 players who advanced to Tulsa Open match play with a 5,476 24-game pinfall total (228 average). All five Bear Open finalists made the cut to match play with Anderson finishing qualifying in second with 5,470, followed by Tackett in third with 5,457 and Williams fourth with 5,419. Teece advanced by finishing in a tie for 11th with 5,223.

Wolf Open winner Anthony Simonsen earned the 18th and final qualifying position with a 5,172 pinfall.

The first of two six-game round robin match play rounds begins Friday at 9 a.m. CT with the second round at 2:30 p.m. The final match play round gets underway Saturday morning 9 a.m. which will determine the top five players for the Tulsa Open stepladder finals at 12:30 p.m.

The 18 players who advanced to match play and the five who advance to the stepladder finals will have the added challenge of bowling on the Bear 39-foot lane condition on the left lane and the Wolf 33-foot lane condition on the right lane in each match.

The entire Fall Swing is streamed live on *Xtra Frame on FloBowling* which is providing multi-stream coverage of every lane of competition. For subscription and schedule information

visit <u>www.flobowling.com</u>. *Lanetalk* is providing Fall Swing tournament statistics which can be accessed by visiting the Lanetalk link on the <u>pba.com</u> homepage.

FLOBOWLING PBA BEAR OPEN The Lanes at Coffee Creek, Owasso, Okla., Thursday

Final Standings

- 1, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind. \$10,000
- 2, Stuart Williams, England, \$6,000
- 3, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., \$4,000
- 4, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., \$3,500.
- 5, Richie Teece, England, \$3,000.

Stepladder Results

Match One – Anderson def. Teece, 202-178. Match Two – Prather def. Anderson, 199-194. Semifinal – Tackett def. Prather, 245-245 (Tackett won one-ball roll-off 9-8). Final – Tackett def. Williams, 212-197.

SECOND ROUND RESULTS

(after 12 games. Top five advance to stepladder finals)

- 1, Stuart Williams, England, 2,814.
- 2, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 2,736.
- 3, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 2,713.
- 4, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 2,707.
- 5, Richie Teece, England, 2,675.
- 6, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,659, \$2,000.
- 7, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 2,649, \$1,500.
- 8, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 2,643, \$1,000.
- 9, Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., 2,640, \$950.
- 10, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 2,630, \$900.
- 11, Michael Tang, San Francisco, 2,610, \$850.
- 12, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 2,595, \$800.
- 13, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 2,592, \$790.
- 14, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 2,582, \$780.
- 15, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 2,577, \$770.
- 16, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 2,558, \$760.
- 17, Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., 2,556, \$750.
- 18, (tie) Dom Barrett, England and Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 2,549.
- 20, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2,546.
- 21, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 2,545.
- 22, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 2,542.
- 23, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 2,541.
- 24, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill., 2,531.
- 25, (tie) Arturo Quintero, Mexico, and Francois Lavoie, Canada, 2,524.
- 27, JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 2,522.
- 28, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 2,517.
- 29, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 2,508.
- 30, Zach Doty, Campbellsville, Ky., 2,496.
- 31, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 2,495.
- 32, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 2,494.
- 33, Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., 2,489.
- 34, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 2,488.

- 35, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 2,485.
- 36, Sam Cooley, Australia, 2,465.
- 37, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 2,448.
- 38, (tie) Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., and Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 2,446.
- 40, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 2,440.
- 41, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 2,438.
- 42, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 2,436.
- 43, Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 2,423.
- 44, (tie) Christopher Sloan, Ireland, and Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, 2,413.
- 46, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2,409.
- 47, Russ Oviatt, Chandler, Ariz., 2,407.
- 48, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 2,405.
- 49, Daniel Fransson, Sweden, 2,400.
- 50, Zachery Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 2,395.
- 51, David Krol, Nixa, Mo., 2,385.
- 52, Julio Cesar Blancas, Mexico, 2,382.
- 53, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 2,374.
- 54, Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, 2,370.
- 55, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 2,369.
- 56, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 2,368.
- 57, Francois Louw, South Africa, 2,360.
- 58, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2,359.
- 59, John Furey, Howell, N.J., 2,357.
- 60, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 2,354.
- 61, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 2,351.
- 62, (tie) Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., and Charlie Brown Jr, Grandville, Mich., 2,350.
- 64, (tie) Stephen Pavlinko Jr., Sewell, N.J., and Rhino Page, Orlando, 2,343.
- 66, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 2,336.
- 67, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 2,335.
- 68, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 2,334.
- 69, Jim Pratt, Avondale, Ariz., 2,332.
- 70, Kenneth Ryan, Morganville, N.J., 2,326.
- 71, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 2,313.
- 72, AJ Chapman, St Paul, Minn., 2,311.
- 73, Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 2,310.
- 74, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 2,298.
- 75, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 2,296.
- 76, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 2,295.
- 77, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 2,288.
- 78, Dakota Vostry, Chicago, Ill., 2,283.
- 79, Graham Fach, Canada, 2,282.
- 80, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 2,276.
- 81, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 2,272.
- 82, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 2,271.
- 83, Andrew Silverman, Akron, Ohio, 2,264.
- 84, Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 2,263.
- 84, Rocio Restrepo, Colombia, 2,263.
- 86, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 2,254.
- 87, Markus Jansson, Sweden, 2,227.
- 88, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 2,208.
- 89, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 2,187.
- 90, Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., 2,174.
- 91, James Sitters, Australia, 2,145.

- 92, Stephen Hahn, Sterling, Va., 2,139.
- 93, George Duke, Vidor, Texas, 2,131.
- 94, Matt Wozney, Clayton, Del., 2,121.
- 95, Kenneth Bland Jr., San Antonio, Texas, 2,078.
- 96, Steve Britton, Grand Prairie, Texas, 2,016.
- 97, Michael Duran, Banning, Calif., 1,966.
- 98, Michael Foster, Tulsa, Okla., 1,801.
- 99, Kyle King, Glendale, Ariz., 1,209.

FLOBOWLING TULSA OPEN RESULTS (after 24 games of qualifying from Wolf and Bear Open events. Top 18 advance to Friday's first round of match play)

- 1, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 5,476.
- 2, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 5,470.
- 3, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 5,457.
- 4, Stuart Williams, England, 5,419.
- 5, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 5,336.
- 6, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 5,317.
- 7, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 5,297.
- 8, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 5,278.
- 9, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 5,253.
- 10, Michael Tang, San Francisco, 5,229.
- 11, Dom Barrett, England, 5,223.
- 11, Richie Teece, England, 5,223.
- 13, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 5,217.
- 14, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 5,205.
- 15, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 5,190.
- 16, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 5,189.
- 17, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 5,174.
- 18, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 5,172.

Did not advance:

- 19, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 5,157, \$2,200.
- 20, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 5,150, \$2,300.
- 21, JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 5,140, \$2,000.
- 22, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 5,138, \$1,900.
- 23, Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., 5,130, \$1,850.
- 24, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 5,122, \$1,800.
- 25, Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., 5,121, \$1,750.
- 26, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 5,109, \$1,700.
- 27, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 5,103.
- 28, Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, 5,100.
- 29, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 5,096.
- 30, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 5,091.
- 31, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 5,070.
- 32, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 5,066.
- 33, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 5,064.
- 34, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 5,058.
- 35, Rhino Page, Orlando, 5,053.
- 36, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 5,040.
- 37, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 5,027.
- 38, Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., 5,025.

- 39, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 5,016.
- 40, Graham Fach, Canada, 5,003.
- 41, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 5,002.
- 42, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 4,997.
- 43, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 4,967.
- 44, Sam Cooley, Australia, 4,959.
- 45, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill., 4,958.
- 46, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 4,943.
- 47, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 4,932.
- 48, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 4,930.
- 49, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 4,929.
- 50, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 4,925.
- 51, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 4,910.
- 52, Zach Doty, Campbellsville, Ky., 4,906.
- 53, Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 4,901.
- 54, AJ Chapman, St Paul, Minn., 4,900.
- 55, Francois Louw, South Africa, 4,898.
- 56, Zachery Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 4,885.
- 57, Markus Jansson, Sweden, 4,882.
- 58, Charlie Brown Jr, Grandville, Mich., 4,874.
- 59, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 4,873.
- 60, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 4,863.
- 61, (tie) Daniel Fransson, Sweden, and Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 4,857.
- 63, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 4,856.
- 64, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 4,855.
- 65, Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo.,, 4,837.
- 66, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 4,833.
- 67, Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, 4,829.
- 68, (tie) Julio Cesar Blancas, Mexico, and Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 4,818.
- 70, John Furey, Howell, N.J., 4,816.
- 71, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 4,800.
- 72, Jim Pratt, Avondale, Ariz., 4,781.
- 73, (tie) Pontus Andersson, Sweden, and Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 4,757.
- 75, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 4,743.
- 76, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 4,739.
- 77, David Krol, Nixa, Mo., 4,733.
- 78, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 4,727.
- 79, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 4,720.
- 80, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 4,705.
- 81, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 4,683.
- 82, Stephen Pavlinko Jr., Sewell, N.J., 4,657.
- 83, Russ Oviatt, Chandler, Ariz., 4,651.
- 84, Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 4,650.
- 85, Dakota Vostry, Chicago, Ill., 4,627.
- 86, Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 4,612.
- 87, Rocio Restrepo, Colombia, 4,609.
- 88, Kenneth Ryan, Morganville, N.J., 4,597.
- 89, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 4,505.
- 90, George Duke, Vidor, Texas, 4,389.
- 91, Matt Wozney, Clayton, Del., 4,326.
- 92, Stephen Hahn, Sterling, Va., 4,310.
- 93, Andrew Silverman, Akron, Ohio, 4,278.
- 94, Kenneth Bland Jr., San Antonio, Texas, 4,263.

- 95, Michael Duran, Banning, Calif., 4,094.96, Steve Britton, Grand Prairie, Texas, 4,008.97, James Sitters, Australia, 3,940.
- 98, Michael Foster, Tulsa, Okla., 3,406.
- 99, Kyle King, Glendale, Ariz., 3,527.

Different Lane Conditions Putting Players to the Test In FloBowling PBA Tulsa Open After First Day of Match Play

With the help of a 300 game, England's Richie Teece leads; Jason Belmonte moves from 15th to fifth

OWASSO, Okla. (Oct. 19, 2018) – Bowling on two different lane conditions on the same pair of lanes, England's Richie Teece put together a 9-3 record and averaged 232 for 12 games to lead after the first day of match play Friday in the FloBowling PBA Tulsa Open at The Lanes at Coffee Creek.

Bowling on the PBA 39-foot Bear Open lane condition on the left lane and 33-foot Wolf condition on the right lane in each match, the 18 players in the match play field are having to call on all of their experience, as well as consulting with their ball reps, to make the right ball choices and develop their strategy for lane play. Almost without exception, the players are using a different ball and playing entirely different lines on each lane.

To get to this point in the tournament, the 18 finalists were the top scorers after two rounds (24 games) of qualifying in the Wolf and Bear Opens – the first two events of the FloBowling PBA Fall Swing – but bowled on the same lane condition throughout qualifying in those tournaments.

Teece, who finished fifth in the Bear Open and 43rd in the Wolf Open, figured out the right combination in Friday's first match play round going 6-0, highlighted by the fourth match where he beat Sean Rash, 300-201.

"My strategy is to keep it simple," Teece said. "I'm using two balls that I'm confident in for each lane and making the adjustments from there. For me, too many options will only lead to confusion.

"I was fortunate to get good starts in the first three matches," he added. "In the 300 game I actually threw a Brooklyn (crossover strike) on the first ball on the left lane but after doing that it was a pretty good learning experience for me on what I needed to do to adjust.

"In the second round I only won three matches but I bowled well. I concentrated more on the mental part of staying focused, keeping my composure and remembering we have six more games left to bowl."

Four-time and reigning PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte of Australia, who was 15th after the first match play round but now sits in fifth after posting a 7-5 record and averaging 226 for the day, explained his mindset entering match play.

"As far as strategy is concerned you really have to develop a split personality," said Belmonte, who has two wins this season. "You have to be one guy on one lane and another guy on the other lane.

"It's not like bowling on the same pattern where you can get a rhythm and then repeat shots pretty quickly," the two-hander added. "You can get lined up on one lane but that puts added pressure on you to strike on the other lane and that can make it difficult to execute the needed repetition.

"Getting that rhythm has been difficult because with my ball motion I couldn't string strikes and I've left a lot of splits," Belmonte continued. "For the most part I've been guessing wrong until today's second round. I think I've been too tricky and creative with my moves when I didn't have to be."

EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Ind., who won the Bear Open Thursday to become the first three-time winner this season on the Go Bowling! PBA Tour, finished the day in second. He posted a 7-5 match play record and averaged 214 in Friday's match play.

"The key for me has been to isolate and focus on each lane and not think too far ahead," the 2016 PBA Player of the Year said. "The further you go in the tournament it seems like the differences are magnified. You kind of have to treat each lane as if you're bowling a totally different round."

The final Tulsa Open match play round gets underway Saturday morning at 9 a.m. CT which will determine the top five players for the stepladder finals at 12:30 p.m. The finals also will require the players to bowl on the Bear condition on the left lane and Wolf condition on the right lane.

The entire Fall Swing is streamed live on *Xtra Frame on FloBowling* which is providing multi-stream coverage of every lane of competition. For subscription and schedule information visit <u>www.flobowling.com</u>. *Lanetalk* is providing Fall Swing tournament statistics which can be accessed by visiting the Lanetalk link on the <u>pba.com</u> homepage.

FLOBOWLING PBA TULSA OPEN

The Lanes at Coffee Creek, Owasso, Okla., Friday

MATCH PLAY ROUND TWO RESULTS

(Includes match play record and 36-game pinfall total including bonus pins)

- 1, Richie Teece, England, 9-3, 8,282.
- 2, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 7-5, 8,240.
- 3, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 6-6, 8,180.
- 4, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 5-7, 8,114.
- 5, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 7-5, 8,112.
- 6, Stuart Williams, England, 8-3-1, 8,078.
- 7, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 7-5, 8,049.
- 8, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 9-3, 8,025.
- 9, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 7-5, 8,011.
- 10, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 5-7, 7,934.
- 11, Michael Tang, San Francisco, 5-6-1, 7,929.
- 12, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 6-6, 7,920.
- 13, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 5-6-1, 7,885.
- 14, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 4-7-1, 7,874.
- 15, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 4-8, 7,857.
- 16, Dom Barrett, England, 7-5, 7,850.
- 17, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 3-9, 7,778.
- 18, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2-10, 7,759.

MATCH PLAY ROUND ONE RESULTS (after 30 games)

- 1, Stuart Williams, England, 6-0, 6,893.
- 2, Richie Teece, England, 6-0, 6,866.
- 3, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 4-2, 6,833.
- 4, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 2-4, 6,784.
- 5, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 3-3, 6,744.

- 6, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 3-3, 6,640.
- 7, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 3-2-1, 6,639.
- 8, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 3-3, 6,618.
- 9, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 2-4, 6,606.
- 10, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 4-2, 6,596.
- 11, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1-5, 6,590.
- 12, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2-3-1, 6,580.
- 13, Michael Tang, San Francisco, 3-3, 6,539.
- 14, Dom Barrett, England, 4-2, 6,538.
- 15, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 3-3-0, 6,536.
- 16, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 3-3, 6,520.
- 17, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1-5, 6,482.
- 18, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 0-6, 6,417.

300 games – Richie Teece

England's Stuart Williams Wins FloBowling PBA Tulsa Open For Second Go Bowling! PBA Tour Title

Williams wins four matches and beats Andrew Anderson in the title match, 237-215, for first win since 2012

OWASSO, Okla. (Oct. 20, 2018) – Stuart Williams of England won all four matches and averaged 251 in the stepladder finals to win the FloBowling PBA Tulsa Open Saturday, the pinnacle event of the FloBowling PBA Fall Swing at The Lanes at Coffee Creek.

In a stepladder final that featured a dual lane condition pattern – PBA 39-foot Bear condition on the left lane and 33-foot Wolf condition on the right lane – Williams beat two-time Go Bowling! PBA Tour winner and finals top qualifier Andrew Anderson of Holly, Mich., 237-215, in the title match for his second career title and the \$30,000 first prize.

Williams, the No. 4 qualifier for the finals, was in control from the start when Anderson, the 2018 USBC Masters champion, opened in the first two frames after leaving splits.

"Bowling on two different conditions in the finals it was important to go with ball choices that I felt the most confident in and commit to those choices," the 37-year-old Williams said. "I was fortunate that I was able to stay with the same balls and game plan for all four matches and that really confirmed I made the right decisions.

"On the longer condition I wanted to throw slower and use a release where my hand came more around the ball. For the shorter condition, I concentrated on keeping my ball speed up and getting the ball to roll more end over end."

The win was William's first title since winning the 2012 PBA Viper Open. This season he has had best finishes of second in the WBT/PBA World Bowling Tour Thailand and fourth in the Brunswick Euro Challenge.

"It's nice to get another win here in the States," Williams said. "It almost seems worse having one title than none. There's a kind of validation when you win your second title, especially when you win in a tournament as difficult as this one is. It gets kind of frustrating when people say 'your time will come' and you're still hanging there with one win."

Live streamed on *Xtra Frame on FloBowling,* Williams started the stepladder finals with a 236-227 win over No. 5 qualifier Kris Prather of Plainfield, Ill., who finished third in the Wolf and Bear Opens earlier in the Fall Swing. Williams then beat Wolf Open winner 2016 PBA Player of the Year EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Ind., 245-212, in the second match to advance to the semifinal.

In the semifinal, Williams beat fellow Englander Richie Teece, who was trying for his second tour win, 288-203, to advance to the title match against Anderson. In the 288 game, Williams fired the first 10 strikes before leaving the 6-10 on the 11th shot.

In the two other Fall Swing events, Williams finished 31st in the Wolf Open and second in the Bear Open which led up to the Tulsa Open.

Tackett's win in the Bear Open made him the season's first three-time winner and a leading contender for PBA Player of the Year going into the U.S. Open at Northrock Lanes in Wichita, Kan. Oct. 24-31, which concludes the season.

It was also a productive week for Anderson, another player of the year candidate, finishing fourth in the Bear Open and second in the Wolf Open in addition to his runner-up finish in the Tulsa Open. Teece finished fifth in the Bear Open and 43rd in the Wolf Open.

To get the Tulsa Open stepladder finals, the players had to first make the top 18 after 24 games of qualifying in the Wolf and Bear events and then compete in three six-game rounds of round robin match play which also used the dual lane condition.

FLOBOWLING PBA TULSA OPEN The Lanes at Coffee Creek, Owasso, Okla., Saturday

Final Standings

- 1, Stuart Williams, England, \$30,000
- 2, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., \$15,000
- 3, Richie Teece, England, \$10,000
- 4, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., \$8,000.
- 5, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., \$7,000.

Stepladder Results

Match One – Williams def. Prather, 236-227. Match Two – Williams def. Tackett, 245-212. Semifinal – Williams def. Teece, 288-203. Final – Williams def. Anderson, 237-215.

FINAL MATCH PLAY STANDINGS

(Includes match play record and 42-game pinfall total including bonus pins. Top five advance to stepladder finals)

- 1, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 10-8, 9,680.
- 2, Richie Teece, England, 11-7, 9,659.
- 3, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 10-8, 9,629.
- 4, Stuart Williams, England, 12-5-1, 9,605.
- 5, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 8-10, 9,551.

- 6, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 10-8, 9,424, \$5,000.
- 7, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 10-8, 9,416, \$4,500.
- 8, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 9-8-1, 9,382, \$4,000.
- 9, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 9-9, 9,356, \$3,800.
- 10, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 8-9-1, 9,343, \$3,600.
- 11, Dom Barrett, England, 12-6, 9,311, \$3,400.
- 12, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 10-8, 9,308, \$3,200.
- 13, Michael Tang, San Francisco, 9-8-1, 9,287, \$3,000.
- 14, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 8-10, 9,244, \$2,900.
- 15, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 7-11, 9,220, \$2,800.
- 16, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 8-10, 9,208, \$2,700.
- 17, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 5-13, 9,113, \$2,600.
- 18, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 4-14, 9,085, \$2,500.

Chris Warren Tops PBA50 Waxahachie Southwest Open Field

Waxahachie, Texas, (October 23, 2018) – Chris Warren of Grants Pass, Ore., survived a final game challenge from former PBA member Steve Shaffer of Georgetown, Texas, in the eight-game round robin finals, to win a record 53rd Professional Bowlers Association regional title at the PBA50 Waxahachie Southwest Open Sunday at Hilltop Lanes.

Warren, who held a 103-pin lead going into the final game position round match, lost to Shaffer, 247-224, but maintained the overall pinfall lead, including bonus pins, 5,075-5,025. Along with his title he earned the \$2,200 winner's check. The win was Warren's sixth in PBA50 Regional events in addition to a PBA-record 47 titles in standard PBA Regional competition.

After building a 132-pin lead following the 13-game qualifying portion of the event, Warren continued to increase his lead, winning his first three matches with games of 251, 237, and 246. Shaffer, however, momentarily took the lead by rolling 256 and 300 in games four and five while Warren struggled before regaining the lead with his own 300 game. He followed that with a 246 prior to position round. Shaffer earned \$1,400 for second place.

The PBA Southwest Region's next tournament will be the PBA Beaumont Southwest Open at Mark Williams' Crossroads Bowling Center, in Beaumont, Texas, Nov. 23-25.

PBA50 WAXAHACHIE SOUTHWEST OPEN

Hilltop Bowl, Waxahachie, Texas, Sunday

Final Standings (after 21 games, including match play bonus pins):

1, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 5-3, 5,075, \$2,200. 2, n-Steven Shaffer, Georgetown, Texas, 6-2, 5,025, \$1,400. 3, Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 4-4, 4,844, \$850. 4, n-Paul Fleming, Fort Worth, Texas, 5-3-0, 4,834, \$675. 5, Rick Minier, Houston, 4-4, 4,662, \$600. 6, Steve Wright, Cypress, Texas, 3-5, 4,569, \$550. 7, Pete Thomas, Oklahoma City, Okla., 2-6, 4,493, \$525. 8, Stephen Keblish, Arlington, Texas, 3-5, 4,466, \$500.

n-denotes non-member

300 games- Paul Fleming (2), Steve Shaffer, Chris Warren.

PBA Spare Shots

U.S. OPEN TO BRING 2018 GO BOWLING! PBA TOUR SEASON TO DRAMATIC CLOSE

The 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season will come to a dramatic end over the next few days with a number of plot lines in play as the U.S. Open gets underway at Northrock Lanes in Wichita, Kan., including its impact on the PBA Player and Rookie of the Year races, the possibility of a new addition to the PBA's "Triple Crown" roster, maybe a record-tying major, and a battle for berths in the end-of-season PBA Clash.

For starters, how players finish in the U.S. Open could be a significant factor in deciding the 2018 PBA Player and Rookie of the Year races. Heading into the final PBA Tour event of the year, **EJ Tackett** is the only three-title winner in 2018. **Jason Belmonte, Anthony Simonsen, Andrew Anderson** and **Jakob Butturff** are all solidly in contention with two PBA Tour titles each.

On a personal level, the U.S. Open also may have special meaning to Belmonte and Tackett. Both players are in need of a U.S. Open title to complete the PBA Triple Crown. A win by Belmonte also would be his 10th major, tying the legendary **Earl Anthony** and **Pete Weber** for the all-time record for most PBA major titles.

The U.S. Open will pay \$30,000, \$15,000, \$12,000, \$10,000 and \$8,000 to the top five finishers. Fans can track the competition through exclusive live coverage of the qualifying and match play rounds by Xtra Frame on FloBowling Friday through Tuesday, Oct. 30. Fans also can follow the U.S. Open via the Live Scoring feature on <u>pba.com</u>. The five-man stepladder finals will air live on CBS Sports Network on Wednesday, Oct. 31, at 7 p.m. Eastern.

The prize money could impact the PBA Clash, a special event that will officially debut the PBA's historic new television agreement with FOX Sports. The Clash will feature the top eight players in PBA earnings for the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season. Belmonte, Tackett, Anderson and Simonsen have locked up berths in the Clash, based on their current-season earnings, but they could change positions based upon what they may earn in the U.S. Open.

Behind the top four, **Stuart Williams, Dom Barrett, Marshall Kent** and **Kyle Troup** currently hold the next four spots, but there are several players mathematically in contention to overtake any of those four. Williams made a big move after picking up a total of \$36,000 in the FloBowling PBA Fall Swing.

The PBA Clash, which will also include a preview of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season on FOX and FS1, will take place at Kegel Training Center in Lake Wales, Fla., on Monday, Dec. 10, and will air on FOX on Sunday, Dec. 23, at 2:30 or 4:30 p.m. ET (depending on where the viewer lives).

LANETALK PROVIDES INTERESTING STATISTICAL LOOK AT FLOBOWLING PBA FALL SWING FINALISTS

Sweden-based Lanetalk has again provided comprehensive stats for the three-tournament FloBowling PBA Fall Swing. Here's a look at just a few of the interesting Fall Swing stats from the five Tulsa Open finalists:

• **Kris Prather**, who had third-place finishes in the Wolf and Bear Opens and a fifth-place finish in the Tulsa Open, was by far the best spare shooter during the tournament. He recorded a 94.87% conversion rate of his non-split spare attempts. In addition, he had a strike or spare in 93.57% of his frames for the entire Fall Swing, which comes to about one open every two games.

• Tulsa Open winner **Stuart Williams** came out on top in the Bear Open where he led the field with an overall strike percentage of 67.8%.

• Third-place Tulsa Open finisher **Richie Teece** had the highest strike percentage in the Tulsa Open at 64%.

• Andrew Anderson finished second in the Wolf and Tulsa Opens and fourth in the Bear Open, thanks in great part to a 96.7% spare conversion rate in the Tulsa Open and the Fall Swing's top scoring average (223.33 for 42 games).

• **EJ Tackett** won the Bear Open and finished fourth in the Tulsa Open, but he led the field in strike percentage (62.8%) in the Wolf Open where he had his worst finish: eighth place.

• The entire field averaged 207.54 on the 33-foot Wolf pattern and 200.12 on the 39-foot Bear pattern. The top 18 qualifiers who advanced to the Tulsa Open then averaged 212.46 as a group with the Bear pattern applied on the left lane and the Wolf on the right.

PBA BOWLING CHALLENGE MOBILE GAME OFFERS "BOO-LING" TOURNAMENT

Concrete Software is getting into the Halloween spirit with a new "Boo-ling Tournament" for PBA Bowling Challenge players. The "spooky" tournament, currently underway, invites players to battle through frightful opponents in 13 "spooktacular" games on cemetery-themed lanes with special "candy corn" oil patterns. Included in the contest are three new Halloween-theme bowling balls players can use.

Anyone with an Android and iPhone mobile device can download the PBA Bowling Challenge at no cost, joining the throng of more than 23 million people who have already joined the fun.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: CHRIS WARREN IMPROVES HIS RECORD TO 53 OVERALL PBA REGIONAL TITLES

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Graham Fach of Canada defeated **Aaron Lorincz** of Center Line, Mich., 230-222, to win the PBA Jackson Central/Midwest Open at Dave Small's JAX 60 in Jackson, Mich., Sunday for his fifth career regional title and the \$2,000 first prize.

Fach topped **Patrick Dombrowski** of Parma, Ohio, 234-201 and Lorincz downed **Kyle Cook** of Centerville, Ohio, 230-222 to set up the championship match.

• The final PBA Regional events of October take place over the Oct. 26-28 weekend, including the PBA50 Bryan's Bowling Center East Open presented by the Hopkins Automotive Group and 900 Global in Laurel, Del., and the South Point West Challenge and PBA Member-Nonmember Doubles, both presented by Radical, at South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas

• For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit <u>pba.com</u>, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area...and remember, you can follow "live scoring" for all PBA Regional events on <u>pba.com</u> (easily accessible for Apple and Android device users using the PBA app).

QUICK NOTES:

• **Josh Blanchard**'s slip-and-fall during the 2011 PBA World Championship elimination matches at South Point in Las Vegas is being revisited, thanks to a new Google Pixel 3 ad called "Flip to Shhh." The video clip, depicting Blanchard being distracted by an untimely cell phone pinging during his delivery, is included in one of the commercials Google Pixel 3 is airing nationally to sell its newest top-of-the-line smart phone. To view the clip, click here: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5eD_lhnyW9k</u>.

Ogle, Monacelli Lead U.S. Open PTQ as Field of 144 is Set for Season's Final Major

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By Aaron Smith, USBC Communications

WICHITA, Kan. – The field at the 2018 U.S. Open now is complete with the conclusion of a pre-tournament qualifier held Wednesday at Northrock Lanes.

Total pinfall for eight games determined the 28 competitors joining the main field, bringing the total to 144 bowlers. A total of 116 players already had earned direct entry into the 2018 U.S. Open based on their on-lane performances in 2017.

Matt Ogle of Louisville, Kentucky, paced the 73-player field Wednesday, finishing with a 1,784 total, a 223 average.

Ogle was followed in the standings by United States Bowling Congress and Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli of Venezuela (1,755), Tim Foy Jr. of Seaford, Delaware (1,746), Kamron Doyle of Brentwood, Tennessee (1,743), and Roger Petrin of Taylor, Michigan (1,729).

Ukraine's Daria Kovalova, who was a collegiate standout at Wichita State, earned the final spot in the main field, finishing in 28th with a 1,624 total, a 203 average.

Ogle was able to get out to a quick start at Northrock Lanes, firing games of 248, 254 and 232 to put himself in a great position to advance. He hasn't been bowling as much leading into the U.S. Open, but some time on the lanes prior to his trip to Wichita helped bolster his confidence.

:After the strong start, I was able to relax a little bit and cruise along," Ogle said. "I really just wanted to feel confident with my spare shooting, and I'm glad it worked out. I haven't been bowling as much, since I've been running a business back home, but I bowled a tournament Sunday and had a good practice Monday, so I felt ready."

Ogle and his fellow competitors will have the opportunity to practice on the four different oil patterns being used for the 2018 U.S. Open on Thursday during the official practice sessions.

The 34-year-old two-hander looks forward to learning as much as he can to prepare for Friday's opening round of qualifying, which starts at 9 a.m. Eastern. He's happy with where his physical game is at after Wednesday's block but knows where his main focus will be in order to continue strong during the rest of the event.

All preliminary rounds of the U.S. Open will be streamed live on PBA's online bowling channel *Xtra Frame on FloBowling.*

All squads will be contested on a fresh oil pattern in 2018, and players will compete on three different conditions during the first three rounds of qualifying. The fourth oil pattern will be introduced starting with Monday's cashers' round and be used for the remainder of the tournament.

Qualifying will consist of three eight-game blocks over three days. After 24 games, the field will be cut to the top 36 players for the cashers' round, which will include an additional eight games to determine the 24 players for round-robin match play.

Match play will begin Monday at 6 p.m. Eastern with the first of three eight-game rounds. Match play resumes Tuesday at 11 a.m. Eastern with the final two blocks, including a position round. The five finalists will be determined by total pinfall, including bonus pins, for 56 games.

The stepladder finals will take place Oct. 31 and air live on CBS Sports Network at 8 p.m. Eastern, awarding the champion the \$30,000 top prize and coveted green jacket.

The U.S. Open is the fourth and final major championship on the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule and is conducted jointly by the USBC and Bowling Proprietors' Association of America.

For more information on the U.S. Open, visit BOWL.com/USOpen.

2018 U.S. Open At Northrock Lanes, Wichita, Kan. PRE-TOURNAMENT QUALIFIER (eight games)

1, Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 1,784. 2, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,755. 3, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 1,746. 4, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 1,743. 5, Roger Petrin, Taylor, Mich., 1,729. 6, n-Joseph Grondin, San Pedro, Calif., 1,724.

7(tie), n-James Hall, Daphne, Ala., and n-Brent Boho, Colgate, Wis., 1,712. 9, w-Daria Pajak, Poland, 1,705. 10, n-Duane Kilts, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 1,703. 11, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, III., 1,693. 12, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 1,689.

13, n-Frank Guccione, Castle Rock, Colo., 1,687. 14, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa.,
1,686. 15, Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, 1,670. 16, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 1,660.
17, Mitch Hupe, Canada, 1,659. 18, n-Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 1,655.

19, Brett Cooper, Denver, 1,644. 20, n-Kevin Fanter, Maize, Kan., 1,641. 21(tie), Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, and Alex George, Wichita, Kan., 1,639. 23, Austin Boulds, Creal Springs, III., 1,637. 24, n-Spencer Robarge, Springfield, Mo., 1,631.

25, n-Joshua Roca, Wichita, Kan., 1,630. 26(tie), John Furey, Howell, N.J., and n-Jacob Kersten, Wichita, Kan, 1,625. 28, w-Daria Kovalova, Wichita, Kan., 1,624. **DID NOT ADVANCE**

29, n-Justin Crumley, Wichita, Kan., 1,622. 30, Stephen Pavlinko, Sewell, N.J., 1,621. 31, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 1,617. 32, n-Jerod Hromek, Towanda, Kan., 1,577. 33, Zach Doty, Campbellsville, Ky., 1,576. 34(tie), n-Colton Ruscetti, Wichita, Kan., and Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 1,575.

36, n-Gabe Alvarez, Wichita, Kan., 1,568. 37, Christopher Tuholski, Troutdale, Ore., 1,563. 38, n-Jake Provenzano, Wichita, Kan., 1,561. 39, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 1,556. 40, n-Luke Rosdahl, Topeka, Kan., 1,549. 41, Stephen Hahn, Sterling, Va., 1,543.

42, n-w-Pamela Alvarez, Mexico, 1,539. 43, n-Danny Bradley, Shawnee, Kan., 1,537. 44(tie), Andrew Warren, Plano, Texas, and n-w-Summer Jasmin, Beckley, W.Va., 1,536. 46, Bryant Ezell, Fayetteville, Ark., 1,534. 47, n-Jamel Gunther, Wichita, Kan., 1,530.

48(tie), Kenny Calkins, Des Moines, Iowa, and n-Sydney Brummett, Wichita, Kan., 1,528. 50, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 1,524. 51, Dylan Burns, Garden City, Kan., 1,523. 52, Dakota Vostry, Chicago, 1,518. 53, Blake Demore, Springfield, Mo., 1,514.

54, Daniel Ronnback, Sweden, 1,513. 55, Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., 1,508. 56, n-Derek Lewis, Wichita, Kan., 1,502. 57, Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., 1,495. 58, Jason Miller, Plano, III., 1,487. 59, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 1,479. 60, n-Chance Rivera, Kansas City, Mo., 1,469. 61, Jean Perez, Puerto Rico, 1,459. 62, n-Michael Lane, Independence, Mo., 1,447. 63, n-Kyle Duster, Wichita, Kan., 1,442. 64, n-William Leisher, Laurel, Md., 1,423. 65, n-Megan Knisley, Kansas City, Mo., 1,421.

66, n-Andy Sykes, Wichita, Kan., 1,418. 67, n-Ashton Bigger, Topeka, Kan., 1,412. 68, James Sitters, Australia, 1,403. 69, Justin Wyman, Fairport, N.Y., 1,398. 70, n-Timothy Lindsey, Derby, Kan., 1,346. 71, Beau Peterson, Newton, Kan., 1,330.

72, n-Anthony Stewart, St. Paul, Minn., 1,300. 73, Trevor Besel, Maricopa, Ariz., 1,234.

Prather Takes U.S. Open First Round Lead

by JSchneider | Friday, October 26, 10:06 PM

By Aaron Smith, USBC Communications

WICHITA, Kan. - Kris Prather of Plainfield, Illinois, continued his torrid run on the lanes Friday after pacing the field during the opening round of qualifying at the <u>2018 U.S.</u> <u>Open</u>.

The 26-year-old right-hander posted an eight-game block of 1,823 (227.88 average) at Northrock Lanes to lead the 144-player field.

Greg Ostrander of Freehold, New Jersey, sits in second with 1,808, while Wichita's AJ Chapman (1,770), Brent Boho of Colgate, Wisconsin (1,766), and 2006 U.S. Open champion Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, South Carolina (1,761), round out the top five.

Defending champion Rhino Page of Orlando, Florida, sits in 23rd place with a 1,690 total.

Prather put together an impressive performance last week at the PBA Fall Swing in Owasso, Oklahoma, advancing to the championship round in each of the three events held at The Lanes at Coffee Creek.

He collected a pair of third-place finishes at the PBA Wolf Open and PBA Bear Open and concluded the week by finishing fifth at the PBA Tulsa Open. Prather was able to parlay that success on Friday's challenging 37-foot oil pattern, which he thought would be the toughest of the four lane conditions being used this week.

Competitors in the field will compete on three different lane conditions during the first three rounds of qualifying. A fourth oil pattern will be introduced for Monday's cashers' round and be used for the remainder of the tournament.

"I thought we were going to stay right and control the pocket," Prather said. "I didn't think scores would be this high, but the little bit of urethane that went down the lane helped a lot. I thought this was going to be the most difficult pattern, so this definitely loosens up the swing even more."

Prather has advanced to the match-play portion of the U.S. Open in its last two editions, finishing in 17th place in 2016 and 14th in 2017.

He made his way back from a slow start last year in Liverpool, New York, so the quick strike Friday at Northrock Lanes has him excited to attack Saturday's 40-foot lane condition.

"It's huge," said Prather, who was in 32nd place after the opening round last year at Flamingo Bowl. "This has been the best I've bowled on the first day at the U.S. Open, so I'm really looking forward to getting back on the lanes tomorrow morning and knocking down as many pins as I can. I think I'll need to put on my striking shoes, but I'm ready to go."

Players will return to Northrock Lanes on Saturday for the second round of qualifying, starting at 9 a.m. Eastern. Qualifying consists of three-eight game blocks over three days.

After 24 games, the field will be cut to the top 36 players for the cashers' round, which will include an additional eight games to determine the 24 players for round-robin match play.

Match play will begin Monday at 6 p.m. Eastern with the first of three eight-game rounds. Match play resumes Tuesday at 11 a.m. Eastern with the final two blocks, including a position round. The five finalists will be determined by total pinfall, including bonus pins, for 56 games.

The stepladder finals will take place Oct. 31 and air live on CBS Sports Network at 8 p.m. Eastern, awarding the champion the \$30,000 top prize and coveted green jacket.

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U.S. OPEN FIRST ROUND RESULTS

Eight Games

- 1, Kris Prather, Plainfield, III., 1,823.
- 2, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 1,808.
- 3, AJ Chapman, Wichita, Kan., 1,770.
- 4, n-Brent Boho, Colgate, WI, 1,766.
- 5, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,761.
- 6, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 1,759.
- 7, n-Dallas Leong, Las Vegas, 1,757.
- 8, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,756.
- 8, n-Tom Adcock, Decatur, III., 1,756.
- 10, Dom Barrett, England, 1,741.
- 11, Cameron Weier, Tacoma, Wash., 1,735.
- 12, David Beres, Waukesha, Wis., 1,732.
- 13, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,727.
- 14, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 1,725.
- 15, JoJoe Yannaphon, Thailand, 1,723.
- 16, Stuart Williams, England, 1,704.
- 17, Charlie Brown Jr., Grandville, Mich., 1,701.
- 18, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 1,695.
- 19, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,693.
- 19, Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia, 1,693.
- 21, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,692.
- 21, Graham Fach, Canada, 1,692.
- 23, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 1,690.
- 24, Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., 1,687.
- 25, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 1,684.
- 26, n-Jacob Kersten, Wichita, Kan, 1,683.
- 27, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 1,681.

28, Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 1,679. 29, Mitch Hupe, Canada, 1,676. 30, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,670. 31, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1,667. 32, n-David Simard, Canada, 1,659. 33, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,655. 34, Daniel Fransson, Sweden, 1,654. 34, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,654. 36, Austin Boulds, Creal Springs, Ill., 1,653. 37, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 1,646. 38, Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 1,645. 38, Joe Bailey, Wooster, Ohio, 1,645. 40, n-Brandon Biondo, Carpentersville, III., 1,644. 41, Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 1,643. 42, Chris Polizzi, Spring Hill, Fla., 1,641. 43, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 1,639. 44, Richie Teece, England, 1,638. 45, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 1,636. 45, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,636. 47, Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz., 1,635. 48, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,634. 49, n-Cotie Holbek, Burlington, Wis., 1,633. 49, Alex George, Wichita, Kan., 1,633. 51, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, Texas, 1,632. 51, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 1,632. 53, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 1,629. 54, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,627. 55, Gregory Thompson Jr., Tempe, Ariz., 1,626. 56, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 1,625. 57, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 1,623. 58, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, IL, 1,622. 59, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,621. 60, Craig Tuholski, Troutdale, Ore., 1,620. 61, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 1,619. 62, Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C., 1,617.

- 63, Roger Petrin, Taylor, Mich., 1,615.
- 64, n-Michael Mak, Hong Kong, 1,613.

- 65, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 1,612.
- 65, Nathan Michalowski, Burlington, Wis., 1,612.
- 67, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1,611.
- 67, Jakob Butturff, Chandler, Ariz., 1,611.
- 69, James Hall, Daphne, Ala., 1,610.
- 70, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 1,609.
- 71, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,607.
- 72, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 1,600.
- 72, n-Daniel Hanson, Tacoma, Wash., 1,600.
- 74, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 1,599.
- 75, n-Joshua Schneider, Fond du Lac, Wis., 1,598.
- 76, Jari Ratia, Finland, 1,597.
- 77, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,595.
- 78, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 1,594.
- 79, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 1,592.
- 80, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,589.
- 81, Brett Cooper, Denver, 1,583.
- 82, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 1,577.
- 83, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 1,575.
- 84, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 1,573.
- 85, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 1,572.
- 86, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,571.
- 86, n-Spencer Robarge, Springfield, Mo., 1,571.
- 86, Aaron Lorincz, Center Line, Mich., 1,571.
- 89, n-Chris Szczepaniak, Wyandotte, Mich., 1,566.
- 90, Michael Tang, San Francisco, 1,563.
- 90, n-Wesley Low, Palmdale, Calif., 1,563.
- 92, n-Kennon McFalls, Gastonia, N.C., 1,561.
- 93, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 1,557.
- 94, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 1,553.
- 95, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,548.
- 96, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 1,547.
- 97, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 1,546.
- 98, Chris Gibbons, Madison, Wis., 1,541.
- 99, n-Briley Haugh, Fairbault, Minn., 1,540.
- 100, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 1,538.
- 100, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 1,538.

- 102, Curt Dupre IV, Destrehan, La., 1,531.
- 102, n-Justin Hromek, Towanda, Kan., 1,531.
- 104, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,527.
- 104, w-Daria Pajak, Poland, 1,527.
- 106, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 1,526.
- 107, n-Adrian Anderson, Roseburg, Ore., 1,523.
- 108, n-Alex Hoskins, Pocatello, Idaho, 1,522.
- 108, w-Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 1,522.
- 110, n-Frank Guccione, Castle Rock, Colo., 1,520.
- 111, Francois Louw, South Africa, 1,516.
- 112, n-Duane Kilts, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 1,514.
- 112, n-Nicholas Scelfo, Millstone, N.J., 1,514.
- 112, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 1,514.
- 115, Sam Cooley, Australia, 1,513.
- 116, n-Thomas McNeal, Seattle, Wash., 1,511.
- 117, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 1,508.
- 118, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 1,507.
- 119, n-Cortez Schenck, Phoenix, Ariz., 1,506.
- 120, Daria Kovalova, Wichita, Kan., 1,501.
- 121, Charles Clifford Jr., Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., 1,499.
- 122, Tom Daugherty, Tampa, Fla., 1,495.
- 123, Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, 1,494.
- 124, Kenneth Ryan, Morganville, N.J., 1,484.
- 125, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 1,480.
- 126, n-Jacob Boresch, Kenosha, Wis., 1,476.
- 127, n-Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 1,465.
- 128, n-Joshua Link, Billings, Mont., 1,463.
- 129, Kyle Mayberry, Mechanicsburg, Ohio, 1,460.
- 130, Kevin Fanter, Maize, Kan., 1,458.
- 130, n-Joseph Grondin, San Pedro, CA, 1,458.
- 132, n-Jared Armstrong, Louisville, Ky., 1,447.
- 133, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,437.
- 134, Robert Lawrence, Austin, Texas, 1,433.
- 135, Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 1,429.
- 136, Joshua Roca, Wichita, Kan., 1,422.
- 137, n-Bryan Hahlen, Greenwood, S.C., 1,417.
- 138, n-Bryan Dragotta, Selden, N.Y., 1,413.

139, John Furey, Howell, N.J., 1,352.140, n-Scott Hill, Belleville, Ill., 1,304.141, n-Richard Paul, Winton, Calif., 1,300.

Prather Takes Commanding Lead in U.S. Open After Second Round

by JSchneider | Saturday, October 27, 10:00 PM

By Aaron Smith, USBC Communications

Kristopher Prather of Plainfield, Illinois, separated himself from the rest of the field Saturday at the 2018 U.S. Open after averaging more than 244 in the second round of qualifying.

The 26-year-old right-hander shrugged off a slow start at Northrock Lanes on his way to an eight-game total of 1,956 to bring his overall score to 3,779, a 236.19 average. Prather sits 225 pins ahead of Greg Ostrander of Freehold, New Jersey, who remained in second place with a 3,554 total.

England's Dom Barrett moved into third place with 3,527 and is followed by Jason Sterner of Covington, Georgia (3,483), and Wichita's AJ Chapman (3,480).

Defending champion Rhino Page of Orlando, Florida, moved into 10th place with a 3,411 total.

After leading Friday's opening round, Prather struggled to find the right feel with his equipment to start Saturday's block, kicking off the round with a 169 game. He quickly resolved the issue, averaging more than 255 for his final seven games.

"During Game 1, I really didn't have a great feel in the ball," Prather said. "I was struggling and between (interchangeable) thumbs and tape. I didn't throw a good shot until about the seventh frame, and that's when I realized I was in the wrong ball. Even if I threw it well, I wasn't going to strike, so I talked it over with

Mike (DeVaney) and got into the right ball. From there, I just tried to keep making the right adjustments."

Prather credits his run the last several weeks, which includes a pair of third-place finishes and a fifth-place showing at the Professional Bowlers Association Fall Swing in Owasso, Oklahoma, to the work he's put in on his mental game and the ability to quickly bounce back after an errant shot or frame.

He's also been able to create different reactions with his ball roll this week while combating the 37- and 40-foot oil patterns featured during the first two rounds of qualifying. He's still unsure of his plan of attack on Sunday's 47-foot lane condition, but Prather has time and a sizeable lead on his side.

Competitors in the field will compete on three different lane conditions during the first three rounds of qualifying. A fourth oil pattern will be introduced for Monday's cashers' round and be used for the remainder of the tournament.

"The angles I've played each day weren't very different, but it was more about ball selection and how the ball came off my hand," Prather said. "Today, I was able to use more rotation to get it to go through the pins, while I really had to focus on rolling it yesterday, since the pattern was so short and flat. I think tomorrow will be very interesting. I didn't have a great look in practice. Luckily, I don't bowl until late in the afternoon. I'll have all day to watch, and I think that will help a lot."

Players will return to Northrock Lanes on Sunday for the third and final round of qualifying, starting at 9 a.m. Eastern. Qualifying consists of three eight-game blocks over three days.

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U.S. OPEN SECOND ROUND RESULTS

After 16 Games

- 1, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 3,779.
- 2, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 3,554.
- 3, Dom Barrett, England, 3,527.
- 4, Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., 3,483.
- 5, AJ Chapman, Wichita, Kan., 3,480.
- 6, JoJoe Yannaphon, Thailand, 3,450.
- 7, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 3,443.
- 8, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 3,425.
- 9, Stuart Williams, England, 3,414.
- 10, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 3,411.
- 11, n-David Simard, Canada, 3,410.
- 12, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 3,385.
- 13, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,378.
- 14, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,374.
- 15, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 3,366.
- 16, Richie Teece, England, 3,355.
- 17, Jakob Butturff, Chandler, Ariz., 3,353.
- 17, Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 3,353.
- 19, Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz., 3,350.
- 20, Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 3,342.
- 21, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, Texas, 3,339.
- 21, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 3,339.
- 23, n-Alex Hoskins, Pocatello, Idaho, 3,330.
- 23, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 3,330.
- 25, n-Brandon Biondo, Carpentersville, Ill., 3,324.
- 26, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 3,322.
- 27, Mitch Hupe, Canada, 3,321.

28, Jari Ratia, Finland, 3,318. 28, Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia, 3,318. 30, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 3,313. 30, n-Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 3,313. 32, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 3,308. 33, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 3,300. 34, n-Brent Boho, Colgate, WI, 3,297. 35, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 3,294. 36, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 3,293. 37, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 3,292. 38, n-Dallas Leong, Las Vegas, 3,285. 39, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 3,280. 40, Aaron Lorincz, Center Line, Mich., 3,278. 40, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 3,278. 42, Graham Fach, Canada, 3,276. 43, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 3,272. 44, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 3,268. 44, Cameron Weier, Tacoma, Wash., 3,268. 46, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 3,262. 47, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 3,259. 48, w-Daria Pajak, Poland, 3,258. 48, David Beres, Waukesha, Wis., 3,258. 48, n-Tom Adcock, Decatur, III., 3,258. 51, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 3,255. 52, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 3,253. 53, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 3,252. 54, Michael Tang, San Francisco, 3,249. 55, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 3,241. 56, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 3,240. 57, Daniel Fransson, Sweden, 3,228. 58, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 3,227. 59, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 3,226. 59, Gregory Thompson Jr., Tempe, Ariz., 3,226. 61, n-Jacob Kersten, Wichita, Kan, 3,222. 62, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 3,219. 63, Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 3,218.

64, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 3,209.

65, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 3,205. 66, n-Wesley Low, Palmdale, Calif., 3,201. 67, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 3,199. 68, w-Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 3,194. 69, Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C., 3,193. 70, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 3,192. 71, Charlie Brown Jr., Grandville, Mich., 3,190. 72, Tom Daugherty, Tampa, Fla., 3,186. 72, n-Daniel Hanson, Tacoma, Wash., 3,186. 74, Francois Louw, South Africa, 3,180. 74, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 3,180. 74, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 3,180. 77, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 3,173. 78, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 3,171. 78, Austin Boulds, Creal Springs, Ill., 3,171. 80, Sam Cooley, Australia, 3,170. 81, Curt Dupre IV, Destrehan, La., 3,166. 82, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 3,160. 83, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 3,150. 84, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 3,149. 85, Kenneth Ryan, Morganville, N.J., 3,148. 86, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 3,146. 87, James Hall, Daphne, Ala., 3,143. 88, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 3,138. 89, n-Cotie Holbek, Burlington, Wis., 3,134. 90, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 3,129. 91, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 3,125. 92, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill., 3,124. 93, n-Bryan Dragotta, Selden, N.Y., 3,120. 93, Roger Petrin, Taylor, Mich., 3,120. 95, Joe Bailey, Wooster, Ohio, 3,117. 96, Chris Gibbons, Madison, Wis., 3,116. 97, n-Joshua Link, Billings, Mont., 3,112. 98, n-Michael Mak, Hong Kong, 3,111. 98, Alex George, Wichita, Kan., 3,111. 100, Chris Polizzi, Spring Hill, Fla., 3,109. 101, Nathan Michalowski, Burlington, Wis., 3,108.

- 102, Brett Cooper, Denver, 3,105.
- 103, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 3,104.
- 104, n-Duane Kilts, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 3,103.
- 105, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 3,102.
- 106, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 3,095.
- 107, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 3,083.
- 108, Craig Tuholski, Troutdale, Ore., 3,081.
- 109, n-Joshua Schneider, Fond du Lac, Wis., 3,079.
- 110, Kevin Fanter, Maize, Kan., 3,078.
- 111, n-Chris Szczepaniak, Wyandotte, Mich., 3,076.
- 112, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 3,073.
- 113, n-Cortez Schenck, Phoenix, Ariz., 3,071.
- 114, Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, 3,047.
- 115, n-Thomas McNeal, Seattle, Wash., 3,038.
- 116, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 3,036.
- 117, n-Jacob Boresch, Kenosha, Wis., 3,032.
- 118, n-Adrian Anderson, Roseburg, Ore., 3,030.
- 119, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 3,028.
- 119, Kyle Mayberry, Mechanicsburg, Ohio, 3,028.
- 121, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3,017.
- 122, Daria Kovalova, Wichita, Kan., 3,015.
- 123, n-Spencer Robarge, Springfield, Mo., 3,013.
- 124, n-Joseph Grondin, San Pedro, CA, 3,007.
- 125, n-Briley Haugh, Fairbault, Minn., 3,006.
- 126, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 2,997.
- 127, n-Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 2,994.
- 128, Joshua Roca, Wichita, Kan., 2,968.
- 129, John Furey, Howell, N.J., 2,965.
- 130, n-Kennon McFalls, Gastonia, N.C., 2,964.
- 131, Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 2,958.
- 132, n-Jared Armstrong, Louisville, Ky., 2,935.
- 133, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 2,928.
- 134, n-Scott Hill, Belleville, Ill., 2,898.
- 135, Charles Clifford Jr., Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., 2,887.
- 136, n-Justin Hromek, Towanda, Kan., 2,873.
- 137, Robert Lawrence, Austin, Texas, 2,838.
- 138, n-Bryan Hahlen, Greenwood, S.C., 2,836.

139, n-Richard Paul, Winton, Calif., 2,830.140, n-Nicholas Scelfo, Millstone, N.J., 2,824.141, n-Frank Guccione, Castle Rock, Colo., 3,020.

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Prather Tops U.S. Open Qualifying After Third Round as 36 Players Advance to Cashers Round

by JSchneider | Sunday, October 28, 9:25 PM

By Aaron Smith, USBC Communications

WICHITA, Kan. - Kristopher Prather may have slowed down Sunday at the U.S. Open, but he still finds himself in the driver's seat after finishing as the top qualifier at the 2018 edition at Northrock Lanes.

The 26-year-old right-hander led the overall standings for the third consecutive round, finishing Sunday's eight-game block with 1,576 to bring his overall total for 24 games to 5,355, a 223.13 average. Wichita's AJ Chapman is second with 5,254, and 2006 U.S. Open champion Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, South Carolina, is third with 5,210.

The 144-player field now has been cut to the top 36 players. All advancers will return to the lanes Monday at 11 a.m. Eastern for a cashers' round, which will include an additional eight games to determine the 24 players for round-robin match play.

Anthony Pepe of Elmhurst, New York, earned the final spot in the cashers' round, rolling 255 in his final game to get to 4,939, a 205.79 average. Defending champion Rhino Page of Orlando, Florida, also advanced, finishing qualifying in seventh place with 5,167.

Qualifying at the 2018 U.S. Open consisted of three eight-game blocks over three days.

Prather struggled to get comfortable on the 47-foot oil pattern being used during Sunday's third round.

The 2018 event featured a different lane condition for each of the three qualifying rounds.

"I'm annoyed with myself because I couldn't figure it out," Prather said. "I didn't throw it very well, either. I struggled getting my ball to go through the pins the right way, and I never really felt comfortable. It was just a bad day. But, I'm very fortunate that I bowled so well the first two days."

Monday's cashers' round will feature a fourth oil pattern, which will be used for the remainder of the tournament.

Prather gets an opportunity for a fresh start Monday on the 43-foot lane condition, and he's going to do his best to reset and move forward.

"The first thing I need to do is completely forget about today," Prather said. "I don't have to think about that pattern anytime soon, so I'm happy about that. I'm going to drill a couple of new bowling balls and try to get in the right mentality. Hopefully, I can figure out the right way to attack this looking ahead."

Match play will begin Monday at 6 p.m. Eastern with the first of three eight-game rounds. Match play resumes Tuesday at 11 a.m. Eastern with the final two blocks, including a position round. The five finalists will be determined by total pinfall, including bonus pins, for 56 games.

The stepladder finals will take place Wednesday and air live on CBS Sports Network at 8 p.m. Eastern, awarding the champion the \$30,000 top prize and coveted green jacket.

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U.S. OPEN THIRD ROUND RESULTS

(After 24 games. Top 36 advance to cashers round)

- 1, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, III., 5,355.
- 2, AJ Chapman, Wichita, Kan., 5,254.

3, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 5,210. 4, Dom Barrett, England, 5,193. 5, Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., 5,190. 6, JoJoe Yannaphon, Thailand, 5,173. 7, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 5,167. 8, Jakob Butturff, Chandler, Ariz., 5,096. 9, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 5,093. 10, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 5,079. 11, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 5,078. 12, n-Alex Hoskins, Pocatello, Idaho, 5,070. 13, Stuart Williams, England, 5,064. 14, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 5,052. 15, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 5,033. 16, n-David Simard, Canada, 5,032. 17, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 5,020. 18, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 5,019. 19, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 5,014. 20, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 5,009. 21, n-Tom Adcock, Decatur, III., 5,002. 22, n-Dallas Leong, Las Vegas, 4,999. 22, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 4,999. 24, Richie Teece, England, 4,993. 25, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 4,991. 26, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 4,984. 27, w-Daria Pajak, Poland, 4,976. 28, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 4,961. 29, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 4,960. 30, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 4,957. 31, Michael Tang, San Francisco, 4,956. 32, Aaron Lorincz, Center Line, Mich., 4,952. 33, Mitch Hupe, Canada, 4,949. 34, Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia, 4,944.

35, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 4,940.

36, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 4,939.

Did not advance:

37, Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 4,933.

38, Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 4,930. 39, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 4,919. 40, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, Texas, 4,917. 41, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 4,915. 42, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 4,911. 43, Jari Ratia, Finland, 4,903. 44, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 4,897. 45, n-Wesley Low, Palmdale, Calif., 4,896. 46, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 4,886. 47, Austin Boulds, Creal Springs, Ill., 4,884. 47, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 4,884. 49, Graham Fach, Canada, 4,883. 50, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 4,881. 51, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 4,876. 52, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 4,875. 52, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 4,875. 54, Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 4,858. 55, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 4,856. 56, Cameron Weier, Tacoma, Wash., 4,855. 57, Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz., 4,849. 58, Alex George, Wichita, Kan., 4,838. 59, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 4,833. 60, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 4,831. 61, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 4,825. 62, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 4,824. 63, n-Brandon Biondo, Carpentersville, Ill., 4,821. 64, Roger Petrin, Taylor, Mich., 4,819. 64, David Beres, Waukesha, Wis., 4,819. 66, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 4,818. 67, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 4,816. 68, Tom Daugherty, Tampa, Fla., 4,810. 69, Brett Cooper, Denver, 4,804. 70, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 4,798. 71, Chris Gibbons, Madison, Wis., 4,796. 72, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, IL, 4,791. 73, Kenneth Ryan, Morganville, N.J., 4,790.

74, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 4,788.

75, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 4,786. 76, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 4,773. 76, Charlie Brown Jr., Grandville, Mich., 4,773. 78, Daria Kovalova, Wichita, Kan., 4,770. 78, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 4,770. 80, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 4,767. 81, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 4,764. 82, n-Daniel Hanson, Tacoma, Wash., 4,757. 83, Craig Tuholski, Troutdale, Ore., 4,752. 84. Darren Tang, San Francisco, 4,748. 85, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 4,745. 86, n-Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 4,744. 87, w-Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 4,743. 88, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 4,736. 89, Sam Cooley, Australia, 4,735. 90, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 4,729. 91, Daniel Fransson, Sweden, 4,724. 92, Joe Bailey, Wooster, Ohio, 4,711. 93, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 4,709. 94, Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C., 4,707. 95, n-Jacob Kersten, Wichita, Kan, 4,698. 96, n-Cotie Holbek, Burlington, Wis., 4,696. 97, Chris Polizzi, Spring Hill, Fla., 4,694. 97, Gregory Thompson Jr., Tempe, Ariz., 4,694. 99, Curt Dupre IV, Destrehan, La., 4,688. 100, n-Duane Kilts, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 4,673. 101, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 4,669. 102, n-Brent Boho, Colgate, WI, 4,664. 103, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 4,661. 104, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 4,639. 105, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 4,621. 106, Francois Louw, South Africa, 4,611. 107, Nathan Michalowski, Burlington, Wis., 4,603. 108, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 4,601. 109, n-Joshua Schneider, Fond du Lac, Wis., 4,587. 110, n-Scott Hill, Belleville, Ill., 4,585. 111, n-Joseph Grondin, San Pedro, CA, 4,582.

- 112, n-Bryan Dragotta, Selden, N.Y., 4,580.
- 113, Kyle Mayberry, Mechanicsburg, Ohio, 4,578.
- 114, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 4,577.
- 115, n-Kennon McFalls, Gastonia, N.C., 4,570.
- 115, n-Briley Haugh, Fairbault, Minn., 4,570.
- 117, n-Cortez Schenck, Phoenix, Ariz., 4,567.
- 118, n-Jacob Boresch, Kenosha, Wis., 4,561.
- 119, n-Adrian Anderson, Roseburg, Ore., 4,559.
- 120, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 4,550.
- 121, n-Joshua Link, Billings, Mont., 4,547.
- 122, n-Chris Szczepaniak, Wyandotte, Mich., 4,545.
- 123, Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 4,542.
- 124, n-Spencer Robarge, Springfield, Mo., 4,525.
- 125, John Furey, Howell, N.J., 4,520.
- 126, James Hall, Daphne, Ala., 4,514.
- 127, n-Thomas McNeal, Seattle, Wash., 4,501.
- 128, n-Jared Armstrong, Louisville, Ky., 4,498.
- 129, n-Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 4,494.
- 130, Kevin Fanter, Maize, Kan., 4,488.
- 131, Joshua Roca, Wichita, Kan., 4,459.
- 132, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 4,436.
- 133, Robert Lawrence, Austin, Texas, 4,385.
- 134, Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, 4,382.
- 135, n-Bryan Hahlen, Greenwood, S.C., 4,373.
- 136, Charles Clifford Jr., Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., 4,346.
- 137, n-Richard Paul, Winton, Calif., 4,337.
- 138, n-Nicholas Scelfo, Millstone, N.J., 4,272.
- 139, n-Justin Hromek, Towanda, Kan., 4,245.

Prather Leads U.S. Open After First Round of Match Play With Butturff Not Far Behind in Second

by jschneider | Monday, October 29, 7:47 PM

Prather Leads U.S. Open After First Round of Match Play With Butturff Not Far Behind in Second By Aaron Smith, USBC Communications WICHITA, Kan. – Kristopher Prather may have given up his lead for a moment at the 2018 U.S. Open, but the 26-year-old right-hander finished strong in match play to return to the top of the standings.

Prather posted a 6-1-1 record during his eight matches at Northrock Lanes on Monday, averaging more than 221 to finish with a 9,125 total, including bonus pins.

Jakob Butturff of Chandler, Arizona, briefly took the overall lead after a 5-0 start in match play but settled into second after dropping his last three games to finish with 9,062. The 24-year-old left-hander was runner-up at the 2017 U.S. Open in Liverpool, New York, falling to Rhino Page of Orlando, Florida, in the title match, 256-222.

Both Prather and Butturff have built a sizeable lead over the field heading into Tuesday's final rounds of match play and lead England's Dom Barrett (8,715) by nearly 350 pins. Jason Sterner of Covington, Georgia (8,675), and 2015 U.S. Open champion Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, New York (8,672), round out the top five.

Page is in 15th place with 8,476.

After struggling during Sunday's third round of qualifying, Prather walked into Northrock Lanes with a new mindset and was ready to attack the 43-foot oil pattern being used for the remainder of the tournament.

The 2018 U.S. Open has featured four different lane conditions. Three oil patterns were used during the first three rounds of qualifying, and the final condition was introduced during the cashers' round.

"I was much more confident this morning," Prather said. "This pattern definitely suits my game better, and I had a pretty simple game plan – control the pocket and make it into match play with as many pins as I could."

Prather wasn't surprised by Butturff's run toward the top of the standings, but he credits his performance in match play in putting him in a favorable spot heading into the final two rounds.

"I knew Jakob was going to catch up to me," Prather said. "He was striking so much, and I thought he was going to start to run away with it. Being able to keep up with him when he starts striking like that gives me even more confidence heading into tomorrow.

"Winning six matches and tying another was a huge bonus, since I normally don't have match-play rounds like that. For tomorrow, I'm going to just keep doing the same thing and try to get as many pins as I can and do whatever I can to stay at the top to guarantee myself a shot at the title."

The 144-player field was cut to the top 36 players after Sunday's third round of qualifying, and all advancers returned to the lanes Monday morning for a cashers'

round, which included an additional eight games to determine the 24 players for round-robin match play.

Prather led the field heading into match play, finishing with a 32-game total of 7,160. Dallas Leong of Las Vegas earned the final spot with a 6,601 score, a 206.28 average.

Match play will resume Tuesday at 11 a.m. Eastern with the final two blocks, including a position round. The five finalists will be determined by total pinfall, including bonus pins, for 56 games.

The stepladder finals will take place Wednesday and air live on CBS Sports Network at 8 p.m. Eastern, awarding the champion the \$30,000 top prize and coveted green jacket.

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U.S. OPEN RESULTS AFTER FIRST MATCH PLAY ROUND

(Includes match play record and total pinfall including bonus pins after 40 games)

- 1, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 6-1-1, 9,125.
- 2, Jakob Butturff, Chandler, Ariz., 5-3, 9,062.
- 3, Dom Barrett, England, 3-5, 8,715.
- 4, Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., 4-4, 8,675.
- 5, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 3-5, 8,672.
- 6, AJ Chapman, Wichita, Kan., 4-4, 8,666.
- 7, JoJoe Yannaphon, Thailand, 4-3-1, 8,620.
- 8, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 4-4, 8,596.
- 9, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 3-5, 8,591.
- 10, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 5-3, 8,556.
- 11, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 5-3, 8,514.
- 12, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 6-2, 8,506.
- 13, n-Dallas Leong, Las Vegas, 6-2, 8,496.
- 14, Stuart Williams, England, 6-2, 8,477.
- 15, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 4-4, 8,476.
- 16, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 7-1, 8,445.
- 17, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 4-4, 8,418.
- 18, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 4-4, 8,417.
- 19, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 4-4, 8,399.
- 20, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 3-5, 8,338.
- 21, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 2-6, 8,284.

22, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 1-7, 8,261. 23, n-Alex Hoskins, Pocatello, Idaho, 1-7, 8, 198. 24, n-Tom Adcock, Decatur, III., 1-7, 8,122.

Butturff Dominates in Match Play to Earn Second Consecutive Top Qualifier Honor for U.S. Open Stepladder Finals

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Butturff Dominates in Match Play to Earn Second Consecutive Top Qualifier Honor for U.S. Open Stepladder Finals By Aaron Smith, USBC Communications

WICHITA, Kan. - Jakob Butturff once again finds himself one win away from his first major title after earning the top seed for the stepladder finals of the U.S. Open for the second consecutive year on Tuesday.

Butturff will be joined in the stepladder at Northrock Lanes by Kristopher Prather of Plainfield, Illinois; EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Indiana; Dom Barrett of England; and Marshall Kent of Yakima, Washington.

CBS Sports Network will have live coverage of Wednesday's stepladder finals starting at 8 p.m. Eastern. The champion will take home the \$30,000 top prize and coveted green jacket.

Butturff shined in match play on Monday and Tuesday, averaging more than 243 and posting a 19-5 record to finish with a 13,452 total, including bonus pins, to lead Prather (12,900) by 552 pins. Prather had led for every round heading into Tuesday's competition.

"I'm speechless," said Butturff, who is a four-time champion on the Professional Bowlers Association Tour. "Kris had bowled so well, and I knew I had a lot of work to do. I worked as hard as I could to repeat shots and keep it going, and now I only have one more game to go."

Butturff displayed a similar performance leading to the top seed at the 2017 event in Liverpool, New York. He posted a 20-4 match-play record to lead the field by 617 pins but fell in the title match to Rhino Page of Orlando, Florida, 256-222.

Page advanced to match play at Northrock Lanes this week and finished his title defense in 13th place with a 12,056 total.

The 24-year-old left-hander now finds himself in elite company, joining PBA and United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famer Earl Anthony as the only bowlers since 1971 to earn the top seed for the stepladder finals in back-to-back years.

Anthony led by 578 pins in 1979 and 551 pins in 1980 but was unable to come away with the title either year.

Last year's stepladder at Flamingo Bowl featured three left-handers, as Page and Graham Fach of Canada joined Butturff on the left side. This year, he'll have the left side of the lane to himself and knows he can take advantage of it.

"Last year was a learning experience," said Butturff, who has won two titles this season. "This week, when I've been the only left-hander on the lane, I've performed much better. So, now I need to make sure I'm able to go out there and make the best shots I possibly can."

Tackett earned the No. 3 seed with a 12,644 total, while Barrett (12,402) and Kent (12,363) will face off in the opening match of Wednesday's stepladder finals.

Prather is in search of his first career PBA Tour title, while Tackett is looking to add a third major, the Triple Crown and another PBA Player of the Year award to his mantle.

Tackett captured the PBA World Championship in 2016 and PBA Tournament of Champions in 2017, and a win Wednesday would make him the seventh player in PBA history to complete the Triple Crown. His victory at the World Championship also helped him claim player of the year.

Tackett's the only player on tour this season to win three titles, and a fourth win would put him as the front-runner for the 2018 award.

Barrett has six career titles, including the 2013 World Championship. He advanced to the stepladder finals at the 2015 U.S. Open but lost to top-seed Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, New York, in the title match, 236-223.

Kent was the top seed at the 2016 U.S. Open but fell to Canada's Francois Lavoie in the championship match, 228-194. Kent has four career PBA Tour titles and is looking for his first major.

All competitors bowled 24 qualifying games over three days to determine the 36 players advancing to a cashers' round. After eight additional games, the field was cut to the top 24 players for round-robin match play.

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U.S. OPEN FINAL MATCH PLAY STANDINGS

(after 56 games. Includes match play record and total pinfall including bonus pins. Top five advance to stepladder finals)

- 1, Jakob Butturff, Chandler, Ariz., 19-5, 13,452.
- 2, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 14-8-2, 12,900.
- 3, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 17-7, 12,644.
- 4, Dom Barrett, England, 12-12, 12,402.
- 5, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 19-5, 12,363.
- 6, Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., 12-10, 12,251, \$5,600.
- 7, JoJoe Yannaphon, Thailand, 13-10-1, 12,202, \$5,350.
- 8, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 10-14, 12,181, \$5,200.
- 9, AJ Chapman, Wichita, Kan., 11-13, 12,169, \$5,100.
- 10, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 13-11, 12,151, \$5,000.
- 11, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 16-8, 12,148, \$4,900.
- 12, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 10-14, 12,111, \$4,800.
- 13, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 12-12, 12,056, \$4,700.
- 14, Stuart Williams, England, 13-11, 12,029, \$4,600.
- 15, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 11-13, 12,018, \$4,500.
- 16, n-Dallas Leong, Las Vegas, 15-9, 11,971, \$4,400.
- 17, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 11-13, 11,916, \$4,300.
- 18, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 12-12, 11,869, \$4,200.

19, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 10-14, 11,839, \$4,100.

- 20, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 8-15-1, 11,799, \$4,000.
- 21, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 6-18, 11,636, \$3,900.
- 22, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 10-14, 11,576, \$3,800.
- 23, n-Tom Adcock, Decatur, Ill., 7-17, 11,541, \$3,700.
- 24, n-Alex Hoskins, Pocatello, Idaho, 5-19, 11,116, \$3,600.

Barrett Wins U.S. Open with Thrilling One-Pin Victory Over Butturff in Title Match by jschneider | Wednesday, October 31, 9:45 PM

Barrett Wins U.S. Open with Thrilling One-Pin Victory Over Butturff in Title Match By Aaron Smith, USBC Communications

WICHITA, Kan. – England's Dom Barrett won four matches Wednesday on his way to claiming the 2018 U.S. Open, including a thrilling one-pin victory over top-seed Jakob Butturff of Chandler, Arizona, in the title match, 207-206.

The 33-year-old right-hander became the third foreign-born player to win the U.S. Open, joining Finland's Mika Koivuniemi (2001) and Canada's Francois Lavoie (2016). He earned the \$30,000 top prize and coveted green jacket presented to the champion.

Wednesday's stepladder finals at Northrock Lanes were televised live on CBS Sports Network.

The title match swung back and forth as both players tried to figure out the 43-foot oil pattern. An open in the fifth frame from Barrett gave Butturff a slight advantage, as both competitors headed into the final frame working on doubles.

Butturff, finishing the match first, nearly left a 7-10 split on his first shot before the 7 pin tumbled late. He converted the spare and struck on his fill ball, forcing Barrett to strike on his first shot for a chance at the title.

Barrett rolled the strike he needed to start the 10th frame, but a 4-6 split on his second shot left him needing to convert just one pin for the victory. His spare attempt was left of target, but it was enough to push over the 6 pin to give him his seventh PBA Tour title and second major championship.

"For me, it's about slowing everything down as much as I can in those situations," said Barrett, who won the 2013 PBA World Championship. "I threw the one in the 10th really well, and I thought the 11th shot was OK, but I must have grabbed a lot of that one. On the spare attempt, I told myself that I didn't want to miss it right, and I certainly didn't do that."

Barrett credited his run through the stepladder to his aggressiveness. He made a big move to the left to start the third game and made multiple ball changes over the course of his final two wins. In all, he averaged more than 238 on his way to the title.

As exciting as the win is for Barrett, he looks forward to everything awaiting him across the Atlantic Ocean. Barrett and his wife, Cassie, recently welcomed son, Colby.

"This means so much," said Barrett, the runner-up at the 2015 U.S. Open. "Especially for my family at home, too. My wife has hardly had any sleep for the last 10 weeks with a newborn baby, so I think it's now time for me to take care of my dad duties and take care of my family."

Butturff led the U.S. Open for the second consecutive year by a sizeable margin to earn the No. 1 seed for the TV show. The 24-year-old left-hander led this year's field by 552 pins after leading by 617 pins in Liverpool, New York, in 2017.

He joined PBA and United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famer Earl Anthony as the only bowlers to earn the top seed in consecutive years at the U.S. Open since 1971. Anthony also was defeated in each title match, dropping the final game in 1979 and 1980.

"It definitely hurts, especially losing by one, but at least I can say I led this tournament two years in a row, by a lot," said Butturff, a four-time PBA Tour champion. "It's about the only thing I can take out of it, but it's definitely an amazing feeling.

"I threw a couple of bad shots but threw one good when I needed to and (left a) 10 pin. At least I forced him to show up. You know, Dom bowled phenomenal this week, too; we all did on the TV show. It's rough, but at the same time, I always think of it as another learning experience."

Barrett also delivered in the 10th frame to advance to the championship match, beating Kristopher Prather of Plainfield, Illinois, 226-222.

Prather had built an early lead, striking on six of his first seven shots but missed a 6 pin in the eighth frame to allow Barrett, who had been struggling with carry, to tighten the match.

Prather missed the opportunity to shut out Barrett in the 10th. Given the chance to fill 26 pins in the 10th to advance, Barrett rolled a double and got nine pins on his fill ball to secure his spot in the championship match.

Barrett defeated EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Indiana, 264-248, to advance to the semifinals. Barrett finished the game first and delivered a double to force Tackett to do the same, but the 12-time PBA Tour champion was unable to get the 10 pin out on his first shot.

Tackett was hoping to become the seventh player to complete the PBA's Triple Crown. He had claimed the 2016 PBA World Championship and 2017 PBA Tournament of Champions.

In the opening match of the stepladder, Barrett bested Marshall Kent of Yakima, Washington, 258-203. Barrett delivered 10 strikes on his way to the win, while Kent was unable to recover from opens in the third and fifth frames.

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2018 U.S. OPEN At Northrock Lanes, Wichita, Kan. Wednesday's results

FINAL STANDINGS 1, Dom Barrett, England, 955 (four games), \$30,000 2, Jakob Butturff, Chandler, Ariz., 206 (one game), \$15,000 3, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 222 (one game), \$12,000 4, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 248 (one game), \$10,000 5, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 203 (one game), \$8,000

STEPLADDER RESULTS Match No. 1 – Barrett def. Kent, 258-203 Match No. 2 – Barrett def. Tackett, 264-248 Semifinal – Barrett def. Prather, 226-222 Championship – Barrett def. Butturff, 207-206

Brent Hunter Wins Bryan's Bowling Center Open for Second PBA Regional Title

Laurel, Del. (Oct. 28, 2018) – Brent Hunter of Glenville, Pa., defeated Rick Graham of Lancaster, Pa., 232-187, to win the PBA50 Bryan's Bowling Center Open presented by the Hopkins Automotive Group and 900 Global at Bryan's Bowling Center Sunday.

Hunter, who qualified in 10th place, showed strength early in Sunday's first round, starting with 10 strikes against defending champion Darryl Bower of Middletown, Pa., eliminating Bower, 2-1. He then ousted no. 2 qualifier Terry Wiley of Vienna, Va., 2-1, in his second best-of-three-game match.

The win was Hunter's first since 2011 and was worth \$1,500. Graham, who was trying for his second PBA50 regional title of the season, earned \$850 as the runner-up.

In the semifinal round, Hunter defeated Gary Faulkner of Norfolk, Va., 216-209, before facing Graham in the championship match. Graham advanced to the semifinals by defeating Donny Carr of Laurel, Md., 2-0, and qualifying leader Troy McKinney of Yorktown, Va., 2-0. In his semifinal match, Graham defeated PBA and USBC Hall of Famer Danny Wiseman of Baltimore, 244-201. Faulkner and Wiseman each earned \$750.

The East Region visits Terrace Lanes in Frederick, Md. for the first time for the PBA Bowlers Discount Pro Shop Open presented by Track on Nov. 16-18.

PBA50 BRYAN'S BOWLING CENTER OPEN presented by The Hopkins Automotive Group and 900 Global Bryan's Bowling Center, Laurel, Del., Sunday

Championship: Brent Hunter, Glenville, Pa. (\$1,500) def. Rick Graham, Lancaster, Pa., (\$850), 232-187.

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Round of 12 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$600 each):

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300 Game: Gary Faulkner n-denotes non-PBA member

Central Florida's Kegel Training Center to Host Star-Powered 2018 PBA Clash

End-of-season special event will serve as first FOX-PBA telecast in December

LAKE WALES, Fla. (Nov. 2, 2018) – Kegel Training Center in central Florida, one of bowling's most technically-advanced bowling facilities, will host the 2018 PBA Clash, a special showcase event for eight of the Go Bowling! PBA Tour's top stars that also will include a preview of the PBA's historic 2019 debut on FOX Sports.

The announcement was made by Kegel CEO Chris Chartrand and PBA CEO-Commissioner Tom Clark.

The 90-minute PBA Clash will take place at the Kegel Training Center in Lake Wales at 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 10 and will air on Sunday, Dec. 23, at either 2:30 or 4:30 p.m. EST (depending upon the viewer's location). Admission will be \$10. Tickets will be available at the door or they may be purchased online through the PBA's official website (<u>https://www.pba.com/Tickets</u>).

PBA fans may recall the high-tech 12-lane Kegel Training Center was the host center for the PBA King of Bowling series and the PBA Women's Series Showdown in 2009.

The Clash telecast will include a \$25,000 winner-take-all single-elimination competition in which all eight of the 2018 season's leading money winners will begin by bowling a ninth-and-10th frame round, with the lowest scoring bowler based on total pinfall for two frames being eliminated. Subsequent elimination rounds will be one-ball, low-man-out until two survivors remain. The final match will be a traditional 10-frame game.

Players who will participate in the Clash are Jason Belmonte, Anthony Simonsen, Andrew Anderson, EJ Tackett, Dom Barrett, Stuart Williams, Marshall Kent and Jakob Butturff.

The telecast also will feature profiles on each of the eight players, the announcement of the 2018 Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year and the Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year, and a preview of the historic 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule of FOX and FS1 telecasts.

PBA Spare Shots

FIELDS SET FOR 2018 PBA CLASH, 2019 DHC PBA JAPAN INVITATIONAL

Wednesday's U.S. Open finals closed the book on the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule, which also means the field of eight qualifiers for the end-of-season PBA Clash and 10 invitations to participate in the 2019 DHC PBA Japan Invitational are set.

The 2018 PBA Clash, a special event involving the season's top eight players in combined PBA Tour and World Bowling Tour earnings, is set for Monday, Dec. 10, at Kegel Training Center in Lake Wales, Fla., and also will serve as the kickoff event for the Go Bowling! PBA Tour's inaugural season of television coverage on FOX and FS1 which begins with the PBA Hall of Fame Classic from the International Training and Research Center in Arlington, Texas, on Sunday, Jan. 6.

The PBA Clash will air on FOX on Sunday, Dec. 23, at 2:30 or 4:30 p.m. Eastern, depending upon where the viewers live. General admission for the Clash will be \$10, but a limited number of VIP tickets, sponsored by Central Florida Sports, will be available for \$40 including early access at 3:30 p.m., an interactive Q&A session with PBA players at 4 p.m., dinner at 5 p.m. and a Kegel gift bag. Tickets will be available at the door or they may be purchased online in advance through the PBA's official website (https://www.pba.com/Tickets).

The players who have qualified for the PBA Clash are Australia's **Jason Belmonte**, **Anthony Simonsen** of Austin, Texas; **Andrew Anderson** of Holly, Mich.; **EJ Tackett** of Bluffton, Ind.; newlycrowned U.S. Open champion **Dom Barrett** of England; fellow Brit **Stuart Williams** who now lives in the Phoenix area; **Marshall Kent** of Yakima, Wash., and U.S. Open runner-up **Jakob Butturff** of Chandler, Ariz.

Based on competition points earned during the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season, the 10 players who have earned invitations to compete in the DHC PBA Japan Invitational that will take place April 25-28 at Tokyo Port Bowl in Tokyo are Anderson; Simonsen; Tackett; Williams; **Kris Prather** of Plainfield, Ill.; Belmonte; Kent; Butturff; **Bill O'Neill** of Langhorne, Pa., and **Tom Smallwood** of Saginaw, Mich. Barrett, as defending champion, also is invited. The field of 16 international players who will compete against 16 Japanese bowlers also will include three players invited by DHC, the tournament sponsor; one member of the Korean PBA, and one member of the Professional Women's Bowling Association who will be announced later.

JASON BELMONTE WINS HIGH AVERAGE AWARD; ANDREW ANDERSON TOPS POINT LEADER RACE

The final event of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour regular season also secured **Jason Belmonte**'s fourth PBA George Young High Average Award with a 221.38 average for 270 games in PBA Tour competition, topping runner-up **Jakob Butturff**'s 220.79 average for 297 games. Belmonte, who set the PBA single-season scoring record in 2017 with a 229.39 average, also won the award in 2013 and '14.

The other PBA award decided in the U.S. Open was the Harry Smith Competition Points Leader Award, which was re-instated after three years in hibernation. The winner is second-year player **Andrew**

Anderson of Holly, Mich., who won two titles including the USBC Masters in compiling 24,195 points – more than 3,000 ahead of runner-up **Anthony Simonsen**'s 20,909 total.

Voting will begin soon for selection of the 2018 Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year and Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year awards. The winners will be announced during the PBA Clash telecast airing on Sunday, Dec. 23, on FOX.

DOM BARRETT BECOMES PBA HALL OF FAME TITLE-ELIGIBLE WITH U.S. OPEN WIN

Another significant note from the U.S. Open is that England's **Dom Barrett** became title-eligible for election into the PBA Hall of Fame in the future, recording his second major championship among his seven overall titles.

Barrett, who also won the 2013 PBA World Championship, has a while to wait, however. The 33-year-old right-hander joined the PBA in 2010, which means he won't become participation-eligible for the PBA Hall of Fame until 2030 – his 20th year of membership. In order to be placed on the HOF ballot, candidates must meet both title and participation eligibility requirements.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: TWO WIN FIRST PBA TITLES IN LAS VEGAS

Deeronn Booker of Anaheim, Calif., and **Toby Sambueno** of nearby Hendersonville won their first PBA titles over the weekend at South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas.

Booker and non-member partner **Michael Villarreal** of Lakewood, Calif. teamed up to win Sunday's South Point Member/Non-Member Doubles title after Sambueno won the South Point West Challenge portion of the PBA West Region doubleheader on Friday.

In the singles event, Sambueno defeated Villarreal, 205-175, to earn the \$1,500 first prize and his first PBA title. In the semifinal round, Sambueno defeated **Tim Cagle II** of Hercules, Calif., 244-235, while Villarreal eliminated non-member **Michael Fitzgerald** of Phoenix, 222-175, in the other semifinal match.

In Sunday's doubles title match, Booker and Villarreal defeated non-members **Clay Rees** of Riverton, Utah, and **Cameron Foster** of South Jordan, Utah, 436-380, to claim the \$4,000 first prize and Booker's first PBA Regional title.

Booker and Villarreal advanced to the title match by eliminating non-members **Chris Klerk** of Chandler, Ariz., and **Ed Smaglik** of Flagstaff, Ariz., 428-387, while Rees and Foster ousted **Derek Acuff** and nonmember partner **Michael Fitzgerald**, both of Phoenix, 502-418, in the other semifinal match. • **Brent Hunter** of Glenville, Pa., won his first PBA Regional title in seven years Sunday when he defeated **Rick Graham** of Lancaster, Pa., 232-187, to win the PBA50 Bryan's Bowling Center Open presented by the Hopkins Automotive Group and 900 Global at Bryan's Bowling Center in Laurel, Del.

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• The PBA Regional program moves into the first weekend in November with a busy weekend of activity, including the PBA/PBA50 Decker Appraisal Services Baker Doubles honoring Guppy Troup at Valley Lanes in Harrisburg, Va.; the Ken and Kathy Fowler Auto Center PBA and PBA50 West/Northwest Open doubleheader at Yokayo Bowling Center in Ukiah, Calif., and the Greater Anderson Central/Midwest Open at David Small's Championship Lanes in Anderson, Ind.

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QUICK NOTES:

• PBA Player of the Year candidate **Kyle Troup** and 2018 PWBA Player of the Year **Shannon O'Keefe**, both members of Team USA 2018, will represent the United States in the 54th Qubica AMF Bowling World Cup that will take place Monday through Saturday, Nov. 10 at Sam's Town Bowling Center in Las Vegas. Troup, a three-time PBA Tour title winner, and O'Keefe qualified for their World Cup berths during in the Team USA Trials held in Las Vegas in January.

Williams, Allen Win PBA/PBA50 Decker Appraisal Services Baker Doubles Title

HARRISONBURG, Va. (Nov. 4, 2018) – With the assistance of partner Dick Allen of Columbia, S.C., PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., improved his own record for overall PBA titles to 109 Sunday as the tandem defeated Steve Arehart of Chesapeake, Va., and Stoney Baker of Canton, Ga., 248-180, to win the PBA/PBA50 Decker Appraisal Services Baker Doubles title presented by Hammer Sunday at Valley Lanes.

Allen and Williams qualified first for the stepladder finals and watched as John Furey of Howell, N.J and Sam Maccarone of Williamstown, N.J., eliminated Steve Haas of Enola, Pa., and Bob Michalojko of Pittsburgh, Pa., 244-205, to start the four-team stepladder finals. Arehart and Baker then defeated Furey and Maccarone, 268-248, to advance to the title match.

The win was Williams' 51st in PBA Regional and PBA50 Regional competition to accompany his 47 PBA Tour and 10 PBA50 Tour titles. Allen picked up his 22nd PBA Regional win and the partners shared the \$3,600 first prize. Arehart and Baker pocketed \$1,800 for second, the Furey/Maccarone team collected \$1,400 for third place and the Haas/Michalojko team \$1,200 for fourth place.

The PBA South Region's next event will be the PBA50 Gastonia South Open Nov. 9-11 at George Pappas' Liberty Lanes in Gastonia, N.C.

PBA/PBA50 DECKER APPRAISAL SERVICES BAKER DOUBLES Presented by Hammer Valley Lanes, Harrisonburg, Va., Sunday

Final Standings:

- 1, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C./Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., \$3,600.
- 2, Steve Arehart, Chesapeake, Va./Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., \$1,800.
- 3, John Furey, Howell, N.J./Sam Maccarone, Williamstown, N.J., \$1400.
- 4, Steve Haas, Enola, Pa./Bob Michalojko, Pittsburgh Pa., \$1,200.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Furey/Maccarone def. Haas/Michalojko, 244-205. Semifinal – Arehart/Baker def. Furey/Maccarone, 268-249. Championship – Allen/Williams def. Arehart/Baker, 248-180.

Final Qualifying Standings (after 22 games, top 4 advanced to stepladder finals):

- 1, Allen/Williams, 5,295.
- 2, Arehart/Baker, 4,992.
- 3, Furey/Baker, 4,880.
- 4, Haas/Michalojko, 4,819.
- 5, Josh Lewis, Asheville, N.C./Todd Haney, Boiling Springs, N.C., 4,791, \$1,000.
- 6, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio/Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 4,783, \$880.
- 7, Jon Bower/Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 4,638, \$840.
- 8, n-Brian Dennis, Creedmoor/n-Curt Guinn, Greenwood, S.C., 4,650, \$800.

300 Baker Format: Haas/Michalojko n-denotes non-PBA member.

Raymond Wins PBA Greater Anderson Central/Midwest Open

Anderson, Ind. (Nov. 4, 2018) – JR Raymond of Clinton Twp., Mich. defeated Dave Han of Birmingham, Ala. 224-209, to win the PBA Greater Anderson Central/Midwest Open at Dave Small's Championship Lanes Sunday.

This is Raymond's fourth career regional win. He earned \$2,000.

In the semifinal round, Raymond topped Ric McCormick of Cincinnati, Ohio, 224-173, and Han edged Zachery Tackett of Huntington, Ind., 217-209, to set up the championship match.

Han earned \$1,100 for second place. Tackett and McCormick each earned \$800 as semifinal round losers.

The next PBA Central Region tournament is a one-day/reduced entry fee challenge event for nonchampions in Monroe, Mich., Nov. 9-10.

PBA GREATER ANDERSON CENTRAL/MIDWEST OPEN Dave Small's Championship Lanes, Anderson, Ind., Sunday

Championship:

JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., (\$2,000) def. s-Dave Han, Birmingham, Ala., (\$1,100), 224-209.

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

Han def. Zachery Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 217-209. Raymond def. Richard McCormick, Cincinnati, Ohio, 224-173.

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

Tackett def. n-Paul Esten, Louisville, Ky., 2-0. Han def. n-s-Michael Lisch, Zionsville, Ind., 2-1. McCormick def. Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 2-1. Raymond def. Chandler Stevens, Archbold, Ohio, 2-1.

Round of 12 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$475 each):

Esten def. Aaron Lorincz, Center Line, Mich., 2-1. Lisch def. Kyle Bigelow, Troy, Ohio, 2-1. McCormick def. Kyle Cook, Centerville, Ohio, 2-0. Stevens def. Kyle Mayberry, Mechanicsburg, Ohio, 2-1.

Round of 16 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$375 each):

Esten def. Zach Doty, Campbellsville, Ky., 2-0. Lisch def. Brandon Keirns, Marion, Ohio, 2-1. Mayberry def. Dave Wodka, Clarksville, Tenn., 2-1. McCormick def. n-Dakota Solonka, Indianapolis, Ind., 2-0.

S-denotes PBA50 player; n-denotes non-PBA member

PBA Spare Shots

PBA WELL-REPRESENTED IN 2019 USBC HALL OF FAME CLASS

Existing PBA Hall of Famers Jim St. John and Larry Lichstein, along with newly-elected PBA Hall of Fame journalist Bob Johnson, are among four men elected to the United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame for induction in 2019, USBC announced Tuesday. Six additional PBA stars are on USBC's Superior Performance ballot which will be voted on by a national panel in the near future.

St. John, a six-time PBA Tour title winner who died in 1987 at age 56, was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame in 1989. St. John, who won back-to-back World Invitational titles in 1963 and '64, was elected by the USBC Hall of Fame Committee in the Veterans category. Lichstein, PBA's long-time Director of Player Services and a PBA Meritorious Service inductee in 1996, was elected in the USBC Pioneer category. Johnson, a highly-decorated journalist as editor of Bowlers Journal International among others, and the late John Davis, the founder of Kegel and creator of revolutionary lane maintenance equipment, were elected in the USBC Meritorious Service category.

Yet to be decided are the Superior Performance inductees. On the men's ballot are multi-title PBA stars Patrick Allen, Chris Barnes, Dave Ferraro, Mika Koivuniemi, Randy Pedersen and Mark Williams. Allen and Koivuniemi will be inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame on Jan. 5 in Arlington, Texas; the other four are already PBA Hall of Fame members.

Candidates on USBC's women's performance ballot are multi-PWBA champions Marianne DiRupo, Kelly Kulick, Sandra Jo Shiery and Tammy Turner. Kulick made PBA history when she became the first woman to win a PBA Tour title when she won the 2010 PBA Tournament of Champions in Las Vegas.

USBC's induction ceremony will take place May 1 as part of the USBC Convention at The Orleans Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. For more information about the USBC Hall of Fame news, click here: https://www.bowl.com/News/NewsDetails.aspx?id=23622332048/

WBT MEN'S FINALS FIELD COMES DOWN TO WORLD BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The third berth in the 2019 WBT Men's Finals presented by the PBA will come down to how well a handful of contenders fare in the World Bowling Men's Championships Nov. 23-Dec. 5 in Hong Kong, where finishing positions in the Men's Masters and/or all-events are crucial.

Heading into the championships, Anthony Simonsen (2,183 points) and Stuart Williams (1,943) have locked up the top two berths in the World Bowling Tour Men's Finals, which will be contested on Sunday, Jan. 6, at the International Training and Research Center in Arlington, Texas. Currently third is Jason Belmonte (1,441), but within reach of overtaking the Australian star (who isn't bowling in Hong Kong) are Team USA members EJ Tackett (1,423), Andrew Anderson (1,382) and Kyle Troup (1,366). A longshot in the chase is Thailand's Jojoe Yannaphon (1,164).

The World Championships will award 400 points to the highest-finishing player in the Masters/men's allevents followed by 320 points for second, 280 for third, etc., through 50 places.

The WBT Women's Finals, which also will be contested on Jan. 6 in Arlington, will feature American stars Danielle McEwan, Liz Johnson and Poland's Daria Pajak. FOX Sports will air the finals on FS1 on Sunday, March 10, at 10 p.m. Eastern.

For detailed information about the multi-event World Bowling Men's Championships, visit: http://2018wmc.worldbowling.org/

FLOBOWLING TO COVER WORLD BOWLING MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

FloBowling, PBA's official live streaming partner, has announced it will live-stream the 2018 World Bowling Men's Championships from Hong Kong Dec. 1-5, providing North American bowling fans a chance to watch a number of PBA stars competing for their national teams in singles, doubles, trios, team and Masters competitions.

The World Bowling Men's Championships will be the final qualifying event in determining the finalists for the 2019 WBT Men's Finals, presented by the PBA, that will be contested on Jan. 6 in Arlington, Texas, for broadcast on FS1 on Sunday, March 10.

The live-streaming schedule will be as follows. All times are Eastern:

- Saturday, Dec. 1: 6:30 -8:30 a.m., singles semifinals, final and medal ceremony;
- Sunday, Dec. 2: 5:30-8:15 a.m., doubles semifinals, final and medal ceremony;
- Monday, Dec. 3: 5-8:30 a.m., trios semifinals, final and medal ceremony;
- Tuesday, Dec. 4: 4-9 a.m., five-man team semifinals, final and medal ceremony;
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To enroll as a FloBowling subscriber, visit FloBowling.com and click on the "join now" link.

PBA OFFERS NEW LINE OF HIGH-PERFORMANCE BOWLING BALL SURFACING PADS

Bowling ball surfacing pads are essential tools that allow competitive bowlers to customize surfaces on high-tech bowling balls to maximize performance on a variety of lane conditions. To assist players looking for a competitive edge, the PBA is now offering specially-branded top-of-the-line surfacing pads that are tailored to any given bowler's needs.

The pads are available in a three-pack of one grit for \$13 or a six-pack that will include one pad each of 500, 1000, 1500, 2000, 3000 and 5000 grit for \$22. To order the pads, visit: http://pba.firelakedesigns.com/shop/accessories/pba-branded-surfacing-pad-3-pack/ or http://pba.firelakedesigns.com/shop/accessories/pba-branded-surfacing-pad-6-pack/.

CHRIS WARREN, HARRY SULLINS PACE PBA REGIONAL TITLE WINNERS

An update on PBA's regional title holders show Chris Warren of Grants Pass, Ore., has maintained his one-title margin on the list of most standard PBA Regional titles and moved into sole possession of the "overall" titles lead while Michigan veteran Harry Sullins has taken a substantial five-title lead on the "most PBA50" regional victories list.

Here's how things stand as of Nov. 4, 2018:

• Warren leads the all-time standard PBA Regional titles list with 47, one ahead of Pete Weber. Rounding out the top five are Steve Jaros (43), Mike Scroggins (40) and Dale Traber (39). A total of 126 PBA members have won at least 10 standard PBA Regional titles since the program began full-fledged operations in 1970. • With his most recent PBA50 Regional win in Waxahachie, Texas, in October, Warren now has a combined 53 standard and PBA50 titles, breaking a tie for a lead in that category with Traber, who has won 39 standard and 13 PBA50 regional titles for a total of 52. One title behind in third place are Weber and Walter Ray Williams Jr. with 51. A distant fifth with 44 overall titles is Washington's Hugh Miller.

● Sullins, a prolific competitor throughout his career, has won 23 PBA50 Regional titles including wins in the PBA's South, Central, Midwest and West Regions. Second-best is a tie between PBA Hall of Famers Tom Baker and WRW with 18 each. Two more hall of famers – Ron Mohr and George Pappas – have each won 17 times in 50-and-older regionals. Only 13 players have won as many as 10 PBA50 Regional titles.

It's still pretty amazing to realize the PBA, throughout its seven regional programs, has conducted 6,459 tournaments since the beginning – and 1,873 different players have won at least one title.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: DICK ALLEN HELPS WRW IMPROVE RECORD TO 109 TITLES

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Tang, who earned \$2,000, defeated Raymond Lussier of San Jose, Calif., by 202 pins for the title. Lussier had a 6-2 match play record and 3,788 total pins for his 16 games including match play bonus pins.

In the companion PBA50 Open, Kevin Croucher of Grants Pass, Ore., went 6-2 and knocked down 3,517 total pins to top Derek Gregory of Chowchilla, Calif., for his third PBA50 Regional title. Gregory had a 4-4 match play record and a total of 3,485 pins.

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• If you haven't done so already, you still have time to enter the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame's VIP Experience sweepstakes (https://rafflecreator.com/pages/25310/hall-of-fame-vip-experience). The lucky winner will receive a great package including an expenses-paid round trip for two to attend the 2019 PBA Hall of Fame Classic in Arlington, Texas, Jan. 5-6, plus other special benefits.

Zac Tackett Wins La-Z-Boy Central Challenge

MONROE, Mich. (Nov. 10, 2018) – Zac Tackett of Huntington, Ind. defeated Charlie Brown of Grandville, Mich., 10-8 in a one-ball roll-off after they tied at 224, to win the Professional Bowlers Association's La-Z-Boy Central Challenge at Monroe Sport Center Saturday.

Tackett, the 22-year-old younger brother of 26-year-old PBA star EJ Tackett, earned \$1,400 and his first PBA title.

Tackett edged Nick Cooper of Flint, Mich., 223-222, while Brown downed Lonnie Jones of Ann Arbor, Mich., 220-204, to set up the championship match.

The tournament field consisted of PBA members who had not won a PBA title or non-members who have never won a PBA event.

The next PBA Central Region tournament will be another challenge event for non-titlists at Freeway Lane of Warren in Warren, Ohio, Dec. 15-16.

PBA LA-Z-BOY CENTRAL CHALLENGE (NON-TITLIST EVENT) Monroe Sport Center, Monroe, Mich., Saturday

Championship:

Zachery Tackett, Huntington, Ind., (\$1,400) def. Charlie Brown, Grandville, Mich., (\$1,000), 224-224, 10-8 in one-ball sudden-death roll-off.

Semifinal Round (losers eliminated and earned \$700 each):

Brown Jr. def. Lonnie Jones, Ann Arbor, Mich., 220-204. Tackett def. n-Nick Cooper, Flint, Mich., 223-222.

Round of 8 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$500 each):

Jones def. n-Ryan Briguglio, Macomb, Mich., 2-1. Brown Jr. def. Zach Doty, Campbellsville, Ky., 2-0. Cooper def. Kody Perrine, Lima, Ohio, 2-1. Tackett def. Cory Hines, Jackson, Mich., 2-0.

Round of 12 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$400 each):

Perrine def. n-Jared Alsip, Ruskin, Fla., 2-1. Doty def. Justin Knowles, Okemos, Mich., 2-1. Tackett def. Monty Wonnacott II, Livonia, Mich., 2-0. Briguglio def. n-Tim Mayer, Saint Clair Shores, Mich., 2-0.

n-non-PBA member

AJ Johnson Wins PBA Plaza Bowl Midwest Open

Clinton, Iowa (Nov. 11, 2018) – AJ Johnson of Oswego, Ill., defeated 12-time PBA Tour titlist Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., 189-183 to win the Professional Bowlers Association PBA Plaza Bowl Midwest Open at Plaza Bowl Sunday.

Johnson, the 2017 PBA Midwest Player of the Year, earned \$2,000 along with his first title of 2018 and the sixth of his career.

Rash defeated Tom Hess of Urbandale, Iowa, 193-182, in the semifinal contest to advance to the championship match after Hess eliminated Nick Pate of Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 204-201, in the first match. Rash earned \$1,100 for second place, Hess won \$900 for third, and Pate won \$700 for fourth.

The PBA Midwest Region's next event will be held at Victory Lanes in Kankakee, Ill., Nov. 30.

PBA Plaza Bowl Midwest Open Plaza Bowl, Clinton, Iowa, Sunday

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Hess def. Pate, 204-201. Semifinal Match – Rash def. Hess, 193-182. Championship – Johnson def. Rash, 189-183.

Final Match Game Standings (after 17 games including match play bonus pins)

- AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 7-3, 4,330.
 Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 6-3-1, 4,210.
 Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 6-3-1, 4,198.
 Nick Pate, Inver Grove Hts., Minn., 8-1-1, 4,173.
 AJ Chapman, St. Paul, Minn., 4-5-1, 4,137, \$600.
 Dakota Vostry, Chicago, 5-5, 4,064, \$580.
 Kenny Calkins III, Des Moines, Iowa, 4-6, 3,920, \$560.
 Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 4-5-1, 4,749, \$540.
 Ryan Lakota, Shorewood, Ill., 3-7, 3,639, \$520.
- 10, n-Larry Tripamer, Belvidere, Ill., 2-8, 3,476, \$500.

n-denotes non-PBA member

Jeff Bellinger Wins PBA50 Gastonia Southern Open

Gastonia, N.C. (November 11, 2018) – Jeff Bellinger of Columbia, S.C., defeated Gary Shultis of Levittown, N.Y., 204-177 to win the PBA50 Gastonia Southern Open presented by Brunswick at George Pappas Liberty Lanes Sunday.

Bellinger, who won \$1,700 along with his 15th career regional title, narrowly made it to the championship match after beating PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams in the semifinal round, 10-9 in a one-ball rolloff after they tied at 258–258. Both recorded strikes on their first sudden-death roll-off shots before Williams left a solid 8 pin on his second shot.

Shultis, who had won at Liberty Lanes three times in the past, pocketed 900 as the runner-up. He earned his shot at the title by defeating Pete Bryan of Laurel, Del., 234-211, in the other semifinal match.

The PBA South Region's next tournament will be the PBA50 PLYGEMS Rocky Mount Southern Open Nov. 16 at Rocky Mt. Bowling Center in Rocky Mount, Va.

PBA50 GASTONIA SOUTHERN OPEN Liberty Lanes, Gastonia, N.C., Sunday

Championship (single game):

Jeff Bellinger, Columbia, S.C. (\$1,700) def. Gary Shultis, Levittown, N.Y. (\$900), 204-177.

Semifinal Round (single game, losers earned \$750):

Bellinger def. Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 258-258, 10-10, 10-9 in one-ball sudden-death rolloff.

Shultis def. Pete Bryan, Laurel, Del., 234-211.

Round of 8 (three games total pinfall, losers eliminated and earned \$650 each):

Bellinger def. Dick Gran, Hartville, Ohio, 697-569. Williams def. Ken Shealy, Myrtle Beach, S.C., 739-475. Shultis def. Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 697-672. Bryan def. Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 607-513.

Round of 12 (three games total pinfall, losers eliminated and earned \$550 each):

Bryan def. Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 688-569. Shultis def. Larry Manges, Whitsett, N.C., 633-584. Bellinger def. Tommy Brodowski, New Hyde Park, N.Y., 718-686. Williams def. Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 698-679.

Round of 16 (three games total pinfall, losers eliminated and earned \$500 each):

Bellinger def. Mark McNutt, Alpharetta, Ga., 575-563. Shultis def. Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 610-556. Bryan def. n-Danny Weikel, Bessemer City, N.C., 628-555. Williams def. Troy McKinney, Yorktown, Va., 705-637.

300 Game: Joe Scarborough, Walter Ray Williams Jr. n-denotes non-PBA member.

PBA Midwest Region Manager Rich Weber Announces Retirement

CHICAGO (Nov. 14, 2018) – Rich Weber, the oldest of PBA legend Dick Weber's four children, has announced he will retire from PBA active duty at the end of the year after more than 30 years of service to the organization.

Weber, who turned 68 on Oct. 2, will conclude his latest role as PBA Midwest Region manager when he supervises the PBA50 Victory Lanes Midwest Open presented by Allstate in Kankakee, Ill., over the Nov. 30-Dec. 2 weekend.

A lifelong St. Louis area resident, Weber began his administrative work with the PBA in 1984 as an assistant to then-PBA Midwest Region manager Don McClaren. He and younger brother John continued to work with the Midwest Region when their father took over McClaren's post in 1987. He also served a year as assistant tournament director for the PBA Senior Tour under Mike Durbin in 1989 and in 1990, began a seven-year tour of duty as PBA Senior Tour Tournament Director.

John Weber succeeded his father as PBA Midwest manager in 1997, running the region with Rich's help until 2006 when John was named Director of the PBA Regional and Senior Tours. Rich then assumed the helm of the Midwest Region, a position he has held for the past 12 years.

"The most fun I had was running the senior tour," Rich said. "It was a close-knit group. We needled each other, played golf together, had dinners...it was an amazing time.

"The best part of running the regional program was watching the young guys develop," he added. "The AJ Johnsons, AJ Chapmans today have a good time. They have grown up bowling with and against each other in college. They're a close-knit group. Guys were a lot more serious years ago."

Beyond his service to the PBA, Rich also has been the personal coach to his youngest brother – 37-time PBA Tour champion Pete Weber – throughout Pete's career.

PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark was among many players, proprietors and industry leaders who expressed their thanks to Weber for his contributions to the sport.

"It is difficult to live up to the greatest name in bowling – Weber – and yet Rich did it with talent and class in all his roles with the PBA," Clark said. "The PBA is very proud of Rich and happy for him. We can't thank Rich enough for all he has done for the Midwest Region and the entire PBA."

The PBA is expected to announce Weber's successor as PBA Midwest Regional manager soon.

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PBA to Unveil Player, Rookie of the Year Tuesday on FloBowling

Voters narrow Player of the Year, Rookie of the Year contenders to top three

AUSTIN, Texas (Nov. 15, 2018) – The selection of the 2018 Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year is down to three finalists – Andrew Anderson of Holly, Mich.; Dom Barrett of England and EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Ind. – and the winner will be announced by PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark in a special live FloBowling presentation on Tuesday at 11 a.m. EST.

The announcement will be live-streamed on FloBowling.com and streamed simultaneously on FloBowling's Facebook page (<u>https://www.facebook.com/FloBowling</u>), Twitter page (<u>https://twitter.com/flobowling</u>) and YouTube channel (<u>https://www.youtube.com/flobowling</u>).

Voting among PBA members and veteran bowling writers across America is complete. Among the Player of the Year candidates who qualified by finishing among the top 10 in either PBA earnings or competition points, Anderson, Barrett and Tackett are the three leading vote-getters, in alphabetical order. Among

the three, Tackett is the only previous Player of the Year winner, capturing the honor for the 2016 season.

• Anderson, 23, won his first two Go Bowling! PBA Tour titles in 2018 including his first major, the USBC Masters. The second-year PBA member also won the 2018 Harry Smith Points Leader Award, symbolic of the tour's most consistent player. He also finished third in the PBA Tournament of Champions, and ranked among the top five in earnings and scoring average.

• Barrett, 33, won the 2018 U.S. Open for his second career major and also won the DHC PBA Japan Invitational. He had top 10 finishes in all three key statistical categories: points (10th), average (seventh) and earnings (second).

• Tackett, 26, was the PBA Tour's only three-title winner in 2018 and had two other top-five finishes, including fourth place in the U.S. Open. He ranked among the tour leaders in competition points (third), earnings (fifth) and average (sixth).

Tuesday's announcements also will include the 2018 Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year, Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award winner and PBA Tony Reyes Memorial Community Service Award recipient.

The top three contenders for the 2018 PBA Rookie of the Year award are Thailand's Annop Arromsaranon; Kamron Doyle of Brentwood, Tenn., and Malaysia's Rafiq Ismail.

• Annop, 34, was the only rookie to win a title, capturing the PBA International-World Bowling Tour Busan Cup in South Korea.

• Doyle, 20, led all rookies with seven cashes in 15 PBA Tour events, with a best finish of third in the PBA Xtra Frame Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic. He also finished in a tie for 12th place in the USBC Masters.

• Ismail, a 21-year-old lefthander, cashed in three of the four PBA Tour events he entered and led all rookies with a 220.84 average in his limited action.

The POY and ROY winners will be presented their awards during the PBA Clash that will be televised by FOX on Sunday, Dec. 23. The Nagy and Reyes award winners will be recognized during the PBA Hall of Fame induction ceremonies that will be live-streamed by FloBowling on Jan. 5 from Arlington, Texas.

10th CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational Presented by Go Bowling! Returns to Bowlero The Woodlands

Tickets now on sale; CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational presented by Go Bowling! Bowlero VIP Sweepstakes will award two VIP passes to the winner **CONROE, Texas (Nov. 16, 2018)** – Tickets are now on sale for the 10th edition of Houston Rockets star **Chris Paul's** CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational, presented by GoBowling!, which will return to Bowlero The Woodlands on Thursday, Jan. 17. The star-studded CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational will air on FOX on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 3 at 2 p.m. ET.

Paul, the tournament host and a nine-time NBA All-Star, is hoping to defend his doubles title and win for the fifth time overall in the multi-format event which benefits the Chris Paul Family Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting youth, education, health, sports and social responsibility. Paul and a group of his friends from the world of sports and entertainment will participate along with an allstar lineup of PBA Tour stars.

Four different ticket options for the CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational are available. For information and advance purchase, click on <u>www.pba.com/Tickets</u>. The packages are as follows:

VIP Package - \$150 - Includes meet & greet with Chris Paul, full buffet (2:30 p.m.), open bar (2-6 p.m.), premium bleacher seat and Chris Paul-signed Bowlero Pin.

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

General Admission - \$50 - Includes one bleacher seat. **Standing Room Only - \$25**

One lucky fan will also have the opportunity to attend, and will win two Celebrity Invitational VIP passes courtesy of the CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational presented by Go Bowling! Bowlero VIP Sweepstakes. Now through Dec. 16[,] fans can enter to win by following the <u>@BowleroBowl</u> Instagram, liking the "CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational Sweepstakes Instagram post, and tagging a friend they'd like to bring in the comments section. One winner will be selected at random and announced on Dec. 21. Sweepstakes rules can be found <u>here</u>.

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

In addition to Paul, who won the 2018 doubles title with PBA Hall of Fame partner **Norm Duke**, the event will feature a number of celebrities and PBA Tour stars. The full lineup of celebrities and PBA players will be announced soon. One of the first celebrities to commit to the event is NASCAR star **Aric Almirola**, a two-time Monster Energy NASCAR Cup series title winner who was a finalist in the 2018 NASCAR Cup playoffs. Also expected to return to the 2019 tournament are Boston Red Sox All-Star outfielder, 2018 American League MVP and World Series champion **Mookie Betts** along with 2018 NFL Hall of Fame inductee **Terrell Owens**.

Other celebrity bowlers who have participated in previous events include NBA stars **LeBron James**, **Dwyane Wade**, **Blake Griffin and Kevin Durant; NFL stars Michael Strahan**, **Hines Ward**, **LaMarr Woodley**, **Reggie Bush**, **C.J. Anderson; hip-hop stars DJ Khaled**, **Chris "Ludacris" Bridges**, **Lil Wayne**, **French Montana and Nelly;** television personality **Chris Hardwick**; comedian/motion picture star **Kevin Hart**; television star **Jesse Williams**, and U.S. Olympians **Allyson Felix** and**Hope Solo**, among others.

CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational Past Winners:

- 2018 Norm Duke/Chris Paul
- 2017 Chris Barnes/Chris Paul
- 2016 Pete Weber/Terrell Owens
- 2015 Ronnie Russell/French Montana
- 2013 Chris Barnes/Chris Hardwick

2012 – Pete Weber/Jerry Ferrara/Blake Griffin 2011 – Jason Belmonte/Chris Paul 2010 – Jason Belmonte/Chris Paul 2009 – Jason Couch/LeBron James

PBA Spare Shots

TICKETS NOW ON SALE FOR ALL 2019 GO BOWLING! PBA TOUR EVENTS

If you'd like to get a jump-start on the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season – or maybe acquire a very special Christmas gift for the bowling fan(s) in your family – tickets for all 2019 "PBA on FOX" tournament finals are now on sale through the PBA Event Tickets landing page (<u>https://www.pba.com/Tickets</u>).

The page includes links to not only admission tickets to each Go Bowling! PBA Tour event, but also links to PBA merchandise, "meet the pros" opportunities and more. It's the PBA fan's one-stop shopping center to put together a personal – or a gift – package to experience the PBA like never before. The lone exception for tickets is the USBC Masters, which offers free admission.

The 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season begins with the PBA Hall of Fame Classic from the International Training and Research Center in Arlington, Texas, and continues through the PBA League Elias Cup Finals at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, including stops in Shawnee, Okla.; Lubbock and Conroe, Texas; Fairlawn and Columbus, Ohio; Indianapolis; Jonesboro, Ark.; Allen Park, Mich., and Las Vegas along the way. Every event will include at least one television event on FOX or FS1.

BOWLING SALUTES BOSTON RED SOX STAR MOOKIE BETTS' HISTORIC YEAR

On Nov. 10, **Anthony Means**, a writer for Cut4 by MLB.com, noted that Boston Red Sox outfielder **Mookie Betts** was the first athlete to participate in both the PBA World Series of Bowling (where he earned a PBA 300 game ring) and the Major League Baseball World Series. That was just the beginning for one of the sports world's most talented individuals.

On Thursday, Betts was named American League MVP, capping an unprecedented year in which he won a Golden Glove, was named American League Defensive Player of the Year, won a Silver Slugger award for his offensive prowess, won the American League batting title and helped the Red Sox win baseball's world series. No player in MLB history had ever accomplished that sweep.

But maybe Bett's proudest accomplishment arrived on Nov. 6 when he and fiancée Brianna welcomed the arrival of their first child, daughter Kinley.

NHRA DRAG RACING STAR AND PBA FAN JR TODD WINS FIRST FUNNY CAR TITLE

Accomplished bowler and NHRA funny car star **JR Todd** won his first career NHRA Mello Yello Drag Racing Series Funny Car World Championship title Sunday at the Auto Club NHRA Finals at Auto Club Raceway at Pomona, Calif.

Todd won the title by defeating **Tommy Johnson** in the finals with a 3.872 seconds elapsed time at 329.1 mph, notching his sixth win of the season in the process.

Todd and fellow NHRA drivers **Shawn Langdon** and **Richie Crampton** took time out from their busy schedules to bowl with 12-time PBA Tour champion **Sean Rash** at Parkside Lanes in Aurora, Ill., in June. Todd showed his prowess on the lanes by posting games of 217 and 220 during an informal match between the three drivers and Rash.

PBA will join NHRA as part of the FOX Sports family of beginning with the PBA Clash telecast on Dec. 23 leading into the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season in January.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: AJ JOHNSON WINS SIXTH REGIONAL TITLE IN IOWA

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Shultis, who had won at Liberty Lanes three times in the past, earned his shot at the title by defeating **Pete Bryan** of Laurel, Del., 234-211, in the other semifinal match.

• **Jim Pratt** of Avondale, Ariz., defeated **Ray Lussier** of San Jose, Calif., 235-151, to win the PBA Mesa East Bowl Western Open presented by Columbia 300 at Mesa East Bowl in Mesa, Ariz., Sunday.

Pratt defeated three bowlers to earn the \$2,500 first prize and his fourth regional title. He defeated **Michael Tang** of San Francisco, 194-166, and non-PBA member **Ed Smaglik** of Flagstaff, Ariz., 220-168, to set up the title match.

• Heading into the Thanksgiving break, the only events on the Nov. 16-18 schedule are the Bowlers Discount Pro Shop East Open at Terrace Lanes in Frederick, Md., and the PBA50 Plygem Windows South Open at Rocky Mount Bowling Center in Rocky Mount, Va.

• Headlining the Thanksgiving weekend will be the Beaumont Southwest Open at Crossroads Bowling Center in Beaumont, Texas.

• The November PBA Regional calendar comes to a close over the Nov. 30-Dec. 2 weekend with the Knob Hill/MJK Pro Shop Challenge (a non-champions event) presented by Brunswick at Knob Hill Country Lanes in Manalapan, N.J.; the PBA50 Victory Lanes Midwest Open presented by Allstate in Kankakee, Ill.; and the re-scheduled Break Point Alley Member/Non-Member Doubles in Tavares, Fla.

• For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit <u>pba.com</u>, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area...and remember, you can follow "live scoring" for all PBA Regional events on <u>pba.com</u> (easily accessible for Apple and Android device users using the PBA app).

QUICK NOTES:

• In an all-PBA final, Australia's **Sam Cooley** defeated PBA Player of the Year candidate **Kyle Troup** of Taylorsville, N.C., 244-163, to win the 54th Qubica AMF Bowling World Cup Saturday at Sam's Town in Las Vegas. Troup defeated Colombia's **Andres Gomez**, 264-216, and Cooley eliminated Finland's **Osku Palermaa**, 240-203, to set up the title match. PBWA Player of the Year **Shannon O'Keefe**, a PBA Regional title winner, won the women's World Cup with a 238-236 thriller over Malaysia's Sin Li Jane.

• Three-time PBA Tour champion **Bill Tucker** of Gilbert, Ariz., has died at the age of 92. A USBC Hall of Famer, Tucker was the first bowler to roll two 300 games in ABC/USBC Open Championships history. Among his most impressive victories was in the 100-game BPAA All Star in 1961 when he out-distanced **Dick Weber** by 363 pins for the title. A U.S. Army veteran who served during WWII, Tucker worked in his Arizona pro shop until his retirement at the age of 91.

Andrew Anderson, Kamron Doyle Win 2018 PBA Top Player Honors

Tom Smallwood earns Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award; Chris Barnes wins Tony Reyes Memorial Award

AUSTIN, Texas (Nov. 20, 2018) – Second-year Professional Bowlers Association member Andrew Anderson of Holly, Mich., has been selected as the 2018 Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year, and 20-year-old Kamron Doyle of Brentwood, Tenn., has won 2018 Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year honors, PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark announced Tuesday.

In a live-stream presentation airing on Xtra Frame on FloBowling, Clark also announced Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich., has been selected by his fellow Go Bowling! PBA Tour competitors as winner of the 2018 Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award while 2018 PBA Hall of Fame inductee Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, has been selected as the PBA Tony Reyes Memorial Community Service Award winner.

Anderson and Doyle will be recognized on national television during the PBA Clash telecast that will air on FOX on Sunday, Dec. 23. Smallwood and Barnes will receive their awards during the PBA Hall of Fame induction ceremonies that will be live-streamed by Xtra Frame on FloBowling on Saturday, Jan. 5, from the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame in Arlington, Texas.

Anderson, a 23-year-old right-hander who is still pursuing a degree in elementary education, returned to Go Bowling! PBA Tour competition in 2018 highly motivated after not being selected to participate in the PBA League Elias Cup competition and won a pair of titles: the United States Bowling Congress Masters (his first major) and the Xtra Frame Greater Jonesboro Open on his way to winning the 2018 Harry Smith PBA Points Leader award. He cashed in 16 of the 19 events he entered and had five top-five finishes, including a third-place finish in the PBA Tournament of Champions. He is the second-youngest player ever to win the award, behind only the late Billy Hardwick who was 22 when he was selected as PBA's first Player of the Year in 1963.

Anderson out-distanced runner-up EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Ind., the 2016 Player of the Year, and Dom Barrett of England in voting by his fellow PBA members and veteran bowling writers. In one of the most balanced seasons in recent memory, 12 players qualified by rule to make the Player of the Year ballot and 10 of the candidates received votes.

Doyle also dominated voting, winning "rookie" honors easily over Thailand's Annop Arromsaranon, the only first-year PBA member to win a title (the PBA-World Bowling Tour Busan Cup in South Korea). Doyle cashed in seven of the 15 events he entered, and had a personal-best third-place finish in the Xtra Frame Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic in Middletown, Del.

Doyle's arrival into the PBA Tour ranks has been highly-anticipated since 2010 when he became the youngest bowler ever to cash in a PBA Regional tournament at the age of 12, followed by becoming the youngest bowler ever to cash in the U.S. Open two years later as a 5-foot-5, 105-pound, 14-year-old eighth grader.

Smallwood, a 41-year-old country music fan and avid deer hunter, is one of a handful of PBA Tour players to win the Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award more than once. The 2016 Nagy recipient has earned the admiration of his fellow players despite his quiet, unassuming ability to beat them when the pressure is on. His three PBA Tour titles include a pair of majors: an historic win in the 2009 PBA World Championship after losing his job in the auto industry, and a pressure-packed four-match climb to the title in the 2018 Barbasol PBA Players Championship. He has four additional top-five finishes in majors among his 23 career championship round appearances.

The Nagy sportsmanship award has been presented annually since 1966, the year of Nagy's death, honoring his memory as a PBA Hall of Famer and founding member whose guidance in the PBA's formation years was considered critical to the tour's success.

Barnes, and his wife, PWBA champion and USBC Hall of Famer Lynda Barnes, have been in a "give back" frame of mind for years. For starters, the Chris Barnes Thanksgiving Classic has awarded more than 260 youth bowlers with more than \$200,000 in scholarship assistance since its first event in 2004. Across the years, more than 3,200 young bowlers have participated in the annual holiday event.

Even more noticeable has been his involvement in support of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation since the couple's son, Troy, was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes in 2008. Chris and Lynda played a key role in the formation of Strike Out Diabetes within six months of Troy's diagnosis, and they have devoted non-stop attention to the JDRF efforts ever since, raising more than \$375,000 to assist with creating awareness and advancing education in the fight against juvenile diabetes.

The PBA Tony Reyes Memorial Community Service Award was founded in 2013 to recognize charitable or community service projects undertaken by an active PBA member. The award is named in honor of the PBA Tour champion who lost his life in an automobile accident in 2012.

Through the advancements in technology, Andrew Anderson of Holly, Mich., had just de-planed in Hong Kong, where he will bowl with Team USA in the World Bowling Men's Championships later this week, and was able to watch PBA CEO & Commissioner Tom Clark announce on FloBowling that he had won the 2018 Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year award. Anderson immediately send Clark a note:

"I sat in the airport after getting off before going through customs or anything to have WiFi," Anderson noted. "Thank you so much. I had two agents asked if I was okay because I had tears in my eyes at the airport so that's embarrassing. Really appreciate the way you explained my year, quote the heartbreak in Indy, but could only go up from there."

Lee Brosius wins Sixth Title in PBA50 PlyGems Windows Rocky Mount South Open

Rocky Mount, Va. (Nov. 18, 2018) – Lee Brosius of Ashburn, Va., defeated Darryl Bower of Middletown, Pa., 633-589, in the three-game total pinfall title match to win his sixth Professional Bowlers Association Regional title in the PBA50 PlyGems Windows Rocky Mount South Open at Rocky Mount Bowling Center Sunday.

Brosius, who was runner up in last year's, losing to PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr., was determined not to let that happen again this year. After eliminating Bill Vannoy of Jacksonville, N.C., 597-517, in the three-game semifinal round, Brosius rolled games of 227-181, 201-222 and 205-186 for his 44-pin win over Bower for the title after Bower advanced thanks in part to a 10th frame open by Joe Scarborough of Charlotte, N.C., 564-552, in their semifinal match.

The PBA South Region's next tournament will be the PBA Break Point Alley Member/Non-Doubles South Open in Tavares, Fla., over the Nov. 30- Dec. 2 weekend.

PBA50 PLYGEMS WINDOWS ROCKY MOUNT SOUTH OPEN Rocky Mount Bowling Center, Rocky Mount, Va., Sunday

Championship (three games total pinfall):

Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va. (\$1,800), def. Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa. (\$1,000), 633-589.

Semifinal Round (three games total pinfall, losers earned \$800):

Brosius def. Bill Vannoy, Jacksonville, N.C., 597-517. Bower def. Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 564-552.

Round of 8 (three games total pinfall, losers earned \$600 each): Brosius def. Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 667-599. Scarborough def. n-Jeff Campbell, Newport News, Va., 592-542. Bower def. Jay Davis, Silver Spring, Md., 564-529. Vannoy def. Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 582-565.

Round of 12 (three games total pinfall, losers earned \$500 each):

Vannoy def. Troy McKinney, Yorktown, Va., 588-560. Profitt def. Rich Wilburn, Adamstown, Md., 700-686. Davis def. Dick Gran, Hartville, Ohio, 682-548. Scarborough def. Chris Johnson, Nashville, N.C., 589-474.

n-denotes non-PBA member.

Tim Foy Jr. Wins PBA Bowlers Discount Open for Second Career Title

Frederick, Md. (November 18, 2018) – Tim Foy Jr. of Seaford, Del., earned his second career PBA Regional title when he defeated Gary Haines of West Babylon, N.Y., 189-178, in the title match of the PBA Bowlers Discount Eastern Open presented by Track at Terrace Lanes Sunday.

Haines, who was also looking for his second PBA title, chose to finish the match last on the right lane. After Foy failed to strike in his 10th frame, Haines needed to post a strike/spare to win, but his first shot went high, resulting in a split. Foy, whose previous win came in 2014, earned \$2,500 for the win while Haines pocketed \$1,250 as the runner-up.

In the semifinal matches, Foy defeated Jeff Ripic of Apalachin, N.Y., 200-169, while Haines eliminated Ryan Ciminelli of Clarence, N.Y., 220-212.

The final event in the 2018 East Region schedule is the PBA Knob Hill/MJK Pro Shop Challenge at Knob Hill Country Lanes Nov. 30–Dec. 1. PBA Challenge events are open to any PBA member without a title and any non-member who has never won a PBA event.

PBA BOWLERS DISCOUNT EASTERN OPEN presented by Track Terrace Lanes, Frederick, Md., Sunday

Championship: Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del. (\$2,500) def. Gary Haines, W. Babylon, N.Y., (\$1,250), 190-176.

Semifinal Round (losers earned \$800):

Foy def. Jeff Ripic, Apalachin, N.Y., 200-169. Haines def. Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y. 220-212.

Round of 8 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$700 each): Foy def. Mike Markis, Tafton, Pa., 2-0.

Haines def. Victor Florie, Jr., Richmond, Va., 2-0. Ripic def. Bobby Hall II, Landover, Md., 2-1. Ciminelli def. Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 2-0.

Round of 12 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$650 each):

Ripic def. Dylan Reed, Waynesboro, Pa., 2-1. Florie def. Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 2-0. Pepe def. Paul Bajorski, West Babylon, N.Y., 2-0. Markis def. Keith Laing, Oakdale, Conn., 2-1.

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

Ripic def. n-Zachary Dudley, Baltimore, 2-0. Florie def. Adam Baer, York Springs, Pa., 2-0. Pepe def. Greg Hess, Jackson, N.J., 2-0. Markis def. Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 2-0.

n-designates non-PBA member

PBA Spare Shots

PBA, SLAPITON OFFER NEW LINE OF CUSTOM WALL DECALS IN TIME FOR HOLIDAYS

The PBA and SlapItOn, a company that produces custom vinyl wall decals of sports stars, have entered into a licensing agreement to create a line of decals featuring a number of PBA and PBA50 stars in time for the holiday season.

The large vinyl decals come as 3.5×4 -foot sheets that feature removable action figures that readily attach to most smooth, flat surfaces. No adhesive is required. The decals are safe on walls, and can be removed and moved without difficulty. Quality vinyl also makes them stand up well to wear-and-tear.

"SlapItOn is extremely excited to be partnering with the PBA Tour, an association that has been around for 60 years," said SlapItOn CEO Mike Vanderjagt. "We are bringing the fans of bowlers worldwide, a cool product that they can SlapItOn anywhere!"

To check out the roster of PBA and PBA50 players available, visit: <u>https://slapiton.us/collections/pba</u>. The website also offers a variety of other products.

WATCH WORLD BOWLING MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS ON FLOBOWLING

PBA fans can watch many of PBA's top stars from around the world as they compete in singles, doubles, trios, five-man team and Masters competitions in the World Bowling Men's Championships Sunday through Wednesday, Dec. 1-5, at SCAA Bowling Center in Hong Kong. Semifinal and finals rounds will be live-streamed by Xtra Frame on FloBowling, and archived for same-day access at more favorable time slots for American viewers.

Competition will include singles qualifying Sunday-Monday, Nov. 25-26; doubles qualifying Tuesday-Wednesday, Nov. 27-28; trios qualifying Thursday-Friday, Nov. 29-30; five-man team qualifying plus singles semifinals and finals, Saturday, Dec. 1; five-man team qualifying plus doubles semifinals and finals, Sunday, Dec. 2; five-man team qualifying, all-events medal presentations and trios semifinals and finals, Monday, Dec. 3; Masters match play and five-man team semifinals and finals, Tuesday, Dec. 4, and masters match play, semifinals and finals, Wednesday, Dec. 5.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: FOY WINS SECOND REGIONAL TITLE IN MARYLAND

Two-handed player **Tim Foy Jr.** of Seaford, Del., earned his second career PBA Regional title when he defeated **Gary Haines** of West Babylon, N.Y., 189-178, in the title match of the PBA Bowlers Discount Eastern Open presented by Track at Terrace Lanes in Frederick, Md., Sunday.

Haines, who was also looking for his second regional title, chose to finish the match last on the right lane. After Foy failed to strike in his 10th frame, Haines needed to post a strike/spare to win, but his first shot went high, resulting in a split. Foy, whose previous win came in 2014, earned \$2,500.

In the semifinal matches, Foy defeated **Jeff Ripic** of Apalachin, N.Y., 200-169, while Haines eliminated **Ryan Ciminelli** of Clarence, N.Y., 220-212.

• **Lee Brosius** of Ashburn, Va., defeated **Darryl Bower** of Middletown, Pa., 633-589, in the three-game total pinfall title match to win his sixth PBA Regional title in the PBA50 PlyGems Windows Rocky Mount South Open at Rocky Mount (Va.) Bowling Center Sunday.

After eliminating **Bill Vannoy** of Jacksonville, N.C., 597-517, in the three-game semifinal round, Brosius rolled games of 227-181, 201-222 and 205-186 for his 44-pin win over Bower for the title after Bower advanced thanks in part to a 10th frame open by**Joe Scarborough** of Charlotte, N.C., 564-552, in their semifinal match.

• Headlining the Thanksgiving weekend will be the Beaumont Southwest Open at Crossroads Bowling Center in Beaumont, Texas.

• The November PBA Regional calendar comes to a close over the Nov. 30-Dec. 2 weekend with the Knob Hill/MJK Pro Shop Challenge (a non-champions event) presented by Brunswick at Knob Hill Country Lanes in Manalapan, N.J.; the PBA50 Victory Lanes Midwest Open presented by Allstate in Kankakee, Ill.; and the re-scheduled Break Point Alley Member/Non-Member Doubles in Tavares, Fla.

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QUICK NOTES:

PBA CEO and Commissioner **Tom Clark** was a special guest on the Brandstorm podcast, discussing the modernization of the PBA. To list to the podcast, click here: <u>https://www.platypus-</u><u>ad.com/brandstorm/episode-56-modernizing-the-professional-bowlers-association-with-commissioner-tom-clark/</u>

Mike Bailey Wins PBA Beaumont Southwest Open

Beaumont, Texas, (November 27, 2018) – Mike Bailey from Irving, Texas, defeated Anthony Lavery-Spahr, of Pasadena, Texas, 258-202 in the deciding final game position round match, to win the 17th annual Professional Bowlers Association Beaumont Southwest Open at Crossroads Bowling Center Sunday. The victory was Bailey's seventh career PBA Regional title, and second in 2018.

Bailey was in second place after the qualifying rounds, and battled A. Lavery-Spahr for the lead through most of the match play finals, but trailed A. Lavery-Spahr by 78 pins before the final game. With the 30 bonus pins awarded for winning the match, Bailey made up the deficit early in the match by stringing four strikes while A. Lavery-Spahr suffered an open frame in the third frame, and could not make up enough pins with a late charge, allowing Bailey to claim the \$2,500 first place check.

A. Lavery, moved from fifth place to the tournament lead in the first game of the eight game round robin finals with a 290-199 win over non-member Lee Lorts, of Katy, Texas. Bailey won his first three games in the match play finals, before losing his next four games to fall behind the leader Lavery-Spahr. Bailey finished the event with 4,986 total pins, including the match play bonus pins, 18 pins ahead of A. Lavery-

Spahr's 4,853. A. Lavery-Spahr collected \$1,650 for second, while Houston's David Scardaville finished in third place for \$1,100, and defending champion Sean Lavery-Spahr collected \$900 for fourth place.

The PBA Southwest Region's final event in 2018 will be the PBA/PBA50 Houston Southwest Doubles presented by Mike Austin's Bowling Dynamix at Emerald Bowl in Houston, December 21-23.

PBA BEAUMONT SOUTHWEST OPEN

Crossroads Bowling Center, Beaumont, Texas, Sunday

Final Qualifying Standings (after 21 games):

1, Mike Bailey, Irving, Texas, 4-4, 4,871, \$2,500. 2, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 6-2, 4,853, \$1,650. 3, David Scardaville, Houston, Texas, 6-2, 4,653, \$1,100. 4, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 4-4, 4,622, \$900. 5, Joe Findling, Mesquite, Texas, 4-4, 4,572, \$800. 6, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 4-4, 4,569, \$700. 7, n-Branden Powell, Groves, Texas, 0-8, 4,557, \$600. 8, n-Lee Lorts, Katy, Texas, 4-4, 4,478, \$550. n- denotes non-PBA member

300 games: David Scardaville

10th Anniversary PBA World Series of Bowling to Return to its Original Home in Suburban Detroit

Five consecutive nights of national television coverage on FS1 set for March 2019

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (Nov. 30, 2018) – The 10th anniversary Professional Bowlers Association World Series of Bowling will return to its original home at Thunderbowl Lanes in suburban Detroit in March where it will write a new chapter in bowling history with five consecutive nights of prime-time national television coverage on FS1.

PBA's World Series of Bowling, created in 2009 as a multi-event series of tournaments, has grown into the most important international event in bowling, annually attracting the most talented bowlers from around the world. And the 2019 WSOB X will continue the trend, concluding with an historic television package including four consecutive nights of live championship tournament finals telecasts – Monday through Thursday, March 18, 19, 20 and 21 – plus a USA vs. The World team match featuring the World Series' top performers on Friday, March 22.

The five consecutive nights of prime-time coverage is a first in bowling history, and an important segment in the PBA's 60th consecutive year of national television coverage. All five two-hour shows, part of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season, will air on FS1 at 8 p.m. EST from the famous arena bay inside historic Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Mich.

WSOB X, which gets underway on March 10, will include four championship tournaments: the PBA Cheetah 33, Chameleon 39 and Scorpion 42 Championships plus the 2019 PBA World Championship which will include an elite field of players based upon their overall performances in the three preliminary "animal pattern" events that will be contested on distinctly different lane oiling patterns. The PBA World Championship will be contested on the Earl Anthony 43 oiling pattern. Each event's numerical designation indicates the distance oil is applied down the lane.

A total of 115 PBA members will be invited to compete in the World Series, based upon their composite WSOB earnings between 2015-17, plus any PBA Tour title winner who has not qualified on the composite earnings list. A pre-tournament qualifier will be held on March 10 at Thunderbowl to allow other PBA members to compete for all remaining berths in the 135-player field.

Fans can pre-order tickets for the World Series by visiting PBA.com (<u>https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pba-world-series-of-bowling-x-tickets-49606041004</u>).

2019 PBA WORLD SERIES OF BOWLING X SCHEDULE Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich., March 10-21 (all times are Eastern)

Sunday, March 10

10 a.m. – Unofficial practice session 1 p.m. – Pre-Tournament Qualifier (if necessary; six games) 7 p.m. – WSOB X Pro-Am

Monday, March 11

10 a.m. – Cheetah 33 and Chameleon 39 practice session 2:30 p.m. – Scorpion 42 and Earl Anthony 43 practice session

Tuesday, March 12

(Contested on 33-foot Cheetah lane oiling pattern) 12:30 p.m. – Cheetah Championship Qualifying Round 1, 5 games

6:30 p.m. - Cheetah Championship Qualifying Round 2, 5 games

Top 16 qualifiers after 10 games advance to single-elimination match play, March 18; 10-game qualifying totals carry over to PBA World Championship

Wednesday, March 13

(Contested on 39-foot Chameleon lane oiling pattern)

12:30 p.m. - Chameleon Championship Qualifying Round 1, 5 games

6:30 p.m. – Chameleon Championship Qualifying Round 2, 5 games

Top 16 qualifiers after 10 games advance to single-elimination match play, March 19; 10-game qualifying totals carry over to PBA World Championship

Thursday, March 14

(Contested on 42-foot Scorpion lane oiling pattern)

12:30 p.m. – Scorpion Championship Qualifying Round 1, 5 games

6:30 p.m. – Scorpion Championship Qualifying Round 2, 5 games

Top 16 qualifiers after 10 games advance to single-elimination match play, March 20; 10-game qualifying totals carry over to PBA World Championship; top 40 qualifiers based on composite 30-game totals from Cheetah, Chameleon and Scorpion Championships advance to PBA World Championship cashers round; top five American and top five international players advance to USA vs. The World team competition.

Friday, March 15

(Contested on 43-foot Earl Anthony lane oiling pattern)
12:30 p.m. – PBA World Championship Cashers Round 1, 5 games
6:30 p.m. - PBA World Championship Cashers Round 2, 5 games
Top 16 gualifiers after 40 games advance to round robin match play

Saturday, March 16

(Contested on 43-foot Earl Anthony lane oiling pattern)

9 a.m. – PBA World Championship Round Robin Match Play, 8 games

3 p.m. - PBA World Championship Round Robin Match Play, 8 games

Top 5 qualifiers after 56 games advance to FS1 stepladder finals, Thursday, March 21, 8 p.m.

Sunday, March 17

4 p.m. – WSOB X Pro-Am

Monday, March 18

(Contested on 33-foot Cheetah lane oiling pattern)

Noon - Cheetah Championship Round of 16 (best of five games, single-elimination match play)

3 p.m. – Cheetah Championship Round of 8 (best of five games, single-elimination match play)

8 p.m. - Cheetah Championship Finals (live on FS1)

Match 1 – Four finalists, one game, lowest score eliminated Semifinal Match – Three finalists, one game, lowest score eliminated Championship – Two survivors, best of three games (game three is 9th and 10th frame if needed)

Tuesday, March 19

(Contested on 39-foot Chameleon lane oiling pattern)

Noon – Chameleon Championship Round of 16 (best of five games, single-elimination match play)

3 p.m. – Chameleon Championship Round of 8 (best of five games, single-elimination match play)

8 p.m. - Chameleon Championship Finals (live on FS1)

Match 1 – Four finalists, one game, lowest score eliminated Semifinal Match – Three finalists, one game, lowest score eliminated Championship – Two survivors, best of three games (game three is 9th and 10th frame if needed)

Wednesday, March 20

(Contested on 42-foot Scorpion lane oiling pattern)

Noon - Scorpion Championship Round of 16 (best of five games, single-elimination match play)

3 p.m. – Scorpion Championship Round of 8 (best of five games, single-elimination match play)

8 p.m. - Scorpion Championship Finals (live on FS1)

Match 1 – Four finalists, one game, lowest score eliminated

Semifinal Match – Three finalists, one game, lowest score eliminated

Championship - Two survivors, best of three games (game three is 9th and 10th frame if needed)

Thursday, March 21

(Contested on 43-foot Earl Anthony lane oiling pattern)

5 p.m. – USA vs. The World team match (top five U.S. qualifiers for PBA World Championship vs. top five international qualifiers, best of three Baker scoring team matches (taped to air on FS1 on Friday, March 22, at 8 p.m.)

8 p.m. – PBA World Championship Stepladder Finals (live on FS1)

Friday, March 22

8 p.m. – USA vs. The World telecast (FS1)

PBA Spare Shots

H5G BRANDS OFFERS PBA REPLICA JERSEYS IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS

H5G Brands, the PBA's official dye-sublimated jersey provider, has unveiled a new line of replica jerseys in time for the Christmas gift-giving season.

The new line of jerseys feature new looks and designs that have been worn by many of PBA's top stars in the past as well as designs that will be worn when the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season gets underway. Jersey designs include those worn in PBA League competition.

Fans can check out H5G Brands' (formerly High 5 Gear) line of PBA replica jerseys at: <u>http://h5gbrands.com/bowling/replica-jerseys/pba-pro-replica-jerseys.html</u> or review HG5 Brands' full line of apparel and related products at <u>http://h5gbrands.com/?SID=250b1bd71rp4inldlpdv6gs5u6</u>. Jerseys are available in a full range of sizes and assorted styles.

PBA ADDS THREE WORLD BOWLING TOUR EVENTS TO 2019 SCHEDULE

The PBA has announced the addition of three PBA-World Bowling Tour events to the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule, adding to the number of tournaments that will award PBA Tour titles as well as men's World Bowling Tour competition points.

Under an agreement between the PBA and World Bowling, eight tournaments in 2019 will offer PBA Tour titles as part of the WBT series. None of the eight will allow handicap pins for women.

The 2019 PBA-WBT schedule will include:

- March 12-21 PBA World Championship, Allen Park, Mich.;
- March 26-April 1 USBC Masters, Las Vegas;
- July tba Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles, Houston, Texas;
- tba Illinois Open, Aurora, Ill.;
- tba U.S. Open;
- Aug. 24-Sept. 9 Lucky Larsen Masters, Helsingborg, Sweden;
- Sept. 27-Oct. 4 WBT Thailand Open, Bangkok, Thailand;
- Oct. 31-Nov. 6 Kuwait Open, Kuwait City, Kuwait.

ILLINOIS NATIVE BOBBY JAKEL TO MANAGE PBA MIDWEST REGION

Lockport, Ill., native **Bobby Jakel**, the PBA Central Region manager since 2006, will succeed **Rich Weber** as PBA Midwest Region manager at the start of the 2019 season.

Jakel, a 49-year-old graduate of Illinois State University where he majored in psychology and bowled with the Redbirds for four years, will become the PBA Midwest Region's seventh manager, following in the footsteps of **Pat Patterson, Ray Bluth, Don McClaren, Dick Weber, John Weber** and **Rich Weber**. He also will continue to manage the PBA Central Region.

"I'm looking forward to handling duties in both regions and seeing Midwest bowlers more often," Jakel said.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: BAILEY WINS SOUTHWEST TITLE IN BEAUMONT

PBA Southwest Region veteran **Mike Bailey** of Irving, Texas, won his seventh career regional title in the

Beaumont Southwest Open Sunday at Crossroads Bowling Center in Beaumont, Texas,

defeating **Anthony Lavery-Spahr** of Pasadena, Texas, by 18 pins to claim the \$2,500 first prize.

Bailey posted a 4-4 match play record in the final round, but needed a 258-202 win over Lavery-Spahr in the final match to claim the title. Lavery-Spahr finished with a 4,853 pinfall total for the 21-game event. **David Scardaville** of Houston was third with 4,653 pins followed by **Sean Lavery-Spahr** in fourth with a 4,622 total.

• The November PBA Regional calendar comes to a close over the Nov. 30-Dec. 2 weekend with the Knob Hill/MJK Pro Shop Challenge (a non-champions event) presented by Brunswick at Knob Hill Country Lanes in Manalapan, N.J.; the PBA50 Victory Lanes Midwest Open presented by Allstate in Kankakee, Ill.; and the re-scheduled Break Point Alley Member/Non-Member Doubles in Tavares, Fla.

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Moore, Naumann Victorious in Tavares Member/Non-Member Doubles

Tavares, Fla. (December 2, 2018) – Mike Moore and amateur partner Shawn Naumann, both of Orlando, Fla., defeated Cristian Azcona of Puerto Rico and non-member Justin Dunn of Deland, Fla., 451-335, in a total pinfall match to win the \$4,000 first prize in the Professional Bowlers Association South Region Member/Non-Member Doubles at Break Point Alley Bowling Center Sunday.

Moore and Naumann won six of their eight matches and finished with a 16-game total of 7,042 pins to qualify first. Azcona and Dunn, who shared \$2,000 for second place, eliminated Dave Stouffer of Lehigh Acres, Florida, and Lee Rathjen of Naples, Fla., 446-377, in the first stepladder match. Stouffer and Rathjen received \$1,600 for their team effort.

The PBA South Region's next event will be the PBA Reality Check/CareHawk Classic held at Sawgrass Lanes in Tamarac, Fla., December 14-16.

PBA SOUTH MEMBER/NON-MEMBER DOUBLES Break Point Alley, Tavares, Fla., Sunday

Final Standings: 1, Mike Moore/n-Shawn Naumann, Orlando, Fla., \$4,000. 2, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico/n-Justin Dunn, Deland, Fla., \$2,000. 3, Dave Stouffer, Lehigh Acres, Fla./n-Lee Rathjen, Naples, Fla., \$1,600.

Stepladder Results (two games total pinfall): Semifinal Match – Azcona/Dunn def. Stouffer/Rathjen, 446-337. Championship – Moore/Naumann def. Aczona/Dunn, 451-335.

Final Match Play Standings (after 16 games, including team match play records and match play bonus pins):

- 1, Moore/Naumann, 6-2, 7,042.
- 2, Stouffer/Rathjen, 4-4, 6,851.
- 3, Azcona/Dunn, 5-3, 6,817.
- 4, Connor Pickford/n-Mark Clark, Charlotte, N.C., 5-3, 6,810, \$1400.

5, Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla./n-Andraunick Simounet, Lake Wales, Fla., 7-1, 6,649, \$1300. 6, John Furey, Howell, N.J. /n-Matt Russo, Millstone Township, N.J., 2-6, 6,406, \$1200.

7, Trevor Roberts, Crystal River/n-Anthony Wiegand, Clearwater, Fla., 2-6, 6, 390, \$1,100.

8, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C. /n-Ron Hurt, Tampa, Fla., 1-7, 6,274, \$1,000.

n-denotes amateur

Kinkaid Wins PBA MJK Pro Shop/Knob Hill Eastern Challenge

Manalapan, N.J. (Dec. 1, 2018) – Scott Kinkaid of Elizabethtown, Pa., defeated Steven Kotowski of Clark, N.J., 278-236, to win the Professional Bowlers Association MJK Pro Shop/Knob Hill Eastern Challenge presented by Brunswick on Saturday.

PBA Challenge events are open to any member or non-member who has never won a PBA event.

Kinkaid, a 44-year-old non-member was bowling in his 12th career PBA event. He qualified sixth and then dominated the field in the bracket elimination finals. He posted 6-1 record, averaging 262.4 over the seven games. Kotowski, who was competing in only his second career regional event, posted a 5-2 record.

Kinkaid earned \$1,500 for the win, but does not receive credit for a PBA Regional title because he is a non-member. Kotowski earned \$1,000 for his runner-up finish.

In the semifinal matches, Kinkaid topped Michael Markis of Tafton, Pa., 269-234, and Kotowski defeated Jeremy Milito of Holbrook, N.Y., 223-214. Markis and Milito earned \$750 apiece.

The Knob Hill event concluded the East Region's 2018 season. The first event in 2019 will be the PBA50 Rossi Lanes Eastern Open held in Elmira, N.Y. March 22-24.

PBA MJK PRO SHOP/KNOB HILL EASTERN CHALLENGE presented by Brunswick

Knob Hill Country Lanes, Manalapan, N.J., Saturday

Championship:

n-Scott Kinkaid, Elizabethtown, Pa. (\$1,500) def. n-Steven Kotowski, Clark, N.J. (\$1,900), 278-236.

Semifinal Round (losers earned \$750):

Kinkaid def. Michael Markis, Tafton, Pa., 269-234. Kotowski def. n-Jeremy Milito, Holbrook, N.Y., 223-214.

Round of 8 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$550 each):

Kinkaid def. n-Keith Goldberg, Yonkers, N.Y., 2-0. Kotowski def. y-Joey Ocello, Neptune, N.J., 2-1. Markis def. n-Rob Gotterbarn Jr, Garden City, N.Y., 2-0. Milito def. n-Matthew Vega, Somers, N.J., 2-0.

Round of 16 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$450 each):

Kinkaid def. Adam Chase, N. Babylon, N.Y., 2-1. Kotowski def. Glenn Smith, New York, 2-0. Markis def. Pete DiChiara, Ardsley, N.Y., 2-0. Milito def. Tim Gillick, Milford, Conn., 2-0. Goldberg def. Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., 2-0. Ocello def. Todd Sigeti, Lititz, Pa., 2-0. Gotterbarn def. Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 2-1. Vega def. Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 2-0.

300 Games: Alex Prell, Steven Kotowski

n-designates non-PBA member, y-designates youth bowler earning scholarship

USBC Cup Highlights PBA's Six-City Eight-Tournament 2019 Summer Tour Schedule on FloBowling

Series will include \$40,000 USBC Cup points competition and concludes with multi-event FloBowling PBA Summer Swing

CHICAGO (Dec. 5, 2018) – Expanding upon what already will be an historic year of competition, Professional Bowlers Association CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark today announced a six-city, eighttournament summer series as part of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule that will include a \$40,000 USBC Cup points competition.

The 2019 PBA Summer Tour will award eight PBA Tour titles beginning with the 20th anniversary PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles in Houston in July and continuing with stops in Chesapeake, Va.; Wilmington, N.C.; Middletown, Del., and Coldwater, Ohio, before ending in late August with the FloBowling PBA Summer Swing which will include two animal pattern events and the Aurora Open finale in Aurora, Ill. Complete tournament schedules and formats will be announced later.

Open to PBA members as well as non-members, all eight events will be streamed live from first ball to last by PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling. For subscription and schedule information visit <u>www.flobowling.com</u>.

All summer tour events except the Aurora Open will be classified as Tier 3 points events under the PBA's Tier 1-2-3 points system. The Aurora Open will be a Tier 2 event. The top five PBA members at the end of the summer tour will share in the \$40,000 USBC Cup prize fund – including \$20,000 to the points leader. The USBC Cup points bonus, sponsored by the United States Bowling Congress, will be part of the summer tour for the next three seasons. All competition points earned during the summer tour will also apply to 2020 DHC PBA Japan Invitational and 2020 PBA Tour Finals eligibility.

2019 GO BOWLING! PBA SUMMER TOUR SCHEDULE

July 26-29 - Storm PBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles, Copperfield Lanes, Houston, Texas

August 9-11 - PBA Chesapeake Open, AMF Western Branch Lanes, Chesapeake, Va.

August 12-14 - PBA Wilmington Open, Ten Pin Alley Family Fun Center, Wilmington, N.C.

August 16-18- PBA Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic, Mid-County Lanes, Middletown, Del.

August 21-23 - PBA Bowlerstore.com Classic presented by Moxy Xtra Pair, Pla-Mor Lanes, Coldwater, Ohio

August 24-31 - FloBowling PBA Summer Swing (Wolf Open, Bear Open, Aurora Open), Parkside Lanes, Aurora, Ill.

PBA Spare Shots

EJ TACKETT CLAIMS THIRD BERTH IN 2019 WORLD BOWLING TOUR MEN'S FINALS

Thanks in part to a gold-medal performance in all-events in the World Bowling Men's Championships in Hong Kong last week, **EJ Tackett** of Bluffton, Ind., claimed the third berth in the 2019 World Bowling Tour Men's Finals that will be contested on Sunday, Jan. 6, at the International Research and Training Center in Arlington, Texas, for broadcast on FS1 on March 10.

Tackett will join 2018 WBT points leader **Anthony Simonsen** of Little Elm, Texas, and **Stuart Williams** of England in the men's finals. The WBT Women's Finals, presented by the PBA, will feature **Danielle McEwan** of Stony Point, N.Y.; **Liz Johnson** of Palatine, Ill., and **Daria Pajak** of Poland.

On his way to winning the all-events gold medal in Hong Kong, Tackett also won gold in trios with Team USA teammates **Andrew Anderson** and **Kyle Troup**, and a silver medal in doubles with Anderson, PBA's newly-crowned 2018 Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year. Anderson was also silver-medalist in all-events.

WBT Men's and Women's Finalists were determined based on competition points earned in WBT events during calendar year 2018. For a complete summary of World Bowling Men's Championships results, visit <u>worldbowling.org</u>.

INTERNATIONAL BOWLING MUSEUM TO UNVEIL PBA HALL OF FAME EXHIBIT

The International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame in Arlington, Texas, will unveil a new PBA Hall of Fame exhibit featuring items on loan from 2019 PBA Hall of Fame inductees **Patrick Allen, Mika Koivuniemi, Bob Johnson** and **Jim Doty**.

The PBA Hall of Fame exhibit, which will celebrate the organization's role as the "major league of bowling in the world," will hold its premier on Saturday, Jan. 5, in conjunction with the newest inductions. The Arlington-based IBM/HF serves as the home of the PBA Hall of Fame.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: MIKE BAILEY WINS BEAUMONT SOUTHWEST OPEN

Mike Bailey from Irving, Texas, defeated **Anthony Lavery-Spahr** of Pasadena, Texas, 258-202, in the position round final match to win the 17th annual PBA Beaumont Southwest Open at Crossroads Bowling Center in Beaumont, Texas, Sunday. The victory was Bailey's seventh in PBA Regional competition and his second in 2018.

Bailey battled Lavery-Spahr for the lead through most of the match play finals, but trailed Lavery-Spahr by 78 pins before the final game. With the 30 bonus pins awarded for winning the match, Bailey made up the deficit with a 258-202 win to claim the \$2,500 first place check.

Bailey finished the event 18 pins ahead of Lavery-Spahr's 4,853. Houston's **David Scardaville** finished in third place.

• **Mike Moore** and non-PBA member partner **Shawn Naumann**, both of Orlando, Fla., defeated **Cristian Azcona** of Puerto Rico and non-member **Justin Dunn** of Deland, Fla., 451-335, in a total pinfall match to win the \$4,000 first prize in the PBA South Region Member/Non-Member Doubles at Break Point Alley Bowling Center in Tavares, Fla., Sunday.

Moore and Naumann won six of their eight matches and finished with a 16-game total of 7,042 pins to qualify first. Azcona and Dunn, who shared \$2,000 for second place, eliminated **Dave Stouffer** of Lehigh Acres, Florida, and **Lee Rathjen** of Naples, Fla., 446-377, in the first stepladder match.

• **Harry Sullins** of Chesterfield Twp., Mich., defeated top qualifier **Mike Steil** of Wheeling, Ill., 224-194, to win the PBA50 Victory Lanes Midwest/Central Open at Victory Lanes in Kankakee, Ill., Sunday. The tournament was **Rich Weber**'s final tournament as PBA Midwest Region tournament manager. Weber will officially retire on December 31.

Sullins, who earned \$1,500 along with his 36th overall PBA Regional title and his fourth at Victory Lanes, defeated **Gary Alstott** of Washington, Ill., 267-214, in the semifinal game to advance to the championship match after Alstott eliminated **Brian Kretzer** of Dayton, Ohio, 234-221, in the first match.

• **Scott Kinkaid** of Elizabethtown, Pa., defeated **Steven Kotowski** of Clark, N.J., 278-236, to win the PBA MJK Pro Shop/Knob Hill Eastern Challenge presented by Brunswick in Manalapan, N.J., on Saturday.

PBA Challenge events are open to any member or non-member who has never won a PBA event.

Kinkaid, a 44-year-old non-PBA member, was bowling in his 12th PBA event. He qualified sixth and then dominated the field in the bracket elimination finals. He posted 6-1 record, averaging 262.4 over the seven games. Kotowski, also a non-member who was competing in only his second PBA event, posted a 5-2 record.

Kinkaid earned \$1,500 for the win, but does not receive credit for a PBA Regional title because he is a non-member.

In the semifinal matches, Kinkaid topped **Michael Markis** of Tafton, Pa., 269-234, and Kotowski defeated **Jeremy Milito** of Holbrook, N.Y., 223-214.

• The PBA50 Timber Lanes East Open, originally scheduled for the Dec. 7-9 weekend in Oxford, Pa., has been postponed until 2019.

• As the PBA heads toward the year-end holidays, a limited schedule of PBA Regional competition is on tap for the Dec. 14-16 weekend, including the Reality Check/CareHawk South Classic at Sawgrass Lanes in Tamarac, Fla., and the Warren Harley-Davidson Central-East Challenge for non-title winners at Freeway Lanes of Warren, Ohio.

• Closing out PBA's 2018 regional calendar will be the PBA50/PBA Houston Emerald Bowl Doubles presented by Bowling Dynamix over the Dec. 21-23 weekend, and the PBA Japan Region's Scorpion and Women's Scorpion Open tournaments at Tokyo Hagashiyamato Grand Bowl.

• For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit <u>pba.com</u>, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area...and remember, you can follow "live scoring" for all PBA Regional events on<u>pba.com</u> (easily accessible for Apple and Android device users using the PBA app).

QUICK NOTES:

• **Del Ballard Jr.**, recipient of the 2017 PBA Tony Reyes Memorial Community Service Award, and wife **Carolyn Dorin-Ballard** have announced a \$72,000 contribution to Cancer Care Services in the wake of their annual "Ballard Vs. The Big C" fund-raiser in Dallas.

• **Chris Barnes**, the 2018 PBA Tony Reyes Memorial Community Service Award recipient, and wife Lynda drew a field of 241 participations for their 14th annual Barnes Thanksgiving Classic tournament at Plano Super Bowl in the Dallas area, awarding a total of \$17,750 in scholarships.

• **Correction:** the correct dates for the 20th anniversary Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles tournament in Houston, Texas, are Thursday, July 25 through Sunday, July 28. The tournament will be part of the 2019 USBC Cup points series and will be covered live from start to finish by PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling.

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PBA Announces 15-Tournament 2019 PBA50/60 Tour Season Schedule

Season to feature three majors and three new venues

CHICAGO (Dec. 10, 2018) - The Professional Bowlers Association has released its 2019 15-stop PBA50/60 Tour schedule that includes three majors and three new events. All of the PBA50/60 events are expected to be streamed live from start to finish by PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling.

After kicking off the season with the PBA50 Johnny Petraglia Open presented by Brunswick at Maple Countryside Lanes in Clearwater, Fla., April 14-17, the season's first major returns to Spanish Springs Lanes in The Villages, Fla., April 22-26 for the PBA50 National Championship presented by Spanish Springs Lanes and Radical.

The season's two other majors return to Las Vegas for the USBC Senior Masters June 2-9 at Sam's Town and the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm June 9-14 at the Suncoast Bowling Center.

New events in 2019 will include the PBA50 Hamilton Lanes & Entertainment Center Open in Trenton, N.J., May 3-5, and two stops at Jax 60 Lanes in Jackson, Mich., the PBA50 Dave Small's Jax 60 Open, July 30-Aug. 2, and PBA60 Dave Small's Jax 60 Open, Aug. 3-5.

The PBA50 Tour will also make return trips to Mooresville, N.C., Brentwood, Calif., Monticello, Minn., Hammond, Ind., Anderson, Ind., and Wyoming, Mich.

There will be two other events for players 60 and over which are: USBC Super Senior Classic at Sam's Town, May 29-June 2, and PBA60 Dick Weber Championship presented by 900 Global Aug. 4-7 at Pro Bowl West in Goshen, Ind., to close out the season.

Players can enter beginning March 4 online at <u>pba.com</u> or by downloading an entry form and emailing it to Mary von Krueger at <u>mary@pba.com</u>.

2019 PBA50 TOUR SCHEDULE

April 14-17 – PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open presented by Brunswick, Maple Countryside Lanes, Clearwater, Fla.

April 22-26 – PBA50 National Championship presented by Spanish Springs Lanes and Radical, Spanish Springs Lanes, The Villages, Fla.

April 28-May 1 – PBA50 Mooresville Ford Open presented by Columbia300, Victory Lanes Family Entertainment Center, Mooresville, N.C.

May 3-5 – PBA50 Hamilton Lanes & Entertainment Center Open, Hamilton Lanes & Entertainment Center, Trenton, N.J.

May 25-28 – PBA50 Northern California Classic presented by MOTIV, Harvest Park Bowl, Brentwood, Calif.

May 29-June 2 – USBC Super Senior Classic, Sam's Town, Las Vegas.

June 2-9 – USBC Senior Masters, Sam's Town, Las Vegas.

June 9-14 – Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm, Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas

July 9-12 – PBA50 River City Extreme Open presented by Hammer, River City Extreme, Monticello, Minn.

July 15-18 – PBA50 South Shore Open presented by Ebonite, Olympia Lanes, Hammond, Ind.

July 20-23 - PBA50 Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic presented by Roto Grip, Dave Small's Championship Lanes, Anderson, Ind.

July 25-28 – PBA50 Spectrum Lanes Open, Spectrum Lanes, Wyoming, Mich.

July 30-Aug. 2 – PBA50 Dave Small's Jax 60 Open, Jax 60, Jackson, Mich.

Aug. 3-5 – PBA60 Dave Small's Jax 60 Open, Jax 60, Jackson, Mich.

Aug. 7-9 – PBA60 Dick Weber Championship presented by 900 Global, Pro Bowl West, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Nate Garcia Wins Reality Check/CareHawk Classic for First PBA Regional Win

TAMARAC, FIA. (Dec. 16, 2018) – Nate Garcia of Port St. Lucie, Fla., celebrated his 24th birthday Sunday by winning his first Professional Bowlers Association Regional title, defeating PBA Tour veteran Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Fla., 230-214, to win the PBA Reality Check/CareHawk Classic at Sawgrass Lanes.

Garcia, the number four qualifier for the stepladder finals with a 17-game pinfall total of 3,490, easily defeated PBA rookie Mike Coffey of Melbourne, Fla., 180-151, in the opening stepladder match. He then eliminated Andro Simounet of Lake Wales, Fla., 202-179, to advance to the championship match of the PBA South Region's final tournament of 2018.

Garcia pocketed \$2,800 for the win while Daugherty earned \$1,400 for his second, Simounet took home \$1,200 for third and Coffey received \$1,000 for his fourth-place finish.

The PBA South region's next event will be the PBA/PBA50 Break Point Alley Challenge in Tavares, Fla., Feb. 8.

PBA REALITY CHECK / CAREHAWK CLASSIC Sawgrass Lanes, Tamarac, Fla., Sunday

Final Standings:

- 1, Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., \$2,800.
- 2, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., \$1,400.
- 3, n-Andro Simounet, Lake Wales, Fla., \$1,200.
- 4, Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., \$1,000.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Garcia def. Coffey, 180-151. Semifinal – Garcia def. n-Simounet, 202-179. Championship – Garcia def. Daugherty, 230-214.

Final Qualifying Standings (after 17 games, top 4 advanced to stepladder finals):

1, Daugherty, 3,626.

- 2, n-Simounet, 3,625.
- 3, Coffey, 3,502.
- 4, Garcia, 3,490.
- 5, Sean Wilcox, Altamonte Springs, Fla., 3,471, \$800.
- 6, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,426, \$700.
- 7, Jeremy Mooney, West Palm Beach, Fla., 3,393, \$650.
- 8, Matt Taylor, Youngsville, N.C., 3,316, \$625.

Round of 16 Cashers (eliminated after 15 games):

- 9, Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C., 3,004, \$600.
- 10, Trevor Roberts, Crystal River, Fla., 2,974, \$575.
- 11, Richard McDaniel, Coconut Creek, Fla., 2,961, \$550.
- 12, n-Larry Brande, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., 2,951, \$540.
- 13. Anthony Caso, Merritt Island, Fla., 2,935, \$530.
- 14, Chris Spoo, Boynton Beach, Fla., 2,920, \$520.
- 15, Jeff Piroozshad, Coral Springs, Fla., 2,839, \$510.
- 16, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 2,829, \$500.

Cashers Round (eliminated after 12 games):

17, n-Jesse Rodriguez, Davie, Fla., 2,302, \$430.
 18, Manny Sanchez, Miami, Fla., 2,272, \$420.
 19, n-Taylor Bulthuis, Coral Springs, Fla., 2,242, \$410.
 20, n-Charles Matsoff, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., 2,216, \$400.

n-denotes non-PBA member.

Davis Wins First Title in PBA Warren Harley-Davidson Central/East Challenge

Warren, Ohio (Dec. 16, 2018) – Jay Davis of Silver Spring, Md. defeated John Brockway of Hudson, Ohio, 186-182, to win his first Professional Bowlers Association Regional title in the Warren Harley-Davidson Central/East Challenge at Freeway Lanes of Warren Sunday.

Davis, who earned \$1,500, downed Larry Woomer of State College, Pa., 225-157, and Brockway topped Tim Pfeifer of Oakdale, Pa., 222-187, in the semifinal round to set up the championship match. Brockway received \$1,000 for his second-place finish while Pfeifer and Woomer each earned \$750 as semifinal round losers.

The tournament field consisted of PBA members who have not won a PBA title and non-PBA members who have never won a PBA event.

The next PBA Central Region event will be Over 50/Under 50 Doubles event at Legend Lanes in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, Jan. 18-20.

PBA WARREN HARLEY-DAVIDSON CENTRAL/EAST CHALLENGE Freeway Lanes of Warren, Warren, Ohio, Sunday

Championship:

s-Jay Davis, Silver Spring, Md., (\$1,500) def. n-John Brockway, Hudson, Ohio, (\$1,000), 186-182.

Semifinal Round (losers earned \$750):

Davis def. s-Larry Woomer, State College, Pa., 225-157.

Brockway def. Tim Pfeifer, Oakdale, Pa., 222-187.

Round of 8 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$550 each):

Davis def. Charlie Brown Jr., Grandville, Mich., 2-0. Woomer def. n-Germaine Tyler, Bolingbrook, Ill., 2-0. Pfeifer def. n-Drew Sacks, Vandalia, Ohio, 2-0. Brockway def. s-Steve Kenyon, Grosse Ile., Mich., 2-1.

Round of 12 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$450 each):

Davis def. Dave Samic, Norton, Ohio, 2-0. Woomer def. s-Rick Zakrajsek, Lorain, Ohio, 2-0. Sacks def. n-Kyle Condrick, Austintown, Ohio, 2-0. Kenyon def. Eric Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 2-0.

n-denotes non-member; s-denotes PBA50 player.

Go Bowling! PBA Tour Premieres Sunday on FOX

Special PBA Clash telecast to introduce Specto StrikeTrack technology, preview 2019 PBA Tour LOS ANGELES – Today, FOX Sports announced the premiere of the PBA Clash on Sunday, Dec. 23, (2:30 p.m. ET/4:30 p.m. ET), a 90-minute special showcase event featuring eight of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour's top stars, a preview of the 2019 FOX PBA series, and the debut of the unique Specto StrikeTrack ball-tracking analysis, which becomes a mainstay of FOX Sports' coverage of PBA competition in 2019.

FOX and the PBA have entered into a multi-year contract with Kegel for the use of its Specto technology to provide real-time ball tracking during all events. Using Specto's technology, StrikeTrack provides a completely new experience to the viewer with visual examples to support the action on screen. Viewers will see a live trace of the ball as it rolls down the lane, as well as ball speed, location and RPM, to name a few of the features. Watch an example <u>here</u>.

"We are extremely excited about this new technology to debut on our PBA events," said Zac Fields, FOX Sports Senior Vice President, Graphic Technology & Integration. "StrikeTrack is able to give insight into a match like never before to tell the story of exactly what's happening. We believe this will take bowling coverage to another level. Designed specifically for bowling, StrikeTrack compares to FlightTrack for golf, which FOX introduced in 2015 and it's now a standard in golf broadcasts."

FOX PBA analyst Randy Pedersen is impressed by the StrikeTrack technology.

"I've never seen anything like it. This lets the viewers see where the ball is going down the lane, the speed, power, and how it impacts the pins and why that resulted in a strike or not," he said. "It really helps quantify my analysis."

Held at the Kegel Training Center in Lake Wales, Fla., the PBA Clash is hosted by Rob Stone, with longtime PBA analyst Pedersen and reporter Kimberly Pressler. The telecast includes a \$25,000 winner-take-all single-elimination competition with eight of the 2018 season's leading money winners including Jason

Belmonte, Anthony Simonsen, Dom Barrett, Andrew Anderson, EJ Tackett, Marshall Kent, Stuart Williams and Jakob Butturff.

The telecast also features profiles of the eight players, the announcement of the 2018 Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year and the Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year, and a preview of the historic 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule of FOX and FS1 telecasts.

The PBA on FOX makes its 2019 debut on FS1 on Sunday, Jan. 6 (11:00 a.m. ET), with live coverage of the PBA Hall of Fame Classic finals on from the International Training and Research Center in Arlington, Texas.

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

For more information, visit FOX Sports Press Pass.

PBA Spare Shots

FOX SPORTS JUST KEEPS ADDING GOOD NEWS FOR PBA FANS

As the debut of the Go Bowling! PBA Tour rapidly approaches its debut on FOX, FOX Sports continues to add good news to its budding relationship with the PBA.

First, FOX has created a bowling page on FoxSports.com, its official website, that will be filled with PBA player interviews and other news of interest to bowling fans. The website presence means additional availability of PBA news to millions of sports fans around the world, and includes a link to pba.com where fans can find all kinds of additional schedule, background and statistical information.

Secondly, FOX has announced an extensive schedule of re-airs of PBA telecasts, including 14 rebroadcasts of Sunday's PBA Clash on FS1 and FS2. That means that fans who may miss the initial telecast will have ample opportunities to watch the shows when they re-air. Because the schedules are so extensive, it's always best to check your local listings for dates and times for those telecasts.

Third, a few FOX stations have exercised their options to pre-empt Sunday's PBA Clash telecast from its regularly-scheduled 2:30 or 4:30 p.m. time (depending on your home market) and will air the show at a different time. A handful of the 210 markets with FOX stations have elected to re-schedule the telecast. Included are: Atlanta, Augusta, Charlotte, Dallas-Ft. Worth, Green Bay, Miami, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, San Francisco and Tampa. Fans in those markets should check their local listings for the re-scheduled air time on FOX, and also check their FS1 and FS2 channels for PBA Clash air times.

Fourth, a video preview of Sunday's PBA Clash is now available on PBA's YouTube channe1 if you'd like to get a sneak peek at the show: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gvlnHsugY78.

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TEXAN WINS IBM/HF "HALL OF FAME VIP EXPERIENCE" RAFFLE

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The "Hall of Fame VIP Experience" fund-raising raffle provides Gonzalez with a once-in-a-lifetime experience centered around the PBA tournament and PBA Hall of Fame induction ceremonies in Arlington Jan. 5-6. As the winner, Gonzalez will receive:

• Round-trip travel and meal expenses for two to the International Bowling Campus, site of the 2019 PBA Hall of Fame Classic.

- Invitations to weekend events hosted by Hall of Famer Mike Aulby.
- Private, behind-the-scenes guided tour of the IBM/HF and the International Bowling Campus.
- Special exhibit ribbon-cutting at the museum.
- Tickets to the PBA Hall of Fame cocktail party.
- VIP seating at the PBA Hall of Fame Awards Banquet.
- Meet and greet with PBA Hall of Fame bowlers.
- Special PBA TV production tour.
- VIP seating at the live FOX Sports televised-finals of the PBA Hall of Fame Classic on FS1.
- Bowling jersey autographed by the PBA Hall of Fame Classic champion.
- Autographed PBA championship pin.
- Photo in a national bowling magazine.
- Tons of photo and autograph opportunities.

The PBA Hall of Fame Classic will be the first event of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season and the first PBA championship to air live on FS1 as part of the PBA's new television agreement with FOX Sports. The stepladder finals will be televised on Sunday, Jan. 6, at 11 a.m. EST from the ITRC in Arlington.

Proceeds from raffle ticket sales will benefit the museum's Frame4Frame Film Restoration Initiative which is intended to restore and preserve the IBM/HF's irreplaceable collection of history bowling films.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: END-OF-SEASON EVENTS RESULT IN TWO FIRST-TIME TITLISTS

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QUICK NOTES:

• PBA Tour competitor BJ Moore and wife T'nia of Greensburg, Pa., have welcomed the second addition to their family – daughter Brayleigh Lynn who arrived at 7 pounds, 4 ounces and measuring 19 inches. Brayleigh joins brother Lincoln.

Marshall Kent Wins 2018 PBA Clash in Landmark FOX Sports Telecast

Kent defeats Dom Barrett, 218-215, in title match after surviving two elimination roll-offs

LAKE WALES, Fla. (Dec. 23, 2018) – Four-time PBA Tour winner Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., outlasted seven other top money earners from the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season to win the PBA Clash, taking home the \$25,000 winner-take-all first prize while ushering in a new era of sports television coverage for the PBA on FOX Sports.

Kent defeated seven-time tour and 2018 U.S. Open winner Dom Barrett of England, 218-215, in the title match that aired on FOX Sunday after surviving two elimination roll-offs at the Kegel Training Center.

Down by 18 in the eighth frame, Kent finished the match with five strikes to go around Barrett who left a 10 pin on his first ball of the 10th frame after a double in the eighth and ninth frames, ending his hopes for the win.

The Clash marked PBA's landmark debut on FOX which will begin its 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour coverage with the PBA Hall of Fame Classic at 11 a.m. ET on Sunday, Jan. 6 on FS1.

The eliminator format event showcased the season's top eight money earners from the 2018 season. Joining Kent and Barrett in the field were other top earners Jason Belmonte, Anthony Simonsen, 2018 Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year Andrew Anderson, EJ Tackett, Stuart Williams and Jakob Butturff.

The telecast began with each bowler rolling a 10th-frame opening round with the low score eliminated. Seven players advanced to the second round where all players competed in a one-ball low-man-out format with the last two survivors bowling a complete game in the title match.

In the 10th frame round, Tackett, the 2016 Player of the Year and the only three-time winner in 2018, was eliminated with an eight count for the frame after leaving the 2-4-10 split.

Kent and Barrett went on to survive the one-ball elimination rounds to advance to the title match.

For the unique format, Kent kept things simple using the same ball for the entire tournament while making his adjustments with ball speed and angles to the pocket.

"I prepared like I do for any other tournament," said Kent, who benefited from two crossover strikes in the one-ball elimination rounds. "There weren't a lot of frames to bowl and there was no re-oiling (of the lanes) so I just made it work with one ball."

After the 3-6-7-10 split and an open in the fifth frame of the title match, Kent put his ability to adjust to the test and got back on track with a strike in the sixth and a nine-spare in the seventh before striking the rest of the way.

"It was pressure all the way but I love the pressure," Kent said. "The last half of the match I was able to find some area to the right so I just needed to play smart from that point. Obviously, the most pressure was on the strike in the ninth so after I got that strike and all three in the 10th I felt like I did my part; then it was just wait and see what Dom does."

The revolutionary Specto StrikeTrack was introduced during the Clash telecast, giving viewers the ability to follow the path of the ball going down the lane while providing ball performance data in real time. StrikeTrack is similar in concept to the FOX Sports FlightTrack system used on PGA Tour telecasts that tracks the flight of a golfer's shot.

The Clash marked the return of veteran FOX sportscaster Rob Stone as play-by-play PBA announcer after a five-year absence, again teaming with color commentator and PBA Hall of Famer Randy Pedersen along with sideline reporter Kimberly Pressler.

The telecast also included features on all eight players, a preview of the 2019 season and presentations by PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark to Andrew Anderson for his Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year Award and Kamron Doyle for his Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year honor.

2018 PBA CLASH FINAL RESULTS (aired Sunday on FOX Sports)

Championship Match

Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., (\$25,000) def. Dom Barrett, England, 218-215.

10th Frame Elimination Round One (low score eliminated): Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 30; Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 30; Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 29; Dom Barrett, England, 28; Jakob Butturff, Chandler, Ariz., 20; Jason Belmonte, Australia, 20; Stuart Williams, England, 19; EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 8 (Tackett eliminated).

One-Ball Low-Man-Out Elimination Rounds (low first ball count after each frame eliminates players to determine final two players for championship match. Players tying for low score advance to another frame to break tie)

Round 2 – Anderson eliminated.

Round 3 – Belmonte eliminated.

Round 4 – Simonsen eliminated.

Round 5 – Butturff eliminated.

Round 6 – Williams eliminated (Kent and Barrett rolled strikes to advance to the title match).

PBA Tour Finals Returns in 2019 With CBS Sports Network Live Coverage July 20-21 From Red Rock Resort in Las Vegas

2019 will be first of four-year agreement with CBS Sports Network

CHICAGO (Dec. 26, 2018) - Professional Bowlers Association CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark has announced a new four-year agreement with the CBS Sports Network to air the PBA Tour Finals beginning in 2019.

In another Go Bowling! PBA Tour first, the CBS Sports Network will provide an unprecedented 10 hours of live coverage of the showcase event from the Red Rock Casino Resort & Spa in Las Vegas July 20-21, 2019.

The 2019 edition of the PBA Tour Finals will feature the top eight players in points from the 2018 and 2019 season through the USBC Masters in April.

In the previous two PBA Tour Finals, won by EJ Tackett in 2017 in Orlando and Jason Belmonte in 2018 in Detroit, the top eight money earners were awarded with a PBA Tour Finals berth, however, that eligibility requirement will switch to the top eight in points beginning with 2019.

The 2019 PBA Tour Finals will incorporate the same format as 2018 with the eight-player field divided into two four-player groups. The field will bowl four games of qualifying in their respective groups on a different oil pattern each game. The four game scratch totals for each player will be used to determine the seeding for a separate stepladder finals in each group. The final match of each group's stepladder will be a best of three-game match with ties broken by a 9th and 10th frame roll off. The two group winners will then meet in another best-of-three game championship match that will also use a 9th and 10th frame roll-off should there be a tie after two games.

The PBA Tour Finals is also a unique opportunity for bowling fans to make a trip to Red Rock to witness eight of PBA's elite players do battle at one of Las Vegas' premier resorts.

A detailed tournament schedule with ticket information and lane conditions will be announced at a later date.

CURRENT 2018 GO BOWLING! PBA TOUR POINT LIST

(Top 25 as of Dec. 26, 2018) 1. Andrew Anderson, 24,195 2. Anthony Simonsen, 20,909 3. EJ Tackett, 19,842 4. Kristopher Prather, 18,546 5. Stuart Williams, 18,026 6. Jason Belmonte, 17,469 7. Marshall Kent, 16,867 8. Bill O'Neill, 15,737 9. Jakob Butturff, 15,607 10. Dom Barrett, 14,075 11. Tom Smallwood, 12,853 12. Kyle Troup, 12,613 13. Sean Rash, 11,946 14. Tom Daugherty, 10,617 15. Matt O'Grady, 10,185 16. Richie Teece, 9,831 17. Wes Malott, 9,646

18. Darren Tang, 9,140
 19. Tommy Jones, 9,009
 20. Matt Sanders, 8,945
 21. Francois Lavoie, 8,898
 22. Jason Sterner, 8,577
 23. Ronnie Russell, 8,570
 24. Chris Barnes, 8,565
 25. Ryan Ciminelli, 8,236

Go Bowling! PBA Tour Makes 2019 Debut with PBA Hall of Fame Classic

All-star field begins quest for PBA Playoffs berth at International Training and Research Center Jan. 2-6

ARLINGTON, Texas (Dec. 27, 2018) – The Go Bowling! Professional Bowlers Association Tour makes its 2019 debut with the \$100,000 PBA Hall of Fame Classic from the International Training and Research Center Jan. 2-6. The finals will air live on FS1 on Sunday, Jan. 6, at 10 a.m. (CST).

The new season begins with the first PBA Tour event ever held in the International Bowling Campus' research and U.S. Olympic training facility. It gets underway on Thursday, Jan. 2, when a field of 70 of the PBA Tour's top players from around the world start qualifying in the PBA Hall of Fame Classic. Qualifying rounds will be live-streamed in their entirety by PBA's online video streaming partner, FloBowling, continuing Friday and Saturday to determine the five players who will advance to Sunday's stepladder finals telecast.

The Hall of Fame Classic will be the first competition points event in a 13-tournament series as players begin pursuit of 24 berths in the PBA Playoffs that will be held in April in Portland, Maine. The unique total pinfall, no match play format will be contested on the PBA's 44-foot Carmen Salvino lane conditioning pattern.

The PBA Hall of Fame Classic weekend also will include the first Hall of Fame inductions ever held in the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame on Saturday, Jan. 5, when PBA Tour stars Patrick Allen of South Salem, N.Y., and Mika Koivuniemi of Finland; long-time PBA tournament host Jim Doty of Indianapolis, and veteran bowling journalist Bob Johnson of Las Vegas will be enshrined. The induction ceremonies will be live-streamed by FloBowling.

The PBA Hall of Fame Classic will include an all-star field of PBA Tour champions including four-time PBA Tour Player of the Year Jason Belmonte, reigning PBA Tour Finals champion EJ Tackett, PBA Clash winner Marshall Kent, 2018 Player of the Year Andrew Anderson, 2018 Rookie of the Year Kamron Doyle, PBA Hall of Famers Chris Barnes, Parker Bohn III, Norm Duke and Walter Ray Williams Jr., and players from Australia, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, England, Finland, Ireland, Mexico, Poland and Sweden including the PBA's emerging stars.

PBA fans are invited to attend the Hall of Fame Classic in person (tickets to all PBA events can be ordered on <u>pba.com</u> (<u>https://www.pba.com/Tickets</u>). Fans also can follow the tournament as it happens on the PBA.com Live Scoring feature (download the free PBA.com app through iTunes or the Google Play stores), or by accessing the PBA's extensive array of social media outlets through the PBA Network.

Following the Hall of Fame Classic, the Go Bowling! PBA Tour's January schedule includes the PBA Oklahoma Open and Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla., Jan. 8-13; and the Lubbock Sports Open at South Plaines Lanes in Lubbock, Texas, Jan. 22-27. The finals of all January events will air on FS1.

PBA HALL OF FAME CLASSIC SCHEDULE

International Training and Research Center, International Bowling Campus, Arlington, Texas (All times are Central Standard)

PBA Lane Oiling Pattern: Carmen Salvino 44

Wednesday, Jan. 2

9 a.m. – Pro Tour Qualifier (PTQ), 6 games 2 p.m. – Squad A practice session 4 p.m. – Squad B practice session

Thursday, Jan. 3

10 a.m. – Squad A, 7 qualifying games 5 p.m. – Squad B, 7 qualifying games

Friday, Jan. 4

10 a.m. – Squad B, 7 qualifying games 5 p.m. – Squad A, 7 qualifying games Top 18 after 14 games advance to Round 3

Saturday, Jan. 5

10 a.m. – Top 18, 7 qualifying games Top 5 after 21 games advance to stepladder finals
6 p.m. – PBA Hall of Fame dinner, International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame

Sunday, Jan. 6

10 a.m. – Top 5 stepladder finals, live on FS1 1:30 p.m. – World Bowling Tour Men's and Women's Finals (WBT current frame scoring system), taped to air on FS1 on Sunday, March 10, 9 p.m.

Minier, Maldonado Successfully Defend PBA50/PBA Houston Southwest Doubles Title

Houston, Texas, (Dec. 26, 2018) – Former U.S. Senior Open champion Rick Minier and two-time PBA Southwest Region Player of the Year Shawn Maldonado, both from Houston, teamed up again to successfully defend their title in the sixth annual PBA50/PBA Houston Emerald Bowl Southwest Doubles, presented by Bowling Dynamix, Sunday.

The winning duo finished the eight-game qualifying portion of the event in third place, but after winning all 10 doubles matches, they still trailed the team of Paul Fleming of Fort Worth, Texas, and Anthony Lavery-Spahr of Pasadena, Texas, by 19 pins going into the final position round match.

Minier and Maldonado finished in style, rolling their high game of the tournament to take the match, 544-473, and claiming the title and the \$5,000 winners' check. The win was Minier's 14th in PBA Regionalcompetition and Maldonado's 10th.

The winners' total pinfall, including bonus pins, was 8,501, to Fleming/Lavery-Spahr' 8,409. The runnersup split \$2,500. Pete Thomas of Oklahoma City and Sean Lavery-Spahr of Pasadena, Texas settled for the \$1,700 third-place check.

PBA50/PBA HOUSTON EMERALD BOWL SOUTHWEST DOUBLES, presented by Bowling Dynamix

Emerald Bowl, Houston, Texas, SundayFinal Match Play Standings (after 18 game, including match play bonus pins):

1, Shawn Maldonado, Houston/s-Rick Minier, Houston, 10-0, 8,501, \$5,000. 2, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas/s-Paul Fleming, Ft. Worth, Texas, 8-2, 8,409, \$2,500. 3, s-Pete Thomas, Oklahoma City, Okla./Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 4-5-1, 7,964, \$1,700. 4 (tie), s-David Scardaville, Houston, Texas/Skylar Glanovsky, Fort Smith, Ark., 6-4, \$1,300, and, Billy Rogers, Mesquite, Texas/n-s-Daniel Inocencio, College Station, Texas, 5-5, 7,869, \$1,300.

6, n-George Gohagan III, Roswell, Ga./s-Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 6-4, 7,850, \$1,160. 7, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz./s-Andrew Warren, Austin, Tex., 1-9, 7,765, \$1,120. 8, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas/s-Jay Nephew, Houston, Texas, 2-8, 7,667, \$1,080. 9, n-Ted Pritts, Little Elm, Texas/s-n-Derek Williams, Groves, Texas, 4-6, 7,591, \$1,140. 10, Bryan Viator, Seabrook, Texas/s-Lee Lorts, Katy, Texas, 3-6-1, 7,540, \$1,000.

n-denotes non-PBA member; s-denotes PBA50 player.

PBA Spare Shots

PBA STARS ASSIST WITH MOOKIE BETTS' HOLIDAY FUND-RAISER

Mookie Betts' emergence as a major league superstar with the world champion Boston Red Sox, combined with his high-level bowling skills, has developed into a mutually beneficial relationship with the Professional Bowlers Association over the past three years.

Most recently, a fund-raising celebrity bowling event created 35 years ago in Betts' Nashville area hometown by his mother, **Diana Collins**, reached a new peak when a team of PBA stars (**Tommy Jones, Bill O'Neill, DJ Archer, Dino Castillo** and**Shawn Maldonado**) joined Betts, Red Sox teammate **David Price** and a number of other Nashville area celebrities to raise money in support of disadvantaged families associated with The National Bowling Association's Music City Senate.

And while they were in town for the celebrity fund-raiser at LTA Bowling Lanes in Murfreesboro, Tenn., the PBA players also donated their time and knowledge to Collins' new youth bowling clinic at Smyrna Lanes in nearby Smyrna, Tenn.

The celebrity fund-raising event (subtitled "AIM" for Acts Inspired by Mookie) carried on a tradition established by Collins when she was still in high school: raising money to help people facing medical or economic hardships, especially around the holidays.

"The idea was just to help someone," Collins said, adding that while the amount of money raised has yet to be calculated, "it has increased tenfold" over the past five years as her talented son has steadily risen to stardom in major league baseball.

In a year in which Betts was named American League Most Valuable Player, won the AL batting championship, was selected as AL Defensive Player of the Year, earned Silver Slugger and Gold Glove honors, played in the MLB All-Star Game and helped the Red Sox win the World Series, he coincidentally became one of bowling's most prominent spokesmen because his bowling talent was a topic in almost every discussion of his considerable athletic abilities.

From the PBA perspective, he has participated in the PBA World Series of Bowling twice (rolling a 300 in the 2017 Scorpion Championship in Reno) and he will join NBA star Chris Paul and friends for the third time as a participant in the CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational at Bowlero The Woodlands in Conroe, Texas. The annual CP3 Invitational will air on FOX on Super Bowl Sunday (Feb. 3) at 2 p.m. EST. In addition,

PBA CEO and Commissioner **Tom Clark** presented Betts with his PBA 300 game ring during pre-game ceremonies at Fenway Park in Boston last summer.

PBA'S INTERNATIONAL FANS CAN WATCH PBA ON FOX TELECASTS ON FLOBOWLING

An important benefit of the PBA's new relationships with FOX Sports and FloBowling will result in expanded access to PBA telecasts for fans around the world.

FOX and FS1 telecasts, live or tape-delayed, will serve American viewers exclusively, reaching an estimated 120 million homes on FOX or 90 million homes on FS1 while also live streaming the shows on the FOX Sports Go app.

FloBowling will simultaneously live-stream all FOX/FS1 shows to the international audience as the shows air. That means that in addition to the hundreds of hours of PBA Tour coverage already scheduled to air on FloBowling, including qualifying and match play rounds in addition to FloBowling-exclusive tournaments, international subscribers will be able to watch PBA Tour finals televised by FOX Sports as they happen.

American viewers will not be able to watch FOX/FS1 shows as they air, but they will be archived "on demand" on FloBowling for seven days after they air.

To subscribe to FloBowling, visit FloBowling.com.

2019 WEBER CUP SET FOR MANDALAY BAY IN LAS VEGAS

The 2019 Weber Cup will make its debut on American soil at Mandalay Bay Resort in Las Vegas, June 18-21, Matchroom Multi Sport has announced.

The 20th annual competition will involve teams of European and American PBA stars, competing in a Ryder Cup-style series of individual and team matches.

The tournament will be played over four sessions, one per day, on specially-installed lanes in Mandalay Bay from June 18-21. Tickets will be available in January. News on the captains and team selection process for the 2019 Weber Cup will be announced shortly. Matchroom Multi Sport will work in partnership with the PBA Tour to ensure a successful American debut for one of bowling's most popular international competitions.

"We are excited to be taking the Weber Cup stateside in 2019 and are delighted to be working with both the PBA and Mandalay Bay Resort," Matchroom Multi Sport COO Emily Frazer said. "The Weber Cup has always had a loyal fanbase in Europe and we hope that many of those supporters will join us in Las Vegas, and be joined by a raft of U.S. fans who will finally be able to see this great event in America."

"It's exciting to have the Weber Cup come to the USA," PBA Tour Commissioner Tom Clark added. "Our PBA players have always enjoyed taking part in the competition and fans love the drama. With news to come regarding how PBA results will help determine a spot on each team's roster, it adds another incentive for the players on our Tour. May the best team win!"

Ticket details for the 2019 Weber Cup will be published at <u>webercup.com</u> in the new year. Fans can follow @WeberCup on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to get all the latest news first.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: MINIER, MALDONADO REPEAT AS DOUBLES CHAMPS

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

• The PBA Central and Southwest Regions will hold their first events of 2019 over the Jan. 18-20 weekend. Legend Lanes in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, will host the PBA/PBA50 Don Vay Memorial Central Doubles while South Plains Lanes in Lubbock, Texas, hosts the Lubbock Sports Southwest Open presented by Ebonite.

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

• For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit <u>pba.com</u>, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area...and remember, you can follow "live scoring" for all PBA Regional events on <u>pba.com</u> (easily accessible for Apple and Android device users using the PBA app).

QUICK NOTES:

• Eddie Hernandez from Del Rio, Texas won two CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational presented by Go Bowling! VIP passes for the event on Jan. 17 at Bowlero Woodlands in Conroe, Texas. He won by entering AMF Bowlero's sweepstakes that was held on Instagram. Tickets are available for fans to attend the CP3 event at <u>pba.com/tickets</u>.

• The World Bowling Tour Men's and Women's Finals, presented by the PBA, will be contested at 1:30 p.m. CST on Sunday, Jan. 6, following the live FS1 finals of the PBA Hall of Fame Classic at the International Research and Training Center in Arlington, Texas. The WBT Finals will air on FS1 on Sunday, March 10, at 10 p.m. EST. The men's finalists, based on World Bowling Tour points accumulated in 2018, will be Texan **Anthony Simonsen**, England's **Stuart Williams** and **EJ Tackett** of Bluffton, Ind. Women's finals will be American stars **Danielle McEwan** and **Liz Johnson**, and Poland's **Daria Pajak**. The WBT Finals will use World Bowling's experimental "current frame" scoring system whereby players earn 30 pins for a strike; 10 pins plus the total from their first shot of that frame for a spare, and actual pinfall for an open frame.

• Speaking of the PBA on FOX and FS1: in addition to the first airing of tournament finals previously announced, fans who miss a telecast are reminded to check their local listings for FOX's extensive schedule of re-broadcasts.

• Triple Shift Entertainment President **Robby Spigner**, a former PBA member and son of three-time PBA Tour titlist **Bill Spigner**, has announced the company has acquired 10 bowling centers in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area from the Anderson Companies. Spigner also announced five-time PBA Tour champion **Mike Fagan** is joining the company as Director of Business Development. Fagan recently earned his MBA from the University of California-Berkeley.

Historic Tournament in China to Conclude 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour Season

Summer Tour to determine eight players who will compete in end-of-season special event on FloBowling

CHICAGO (Dec. 28, 2018) – The Professional Bowlers Association will conduct its first event ever in China when the inaugural PBA China Tiger Cup is held Nov. 8-11 at the 18-lane Suzhou Tiger Bowling Center about an hour west of Shanghai.

The historic tournament that will conclude the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule was announced on Friday by PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark, and tournament host Frank Zhao, the founder and president of Longmarch Bowling.

The tournament will include eight PBA Tour players who will earn expenses-paid berths based on 2019 USBC Cup points earned during the PBA Summer Tour. The eight PBA qualifiers will then join 56 PBA members from China, Korean, Japan and other Asian countries for an eight-game qualifying tournament. The top 16 bowlers after eight games will then bowl 16 games of round-robin match play for shares of the \$106,000 prize fund. A special USA vs. China team event will conclude the event.

The eight PBA Tour stars will qualify during an eight-event PBA Summer Tour schedule between July 24 and Aug. 31. The Summer Tour events will all be live-streamed on FloBowling. The tournaments will include the Storm PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles in Houston, Texas; the Chesapeake Open in Chesapeake, Va.; the Wilmington Open in Wilmington, N.C.; the Gene Carter's Pro Shop Open in Middletown, Del.; the Bowlerstore Classic presented by Moxy's Xtra Pair in Coldwater, Ohio;

and the PBA FloBowling PBA Summer Swing that will include the Wolf Open, Bear Open and Aurora Open, all in Aurora, Ill.

"The PBA China Tiger Cup is another major step forward as the PBA continues its efforts to grow the sport around the world, and especially in China's rapidly growing bowling market," said Clark. "The China Cup joins the creation of the PBA World Series of Bowling 10 years ago, a partnership with World Bowling on the World Bowling Tour and forming PBA Japan as examples of the PBA working to expose the sport at its highest level to as many people as possible."

The PBA China Tiger Cup is the culmination of a relationship between Zhao, the China Bowling Association and the PBA that began with the first contingent of six Chinese bowlers competing in the PBA World Series of Bowling in 2014 in Las Vegas after participating in a "PBA Pioneer League" program originated by Zhao to comply with PBA average requirements. Since its humble beginning, Zhao has conducted 14 PBA Pioneer League events, resulting in 94 bowlers in China and nearby Pacific Rim countries meeting PBA's minimum average requirements and applying for PBA membership.

"China has huge potential for bowling," Zhao said. "In the 1990s, there was a big boom with more than 30,000 lane beds installed in China, but it declined sharply. Thanks to bowling industry efforts recently, we have seen growth again. The PBA China Tiger Cup comes right on time to further stimulate the market."

The titled sponsor of the event is Tiger Bowling which owns three centers in China. Five years ago, the company created a tournament called the Tiger Bowling Challenge involving "traditional" bowlers vs. "spinners," referring to the standard "hook" style of bowling widely practiced around the world vs. "spinner" technique popular in several southeast Asian countries that is characterized by lightweight bowling balls propelled by a flick of the thumb. In its sixth year, the Tiger Bowling Challenge will include a series of monthly tournaments involving hundreds of bowlers competing simultaneously on the same oiling pattern at 14 centers around China.

"How China bowling develops depends on what we do today, said (Mr.) Lee, owner of Tiger Bowling along with several IT and investment companies. "Tiger Bowling will unswervingly grow bowling. I believe PBA China Tiger Cup will push the development of bowling in China to its new climax."

The PBA China Tiger Cup adds a crowning touch to an unprecedented schedule of events for PBA players in 2019 that will include:

- 28 PBA Tour title events;
- An extensive schedule of nationally-televised events on FOX, FS1 and CBS Sports Network;

• An expanded schedule of live-stream coverage by PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling, the PBA's new online partner;

- A new PBA Playoffs with a \$100,000 payoff to the winner;
- Four major championship tournaments;

• The return of fan and player favorites including the 10th anniversary PBA World Series of Bowling, PBA League Elias Cup, CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational, Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship, 20th anniversary PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles and more.

Over the course of the season, the PBA will conduct events in 24 different cities and five countries, including the United States.

2019 GO BOWLING! PBA TOUR SCHEDULE (All times Eastern)

PBA ON FOX SCHEDULE

Dec. 23, 2018 – PBA Clash, Kegel Training Center, Lake Wales, Fla. (FOX, 2:30 or 4:30 p.m. ET, depending on viewer's location).

Jan. 2-6 – PBA Hall of Fame Classic, International Training and Research Center, Arlington, Texas (FS1, Sunday, Jan. 6, 11 a.m., live).

Jan. 6– World Bowling Tour Men's and Women's Finals presented by PBA, International Training and Research Center, Arlington, Texas (FS1, Sunday, March 10, 10 p.m.).

Jan. 8-13 – PBA Oklahoma Open, FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Okla. (FS1, Sunday, Jan. 13, 11 a.m., live).

Jan. 8-13 - Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship, FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Okla. (FS1, Sunday, Jan. 20, 1 p.m.).

Jan. 17 – CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational presented by Go Bowling, Bowlero Woodlands, Conroe, Texas (FOX, Sunday, Feb. 3, 2 p.m.).

Jan. 22-27 – PBA Lubbock Sports Open, South Plains Lanes, Lubbock, Texas (FS1, Sunday, Jan. 27, 3 p.m., live).

Feb. 5-10 – PBA Tournament of Champions, Riviera Lanes, Fairlawn, Ohio (FOX, Sunday, Feb. 10, 4:30 p.m., live).

Feb. 12-17 – PBA Players Championship, Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl, Columbus, Ohio (FS1, Sunday, Feb. 17, 1 p.m., live).

Feb. 19-24 – Go Bowling! PBA Indianapolis Open, Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis (FS1, Sunday, Feb. 24, 3 p.m., live).

Feb. 26-March 3 – Go Bowling! PBA Jonesboro Open, Hijinx, Jonesboro, Ark. (FS1, Sunday, March 3, 5 p.m., live).

March 12, 18 – PBA World Series of Bowling X Cheetah Championship, Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich. (FS1, Monday, March 18, 8 p.m., live).

March 13, 19 - PBA World Series of Bowling X Chameleon Championship, Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich. (FS1, Tuesday, March 19, 8 p.m., live).

March 14, 20 - PBA World Series of Bowling X Scorpion Championship, Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich. (FS1, Wednesday, March 20, 8 p.m., live).

March 12-16, 21 - PBA World Series of Bowling PBA World Championship, Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich. (FS1, Thursday, March 21, 8 p.m., live).

March 21 - PBA World Series of Bowling X USA vs The World, Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich. (FS1, Friday, March 22, 8 p.m.).

March 26-April 1 – USBC Masters, Gold Coast Bowling Center, Las Vegas (FS1, Monday, April 1, 9 p.m., live)

PBA PLAYOFFS ON FOX SCHEDULE

April 8 – PBA Playoffs Round of 24, Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine (FS1, Monday, April 8, 7 p.m., live). April 8 - PBA Playoffs Round of 24, Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine (FS1, Monday, April 15, 8 p.m.). April 9 - PBA Playoffs Round of 16, Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine (FS1, Monday, April 22, 9 p.m.). April 9 - PBA Playoffs Round of 16, Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine (FS1, Monday, April 29, 9 p.m.). April 9 - PBA Playoffs Round of 16, Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine (FS1, Monday, May 6, 9 p.m.). April 9 - PBA Playoffs Round of 16, Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine (FS1, Monday, May 6, 9 p.m.). April 9 - PBA Playoffs Round of 16, Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine (FS1, Monday, May 13, 9 p.m.). April 10 - PBA Playoffs Quarterfinals, Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine (FS1, Monday, May 20, 9 p.m.). April 10 - PBA Playoffs Quarterfinals, Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine (FS1, Monday, May 27, 9 p.m.). April 27-29 – DHC PBA Japan Invitational Tokyo Port Bowl, Tokyo, Japan June 1 - PBA Playoffs Final Four, Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine (FOX, Saturday, June 1, noon, live). June 2 - PBA Playoffs Championship Round, Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine (FOX, Sunday, June 2, noon, live).

PBA LEAGUE ON FOX SCHEDULE

July 16 – PBA League Quarterfinals, Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine (FS1, Tuesday, July 16, 7 p.m., live). July 16 – PBA League Quarterfinals, Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine (FS1, Tuesday, July 16, 9 p.m., live). July 17 – PBA League Semifinals, Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine (FS1, Wednesday, July 17, 9 p.m., live). July 18 – PBA League Elias Cup Finals, Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine (FS1, Thursday, July 18, 9 p.m., live).

PBA TOUR FINALS ON CBS SPORTS NETWORK

July 19-21 – PBA Tour Finals, Red Rock Lanes, Las Vegas (CBS Sports Network, July 20, 3 & 5 p.m.; July 21, 3, 5 and 7 p.m.)

PBA SUMMER TOUR/USBC CUP SCHEDULE ON FLOBOWLING

July 25-28 – PBA Summer Tour Storm PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles, Copperfield Bowl, Houston, Texas (live, FloBowling; USBC Cup points event)

Aug. 9-11 – PBA Summer Tour Chesapeake Open, AMF Western Branch, Chesapeake, Va. (live, FloBowling; USBC Cup points event).

Aug. 12-14 – PBA Summer Tour Wilmington Open, Ten Pin Alley Family Fun Center, Wilmington, N.C. (live, FloBowling; USBC Cup points event).

Aug. 16-18 – PBA Summer Tour Gene Carter's Pro Shop Open, Mid-County Bowling & Entertainment Center, Middletown, Del. (live, FloBowling; USBC Cup points event).

Aug. 21-23 – PBA Summer Tour Bowlerstore Classic presented by Moxy's Xtra Pair, Pla-Mor Lanes, Coldwater, Ohio (live, FloBowling; USBC Cup points event).

Aug. 24-31 – PBA Summer Tour FloBowling PBA Wolf Open, Parkside Lanes, Aurora, Ill. (live, FloBowling; USBC Cup points event).

Aug. 24-31 – PBA Summer Tour FloBowling PBA Bear Open, Parkside Lanes, Aurora, Ill. (live, FloBowling; USBC Cup points event).

Aug. 24-31 – PBA Summer Tour FloBowling PBA Aurora Open, Parkside Lanes, Aurora, Ill. (live, FloBowling; USBC Cup points event).

PBA TOUR FALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 4-9 – Storm Lucky Larsen Masters, Baltiska Bowlinghallen, Helsingborg, Sweden.

Sept. 27-Oct. 4 – Thailand Open, Blu-O Paragon, Bangkok, Thailand.

Oct. 23-30 – U.S. Open, Victory Lanes Family Entertainment Center, Mooresville, N.C. (live, CBS Sports Network).

Oct. 31-Nov. 6 – Kuwait Open, Kuwait Bowling Center, Kuwait City, Kuwait.

Nov. 8-11 – PBA China Tiger Cup, Suzhou Tiger Bowling Center, Suzhou, China.

PBA Tour's Debut on FOX Reaches Largest TV Audience Since 2005

Nielsen Media Research says PBA Clash was watched by more than 1.7 million viewers

LOS ANGELES (Dec. 28, 2019) – The Professional Bowlers Association's debut telecast on FOX Sunday reached an average audience of 1,768,000 viewers according to Nielsen Media Research figures released today by FOX. The audience watching the PBA Clash telecast was the largest to watch any bowling telecast on any network since 2005.

The Go Bowling! PBA Tour kicks off its 2019 season on Sunday, Jan. 6, at 11 a.m. EST when the PBA Hall of Fame Classic finals air live on FS1 from the International Research and Training Center in Arlington, Texas. The Hall of Fame Classic will be the first of 30 telecasts on FOX and FS1 in 2019, beginning in January and ending in July. The total of 60 hours of PBA coverage will nearly double the hours of PBA television coverage in 2018.