

## **2022 PWBA TOUR SCHEDULE**

**With dates, event, center, location and broadcast channel (subject to change):**

- May 12-15, PWBA Rockford Open, The Cherry Bowl, Rockford, Ill., CBS Sports Network
- May 18-24, USBC Queens, Stardust Bowl, Addison, Ill., CBS Sports Network
- May 26-29, PWBA Twin Cities Open, Cedarvale Lanes, Eagan, Minn., CBS Sports Network
- June 2-5, PWBA St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open, Seminole Lanes, Seminole, Fla., CBS Sports Network
- June 6-8, PWBA Long Island Classic, Maple Lanes Rockville Centre, Rockville Centre, N.Y., BowITV
- June 9-10, PWBA BowITV Classic, Maple Lanes Rockville Centre, Rockville Centre, N.Y., BowITV
- June 11-12, PWBA BVL Classic, Maple Lanes Rockville Centre, Rockville Centre, N.Y., CBS Sports Network
- June 14-21, U.S. Women's Open, Kingpin's Alley Family Fun Center, South Glens Falls, N.Y., CBS Sports Network
- July 28-31, PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles, Copperfield Bowl, Houston, TBD
- Aug. 2-4, PWBA DFW Classic, USA Bowl, Dallas, BowITV
- Aug. 5-6, PWBA Pepsi Classic, USA Bowl, Dallas, BowITV
- Aug. 7-9, PWBA Tour Championship, USA Bowl, Dallas, CBS Sports Network

There also will be two PWBA Regional competitions tied to national tour stops during the season. The regionals will take place May 15 after the Rockford Open and May 29 after the Twin Cities Open.

Athletes will be able to purchase their 2022 PWBA memberships starting Jan. 12, 2022

## **ADLER, KEARNEY, JOAN ROMEO ELECTED TO PWBA HALL OF FAME**

**ARLINGTON, Texas** – Kim Adler, Kim Kearney and Joan Romeo have been elected to the Professional Women's Bowling Association Hall of Fame as part of the 2022 induction class.

Adler and Kearney were inducted by the PWBA Hall of Fame Committee in the Performance category, while Romeo was selected through Meritorious Service/Builder.

The 2022 PWBA Hall of Fame induction ceremony is scheduled to take place in May in Addison, Illinois, in conjunction with the United States Bowling Congress Queens.

The 2022 USBC Queens is scheduled to take place May 18-24, and more information about the ceremony will be available at a later date. Registration for the 2022 Queens

is open and available at [BOWL.com/Queens](http://BOWL.com/Queens).

Adler, 54, of Cocoa Beach, Florida, collected 15 PWBA Tour titles from 1993 through 2002, including three major championships.

The 1991 PWBA Rookie of the Year captured her first major at the 1996 Hammer Players Championship, and she followed with additional major wins at the 1997 Sam's Town Invitational and 1999 U.S. Women's Open.

Adler consistently found her way to the winner's circle on tour, capturing two titles in each season from 1995 through 2000.

She was inducted into the USBC Hall of Fame for Superior Performance in 2016.

Kearney, 56, of Greensboro, North Carolina, is a 10-time PWBA Tour titlist and three-time major champion.

She was named the 1989 PWBA Rookie of the Year and won her first title in 1990. Her first major victory came at the 2001 U.S. Women's Open, and she collected a second green jacket at the 2008 event. She also is the 2002 Queens champion.

Kearney has turned her attention to coaching in recent years and is in her second stint as part of the Team USA coaching program. She also is the head women's bowling coach at North Carolina A&T State University.

The three-time Robby Sportsmanship Award winner was inducted into the USBC Hall of Fame for Superior Performance in 2010.

Romeo, 89, of Las Vegas, has served countless roles in the bowling industry to help grow the sport and been recognized for her dedication through numerous awards, but her work on behalf of professional women's bowling has left a lasting legacy.

She diligently worked to secure sponsorships and promote events throughout the years, and her fundraising efforts helped to create an exhibit to recognize professional women's bowling at the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame, part of the International Bowling Campus in Arlington.

In addition to her dedication to professional women's bowling, Romeo's work within the industry included supporting the International Bowling Media Association, World Bowling (now International Bowling Federation), International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame, California Bowling Writers and the Team USA program.

Romeo now joins her daughter, Robin, in both the PWBA and USBC Halls of Fame.

Joan Romeo was inducted into the USBC Hall of Fame for Meritorious Service in 2016, while Robin Romeo was elected to the USBC Hall of Fame for Superior Performance in 1995 and PWBA Hall of Fame for Performance in 1996.

They will join Doris Coburn and Cindy Coburn-Carroll as the only mother-and-daughter

duos to be inducted into both halls of fame.

Along with Adler, Kearney and Romeo, the three members of the 2020 class also will be inducted into the PWBA Hall of Fame during the ceremony in May. The 2020 ceremony was canceled due to COVID-19, and the PWBA Hall of Fame Committee deferred the 2021 nominations until 2022.

The 2020 class includes Pam Buckner of Reno, Nevada, Carolyn Dorin-Ballard of Keller, Texas, and Australia's Carol Gianotti. All three were elected in the Performance category.

The PWBA Hall of Fame Committee elected both classes based on submitted applications. The committee is comprised of PWBA Hall of Fame members, board members of the Bowling Proprietors' Association of American and USBC and bowling media members.

Through 2019, there are 38 members of the PWBA Hall of Fame — 21 in Performance, 10 in Ambassador and seven in Meritorious Service/Builder.

The PWBA Hall of Fame was created in 1995 and returned in 2019 after a 16-year hiatus.

To learn more about the PWBA Tour, visit [PWBA.com](http://PWBA.com).

## **PWBA MEMBERSHIP VOTES TO REDISTRIBUTE USBC QUEENS AND U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN PRIZE FUNDS**

**ARLINGTON, Texas** – Members of the Professional Women's Bowling Association have voted to redistribute the prize funds for the United States Bowling Congress Queens and U.S. Women's Open in 2022 and 2023.

The change will move a significant portion of the prize money for the two events from the top spots in order to pay higher amounts to other cashers and match-play finalists. The aggregate prize funds will remain the same for each event, with \$262,250 paid out at the U.S. Women's Open and \$352,000 paid out at the USBC Queens.

The top prize for both events now will pay \$60,000, which will be the second-highest top prizes in the history of the PWBA Tour, following the \$100,000 paid for first place at the 2021 U.S. Women's Open.

The changes will raise the minimum prize checks at the U.S. Women's Open from \$1,250 to \$2,000, and every spot in the top 24 nearly will double, with the minimum check for 24th place increasing from \$1,900 to \$3,700 and sixth place increasing from \$4,000 to \$8,000.

At the USBC Queens, the last cashing spots (49th-64th place) will increase from \$1,875 to \$2,500, with approximately \$70,000 moving from the top six finishing positions to

the remaining 58 spots.

“After reviewing the prize funds for these events, we saw that we could make a much more positive impact on the competitors by paying more to the cashers and match-play finalists, while still offering historically great prize money at the top,” said PWBA Players Committee co-chair Bryanna Coté. “The goal is to distribute the prize money to a wider group to incentivize more athletes to participate in these marquee events and give more of our members a chance to earn additional money.”

The PWBA Players Committee presented the options to members in a Zoom meeting on March 23, and all members were invited to vote on the proposed change. Members voted by a 56-10 margin to make the changes for the Queens and a 55-11 margin to make the changes to the U.S. Women’s Open.

The changes will go into effect for the 2022 editions of each event.

To learn more about the PWBA Tour, visit [PWBA.com](http://PWBA.com).

## **PWBA TOUR TO START 2022 SEASON WITH RETURN TO ROCKFORD**

**By Emil Williams Jr.**

**ROCKFORD, III.** – The Professional Women’s Bowling Association Tour will kick off the 2022 season this week at The Cherry Bowl, while returning to its roots as the PWBA Rockford Open gets underway.

The Rockford Open, which runs from May 11-15, will begin Wednesday with a pre-tournament qualifier, which will add 10 players to complete a sold-out field of 80 competitors. The official practice session will take place Thursday, and competition will get underway Friday with two six-game qualifying rounds.

The top 32 athletes will advance and bowl another six-game block Saturday to determine the top 12 players. A final six-game round will determine the five players for the stepladder finals, based on total pinfall for 24 games.

The finals of the Rockford Open will take place Sunday at 6 p.m. Eastern, with the winner earning \$20,000 live on CBS Sports Network.

All qualifying rounds leading up to the CBS Sports Network show will be broadcast live at [BowITV.com](http://BowITV.com). The event also includes a regional competition Sunday, which also will be broadcast live on [BowITV.com](http://BowITV.com).

From 1981-2003, The Cherry Bowl served as the PWBA headquarters, with PWBA and United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famer and proprietor John Sommer at the helm.

Rockford, which is approximately 90 miles west of Chicago, hosted at least one PWBA

event for 31 consecutive years (1973-2003) prior to the tour ceasing operations in 2003.

The last player to win a title at The Cherry Bowl was Tiffany Stanbrough at the 2003 Pepsi Rockford Classic. Stanbrough won four titles in just a two-year span (2002-2003).

The finals of that event also featured Liz Johnson, Kelly Kulick, Michelle Feldman and Marianne DiRupo.

Johnson, Kulick and DiRupo are members of the USBC Hall of Fame, and both Johnson and Kulick are scheduled to compete this week.

Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona, the 2021 PWBA Player of the Year, also is scheduled to compete this week and will try to build on what was one of the most consistent seasons on the PWBA Tour in recent memory.

Despite only winning one title (PWBA ITRC Classic), she was tied for the lead in championship-round appearances with six, which included three runner-up finishes. She was third in average and earnings and finished in the top 10 in cashes and match-play and Top-12 appearances.

So, how does one build on a player-of-the-year campaign?

"I ask myself the question all the time," Coté said. "How can you build on POY? Well, you can. My season wasn't perfect. I missed cuts and made bad judgments, but I learned from them. The way I build on last season is to learn from my mistakes and know when to apply what was learned quicker."

Coté also is well aware of the role the city of Rockford played, along with The Cherry Bowl, with regard to PWBA Tour history. Although she was a teenager the last time the PWBA visited Rockford, she's grateful the tour is back in familiar surroundings.

"To have the tour return to Rockford almost makes it seem as if it never stopped for so many years," Coté said. "No matter what life threw at the women's tour, it was going to find its way back to its roots."

The Rockford Regional will take place Sunday morning and consist of an eight-game qualifying block. The top four players, based on total pinfall, will advance to the stepladder finals.

The 2022 season features 12 events, seven of which will conclude on CBS Sports Network, and an overall prize fund of approximately \$1.4 million, which represents the largest average per event since the tour's relaunch in 2015.

The schedule also features three majors, the USBC Queens, U.S. Women's Open and season-ending PWBA Tour Championship. The stepladder finals at all three majors, along with four standard events throughout the season, will be broadcast live on CBS Sports Network.

To learn more about the PWBA Tour, visit [PWBA.com](http://PWBA.com).

## **CLEMMER LEADS AFTER FIRST DAY AT 2022 PWBA ROCKFORD OPEN**

**By Emil Williams Jr.**

**ROCKFORD, Ill.** - Through two full rounds of competition at the 2022 Professional Women's Bowling Association Rockford Open on Friday, Breanna Clemmer of Clover, South Carolina, was dominant to claim the lead at The Cherry Bowl.

The second-year professional rolled the tour's first 300 game of the season during Friday's opening six-game block and finished Round 1 with a 1,489 total. While her pace slightly slowed in Round 2, she added 1,336 in the final six games for a 2,825 total, a 235.42 average.

Liz Kuhlkin of Schenectady, New York, is second with a 2,714 total, and Jordan Richard of Maumee, Ohio, is third with 2,705.

Germany's Birgit Noreiks and Brandi Kordelewski of Belleville, Illinois, round out the top five with 2,675 and 2,673, respectively.

The 80-player field was cut to the top 27 players after Friday's second round, with Shannon Pluhowsky of Dayton, Ohio, and Liz Johnson of Niagara Falls, New York, tying for the final two spots with a 2,510 total, an average of 209.17.

Saturday's third round will consist of an additional six games starting at 11 a.m. Eastern, with the top 12 returning to the lanes for one more six-game round to complete qualifying. The top five players, based on total pinfall for 24 games, will advance to the stepladder finals.

The stepladder will be Sunday at 6 p.m. Eastern and broadcast live on CBS Sports Network. The champion will earn \$20,000.

For more information on the PWBA, visit [PWBA.com](http://PWBA.com).

### **2022 PWBA Rockford Open At The Cherry Bowl Rockford, Ill.**

#### **Friday's results**

#### **QUALIFYING (12 games)**

1, Breanna Clemmer, Clover, S.C., 2,825. 2, Liz Kuhlkin, Schenectady, N.Y., 2,714. 3, Jordan Richard, Maumee, Ohio, 2,705. 4, Birgit Noreiks, Germany, 2,675. 5, Brandi Kordelewski, Belleville, Ill., 2,673. 6, Stefanie Johnson, McKinney, Texas, 2,669.

7, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 2,655. 8, Stephanie Zavala, Downey, Calif., 2,617. 9, Verity Crawley, England, 2,609. 10, Maria José Rodriguez, Colombia, 2,603. 11, Shannon O'Keefe, Belleville, Ill., 2,594. 12(tie), Rebecca Hagerman, Loves Park, Ill., and Chelsea Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich., 2,578.

14, Gazmine Mason, Cranston, R.I., 2,575. 15, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 2,574. 16, Diandra Asbaty, Chicago, 2,573. 17, Haley Richard, Tipton, Mich., 2,557. 18, Josie Barnes, Hermitage, Tenn., 2,555.

19, Lindsay Boomershine, Perry, Utah, 2,553. 20, Dasha Kovalova, Ukraine, 2,546. 21, Rocio Restrepo, Uniontown, Ohio, 2,543. 22, Stephanie Schwartz, Racine, Wis., 2,541. 23(tie), Sandra Gongora, Mexico, and Ashly Galante, Palm Harbor, Fla., 2,535.

25, Erin McCarthy, Elkhorn, Neb., 2,529. 26(tie), Shannon Pluhowsky, Dayton, Ohio, and Liz Johnson, Niagara Falls, N.Y., 2,510.

### **DID NOT ADVANCE**

28, Kerry Smith, New Holland, Pa., 2,506. 29, Clara Guerrero, Colombia, 2,504. 30, Sydney Brummett, Fort Wayne, Ind., 2,503. 31, Maria Bulanova, Russia, 2,502. 32, Giselle Poss, Montgomery, Ill., 2,492. 33, Terysa Wojnar, New Lenox, Ill., 2,485. 34, Jen Higgins, Lewis Center, Ohio, 2,476. 35, Julia Bond, Aurora, Ill., 2,471. 36, Maranda Pattison (a), Redwood Valley, Calif., 2,470.

37, Estefania Cobo, Fort Worth, Texas, 2,467. 38, Jennifer Russo, Monmouth Junction, N.J., 2,465. 39, Cassandra Leuthold, Lincoln, Neb., 2,446. 40, Brianna Andrew, Grand Rapids, Mich., 2,438. 41, Bryanna Coté, Tucson, Ariz., 2,434. 42, Courtney Ermisch, Big Bend, Wis., 2,400.

43(tie), Jodi Woessner, Oregon, Ohio, and Daria Pajak, Poland, 2,397. 45, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 2,395. 46, Jennifer Hocuscak, Orange, Conn., 2,393. 47, Elise Bolton, Merritt Island, Fla., 2,391. 48, Kayla Pashina, Minnetonka, Minn., 2,387.

49, Shannon Grimm (n), Fenton, Mo., 2,383. 50, Wendy Bartaire-Jimenez, France, 2,381. 51, Taylor Bulhuis, New Port Richey, Fla., 2,375. 52, Kayla Bandy, Wichita, Kan., 2,372. 53, Jill Creamer, Redding, Calif., 2,370. 54, Mallory Clark, Auburn, Maine, 2,369.

55, Missy Parkin, San Clemente, Calif., 2,368. 56(tie), Jessica Earnest (n), Nashville, Tenn., and Kara Mangiola, Spencerport, N.Y., 2,355. 58, Alexis Neuer, Milton, Pa., 2,353. 59, Jenna Williams (n), Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 2,350. 60, Taylor Bailey, Joliet, Ill., 2,345.

61, Justyne Vukovich, New Stanton, Pa., 2,343. 62, Jenny Wonders (n), Roscoe, Ill., 2,330. 63, Summer Jasmin, Beckley, W.Va., 2,329. 64, Kaylene Bishop, Medical Lake, Wash., 2,327. 65(tie), Felicia Wong, Canada, and Kayla Crawford, Silvis, Ill., 2,321.

67, Jasmine Snell (n), Papillion, Neb., 2,317. 68, Lisa Timm, Auburn, Ill., 2,293. 69, Marissa Allison (n), Sylvania, Ohio, 2,275. 70, Christine Gill, Troy, Ill., 2,259. 71, Denise Kurek, Jacksonville, N.C., 2,250. 72, Abby Ragsdale, Aurora, Ill., 2,239.

73, Nicole Kleutgen, Stevens Point, Wis., 2,233. 74, Ritzel Velarde, Everett, Wash., 2,223. 75, Hayley Dann, Dayton, Ohio, 2,185. 76, Melanie McDaniel, Joliet, Ill., 2,164. 77, Wendy Mann, South Elgin, Ill., 2,149. 78, Nichole DePaul, Baytown, Texas, 2,143.

79, Tabitha Schlupe, Akron, Ohio, 2,115. 80, Brooke Allen, Potosi, Wis., 2,082.

## **KUHLKIN SEIZES TOP SEED AT 2022 PWBA ROCKFORD OPEN**

**By Emil Williams Jr.**

**ROCKFORD, Ill.** - Opportunity doesn't knock very often on the Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour, but when it does, you have to open the door.

Liz Kuhlkin of Schenectady, New York, saw her opportunity to move into the lead during the Round of 12 and seized her moment to overtake Breanna Clemmer of Clover, South Carolina, to capture the top seed at the PWBA Rockford Open.

The finals will be broadcast live on Sunday at 6 p.m. Eastern on CBS Sports Network, with the champion taking home the \$20,000 first-place prize.

Joining Kuhlkin and Clemmer in the stepladder will be No. 3 Kelly Kulick of Union, New Jersey, No. 4 Shannon O'Keefe of Belleville, Illinois, and No. 5 Stefanie Johnson of McKinney, Texas.

Entering the final game of Round 4, Kuhlkin trailed Clemmer by four pins, which made the situation simple for both players to acquire the top seed. Kuhlkin, who was paired with Clemmer for the final round, put together a game of 234, while Clemmer could only get to 210, giving Kuhlkin the top spot.

Kuhlkin finished with a 5,354 total for 24 games, a 223.08 average. Clemmer had 5,334.

Clemmer led for three consecutive rounds and was dominant before struggling in the final round and eventually ceding the lead to Kuhlkin, who was in second place after Rounds 2 and 3. The run to the top spot began in the final game of Round 3 for Kuhlkin, who rolled a 267 game to close the gap to 78 pins prior to the final six-game block.

"It's kind of like chipping away," said Kuhlkin, who will be looking for her third career PWBA Tour title. "I bridged the gap a lot, so when I did that it was kind of within reach at that point. So, I knew going into the second block I just needed to do my thing, hit the pocket, make spares, get to a good pair and score big, and I was able to get some hits and get it done."

Kuhlkin's last win came at the 2018 U.S. Women's Open, and while she's had some success in recent seasons, she feels she has somewhat underachieved and looks to change that mantra on Sunday.

"This is going to sound harsh, but I feel the past couple years I've been sort of mediocre, and I've kind of underachieved," said Kuhlkin, who also won the 2015 PWBA Topeka Open. "I always felt like I've been an elite player on tour, and I have the



passion and will to win. But at the end of the day, you have to do it, and this is how you do it.

“You put yourself in position to win, you make the TV shows, you make it as the No. 1 or No. 2 seed, but at the end of the day, it's about finishing up the job, too. So, I'm 75% there and I need to show up tomorrow, but it means a lot to me to start off the season this way. It shows that I could do it. I knew I could, but now, I'm showing it for real.”

Despite losing the top seed, Clemmer was not disappointed and instead hung her hat on the positives she learned during the final round that will set her up for success in future events.

“No, I'm always learning,” said Clemmer, who had two third-place finishes in 2021. “I think today I learned more than I have the whole week. You know, when it comes to equipment and lane play, and what I can really do with my hand, I learned that more today than anything. So, I'm not disappointed at all. I'm always working and always learning. You always have to take something positive from it.”

Kulick, who began the final round in eighth place, found herself in fourth with one game to go. She improved her seeding after rolling 245 in Game 24 to earn the third seed. Kulick's jump was thanks to tossing the highest six-game block (1,374) of the round. She will look to win her eighth career PWBA Tour title and second in as many seasons.

O'Keefe struggled late in Round 4 and was 12 pins back in seventh position with one game to go. As champions often do, O'Keefe found the right equipment, dug deep and began the last game with seven consecutive strikes, ultimately finishing with a 245 game to make up the difference and earn a spot in the finals.

O'Keefe won the opening event of the 2021 season, the Bowlers Journal Classic, and will look to repeat that feat Sunday. If she wins, it will be her 15th career PWBA Tour title.

Johnson also found some difficulties down the stretch in Round 4, but she did just enough to stay ahead of England's Verity Crawley for the final spot. Needing a mark in the 10th frame to clinch the fifth seed, Johnson found a way to strike to remain in the top five after entering the final game in third place. Johnson is in search of her fourth PWBA title and first since 2018.

The 80-player field bowled 12 games Friday, before the first cut to the top 27 athletes. Advancers bowled an additional six-game block Saturday morning, with the top 12 competing in a final six-game round to determine the five bowlers for the stepladder, based on 24-game pinfall totals.

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**2022 PWBA Rockford Open  
At The Cherry Bowl  
Rockford, Ill.**

**Saturday's results**

**QUALIFYING ROUND 4**

1, Liz Kuhlkin, Schenectady, N.Y., 5,354. 2, Breanna Clemmer, Clover, S.C., 5,334. 3, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 5,231. 4, Shannon O'Keefe, Belleville, Ill., 5,206. 5, Stefanie Johnson, McKinney, Texas, 5,200.

**DID NOT ADVANCE**

6, Verity Crawley, England, 5,181, \$5,200. 7, Birgit Noreiks, Germany, 5,163, \$4,750. 8, Brandi Kordelewski, Belleville, Ill., 5,135, \$4,300. 9, Dasha Kovalova, Ukraine, 5,095, \$4,100. 10, Liz Johnson, Niagara Falls, N.Y., 5,003, \$4,000. 11, Ashly Galante, Palm Harbor, Fla., 4,996, \$3,900. 12, Chelsea Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich., 4,989, \$3,800.

**QUALIFYING ROUND 3**

1, Breanna Clemmer, Clover, S.C., 4,113. 2, Liz Kuhlkin, Schenectady, N.Y., 4,035. 3, Stefanie Johnson, McKinney, Texas, 4,012. 4, Brandi Kordelewski, Belleville, Ill., 3,966. 5, Shannon O'Keefe, Belleville, Ill., 3,942. 6, Verity Crawley, England, 3,904.

7, Birgit Noreiks, Germany, 3,869. 8, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 3,857. 9, Ashly Galante, Palm Harbor, Fla., 3,845. 10, Chelsea Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich., 3,840. 11, Liz Johnson, Niagara Falls, N.Y., 3,828. 12, Dasha Kovalova, Ukraine, 3,827.

**DID NOT ADVANCE**

13, Maria José Rodríguez, Colombia, 3,810, \$3,700. 14, Stephanie Zavala, Downey, Calif., 3,797, \$3,600. 15, Jordan Richard, Maumee, Ohio, 3,788, \$3,500. 16, Rocio Restrepo, Uniontown, Ohio, 3,783, \$3,400. 17, Lindsay Boomershine, Perry, Utah, 3,778, \$3,250. 18, Stephanie Schwartz, Racine, Wis., 3,764, \$3,000.

19(tie), Diandra Asbaty, Chicago, and Erin McCarthy, Elkhorn, Neb., 3,760, \$2,725. 21, Rebecca Hagerman (n), Loves Park, Ill., 3,750, \$2,400. 22, Shannon Pluhowsky, Dayton, Ohio, 3,734, \$2,200. 23, Haley Richard, Tipton, Mich., 3,733, \$1,850. 24, Gazmine Mason, Cranston, R.I., 3,725, \$1,650.

25, Josie Barnes, Hermitage, Tenn., 3,724, \$1,550. 26, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 3,690, \$1,500. 27, Sandra Gongora, Mexico, 3,667, \$1,400.

## **STEFANIE JOHNSON CLIMBS LADDER TO WIN 2022 PWBA ROCKFORD OPEN**

**By Emil Williams Jr.**

**ROCKFORD, Ill.** - When the Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour returned to The Cherry Bowl this week, the expectation for a special performance came along with it.

Stefanie Johnson of McKinney, Texas, had no problem providing the highlights while etching her name into the history book Sunday when she defeated Liz Kuhlkin of Schenectady, New York, 228-203, to run the stepladder and win the PWBA Rockford Open.

The 38-year-old right-hander notched her fourth career PWBA Tour victory and claimed the \$20,000 top prize. The stepladder was broadcast live on CBS Sports Network.

In the title match, Johnson began with an early double, but she threw a split in the third frame to give Kuhlkin her first lead, after she began the match with a strike and three consecutive spares.

Johnson reclaimed the lead after tossing five consecutive strikes, starting in the fourth frame. Kuhlkin kept things close by remaining clean, adding a double in the sixth and seventh frames. Kuhlkin rolled a key strike in the ninth, which put some pressure on Johnson prior to her ninth frame.

After a spare in the ninth, Johnson needed two strikes in the 10th to win the title, and she delivered when it mattered most on the 39-foot oil pattern. In the final game of Saturday's Round of 12, Johnson needed marks in the ninth and 10th frames to secure her spot in the finals and delivered then, too.

"During the entire stepladder, my thought process never changed," said Johnson, who won her first title since 2018. "I knew I just had to commit to making a good shot and let the universe work how it works. My opponents bowled well, and I just needed to bowl better than them, and that's really the only thing I had control over. I made a couple bad shots and talked to the reps, and we just tried to stay ahead of the transition anyway. I think ultimately that's kind of what got me into the winner's circle."

Johnson, like many others, was directly impacted by the PWBA's absence following the 2003 season. She was a collegiate standout at Central Florida, but unfortunately was unable to showcase her talent at the professional level.

Although the wait was longer than expected, Johnson finally got the chance to compete as a professional at The Cherry Bowl after an appearance as a collegiate player in 2006, helping Central Florida to a runner-up finish at the Intercollegiate Team Championships. The ties to the center run deep as her collegiate coach, United States Bowling Congress and PWBA Hall of Famer Pat Costello, won the 1980 U.S. Women's Open at The Cherry Bowl, too.

USBC and PWBA Hall of Famer John Sommer, who ran the tour from 1981-2003, presented the trophy to Johnson in an emotional moment.

"I have chills when you asked me that because if it wasn't for him, you know I may not even be here talking to you," said Johnson, who had one open frame in 40 opportunities Sunday. "I understand the history. I know where the tour has been, and I'm just forever grateful to be able to come here and win in the home where my collegiate coach won the U.S. Women's Open. That's pretty cool."

Johnson entered the week with a different appreciation of the tour and the opportunity to compete. She knew she had history with the center, which allowed her to be herself. But, it was her late father, Frank, who may have played the biggest role of all this week.

"I had a moment of channeling my dad," Johnson said. "I saw something on Facebook that just triggered me, and I just really felt like he was with me all week. It's been four years since I've been in the winner's circle, and I really attest that to him. Our friendship anniversary popped up on Friday morning. I think of him all the time, but that really triggered me."

In the semifinal match, Johnson defeated Breanna Clemmer of Clover, South Carolina, 226-200. Johnson used three consecutive strikes in the middle of the game to propel her to victory over the second-year player. Clemmer was looking for her first PWBA Tour title and now has three third-place finishes in two seasons.

Johnson advanced to the semifinal after dispatching Kelly Kulick of Union, New Jersey, 223-177. Kulick opened the match strong but ran into trouble on the left lane, which resulted in consecutive open frames. That was more than enough for Johnson, who remained clean throughout the game to win going away.

The opening match saw Johnson defeat her best friend, Shannon O'Keefe of Belleville, Illinois, 243-220. Johnson came out the gates rolling with strikes in three of the first four frames, while O'Keefe rattled off five consecutive spares. O'Keefe followed with four consecutive strikes of her own and had a chance to put some pressure on Johnson, but she was unable to strike in the 10th frame.

The 80-player field in Rockford bowled 12 games Friday, before the first cut to the top 27 athletes. Advancers bowled an additional six-game block Saturday morning, with the top 12 competing in a final six-game round to determine the five bowlers for the stepladder, based on 24-game pinfall totals.

The 2022 PWBA Tour season now will head to Stardust Bowl in Addison, Illinois, for the USBC Queens, the first major championship of the year.

The USBC Queens will take place May 18-24, with the winner taking home \$60,000 and the tiara.

The stepladder finals of the USBC Queens will be broadcast live on CBS Sports Network on May 24 at 7 p.m. Eastern. All rounds leading up to the finals will be broadcast on BowITV.

Julia Bond of Aurora, Illinois, will enter the event as the defending champion after claiming her first major title in 2021 at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada.

### **Rockford Regional**

Sunday also saw the running of the PWBA Rockford Regional, which was won by top seed Jodi Woessner of Oregon, Ohio. Woessner defeated Elise Bolton of Merritt Island, Florida, in the title match, 200-177.

Woessner, who won the USBC Senior Queens in March, continued her great start to the year. She never misses an opportunity to compete and is seeing her training pay off.

"It really is starting to solidify my year," Woessner said. "I won the Senior Queens, and then I came here and bowled well Friday, but I didn't score well. I came in today with a lot of confidence and turned it into a win. So, it's great going into next week and going into the rest of the year. I feel like it really validates the work that I put in. I'm 52 years old and can still strike a little bit, so that makes me feel good, too."

Bolton advanced to the title match after defeating Kayla Crawford of Silvis, Illinois, 209-174. In the opening match, Bolton took care of Estefania Cobo of Fort Worth, Texas, 199-182.

The 40-player regional field bowled eight games of qualifying, with the top four players advancing to the stepladder finals. The finals were streamed live at BowITV.com. For more information on the PWBA, visit [PWBA.com](http://PWBA.com).

### **2022 PWBA Rockford Open At The Cherry Bowl Rockford, Ill.**

#### **Sunday's results**

#### **FINAL STANDINGS**

- 1, Stefanie Johnson, McKinney, Texas, 920 (four games), \$20,000.
- 2, Liz Kuhlkin, Schenectady, N.Y., 203 (one game), \$10,000.
- 3, Breanna Clemmer, Clover, S.C., 200 (one game), \$7,700.
- 4, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 177 (one game), \$6,600.
- 5, Shannon O'Keefe, Belleville, Ill., 220 (one game), \$5,600.

#### **STEPLADDER RESULTS**

- Match No. 1 – Johnson def. O'Keefe, 243-220.  
Match No. 2 – Johnson def. Kulick, 223-177.  
Semifinal – Johnson def. Clemmer, 226-200.  
Championship – Johnson def. Kuhlkin, 228-203.

## **ROCKFORD REGIONAL RESULTS**

### **FINAL STANDINGS**

- 1, Jodi Woessner, Oregon, Ohio, 200 (one game), \$1,350.
- 2, Elise Bolton, Merritt Island, Fla., 585, (three games) \$850.
- 3, Kayla Crawford, Silvis, Ill., 174 (one game), \$650.
- 4, Estefania Cobo, Fort Worth, Texas, 182 (one game) \$500.

### **STEPLADDER RESULTS**

Match No. 1 – Bolton def. Cobo, 199-182.  
Semifinal – Bolton def. Crawford, 209-174.  
Championship – Woessner def. Bolton, 200-177.

## **BOND LOOKS TO DEFEND TITLE CLOSE TO HOME AT 2022 USBC QUEENS**

**By Emil Williams Jr.**

**ADDISON, III.** - When Julia Bond of Aurora, Illinois, made her Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour debut as a full-time member in 2019, it was simply a question of when, and not if, she would win a major title.

Just one full season later, Bond broke the code early, figuring out how to win three times on the national tour, which included her first major championship at the 2021 United States Bowling Congress Queens at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada.

The 26-year-old right-hander will return to the event this week at Stardust Bowl, and she's looking for another long run through the tournament's double-elimination bracket.

The 2022 USBC Queens begins Wednesday with the tournament's official practice sessions. The first of three five-game qualifying rounds will start Thursday, before the field is cut to the top 63 players and Bond, who is guaranteed a spot in the bracket as the defending champion.

Three-game total-pinfall matches will determine which players advance through the bracket leading up to the stepladder finals on May 24 at 7 p.m. Eastern on CBS Sports Network.

All qualifying and match-play rounds leading up to the live televised finals will be broadcast at [BowITV.com](http://BowITV.com).

The winner of the Queens will take home a \$60,000 top prize and the tiara awarded to the champion.

Bond averaged more than 234 across six matches to earn the top seed, and she went on to defeat Missy Parkin of San Clemente, California, in the title match, 238-154.

It's rare for any player to earn a major championship so early in a career, but Bond has the pedigree. Bond had made two trips to the bracket as an amateur but did not advance to match play at the Queens in 2019. She responded in the best way possible in 2021.

She's looking forward to a return to the bracket and gaining some understanding of how the lanes will play throughout qualifying.

"Winning Queens was definitely on my bucket list," Bond said. "It felt incredible hoisting the trophy because, to be honest, I didn't think Queens would be my first major. I didn't even make the bracket when it was held in 2019. It felt very empowering to come back and win it at the (National Bowling) Stadium. And, as the defending champ, I'm really looking forward to going through the bracket again. I get the luxury of automatically making the bracket, so I'm really excited to learn as much as I can in qualifying and go head-to-head against the best."

Bond's win at the Queens was the second of her three titles in 2021, which also included the PWBA Hall of Fame Classic in January and PWBA Pepsi Classic in October. At the time of her win at the Queens last May, spectators were not allowed, which meant her parents, who often support her in person, were unable to attend.

Now, spectators are allowed, and the event is approximately 30 miles away from Bond's Aurora home, which means parents, friends and more of her family will have the opportunity to see her potentially win another PWBA Tour title.

"I'm going to have a great appreciation for being able to compete in front of my support system," said Bond, who finished fourth on the PWBA points list in 2021. "It will mean a lot to me to have them there while I try to defend my title, since we unfortunately couldn't have spectators last year. They've never seen me win a title in person. It'll be special to have them behind me."

Bond is coming off a subpar finish at the season-opening PWBA Rockford Open. After a strong start to the event, she lost her battle with lane transition and finished outside of the top 27, the number to make the first cut, in 35th place.

In some ways, the timing of the first major and her title defense could not be better. She can quickly get back on the lanes, forget about the first event, and with a spot in the bracket, work on whatever may be needed in 15 games of qualifying before match play begins.

"I'm very disappointed with how Rockford went, considering how strong I started the first three games during the first qualifying round," said Bond, who is a six-time member of Team USA. "When the transition hit, it hit me hard, and I struggled to recover. However, I reflected on what I saw on the lanes, what balls worked and what didn't work. I journaled about it, processed the information and feel good moving forward."

This year's field will feature 200 players competing across two squads during qualifying. Match play will begin Sunday and go into Monday, before the top five players are determined for Tuesday's stepladder finals.

For more information on the USBC Queens, visit [BOWL.com/Queens](https://www.bowl.com/queens).

## **PWBA ADDS CLASS OF 2020 AND 2022 TO HALL OF FAME**

**By Emil Williams Jr.**

**ADDISON, III.** - The Professional Women's Bowling Association added two new classes of inductees to its hall of fame Wednesday night at the Chicago Marriott Oak Brook hotel.

The 2020 class began the festivities, as Pam Buckner of Reno, Nevada, and Carolyn Dorin-Ballard of Keller, Texas, were inducted in the Performance category. Australia's Carol Gianotti also was elected in Performance as part of the 2020 class, but she will defer her acceptance until 2023.

The 2022 class featured Kim Adler of Cocoa Beach, Florida, and Kim Terrell-Kearney of Greensboro, North Carolina, in the Performance category, with Joan Romeo of Las Vegas being inducted in the Meritorious/Builder category.

The 2020 induction ceremony was pushed back to 2022 because of the COVID-19 pandemic, which forced the cancellation of the 2020 PWBA Tour season. There was no elected class in 2021.

Buckner, 75, of Reno, Nevada, won her first PWBA Tour title at the 1975 PWBA Championships, and she picked up her second major championship at the 1976 United States Bowling Congress Queens. She won seven PWBA titles between 1975 and 1980.

Along with her two major titles, Buckner owns nine career PWBA 300 games and four PWBA 800 series awards. On Aug. 26, 1979, Buckner tossed 30 consecutive strikes during qualifying at a PWBA event in Rochester Hills, Michigan. The run featured back-to-back 300 games, making her the first woman to roll consecutive perfect games.

"It's the highest honor, honest to God," Buckner said. "I just feel totally honored. To receive this as an athlete, it's the highest honor anybody could have. You work constantly all the time to be the best that you can be, and my career has lasted quite a while. I've had to change my game. I've had to change things in my game in order to remain competitive.

"Even though I'm older, I'm not going to be competitive with the 20-year-olds today, but I can still compete with the seniors, and I really believe I can do that even though I have to compete with some seniors now that are 25 years younger than me. But to me, it's the ultimate honor, and I truly am honored they elected me to the hall of fame."



Buckner also was inducted into the USBC Hall of Fame in 1990.

Dorin-Ballard, 57, of Keller, Texas, captured 20 PWBA Tour titles from 1991 through 2003, including the 2001 USBC Queens. She was the 2001 PWBA Player of the Year after winning a record-tying seven titles (Patty Costello, 1976). She tied or broke 11 PWBA records that season, setting the record for most TV appearances in a season with 18.

She's tied for seventh on the tour's all-time title list with 2019 PWBA Hall of Fame inductee Wendy Macpherson.

"It's just overwhelming and humbling," Dorin-Ballard said. "I just can't believe I got there. It's kind of like winning the Queens or any type of tournament. I just can't believe I did it, and I would have never thought I would have had the credentials to get into the PWBA Hall of Fame. I mean, that's just the epitome of women's bowling. And I guess somebody was watching out for me and thought it was my destiny, but it's an extreme honor.

"And I feel so much better now that my speech is over. I cried like five times today, walking through my speech and talking to my sister about it. So, when I got up there, I just looked out and I went, 'Oh my God, I'm standing here. I don't believe it.' I hope it's inspiring for the younger generation, and it's a goal fulfilled that I didn't know I would be able to accomplish."

In 2001 and 2003, she led the PWBA in earnings and average and was named the International Bowling Media Association Female Bowler of the Year.

Dorin-Ballard was inducted into the USBC Hall of Fame in 2008.

Terrell-Kearney, 56, of Greensboro, North Carolina, is a 10-time PWBA Tour titlist and three-time major champion.

She was named the 1989 PWBA Rookie of the Year and won her first title in 1990. Her first major victory came at the 2001 U.S. Women's Open, and she collected a second green jacket at the 2008 event. She is the 2002 Queens champion, and now the first Black woman to earn induction into the PWBA Hall of Fame.

"I am humbled. I am honored," Terrell-Kearney said. "I felt like 10 was the magic number when I was active, and I said I probably should get to 10 if you want to see anything later. It's always been hard for me to sometimes believe that I belong in the company of Carolyn (Dorin-Ballard) and Leanne (Hulsenberg) and Lisa (Wagner), those that did really amazing things.

"So, it's taken a minute for me to fully digest and recognize that it was a career to be proud of. It's a pretty special night. And, you know, I think it'll probably sink in a little bit later, although it has more and more as we've gotten closer to tonight."

Terrell-Kearney has turned her attention to coaching in recent years and is in her second stint as part of the Team USA coaching program. She also is the head women's bowling coach at North Carolina A&T State University.

The three-time Robby Sportsmanship Award winner was inducted into the USBC Hall of Fame for Superior Performance in 2010.

Adler, 54, of Cocoa Beach, Florida, collected 15 PWBA Tour titles from 1993 through 2002, including three major championships.

The 1991 PWBA Rookie of the Year captured her first major at the 1996 Hammer Players Championship, and she followed with additional major wins at the 1997 Sam's Town Invitational and 1999 U.S. Women's Open.

"You know, when you're in the midst of competing, you always ask is it worth it during the time that you're competing," Adler said. "I guess I can now reflect back and think that bowling was everything for me. Even though I'm not in bowling anymore, it helped me to get to the place that I'm at now, which is a very good place, and that means everything to me."

Adler consistently found her way to the winner's circle on tour, capturing two titles in each season from 1995 through 2000.

She was inducted into the USBC Hall of Fame for Superior Performance in 2016.

Romeo, 89, of Las Vegas, has served countless roles in the bowling industry to help grow the sport and been recognized for her dedication through numerous awards, but her work on behalf of professional women's bowling has left a lasting legacy.

She diligently worked to secure sponsorships and promote events throughout the years, and her fundraising efforts helped to create an exhibit to recognize professional women's bowling at the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame, part of the International Bowling Campus in Arlington, Texas.

"Would you like to know that I think this was a miracle," Romeo said. "To be inducted into one hall of fame was great enough, but now two, and to be there alongside my daughter is amazing. I think my biggest accomplishment was not only getting the money for the PWBA room, but also creating the Extravaganza, because that raised money every time it ran. And not just little money, good money."

In addition to her dedication to professional women's bowling, Romeo's work within the industry included supporting the International Bowling Media Association, World Bowling (now International Bowling Federation), International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame, California Bowling Writers and the Team USA program.

Romeo now joins her daughter, Robin, in both the PWBA and USBC Halls of Fame.

Joan Romeo was inducted into the USBC Hall of Fame for Meritorious Service in 2016, while Robin Romeo was elected to the USBC Hall of Fame for Superior Performance in 1995 and PWBA Hall of Fame for Performance in 1996.

They will join Doris Coburn and Cindy Coburn-Carroll as the only mother-and-daughter duos to be inducted into both halls of fame.

Nominees in the PWBA Performance category must be at least 50 years of age and have a minimum of 10 PWBA Tour titles or a minimum of five PWBA Tour titles, including two majors.

The inaugural PWBA Hall of Fame class in 1995 included Donna Adamek, Patty Costello, Dorothy Fothergill, Mildred Ignizio, Marion Ladewig and Betty Morris in the Performance category, LaVerne Carter, Helen Duvall and Shirley Garms in Pioneer, and Georgia Veatch in the Builder category.

With the 2020 and 2022 class, there are 44 members of the PWBA Hall of Fame – 26 in Performance, 10 in Pioneer and eight in Meritorious Service/Builder.

Visit [PWBA.com](http://PWBA.com) for more information on the PWBA and the PWBA Hall of Fame.

## **GAZMINE MASON LEADS OPENING ROUND AT 2022 USBC QUEENS**

**By Emil Williams Jr.**

**ADDISON, III.** - Gazmine Mason of Cranston, Rhode Island, averaged more than 243 to snag the overall lead after Round 1 of the 2022 United States Bowling Congress Queens.

Mason had a strong start to her week at Stardust Bowl and tossed games of 225, 239, 278, 216 and 259 for a 1,217 five-game total.

Ukraine's Dasha Kovalova, the 2019 USBC Queens champion, was second with 1,195, and Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York (1,185), Poland's Daria Pajak (1,137) and Olivia Farwell of Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania (1,135), round out the top five.

The Queens is the second event and first major championship on the 2022 Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour schedule. The finals will be broadcast live Tuesday at 7 p.m. Eastern on CBS Sports Network. All qualifying and match-play rounds leading up to the televised finals are streaming live at [BowlTV.com](http://BowlTV.com).

For Mason, the old saying "patience is a virtue," is exactly the attitude she used to claim the overall lead Thursday.

"I'm just staying patient," said Mason, who cashed at the season-opening PWBA Rockford Open last week. "I think my patience has grown over the past couple years. Sometimes I want to strike right away, but I'm more aware of what's going on. I'll tell myself, 'Hey, you don't have to start out the game with four or five (strikes) in a row."

Be patient and let them come to you.’ So, I really think that patience and awareness has been key for me.”

Mason will bowl on the “burn” Friday afternoon and will rely on some of the information she learned Thursday to assist but also will let her eyes be her guide as she navigates a different challenge.

“I ended on a pair that was a little tighter and had been migrating left throughout the day,” Mason said. “I was around 15 or 16 at the arrows when I made the move right, so tomorrow I’ll see what the first shot does and maybe start around 15 and move left from there. We’ll see what happens. But, who knows? You never know until you throw a ball.”

Kovalova began the season with a ninth-place finish at the Rockford Open and has rolled over her success to the Queens this week after firing games of 235, 269, 247, 218 and 226 on the 42-foot lane condition. She spent the offseason working on her mental game and gaining a better understanding of lane play, along with her equipment. It’s paying off early.

“I think the good start shows I can do things right,” Kovalova said. “It gives me confidence to believe in myself and what I do on the lanes. And, it shows that all the work I did in the offseason was useful.”

Competition resumes Friday with the second round of qualifying at 10 a.m. Eastern. After 15 games, the field will be cut to the top 63 players and Julia Bond of Aurora, Illinois, who is guaranteed a spot in the double-elimination bracket as the defending champion.

Bond finished the first round with a 1,011 total and is tied for 62nd place.

Match play will begin Sunday, with all matches prior to the stepladder finals featuring a three-game total-pinfall format. Bracket play resumes Monday, with the top five athletes advancing to Tuesday’s stepladder finals on CBS Sports Network.

The 2022 Queens champion will take home the \$60,000 first-place prize and tiara awarded to the winner.

For more information on the USBC Queens, visit [\*\*BOWL.com/Queens\*\*](https://www.usbc.com/queens).

**2022 USBC Queens  
At Stardust Bowl  
Addison, Illinois**

**Thursday’s Results**

**QUALIFYING – ROUND 1  
(Five games)**

1, Gazmine Mason, Cranston, R.I., 1,217. 2, Dasha Kovalova, Ukraine, 1,195. 3, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 1,185. 4, Daria Pajak, Poland, 1,137. 5, Olivia Farwell (n), Elizabethtown, Pa., 1,135. 6, Liz Kuhlkin, Schenectady, N.Y., 1,128.

7, Caroline Thesier, Mooresville, N.C., 1,124. 8, Jordan Richard, Maumee, Ohio, 1,118. 9, Josie Barnes, Hermitage, Tenn., 1,111. 10, Shannon Pluhowsky, Dayton, Ohio, 1,106. 11, Brandi Kordelewski, Belleville, Ill., 1,104. 12, Sofia Rodriguez Granda (n), Guatemala, 1,093.

13, Ashly Galante, Palm Harbor, Fla., 1,090. 14, Cassandra Leuthold, Lincoln, Neb., 1,089. 15(tie), Juliana Franco (n), Colombia, and Mary Orf, St. Louis, 1,088. 17, Abby Ragsdale, Aurora, Ill., 1,086. 18(tie), Brittany Smith, Johnston, Iowa, and Stephanie Schwartz, Racine, Wis., 1,084.

20, Zoriani Reyes, Bayamon, Puerto Rico, 1,081. 21, Erin McCarthy, Elkhorn, Neb., 1,080. 22(tie), Liz Johnson, Niagara Falls, N.Y., and Cassidy Courey (n), Brooklyn Center, Minn., 1,072. 24(tie), Maranda Pattison (a), Redwood Valley, Calif., and Sydney Brummett, Fort Wayne, Ind., 1,068.

26, Clara Guerrero, Colombia, 1,066. 27, Jen Higgins, Lewis Center, Ohio, 1,064. 28, Kayla Pashina, Minnetonka, Minn., 1,062. 29, Kayla Crawford, Silvis, Ill., 1,060. 30, Maria Bulanova, Russia, 1,059. 31, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 1,058.

32, Marissa Allison (n), Sylvania, Ohio, 1,054. 33(tie), Estefania Cobo, Puerto Rico, and Denisyha Waller (a), Markham, Ill., 1,050. 35, Birgit Noreiks, Germany, 1,044. 36(tie), Verity Crawley, England, Kristin Quah, Singapore, and Itzel Salayet, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 1,040.

39, Diandra Asbaty, Chicago, 1,038. 40, Stefanie Johnson, McKinney, Texas, 1,037. 41, Courtney Jacques, Albany, Ga., 1,036. 42, Summer Jasmin, Beckley, W.Va., 1,035.

43, Amanda Flood (n), Brandon, Fla., 1,034. 44, Shannon Sellens (n), Long Beach, N.Y., 1,033. 45, Bailey Palmer (n), Ottumwa, Iowa, 1,032. 46, Carlene Beyer, Ogdensburg, Wis., 1,030. 47, Megan Allensworth (n), Plainfield, Ill., 1,029. 48, Bryanna Coté, Tucson, Ariz., 1,027.

49(tie), Olivia Sandham, Saint Joseph, Mo., and Robin Orlikowski (n), Grand Rapids, Mich., 1,026. 51, Sharon Powers (n), Lakewood, Colo., 1,023. 52, Brianna Andrew, Grand Rapids, Mich., 1,020. 53(tie), Nicole Kleutgen, Stevens Point, Wis., and Emily Peterson (n), West Fargo, N.D., 1,018.

55, Wendy Bartaire-Jimenez, France, 1,017. 56(tie), Katelyn Zwiefelhofer (a), Racine, Wis., and Chelsey Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich., 1,015. 58, Sandra Gongora, Mexico, 1,014. 59(tie), Terysa Wojnar, New Lenox, Ill., and Rebecca Hagerman (n), Loves Park, Ill., 1,013.

61, Hope Gramly (n), Aubrey, Texas, 1,012. 62(tie), Shannon Grimm (n), Fenton, Mo., Jenny Wonders (n), Roscoe, Ill., Haley Richard, Tipton, Mich., and Julia Bond, Aurora, Ill., 1,011. 66, Kerry Smith, New Holland, Pa., 1,010.

67, Christine Gill, Troy, Ill., 1,008. 68, Emily Eckhoff (n), Wheat Ridge, Colo., 1,005. 69, Danielle Knittle, State College, Pa., 999. 70, Olivia Komorowski, Oshkosh, Wis., 997. 71, Elise Bolton, Merritt Island, Fla., 996. 72(tie), Maryssa Carey (n), Hobart, Ind., and Sandra Maresca, Mamaroneck, N.Y., 994.

74(tie), Shannon O'Keefe, Belleville, Ill., Lindsay Boomershine, Perry, Utah, Rocio Restrepo, Uniontown, Ohio, and Eryn Jones, Greenfield, Ind., 993. 78, Missy Parkin, San Clemente, Calif., 991.

79, Shalin Zulkifli, Malaysia, 990. 80, Kaleena Henning-Shannon (a), Omaha, Neb., 988. 81, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 985. 82, Taylor Bailey, Joliet, Ill., 984. 83(tie), Courtney Ermisch, Big Bend, Wis., and Katie Ann Sopp, White Bear Lake, Minn., 980.

85, Madison Janack (n), Wichita, Kan., 978. 86, Stephanie Zavala, Downey, Calif., 977. 87(tie), Jasmine Snell (n), Papillion, Neb., Janis Birschbach, Fond du Lac, Wis., Chelsea Raymond, St. Albans, Vt., and Serenity Quintero, Aurora, Ill., 975.

91(tie), Pamela Perez Millan, Carolina, Puerto Rico, and Kelly Zapf, Lakewood, Colo., 972. 93, Johanna Puentes (n), Colombia, 971. 94, Justyne Vukovich, New Stanton, Pa., 970. 95, Kaylene Bishop, Medical Lake, Wash., 969.

96(tie), Laura Barrios, Guatemala, and Ashley Rucker (n), Bartlesville, Okla., 968. 98, Sarah Gill, Fitchburg, Mass., 967. 99(tie), Brittany Pollentier, Cottage Grove, Wis., Kristin Nieter (n), Homewood, Ill., Edith Quintanilla, Guatemala, and Sue Cabello, Rockford, Ill., 965.

103(tie), Jessica Earnest (n), Nashville, Tenn., and Barbara Batt (a), Jacksonville, Fla., 962. 105(tie), Karen Marcano, Venezuela, Heather D'Errico, Rochester, N.Y., and Maria José Rodriguez, Colombia, 961. 108, Giselle Poss, Montgomery, Ill., 960.

109(tie), Alexis Neuer, Milton, Pa., and Capri Howard, Lynwood, Ill., 959. 111, Sarah Sanes (n), Murfreesboro, Tenn., 957. 112(tie), Kirstin Foster (n), Pella, Iowa, and Kasey Eaton (n), Wyoming, Mich., 956. 114(tie), Jodi Woessner, Oregon, Ohio, and Melissa Kammerer, Staten Island, N.Y., 954.

116(tie), Taylor Bulthuis, New Port Richey, Fla., and Heather Melvin, Sioux Falls, S.D., 952. 118, Samantha Knight (n), Kalamazoo, Mich., 950. 119(tie), Sarah Smith, Van Meter, Iowa, Laura Plazas (n), Bogota, and Elysia Current, Ephrata, Pa., 947.

122(tie), Bailey Gipson, Davison, Mich., and Danielle Beeck, Frankfort, Ill., 946. 124(tie), Nichole Hiraoka (n), Daly City, Calif., and Kristie Leong (n), Daly City, Calif., 945. 126(tie), Melanie McDaniel, Joliet, Ill., Amanda Sparr (n), Lake Villa, Ill., and Gabriella VanHorn, Lansing, Mich., 943.

129(tie), Lauren Pate, Ballwin, Mo., and Haley Carroll, Williamsville, N.Y., 941. 131, Melissa Landers, Prairie Grove, Ark., 939. 132, Mallory Clark, Auburn, Maine, 938.

133, Victoria Giardina, Shelby Township, Mich., 934. 134, Farrand Schneider (a), Essexville, Mich., 931. 135, Shawna Strause (n), Tucson, Ariz., 929. 136(tie), Heather Erdei, Omaha, Neb., and Jill Moore (n), Elizabethtown, Pa., 927. 138, Graciela Dube, Miami, Fla., 926.

139(tie), Kara Mangiola, Spencerport, N.Y., and Michelle Sterner (n), Niagara Falls, N.Y., 921. 141, Ana Bolanos, Guatemala, 920. 142, Breanna Clemmer, Clover, S.C., 918. 143, Julie Oczepek, Vassar, Mich., 917. 144, Jennifer Hocurscak, Orange, Conn., 916.

145, Stephanie Dennis, Kingston, Mo., 915. 146, Ana Morales, Guatemala, 914. 147(tie), Kayla Smith (n), Salem, Ill., Britney Brown, Norman, Okla., and Amber MacLeod (n), Brick, N.J., 912. 150, Ashlee Gonzales-Webb, Quantico, Va., 909.

151, Sierra Kanemoto (n), Dayton, Ohio, 907. 152, Hayley Dann, Dayton, Ohio, 905. 153, Jen Medon (n), Darien, Ill., 904. 154, Maria Kreke (n), Manchester, Mo., 903. 155(tie), Sandra Toole (n), Galesburg, Mich., and Kayla Bandy, Wichita, Kan., 896.

157(tie), Kelsi Anderson, San Antonio, and Ashley Ward, Bloomington, Ill., 895. 159, Tina LaCroix, Southampton, Mass., 893. 160, Mari Gallegos (n), Chicago, 888. 161(tie), Jennifer Russo, Monmouth Junction, N.J., and Jackie Kosier (n), Sylvania, Ohio, 887.

163, Olivia Wallace, Jackson, Mich., 886. 164, Roberta Vann (n), Downey, Calif., 885. 165, Stephanie Della Bernarda, Vernon Rockville, Conn., 883. 166, Juliana Botero,

Colombia, 880. 167, Jenica Baron, Barrington, Ill., 879. 168, Alexandra Ross (n), Greenwood, Ind., 877.

169, Jennifer DeGroot, North Little Rock, Ark., 874. 170, Jennifer Dovers (n), Sierra Vista, Ariz., 873. 171, Taishaye Naranjo, Lake Wales, Fla., 868. 172, Rebecca Azurmendi (n), Winnemucca, Nev., 867. 173, Felicia Wong, Canada, 865. 174(tie), Kendall Leahy, Carol Stream, Ill., and Claudia Barrios (n), Guatemala, 862.

176, Samantha Kriner, Houston, 859. 177, Nathalie Leon, Guatemala, 855. 178, Samantha Struzynski, Ogdensburg, Wis., 849. 179(tie), Lanaea Malak (n), Lemont, Ill., and Mei Yuan Miller (n), Millington, Tenn., 847.

181, Sue Walter, Ringle, Wis., 846. 182, Nicole Kittredge, St. Johnsbury, Vt., 844. 183(tie), Daniela Gonzalez, Riyadh, Fla., and Ashlyn Jamrog, Lacey, Wash., 839. 185, Megan Ashley (n), Parma, Ohio, 837. 186, Laura Stone, Bloomington, Ill., 835.

187, Pam Sprow (n), Lakeland, Fla., 827. 188(tie), Ashley Stayer, Cheyenne, Wyo., and Taylor Diefenderfer, Wichita, Kan., 826. 190, Emma Grace Dockery (n), Kent, Ohio, 823. 191, Lara Clevenger (n), Edgewater, Fla., 822. 192, Christina Hartl, Ephrata, Pa., 819.

193(tie), Jill Creamer, Redding, Calif., and Lisa Timm, Auburn, Ill., 818. 195, Nichole DePaul, Baytown, Texas, 807. 196, Wendy Mann, South Elgin, Ill., 804. 197, Katie Bishop (a), Westland, Mich., 793. 198, Danielle Young (n), Loves Park, Ill., 767.

199, Michaela Morgan, The Woodlands, Texas, 763. 200, Meghan Moore, Cleveland, 761. 201, Alexis Carter, Valparaiso, Ind., 736. 202, Farah Diaz, Tampa, Fla., 735. 203, Melissa Rieg (n), Wesley Chapel, Fla., 721. 204, Tabitha Schlupe, Akron, Ohio, 681.

## **KOVALOVA TAKES LEAD, MCEWAN MOVES INTO SECOND AT 2022 USBC QUEENS**

**By Emil Williams Jr.**

**ADDISON, Ill.** - Ukraine's Dasha Kovalova moved into the overall lead after two rounds on Friday at the 2022 **United States Bowling Congress** Queens.

The 2019 USBC Queens champion added games of 217, 204, 208, 216 and 246 for a 1,091 five-game block and leads the field with a 10-game total of 2,286, an average of 228.6.

She is followed in the standings by Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York (2,259), opening-round leader Gazmine Mason of Cranston, Rhode Island (2,246), Stephanie Schwartz of Racine, Wisconsin (2,229), and Liz Kuhlkin of Schenectady, New York (2,228).

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The four-time PWBA Tour champion spent the offseason training her mental game and placing an emphasis on understanding her triggers and what produces anxiety when she competes. What she didn't know at the time was how much of an escape bowling would become amidst devastating times.

Part of Kovalova's anxiety stems from some emotional stress directly related to her native Ukraine, which was invaded in February. Kovalova's parents, who live in Ukraine, were able to flee and find safety with Kovalova in her current hometown of Muskegon, Michigan.

Needless to say, the state of her country has taken its toll on Kovalova, but she's managed to use the stress as a training tool to improve as a player as she looks to support not only herself, but her parents in the immediate future.

"In the past couple of months, I've found that bowling is actually my escape," Kovalova said. "And, as you know before, I was very anxious about it. I'm still anxious about bowling, but I catch myself enjoying it because I don't have to think about sad stuff. I can just focus on what I'm doing the best, which is throwing shots. My parents fled so now they're here with me, which also adds a little bit of pressure, because I've got to work hard to make sure they can stay.

"I think it really, really pushed me to get on the lanes almost every single day in the offseason and just make sure that my body knows what to do when my brain freaks out. Then, find my triggers and understand how to bring myself back to the ground and focus on repeating shots, rather than throwing it all over the place and hoping for the best."

All competitors will bowl on the fresh 42-foot lane condition for the final day of qualifying, which might be music to Kovalova's ears after she averaged 239 on the fresh Thursday. She's looking forward to what the condition will present after its third application to the lanes, but most importantly, she can't wait to sport a new bowling jersey.

"Well, I'm going to try my new shirt to see if that's a good bowling shirt, because so far I have 2 1/2 good bowling shirts," said Kovalova, while smiling with her usual jovial spirit showing. "And as you know in bowling, it's very important to bowl in a good shirt. So, I'm going to try that out and experiment a little. But, I also think I have to resurface a couple of my bowling balls because I have a suspicion they gained some lane shine, and I don't think they're going to work if I don't resurface them."

McEwan went through her own stressful period in 2021 thanks to a lingering toe injury, specifically the big toe on her right foot. The seven-time PWBA Tour champion somehow managed to win two titles despite consistently being in pain while competing.

As the season went on, she did see some improvement, but it wasn't until the offseason where McEwan would have a couple of procedures done, which forced her to not bowl and focus solely on the improvement of her injury for two months.



With one round left, her sights are set on the double-elimination match-play bracket, and if she's learned anything about herself during a difficult 2021 season, McEwan now knows she can win when she's not 100%.

"I think it made me realize that I can still win when I'm not at my best, which is something that I always struggled with," said McEwan, who finished third at the 2016 Queens. "If my game felt really good physically, then I knew I could win. But if it didn't, then I would kind of convince myself that I had to throw it good in order to be successful, and out here, that's not always the case.

"Sometimes your absolute 'A' game is not what's needed. Your 'B' game is just as good to compete out here if you're doing the right stuff on the lane. So, I think just having that in the back of my mind that even weeks where I don't feel 100%, I can still come out and compete."

And as for the status of her toe?

"It's doing really well," McEwan said. "But, some of the related parts around the injury are lingering. Anybody that's ever had an injury probably knows how that feels. For example, if you hurt your hip, all of a sudden your knee and your ankle start hurting, so some of that is going on. I'm still recovering, but overall doing much better."

Competition resumes Saturday with the third round of qualifying at 10 a.m. Eastern. After 15 games, the field will be cut to the top 63 players and Julia Bond of Aurora, Illinois, who is guaranteed a spot in the double-elimination bracket as the defending champion.

Bond finished the second round with a 2,014 total and is tied for 59th place.

Match play will begin Sunday, with all matches prior to the stepladder finals featuring a three-game total-pinfal format. Bracket play resumes Monday, with the top five athletes advancing to Tuesday's stepladder finals.

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**2022 USBC Queens  
At Stardust Bowl  
Addison, Illinois**

**Friday's Results**

**QUALIFYING – ROUND 2  
(10 games)**

1, Dasha Kovalova, Ukraine, 2,286. 2, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 2,259. 3, Gazmine Mason, Cranston, R.I., 2,246. 4, Stephanie Schwartz, Racine, Wis., 2,229. 5, Liz Kuhlkin, Schenectady, N.Y., 2,228. 6, Jen Higgins, Lewis Center, Ohio, 2,224. 7, Cassandra Leuthold, Lincoln, Neb., 2,213. 8, Daria Pajak, Poland, 2,178. 9, Shannon Pluhowsky, Dayton, Ohio, 2,171. 10, Brandi Kordelewski, Belleville, Ill., 2,166. 11, Ashly Galante, Palm Harbor, Fla., 2,158. 12, Lindsay Boomershine, Perry, Utah, 2,149. 13, Clara Guerrero, Colombia, 2,148. 14, Maranda Pattison (a), Redwood Valley, Calif., 2,147. 15, Carlene Beyer, Ogdensburg, Wis., 2,142. 16, Marissa Allison (n), Sylvania, Ohio, 2,141. 17, Olivia Farwell (n), Elizabethtown, Pa., 2,134. 18, Elysia Current, Ephrata, Pa., 2,131. 19, Robin Orlikowski (n), Grand Rapids, Mich., 2,129. 20, Kristin Quah, Singapore, 2,122. 21, Jordan Richard, Maumee, Ohio, 2,116. 22, Bryanna Coté, Tucson, Ariz., 2,114. 23, Sofia Rodriguez Granda (n), Guatemala, 2,113. 24, Mary Orf, St. Louis, 2,109. 25, Sydney Brummett, Fort Wayne, Ind., 2,102. 26, Shannon Sellens (n), Long Beach, N.Y., 2,100. 27, Erin McCarthy, Elkhorn, Neb., 2,099. 28, Liz Johnson, Niagara Falls, N.Y., 2,092. 29(tie), Katelyn Zwiefelhofer (a), Racine, Wis., and Amanda Flood (n), Brandon, Fla., 2,087. 31, Maryssa Carey (n), Hobart, Ind., 2,085. 32, Juliana Franco (n), Colombia, 2,084. 33, Cassidy Courey (n), Brooklyn Center, Minn., 2,082. 34, Josie Barnes, Hermitage, Tenn., 2,081. 35, Shannon O'Keefe, Belleville, Ill., 2,080. 36, Verity Crawley, England, 2,079. 37, Stephanie Zavala, Downey, Calif., 2,078. 38, Diandra Asbaty, Chicago, 2,074. 39, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 2,071. 40, Caroline Thesier (n), Mooresville, N.C., 2,069. 41, Shannon Grimm (n), Fenton, Mo., 2,066. 42, Taylor Bailey, Joliet, Ill., 2,053. 43, Abby Ragsdale, Aurora, Ill., 2,048. 44(tie), Kelly Zapf, Lakewood, Colo., and Maria Bulanova, Russia, 2,043. 46(tie), Ashley Rucker (n), Bartlesville, Okla., Emily Peterson (n), West Fargo, N.D., and Kayla Crawford, Silvis, Ill., 2,042. 49, Brittany Smith, Johnston, Iowa, 2,039. 50, Jessica Earnest (n), Nashville, Tenn., 2,034. 51, Birgit Noreiks, Germany, 2,031. 52(tie), Rocio Restrepo, Uniontown, Ohio, Haley Richard, Tipton, Mich., and Rebecca Hagerman (n), Loves Park, Ill., 2,029. 55, Sandra Gongora, Mexico, 2,025. 56, Kayla Pashina, Minnetonka, Minn., 2,024. 57, Giselle Poss, Montgomery, Ill., 2,018. 58, Courtney Jacques, Albany, Ga., 2,017. 59(tie), Julia Bond, Aurora, Ill., and Hope Gramly (n), Aubrey, Texas, 2,014. 61, Zoriani Reyes, Puerto Rico, 2,012. 62, Sharon Powers (n), Lakewood, Colo., 2,011. 63, Megan Allensworth (n), Plainfield, Ill., 2,010. 64, Estefania Cobo, Puerto Rico, 2,001. 65, Missy Parkin, San Clemente, Calif., 2,000. 66(tie), Maria José Rodriguez, Colombia, and Olivia Komorowski, Oshkosh, Wis., 1,997. 68, Olivia Sandham, Saint Joseph, Mo., 1,995. 69, Sandra Maresca, Mamaroneck, N.Y., 1,994. 70, Brianna Andrew, Grand Rapids, Mich., 1,993. 71, Stefanie Johnson, McKinney, Texas, 1,988. 72, Shalin Zulkifli, Malaysia, 1,987. 73, Lauren Pate, Ballwin, Mo., 1,985. 74, Taylor Bulthuis, New Port Richey, Fla., 1,983. 75, Brittany Pollentier, Cottage Grove, Wis., 1,981. 76, Eryn Jones, Greenfield, Ind., 1,979. 77(tie), Elise Bolton, Merritt Island, Fla., and Christine Gill, Troy, Ill., 1,978. 79, Sarah Gill, Fitchburg, Mass., 1,975. 80, Mallory Clark, Auburn, Maine, 1,973. 81(tie), Wendy Bartaire-Jimenez, France, and Summer Jasmin, Beckley, W.Va., 1,969.

83, Emily Eckhoff (n), Wheat Ridge, Colo., 1,966. 84, Jenny Wonders (n), Roscoe, Ill., 1,963.

85(tie), Heather D'Errico, Rochester, N.Y., and Janis Birschbach, Fond du Lac, Wis., 1,960. 87, Heather Erdei, Omaha, Neb., 1,959. 88, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 1,956. 89(tie), Breanna Clemmer, Clover, S.C., and Laura Plazas (n), Bogota, 1,955.

91(tie), Jodi Woessner, Oregon, Ohio, and Serenity Quintero, Aurora, Ill., 1,948. 93, Denisyha Waller (a), Markham, Ill., 1,946. 94, Kerry Smith, New Holland, Pa., 1,945. 95, Danielle Knittle, State College, Pa., 1,943. 96, Heather Melvin, Sioux Falls, S.D., 1,942.

97, Kasey Eaton (n), Wyoming, Mich., 1,941. 98(tie), Melanie McDaniel, Joliet, Ill., and Chelsey Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich., 1,940. 100, Ana Morales, Guatemala, 1,939. 101, Katie Ann Sopp, White Bear Lake, Minn., 1,936. 102, Melissa Landers, Prairie Grove, Ark., 1,932.

103, Kristin Nieter (n), Homewood, Ill., 1,931. 104, Johanna Puentes (n), Colombia, 1,930. 105, Kirstin Foster (n), Pella, Iowa, 1,929. 106, Kristie Leong (n), Daly City, Calif., 1,926. 107, Nicole Kleutgen, Stevens Point, Wis., 1,924.

108(tie) Terysa Wojnar, New Lenox, Ill., and Itzel Salayet, Puerto Rico, 1,920. 110, Kaylene Bishop, Medical Lake, Wash., 1,919. 111, Kara Mangiola, Spencerport, N.Y., 1,918. 112, Haley Carroll, Williamsville, N.Y., 1,915. 113, Jasmine Snell (n), Papillion, Neb., 1,913. 114, Kelsi Anderson, San Antonio, 1,912.

115, Jennifer Russo, Monmouth Junction, N.J., 1,904. 116, Felicia Wong, Canada, 1,903. 117 (tie), Bailey Gipson, Davison, Mich., and Alexis Neuer, Milton, Pa., 1,902. 119(tie), Maria Kreke (n), Manchester, Mo., and Sarah Sanes (n), Murfreesboro, Tenn., 1,895.

121, Pamela Perez Millan, Puerto Rico, 1,893. 122, Samantha Knight (n), Kalamazoo, Mich., 1,889. 123, Chelsea Raymond, St. Albans, Vt., 1,886. 124, Madison Janack (n), Wichita, Kan., 1,885. 125, Capri Howard, Lynwood, Ill., 1,884. 126, Nichole Hiraoka (n), Daly City, Calif., 1,882.

127, Justyne Vukovich, New Stanton, Pa., 1,881. 128(tie), Jenica Baron, Barrington, Ill., and Ana Bolanos, Guatemala, 1,878. 130, Jennifer Hocurscak, Orange, Conn., 1,871. 131, Ashlee Gonzales-Webb, Quantico, Va., 1,867. 132, Bailey Palmer (n), Ottumwa, Iowa, 1,864.

133, Ashlyn Jamrog, Lacey, Wash., 1,854. 134, Laura Barrios, Guatemala, 1,851. 135, Shawna Strause (n), Tucson, Ariz., 1,847. 136(tie), Sue Cabello, Rockford, Ill., and Courtney Ermisch, Big Bend, Wis., 1,846. 138, Victoria Giardina, Shelby Township, Mich., 1,840.

139, Kaleena Henning-Shannon (a), Omaha, Neb., 1,839. 140, Edith Quintanilla, Guatemala, 1,835. 141, Karen Marcano, Venezuela, 1,833. 142, Barbara Batt (a), Jacksonville, Fla., 1,828. 143, Juliana Botero, Colombia, 1,826. 144, Britney Brown, Norman, Okla., 1,825.

145, Lara Clevenger (n), Edgewater, Fla., 1,820. 146(tie), Sierra Kanemoto (n), Dayton, Ohio, and Amber MacLeod (n), Brick, N.J., 1,816. 148, Kayla Smith (n), Salem, Ill., 1,813. 149(tie), Mari Gallegos (n), Chicago, and Jill Moore (n), Elizabethtown, Pa., 1,805.

151, Jennifer Dovers (n), Sierra Vista, Ariz., 1,803. 152, Claudia Barrios (n), Guatemala, 1,790. 153, Farrand Schneider (a), Essexville, Mich., 1,787. 154, Jen Medon (n), Darien, Ill., 1,784. 155, Sandra Toole (n), Galesburg, Mich., 1,783. 156, Gabriella VanHorn, Lansing, Mich., 1,780.

157, Sarah Smith, Van Meter, Iowa, 1,774. 158, Taishaye Naranjo, Lake Wales, Fla., 1,771. 159, Kayla Bandy, Wichita, Kan., 1,767. 160(tie), Megan Ashley (n), Parma, Ohio, and Melissa Kammerer, Staten Island, N.Y., 1,766. 162, Hayley Dann, Dayton, Ohio, 1,758.

163(tie), Olivia Wallace, Jackson, Mich., and Amanda Sparr (n), Lake Villa, Ill., 1,755. 165, Roberta Vann (n), Downey, Calif., 1,753. 166, Stephanie Dennis, Kingston, Mo., 1,751. 167, Danielle Beeck, Frankfort, Ill., 1,750. 168(tie), Daniela Gonzalez, Riyadh, Fla., and Stephanie DellaBernarda, Vernon Rockville, Conn., 1,747.

170, Emma Grace Dockery (n), Kent, Ohio, 1,743. 171(tie), Lisa Timm, Auburn, Ill., and Samantha Struzynski, Ogdensburg, Wis., 1,731. 173, Kendall Leahy, Carol Stream, Ill., 1,729. 174, Laura Stone, Bloomington, Ill., 1,720.

175, Tina LaCroix, Southamptn, Mass., 1,717. 176, Julie Oczepek, Vassar, Mich., 1,706. 177, Samantha Kriner, Houston, 1,705. 178, Danielle Young (n), Loves Park, Ill., 1,696. 179, Mei Yuan Miller (n), Millington, Tenn., 1,694. 180, Alexis Carter, Valparaiso, Ind., 1,689.

181(tie), Rebecca Azurmendi (n), Winnemucca, Nev., and Graciela Dube, Miami, Fla., 1,686. 183, Jennifer DeGroot, North Little Rock, Ark., 1,684. 184(tie), Nathalie Leon, Guatemala, and Jackie Kosier (n), Sylvania, Ohio, 1,678. 186(tie), Sue Walter, Ringle, Wis., and

Alexandra Ross (n), Greenwood, Ind., 1,655. 188, Christina Hartl, Ephrata, Pa., 1,653. 189, Pam Sprow (n), Lakeland, Fla., 1,652. 190, Lanaea Malak (n), Lemont, Ill., 1,641. 191, Nicole Kittredge, St. Johnsbury, Vt., 1,640. 192, Jill Creamer, Redding, Calif., 1,622.

193, Wendy Mann, South Elgin, Ill., 1,620. 194, Ashley Stayer, Cheyenne, Wyo., 1,618. 195, Taylor Diefenderfer, Wichita, Kan., 1,601. 196, Katie Bishop (a), Westland, Mich., 1,600. 197, Ashley Ward, Bloomington, Ill., 1,593. 198, Tabitha Schlupe, Akron, Ohio, 1,560.

199, Michaela Morgan, The Woodlands, Texas, 1,554. 200, Farah Diaz, Tampa, Fla., 1,551. 201, Melissa Rieg (n), Wesley Chapel, Fla., 1,512. 202, Meghan Moore, Cleveland, 1,502. 203, Michelle Sterner (n), Niagara Falls, N.Y., 1,834 (WD). 204, Nichole DePaul, Baytown, Texas, 1,109 (WD).

## **KOVALOVA LEADS QUALIFYING AT 2022 USBC QUEENS**

**By Emil Williams Jr.**

**ADDISON, Ill.** - Ukraine's Dasha Kovalova maintained her lead and averaged more than 223 during qualifying to lead the field into the double-elimination match-play bracket at the 2022 **United States Bowling Congress** Queens.

The 2019 USBC Queens champion posted a 1,064 five-game block Saturday at Stardust Bowl to complete qualifying with a 3,350 total for 15 games, a 223.33 average.

Kovalova is followed in the standings by Liz Kuhlkin of Schenectady, New York (3,345), Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York (3,318), Jen Higgins of Lewis Center, Ohio (3,259), and Stephanie Schwartz of Racine, Wisconsin (3,249).

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With qualifying complete, the top 63 players and Julia Bond of Aurora, Illinois, who was guaranteed a spot in the double-elimination bracket as the defending champion, will return Sunday for match play.

Bond finished qualifying tied for 40th place with a 3,050 total and will face Russia's Maria Bulanova in the opening round.

The final spot in the bracket went to Guatemala's Ana Morales, who finished with a 15-game total of 2,981, a 198.73 average. Kovalova will face Morales in the first round of match play.

The four-time PWBA Tour champion has finished no lower than second during qualifying this week and handled the varying challenges the 42-foot oil pattern has presented. But, each day presents a new challenge, and Saturday was no different.

"I just tried to stay in my bubble and focus on figuring out what the lanes wanted me to do," Kovalova said. "Today was a little tricky because my body did not feel really well, so it took me a little longer than it should've to get into the right ball. But once I got there, you can definitely see when I got into the right ball, because my scores definitely reflect that. Overall, I just tried to stay positive and even if I had my angry, outburst meltdown, I tried to shrink it to the point where I didn't lose a lot of pins."

Last year, Kovalova was the defending champion, qualified 28th and went 2-2 in match play. She's looking to improve on her performance both on the lanes and within her mental space.

"Well, I'm looking forward to just testing my skills," Kovalova said. "I feel I've been doing better mentally, so I just want to see how it is compared to last year's match play. I know last year's match play was kind of stressful for me. I mean, it's obviously always stressful, but I just want to see if I improve."

Kuhlkin continues to impress through the first two events in 2022. After earning the top seed at last week's PWBA Rockford Open, where she finished second, she was the only player in this week's field to have three blocks of 1,100 or better.

Her early success can be attributed to her offseason training, which has her feeling as sharp as she did when she first came out on tour in 2015 following her standout collegiate career at Nebraska.

"One thing I worked a lot on was my leverage and my speed," Kuhlkin said. "I've noticed just being on tour as long as I have that speed is very good on this tour. I'm not talking about rifling it, but just being able to stay right longer. By doing that, I started moving my feet a little bit faster and my swing is a little bit higher. Now, my leverage is so much better at the line than it has been in years. I honestly feel the best

I have since I left Nebraska's campus, and that's saying a lot, because I was very good when I left Nebraska."

Sunday's match-play round will begin at 11 a.m. Eastern. All matches prior to the stepladder finals will feature a three-game total-pinfal format.

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## **2022 USBC Queens At Stardust Bowl Addison, Illinois**

### **Saturday's Results**

#### **QUALIFYING – ROUND 3 (15 games)**

1, Dasha Kovalova, Ukraine, 3,350. 2, Liz Kuhlkin, Schenectady, N.Y., 3,345. 3, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 3,318. 4, Jen Higgins, Lewis Center, Ohio, 3,259. 5, Stephanie Schwartz, Racine, Wis., 3,249. 6, Gazmine Mason, Cranston, R.I., 3,244. 7, Cassandra Leuthold, Lincoln, Neb., 3,241. 8, Bryanna Coté, Tucson, Ariz., 3,224. 9, Brandi Kordelewski, Belleville, Ill., 3,186. 10, Daria Pajak, Poland, 3,183. 11, Cassidy Courey (n), Brooklyn Center, Minn., 3,180. 12, Lindsay Boomershine, Perry, Utah, 3,173. 13, Olivia Farwell (n), Elizabethtown, Pa., 3,169. 14, Erin McCarthy, Elkhorn, Neb., 3,165. 15, Carlene Beyer (n), Ogdensburg, Wis., 3,155. 16, Liz Johnson, Niagara Falls, N.Y., 3,145. 17, Shannon Pluhowsky, Dayton, Ohio, 3,141. 18(tie), Juliana Franco (n), Colombia, and Marissa Allison (n), Sylvania, Ohio, 3,124. 20, Elysia Current, Ephrata, Pa., 3,121. 21, Jordan Richard, Maumee, Ohio, 3,115. 22, Hope Gramly (n), Aubrey, Texas, 3,114. 23, Maria Bulanova, Russia, 3,106. 24, Verity Crawley, England, 3,099. 25(tie), Taylor Bailey, Joliet, Ill., and Kristin Quah, Singapore, 3,097. 27, Robin Orlikowski (n), Grand Rapids, Mich., 3,095. 28(tie), Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., and Sydney Brummett, Fort Wayne, Ind., 3,093. 30, Katelyn Zwiefelhofer (a), Racine, Wis., 3,084. 31, Diandra Asbaty, Chicago, 3,081. 32, Mary Orf (n), St. Louis, 3,076. 33, Shannon Sellens (n), Long Beach, N.Y., 3,075. 34, Ashley Rucker (n), Bartlesville, Okla., 3,073. 35, Rebecca Hagerman (n), Loves Park, Ill., 3,071. 36, Shannon O'Keefe, Belleville, Ill., 3,061. 37, Clara Guerrero, Colombia, 3,057. 38, Kayla Crawford, Silvis, Ill., 3,054. 39, Stephanie Zavala, Downey, Calif., 3,051. 40(tie), Julia Bond, Aurora, Ill., Giselle Poss, Montgomery, Ill., and Ashly Galante, Palm Harbor, Fla., 3,050.

43(tie), Caroline Thesier (n), Mooresville, N.C., and Amanda Flood (n), Brandon, Fla., 3,048. 45, Shannon Grimm (n), Fenton, Mo., 3,047. 46, Emily Peterson (n), West Fargo, N.D., 3,044. 47, Lauren Pate, Ballwin, Mo., 3,042. 48, Brittany Pollentier, Cottage Grove, Wis., 3,031.

49, Maranda Pattison (a), Redwood Valley, Calif., 3,028. 50, Birgit Noreiks, Germany, 3,023. 51(tie), Haley Richard, Tipton, Mich., and Jessica Earnest (n), Nashville, Tenn., 3,022. 53, Sharon Powers (n), Lakewood, Colo., 3,013. 54, Sandra Maresca, Mamaroneck, N.Y., 3,009.

55, Courtney Jacques, Albany, Ga., 3,008. 56, Maria José Rodriguez, Colombia, 3,006. 57, Brittany Smith, Johnston, Iowa, 3,003. 58, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 2,997. 59, Sarah Gill, Fitchburg, Mass., 2,996. 60, Shalin Zulkifli, Malaysia, 2,993.

61, Josie Barnes, Hermitage, Tenn., 2,986. 62, Megan Allensworth (n), Plainfield, Ill., 2,985. 63, Laura Plazas (n), Colombia, 2,982. 64, Ana Morales, Guatemala, 2,981.

### **DID NOT ADVANCE**

65, Kelly Zapf, Lakewood, Colo., 2,979, \$1,500. 66, Elise Bolton, Merritt Island, Fla., 2,977, \$1,500.

67, Breanna Clemmer, Clover, S.C., 2,976, \$1,500. 68, Estefania Cobo, Puerto Rico, 2,974, \$1,500. 69, Heather Melvin, Sioux Falls, S.D., 2,971. 70, Emily Eckhoff (n), Wheat Ridge, Colo., 2,970. 71, Kara Mangiola, Spencerport, N.Y., 2,969. 72, Stefanie Johnson, McKinney, Texas, 2,967.

73, Missy Parkin, San Clemente, Calif., 2,962. 74(tie), Johanna Puentes (n), Colombia, and Taylor Bulthuis, New Port Richey, Fla., 2,958. 76, Maryssa Carey (n), Hobart, Ind., 2,953. 77(tie), Abby Ragsdale, Aurora, Ill., and Sofia Rodriguez Granda (n), Guatemala, 2,947.

79, Heather Erdei, Omaha, Neb., 2,945. 80, Jasmine Snell (n), Papillion, Neb., 2,942. 81, Chelsey Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich., 2,936. 82, Christine Gill, Troy, Ill., 2,930. 83, Kasey Eaton (n), Wyoming, Mich., 2,929. 84(tie), Jodi Woessner, Oregon, Ohio, and Kayla Pashina, Minnetonka, Minn., 2,925.

86, Sandra Gongora, Mexico, 2,924. 87, Kaleena Henning-Shannon (a), Omaha, Neb., 2,923. 88, Rocio Restrepo, Uniontown, Ohio, 2,922. 89(tie), Mallory Clark, Auburn, Maine, and Olivia Komorowski, Oshkosh, Wis., 2,920.

91(tie), Eryn Jones, Greenfield, Ind., and Zoriani Reyes, Puerto Rico, 2,917. 93, Olivia Sandham, Saint Joseph, Mo., 2,915. 94, Katie Ann Sopp, White Bear Lake, Minn., 2,914. 95, Alexis Neuer, Milton, Pa., 2,909. 96, Ana Bolanos, Guatemala, 2,904.

97(tie), Danielle Knittle, State College, Pa., Serenity Quintero, Aurora, Ill., and Heather D'Errico, Rochester, N.Y., 2,893. 100, Kirstin Foster (n), Pella, Iowa, 2,892. 101, Jennifer Hocurscak, Orange, Conn., 2,888. 102, Kristin Nieter (n), Homewood, Ill., 2,887.

103(tie), Karen Marcano, Venezuela, and Justyne Vukovich, New Stanton, Pa., 2,886. 105, Kristie Leong (n), Daly City, Calif., 2,883. 106, Brianna Andrew, Grand Rapids, Mich., 2,882. 107, Summer Jasmin, Beckley, W.Va., 2,881. 108, Kaylene Bishop, Medical Lake, Wash., 2,876.

109, Samantha Knight (n), Kalamazoo, Mich., 2,875. 110, Denisyha Waller (a), Markham, Ill., 2,869. 111, Haley Carroll, Williamsville, N.Y., 2,867. 112, Wendy Bartaire-Jimenez, France, 2,865. 113(tie), Melanie McDaniel, Joliet, Ill., and Kerry Smith, New Holland, Pa., 2,857.

115, Jenny Wonders (n), Roscoe, Ill., 2,856. 116, Nicole Kleutgen, Stevens Point, Wis., 2,854. 117, Melissa Landers, Prairie Grove, Ark., 2,852. 118, Ashlyn Jamrog, Lacey, Wash., 2,841. 119, Janis Birschbach, Fond du Lac, Wis., 2,831. 120, Kelsi Anderson, San Antonio, 2,830.

121, Sarah Sanes (n), Murfreesboro, Tenn., 2,829. 122, Felicia Wong, Canada, 2,828. 123, Madison Janack (n), Wichita, Kan., 2,827. 124, Jennifer Russo, Monmouth Junction, N.J., 2,821.

125(tie), Nichole Hiraoka (n), Daly City, Calif., and Pamela Perez Millan, Puerto Rico, 2,815.

127, Terysa Wojnar, New Lenox, Ill., 2,809. 128, Itzel Salayet, Puerto Rico, 2,806. 129, Sue Cabello, Rockford, Ill., 2,804. 130, Bailey Gipson, Davison, Mich., 2,791. 131, Juliana Botero, Colombia, 2,783. 132, Victoria Giardina, Shelby Township, Mich., 2,777.

133, Capri Howard, Lynwood, Ill., 2,773. 134, Jenica Baron, Barrington, Ill., 2,760. 135, Maria Kreke (n), Manchester, Mo., 2,756. 136, Mari Gallegos (n), Chicago, 2,755. 137, Edith Quintanilla, Guatemala, 2,754. 138, Sierra Kanemoto (n), Dayton, Ohio, 2,752.

139, Sandra Toole (n), Galesburg, Mich., 2,750. 140, Taishaye Naranjo, Lake Wales, Fla., 2,746. 141, Jill Moore (n), Elizabethtown, Pa., 2,745. 142, Courtney Ermisch, Big Bend, Wis., 2,744. 143, Shawna Strause (n), Tucson, Ariz., 2,740. 144, Kayla Bandy, Wichita, Kan., 2,736.

145, Amber MacLeod (n), Brick, N.J., 2,735. 146, Ashlee Gonzales-Webb, Quantico, Va., 2,734. 147, Britney Brown, Norman, Okla., 2,731. 148, Gabriella VanHorn, Lansing, Mich., 2,723. 149, Bailey Palmer (n), Ottumwa, Iowa, 2,721. 150, Laura Barrios, Guatemala, 2,717.

151, Lisa Timm, Auburn, Ill., 2,714. 152, Chelsea Raymond, St. Albans, Vt., 2,708. 153, Megan Ashley (n), Parma, Ohio, 2,707. 154, Emma Grace Dockery (n), Kent, Ohio, 2,703. 155, Farrand Schneider (a), Essexville, Mich., 2,700. 156, Laura Stone, Bloomington, Ill., 2,695.

157, Kayla Smith (n), Salem, Ill., 2,689. 158, Lara Clevenger (n), Edgewater, Fla., 2,681. 159, Jackie Kosier (n), Sylvania, Ohio, 2,679. 160, Sarah Smith, Van Meter, Iowa, 2,671. 161(tie), Melissa Kammerer, Staten Island, N.Y., and Jennifer Dovers (n), Sierra Vista, Ariz., 2,667.

163, Barbara Batt (a), Jacksonville, Fla., 2,666. 164(tie), Stephanie Dennis, Kingston, Mo., and Jen Medon (n), Darien, Ill., 2,665. 166, Roberta Vann (n), Downey, Calif., 2,662. 167, Julie Oczepek, Vassar, Mich., 2,657. 168, Hayley Dann, Dayton, Ohio, 2,651.

169, Claudia Barrios (n), Guatemala, 2,646. 170, Jennifer DeGroot, North Little Rock, Ark., 2,641. 171, Tina LaCroix, Southampton, Mass., 2,633. 172, Danielle Beeck, Frankfort, Ill., 2,624. 173, Kendall Leahy, Carol Stream, Ill., 2,621. 174, Amanda Sparr (n), Lake Villa, Ill., 2,618.

175, Olivia Wallace, Jackson, Mich., 2,613. 176, Daniela Gonzalez, Riyadh, Fla., 2,605. 177, Mei Yuan Miller (n), Millington, Tenn., 2,604. 178, Alexis Carter, Valparaiso, Ind., 2,599. 179, Stephanie DellaBernarda, Vernon Rockville, Conn., 2,598. 180, Katie Bishop (a), Westland, Mich., 2,587.

181, Rebecca Azurmendi (n), Winnemucca, Nev., 2,573. 182, Christina Hartl, Ephrata, Pa., 2,531. 183, Samantha Struzynski, Ogdensburg, Wis., 2,516. 184(tie), Ashley Stayer, Cheyenne, Wyo., and Nathalie Leon, Guatemala, 2,512. 186, Michaela Morgan, The Woodlands, Texas, 2,511.



187, Alexandra Ross (n), Greenwood, Ind., 2,510. 188(tie), Jill Creamer, Redding, Calif., and Samantha Kriner, Houston, Texas, 2,503. 190, Pam Sprow (n), Lakeland, Fla., 2,483. 191, Sue Walter, Ringle, Wis., 2,470. 192, Graciela Dube, Miami, Fla., 2,469.

193, Lanaea Malak (n), Lemont, Ill., 2,465. 194, Wendy Mann, South Elgin, Ill., 2,453. 195, Nicole Kittredge, St. Johnsbury, Vt., 2,429. 196, Meghan Moore, Cleveland, 2,424. 197, Taylor Diefenderfer, Wichita, Kan., 2,423. 198, Tabitha Schlupe, Akron, Ohio, 2,417.

199, Ashley Ward, Bloomington, Ill., 2,379. 200, Farah Diaz, Tampa, Fla., 2,365. 201, Melissa Rieg (n), Wesley Chapel, Fla., 2,362. 202, Michelle Sterner (n), Niagara Falls, N.Y., 1,834 (WD). 203, Nichole DePaul, Baytown, Texas, 1,109 (WD). 204, Danielle Young (n), Loves Park, Ill., 2,042 (WD).

## **DEFENDING CHAMPION BOND AMONG UNDEFEATED PLAYERS AT 2022 USBC QUEENS**

**By Emil Williams Jr.**

**ADDISON, Ill.** - Defending champion Julia Bond of Aurora, Illinois, is one of eight players who remain undefeated after the first day of match play at the 2022 **United States Bowling Congress** Queens.

Eight additional players look to stay alive at Stardust Bowl and continue their quest toward a major championship in the event's double-elimination bracket.

Match play will continue Monday at 11 a.m. Eastern until the five competitors are determined for Tuesday's stepladder finals, which will be broadcast live on CBS Sports Network at 7 p.m. Eastern. The winner will claim the coveted tiara and \$60,000 top prize.

The USBC Queens is the second event and first major championship on the 2022 **Professional Women's Bowling Association** Tour schedule. All qualifying and match-play rounds leading up to the televised finals are streaming live at **BowlTV.com**.

The Queens is often referred to as one event featuring two tournaments because of how different qualifying can be from the double-elimination bracket. It couldn't be more true for Bond. If someone would've told her Thursday she would win three matches on the first day of match play, she wouldn't have believed you based on her qualifying performance.

Although she was guaranteed a spot in the bracket as the defending champion, Bond still wanted to have a good performance and gather as much information as she could during her 15 games earlier in the week. She didn't see a clear picture regarding lane play and ball reaction and was simply trying to do a little too much to start the week.

But, that all changed when match play began, as Bond looked like the player who went 6-0 last year on the way to her first major championship. She defeated Russia's Maria Bulanova (646-506), Courtney Jacques of Albany, Georgia (676-543), and Latvia's Diana Zavjalova (672-590) on Sunday.

"You know, the lanes are playing a little bit different and there's less people and less traffic," Bond said. "We say it's a different tournament, and for me, it really is. I've been able to play a different part of the lane that is better suited for me and where I'm more comfortable. I'm seeing the lane transition a lot easier than I did in qualifying, and I'm just excited to be able to have a picture again. I'm just a lot calmer."

Bond may have added a little pressure on herself considering she is the defending champion this week, on top of missing last week's cut at the season-opening PWBA Rockford Open. She wanted to get out of the gates running during qualifying and got out of character.

"I'd like to think that coming into this (week) I was calm and excited, and I was going to be present," Bond said. "But I stepped on the gas pedal (early), and I can admit that. I wanted to just get after score, and I wanted to get it now, and that's just not the mindset that I perform the best in. I know that, but I'm still learning and I'm still growing as a player."

"Looking back on it now, I didn't have to try so hard. All I needed was to just stay calm, throw shots and stick with the process that I know instead of trying to do so much so fast. Now, making the bracket, I am in a better mindset, taking more time and making smarter decisions. I'm in a better headspace."

Bond will take on Germany's Birgit Noreiks on Monday morning. Noreiks advanced by defeating Carlene Beyer of Ogdensburg, Wisconsin (569-506), Colombia's Juliana Franco (672-652) and Laura Plazas (655-600).

Joining Bond and Noreiks in the Winners Bracket is two-time Queens champion Liz Johnson of Niagara Falls, New York. Johnson will face England's Verity Crawley.

Shannon O'Keefe of Belleville, Illinois, the 2018 Queens champion, will face Colombia's Clara Guerrero. Guerrero finished third at the event in 2019.

Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York, will face Cassidy Courey of Brooklyn Center, Minnesota, to round out the Winners Bracket. McEwan finished third in 2016.

Past champions still remaining in the Elimination Bracket include Chicago's Diandra Asbaty (2012) and Latvia's Diana Zavjalova (2013, 2017). Asbaty will face Shannon Sellens of Long Beach, New York, while Zavjalova will face Plazas.

Other elimination matches include Hope Gramly of Aubrey, Texas, taking on Shannon Grimm of Fenton, Missouri, and 2021 PWBA Rookie of the Year Stephanie Zavala of Downey, California, versus Erin McCarthy of Omaha, Nebraska.

Gramly and Grimm helped McKendree win the NCAA Women's Bowling Championship in

April.

For more information on the USBC Queens, visit [BOWL.com/Queens](http://BOWL.com/Queens).

**2022 USBC Queens  
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**Sunday's Results**

**MATCH PLAY**

**Double-elimination, three-game matches decided by total pinfall**

**ROUND 1**

**(Winners remain in Winners Bracket. Losers move to Elimination Bracket.)**

- (64) Ana Morales, Guatemala, def. (1) Dasha Kovalova, Ukraine, 667-628.  
(33) Shannon Sellens, Long Beach, N.Y. def. (32) Mary Orf, St. Louis, 591-545.  
(17) Shannon Pluhowsky, Dayton, Ohio, def. (48) Brittany Pollentier, Cottage Grove, Wis., 603-557.  
(16) Liz Johnson, Niagara Falls, N.Y. def. (49) Maranda Pattison, Redwood Valley, Calif., 605-543.
- (9) Brandi Kordelewski, Belleville, Ill., def. (56) Maria José Rodriguez, Colombia, 579-565.  
(24) Verity Crawley, England, def. (41) Giselle Poss, Montgomery, Ill., 696-571.  
(25) Kristin Quah, Singapore, def. (40) Ashly Galante, Palm Harbor, Florida, 642-569.  
(8) Bryanna Coté, Tucson, Ariz., def. (57) Brittany Smith, Johnston, Iowa, 625-542.
- (5) Stephanie Schwartz, Racine, Wisconsin, def. (60) Shalin Zulkifli, Malaysia, 654-509.  
(37) Clara Guerrero, Colombia, def. (28) Sydney Brummett, Fort Wayne, Ind., 682-674.  
(21) Jordan Richard, Maumee, Ohio, def. (44) Amanda Flood, Brandon, Fla., 561-492.  
(12) Lindsay Boomershine, Perry, Utah, def. (53) Sharon Powers, Lakewood, Colo., 655-539.
- (13) Olivia Farwell, Elizabethtown, Pa., def. (52) Haley Richard, Tipton, Mich., 655-533.  
(45) Shannon Grimm, Fenton, Mo., def. (20) Elysia Current, Ephrata, Pa., 671-637.  
(36) Shannon O'Keefe, Belleville, Ill., def. (29) Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 709-595.  
(61) Josie Barnes, Hermitage, Tenn., def. (4) Jen Higgins, Lewis Center, Ohio, 585-524.

(3) Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., def. (62) Megan Allensworth, Plainfield, Ill., 638-602.  
(35) Rebecca Hagerman, Loves Park, Ill., def. (30) Katelyn Zwiefelhofer, Racine, Wis., 586-542.  
(19) Marissa Allison, Sylvania, Ohio, def. (46) Emily Peterson, West Fargo, N.D., 653-629.  
(14) Erin McCarthy, Omaha, Neb., def. (51) Jessica Earnest, Nashville, Tenn., 718-581.

(11) Cassidy Courey, Brooklyn Center, Ohio, def. (54) Sandra Maresca, Mamaroneck, N.Y., 564-558.  
(22) Hope Gramly, Aubrey, Texas, def. (43) Caroline Thesier, Mooresville, N.C., 531-528.  
(27) Robin Orlikowski, Grand Rapids, Mich., def. (38) Kayla Crawford, Silvis, Ill., 613-591.  
(6) Gazmine Mason, Cranston, R.I., def. (59) Sarah Gill, Fitchburg, Mass., 595-587.

(58) Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, def. (7) Cassandra Leuthold, Lincoln, Neb., 642-626.  
(26) Taylor Bailey, Joliet, Ill., def. (39) Stephanie Zavala, Downey, Calif., 705-676.  
(42) Julia Bond, Aurora, Ill., def. (23) Maria Bulanova, Russia, 646-506.  
(55) Courtney Jacques, Albany, Ga., def. (10) Daria Pajak, Poland, 542-519.

(50) Birgit Noreiks, Germany, def. (15) Carlene Beyer, Ogdensburg, Wis., 569-506.  
(18) Juliana Franco, Colombia, def. (47) Lauren Pate, Ballwin, Mo., 655-611.  
(31) Diandra Asbaty, Chicago, def. (34) Ashley Rucker, Bartlesville, Okla., 684-572.  
(63) Laura Plazas, Colombia def. (2) Liz Kuhlkin, Schenectady, N.Y., 582-575.

## **ROUND 2 – WINNERS BRACKET**

Sellens def. Morales, 619-524.  
Johnson def. Pluhowsky, 618-586.  
Crawley def. Kordelewski, 618-585.  
Coté def. Quah, 660-586.

Guerrero def. Schwartz, 638-633.  
Boomershine def. J. Richard, 683-682.  
Grimm def. Farwell, 632-588.  
O’Keefe def. Barnes, 653-579.

McEwan def. Hagerman, 755-577.  
McCarthy def. Allison, 562-525.  
Courey def. Gramly, 614-594.  
Orlikowski def. Mason, 666-508.

Zavjalova def. Bailey, 673-625.  
Bond def. Jacques, 676-543.  
Noreiks def. Franco, 672-652.  
Plazas def. Asbaty, 637-620.

## **ROUND 2 – ELIMINATION BRACKET**

**(Losers eliminated, earn \$2,500)**

Orf def. Kovalova, 660-621.  
Galante def. Smith, 639-569.  
Pattison def. Pollentier, 601-562.  
Rodriguez def. Poss, 656-523.

Zulkifli def. Brummett, 648-569.  
Higgins def. Kulick, 648-589.  
Powers def. Flood, 668-659.  
Current def. H. Richard, 637-582.

Allensworth def. Zwiefelhofer, 603-532.  
Crawford def. Gill, 528-521.  
Earnest def. Peterson, 627-564.  
Maresca def. Thesier, 615-594.

Zavala def. Leuthold, 685-646.  
Kuhlkin def. Rucker, 624-618.  
Pajak def. Bulanova, 658-530.  
Pate def. Beyer, 641-631.

**ROUND 3 – WINNERS BRACKET**

Johnson def. Sellens, 710-621.  
Crawley def. Coté, 653-643.  
Guerrero def. Boomershine, 586-566.  
O’Keefe def. Grimm, 623-537.

McEwan def. McCarthy, 627-578.  
Courey def. Orlikowski, 615-584.  
Bond def. Zavjalova, 672-590.  
Noreiks def. Plazas, 655-600.

**ROUND 3 – ELIMINATION BRACKET  
(Losers eliminated, earn \$3,000)**

Orf def. Allison, 589-553.  
Gramly def. Galante, 686-603.  
Pattison def. Hagerman, 604-571.  
Mason def. Rodriguez, 601-565.

Zulkifli def. Jacques, 630-588.  
Higgins def. Franco, 650-611.  
Bailey def. Powers, 635-588.  
Asbaty def. Current, 607-592.

Pluhowsky def. Allensworth, 690-569.  
Kordelewski def. Crawford, 673-542.

Morales def. Earnest, 699-571.  
Quah def. Maresca, 673-558.

Zavala def. J. Richard, 665-581.  
Kuhlkin def. Farwell, 640-577.  
Schwartz def. Pajak, 649-488.  
Barnes def. Pate, 674-575.

**ROUND 4 – ELIMINATION BRACKET  
(Losers eliminated, earn \$3,500)**

Gramly def. Orf, 644-634.  
Mason def. Pattison, 604-525.  
Higgins def. Zulkifli, 635-626.  
Asbaty def. Bailey, 615-615 (10-9)\*.  
\*Asbaty advanced after a roll-off.

Kordelewski def. Pluhowsky, 649-640.  
Quah def. Morales, 698-545.  
Zavala def. Kuhlkin, 616-548.  
Schwartz def. Barnes, 652-650.

**ROUND 5 – ELIMINATION BRACKET  
(Losers eliminated, earn \$4,000)**

Gramly def. Boomershine, 602-582.  
Grimm def. Mason, 536-524.  
Sellens def. Higgins, 725-646.  
Asbaty def. Côté, 620-599.

Plazas def. Kordelewski, 616-589.  
Zavjalova def. Quah, 698-611.  
Zavala def. Orlikowski, 718-651.  
McCarthy def. Schwartz, 580-483.

**GUERRERO CLAIMS TOP SEED FOR FINALS AT 2022 USBC QUEENS**

**By Emil Williams Jr.**

**ADDISON, III.** - Colombia's Clara Guerrero went undefeated through two days of match play to earn the top seed for the stepladder finals at the 2022 **United States Bowling Congress** Queens.

The 40-year-old right-hander defeated Germany's Birgit Noreiks, 674-564, in the final Winners Bracket match Monday at Stardust Bowl. Noreiks will be the No. 2 seed.

The finals of the 2022 USBC Queens will be broadcast live on Tuesday at 7 p.m. Eastern

on CBS Sports Network. The champion will take home the \$60,000 first-place prize and the coveted tiara. All qualifying and match play rounds were streamed live at **BowlTV.com**.

Joining Guerrero and Noreiks in the stepladder will be No. 3 Laura Plazas of Colombia, No. 4 Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York, and No. 5 Hope Gramly of Aubrey, Texas.

Plazas, McEwan and Gramly advanced out of the Elimination Bracket on Monday. The final four athletes in the Elimination Bracket bowled a three-game total-pinfall contest, with the top three scores advancing to the stepladder.

Plazas earned the No. 3 seed with a 696 series. McEwan advanced with a 637 three-game set and will face Gramly (581) in Tuesday's opening match. England's Verity Crawley rolled a 565 series and was eliminated, finishing in sixth place. Crawley needed two strikes and six pins in the 10th frame to advance ahead of Gramly, but she left a 2 pin on her first shot in the final frame.

Guerrero is looking for her second major and second **Professional Women's Bowling Association** Tour title, but this will be the first time she'll make a championship-round appearance as the top seed. Throw in the fact that she's the top seed at the Queens simply elevates the accomplishment.

"It's truly a dream," Guerrero said. "When you work on your game, practice hard, commit to your plan and look into the schedule, you always hope and dream to be the No. 1 seed in a major. It just gives you that opportunity to be in the right position to win. Just making a show is amazing, but this is my first time being the No. 1 seed, and I've been bowling for a long, long time. I have competed for many, many years and this is the first time, so I'm very emotional. I'm very excited. I just feel, in a way, rewarded."

This week's 42-foot oil pattern proved to be tricky throughout qualifying and match play, and Guerrero, who prefers to play the lanes a bit straighter and toward the outside part of the lane, didn't see many opportunities to play her "A" game this week.

She did notice a few players during match play trying to play the lanes in that area, with some success, which made Guerrero give it a try in certain situations. She found she was unable to repeat the success from that area of the lanes consistently as she moved pairs for each match.

Ultimately, she kept an open mind and made the decision to move left and play her "B" game when she was unable to play to her strengths, showing the versatility she has amassed during her outstanding career. It was a major key to earning the top seed.

Guerrero averaged more than 217 in her six wins Sunday and Monday.

"It was just tough," Guerrero said. "I think as we re-oiled, the lanes got harder and harder and flatter and flatter, and the outside didn't look as good. There were no easy matches. There were matches where I had to double, mark or strike to win. But, I think

what saved me through the matches is I was open-minded to move left when that didn't work. I think that was the key to my success. I always had to try outside because my 'A' game is what I feel comfortable doing. I know I'll be better than many other people playing out and straight, but I was open-minded today, so I think that was an advantage."

Guerrero was inducted into the World Bowling Writers Hall of Fame in 2009, and she's still producing hall of fame moments. She has been a member of Team Colombia for 24 years. World champion. National champion. Gold medalist. Back-to-back QubicaAMF World Cup champion. One PWBA major title, the 2016 PWBA Players Championship.

Guerrero's career doesn't need any validation, but if she's able to add the Queens to her resume Tuesday, the win would add personal validation.

"Obviously as a professional bowler, I always want to win," said Guerrero, who finished third at the 2019 Queens. "I'm here to compete and win every week. I want to be player of the year, and that's the attitude and the mentality that I come here with. However, just winning one more major, either of those (Queens or U.S. Women's Open) will be just spectacular for my career. It's just more motivation to keep working hard."

Noreiks will be looking to win her first career major and third PWBA Tour title. She is making her second stepladder appearance at the Queens after finishing fourth at the 2016 event.

Plazas is making her first career television appearance and is looking for her first win as an amateur.

McEwan is looking for her third career major title and eighth PWBA Tour title. Like Noreiks, she was part of the televised finals in 2016, where she finished third.

Gramly, a collegiate standout at McKendree, also is an amateur and making her first stepladder finals appearance. She led McKendree to the 2022 NCAA Women's Bowling Championship, is a two-time National Tenpin Coaches Association Division II Player of the Year and two-time NTCA First-Team All-American.

The last amateur to win the Queens was Singapore's Bernice Lim in 2016.

The 2022 event started with 204 competitors. After 15 games of qualifying over three days, the top 63 players and Julia Bond of Aurora, Illinois, who was guaranteed a spot in the bracket as the defending champion, advanced to match play.

Bond won three matches at Stardust Bowl on Sunday before losing two matches Monday to be eliminated. She lost to Noreiks, 721-689, and Gramly, 677-642. Bond finished tied for ninth.

For more information on the USBC Queens, visit [BOWL.com/Queens](https://www.bowl.com/queens).



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**Monday's Results**

**MATCH PLAY**

**Double-elimination, three-game matches decided by total pinfall**

**ROUND 4 – WINNERS BRACKET**

(24) Verity Crawley, England, def. (16) Liz Johnson, Niagara Falls, N.Y., 661-570.  
(37) Clara Guerrero, Colombia, def. (36) Shannon O'Keefe, Belleville, Ill., 671-633.  
(3) Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., def. (11) Cassidy Courey, Brooklyn Center, Minn., 674-538.  
(50) Birgit Noreiks, Germany, def. (42) Julia Bond, Aurora, Ill., 721-689.

**ROUND 6 – ELIMINATION BRACKET  
(Losers eliminated, earn \$4,500)**

(22) Hope Gramly, Aubrey, Texas, def. (45) Shannon Grimm, Fenton, Mo., 727-573.  
(33) Shannon Sellens, Long Beach, N.Y., def. (31) Diandra Asbaty, Chicago, 721-562.  
(63) Laura Plazas, Colombia, def. (58) Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 598-588.  
(39) Stephanie Zavala, Downey, Calif., def. (14) Erin McCarthy, Omaha, Neb., 692-667.

**ROUND 5 – WINNERS BRACKET**

Guerrero def. Crawley, 658-571.  
Noreiks def. McEwan, 678-570.

**ROUND 7 – ELIMINATION BRACKET  
(Losers eliminated, earn \$5,500)**

Gramly def. Bond, 677-642.  
Sellens def. Courey, 600-551.  
Plazas def. O'Keefe, 614-578.  
Zavala def. Johnson, 593-572.

**ROUND 6 - WINNERS BRACKET  
(Winner earns No. 1 seed for Tuesday's BowlTV finals; loser is No. 2 seed)**

Guerrero def. Noreiks, 674-564.

**ROUND 8 – ELIMINATION BRACKET  
(Losers eliminated, earn \$6,750)**

Gramly def. Sellens, 627-540.  
Plazas def. Zavala, 610-594.

## **ROUND 9 - ELIMINATION BRACKET**

**(Three highest scores advance to CBS Sports Network finals, high score is No. 3 seed, second high is No. 4, third high is No. 5, lowest score is eliminated, earns \$8,000)**

Plazas 696, McEwan 637, Gramly 581, Crawley 565.

## **BIRGIT NOREIKS WINS 2022 USBC QUEENS**

**By Emil Williams Jr.**

**ADDISON, III.** - Six years ago, Germany's Birgit Noreiks made her first United States Bowling Congress Queens televised finals appearance. Six years later, Noreiks returned to the major championship lights of television and won her first career major title.

The 35-year-old right-hander defeated Colombia's Clara Guerrero, 187-158, in the title match at Stardust Bowl live on CBS Sports Network to become the eighth international player to win the USBC Queens.

She joins Ukraine's Dasha Kovalova (2019), Singapore's Bernice Lim (2016), Latvia's Diana Zavjalova (2013, 2017), Colombia's Maria José Rodriguez (2014), Australia's Carol Gianotti (1989), Japan's Kazue Inahashi (1984) and Katsuko Sugimoto (1981, 1982) as international winners of the event.

Noreiks claimed the coveted tiara and the \$60,000 first-place prize, the second richest top prize in women's bowling history. Guerrero earned \$30,000 for her runner-up finish.

In the title match, Noreiks began with three consecutive strikes and five of the first seven, while Guerrero opened with a 7-10 split and followed with a strike in the second. Guerrero added three consecutive nine spares as she tried to improve her carry percentage to strike, but splits in the sixth, seventh and eighth frames ended her chances at a major title.

"It's amazing," said Noreiks, while searching for the words to describe the win. "It just happened, so I still can't believe it. The game went by so fast. It really is amazing."

Noreiks used two different bowling balls in the finals, one on each lane, to help her feel comfortable on the 42-foot oil pattern. Similar to how she attacked the oil pattern during the week, she wanted to play straighter angles, and the forward thinking between her and her ball reps proved to play dividends during the stepladder finals.

"The guys said throw it fast and try to keep it in front of you, and that's what I like to do," said Noreiks, who now owns three Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour titles. "I was nervous if I had to move left, because I don't feel I'm as good at doing that right now. When I saw the girls struggling while doing it, I knew I couldn't do that because it wasn't working. We figured out really early we were going to use two different balls to make sure I can do what I like to see, and I guess it worked."

The 2016 finals of the Queens was the first TV appearance of any kind for Noreiks, and much has changed since that time. She's improved as a player and an athlete. Her TV experience has improved exponentially, as tonight's championship-round appearance was her eighth since 2016. Formally, Pöpller, she's now married to husband, Tobias. It's a different Noreiks all around, and she's grateful for the growth in all aspects.

"When I bowled the Queens in 2016, that was my first TV event I ever bowled," said Noreiks, who won the 2021 PWBA Go Bowling Classic. "I didn't know how to handle the shot clock, and I was injured on that show. It's just completely different now with the experience I've gained. I'm married now. I'm just happy with my life, and I can come out here, bowl and enjoy what I'm doing."

Guerrero was searching for her second major title and first win at the Queens. A win would've solidified her hall of fame career, but this defeat won't define her. She'll get back to work and be prepared for the next event.

"To be in that position felt great," Guerrero said. "How I executed and the decisions I made did not. But, you know, you work hard for yourself to be in the position where you can fight for a title, and that's what I did this week. I just have to regroup and be stronger for next week."

To advance to the title match, Noreiks defeated Colombia's Laura Plazas, 233-214. Another fast start for Noreiks put her in the driver's seat early, but Plazas kept the pace and trailed by only seven pins with two frames to go.

Needing a strike on her first shot in the 10th frame and seven pins on her next shot to secure the win, Noreiks delivered to defeat Plazas and advance.

Plazas, the No. 3 seed, advanced to the semifinal after defeating No. 4 seed Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York, 181-179.

Plazas missed two single pin spares in the match and looked like she might fall short, but a 7-10 split from McEwan in the 10th frame opened the door for Plazas to steal the match. She delivered two strikes and six pins in the final stanza to advance and performed admirably to sneak through.

In the opening match, McEwan defeated Hope Gramly of Aubrey, Texas, 213-180. Gramly, an amateur, was making her first televised appearance in a professional event and appeared ready for the moment.

She tossed strikes in three of her first five frames and trailed McEwan by one pin in the fifth frame. An open frame following the return from commercial break, and a late double by McEwan, proved to be the difference in the match. Gramly recently helped McKendree capture the NCAA Women's Bowling Championship in April.

The 2022 event started with 204 competitors. After 15 games of qualifying over three days, the top 63 players and Julia Bond of Aurora, Illinois, who was guaranteed a spot in the bracket as the defending champion, advanced to match play.

The PWBA Tour season continues May 26-29 at the PWBA Twin Cities Open in Eagan, Minnesota.

For more information about the USBC Queens, visit [BOWL.com/Queens](http://BOWL.com/Queens).

**2022 USBC Queens  
At Stardust Bowl  
Addison, Ill.  
Tuesday's results**

**FINAL STANDINGS**

- 1, Birgit Noreiks, Germany, 420 (two games), \$60,000.
- 2, Clara Guerrero, Colombia, 158 (one game), \$30,000.
- 3, Laura Plazas, Colombia, 395 (two games), \$22,500.
- 4, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 392, (two games), \$17,500.
- 5, Hope Gramly, Aubrey, Texas, 180, (one game), \$12,500.

**STEPLADDER RESULTS**

- Match No. 1 – McEwan def. Gramly, 213-180.  
Match No. 2 – Plazas def. McEwan, 181-179.  
Semifinal – Noreiks def. Plazas, 233-214.  
Championship – Noreiks def. Guerrero, 187-158.

**KOVALOVA LOOKS TO REBOUND AND  
DEFEND TITLE AT 2022 PWBA TWIN CITIES OPEN**

**By Emil Williams Jr.**

**EAGAN, Minn.** - The **Professional Women's Bowling Association** returns to the Twin Cities for the fourth consecutive season, and the best women in the world once again will converge on Cedarvale Lanes.

The third event of the season runs from May 26-29 with the official practice session taking place Thursday, along with a Bowl with the Pros event, and competition will get underway Friday with two six-game qualifying rounds.

Athletes advancing to the Cashers' Round will bowl an additional six-game block Saturday to determine the top 12 players. A final six-game round will determine the five players for the stepladder finals, based on total pinfall for 24 games.

The finals of the Twin Cities Open will take place Sunday at 5 p.m. Eastern, with the winner earning \$20,000 live on CBS Sports Network.

All qualifying rounds leading up to the CBS Sports Network show will be broadcast live at **BowlTV.com**. The event also includes a regional competition Sunday, which also will be broadcast live on BowlTV.

Ukraine's Dasha Kovalova is the defending champion and no stranger to defending titles after repeating as champion at the PWBA Louisville Open last season. She was dominant during two matches in last year's stepladder finals at the Twin Cities Open, averaging 263 in two matches to win her third PWBA title. Her fourth career win came later in the season in Louisville.

The 27-year-old right-hander is coming off a bittersweet week at the first major of the season, the United States Bowling Congress Queens, where she led qualifying but lost her first two matches in the double-elimination three-game total-pinfall format.

Kovalova continues to learn on and off the lanes, and while her USBC Queens experience didn't end the way she hoped, she added a few more notes about how to trust herself and make changes faster. It also helps to have a village of friends she can depend on.

"I learned that sometimes, you just have to learn to lose gracefully and find positive experiences no matter what," Kovalova said. "For me, it was the unconditional support of my friends and family. And, I also learned to trust my instincts and ball changes faster when I know I need to make a drastic move."

Kovalova will be bowling with a heavy heart this week after she recently learned of the passing of her grandfather, Yuriy Fanygin.

Fanygin was certainly a fan of his granddaughter and is proud of the woman, bowler and artist she has become.

"He would always cheer for me and tell me to throw a lot of strikes for him," Kovalova said. "When I started my bowling journey, mom would go to Ukraine to work on her doctorate, and he would take me to bowling practices and always spoil me after. Those were good times. And, even though he was far away, he would always call and make sure that I knew he was cheering for me. Unfortunately, he passed during the night, so we didn't get to say goodbye, but I know that he is not suffering anymore, and it makes me feel better."

Locally, the Twin Cities area is often well represented at the event and that will continue in 2022.

Lauren Pate, originally from Inver Grove Heights, is a three-time Team USA member and two-time national champion at McKendree University. She now resides in Ballwin, Missouri, and will be competing this week. Amanda Vermilyea, a recent inductee into the Nebraska Athletic Hall of Fame, was a two-time NCAA champion and four-time All-American, also will hit the lanes. She now resides in Cottage Grove.

Other players competing with local ties include Kayla Pashina and Kalli Triske of Minnetonka, Katie Ann Sopp of White Bear Lake and Justice Schihl of Plymouth.

The Twin Cities Regional will take place Sunday morning and consist of an eight-game qualifying block. The top four players, based on total pinfall, will advance to the stepladder finals.

The 2022 season features 12 events including three majors, seven of which will conclude on CBS Sports Network, and an overall prize fund of approximately \$1.4 million, which represents the largest average per event since the tour's relaunch in 2015.

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## **DAILY SCHEDULE**

### **Thursday, May 26**

4 p.m.: Official practice session (90 minutes)

7 p.m.: Bowl with the Pros

### **Friday, May 27**

10 a.m.: Qualifying – Round 1 (six games)

5 p.m.: Qualifying – Round 2 (six games)

Cut to cashers for Round 3

### **Saturday, May 28**

10 a.m.: Qualifying – Round 3 (six games)

Cut to top 12 athletes for Round 4

4 p.m.: Qualifying – Round 4 (six games)

Cut to top five athletes for stepladder finals

### **Sunday, May 29**

8 a.m.: PWBA Regional event - qualifying (eight games)

2 p.m.: PWBA Regional event - stepladder finals

4 p.m.: Live CBS Sports Network Finals

## **PARKIN EARNS TOP SEED FOR STEPLADDER AT 2022 PWBA TWIN CITIES OPEN**

**By Jason Thomas**

**EAGAN, Minn.** – For Missy Parkin of San Clemente, California, it has been a long journey attempting to take home her first Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour title since the relaunch of the tour in 2015, and the 2011 United States Bowling Congress Queens champion will have another chance if she can win one match after earning the top seed for the PWBA Twin Cities Open.

The finals will be broadcast live Sunday at 5 p.m. Eastern on CBS Sports Network, with the champion taking home the \$20,000 first-place prize.

Joining Parkin in the stepladder will be No. 2 Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York, No. 3 Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona, No. 4 Shannon O'Keefe of Belleville, Illinois, and No. 5 Dasha Kovalova of Ukraine.

While Parkin led the tournament since Round 2 of qualifying, McEwan and O'Keefe steadily worked their way up the leaderboard to each qualify for their second TV finals of the season. Defending champion Kovalova also continued her strong title defense with her first TV appearance of the new year.

Parkin finished the qualifying rounds with a 5,541 total for 24 games, a 230.88 average, while Kovalova averaged 226.04 to lock up the final spot in the stepladder with a 5,425 total.

While Parkin has consistently been among the top 10 players on tour since 2015, the one missing piece has been adding more trophies to her collection. She has several runner-up and many other top-five finishes to her credit, but she is looking to break through with another win to go along with her USBC Queens title.

Coté is the reigning PWBA Player of the Year and is back on the show again after a slow start to the season.

McEwan is looking to bounce back from a devastating loss in the stepladder last week at the 2022 Queens, where she left a 7-10 split in the final frame of her match against Laura Plazas to finish in fourth place.

The 78-player field bowled 12 games Friday, before the first cut to the top 26 athletes. Advancers bowled an additional six-game block Saturday morning, with the top 12 competing in a final six-game round to determine the five bowlers for the stepladder, based on 24-game pinfall totals.

For more information on the PWBA, visit [PWBA.com](http://PWBA.com).

## **2022 PWBA Twin Cities Open At Cedarvale Lanes Eagan, Minn.**

### **Saturday's results**

#### **QUALIFYING ROUND 4**

1, Missy Parkin, San Clemente, Calif., 5,541. 2, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 5,507. 3, Bryanna Coté, Tucson, Ariz., 5,469. 4, Shannon O'Keefe, Belleville, Ill., 5,453. 5, Dasha Kovalova, Ukraine, 5,425.

#### **DID NOT ADVANCE**

6, Maria José Rodriguez, Colombia, 5,382, \$5,200. 7, Clara Guerrero, Colombia, 5,366, \$4,750. 8, Rocio Restrepo, Uniontown, Ohio, 5,356, \$4,300. 9, Stefanie Johnson, McKinney, Texas, 5,353, \$4,100. 10, Lauren Pate, Ballwin, Mo., 5,333, \$4,000. 11, Brandi Kordelewski, Belleville, Ill., 5,290, \$3,900. 12, Liz Johnson, Niagara Falls, N.Y., 5,288, \$3,800.

### **QUALIFYING ROUND 3**

1, Missy Parkin, San Clemente, Calif., 4,222. 2, Bryanna Coté, Tucson, Ariz., 4,126. 3, Danielle McEwan Stony Point, N.Y., 4,114. 4, Maria José Rodriguez, Colombia, 4,101. 5, Shannon O'Keefe, Belleville, Ill., 4,078. 6, Clara Guerrero, Colombia, 4,025.

7, Rocio Restrepo, Uniontown, Ohio, 3,996. 8, Dasha Kovalova, Ukraine, 3,989. 9, Brandi Kordelewski, Belleville, Ill., 3,972. 10, Lauren Pate, Ballwin, Mo., 3,962. 11, Stefanie Johnson, McKinney, Texas, 3,942. 12, Liz Johnson, Niagara Falls, N.Y., 3,932.

### **DID NOT ADVANCE**

13, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 3,913, \$3,700. 14, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 3,904, \$3,600. 15, Kayla Pashina, Minnetonka, Minn., 3,898, \$3,500. 16, Taylor Bulthuis, New Port Richey, Fla., 3,867, \$3,400. 17, Tannya Roumimper, Indonesia 3,865, \$3,250. 18, Ashly Galante, Palm Harbor, Fla., 3,855, \$3,000.

19, Jordan Richard, Maumee, Ohio, 3,847, \$2,850. 20, Laura Plazas (n), Colombia, 3,832, \$2,600. 21, Daria Pajak, Poland, 3,825, \$2,400. 22, Lindsay Boomershine, Perry, Utah, 3,812, \$2,200. 23, Stephanie Schwartz, Racine, Wis., 3,807, \$1,850. 24, Haley Richard, Tipton, Mich., 3,787, \$1,650.

25, Julia Bond, Aurora, Ill., 3,784, \$1,550. 26, Jennifer Hocurscak, Orange, Conn., 3,689, \$1,500.

### **SHANNON O'KEEFE COLLECTS 15TH TOUR TITLE AT 2022 PWBA TWIN CITIES OPEN**

#### **By Jason Thomas**

**EAGAN, Minn.** – Two months ago, Shannon O'Keefe was in tears after cutting short a practice session because of severe pain in her left hip. Concerned that she would not be able to properly prepare for the grind of another season, she kept pushing through the pain and claimed her 15th career title Sunday at the Professional Women's Bowling Association Twin Cities Open.

The 43-year-old right-hander from Belleville, Illinois, defeated Missy Parkin of San Clemente, California, 213-192, in the title match at Cedarvale Lanes live on CBS Sports Network.

"I can't even fathom having 15 titles," O'Keefe said. "It's been over a year since my last one but given everything I've been going through with my injury, I feel so blessed to be able to win again."

O'Keefe took home the \$20,000 first-place prize and earned her second victory at Cedarvale Lanes after winning at the venue in 2019.



In the title match, O'Keefe threw a key turkey, starting in the third frame, to jump out to an early lead. Parkin, who also was the runner-up in Eagan in 2021, kept the match close and put pressure on O'Keefe with a key 4-9 conversion in the eighth frame. But a 4-6 split in the 10th frame allowed O'Keefe to coast to the win with just a few pins in the final frame.

"Yesterday and today felt like the best I've thrown the ball in years," O'Keefe said. "I felt like I had the two lanes on the championship pair playing a lot more similar than everyone else. I just needed to be a little softer on the left lane and that was the key."

O'Keefe had a long road through a stellar field of finalists to even make it to the title match. She defeated defending champion Dasha Kovalova of Ukraine in the opening match of the afternoon, 227-159, before dispatching reigning PWBA Player of the Year Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona, in the second match, 228-163.

In the semifinal, O'Keefe took on long-time Team USA teammate Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York, who was making her second consecutive finals appearance after finishing fourth at last week's United States Bowling Congress Queens. McEwan hit the pocket on all but two shots and rolled a clean 204 game, but O'Keefe caught fire, throwing a late five-bagger to easily take the win with a 247 game.

With the victory, O'Keefe joins Kim Adler, Cindy Coburn-Carroll, Anne Marie Duggan and Lorrie Nichols with 15 career PWBA wins. All four bowlers are members of the PWBA Hall of Fame.

"After attending the PWBA Hall of Fame ceremony at the Queens last week, those legends of the sport are fresh in my mind, and it is just unbelievable to be mentioned in the same breath with them," said O'Keefe. "I would love to eventually get to 20 titles, but it is so hard to win out here that I am just so grateful for every one, because you never know when it might be your last."

The 2022 event started with 78 competitors. After 12 games of qualifying on the first day, the top 26 players advanced to the final day of competition before the final five were determined after 24 total games.

The PWBA Tour season continues June 2-5 at the PWBA St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open in Seminole, Florida.

### **Twin Cities Regional**

Sunday also saw the running of the PWBA Twin Cities Regional, which was won by Kerry Smith of New Holland, Pennsylvania. Smith defeated Felicia Wong of Canada in the title match, 233-213.

Smith advanced to the title match after defeating Kayla Bandy of Wichita, Kansas, 189-187. In the opening match, Bandy defeated Alexis Neuer of Milton, Pennsylvania, 244-213.

The 30-player regional field bowled eight games of qualifying, with the top four players advancing to the stepladder finals. The finals were streamed live at [BowITV.com](http://BowITV.com).

For more information on the PWBA, visit [PWBA.com](http://PWBA.com).

**2022 PWBA Twin Cities Open  
At Cedarvale Lanes  
Eagan, Minn.**

**Sunday's results**

**FINAL STANDINGS**

- 1, Shannon O'Keefe, Belleville, Ill., 915 (four games), \$20,000.
- 2, Missy Parkin, San Clemente, Calif., 192 (one game), \$10,000.
- 3, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 204 (one game), \$7,700.
- 4, Bryanna Coté, Tucson, Ariz., 163 (one game), \$6,600.
- 5, Dasha Kovalova, Ukraine, 159 (one game), \$5,600.

**STEPLADDER RESULTS**

- Match No. 1 – O'Keefe def. Kovalova, 227-159.  
Match No. 2 – O'Keefe def. Coté, 228-163.  
Semifinal – O'Keefe def. McEwan, 247-204.  
Championship – O'Keefe def. Parkin, 213-192.

**TWIN CITIES REGIONAL RESULTS**

**FINAL STANDINGS**

- 1, Kerry Smith, New Holland, Pa., 422 (two games), \$1,200.
- 2, Felicia Wong, Canada, 213 (one game) \$700.
- 3, Kayla Bandy, Wichita, Kan., 431 (two games), \$500.
- 4, Alexis Neuer, Milton, Pa., 213 (one game) \$400.

**STEPLADDER RESULTS**

- Match No. 1 – Bandy def. Neuer, 244-213.  
Semifinal – Smith def. Bandy, 189-187.  
Championship – Smith def. Wong, 233-213.

**ZAVJALOVA LOOKS TO RETURN TO WINNING WAYS  
AT 2022 PWBA ST. PETERSBURG-CLEARWATER OPEN**

**By Emil Williams Jr.**

**SEMINOLE, Fla.** - For the first time since 2018, the **Professional Women's Bowling Association** Tour returns to Seminole Lanes for the 2022 PWBA St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open.

The fourth event of the season runs from June 2-5, with the official practice session taking place Thursday, along with a Bowl with the Pros event. A total of 92 athletes will kick off competition Friday with two six-game qualifying rounds.

Athletes advancing to the Cashers' Round will bowl an additional six-game block Saturday to determine the top 12 players. A final six-game round will determine the five players for the stepladder finals, based on total pinfall for 24 games.

The finals of the St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open will take place Sunday at 1 p.m. Eastern, with the winner earning \$20,000 live on CBS Sports Network.

All qualifying rounds leading up to the CBS Sports Network show will be broadcast live at [\*\*BowlTV.com\*\*](https://www.bowltv.com).

The last player to win at Seminole Lanes was Latvia's Diana Zavjalova, who climbed the stepladder as the fifth seed to win her fourth career title in 2018.

It was a great day for Zavjalova, who had just celebrated her 27th birthday a few days prior, and she also shared the stage with her two friends, England's Verity Crawley and Poland's Daria Pajak. She opened with a 185-168 victory over Crawley, before downing Jordan Richard of Maumee, Ohio, 226-172, and Liz Kuhlkin of Schenectady, New York, 225-157. She met Pajak in the title match and claimed the victory with a 201-158 win.

Unbeknownst to her, and certainly not for a lack of trying, that victory was the last time Zavjalova hoisted a trophy. She's made four championship-round appearances since her last victory, one in 2019 and three in 2021. In fact, she was the only player to advance to the finals of all three majors in 2021, which included the United States Bowling Congress Queens, U.S. Women's Open and PWBA Tour Championship.

She keeps her last win at the forefront and often refers back to that day in August of 2018 as a reminder of what she is capable of on the lanes.

"That was the last time I won," said Zavjalova, who helped Webber International win the 2012 Intercollegiate Team Championships. "So, a lot of times when I have struggled during the last couple of years, I've tried to remember the feeling of 2018 when I was on the show. It's just a lot of good memories. I try to keep it in my head all the time and hopefully it can help me perform better."

While the 30-year-old right-hander is often tweaking something in her physical game, it was her mental game she was most proud of during her last victory. She's seen a significant change in that area and has been working to get her mental game back to where she feels it should be.

The disconnect can be traced directly back to 2020, which is a year many would like to forget. Count Zavjalova among them as she dealt with the isolation measures from the COVID-19 pandemic, the cancellation of the PWBA Tour and most importantly, the passing of her grandmother, Lidia More, which was unrelated to COVID.

"Back then my mental game was really good," Zavjalova said. "But, since 2020 with COVID, and my grandma's passing, a lot of things have happened. I've had depression and have been working with psychologists. The main difference is my mental game. I've been working really hard on it lately, and I feel like I'm getting closer to where I

was. I'm still not there yet, but it's slowly getting closer."

To make matters worse, neither Zavjalova nor her family members could visit her grandmother due to the lockdown protocols in both the United States and Latvia. Zavjalova could not even travel to pay her respects at her grandmother's funeral.

"It was very tough for the whole family," Zavjalova said. "It was right as the lockdown happened, so nobody could go and see her even though the family was in Latvia. I was stuck in the U.S. and couldn't go to the funeral. It was an awful time."

Zavjalova has worked through the tough times with some help from her fiancé, EJ Nenichka, and her surrounding support system. He's been a positive influence on her personally and professionally, especially at a time where she considered stepping away from the game.

"I met my now fiancé at a very, very difficult time in my life, and I'm super grateful to him for being by my side," Zavjalova said. "Without him, I don't know if I would be here. I considered going back home, and it was a very, very tough time. So, I would say EJ was the key to me getting back to somewhat normal. He's been my rock and my light."

As for the 2022 season, Zavjalova has cashed in the first three events of the season, although she suffered an injury to her right ring finger (on her bowling hand) after dropping a ball on it with 15 minutes left in the official practice session last week at the Twin Cities Open. As they say in Latvia, Zavjalova "bit her teeth" and grinded through the event like a warrior despite the pain and wondering how she was going to hold on to the ball in some cases. She finished 14th.

She's looking forward to returning to Seminole Lanes this week with a better outlook for the rest of the 2022 season.

"So far, this season has been OK," Zavjalova said. "I feel last year was worse because it was just a big roller coaster. I missed the cut in three straight events but made the TV show at all three majors. But so far, I'm three for three in making the cut. I'm a little disappointed with the Queens event, because I feel I could've done better. I finished (tied for) 13th, which is still OK. But, we still have a few events left, and I'm looking forward to Florida this week and the U.S. Women's Open. Hopefully it's going to go up from here."

With the St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open being the only stop in the state of Florida on the 2022 schedule, 33 players with Florida ties will gather at Seminole Lanes this week for a shot at the title.

Zavjalova, Crawley and Pajak were all national champions at Webber International, but Crawley and Pajak were teammates when the program won the 2016 Intercollegiate Team Championships.

Ashly Galante of Palm Harbor is a former Team USA member and two-time national champion at Pikeville (2008) and Webber International (2010). She is coming off an

18th-place finish last week at the Twin Cities Open. Taylor Bulthuis of New Port Richey is a PWBA Regional champion (Sarasota, 2020) and along with Crawley and Pajak, helped Webber to a national championship in 2016.

Other notable names include Sophia Bastian of Winter Park, Amanda Flood of Brandon, Christina Hardee of Mount Dora, Melissa Ricardi of St. Petersburg and Brooke Roberts of Port Orange.

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### **DAILY SCHEDULE (all times Eastern)**

#### **Thursday, June 2**

4 p.m.: Official practice session (90 minutes)

7 p.m.: Bowl with the Pros

#### **Friday, June 3**

10 a.m.: Qualifying – Round 1 (six games)

5 p.m.: Qualifying – Round 2 (six games)

Cut to cashers for Round 3

#### **Saturday, June 4**

10 a.m.: Qualifying – Round 3 (six games)

Cut to top 12 athletes for Round 4

4 p.m.: Qualifying – Round 4 (six games)

Cut to top five athletes for stepladder finals

#### **Sunday, June 5**

1 p.m.: Live CBS Sports Network Finals

### **CLEMMER MAKES HISTORY, LEADS 2022 PWBA ST. PETERSBURG-CLEARWATER OPEN**

**SEMINOLE, Fla.** - Breanna Clemmer of Clover, South Carolina, averaged more than 238 for 12 games Friday to take the lead at the 2022 **Professional Women's Bowling Association** St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open and made history in the process at Seminole Lanes.

The 24-year-old right-hander fired games of 237, 190, 289, 300, 300 and 279 for a 1,595 six-game total during Round 2, which nearly broke the PWBA record for highest six-game block. Jackie Mitskavich set the record in Van Wert, Ohio, in 1997 with 1,630.

Clemmer had a chance to become the first woman to roll a 900 series but settled for 879 in her final three games, which was enough to set the PWBA record for highest three-game set. Mitskavich also held the three-game series record of 877 as part of her six-game record.

The United States Bowling Congress national record for highest three-game series by a woman is 890, which is held by two-time PWBA Tour champion Liz Kuhlkin of Schenectady, New York.

Clemmer began the second game of the evening with three consecutive splits, followed by a gutter and spare in the fourth frame. Despite not being comfortable, she managed to roll 190 after a helpful tip from her ball rep, Mike Wolfe, who simply encouraged her to "get the ball to two," which meant the second board on the right side of the lane.

"Honestly, I was just trying to get nine and make my spares because I was throwing it so bad," said Clemmer, who finished third at the season-opening PWBA Rockford Open. "I was not comfortable. It was very evident. When Mike said just throw it to two and settle in, I did just that and was able to get 190 out of it."

Following the 190, Clemmer took every spectator inside Seminole Lanes, including her grandparents who were in attendance, on a ride they may never forget. The rest is history, as they say.

"I just felt so comfortable," said Clemmer, who is a four-time member of Team USA. "When I'm able to just be Bre, and just do what I am known to do, everything else fades away and nothing else matters. And, that happened today. It's like I had blinders on. Nothing else mattered, but me in that moment, and I was allowed to be selfish on the lanes in that moment. It was amazing. Everything just faded away, and I was able to just settle in and be myself."

Clemmer added 1,271 in Round 1 for a 12-game total of 2,866, which moved her into the lead. Latvia's Diana Zavjalova is second with a 2,817 total, and Shannon O'Keefe of Shiloh, Illinois, is third with 2,764.

Erin McCarthy of Elkhorn, Nebraska, is fourth with 2,739, while Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York, rounds out the top five with 2,722.

The 93-player field was cut to the top 31 players after Friday's second round, with Kara Mangiola of Spencerport, New York, claiming the final spot with a 2,574 total, a 214.5 average.

Saturday's third round will consist of an additional six games starting at 11 a.m. Eastern, with the top 12 returning to the lanes for one more six-game round to complete qualifying. The top five players, based on total pinfall for 24 games, will advance to the stepladder finals.

The stepladder will be Sunday at 1 p.m. Eastern and broadcast live on CBS Sports Network. All qualifying rounds are being streamed live at [Bowling.com](http://Bowling.com). The champion

will earn \$20,000.

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**2022 PWBA St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open  
At Seminole Lanes  
Seminole, Fla.**

**Friday's results**

**QUALIFYING  
(12 games)**

1, Breanna Clemmer, Clover, S.C., 2,866. 2, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 2,817. 3, Shannon O'Keefe, Shiloh, Ill., 2,764. 4, Erin McCarthy, Elkhorn, Neb., 2,739. 5, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 2,722. 6, Liz Kuhlkin, Schenectady, N.Y., 2,700.

7(tie), Tannya Roumimper, Indonesia, and Kerry Smith, New Holland, Pa., 2,698. 9, Bryanna Coté, Tucson, Ariz., 2,678. 10, Rocio Restrepo, Uniontown, Ohio, 2,677. 11, Jordan Richard, Maumee, Ohio, 2,674. 12, Lauren Pate, Ballwin, Mo., 2,673.

13(tie), Julia Bond, Aurora, Ill., and Clara Guerrero, Colombia, 2,664. 15, Missy Parkin, San Clemente, Calif., 2,662. 16, Verity Crawley, England, 2,656. 17, Taylor Bailey, Jonesboro, Ark., 2,648. 18(tie), Gazmine Mason, Cranston, R.I., and Josie Barnes, Hermitage, Tenn., 2,636.

20, Chelsey Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich., 2,633. 21, Sandra Gongora, Mexico, 2,622. 22, Brianna Rogers (n), Florence, S.C., 2,610. 23, Anna Groce (n), Morrisville, N.C., 2,609. 24(tie), Liz Johnson, Niagara Falls, N.Y., and Ashly Galante, Palm Harbor, Fla., 2,605.

26, Avery Domaguin (n), San Diego, 2,601. 27, Lindsay Boomershine, Brigham City, Utah, 2,598. 28, Maria José Rodriguez, Colombia, 2,585. 29, Stephanie Zavala, Downey, Calif., 2,583. 30, Birgit Noreiks, Germany, 2,578. 31, Kara Mangiola, Spencerport, N.Y., 2,574.

**DID NOT ADVANCE**

32, Dasha Kovalova, Ukraine, 2,572. 33, Shalin Zulkifli, Malaysia, 2,566. 34, Estefania Cobo, Puerto Rico, 2,565. 35, Olivia Farwell, Elizabethtown, Pa., 2,519. 36, Taylor Bulthuis, New Port Richey, Fla., 2,512.

37, Jennifer Dovers (n), Sierra Vista, Ariz., 2,492. 38, Daria Pajak, Poland, 2,491. 39, Giselle Poss, Montgomery, Ill., 2,480. 40, Kaylene Bishop, Medical Lake, Wash., 2,479. 41, Felicia Wong, Canada, 2,476. 42, Brooke Roberts (n), Port Orange, Fla., 2,471.

43, Sydney Brummett, Fort Wayne, Ind., 2,470. 44, Kayla Crawford, Silvis, Ill., 2,463. 45, Brianna Andrew, Grand Rapids, Mich., 2,453. 46, Amber Brunson (n), Miami, 2,430. 47, Alexis Neuer, Milton, Pa., 2,426. 48(tie), Jennifer Roback (n), New York Mills, N.Y., and Maria Bulanova, Russia, 2,422.

50, Mallory Clark, Auburn, Maine, 2,421. 51, Jenna Williams (n), Cedar Rapids,

Iowa, 2,414. 52, Stefanie Johnson, McKinney, Texas, 2,409. 53, Melissa Kammerer, Staten Island, N.Y., 2,406. 54, Sarah Klassen (n), Bel Aire, Kan., 2,402.

55, Christina Hardee, Mount Dora, Fla., 2,369. 56, Stephanie Schwartz, Racine, Wis., 2,367. 57, Sarah Westcott (n), Riverview, Fla., 2,357. 58, Tanya Critchlow (n), Temple Terrace, Fla., 2,351. 59, Kaitlyn Eder (n), Lithia, Fla., 2,339. 60, Hayley Dann, Dayton, Ohio, 2,329.

61, Cassidy Ray (n), Herrin, Ill., 2,327. 62, Haley Richard, Tipton, Mich., 2,320. 63, Kasey Eaton (n), Wyoming, Mich., 2,315. 64, Jay Dawn Robinson (n), Lakeland, Fla., 2,303. 65(tie), Courtney Ermisch, Big Bend, Wis., and Alexandra Hernandez (n), Coral Springs, Fla., 2,295.

67, Melanie McDaniel, Joliet, Ill., 2,286. 68, Wendy Bartaire-Jimenez, France, 2,284. 69, Haley Youker, Clermont, Fla., 2,279. 70, Justyne Vukovich, New Stanton, Pa., 2,277. 71, Mei Yuan Miller (n), Millington, Tenn., 2,274. 72, Juliana Kerrigan (n), Ashland, Va., 2,273.

73, Courtney Jacques, Albany, Ga., 2,261. 74, Madison Colston (n), Largo, Fla., 2,260. 75, Katarina Hagler (n), Cape Coral, Fla., 2,259. 76, Melissa Riccardi (n), St. Petersburg, Fla., 2,251. 77, Elise Bolton, Merritt Island, Fla., 2,237. 78, Shaye Wieggers (n), Cooper City, Fla., 2,228.

79, Rhoda Rodriguez (n), Plantation, Fla., 2,212. 80, Danielle Young (n), Loves Park, Ill., 2,194. 81, Samantha Kriner, Houston, 2,187. 82, Ashley Morrow (n), Brandon, Fla., 2,145. 83, Samantha McCue (n), Cape Coral, Fla., 2,118. 84, Michaela Kontis (n), St. Augustine, Fla., 2,107.

85, Alison Shedrow (n), Parrish, Fla., 2,101. 86, Dakota Kirk (n), Fort Myers, Fla., 2,092. 87, Presley Gissendanner (n), Winter Haven, Fla., 2,079. 88, Madison Beck (n), Apopka, Fla., 2,035. 89, Vanessa Rivera (n), Orlando, Fla., 2,023. 90, Marquilla James (n), Cape Coral, Fla., 2,022.

91, Sophia Bastian (n), Winter Park, Fla., 1,986. 92, Carmen Aguilar, St. Petersburg, Fla., 1,967. 93, Jennifer Parisi (n), Casselberry, Fla., 1,855.

## **CLEMMER EARNS TOP SEED AT 2022 PWBA ST. PETERSBURG-CLEARWATER OPEN**

**SEMINOLE, Fla.** - Breanna Clemmer of Clover, South Carolina, continued her run toward her first career title after earning the top seed for the Professional Women's Bowling Association St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open.

The finals will be broadcast live Sunday at 1 p.m. Eastern on CBS Sports Network with the champion taking home the \$20,000 first-place prize. All qualifying rounds leading up to the televised finals were broadcast live at BowlTV.com.

Clemmer will be joined in the stepladder by No. 2 Diana Zavjalova of Latvia, No. 3 Jordan Richard of Maumee, Ohio, No. 4 Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona, and No. 5 Verity Crawley of England.

The 24-year-old right-hander traded places with Zavjalova almost every game during the Round of 12, but when it mattered most, Clemmer buckled down and tossed games of 258 and 266 during the final two games of competition Saturday to pull away and take the top seed.



Clemmer entered the day in the lead after rolling the highest six-game block since the relaunch of the PWBA Tour on Friday night with 1,595. The block included a four-game run of 289, 300, 300 and 279. The final three games of the block broke the PWBA Tour record for highest three-game set at 879.

Clemmer was in a similar situation at the season-opening PWBA Rockford Open, where she held the top seed until the final two games, when two-time champion Liz Kuhlkin stepped in and seized the top spot.

Today, it was a different Clemmer, who was determined to not only leave Seminole Lanes as the No. 1 seed, but also trust her instincts when it came to ball changes and lane moves. This was something she did not do in the previous two events, the United States Bowling Congress Queens and last week's Twin Cities Open, where she missed both cuts.

"I was very hesitant to make moves and ball changes at the Queens and in Minnesota," said Clemmer, who is making her second championship-round appearance of 2022. "I didn't trust what my gut was telling me to do. And, when I finally trusted what my gut was telling me to do, it was too late. I went 150 over and didn't make the cut in Minnesota. So, it's very frustrating. This weekend, I trusted my gut, I did what I wanted to do, and I went with it. I just committed to every single shot. I think that was the difference between the Queens and Minnesota to now."

Zavjalova, whose last title came at the 2018 St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open, will look to defend her crown and win for the first time in two seasons. Zavjalova was looking forward to getting back on the lanes at this event and now will have a chance to be the event's first two-time winner and claim her fifth title overall.

Richard, who moved from sixth to third in the final block, also is making a return trip to the finals at this event after she finished fourth in 2018 during her PWBA Rookie of the Year campaign. She is searching for her third career PWBA Tour title.

Coté, the reigning PWBA Player of the Year, moved from 11th to fourth during the Round of 12 and is returning to the bright lights of television for the second consecutive week after a fourth-place finish at the Twin Cities Open. She is in search of her third career title.

Crawley is making her first championship-round appearance of the season after jumping from eighth to fifth during the final round. She nabbed her first career PWBA Tour title last season at the 2021 Greater Nashville Open and accumulated six finals appearances in 2021. She was tied for the lead in that category with Coté, Ukraine's Dasha Kovalova and Stephanie Zavala of Downey, California.

For more information on the PWBA, visit [PWBA.com](http://PWBA.com).

**2022 PWBA St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open  
At Seminole Lanes  
Seminole, Fla.**

**Saturday's results  
QUALIFYING ROUND 4**

1, Breanna Clemmer, Clover, S.C., 5,698. 2, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 5,545. 3, Jordan Richard, Maumee, Ohio, 5,480. 4, Bryanna Coté, Tucson, Ariz., 5,409. 5, Verity Crawley, England, 5,407.

**DID NOT ADVANCE**

6, Shannon O'Keefe, Shiloh, Ill., 5,404, \$5,200. 7, Missy Parkin, San Clemente, Calif., 5,391, \$4,750. 8, Kerry Smith, Lititz, Pa., 5,388, \$4,300. 9, Sandra Gongora, Mexico, 5,339, \$4,100. 10, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 5,330, \$4,000. 11, Clara Guerrero, Colombia, 5,324, \$3,900. 12, Erin McCarthy, Elkhorn, Neb., 5,285, \$3,800.

**QUALIFYING ROUND 3**

1, Breanna Clemmer, Clover, S.C., 4,321. 2, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 4,266. 3, Shannon O'Keefe, Shiloh, Ill., 4,161. 4, Clara Guerrero, Colombia, 4,158. 5, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 4,143. 6, Jordan Richard, Maumee, Ohio, 4,114.

7, Erin McCarthy, Elkhorn, Neb., 4,106. 8, Verity Crawley, England, 4,073. 9, Kerry Smith, Lititz, Pa., 4,070. 10, Sandra Gongora, Mexico, 4,063. 11, Bryanna Coté, Tucson, Ariz., 4,053. 12, Missy Parkin, San Clemente, Calif., 4,016.

**DID NOT ADVANCE**

13, Liz Kuhlkin, Schenectady, N.Y., 3,996, \$3,700. 14, Stephanie Zavala, Downey, Calif., 3,985, \$3,600. 15, Anna Groce (n) Morrisville, N.C., 3,974, \$3,500. 16, Lindsay Boomershine, Brigham City, Utah, 3,968, \$3,400. 17, Chelsey Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich., 3,965, \$3,250. 18, Liz Johnson, Niagara Falls, N.Y., 3,955, \$3,000.

19, Rocio Restrepo, Uniontown, Ohio, 3,954, \$2,850. 20, Julia Bond Aurora, Ill., 3,951, \$2,600. 21, Tannya Roumimper, Indonesia 3,949, \$2,400. 22, Gazmine Mason, Cranston, R.I., 3,924, \$2,200. 23, Taylor Bailey Jonesboro, Ark., 3,922, \$2,100. 24, Avery Domaguin (n) San Diego, 3,908, \$2,000.

25, Lauren Pate, Ballwin, Mo., 3,906, \$1,600. 26, Birgit Noreiks, Germany, 3,902, \$1,550. 27, Ashly Galante, Palm Harbor, Fla., 3,878, \$1,500. 28, Josie Barnes, Hermitage, Tenn., 3,875, \$1,450. 29, Brianna Rogers (n) Florence, S.C., 3,851, \$1,400. 30, Kara Mangiola Spencerport, NY 3,846, \$1,350. 31, Maria José Rodriguez, Colombia 3,800, \$1,300.

**BREANNA CLEMMER WINS 2022 PWBA ST. PETERSBURG-CLEARWATER OPEN**

**By Emil Williams Jr.**

**SEMINOLE, Fla.** - Breanna Clemmer of Clover, South Carolina, capped off a historic weekend in Florida by capturing her first career Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour title at the 2022 St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open.

Clemmer defeated Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona, 226-181, in the title match at Seminole Lanes to claim the victory and collect the \$20,000 top prize. The stepladder was broadcast live on CBS Sports Network.

Clemmer, the No. 1 seed, opened the title match by missing a single-pin spare, but just as she did throughout the weekend, she didn't allow the miscue to affect her mentally. She quickly refocused her energy and proceeded to fire six consecutive strikes to take control of the match.

Coté, who was in the midst of potentially climbing the ladder for her third career PWBA Tour title, began to lose her look on the lanes near the end of her semifinal match, and her run ultimately ended after she missed the 2-4-5 combination in the fifth. Coté was unable to put two strikes together during the game.

This weekend will forever be in the memory of Clemmer, who on Friday night, blistered the pins for a 1,595 six-game total, which included a four-game run of 289, 300, 300 and 279. The final three games of the block broke the PWBA Tour record for highest three-game set at 879.

Now, the 24-year-old right-hander adds her name to the history book yet again, this time as a PWBA champion.

"It just feels amazing," Clemmer said. "I feel pretty great. It's been a long time coming. Obviously, I don't think it has fully sunk in yet, but I think it will tonight when I go home or go back to the hotel. It feels great just to do it with my grandparents here. That means the world to me. I just have so much love for them."

Her grandparents, Jimmy and Barbara Clemmer, better known as Poppy and Maw-Maw, have been in attendance all weekend, since this is the last event they will be able to see in person for the foreseeable future. Jimmy will be preparing to undergo surgery in a couple of weeks to replace both of his hips and be unable to travel. He's still working his way back from a 2020 battle with COVID-19, which had him on a ventilator for 11 days, while he was unable to move.

Their support truly means everything for Clemmer.

"It means a lot for them to be here," Clemmer said. "It was not looking good during those 11 days, and by the grace of God, he started breathing on his own. Since then, he's been battling back and hip issues from lying in bed for so long, but now we're getting back to where he needs to be. Having their support along with the support from everyone else truly means a lot."

Clemmer starred at McKendree, helping the program win two national championships. She was a four-time National Tenpin Coaches Association Division II/III Player of the

Year (2017-2020). A heap of expectations would be placed on any player with the collegiate career she produced, but many of those expectations came from others and not herself.

As Clemmer's professional journey evolves in her second season, she continues to learn about herself as a player, and she's also learned to only focus on the voices that really matter the most in her life, which puts less pressure on her overall. As far as setting records and winning titles goes, she knew she could win, but having a night like Friday, even she could not have imagined that.

"I knew I was capable of winning a title, but to do what I did on Friday, I never thought I was capable of that," Clemmer said. "I always knew I was great and that I was going to be good, but I never dreamt of this. I used to put so much pressure on myself to be perfect because before I came out on tour, I had won everything.

"But, not winning a title last year and not winning rookie of the year really took a toll on me. Last year, I felt like I disappointed a lot of people, when the only person I was disappointing was myself. I know the only thing that matters is what I think, what my grandparents think and what my family thinks. That's all that matters to me, and those are the only opinions that I really truly care about."

Coté bowled great throughout the stepladder and recognized sometimes it's just not your day.

"I'm 100% happy with my performance," said Coté, the 2021 PWBA Player of the Year. "Obviously winning would have been the icing on the cake, but I executed, filled frames and had one open in four games. I just tried to make shots, and if my score was the highest one at the end, then so be it. Bre bowled amazing, and I will never take that away from her. She deserved that win. She dominated all week, and it was a pleasure to watch. So, I'm super happy for her. But again, I'm not sad about my performance. I did all I could. And at the end of the day, if I do all I can and I keep coming in second, that's pretty good."

She advanced to the title match after defeating Latvia's Diana Zavjalova, 218-203. Coté stayed clean throughout the match, with the difference being a missed 10 pin in the eighth frame by Zavjalova, who was looking to defend her title from the 2018 event and pick up her first victory since that time.

In Match 2, Coté moved past No. 3 Jordan Richard of Maumee, Ohio, 224-172. Coté opened the match with a double, followed by two consecutive spares and another double. Richard struggled to get anything going early, and two open frames in the middle of the match sealed her fate.

In the opening match, Coté defeated No. 5 Verity Crawley of England, 222-221. Coté struck in six of the first seven frames, but a split in the ninth frame provided Crawley some hope. Crawley, who opened the match with a split of her own, tossed two strikes in frames eight and nine to force Coté to fill 20 pins to shut out Crawley. After leaving a 10 pin on first shot, Coté made the spare and followed with a strike to secure the win.

The 93-player field in Seminole bowled 12 games Friday, before the first cut to the top 31 athletes. Advancers bowled an additional six-game block Saturday morning, with the top 12 competing in a final six-game round to determine the five bowlers for the stepladder, based on 24-game pinfall totals.

The 2022 PWBA Tour season now will head to Maple Lanes in Rockville Centre, New York, for the PWBA Classic Series - Long Island. The week features three national tour stops and will run from June 6-12.

The national tournaments on the schedule for the Classic Series - Long Island include the PWBA Long Island Classic (June 6-8), PWBA BowITV Classic (June 9-10) and PWBA BVL Classic (June 11-12).

The finals for the Long Island Classic and BowITV Classic will be streamed live at BowITV.com at 7 p.m. Eastern on June 8 and 10, respectively. The finals of the BVL Classic will be broadcast live June 12 at 5 p.m. Eastern on CBS Sports Network.

The same format will be used for the Long Island Classic and BowITV Classic. Competitors will bowl 12 games of qualifying, before the top 12 players advance to round-robin match play. After 12 games of match play, the top five bowlers will advance to the stepladder finals, based on total pinfall and bonus pins for each victory in match play.

The BVL Classic will feature the top 24 players from the Long Island Classic and BowITV Classic, based on their 24-game qualifying totals. Total pinfall will drop at the start of the BVL Classic, and the 24 advancers will bowl 24 games of round-robin match play to determine the five bowlers for the stepladder finals, based on total pinfall and bonus pins.

For more information on the PWBA, visit [PWBA.com](http://PWBA.com).

## **2022 PWBA St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open At Seminole Lanes Seminole, Fla.**

### **Sunday's results**

#### **FINAL STANDINGS**

- 1, Breanna Clemmer, Clover, S.C., 226 (one game), \$20,000.
- 2, Bryanna Coté, Tucson, Ariz., 845 (four games), \$10,000.
- 3, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 203 (one game), \$7,700.
- 4, Jordan Richard, Maumee, Ohio, 172 (one game), \$6,600.
- 5, Verity Crawley, England, 221 (one game), \$5,600.

#### **STEPLADDER RESULTS**

Match No. 1 – Coté def. Crawley, 222-221.

Match No. 2 – Coté def. Richard, 224-172.  
Semifinal – Coté def. Zavjalova, 218-203.  
Championship – Clemmer def. Coté, 226-181.

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**BRUMMETT LEADS AFTER FIRST DAY OF 2022 PWBA LONG ISLAND CLASSIC**

**By Emil Williams Jr.**

**ROCKVILLE CENTRE, N.Y.** - Sydney Brummett of Fort Wayne, Indiana, claimed the lead after the opening rounds of competition at the 2022 Professional Women's Bowling Association Long Island Classic.

Brummett fired a 1,323 six-game total Tuesday morning to claim the lead, and she managed to maintain it when she added a six-game block of 1,233 for a 12-game total of 2,556 (213 average).

Stefanie Johnson of McKinney, Texas, is second with 2,542, while Justyne Vukovich of New Stanton, Pennsylvania, is third with a 2,535 total. Latvia's Diana Zavjalova (2,533) and Shannon O'Keefe of Shiloh, Illinois (2,498), round out the top five.

The 81-player field was cut to the top 12 players after Tuesday's second round, with Liz Kuhlkin of Schenectady, New York, claiming the final spot for Wednesday's match-play rounds with a total of 2,433, an average of 202.75.

Despite a difficult and sometimes grueling 38-foot lane condition, Brummett simply tried to keep things as simple as possible, and as she described it, "play catch with her target."

"They were hard," said Brummett, a five-time Team USA member. "I tried to find a place where I felt like I was deep enough through the front part of the lane where I had hold. Then, I kept telling myself, 'Just play catch with your target and see what happens.' They were so hard that you couldn't control anything. I just wanted to hit what I was looking at, and if I did that, I would move based on what I saw. But really, it was play catch with the target, hit the 1-3 (pocket) and make the spare."

Wednesday's match-play rounds will consist of six games starting at 9 a.m. Eastern, and an additional six games of match play at 2 p.m. Eastern. Players will earn 30 bonus

pins for each win, 15 bonus pins for a tie and zero bonus pins for a loss. The top five players, based on total pinfall for 24 games and bonus pins, will advance to the stepladder finals.

The stepladder will be Wednesday at 7 p.m. Eastern and broadcast live at BowlTV.com. The champion will earn \$10,000.

The same format also will be used for the BowlTV Classic, which takes place Thursday and Friday.

The BVL Classic, the final tournament in the season's first Classic Series event, will feature the top 24 players from the Long Island Classic and BowlTV Classic, based on their 24-game qualifying totals. Total pinfall will drop at the start of the BVL Classic, and the 24 advancers will bowl 24 games of round-robin match play to determine the five bowlers for the stepladder finals, based on total pinfall and bonus pins.

All qualifying and match-play rounds, along with the finals for the BowlTV Classic will be streamed live at BowlTV.com. The finals will take place at 7 p.m. Eastern on June 10. Match play for the BVL Classic also will be streamed live on BowlTV, while the finals will be broadcast live June 12 at 5 p.m. Eastern on CBS Sports Network.

For more information on the PWBA, visit PWBA.com.

**2022 PWBA Long Island Classic  
At Maple Lanes  
Rockville Centre, N.Y.**

**Tuesday's results**

**QUALIFYING  
(12 games)**

1, Sydney Brummett, Fort Wayne, Ind., 2,556. 2, Stefanie Johnson, McKinney, Texas, 2,542. 3, Justyne Vukovich, New Stanton, Pa., 2,535. 4, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 2,533. 5, Shannon O'Keefe, Shiloh, Ill., 2,498. 6(tie), Dasha Kovalova, Ukraine, and Hui Fen New, Singapore, 2,472.

8, Bryanna Coté, Tucson, Ariz., 2,454. 9, Anneli Blomqvist, Sweden, 2,445. 10, Verity Crawley, England, 2,438. 11, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 2,436. 12, Liz Kuhlkin, Schenectady, N.Y., 2,433.

**DID NOT ADVANCE**

13, Kayla Bandy, Wichita, Kan., 2,430, \$1,200. 14, Daria Pajak, Poland, 2,425, \$1,200. 15, Maria José Rodriguez, Colombia, 2,417, \$1,200. 16, Stephanie Schwartz, Racine, Wis., 2,415, \$1,200. 17, Cajsa Wegner, Sweden, 2,406, \$1,200. 18, Shalin Zulkifli, Malaysia, 2,401, \$1,200.

19, Liz Johnson, Niagara Falls, N.Y., 2,396, \$1,200. 20, Missy Parkin, San Clemente, Calif., 2,394, \$1,200. 21(tie), Jenny Wegner, Sweden, and Elysia Current, Middletown, Del., 2,391, \$1,200. 23, Danielle Merino (n), College Point, N.Y., 2,387, \$1,200. 24, Stephanie Zavala, Downey, Calif., 2,383, \$1,200.

25, Jordan Richard, Maumee, Ohio, 2,376, \$1,200. 26, Maria Bulanova, Russia, 2,375, \$1,000. 27, Rocio Restrepo, Uniontown, Ohio, 2,370, \$1,000. 28, Olivia Farwell, Elizabethtown, Pa., 2,368, \$1,000. 29, Birgit Noreiks, Germany, 2,361. 30, Clara Guerrero, Colombia, 2,353.

31, Julia Bond, Aurora, Ill., 2,347. 32(tie), Alexis Neuer, Milton, Pa., and Felicia Wong, Canada, 2,345. 34, Jenna Rapach (n), Hazleton, Pa., 2,340. 35, Kayla Crawford, Silvis, Ill., 2,337. 36, Taylor Bailey, Jonesboro, Ark., 2,331.

37, Daphne Tan, Singapore, 2,329. 38, Kerry Smith, Lititz, Pa., 2,328. 39, Jen Higgins, Lewis Center, Ohio, 2,327. 40, Josie Barnes, Hermitage, Tenn., 2,325. 41, Kasey Eaton (n), Wyoming, Mich., 2,319. 42, Lindsay Boomershine, Brigham City, Utah, 2,318.

43, Breanna Clemmer, Clover, S.C., 2,310. 44, Shannon Pluhowsky, Dayton, Ohio, 2,308. 45, Marcia Kloempken (n), Pleasant View, Utah, 2,299. 46, Ashly Galante, Palm Harbor, Fla., 2,291. 47, Hayley Connelly (n), Hazlet, N.J., 2,287. 48(tie), Wendy Bartaire-Jimenez, France, and Heather D'Errico, Rochester, N.Y., 2,283.

50, Sandra Gongora, Mexico, 2,282. 51, Anna Andersson (n), Sweden, 2,271. 52, Lauren Pate, Ballwin, Mo., 2,253. 53, Estefania Cobo, Puerto Rico, 2,251. 54, Shayna Ng, Singapore, 2,249.

55, Melissa Kammerer, Staten Island, N.Y., 2,233. 56, Cherie Tan, Singapore, 2,232. 57, Gazmine Mason, Cranston, R.I., 2,229. 58, Elizabeth John (n), Astoria, N.Y., 2,225. 59, Stephanie Casey (n), Yonkers, N.Y., 2,224. 60, Summer Jasmin, Beckley, W.Va., 2,217.

61, Victoria Johansson, Sweden, 2,213. 62, Marissa Allison, Sylvania, Ohio, 2,205. 63, Courtney Ermisch, Big Bend, Wis., 2,201. 64, Mallory Clark, Auburn, Maine, 2,200. 65, Jennifer Russo, Monmouth Junction, N.J., 2,199. 66, Kaylene Bishop, Medical Lake, Wash., 2,180.

67, Chelsey Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich., 2,153. 68, Sarah Klassen, Canada, 2,132. 69, Kristen Derr (n), Sunbury, Pa., 2,122. 70, Mattie Brandos (n), Brookfield, Wis., 2,120. 71, Josefin Hermansson (n), Sweden, 2,115. 72, Brianna Andrew, Grand Rapids, Mich., 2,089.

73, Melanie McDaniel, Joliet, Ill., 2,073. 74, Brooke Allen, Potosi, Wis., 2,065. 75, Sandra Maresca (n), Mamaroneck, N.Y., 2,064. 76, Jennifer Hocuscak, Orange, Conn., 2,057. 77, Genese Cowart-Headen, Yonkers, N.Y., 2,045. 78, Samantha Morlack (n), Amityville, N.Y., 2,042.

79, Hayley Dann, Dayton, Ohio, 2,013. 80, Lisa Timm, Auburn, Ill., 1,991. 81, Erica Gershkowitz (n), Oceanside, N.Y., 1,869.



## **LIZ KUHLLIN WINS 2022 PWBA LONG ISLAND CLASSIC**

**By Emil Williams Jr.**

**ROCKVILLE CENTRE, N.Y.** - When the 2022 season began, Liz Kuhlkin of Schenectady, New York, felt she needed to revive her career on the Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour.

On Wednesday night, she declared her return to the winner's circle when she defeated Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona, 192-190, to win the PWBA Long Island Classic at Maple Lanes.

She earned \$10,000 for the win, which was broadcast live on BowlTV.com.

Kuhlkin won her third career title in front of her native New York crowd and ended a winless drought which lasted a little more than two seasons.

"It's a revival of my career," Kuhlkin said. "I really have felt the last two or three years my game has gotten better, but sometimes you need to see it on paper. To win the title kind of shows yourself, 'You know, listen, you belong. You're an elite player on tour.' And, winning this today is a revival of my career. This was the Liz Kuhlkin of 2018, but now she's back in 2022. It really feels that way."

The title match began with a flurry of strikes from Kuhlkin, who connected in four of the first six frames, but Coté wasn't far behind with three strikes of her own in the first six frames.

Things became interesting in frames seven and eight for Kuhlkin, when she missed two makeable spares. Coté split in the seventh and followed with a spare in the eighth to trail by just five pins. After trading spares in the ninth frame, Coté stepped up in the final stanza looking to apply pressure, since she couldn't shut out Kuhlkin. She filled 20 pins with a spare and strike to finish at 190.

This left Kuhlkin needing to fill 15 pins, if she struck on her first shot in the 10th frame, to secure the victory. She left a 10 pin on her first offering and followed with a spare, which meant six pins was the magic number to win. Kuhlkin's final shot crept high on the head pin but left the 4-6-7 split to grab the win.

Before the fill shot was thrown, Kuhlkin contemplated tossing her spare ball down the middle of the lane to secure enough pins but thought better of it because it wasn't something she's used to doing.

"I really wanted to win for myself and for my family," Kuhlkin said. "I had to take a breather, because there were a couple of shots where I really don't think I executed the best I could've. I was letting my emotions get to me a little bit. I knew that I was going to have to bowl a good game because Bryanna's a great player. She's been bowling fantastic. I actually told myself before the match started that I had to make seven or eight good shots to win, and I think I ended up doing just that."

"A 10 pin was probably the pin I wanted to leave to make because I felt that's an easy spare for me to pick up. I'm glad I didn't leave a 3-6 because I missed it about 100 times this week. Then, I got emotional when I made it, but I realized, "Hey, listen, you got to get six.' It kind of ran through my mind, 'Do I do the Pete Weber thing and throw it 100 miles an hour down the middle with a plastic ball?' But, I've never done that and probably would've gotten three off the right, so I told myself just throw a good shot. I thought I threw a good shot and it still hooked. It could have been disastrous as well, but I got seven and got the job taken care of."

Kuhlkin has had some honest conversations with herself during the last few seasons and realized what she had to do. The weekly grind that is the PWBA Tour can be exhausting and humbling, but also rewarding. That's why being a professional bowler is her dream job. But, at the same time, she had to keep it real. She knew she had the talent, and her passion was still there, but the wins were not following.

It was clear she had to take things more seriously. Following her U.S. Women's Open win in 2018, Kuhlkin admittedly relaxed, which cannot happen around the best players in the world because "they're too good out here."

After doubting her career accomplishments and wondering if she had overachieved, Kuhlkin spent the offseason bowling more competitive tournaments and watching video. She saw that hard work pay off Wednesday night.

"You have to always be on your game out here, and I've been on my game," Kuhlkin said. "I'm pretty lucky to be where I'm from in the Capital Region, because there are a lot of good bowlers there. There's a lot of bowling tournaments on the weekend, and it's competitive bowling. You can practice until your heart bleeds out, but you really need to have the competitive juices on the weekend, every weekend."

"I practiced a lot. I watched a lot of video, as weird as that sounds. I watched a lot of video from 2018 when I was making shows. I watched video of the women who are really good out here. The Shannon O'Keefes, the Dasha Kovalovas, the ones who have been winning a lot. I increased my ball speed and got my feet moving. I've been taking the offseason more seriously, and it's showing."

Coté had earned the top seed for Wednesday's stepladder finals on the strength of a 10-1-1 record in match play earlier in the day at Maple Lanes. She finished match play with a 5,366 total, including bonus pins. She made her third consecutive championship-round appearance (Twin Cities Open, St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open) and was in search of her third career PWBA Tour title. She finished as the runner-up for the second consecutive event.

Kuhlkin advanced to the title match by defeating four-time titlist Dasha Kovalova of Ukraine, 185-161. Kuhlkin again used a strong start to hold off Kovalova and advance.

Kuhlkin defeated Stefanie Johnson of McKinney, Texas, 209-205, in Match 2. Kuhlkin survived after Johnson didn't deliver a strike on her first shot in the 10th frame, which would have given her the win.

Kuhlkin kicked off the stepladder with a win over four-time champion Diana Zavjalova of Latvia, 215-180. Kuhlkin was clean throughout, while Zavjalova lost her look late in the match. Zavjalova was making her second consecutive championship-round appearance.

The Long Island Classic featured 12 games of qualifying on a 38-foot oil pattern Tuesday to determine the top 12 players for round-robin match play Wednesday. Total pinfall, including bonus pins, for 24 games determined the five finalists for the stepladder.

Competition at Maple Lanes will resume Thursday at 9 a.m. Eastern for the BowITV Classic. The BowITV Classic will feature the same format, with the finals taking place on BowITV on Friday at 7 p.m. Eastern.

The combined qualifying totals for the Long Island Classic and BowITV Classic (24 games) will determine the 24 athletes advancing to the BVL Classic.

Pinfall will drop at the beginning of the BVL Classic, with all advancers bowling three eight-game blocks of round-robin match play Saturday and Sunday. The top five competitors, based on total pinfall and bonus pins, will advance to Sunday's stepladder finals.

The finals of the BVL Classic will be broadcast Sunday at 5 p.m. Eastern on CBS Sports Network, with the winner earning a \$10,000 top prize.

For more information on the PWBA, visit [PWBA.com](http://PWBA.com).

## **2022 PWBA Long Island Classic At Maple Lanes Rockville Centre, N.Y.**

### **Wednesday's results**

#### **FINAL STANDINGS**

- 1, Liz Kuhlkin, Schenectady, N.Y., 801 (four games), \$10,000.
- 2, Bryanna Coté, Tucson, Ariz., 190 (one game), \$5,000.
- 3, Dasha Kovalova, Ukraine, 161 (one game), \$3,500.
- 4, Stefanie Johnson, McKinney, Texas, 205 (one game), \$2,500.
- 5, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 180 (one game), \$2,000.

#### **STEPLADDER RESULTS**

**Match No. 1** – Kuhlkin def. Zavjalova, 215-180.

**Match No. 2** – Kuhlkin def. Johnson, 209-205.

**Semifinal** – Kuhlkin def. Kovalova, 185-161.

**Championship** – Kuhlkin def. Coté, 192-190.

#### **MATCH PLAY**

**(24 games, 30 bonus pins for a win, 15 bonus pins for a tie)**

1, Bryanna Coté, Tucson, Ariz., 10-1-1, 5,366. 2, Dasha Kovalova, Ukraine, 8-4-0, 5,254. 3, Stefanie Johnson, McKinney, Texas, 10-2-0, 5,251. 4, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 6-6-0, 5,210. 5, Liz Kuhlkin, Schenectady, N.Y., 6-6-0, 5,126.

### **DID NOT ADVANCE**

6, Verity Crawley, England, 4-8-0, 5,041, \$1,750. 7, Shannon O'Keefe, Shiloh, Ill., 5-7-0, 5,040, \$1,650. 8, Hui Fen New, Singapore, 7-4-1, 5,021, \$1,600. 9, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 5-7-0, 4,969, \$1,550. 10, Sydney Brummett, Fort Wayne, Ind., 3-9-0, 4,949, \$1,500. 11, Anneli Blomqvist, Sweden, 6-6-0, 4,935, \$1,450. 12, Justyne Vukovich, New Stanton, Pa., 1-11-0, 4,753, \$1,400.

**June 9, 2022**

### **O'KEEFE IN CONTROL AFTER FIRST DAY OF 2022 PWBA BOWLTV CLASSIC**

**By Emil Williams Jr.**

**ROCKVILLE CENTRE, N.Y.** - Shannon O'Keefe of Shiloh, Illinois, grabbed the overall lead after two rounds of qualifying and will lead the field into match play at the 2022 Professional Women's Bowling Association BowlTV Classic.

O'Keefe was excellent throughout the day and used a pair of steady six-game blocks to average more than 226 to help surpass Colombia's Clara Guerrero, who held the lead after this morning's opening round.

O'Keefe finished with a 2,719 total and was followed by Guerrero (2,669), Lauren Pate of Ballwin, Missouri (2,581), Liz Johnson of Niagara Falls, New York (2,568), and Josie Barnes of Hermitage, Tennessee (2,561).

The top 12 players after Thursday's second round advanced to Friday's match-play rounds, with Marcia Kloempken of Pleasant View, Utah, claiming the final spot with a total of 2,511, an average of 209.25.

The BowlTV Classic presented a different challenge on the lanes with a 50-foot lane condition across the house at Maple Lanes. The pattern seemed to produce some additional friction, which O'Keefe had to migrate to find the right combination.

"I was trying to be really soft-handed with it at the bottom, so when it would see the friction, it wouldn't want to just check off of it," said O'Keefe, who owns 15 career PWBA Tour titles. "My moves all day were just to keep it in front of me and feel like I'm rolling it over my left toe. Where I actually got into trouble was down on the low end. We got quite a bit farther left much quicker tonight, which is normal, but I did not bring my eyes with me as quickly as I needed to. So, my angles just got a little bit too open

for a few frames. Fortunately, I was able to dial it in and bail out 190. But, it was a great day.”

Friday’s match-play rounds will consist of six games starting at 9 a.m. Eastern, and an additional six games of match play at 2 p.m. Eastern. Players will earn 30 bonus pins for each win, 15 bonus pins for a tie and zero bonus pins for a loss. The top five players, based on total pinfall for 24 games and bonus pins, will advance to the stepladder finals.

The stepladder will take place at 7 p.m. Eastern and be broadcast live at [BowITV.com](http://BowITV.com). The champion will earn \$10,000.

O’Keefe’s performance this week also allowed her to secure the top spot in the upcoming PWBA BVL Classic. The top 24 athletes based on their combined qualifying totals for the Long Island Classic and BowITV Classic (24 games) determined the advancers to the BVL Classic.

O’Keefe’s BVL Classic qualifying total was 5,217, which was 183 pins higher than second place. She averaged 217.38 for 24 games.

Sydney Brummett of Fort Wayne, Indiana, was next with 5,034, while Guerrero (5,022), Ukraine’s Dasha Kovalova (5,017) and Singapore’s New Hui Fen (4,977) round out the top five.

Mexico’s Sandra Gongora fired games of 267 and 279 during her final two games of qualifying Thursday at the BowITV Classic to earn the final spot in the BVL Classic. She finished with a 24-game total of 4,769, an average of 198.71.

Pinfall will drop at the beginning of the BVL Classic, with all advancers bowling three eight-game blocks of round-robin match play Saturday and Sunday. The top five competitors, based on total pinfall and bonus pins for each victory, will advance to Sunday’s stepladder finals.

The finals of the BVL Classic will be broadcast Sunday at 5 p.m. Eastern on CBS Sports Network, with the winner earning a \$10,000 top prize.

For more information on the PWBA, visit [PWBA.com](http://PWBA.com).

**2022 PWBA BowITV Classic  
At Maple Lanes  
Rockville Centre, N.Y.**

**Thursday’s results**

## **QUALIFYING (12 games)**

1, Shannon O'Keefe, Shiloh, Ill., 2,719. 2, Clara Guerrero, Colombia, 2,669. 3, Lauren Pate, Ballwin, Mo., 2,581. 4, Liz Johnson, Niagara Falls, N.Y., 2,568. 5, Josie Barnes, Hermitage, Tenn., 2,561. 6, Dasha Kovalova, Ukraine, 2,545.

7, Daphne Tan, Singapore, 2,535. 8, Lindsay Boomershine, Brigham City, Utah, 2,531. 9, Julia Bond, Aurora, Ill., 2,524. 10, Verity Crawley, England, 2,514. 11, Cherie Tan, Singapore, 2,512. 12, Marcia Kloempken (n), Pleasant View, Utah, 2,511.

## **DID NOT ADVANCE**

13, New Hui Fen, Singapore, 2,505, \$1,200. 14, Sandra Gongora, Mexico, 2,486, \$1,200. 15, Sydney Brummett, Fort Wayne, Ind., 2,478, \$1,200. 16, Shalin Zulkifli, Malaysia, 2,475, \$1,200. 17, Jordan Richard, Maumee, Ohio, 2,474, \$1,200. 18, Shayna Ng, Singapore, 2,469, \$1,200.

19, Bryanna Coté, Tucson, Ariz., 2,440, \$1,200. 20, Missy Parkin, San Clemente, Calif., 2,436, \$1,200. 21, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 2,432, \$1,200. 22, Kerry Smith, Lititz, Pa., 2,428, \$1,200. 23, Maria Bulanova, Russia, 2,425, \$1,200. 24, Maria José Rodríguez, Colombia, 2,416, \$1,200.

25, Cajsa Wegner, Sweden, 2,400, \$1,200. 26, Shannon Pluhowsky, Dayton, Ohio, 2,386, \$1,000. 27, Ashly Galante, Palm Harbor, Fla., 2,385, \$1,000. 28(tie), Birgit Noreiks, Germany, and Stefanie Johnson, McKinney, Texas, 2,377. 30, Rocio Restrepo, Uniontown, Ohio, 2,373.

31, Jen Higgins, Lewis Center, Ohio, 2,371. 32, Gazmine Mason, Cranston, R.I., 2,366. 33, Taylor Bailey, Jonesboro, Ark., 2,362. 34, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 2,355. 35, Stephanie Zavala, Downey, Calif., 2,352. 36, Stephanie Schwartz, Racine, Wis., 2,340.

37, Olivia Farwell, Elizabethtown, Pa., 2,339. 38, Elysia Current, Middletown, Del., 2,328. 39, Breanna Clemmer, Clover, S.C., 2,326. 40, Alexis Neuer, Milton, Pa., 2,320. 41, Kasey Eaton (n), Wyoming, Mich., 2,318. 42, Anneli Blomqvist, Sweden, 2,308.

43, Daria Pajak, Poland, 2,303. 44, Felicia Wong, Canada, 2,294. 45, Josefin Hermansson (n), Sweden, 2,291. 46, Kristen Derr (n), Sunbury, Pa., 2,287. 47(tie), Danielle Merino (n), College Point, N.Y., and Mallory Clark, Auburn, Maine, 2,278.

49, Courtney Ermisch, Big Bend, Wis., 2,272. 50, Liz Kuhlkin, Schenectady, N.Y., 2,258. 51, Jennifer Russo, Monmouth Junction, N.J., 2,256. 52, Jenny Wegner, Sweden, 2,253. 53, Kayla Bandy, Wichita, Kan., 2,251. 54, Stephanie Casey (n), Yonkers, N.Y., 2,236.

55, Jenna Rapach (n), Hazleton, Pa., 2,232. 56, Wendy Bartaire-Jimenez, France, 2,227. 57, Chelsey Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich., 2,213. 58, Sarah Klassen, Canada, 2,206. 59, Anna Andersson (n), Sweden, 2,187. 60, Elizabeth John (n), Astoria, N.Y., 2,186.

61, Hayley Connelly (n), Hazlet, N.J., 2,184. 62, Melanie McDaniel, Joliet, Ill., 2,180. 63(tie), Jennifer Hocurscak, Orange, Conn., and Marissa Allison, Sylvania, Ohio, 2,178. 65(tie), Brooke Allen, Potosi, Wis., and Summer Jasmin, Beckley, W.Va., 2,162.

67, Kayla Crawford, Silvis, Ill., 2,157. 68, Brianna Andrew, Grand Rapids, Mich., 2,155. 69, Kaylene Bishop, Medical Lake, Wash., 2,143. 70, Samantha Morlack (n), Amityville, N.Y., 2,139. 71, Estefania Cobo, Puerto Rico, 2,122. 72, Justyne Vukovich, New Stanton, Pa., 2,121.

73, Lisa Timm, Auburn, Ill., 2,086. 74, Heather D'Errico, Rochester, N.Y., 2,084. 75, Victoria Johansson, Sweden, 2,077. 76, Mattie Brandos (n), Brookfield, Wis., 2,072. 77, Hayley Dann, Dayton, Ohio, 2,056. 78, Melissa Kammerer, Staten Island, N.Y., 2,048.

79, Sandra Maresca (n), Mamaroneck, N.Y., 2,012. 80, Genese Cowart-Headen, Yonkers, N.Y., 1,990. 81, Erica Gershkowitz (n), Oceanside, N.Y., 1,906.

## **CHERIE TAN WINS 2022 PWBA BOWLTV CLASSIC**

By Emil Williams Jr.

ROCKVILLE CENTRE, N.Y. - Singapore's Cherie Tan parlayed a dominant match-play performance into her third career Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour title on Friday night.

The 34-year-old left-hander defeated Colombia's Clara Guerrero, 237-213, to win the PWBA BowlTV Classic at Maple Lanes.

Tan collected the \$10,000 top prize for her first win of the 2022 PWBA Tour season. The BowlTV Classic was broadcast live on BowlTV.com.

In the title match, Tan, the No. 1 seed, began with three consecutive strikes against Guerrero and looked much like she did during the earlier match-play rounds. Guerrero opened with a strike and followed with two consecutive eight-count spares before striking again in the fourth frame. She remained clean but would not strike again until the eighth frame and posted her first double of the game in the eighth and ninth frames.

Tan added a double in fifth and sixth frame, followed by a 7 pin she converted in the seventh frame for a 34-pin advantage. She tossed another double in the eighth and the ninth, which forced Guerrero to strike out in the 10th to keep her chances of winning alive. Guerrero notched the first strike in the 10th but couldn't strike on the second shot to give Tan the victory.

"It's great to win and be back in the winner's circle," said Tan, who won for the third time as the top seed. "I've been feeling pretty good about my game, so I think this is validation that I'm going in the right direction."

Tan entered this morning's match play rounds in 11th but flipped the script once match play began. She made the biggest jump in the standings after dominating her way to an 11-1 record, on the strength of two six-game sets of 1,398 and 1,404, an average of 233.5.

"I think it was more of getting comfortable with the shape and the reaction," Tan said. "And, fine tuning the surfaces on my equipment to match up to the pattern, because I

had 12 games to slowly figure it out. My teammates and my coach also suggested I try a different area during practice, and it looked really good, so I carried on with it.”

Tan, along with her Team Singapore teammates, are in the United States to compete in this week’s Classic Series and next week’s U.S. Women’s Open in South Glens Falls, New York. Tan was the runner-up to Josie Barnes of Hermitage, Tennessee, at last year’s event, in which Barnes earned \$100,000 for the win, the richest prize in women’s bowling history. The team includes Shayna Ng, New Hui Fen and her sister, Daphne Tan.

Guerrero advanced to the title match by defeating Shannon O’Keefe of Shiloh, Illinois, 216-204. Both players were clean throughout the match, but O’Keefe could not apply pressure in the 10th frame, allowing Guerrero to advance. Guerrero was making her second championship-round appearance while O’Keefe was making her third.

In Match 2, Guerrero defeated Daphne Tan, 217-173. Guerrero proved to be too much throughout the match, and an open in the 10th frame by Daphne sealed her fate.

In the opening match, Daphne defeated Julia Bond of Aurora, Illinois, 228-226. The two players traded four-baggers early, but Daphne had the lead after a missed 2-4-5 spare conversion in the first frame. The match came down to the 10th frame when Bond needed to strike on her first shot to advance, but she left a 10 pin on her first shot.

Both Bond and Daphne were making their first championship-round appearances.

The Long Island Classic Series features three events — the Long Island Classic, BowlTV Classic and BVL Classic.

The Long Island Classic and BowlTV Classic featured the same format. Each event featured 12 games of qualifying to determine the top 12 players for round-robin match play. At the conclusion of match play, the top five athletes, based on total pinfall and bonus pins, advanced to the stepladder finals.

Liz Kuhlkin of Schenectady, New York, won her third career title at the Long Island Classic, defeating Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona, in the title match, 192-190.

The top 24 athletes based on their combined qualifying totals for the Long Island Classic and BowlTV Classic (24 games) determined the advancers to the BVL Classic.

Pinfall will drop at the beginning of the BVL Classic, with all advancers bowling three eight-game blocks of round-robin match play Saturday and Sunday. The top five competitors, based on total pinfall and bonus pins, will advance to the stepladder finals.



The finals of the BVL Classic will be broadcast Sunday at 5 p.m. Eastern on CBS Sports Network, with the winner earning a \$10,000 top prize.

Bond, Guerrero, O'Keefe and Daphne Tan qualified for the BVL Classic.

2022 PWBA Long Island Classic  
At Maple Lanes  
Rockville Centre, N.Y.

Friday's results

#### FINAL STANDINGS

- 1, Cherie Tan, Singapore, 237 (one game), \$10,000.
- 2, Clara Guerrero, Colombia, 646 (three games), \$5,000.
- 3, Shannon O'Keefe, Shiloh, Ill., 204 (one game), \$3,500.
- 4, Daphne Tan, Singapore, 401 (two games), \$2,500.
- 5, Julia Bond, Aurora, Ill., 226 (one game), \$2,000.

#### STEPLADDER RESULTS

Match No. 1 – D. Tan def. Bond, 228-226.  
Match No. 2 – Guerrero def. D. Tan, 217-173.

Semifinal – Guerrero def. O'Keefe, 216-204.

Championship – C. Tan def. Guerrero, 237-213.

#### MATCH PLAY

(24 games, 30 bonus pins for a win, 15 bonus pins for a tie)

1, Cherie Tan, Singapore, 11-1-0, 5,624. 2, Shannon O'Keefe, Shiloh, Ill., 9-3-0, 5,481. 3, Clara Guerrero, Colombia, 7-5-0, 5,397. 4, Julia Bond, Aurora, Ill., 7-5-0, 5,286. 5, Daphne Tan, Singapore, 7-4-1, 5,284.

DID NOT ADVANCE

6, Lauren Pate, Ballwin, Mo., 6-5-1, 5,225, \$1,750. 7, Lindsay Boomershine, Brigham City, Utah, 5-7-0, 5,084, \$1,650. 8, Liz Johnson, Niagara Falls, N.Y., 5-7-0, 5,073, \$1,600. 9, Josie Barnes, Hermitage, Tenn., 5-7-0, 5,070, \$1,550. 10, Dasha Kovalova, Ukraine, 4-8-0, 4,977, \$1,500. 11, Verity Crawley, England, 3-9-0, 4,903, \$1,450. 12, Marcia Kloempken (n), Pleasant View, Utah, 3-9-0, 4,741, \$1,400.

## **CRAWLEY CHASES DOWN LEAD AT 2022 PWBA BVL CLASSIC**

ROCKVILLE CENTRE, N.Y. - England's Verity Crawley jumped from 10th to first and has the lead following two rounds of match play at the 2022 Professional Women's Bowling Association BVL Classic.

Crawley posted a 10-5-1 record Friday to finish with a 3,960 total, including bonus pins for each win or tie. She fired the tournament's first 300 game en route to the highest eight-game block of Round 2 (1,894) to help claim the lead.

She's followed in the standings by Mexico's Sandra Gongora (3,927), Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York (3,911), Colombia's Maria José Rodriguez (3,878) and Jordan Richard of Maumee, Ohio (3,831).

The 24 athletes who qualified for the BVL Classic will return to the Maple Lanes on Sunday for a final eight-game round of match play on BowlTV.com, with the top five competitors advancing to the stepladder finals.

The stepladder of the BVL Classic will be broadcast live Sunday at 5 p.m. Eastern on CBS Sports Network, with the champion claiming the \$10,000 top prize.

The 43-foot BVL Classic oil pattern is producing higher scores in comparison to the previous two events, and Crawley was able to find her comfort zone early and settle in during the evening block.

"Tonight's motto for me was more strikes in less shots," said Crawley, who won the 2021 Greater Nashville Open. "I have a very painful finger at the moment. So for me, it was kind of one of those where I got really comfortable and felt like I could finally play

to my 'A' game. I really just wanted to take advantage of that, make the best shots I could and it was just really nice to be able to bowl and fully be myself."

Crawley is nursing an injury to her right middle finger, which has provided its fair share of pain, including during Saturday's morning round, where she finished in 10th place. Like all great athletes, the 27-year-old right-hander is doing everything she can to relieve pain and increase her chances of scoring well, despite the pain and other mental and physical fatigue from the amount of games bowled this week.

"Well, so far I've spent most of my downtime at CVS buying whatever I can to try and relieve some pain," Crawley said. "But, tonight, it's rest as much as possible. It's really difficult on our bodies with this schedule. My body feels great apart from my finger. So that's kind of what's difficult, right? It feels like such a tiny issue. Yet it bothers me so much. And that's what's so frustrating, because the rest of my body feels pretty good. I feel like I've worked hard enough in the offseason to where I feel strong enough to be able to handle this amount of games."

The top 24 athletes based on their combined qualifying totals for the Long Island Classic and BowlTV Classic (24 games) advanced to the BVL Classic.

Liz Kuhlkin of Schenectady, New York, won her third career title at the Long Island Classic on Wednesday, defeating Bryanna Coté in the championship match, 192-190. Singapore's Cherie Tan also won her third career PWBA title at the BowlTV Classic, defeating Colombia's Clara Guerrero, 237-213.

Pinfall dropped at the beginning of the BVL Classic, with advancers bowling three eight-game blocks of round-robin match play Saturday and Sunday.

For more information on the PWBA, visit [PWBA.com](http://PWBA.com).

#### About the PWBA

The Professional Women's Bowling Association (PWBA) originally was formed in 1960. The PWBA Tour has events throughout the country, offering high-level competition and top prize money for women bowlers. The PWBA is supported by the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America (BPAA) and the United States Bowling Congress (USBC).

2022 PWBA BowlTV Classic  
At Maple Lanes  
Rockville Centre, N.Y.

Saturday's results

#### MATCH PLAY

(16 games, 30 bonus pins for a win, 15 bonus pins for a tie)

1, Verity Crawley, England, 10-5-1, 3,960. 2, Sandra Gongora, Mexico, 11-4-1, 3,927. 3, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 9-6-1, 3,911. 4, Maria José Rodriguez, Colombia, 10-6-0, 3,878. 5, Jordan Richard, Maumee, Ohio, 10-6-0, 3,831. 6, Stefanie Johnson, McKinney, Texas, 10-6-0, 3,828.

7, Bryanna Coté, Tucson, Ariz., 12-4-0, 3,824. 8, Shannon O'Keefe, Shiloh, Ill., 7-9-0, 3,811. 9, Missy Parkin, San Clemente, Calif., 10-6-0, 3,787. 10, Lindsay Boomershine, Brigham City, Utah, 8-8-0, 3,746. 11, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 9-7-0, 3,717. 12, Clara Guerrero, Colombia, 8-8-0, 3,670.

13, Josie Barnes, Hermitage, Tenn., 8-8-0, 3,660. 14, Shalin Zulkifli, Malaysia, 9-7-0, 3,657. 15, Cajsa Wegner, Sweden, 6-10-0, 3,635. 16, Dasha Kovalova, Ukraine, 8-8-0, 3,590. 17, New Hui Fen, Singapore, 9-7-0, 3,576. 18, Julia Bond, Aurora, Ill., 6-10-0, 3,513.

19, Maria Bulanova, Russia, 9-7-0, 3,501. 20, Lauren Pate, Ballwin, Mo., 6-10-0, 3,482. 21, Liz Johnson, Niagara Falls, N.Y., 3-13-0, 3,429. 22, Sydney Brummett, Fort Wayne, Ind., 5-10-1, 3,413. 23, Daphne Tan, Singapore, 4-12-0, 3,391. 24, Marcia Kloempken (n), Pleasant View, Utah, 3-13-0, 3,246.

## **BRYANNA COTÉ DOMINATES ON TV, WINS 2022 PWBA BVL CLASSIC**

**By Emil Williams Jr.**

**ROCKVILLE CENTRE, N.Y.** - Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona, was in full control as she climbed the ladder in dominating fashion to claim her third career Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour title Sunday.

The reigning PWBA Player of the Year defeated Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York, 212-152, to win the PWBA BVL Classic at Maple Lanes.

Coté earned \$10,000 for the win, which was her first of the 2022 PWBA Tour season. The BVL Classic was broadcast live on CBS Sports Network.

Coté, the No. 4 seed, entered the title match on a roll after tossing games of 289, 243 and 278 for an 810 series.

She continued the strong start against McEwan, striking in three of the first five frames, while McEwan opened with two single-pin spares, a strike and an additional single-pin spare. But, the fifth frame foreshadowed the rest of the match for McEwan as she left a 7-10 split to trail by 23 pins after five frames.

For the first time Sunday, Coté couldn't put together three consecutive strikes and settled for spares in the sixth, seventh and eighth frames to hold a 21-pin lead.

McEwan, working on a strike in the seventh, had a chance to take the lead but left back-to-back 7-10 splits in the eighth and ninth frames, which sealed the win for Coté.

Coté was making her fourth championship-round appearance in the last five events, and the fourth time proved to be the charm.

"It feels relieving and amazing," said Coté, a seven-time Team USA member. "In my interview for TV today I said, 'You have to learn to bowl on TV.' I think I had to learn how to bowl on TV again. I was fortunate enough to win my first time on TV in 2016, and winning on BowlTV last year. It's just steppingstones of learning to make good shots, learning to win matches and then finally being able to make the shots when they count. And, stick to a simple game plan, and that's what I did today and it paid off."

The 36-year-old right-hander looked similar in her runner-up finish at the recent St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open. She was in control during the first three matches before losing her ball reaction against top qualifier Breanna Clemmer of Clover, South Carolina.

The outcome was certainly different today as Coté had a better understanding of how the lanes might play as the matches continued.

"I think I had a better handle on the pair as it transitioned," Coté said. "In St. Pete, I felt the lanes really transitioned quickly in the championship match against Bre, so it kind of got away from me. I couldn't play catch up quick enough, and she bowled phenomenal. I was fortunate enough to be on top of my moves today and know what the game plan was if I saw something different. Today, it was simply to control the pocket, make your spares and hope they fall."

At the season-opening Rockford Open, Coté missed the cut. It was her first event as the reigning player of the year, and she admitted that maybe her "emotions got the best of her" after "having some expectations that she didn't see coming."

She regrouped quickly at the United States Bowling Congress Queens, and despite being eliminated earlier than she would've liked (tied for 17th), it was a quick turning point for the season. Following the first major, Coté began her streak of three consecutive championship-round appearances and four appearances in five events.

Her finishes during that span include a fourth-place finish at the Twin Cities Open and back-to-back runner-up finishes at the St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open and Long Island Classic, respectively.

"I told myself not to think about that," said Coté, referencing the unnecessary expectations she placed on herself after winning the 2021 PWBA Player of the Year award. "'You're still you. You still go out there and still be consistent. You hit the pocket and you make your spares. Last year is done. This is a completely new year, and you need to just be yourself and bowl."

"It started to turn around at the Queens. I felt like I got knocked out early, but I bowled well and started to build the momentum for the rest of the season. I just kept

riding the wave and stuck to my game plan, being me, and not thinking about what could be or what was.”

In the semifinal match, Coté defeated two-time PWBA Player of the Year Shannon O’Keefe of Shiloh, Illinois, 278-224. Coté started the match with eight consecutive strikes before a 10 pin ended her run at the \$10,000 bonus from GoBowling.com for a perfect game. O’Keefe was looking for her 16th career PWBA title.

In Match 2, Coté knocked off Stefanie Johnson of McKinney, Texas, 243-166. Another strong start from Coté combined with some late-match struggles on the right lane for Johnson was the difference. Johnson was searching for her fifth career PWBA title.

In the opening match, Coté began with a conversion of the 4 pin before connecting for 10 consecutive strikes to defeat Latvia’s Diana Zavjalova, 289-202. Zavjalova was looking for her fifth career title.

The BVL Classic was the third and final event of the Long Island Classic Series, which also included the Long Island Classic and BowlTV Classic.

Liz Kuhlkin of Schenectady, New York, and Singapore’s Cherie Tan each won their third career PWBA titles at the Long Island and BowlTV Classic, respectively.

The Long Island Classic and BowlTV Classic featured the same format. Each event featured 12 games of qualifying to determine the top 12 players for round-robin match play. At the conclusion of match play, the top five athletes, based on total pinfall and bonus pins, advanced to the stepladder finals.

The top 24 athletes based on their combined qualifying totals for the Long Island Classic and BowlTV Classic (24 games) determined the advancers to the BVL Classic.

Pinfall dropped at the beginning of the BVL Classic, with all advancers bowling three eight-game blocks of round-robin match play Saturday and Sunday. The top five competitors, based on total pinfall and bonus pins, advanced to the stepladder finals.

The PWBA Tour heads to upstate New York and South Glens Falls for the U.S. Women’s Open. The event will be held at Kingpin’s Alley Family Fun Center. Josie Barnes of Hermitage, Tennessee, is the defending champion.

For more information on the PWBA, visit [PWBA.com](http://PWBA.com).

**2022 PWBA Long Island Classic  
At Maple Lanes  
Rockville Centre, N.Y.**

**Sunday's results**

**FINAL STANDINGS**

- 1, Bryanna Coté, Tucson, Ariz., 1,022 (four games), \$10,000.
- 2, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 152 (one game), \$5,000.
- 3, Shannon O'Keefe, Shiloh, Ill., 224 (one game), \$3,500.
- 4, Stefanie Johnson, McKinney, Texas, 166 (one game), \$2,500.
- 5, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 202 (one game), \$2,000.

**STEPLADDER RESULTS**

**Match No. 1** – Coté def. Zavjalova, 289-202.

**Match No. 2** – Coté def. Johnson, 243-166.

**Semifinal** – Coté def. O'Keefe, 278-224.

**Championship** – Coté def. McEwan, 212-152.

**MATCH PLAY**

**(24 games, 30 bonus pins for a win, 15 bonus pins for a tie)**

1, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 16-7-1, 5,948. 2, Shannon O'Keefe, Shiloh, Ill., 14-10-0, 5,840. 3, Stefanie Johnson, McKinney, Texas, 15-9-0, 5,740. 4, Bryanna Coté, Tucson, Ariz., 17-7-0, 5,713. 5, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 15-9-0, 5,702.

**DID NOT ADVANCE**

6, Maria José Rodriguez, Colombia, 14-10-0, 5,663, \$1,750. 7, Verity Crawley, England, 12-11-1, 5,658, \$1,650. 8, Clara Guerrero, Colombia, 14-10-0, 5,657, \$1,600. 9, Lindsay Boomershine, Brigham City, Utah, 13-11-0, 5,640, \$1,550. 10, Shalin Zulkifli, Malaysia, 15-9-0, 5,610, \$1,500. 11, Missy Parkin, San Clemente, Calif., 12-12-0, 5,609, \$1,450. 12, Jordan Richard, Maumee, Ohio, 13-11-0, 5,578, \$1,450.

13, Sandra Gongora, Mexico, 11-11-2, 5,524, \$1,450. 14, Cajsa Wegner, Sweden, 11-13-0, 5,485, \$1,450. 15, Josie Barnes, Hermitage, Tenn., 12-12-0, 5,469, \$1,450. 16, Maria Bulanova, Russia, 12-11-1, 5,423, \$1,450. 17, Julia Bond, Aurora, Ill., 12-12-0, 5,421, \$1,450. 18, Liz Johnson, Niagara Falls, N.Y., 10-14-0, 5,408, \$1,450.

19, New Hui Fen, Singapore, 12-12-0, 5,355, \$1,450. 20, Dasha Kovalova, Ukraine, 9-15-0, 5,231, \$1,450. 21, Lauren Pate, Ballwin, Mo., 9-15-0, 5,191, \$1,450. 22, Sydney Brummett, Fort Wayne, Ind., 6-17-1, 5,095, \$1,450. 23, Daphne Tan, Singapore, 6-18-0, 5,087, \$1,450. 24, Marcia Kloempken (n), Pleasant View, Utah, 5-19-0, 4,880, \$1,450.

## **BARNES PREPARED FOR RETURN AT THE 2022 U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN**

**By Emil Williams Jr.**

**SOUTH GLENS FALLS, N.Y.** - Nearly 10 months ago, Josie Barnes of Hermitage, Tennessee, made history when she won the 2021 U.S. Women's Open, claiming the coveted green jacket and, in the process, earning \$100,000, the richest prize in the history of women's bowling.

Barnes is back in the field this week looking to make another long and grueling run to the stepladder finals. Last year, she earned the top seed and defeated Singapore's Cherie Tan, 198-194, to win her first major title.

The 2022 event kicks off Wednesday at Kingpin's Alley Family Fun Center with the tournament's official practice sessions, and the season's second major will conclude June 21 at 7 p.m. Eastern, live on CBS Sports Network.

This year's winner will receive \$60,000, with the event's overall prize fund at nearly \$255,000.

The allure of defending a title would be prominent for any player, but Barnes is focusing her energy in a different way. She tries not to use the word "defend" or the phrase "defend your title," because whether the feat is accomplished or not, she's always going to be the 2021 U.S. Women's Open.

It's a layer of additional pressure she's going to try and stay away from as the week begins and gives her an opportunity to "practice what she preaches" to her student-athletes as the associate head coach at Vanderbilt.

The most recent player to successfully defend a title at the U.S. Women's Open was Liz Johnson, who won four straight editions of the tournament from 2013-2017. There was no event held in 2014.

Marion Ladewig and Dorothy Fothergill are the only other players to have successfully defended a U.S. Women's Open title, and each accomplished the feat when the event still was known as the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America All-Star. The name of the event was changed to the U.S. Women's Open in 1971.

"I really try not to see it that way because at the end of the day, I could finish dead last this week, and I'm still going to be the 2021 U.S. Women's Open champion," Barnes said. "I'm really trying to not put that kind of pressure on myself, because it's not like there's been many people to do it. It's not an easy event to win. In a lot of ways, I'm trying to keep my perspective very similar to last year in the sense that I just want to go out and control what I'm doing. And, at the end of the day, if that puts me in a position to win again, I'm going to be really freaking happy. But, if I start thinking about defending, it's not going to be a very good week."

Barnes entered last year's event in the midst of what she called "not a good season,"



and the first day “started really poorly.” The event looked like it might be a continuation of her season to that point, but the 33-year-old right-hander turned things around, which was a lasting memory of understanding what she was capable of along with her belief in her abilities during a season and tournament that could’ve been lost.

What also stood out to Barnes in retrospect was her performance down the stretch in match play, specifically during the position round. Barnes made some pivotal shots against Tan on a pair that provided her numerous problems just a couple of games prior to securing the No. 1 seed.

“I had bowled on that pair a couple games before and it tricked me,” Barnes said. “I didn’t know what was going on. I didn’t feel like I executed that poorly, but my score was not very high. And, to be able to throw two (strikes) in the 10th (frame) to take the top seed, on a pair that I wasn’t comfortable on ... I don’t know if I have great words to describe it. It was a pretty remarkable feeling.”

The 2022 event will feature three eight-game qualifying rounds, starting Thursday at 8 a.m. Eastern, to determine the 30 players advancing to a fourth eight-game block. Each of the four rounds will feature a different oil pattern.

After 32 games, 24 athletes will begin round-robin match play, starting Sunday, with the fourth oil pattern being used for the remainder of the event.

Match play will consist of three eight-game rounds, with total pinfall and bonus pins for each victory determining the five players advancing to the stepladder finals.

All rounds leading up to the CBS Sports Network broadcast will be livestreamed at [BowlTV.com](http://BowlTV.com).

As a young girl growing up in Vandalia, Illinois, the nine-time Team USA member grew up watching U.S. Women’s Open champions like Johnson, Kelly Kulick and Kim Terrell-Kearney just to name a few. All three are United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famers, while Terrell-Kearney was recently inducted into the Professional Women’s Bowling Association Hall of Fame last May. Johnson and Kulick certainly are shoe-ins for future induction once eligible.

It’s every athlete’s dream to win the U.S. Women’s Open, and even now, it’s something Barnes still is in awe about, because she now shares the historical stage with many of her childhood idols.

As much as the win means to Barnes, she’s hoping to become an inspiration to future U.S. Women’s Open champions, much like the previous champions have inspired her.

“It’s honestly hard to imagine, because I’m still that little girl,” said Barnes, who is seeking her fifth PWBA Tour title this week. “Sometimes, I have to pinch myself, because I can’t believe one of the people I’m closest to (Kim) is really my friend. They’ve inspired me and so many young girls. I just hope I can do a minute amount to future generations of what they did for me.”

Along with Barnes and Johnson, additional past U.S. Women's Open champions competing this week include the Capital Region's own Liz Kuhlkin of Schenectady, New York, and Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York.

Kuhlkin climbed the stepladder during her victory in 2018 for her first major championship. Last week, she won her third career PWBA Tour title at the PWBA Long Island Classic at Maple Lanes in Rockville Centre, New York.

McEwan captured her win at the U.S. Women's Open at the 2019 event. It was her second career major championship.

For more information about the U.S. Women's Open, visit [BOWL.com/USWomensOpen](http://BOWL.com/USWomensOpen).

## **CHERIE TAN LEADS AFTER FIRST ROUND AT 2022 U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN**

**By Emil Williams Jr.**

**SOUTH GLENS FALLS, N.Y.** - Singapore's Cherie Tan averaged more than 217 to lead after the first round of qualifying at the 2022 U.S. Women's Open.

Tan fired an eight-game block of 1,938 during B squad Thursday afternoon on the event's first of four lane conditions, a 44-foot oil pattern. She was joined in the top five by Lindsay Boomershine of Brigham City, Utah, and Hope Gramly of Aubrey, Texas (1,919), Kayla Bandy of Wichita, Kansas (1,909), and Jordan Richard of Maumee, Ohio, (1,896).

Competition at Kingpin's Alley Family Fun Center will resume Friday at 8 a.m. Eastern with the second of three rounds of qualifying, this time on a flat 39-foot oil pattern.

A final eight games Saturday, which will be contested on a 42-foot oil pattern, will determine the 30 players who advance to the fourth round and final oil pattern. Those 30 competitors will bowl an additional eight games before the field is cut to the top 24 athletes. Those players will then bowl 24 games of round-robin match play over two days, with seeding based on their 32-game pinfall totals.

There will be 30 bonus pins awarded for each win in match play, and the 56-game pinfall totals, including bonus pins, will determine the five players for the championship stepladder.

All rounds of qualifying and match play are being broadcast live at [BowITV.com](http://BowITV.com) through Monday night, and the event will conclude live Tuesday on CBS Sports Network at 7 p.m. Eastern.

The winner will take home the iconic U.S. Women's Open trophy, coveted green jacket and \$60,000 top prize.

Tan, who collected her third career Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour title

last week at the BowlTV Classic, is off to another good start at the most prestigious event of the season.

At the 2021 event at Double Decker Lanes in Rohnert Park, California, she also held the lead after the first day of competition and made a run to the title match, losing to reigning champion Josie Barnes of Hermitage, Tennessee.

The 34-year-old left-hander was consistent throughout the day with a high game of 246 and a low game of 199, especially considering she found the lanes to be very different from pair to pair throughout her eight games of competition.

"I think I was pretty consistent throughout all eight games," Tan said. "It wasn't very high or very low. I think the reaction pair to pair was actually quite different, so I was using different balls for every lane and every pair I went to. At the beginning of each game, I actually had a few opens here and there and was able to strike out to save myself. So, I think it was more of matching up the lanes with the equipment and keeping everything simple."

Boomershine, who finished tied for 16th at last year's U.S. Women's Open, understands the grind of the event and how each day is its own unique challenge. But, once the day is complete, it's on to the next.

"This is great," Boomershine said. "I didn't have the most consistent block and had a couple pairs where the transition was really difficult, but I only missed one makeable spare in eight games. My job's done for today. I got the most pins I could and now I'm moving on. I'm already thinking about tomorrow, and the surfaces I need to change and how I'm going to play the lanes, because I know they're going to be super flat. We always see a pattern like that, and it should test you and test your game to the utmost because this is the most prestigious tournament to win."

Gramly, who finished fifth at her first United States Bowling Congress Queens appearance in May, also is competing in her first U.S. Women's Open. The two-time National Tenpin Coaches Association Division II Player of the Year had simple goals for the first day but was able to get comfortable in an area of the lane she likes during the back half of her squad.

"My goal was to be as close to even as possible, fill frames and catch a few breaks," Gramly said. "Eventually, I got comfortable and in the part of the lane that I consider my 'A' game, so I just kept executing the best shots I could and never looked back. I couldn't have imagined a better start to the U.S. Women's Open, and I'm only that much more excited for tomorrow. It's going to be another great week of bowling."

For more information about the U.S. Women's Open, visit [BOWL.com/USWomensOpen](http://BOWL.com/USWomensOpen).

**2022 U.S. Women's Open  
At Kingpin's Alley Family Fun Center  
South Glens Falls, N.Y.**

**Thursday's results**

**QUALIFYING  
(Eight games)**

1, Cherie Tan, Singapore, 1,738. 2(tie), Lindsay Boomershine, Brigham City, Utah, and Hope Gramly (n), Aubrey, Texas, 1,719. 4, Kayla Bandy, Wichita, Kan., 1,709. 5, Jordan Richard, Maumee, Ohio, 1,696. 6, Kerry Smith, Lititz, Pa., 1,693.

7, Birgit Noreiks, Germany, 1,691. 8, Liz Johnson, Niagara Falls, N.Y., 1,688. 9, Shannon O'Keefe, Shiloh, Ill., 1,681. 10, Shannon Sellens (n), Long Beach, N.Y., 1,676. 11, Stephanie Zavala, Downey, Calif., 1,667. 12, Rocio Restrepo, Uniontown, Ohio, 1,664.

13, Felicia Wong, Canada, 1,663. 14, Clara Guerrero, Colombia, 1,659. 15, Missy Parkin, San Clemente, Calif., 1,657. 16(tie), Daphne Tan, Singapore, and Olivia Farwell, Elizabethtown, Pa., 1,653. 18, Diandra Asbaty, Chicago, 1,649.

19, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 1,648. 20, Dasha Kovalova, Ukraine, 1,642. 21, Erin McCarthy, Elkhorn, Neb., 1,641. 22, Anneli Blomqvist, Sweden, 1,637. 23, Chelsey Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich., 1,631. 24, Shayna Ng, Singapore, 1,618.

25, Sandra Gongora, Mexico, 1,613. 26, Verity Crawley, England, 1,612. 27, Sydney Brummett, Fort Wayne, Ind., 1,610. 28, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 1,605. 29, Breanna Clemmer, Clover, S.C., 1,603. 30(tie), Katie Robb (n), Swedesboro, N.J., and Bryanna Coté, Tucson, Ariz., 1,600.

32, Taylor Bulthuis, New Port Richey, Fla., 1,594. 33, Josie Barnes, Hermitage, Tenn., 1,582. 34, Jessica Earnest, Hermitage, Tenn., 1,577. 35, Stephanie Schwartz, Racine, Wis., 1,575. 36(tie), Stefanie Johnson, McKinney, Texas, and Estefania Cobo, Puerto Rico, 1,567.

38, Julia Bond, Aurora, IL, 1,564. 39(tie), Jen Higgins, Lewis Center, Ohio, and Jenny Wegner, Sweden, 1,559. 41(tie), Mallory Clark, Auburn, Maine, and Sofia Rodriguez Granda (n), Guatemala, 1,551.

43, Daria Pajak, Poland, 1,550. 44, New Hui Fen, Singapore, 1,549. 45(tie), Jennifer Hocurscak, Orange, Conn., and Nicollette Gaudette, Keller, Texas, 1,544. 47, Danielle Knittle, State College, Pa., 1,533. 48, Summer Jasmin, Beckley, W.Va., 1,525.

49, Shalin Zulkifli, Malaysia, 1,518. 50, Stephanie Martins, Brazil, 1,516. 51, Haley Richard, Tipton, Mich., 1,513. 52, Marissa Allison, Sylvania, Ohio, 1,505. 53, Justyne Vukovich, New Stanton, Pa., 1,501. 54(tie), Marcia Kloempken (n), Pleasant View, Utah, and Elysia Current, Middletown, Del., 1,497.

56, Suzanne Morine (n), Castleton on Hudson, N.Y., 1,492. 57, Brooke Allen, Potosi, Wis., 1,491. 58, Sarah Klassen, Canada, 1,489. 59, Alexis Neuer, Milton, Pa., 1,488. 60, Shannon Pluhowsky, Dayton, Ohio, 1,486.

61, Victoria Johansson, Sweden, 1,482. 62, Maria Bulanova, Russia, 1,473. 63(tie), Kayla Crawford, Silvis, Ill., and Taylor Bailey, Jonesboro, Ark., 1,471. 65, Anna Andersson (n), Sweden, 1,469. 66, Lauren Pate, Ballwin, Mo., 1,468.

67, Maryssa Carey (n), Hobart, Ind., 1,465. 68(tie), Elise Bolton, Merritt Island, Fla., and Ana Morales, Guatemala, 1,463. 70, Josefin Hermansson (n), Sweden, 1,462. 71, Gazmine Mason, Cranston, R.I., 1,461. 72, Ashly Galante, Palm Harbor, Fla., 1,460.

73, Kara Mangiola, Spencerport, N.Y., 1,453. 74, Maria José Rodriguez, Colombia, 1,444. 75, Brooke Roberts (n), Port Orange, Fla., 1,443. 76, Wendy Bartaire-Jimenez, France, 1,427. 77, Melissa Kammerer, Staten Island, N.Y., 1,422. 78, Courtney Ermisch, Big Bend, Wis., 1,419.

79(tie), Jodi Woessner, Oregon, Ohio, Sarah Gill, Fitchburg, Mass., and Liz Kuhlkin, Schenectady, N.Y., 1,418. 82, Melanie McDaniel, Joliet, Ill., 1,415. 83, Kaylene Bishop, Medical Lake, Wash., 1,397. 84, Brianna Andrew, Grand Rapids, Mich., 1,386.

85, Laura Plazas (n), Bogota, 1,375. 86, Cajsa Wegner, Sweden, 1,366. 87, Tina LaCroix, Southampton, Mass., 1,355. 88, Jenna Rapach (n), Hazleton, Pa., 1,347. 89, Alexandra Talerico, Rome, N.Y., 1,319. 90, Lisa Timm, Auburn, Ill., 1,240.

## **LIZ JOHNSON NEARING TOP OF LEADERBOARD AT 2022 U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN**

**By Emil Williams Jr.**

**SOUTH GLENS FALLS, N.Y.** - With the grueling format and challenging lane conditions, experience can play a key role at the U.S. Women's Open, and no one in this week's field has more experience than six-time champion Liz Johnson of Niagara Falls, New York.

The 48-year-old right-hander had her experience on display Friday night on the flat and demanding 39-foot lane condition, tossing an eight-game block of 1,641 to move into second place with a 16-game total of 3,329. Singapore's Cherie Tan added a second-round block of 1,601 and remained in the lead after two rounds with a 3,339 total.

They were followed in the standings by Stefanie Johnson of McKinney, Texas (3,287), Kayla Bandy of Wichita, Kansas (3,284), and Erin McCarthy of Elkhorn, Nebraska (3,274).

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The winner will take home the iconic U.S. Women's Open trophy, coveted green jacket and \$60,000 top prize.

Liz Johnson was fueled by a strong start with games of 207, 225, 226 and 228 to open up the block and hung on for the final half with games of 187, 196, 184 and 188.

Her U.S. Women's Open victories (1996, 2007, 2013, 2015, 2016 and 2017) are spread across three different decades, and a win this week would add a seventh victory in a fourth decade. On a day where the lanes were tough, and the strong-minded would remain in contention, Johnson relied on her experience and understood patience was a necessary attribute to possess.

"I think over the years, if anything, this event has taught me to be patient," said Johnson, who won PWBA Player of the Year in 2015, 2016 and 2017. "Even during the first day, I didn't start so well early on, but I hung in there for a good block. Tomorrow's another day. It's going to be another tough eight games, and I'm going to take it one day, one game at a time. It's all you can do right now. You can't look ahead. Again, patience is the key."

Liz Johnson's season to this point has been "OK" in her words, but she's cashed in all seven events and has made match play or the top 12 in three events. She's still producing and certainly capable of winning each time she laces up her shoes but understands the talent on the Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour continues to get better, yet she feels right at home at the U.S. Women's Open.

"I feel like I could be better," Johnson said. "I had a little doubt in my mind for this season because my legs weren't working as well as I'd hoped. You have such great talent out here and it's hard to keep up. So far, it's been a bit consistent. I've been right around the top 12 every week and cashed every week. But, it's the U.S. Open. It's a long format, which is something I like, and the scores are low. The shot is really hard day to day, and this is something that I do like. The more games the better."

The high block of the day belonged to Stefanie Johnson, who fired a 1,720 eight-game total to open up competition this morning on B squad. Johnson struggled on Thursday's 44-foot oil pattern (1,567) and was outside of the cut line after the first round of qualifying.

She opened the block with a 266 game, which set the pace.

"Honestly, I felt yesterday, and I know we're bowling on different patterns, I got trapped a lot just trying to change balls more than I probably needed to," Stefanie Johnson said. "So today, I kind of stuck to the game plan of getting out of the gate strong with a ball that I was comfortable with and making moves with that ball until it wasn't really an option."

The 38-year-old right-hander was in danger of losing the cushion she built in the sixth game, when she couldn't find a rhythm and was unable to strike. The U.S. Women's Open is about digging deep and finding another level, and late in the game she was able to throw five consecutive strikes to save that game with 194, and maybe her tournament.

"Yeah, my back was against the wall," Stefanie Johnson said. "That game I had 78 in the sixth frame, and I just knew if I didn't make any sort of bold move, it was going to be a disaster. You just kind of dig deep in those moments and make the best shots that you can and let the pins fall how they do. Thankfully, I kind of salvaged that game and was able to move forward."

Reigning champion Josie Barnes of Hermitage, Tennessee, is 30th with 3,131.

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**2022 U.S. Women's Open  
At Kingpin's Alley Family Fun Center  
South Glens Falls, N.Y.**

**Friday's results**

**QUALIFYING  
(16 games)**

1, Cherie Tan, Singapore, 3,339. 2, Liz Johnson, Niagara Falls, N.Y., 3,329. 3, Stefanie Johnson, McKinney, Texas, 3,287. 4, Kayla Bandy, Wichita, Kan., 3,284. 5, Erin McCarthy, Elkhorn, Neb., 3,274. 6, Shannon O'Keefe, Shiloh, Ill., 3,271.

7, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 3,269. 8(tie), Rocio Restrepo, Uniontown, Ohio, and Lindsay Boomershine, Brigham City, Utah, 3,264. 10, Clara Guerrero, Colombia, 3,257. 11, Birgit Noreiks, Germany, 3,254. 12(tie), Kerry Smith, Lititz, Pa., and Jordan Richard, Maumee, Ohio, 3,250.

14, Shannon Sellens (n), Long Beach, N.Y., 3,241. 15, Shayna Ng, Singapore, 3,227. 16, Bryanna Coté, Tucson, Ariz., 3,226. 17, Daphne Tan, Singapore, 3,219. 18, Breanna Clemmer, Clover, S.C., 3,212.

19, Stephanie Schwartz, Racine, Wis., 3,207. 20(tie), Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, and Missy Parkin, San Clemente, Calif., 3,194. 22, Olivia Farwell, Elizabethtown, Pa., 3,193. 23, Hope Gramly (n), Aubrey, Texas, 3,191. 24, Felicia Wong, Canada, 3,190.

25, Dasha Kovalova, Ukraine, 3,186. 26, Daria Pajak, Poland, 3,158. 27, Sofia Rodriguez Granda (n), Guatemala, 3,149. 28, Taylor Bulthuis, New Port Richey, Fla., 3,136. 29, Diandra Asbaty, Chicago, 3,132. 30, Josie Barnes, Hermitage, Tenn., 3,131.

31, Sandra Gongora, Mexico, 3,100. 32, Stephanie Zavala, Downey, Calif., 3,096. 33, Sydney Brummett, Fort Wayne, Ind., 3,078. 34, Anna Andersson (n), Sweden, 3,077. 35, New Hui Fen, Singapore, 3,074. 36, Gazmine Mason, Cranston, R.I., 3,069.

37, Maria Bulanova, Russia, 3,064. 38, Victoria Johansson, Sweden, 3,059. 39, Chelsey Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich., 3,054. 40, Anneli Blomqvist, Sweden, 3,053. 41, Katie Robb (n), Swedesboro, N.J., 3,050. 42, Marissa Allison, Sylvania, Ohio, 3,049.

43, Verity Crawley, England, 3,044. 44, Sarah Klassen, Canada, 3,038. 45, Maria José Rodriguez, Colombia, 3,035. 46, Julia Bond, Aurora, Ill., 3,032. 47, Jessica Earnest, Hermitage, Tenn., 3,029.

48(tie), Shalin Zulkifli, Malaysia, Jen Higgins, Lewis Center, Ohio, and Jenny Wegner, Sweden, 3,023. 51, Elysia Current, Middletown, Del., 3,016. 52, Taylor Bailey, Jonesboro, Ark., 3,008.

53(tie), Shannon Pluhowsky, Dayton, Ohio, and Estefania Cobo, Puerto Rico, 3,000. 55, Courtney Ermisch, Big Bend, Wis., 2,993. 56, Jodi Woessner, Oregon, Ohio, 2,986. 57, Haley Richard, Tipton, Mich., 2,982. 58(tie), Ana Morales, Guatemala, and Nicolette Gaudette, Keller, Texas, 2,979. 60, Suzanne Morine (n), Castleton on Hudson, N.Y., 2,975. 61, Justyne Vukovich, New Stanton, Pa., 2,974. 62(tie), Liz Kuhlkin, Schenectady, N.Y., and Alexis Neuer, Milton, Pa., 2,958. 64, Stephanie Martins, Brazil, 2,957. 65, Kaylene Bishop, Medical Lake, Wash., 2,956. 66, Kayla Crawford, Silvis, Ill., 2,950. 67, Lauren Pate, Ballwin, Mo., 2,941. 68, Sarah Gill, Fitchburg, Mass., 2,923. 69, Marcia Kloempken (n), Pleasant View, Utah, 2,922. 70, Melissa Kammerer, Staten Island, N.Y., 2,902. 71(tie), Josefin Hermansson (n), Sweden, Maryssa Carey (n), Hobart, Ind., and Mallory Clark, Auburn, Maine, 2,899. 74(tie), Danielle Knittle, State College, Pa., and Jennifer Hocurscak, Orange, Conn., 2,894. 76, Kara Mangiola, Spencerport, N.Y., 2,889. 77, Melanie McDaniel, Joliet, Ill., 2,887. 78, Wendy Bartaire-Jimenez, France, 2,885. 79, Summer Jasmin, Beckley, W.Va., 2,883. 80, Ashly Galante, Palm Harbor, Fla., 2,856. 81, Cajsa Wegner, Sweden, 2,842. 82, Brianna Andrew, Grand Rapids, Mich., 2,817. 83, Brooke Roberts (n), Port Orange, Fla., 2,805. 84, Brooke Allen, Potosi, Wis., 2,795. 85, Jenna Rapach (n), Hazleton, Pa., 2,754. 86, Laura Plazas (n), Bogota, 2,688. 87, Tina LaCroix, Southampton, Mass., 2,684. 88, Lisa Timm, Auburn, Ill., 2,671. 89, Elise Bolton, Merritt Island, Fla., 2,862 (WD). 90, Alexandra Talerico, Rome, N.Y., 2,423 (WD).

## **CHERIE TAN MAINTAINS LEAD AT 2022 U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN**

**By Emil Williams Jr.**

**SOUTH GLENS FALLS, N.Y.** - Through 24 games across three days and three different oil patterns, Singapore's Cherie Tan maintained her three-day lead after the third round of qualifying at the 2022 U.S. Women's Open.

Tan averaged more than 230 on Saturday night to maintain the pole position and finished with a 24-game total of 5,180.

She was followed in the standings by Jordan Richard of Maumee, Ohio (5,110), Lindsay Boomershine of Brigham City, Utah (5,098), Singapore's Shayna Ng (5,070) and Shannon Sellens of Long Beach, New York (5,063).

Also advancing is 2019 U.S. Women's Open champion Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York (10th with 4,992), and six-time U.S. Women's Open champion Liz Johnson of Niagara Falls, New York (13th with 4,980).

The top 30 players after 24 games advanced to Sunday's fourth round, with the final spot going to reigning champion Josie Barnes of Hermitage, Tennessee, with a total of 4,774, a 198.9 average.

Competition at Kingpin's Alley Family Fun Center continues Sunday at 10 a.m. Eastern



with the fourth and final qualifying round on a 38-foot oil pattern.

Competitors will bowl an additional eight games before the field is cut to the top 24 athletes. Those players will then bowl 24 games of round-robin match play over two days, with seeding based on their 32-game pinfall totals.

There will be 30 bonus pins awarded for each win in match play, and the 56-game pinfall totals, including bonus pins, will determine the five players for the championship stepladder.

All rounds of qualifying and match play are being broadcast live at BowlTV.com through Monday night, and the event will conclude live Tuesday on CBS Sports Network at 7 p.m. Eastern.

The winner will take home the iconic U.S. Women's Open trophy, coveted green jacket and \$60,000 top prize.

It's been business as usual for Tan, who now leads for the third consecutive day. While she struck often, her block wasn't without a few hiccups of which she overcame.

"I think the fresh was a lot easier," Tan said. "And then in the middle, I kind of ran into some trouble. I managed to string quite a few strikes, but I think on some pairs, the lanes were a little unpredictable because my ball just suddenly read up on a few pairs. Then I had a big, fat split in the middle of all the strikes, so I lost quite a lot of pins for a few games, and I think that was quite sad. But, I can't complain because I'm still up there. It's a new day tomorrow, so we'll see how it goes."

The three-time Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour champion will turn her attention to the fourth oil pattern, which has a significantly lower volume of oil (18.7 milliliters) than either of the previous three lane conditions. It also is the only pattern remaining and will be used for the fourth qualifying round, match play and the finals.

She'll be working on adjusting her arsenal to help combat the new challenge. All 30 advancers will have the opportunity to practice on the 38-foot pattern at 8 a.m. Eastern prior to the start of Round 4.

"A few of them will be in play," said Tan, with a laugh. "But, the rest look horrid. It's a much lower volume, and it's shorter, so I don't think they look good. I think I'm drilling a couple of balls to see if I have a better reaction."

Richard has been near the top of the standings all week but struggled to close out rounds on Thursday and Friday. She ended each of those blocks with games of 157 and 151, and had those games been closer to 200, she might have held the overall lead.

The two-time PWBA Tour champion was focused on making sure she finished Saturday's round strong.

"It's really frustrating to end that way," said Richard, who had an eight-game block of 1,860. "If you take those two games out, I'm 150 over and leading. Of course, it's not

really what I'm thinking about, but I want to pick up as many pins as I can moving forward and to go 150, 150 is really defeating. But, I put it behind me after talking to my mom.

"I think I was more stressed going into Game 8. Then, I started the first frame with an open and I said, 'Oh God, here we go again.' But, I stayed patient. I got through the game, and I shot 220 (223) and finally finished it. So, it feels really good that I finally had a good day. And, it's not that I wasn't walking away happy every day, but that one game really puts a damper on things."

There also were some major moves made in the standings by Singapore's New Hui Fen and England's Verity Crawley. New posted the highest block of the day with 1,934 and moved from 35th to eighth place during B squad Saturday night, while Crawley tossed an eight-game block of 1,881 to move from 43rd to 16th place. Crawley bowled Saturday afternoon during A squad.

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**Saturday's results**

**QUALIFYING  
(24 games)**

1, Cherie Tan, Singapore, 5,180. 2, Jordan Richard, Maumee, Ohio, 5,110. 3, Lindsay Boomershine, Brigham City, Utah, 5,098. 4, Shayna Ng, Singapore, 5,070. 5, Shannon Sellens (n), Long Beach, N.Y., 5,063. 6, Stefanie Johnson, McKinney, Texas, 5,020.

7, Erin McCarthy, Elkhorn, Neb., 5,011. 8, New Hui Fen, Singapore, 5,008. 9, Shannon O'Keefe, Shiloh, Ill., 4,999. 10, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 4,992. 11, Rocio Restrepo, Uniontown, Ohio, 4,982. 12, Birgit Noreiks, Germany, 4,981.

13, Liz Johnson, Niagara Falls, N.Y., 4,980. 14, Daphne Tan, Singapore, 4,931. 15, Dasha Kovalova, Ukraine, 4,930. 16, Verity Crawley, England, 4,925. 17, Missy Parkin, San Clemente, Calif., 4,904. 18, Bryanna Coté, Tucson, Ariz., 4,903.

19, Kerry Smith, Lititz, Pa., 4,902. 20, Kayla Bandy, Wichita, Kan., 4,877. 21, Clara Guerrero, Colombia, 4,834. 22, Chelsey Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich., 4,826. 23, Sydney Brummett, Fort Wayne, Ind., 4,824. 24, Breanna Clemmer, Clover, S.C., 4,809.

25, Olivia Farwell, Elizabethtown, Pa., 4,803. 26, Hope Gramly (n), Aubrey, Texas, 4,799. 27, Jenny Wegner, Sweden, 4,798. 28, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 4,797. 29, Jen Higgins, Lewis Center, Ohio, 4,795. 30, Josie Barnes, Hermitage, Tenn., 4,774.

**DID NOT ADVANCE**

31, Victoria Johansson, Sweden, 4,757. 32, Shalin Zulkifli, Malaysia, 4,751. 33, Maria José Rodriguez, Colombia, 4,750. 34, Taylor Bulthuis, New Port Richey, Fla.,

4,746. 35(tie), Anna Andersson (n), Sweden, and Stephanie Schwartz, Racine, Wis., 4,738.

37, Daria Pajak, Poland, 4,730. 38, Estefania Cobo, Puerto Rico, 4,729. 39, Diandra Asbaty, Chicago, 4,728. 40, Josefin Hermansson (n), Sweden, 4,725. 41, Gazmine Mason, Cranston, R.I., 4,718. 42, Jodi Woessner, Oregon, Ohio, 4,716.

43, Maria Bulanova, Russia, 4,708. 44, Anneli Blomqvist, Sweden, 4,707. 45, Justyne Vukovich, New Stanton, Pa., 4,706. 46, Sofia Rodriguez Granda (n), Guatemala, 4,703. 47, Shannon Pluhowsky, Dayton, Ohio, 4,701. 48, Elysia Current, Middletown, Del., 4,692.

49, Felicia Wong, Canada, 4,691. 50, Julia Bond, Aurora, Ill., 4,679. 51, Kara Mangiola, Spencerport, N.Y., 4,678. 52, Katie Robb (n), Swedesboro, N.J., 4,664. 53, Sandra Gongora, Mexico, 4,661. 54, Nicollette Gaudette, Keller, Texas, 4,645.

55, Sarah Gill, Fitchburg, Mass., 4,642. 56, Ana Morales, Guatemala, 4,641. 57, Taylor Bailey, Jonesboro, Ark., 4,638. 58, Kayla Crawford, Silvis, Ill., 4,620. 59, Ashly Galante, Palm Harbor, Fla., 4,612. 60, Alexis Neuer, Milton, Pa., 4,580.

61, Liz Kuhlkin, Schenectady, N.Y., 4,579. 62, Stephanie Zavala, Downey, Calif., 4,564. 63, Melanie McDaniel, Joliet, Ill., 4,557. 64, Summer Jasmin, Beckley, W.Va., 4,542. 65, Marissa Allison, Sylvania, Ohio, 4,537. 66, Courtney Ermisch, Big Bend, Wis., 4,533.

67(tie), Mallory Clark, Auburn, Maine, and Sarah Klassen, Canada, 4,503. 69, Suzanne Morine (n), Castleton on Hudson, N.Y., 4,489. 70, Marcia Kloempken (n), Pleasant View, Utah, 4,488. 71, Lauren Pate, Ballwin, Mo., 4,484. 72, Jessica Earnest, Hermitage, Tenn., 4,479.

73(tie), Melissa Kammerer, Staten Island, N.Y., and Haley Richard, Tipton, Mich., 4,473. 75, Cajsja Wegner, Sweden, 4,449. 76, Kaylene Bishop, Medical Lake, Wash., 4,423. 77, Brooke Roberts (n), Port Orange, Fla., 4,412. 78, Stephanie Martins, Brazil, 4,399.

79, Wendy Bartaire-Jimenez, France, 4,382. 80, Maryssa Carey (n), Hobart, Ind., 4,378. 81, Brianna Andrew, Grand Rapids, Mich., 4,352. 82, Brooke Allen, Potosi, Wis., 4,324. 83, Danielle Knittle, State College, Pa., 4,287. 84, Jennifer Hocurscak, Orange, Conn., 4,272.

85, Jenna Rapach (n), Hazleton, Pa., 4,220. 86, Laura Plazas (n), Bogota, 4,197. 87, Tina LaCroix, Southampton, Mass., 4,148. 88, Lisa Timm, Auburn, Ill., 4,063. 89, Elise Bolton, Merritt Island, Fla., 2,862 (WD). 90, Alexandra Talerico, Rome, N.Y., 2,423 (WD).

## **JORDAN RICHARD GRABS LEAD AS MATCH PLAY BEGINS AT 2022 U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN**

**By Emil Williams Jr.**

**SOUTH GLENS FALLS, N.Y.** - With one round of match play complete, Jordan Richard of Maumee, Ohio, moved into the lead Sunday at the 2022 U.S. Women's Open.

Richard went 6-2 in the opening round of match play to take the reins with an 8,716 total at Kingpin's Alley Family Fun Center.

Just 79 pins back is 2019 U.S. Women's Open champion Danielle McEwan of Stony

Point, New York, who went 7-1 to finish with an 8,637 total. Lindsay Boomershine of Brigham City, Utah (8,635), Singapore's Cherie Tan (8,584) and Erin McCarthy of Elkhorn, Nebraska (8,502), round out the top five.

The top 24 players after an additional eight-game qualifying block Sunday morning advanced to round-robin match play, with seeding based on their 32-game pinfall totals. Two additional rounds of match play will take place on Monday at 10 a.m. Eastern and 5 p.m. Eastern.

Thirty bonus pins are awarded for each win in match play, and the 56-game pinfall totals, including bonus pins, will determine the five players for the championship stepladder.

The winner will take home the iconic U.S. Women's Open trophy, coveted green jacket and \$60,000 top prize.

All rounds of qualifying and match play are being broadcast live at [BowITV.com](http://BowITV.com) through Monday night, and the event will conclude live Tuesday on CBS Sports Network at 7 p.m. Eastern.

Sunday brought about a new challenge on the lanes, which came in the form of a 38-foot oil pattern with 18.7 milliliters of oil. It's the lowest volume used for an oil pattern on the Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour since its return in 2015.

It was safe to say the lanes were difficult, but Richard was able to steer herself into the lead despite having to navigate a pattern that felt like rigorous terrain. She threw just one ball during Sunday's match play round and "gradually migrated left" as the lanes called for it.

But, make no mistake, the lanes were hard, and the pattern certainly took its toll mentally on Richard. It might top Richard's list of most difficult lane conditions she's bowled on to date.

"This is hard, extremely hard," said Richard, who owns two career PWBA Tour titles. "It's mentally exhausting. I bowled well. I put some really good shots together, but I feel I have to really focus and really have to try to get the ball right off my hand. This is probably ranked No. 1. It's hard. On shorter patterns, sometimes I don't bowl well, but if I can get to the right and play on top of everybody and just use my ball speed, it works. But on this, it's so speed sensitive, and the pattern magnifies every mistake. It's hard. It's very hard."

Richard's performance Sunday is a microcosm of her week. In the rounds leading up to match play, she was fifth, tied for 12th, second and third.

A major part of her success throughout the week has been her focus on a cue in her physical game that, if executed correctly, might just be the difference in not only getting to the finals, but winning her first major title. If so, she'll have to give the assist to her collegiate coach at Arkansas State, Justin Kostick.

"I bowl better the more I focus on staying down and keeping my trail leg on the ground," Richard said. "Justin always said that to me. I recently rewatched my show (2022 St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open) and Justin actually texted me, too. My follow-through is getting in front of my face, which means I'm not staying down and pulling up out of the swing. So if I focus on staying down, I throw it better. I know if I stay down, I can project the ball to the right. The minute I pop up, the ball is going left off my hand, and it's going to do nothing but bad things on this pattern."

McEwan, a seven-time PWBA Tour champion, is inching closer to another championship-round appearance at the U.S. Women's Open. In addition to her victory in 2019, she also has finished third (2013) and recorded two fourth-place finishes (2015, 2018). She now has made match play at the U.S. Women's Open in eight consecutive seasons.

That experience means she's familiar with the grind and understands what it takes to win, but she will also try to keep things simple.

"I'm pretty content with the day," McEwan said. "It was a new pattern that we didn't know how it was going to play or how it was going to transition. I got a good read on it this morning, made some adjustments this afternoon and improved my score."

And, regarding how she feels physically?

"I'm very tired right now, but I feel physically good," McEwan said. "I'm throwing it well. I'm seeing the lanes pretty well. I'm just going to take it one game at a time and try to continue to win matches."

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**Sunday's results**

**MATCH PLAY**

**(40 games, 30 bonus pins for a win, 15 bonus pins for a tie)**

1, Jordan Richard, Maumee, Ohio, 6-2-0, 8,716. 2, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 7-1-0, 8,637. 3, Lindsay Boomershine, Brigham City, Utah, 5-3-0, 8,635. 4, Cherie Tan, Singapore, 2-6-0, 8,584. 5, Erin McCarthy, Elkhorn, Neb., 4-4-0, 8,502. 6, Shayna Ng, Singapore, 7-1-0, 8,456.

7, Shannon O'Keefe, Shiloh, Ill., 4-4-0, 8,449. 8, Verity Crawley, England, 4-4-0, 8,415. 9, Missy Parkin, San Clemente, Calif., 5-3-0, 8,382. 10, Rocio Restrepo, Uniontown, Ohio, 2-6-0, 8,329. 11, Liz Johnson, Niagara Falls, N.Y., 2-6-0, 8,318. 12, Dasha Kovalova, Ukraine, 4-4-0, 8,310.

13, Olivia Farwell, Elizabethtown, Pa., 5-3-0, 8,308. 14, Hope Gramly (n), Aubrey, Texas, 4-4-0, 8,299. 15, Josie Barnes, Hermitage, Tenn., 6-2-0, 8,291. 16, Stefanie Johnson, McKinney, Texas, 5-3-0, 8,243. 17, Shannon Sellens (n), Long Beach, N.Y., 3-5-0, 8,232. 18, Bryanna Coté, Tucson, Ariz., 4-4-0, 8,230.

19, Birgit Noreiks, Germany, 2-6-0, 8,193. 20, Clara Guerrero, Colombia, 5-3-0, 8,144. 21, New Hui Fen, Singapore, 2-6-0, 8,134. 22, Daphne Tan, Singapore, 3-5-0, 8,102. 23, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 3-5-0, 8,046. 24, Kerry Smith, Lititz, Pa., 2-6-0, 7,979.

#### **ROUND 4 (32 games)**

1, Cherie Tan, Singapore, 6,936. 2, Lindsay Boomershine, Brigham City, Utah, 6,842. 3, Jordan Richard, Maumee, Ohio, 6,757. 4, Erin McCarthy, Elkhorn, Neb., 6,734. 5, Verity Crawley, England, 6,722. 6, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 6,703.

7, Shannon O'Keefe, Shiloh, Ill., 6,691. 8, Shayna Ng, Singapore, 6,672. 9, Rocio Restrepo, Uniontown, Ohio, 6,629. 10, Missy Parkin, San Clemente, Calif., 6,619. 11, Shannon Sellens (n), Long Beach, N.Y., 6,593. 12, Liz Johnson, Niagara Falls, N.Y., 6,592.

13, Hope Gramly (n), Aubrey, Texas, 6,582. 14, Dasha Kovalova, Ukraine, 6,548. 15(tie), New Hui Fen, Singapore, and Stefanie Johnson, McKinney, Texas, 6,528. 17, Birgit Noreiks, Germany, 6,525. 18, Olivia Farwell, Elizabethtown, Pa., 6,515.

19, Bryanna Coté, Tucson, Ariz., 6,509. 20, Kerry Smith, Lititz, Pa., 6,497. 21, Daphne Tan, Singapore, 6,465. 22, Clara Guerrero, Colombia, 6,456. 23, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 6,438. 24, Josie Barnes, Hermitage, Tenn., 6,436.

#### **DID NOT ADVANCE**

25, Jen Higgins, Lewis Center, Ohio, 6,424, \$2,400. 26, Breanna Clemmer, Clover, S.C., 6,411, \$2,350. 27, Kayla Bandy, Wichita, Kan., 6,389, \$2,300. 28, Jenny Wegner, Sweden, 6,363, \$2,250. 29, Sydney Brummett, Fort Wayne, Ind., 6,277, \$2,200. 30, Chelsey Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich., 6,276, \$2,150.

#### **DANIELLE MCEWAN EARNS TOP SEED FOR FINALS AT 2022 U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN**

**By Emil Williams Jr.**

**SOUTH GLENS FALLS, N.Y.** - Just three years removed from her first U.S. Women's Open title, Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York, doubled in the 10th frame to earn the top seed at the 2022 edition of the major championship.

The 30-year-old right-hander will be joined in the stepladder at Kingpin's Alley Family Fun Center by Jordan Richard of Maumee, Ohio, Shannon O'Keefe of Shiloh, Illinois, Singapore's Shayna Ng and Erin McCarthy of Elkhorn, Nebraska.

The finals will be televised live on CBS Sports Network on Sunday starting at 7 p.m.

Eastern.

The winner will take home the second major title of the 2022 Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour season, the event's coveted green jacket and iconic trophy, and the \$60,000 top prize.

If McEwan doubling in the 10th frame at the U.S. Women's Open sounds familiar, it's because she doubled in both the semifinal and title matches in 2019 to win her second major championship. She defeated O'Keefe in the semifinal, 229-225, and Indonesia's Tannya Roumimper, 201-199, in the final.

She entered Game 56 of the position round Monday night with a 27-pin advantage over Richard, which meant the winner of the match would claim the top seed. Richard, who finished first, had a chance to shut out McEwan with two strikes and six pins in the 10th frame but left a 2 pin on the first shot. Richard made the spare and got nine on the fill for 214.

Needing two strikes and four pins for the win, McEwan calmly delivered three of her best shots of the week for a game of 221 and the top spot. She ended the event with a 17-7 match-play record over 24 games to finish with an overall total of 12,428, including bonus pins.

"It was really important to get the No. 1 seed," McEwan said. "I'm a believer that everything happens for a reason. So, I was going to throw my good shots and however the pins fell, that's how they were meant to fall, because you never know what's going to happen tomorrow. I threw two really good shots that fell, so that feels really good. I feel really confident after getting up under the pressure and being able to do that going into tomorrow."

McEwan will make her fifth championship-round appearance at the U.S. Women's Open on Tuesday, and she's accumulated an abundance of experiences over time to help her succeed this week. It took her all 56 games to earn the No. 1 seed, which perfectly exhibits why the event is a marathon and not a sprint.

"I remember bowling my first couple of U.S. Open's, and Day 1, I was trying to win the tournament," McEwan said. "I've had so many people that have given me such great advice over the years. You can't win it on Day 1. Slow and steady. It's a marathon. That's the stuff that I keep in the back of my head. Regardless of a bad game, bad shot or even a set that didn't end how I wanted it to, it's a marathon. There are still so many games left. I've always kept that in perspective."

Richard, who finished with a 12,364 total to nab the No. 2 seed, is making her first championship-round appearance at the U.S. Women's Open. She's not absent of major experience, as she finished fourth at the 2018 PWBA Players Championship, but she is vying for her first career major title.

O'Keefe earned the No. 3 seed with a 12,318 total, while Ng (12,205) and McCarthy (12,150) will square off in Sunday's opening match.

O'Keefe will make her seventh championship-round appearance at the U.S. Women's Open. She is seeking her first title at the event and has two runner-up finishes, two third-place finishes and two fifth-place finishes on her resume. The two-time PWBA Player of the Year already has one title this season (PWBA Twin Cities Open) and is searching for her fourth career major title.

Ng is making her second championship-round appearance at the U.S. Women's Open. The two-time PWBA Tour champion finished third at the 2016 event and is looking for her first career major title.

McCarthy, who doubled in the 10th frame to defeat Singapore's Cherie Tan, is making her third career championship-round appearance at the U.S. Women's Open. She has a pair of third-place finishes in 2017 and 2018.

Tan left a 6-8 split in the 10th frame of which she was unable to convert, and McCarthy threw two great shots to earn her way onto the show. McCarthy entered the position-round match with a 26-pin advantage, with the winner of the match advancing to the finals.

"Honestly, that was the most nerve-wracking game that I think I've ever bowled in my life," McCarthy said. "And I thought I was out of it going into the eighth, ninth frame. Cherie had a really good look, and I didn't have enough strikes. But, to be able to throw a double in the 10th frame and actually secure the win is probably the best I've ever felt while bowling. Obviously, I made the show, but that's a moment I'll never ever forget ... throwing a double to make the U.S. Open show."

All competitors bowled 24 qualifying games over three days to determine the 30 players advancing to Round 4. After eight additional games, the field was cut to the top 24 bowlers for round-robin match play.

The five finalists were determined by total pinfall, including bonus pins, for 56 games.

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**Monday's results**

**MATCH PLAY  
(56 games, 30 bonus pins for a win, 15 bonus pins for a tie)**

1, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 17-7-0, 12,428. 2, Jordan Richard, Maumee, Ohio, 15-9-0, 12,364. 3, Shannon O'Keefe, Shiloh, Ill., 15-9-0, 12,318. 4, Shayna Ng, Singapore, 18-6-0, 12,205. 5, Erin McCarthy, Elkhorn, Neb., 13-11-0, 12,150.



## **DID NOT ADVANCE**

6, Cherie Tan, Singapore, 8-16-0, 12,087, \$9,000. 7, Rocio Restrepo, Uniontown, Ohio, 12-12-0, 12,021, \$8,000. 8, Liz Johnson, Niagara Falls, N.Y., 11-13-0, 12,012, \$7,000. 9, Dasha Kovalova, Ukraine, 15-9-0, 11,957, \$6,500. 10, Missy Parkin, San Clemente, Calif., 12-12-0, 11,836, \$6,000. 11, Verity Crawley, England, 10-14-0, 11,832, \$5,500. 12, Stefanie Johnson, McKinney, Texas, 14-10-0, 11,812, \$5,000.

13, Olivia Farwell, Elizabethtown, Pa., 15-9-0, 11,805, \$4,800. 14, Hope Gramly (n), Aubrey, Texas, 14-10-0, 11,794, \$4,700. 15, Lindsay Boomershine, Brigham City, Utah, 7-17-0, 11,777, \$4,600. 16, Shannon Sellens (n), Long Beach, N.Y., 11-13-0, 11,772, \$4,500. 17, Birgit Noreiks, Germany, 10-13-1, 11,723, \$4,400. 18, Josie Barnes, Hermitage, Tenn., 13-11-0, 11,682, \$4,300.

19, Bryanna Coté, Tucson, Ariz., 11-12-1, 11,622, \$4,200. 20, New Hui Fen, Singapore, 9-15-0, 11,612, \$4,100. 21, Daphne Tan, Singapore, 9-15-0, 11,494, \$4,000. 22, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 9-14-1, 11,471, \$3,900. 23, Clara Guerrero, Colombia, 10-13-1, 11,435, \$3,800. 24, Kerry Smith, Lititz, Pa., 8-16-0, 11,171, \$3,700.

## **ERIN MCCARTHY WINS FIRST MAJOR TITLE AT 2022 U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN**

**By Emil Williams Jr.**

**SOUTH GLENS FALLS, N.Y.** - In what's been a popular method to win on the Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour this season, Erin McCarthy of Elkhorn, Nebraska, climbed the ladder to win the 2022 U.S. Women's Open.

The 31-year-old right-hander defeated Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York, 212-172, to win her first career major title Tuesday at Kingpin's Alley Family Fun Center. She is the fifth player this season to successfully climb the stepladder to capture a title.

McCarthy earned the coveted green jacket, iconic trophy and \$60,000 for the win. The U.S. Women's Open was broadcast live on CBS Sports Network.

In the title match, McCarthy opened with three consecutive strikes and tossed five in the first six frames to sprint to a 28-pin advantage. McEwan was slow to get out of the gates with just one strike and two open frames during the same period. The lead continued to increase for McCarthy as McEwan was unable to double during the final four frames, allowing McCarthy to lock up the match.

On Monday night, McCarthy had to throw two strikes in the 10th frame to earn the No. 5 seed and advance to the finals. On Tuesday night, McCarthy earned her place in the record book as the latest U.S. Women's Open champion.

"Fifty-six games plus these are grueling," said McCarthy, who won her second PWBA Tour title and first since 2018. "You've got bad games and really good games. The

highs and lows of the tournament, it is beyond stressful. There were a lot of nerves, but even more nerves in that final game. I just really focused on one shot at a time. I made sure that my feet were slow, because if my feet were slow, everything else should align appropriately. To make it here to the top, this is the greatest moment of my life. This is going to be something that I never, ever forget."

McCarthy was one of four players in the stepladder with previous championship-round experience at the U.S. Women's Open, recording third-place finishes in 2017 and 2018. Despite neither event resulting in a win, she learned from those experiences and applied some valuable lessons Tuesday, which helped steer her to the winner's circle.

"This feels absolutely incredible," said McCarthy, who is the eighth different PWBA Tour champion this season. "I think from my past two U.S. Open shows, I learned what not to do for this one. I rushed a lot during those shows. The 10 frames go by super quick, and I'm a quick bowler to begin with, so I forced myself to stay slow during the show. Last night, I went to bed and thought about what I was going to do differently today. I did everything differently today than I did on those last two shows, and it paid off."

McCarthy advanced to the title match after defeating No. 2 Jordan Richard of Maumee, Ohio, 235-206. A late rally by Richard forced McCarthy to mark in the 10th frame to advance to the title match. She delivered a strike to advance.

In Match 2, McCarthy was locked in a battle with two-time PWBA Player of the Year Shannon O'Keefe of Shiloh, Illinois. After McCarthy failed to shut out O'Keefe, the 15-time champion needed two strikes and eight pins to advance. O'Keefe struck on the first two offerings but left the 4-6-7-9-10 split on her fill ball to lose, 220-218.

In the opening match, McCarthy defeated Singapore's Shayna Ng, 212-178. McCarthy led by four pins in the sixth frame but a missed 6-9-10 gave the lead to Ng. The 15-time member of Team Singapore converted the 1-2-8-10 and 4-10 split early in the match to remain clean, but she was unable to double and missed a 10 pin in the final frame to give McCarthy the victory.

All competitors bowled 24 qualifying games over three days to determine the 30 players advancing to Round 4. After eight additional games, the field was cut to the top 24 bowlers for round-robin match play.

The five finalists were determined by total pinfall, including bonus pins, for 56 games.

For more information about the U.S. Women's Open, visit [BOWL.com/USWomensOpen](http://BOWL.com/USWomensOpen).

**2022 U.S. Women's Open  
At Kingpin's Alley Family Fun Center  
South Glens Falls, N.Y.**

**Tuesday's results**

## **FINAL STANDINGS**

- 1, Erin McCarthy, Elkhorn, Neb., 879 (four games), \$60,000.
- 2, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 172 (one game), \$30,000.
- 3, Jordan Richard, Maumee, Ohio, 206 (one game), \$22,000.
- 4, Shannon O'Keefe, Shiloh, Ill., 218 (one game), \$17,000.
- 5, Shayna Ng, Singapore, 178 (one game), \$13,000.

## **STEPLADDER RESULTS**

- Match No. 1** – McCarthy def. Ng, 212-178.  
**Match No. 2** – McCarthy def. O'Keefe, 220-218.  
**Semifinal** – McCarthy def. Richard, 235-206.  
**Championship** – McCarthy def. McEwan, 212-172.

## **PWBA DALLAS CLASSIC SERIES TO CULMINATE WITH SEASON-ENDING PWBA TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP**

By Emil Williams Jr.

DALLAS - As the sun prepares to set on the 2022 Professional Women's Bowling Association season, the city of Dallas will serve as the backdrop for another historic week with three titles on the line, one major championship to be determined and two players taking home postseason honors.

And, if that's not enough, Shannon Pluhowsky of Dayton, Ohio, who garnered a long-awaited win at last season's PWBA Tour Championship, is in the field and hopeful for another great run to end the season.

USA Bowl will play host to the Dallas Classic Series and will feature the final three events of the season. Tuesday's official practice session will kick off the week and will be followed by three national tour stops. The tournaments on the schedule include the PWBA Dallas Classic (Aug. 3-4), PWBA Pepsi Classic (Aug. 5-6) and PWBA Tour Championship (Aug. 7-9).

All qualifying and match-play rounds, including the stepladder finals of the Dallas Classic and Pepsi Classic, will be broadcast on BowlTV.com. The winner of each event will earn \$10,000.

The finals of the PWBA Tour Championship will be broadcast live Aug. 9 at 7 p.m. Eastern on CBS Sports Network, with the winner taking home a \$50,000 top prize.

Pluhowsky enters this week as the reigning Tour Championship winner after defeating 2021 PWBA Player of the Year Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona, 244-178, at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada, last season to claim her second career major title, and first since 2006.

Prior to her victory, the 39-year-old left-hander, who will celebrate her 40th birthday Aug. 8, had made 15 championship-round appearances since 2015. The consistent knocking at the PWBA championship door from the left hand of one of the most decorated athletes in history went unanswered for 15 years.

Tears and heartache had been far too common following television appearances for Pluhowsky, but her moment last season allowed her to remove the proverbial "monkey off her back."

"It was a 'finally' moment," Pluhowsky said. "There had been lots of tears and heartache along the way, but in the end it was worth it. Just the satisfaction that I was able to win. I just had to remain positive and take what I learned from each of the previous times I failed on TV and apply it. I tried to have more fun on TV and make it less stressful."

Pluhowsky's first major title came at the 2006 United States Bowling Congress Queens, but during a time where there was not a professional women's tour. After completing one of the most accomplished collegiate careers in the sport's history at Nebraska, Pluhowsky had all the ingredients for a hall-of-fame career out of college but no professional platform to showcase her skills.

She didn't get to feel what it was like to live out a dream of winning on tour until last season.

"I had dreamt of winning, and it was what I imagined," Pluhowsky said. "You never know how you will react, but I think the true emotion came out, making it more special. The only thing I would have changed was having the rest of my family there, but sharing it with Carrie and my dad was great. Bryanna and I have known each other for a long time and being able to compete against each other on TV was special. She had an amazing season and I was glad the player of the year was decided before our match."

Pluhowsky's platform came in the form of Team USA, where she is the longest active member in the program. After winning the 2022 USBC Team USA Trials in January, Pluhowsky earned a spot on the team for the 22nd consecutive season.

Her Team Trials win was a great start to the new year and on the heels of her victory at the Stadium. One would think she was primed for a breakout season on tour, but that's not how things have shaped up.

Statistically, the 2022 season has been Pluhowsky's worst on tour. For context, Pluhowsky averaged at least 210 from 2015-2021, but she's only averaging 202 so far this season. But, there is a reason for it. It's one word, which starts with I and ends with Y, and it's been a common theme on tour this season. If you guessed "injury," you are a winner.

She's been dealing with an injury to her left ring finger, which has made her ability to repeat shots extremely difficult. Repeatability is the name of the game and for someone of Pluhowsky's caliber, the decline in performance makes more sense.

Pluhowsky's getting healthy at the right time, however. Last weekend, she advanced to the semifinals of the Professional Bowlers Association/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles event with PBA Hall of Famer Tommy Jones. She's feeling better and hoping for a good week.

"I don't really know what type of injury," Pluhowsky said. "It's just really sore to bend, and the knuckle had been swollen. I am very lucky to have a great support system helping me get healthy. Ken Keegan and Keith Boyd started from scratch with my measurements and Bob Kelly has been drilling so many new bowling balls and helping me get my fit perfect. I actually lengthened it for the first time in a while. Eric (Krauss) and Mike (Wolfe) have given me some fresh bowling balls to drill and been patient while I worked through the issue. Turbo provided different grips until I figured out what felt best. The support has been great."

The battle for PWBA Player of the Year will once again be decided during the final three events and depending on the players involved, it may come down to the title match of the Tour Championship.

Two-time PWBA Player of the Year Shannon O'Keefe of Shiloh, Illinois, leads the season-long points list with 79,250, while Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York, trails by less than 10,000 points with 70,835. Coté's chances of repeating as player of the year remain alive as she sits in third with 66,415.

Rounding out the top five are Colombia's Clara Guerrero (59,475) and England's Verity Crawley (55,020).

O'Keefe leads the tour in championship-round appearances with five and has one win this season, which came at the PWBA Twin Cities Open. She also finished sixth at the PWBA St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open, seventh at the PWBA Long Island Classic and tied for ninth at the USBC Queens. She won the award in 2018 and 2019.

McEwan has yet to win a title in 2022 but has four championship-round appearances, including back-to-back runner-up finishes at the PWBA BVL Classic and U.S. Women's Open. She was second to O'Keefe in the player-of-the-year race in both 2018 and 2019, and if she's able to win the award for the first time this season, the meaning would be immense.

"It would mean everything," McEwan said. "It's the goal that drives me through the highs and lows of each event of the season."

Coté won the PWBA BVL Classic for her only title this season and also has four championship-round appearances, making the finals in three consecutive events during one stretch. She finished second in back-to-back events at the PWBA St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open and PWBA Long Island Classic.

In the race for PWBA Rookie of the Year, Chelsea Klingler of Grand Rapids, Michigan, holds a slim lead (16,975) over Olivia Farwell of Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania (16,540).

Klingler, whose highest finish is 12th at the season-opening PWBA Rockford Open, unfortunately is not scheduled to compete this week. Klingler also cashed at the U.S. Women's Open and finished 30th. Farwell is entered in the Dallas Classic Series and is coming off a 13th place finish at the U.S. Women's Open, her highest of the season.

Other rookies who could make the race interesting with big weeks in Dallas include Marissa Allison of Sylvania, Ohio, Kaylene Bishop of Medical Lake, Washington, Jessica Earnest of Hermitage, Tennessee, Canada's Sarah Klassen and Lisa Timm of Auburn, Illinois.

The same format will be used for the Dallas Classic and Pepsi Classic. The field of 83 athletes will bowl 12 games of qualifying, before the top 12 players advance to round-robin match play.

After 12 games of match play, the top five bowlers will advance to the stepladder finals, based on total pinfall and bonus pins for each victory in match play. Julia Bond of Aurora, Illinois, is the defending Pepsi Classic champion.

The PWBA Tour Championship will feature the top 24 players from the Dallas Classic and Pepsi Classic, based on their 24-game qualifying totals. Total pinfall will drop at the start of the Tour Championship, and the 24 advancers will bowl 24 games of round-robin match play to determine the five bowlers for the stepladder finals, based on total pinfall and bonus pins.

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## DAILY SCHEDULE

(all times local)

Tuesday, Aug. 2

3 p.m.: Practice (120 minutes – Dallas Classic, Pepsi Classic, Tour Championship)

7 p.m.: Bowl with the Pros

Wednesday, Aug. 3

10 a.m.: Qualifying – Rd. 1 – PWBA Dallas Classic (six games)

5 p.m.: Qualifying – Rd. 2 – PWBA Dallas Classic (six games)

Cut to top 12 athletes for round-robin match play

Thursday, Aug. 4

9 a.m.: Match Play – Rd. 1 – PWBA Dallas Classic (six games)

2 p.m.: Match Play – Rd. 2 – PWBA Dallas Classic (six games)

Cut to top five athletes for stepladder finals

7 p.m.: Stepladder finals for PWBA Dallas Classic (BowITV.com)

Friday, Aug. 5

10 a.m.: Qualifying – Rd. 1 – PWBA Pepsi Classic (six games)

5 p.m.: Qualifying – Rd. 2 – PWBA Pepsi Classic (six games)

Cut to top 12 athletes for round-robin match play

Saturday, Aug. 6

9 a.m.: Match Play – Rd. 1 – PWBA Pepsi Classic (six games)

2 p.m.: Match Play – Rd. 2 – PWBA Pepsi Classic (six games)

Cut to top five athletes for stepladder finals

7 p.m.: Stepladder finals for PWBA Pepsi Classic (BowITV.com)

Sunday, Aug. 7

10 a.m.: Match Play – Rd. 1 – PWBA Tour Championship (eight games)

5 p.m.: Match Play – Rd. 2 – PWBA Tour Championship (eight games)

Monday, Aug. 8

10 a.m.: Match Play – Rd. 3 – PWBA Tour Championship (eight games)

Cut to top five athletes for stepladder finals

Tuesday, Aug. 9

6 p.m.: Stepladder finals for PWBA Tour Championship (CBS Sports Network)

### **COTÉ CHARGES TO TOP SPOT IN QUALIFYING AT 2022 PWBA DALLAS CLASSIC**

DALLAS – For the second consecutive year, Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona, has made an early impact at the final Classic Series of the Professional Women’s Bowling Association season and leads after qualifying at the PWBA Dallas Classic.

The 2021 PWBA Player of the Year moved to the top of the standings in the second to last game Wednesday at USA Bowl and finished her 12-game block with a 2,590 total, a 215.83 average.

Shannon Pluhowsky of Dayton, Ohio, was second with a 2,507 total, and opening-round leader Birgit Noreiks of Germany finished third with 2,502. Colombia’s Clara Guerrero (2,472) and Jillian Martin of Stow, Ohio (2,448), followed next in the standings.

The top 12 athletes from the 83-player field advanced to match play at the Dallas Classic, which features a pair of six-game match-play rounds that start Thursday at 10 a.m. Eastern. Total pinfall, including bonus pins for wins in match play, will determine the five finalists for Thursday’s stepladder finals.

All rounds of competition at the Dallas Classic will be broadcast live at BowlTV.com. The stepladder will air at 8 p.m. Eastern, and the champion will take home \$10,000.

The final qualifying spot went to two-time PWBA Player of the Year Shannon O’Keefe of Shiloh, Illinois. She finished with a 2,418 total, a 201.5 average, to edge Japan’s Suzuna Miyagi by a single pin.

The Dallas Classic Series includes the final three events of the 2022 season – Dallas Classic, PWBA Pepsi Classic and PWBA Tour Championship. The Pepsi Classic is taking place Aug. 5-6, and the Tour Championship, the third major of the year, will be Aug. 7-9.

Coté was sixth after Wednesday’s opening block with a six-game score of 1,231 but felt like she had left a couple pins behind due to execution on the demanding 36-foot oil pattern.



The three-time PWBA Tour champion regrouped for the second block and stayed on top of her moves, firing a 1,359 total to take over the lead.

"My execution was about 80% during the first block, and I knew I lost some pins on a couple of bad shots," said Coté, who won the PWBA BVL Open in June. "It was a little frustrating, because I saw the picture pretty clearly. It was just a matter of getting it there.

"For my second set, I didn't miss any makeable spares. If I saw my ball do something, I was really on top of the moves. When I got to a pair where it hooked more, I jumped a zone left. If it went too long, I made sure I went farther right or was softer with my hand. I stuck to my game plan, and it worked. I was able to use one ball and as I kept chasing it left, it kept doing the right thing. I just had to execute."

Coté entered this week's Classic Series in third place on the season-long points list, which determines the athlete that earns PWBA Player of the Year honors for the year. She has accumulated 66,415 points and trails O'Keefe (79,250) and Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York (70,835).

McEwan also made match play at the Dallas Classic after finishing qualifying in 10th place with a 2,423 total.

At last year's Fall Classic Series in Reno, Nevada, Coté was outside of the top seven in points heading into the final three events at the National Bowling Stadium. A quick start and runner-up finish at the first tournament – the PWBA Reno Classic – helped push her into the mix for the postseason award.

She earned the top seed and finished second at the 2021 Tour Championship to secure player-of-the-year honors for the first time in her career.

Although there may be some parallels from 2021 to 2022 through the first day of competition, she's not getting too far ahead of herself and plans to keep her focus set on the things she can control.

"I was a little hesitant about this pattern during the practice session, because I didn't have the greatest look," Coté said. "I drilled three balls for this pattern, because I felt like something was missing and I wasn't seeing it clearly in practice. Today, something clicked, and I just went with it. To have a good start is a relief, since playing catch up is not ideal, but it's still a long week. There are a lot of games to be bowled, so I'm just looking to take it one shot and one frame at a time. If I look ahead, bad things can happen."

The Dallas Classic and Pepsi Classic will feature the same format. The finals of the Pepsi Classic also will air on BowITV. The stepladder will be Saturday at 8 p.m. Eastern.

The combined qualifying totals for the Dallas Classic and Pepsi Classic (24 games) will determine the 24 athletes advancing to the Tour Championship.

Pinfall will drop at the beginning of the Tour Championship, with all advancers bowling three eight-game blocks of round-robin match play Sunday and Monday. The top five competitors, based on total pinfall and bonus pins, will advance to Tuesday's stepladder finals.

The finals of the Tour Championship will be broadcast Tuesday at 7 p.m. Eastern on CBS Sports Network, with the winner earning the \$50,000 top prize.

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2022 PWBA Dallas Classic  
At USA Bowl  
Dallas

#### Wednesday's Results

1, Bryanna Coté, Tucson, Ariz., 2,590. 2, Shannon Pluhowsky, Dayton, Ohio, 2,507. 3, Birgit Noreiks, Germany, 2,502. 4, Clara Guerrero, Colombia, 2,472. 5, Jillian Martin (n), Stow, Ohio, 2,448. 6, Dasha Kovalova, Ukraine, 2,446.

7, Stephanie Zavala, Downey, Calif., 2,443. 8, Stefanie Johnson, McKinney, Texas, 2,435. 9, Brandi Kordelewski, Belleville, Ill., 2,425. 10, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 2,423. 11, Rocio Restrepo, Uniontown, Ohio, 2,420. 12, Shannon O'Keefe, Shiloh, Ill., 2,418.

#### DID NOT ADVANCE

13, Suzuna Miyagi, Japan, 2,417, \$1,200. 14, Taylor Bulthuis, New Port Richey, Fla., 2,396, \$1,200. 15, Lindsay Boomershine, Brigham City, Utah, 2,395, \$1,200. 16, Jordan Richard, Maumee, Ohio, 2,394, \$1,200. 17, Brianna Andrew, Grand Rapids, Mich., 2,384, \$1,200. 18, Stephanie Schwartz, Racine, Wis., 2,371, \$1,200.

19, Breanna Clemmer, Clover, S.C., 2,364, \$1,200. 20, Verity Crawley, England, 2,356, \$1,200. 21, Laura Plazas (n), Bogota, 2,350, \$1,200. 22, Felicia Wong, Canada, 2,346, \$1,200. 23(tie), Kayla Pashina, Otsego, Minn., and Daria Pajak, Poland, 2,343, \$1,200.

25, Kara Mangiola, Spencerport, N.Y., 2,341, \$1,200. 26, Justyne Vukovich, New Stanton, Pa., 2,336, \$1,200. 27, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 2,334, \$1,200. 28, Kayla Smith (n), Salem, Ill., 2,333, \$1,200. 29, Liz Johnson, Niagara Falls, N.Y., 2,331. 30, Taylor Bailey, Jonesboro, Ark., 2,328.

31, Lauren Tomaszewski (n), Wylie, Texas, 2,324. 32, Kayla Crawford, Silvis, Ill., 2,322. 33, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 2,321. 34(tie), Lauren Pate, Ballwin, Mo., and Jen Higgins, Lewis Center, Ohio, 2,317. 36, Jessica Earnest, Hermitage, Tenn., 2,315.

37, Ana Morales, Guatemala, 2,312. 38, Sydney Brummett, Fort Wayne, Ind., 2,304. 39, Courtney Ermisch, Big Bend, Wis., 2,303. 40, Maria José Rodríguez, Colombia, 2,299. 41, Hope Gramly (n), Aubrey, Texas, 2,297. 42, Haley Richard, Tipton, Mich., 2,294.

43, Shannon Sellens (n), Long Beach, N.Y., 2,293. 44, Gazmine Mason, Cranston, R.I., 2,284. 45, Annalise O'Bryant (n), Ball Ground, Ga., 2,280. 46, Samantha Kriner, Houston, Texas, 2,273. 47, Sandra Gongora, Mexico, 2,264. 48(tie), Marissa Allison, Sylvania, Ohio, and Allie Leiendecker (n), Ruston, La., 2,263.

50, Erin McCarthy, Elkhorn, Neb., 2,261. 51, Jodi Woessner, Oregon, Ohio, 2,251. 52(tie), Kaylene Bishop, Medical Lake, Wash., and Olivia Farwell, Elizabethtown, Pa., 2,242. 54, Kayla Bandy, Wichita, Kan., 2,236.

55, Amanda Broege (n), Ronkonkoma, N.Y., 2,224. 56, Jasmine Snell (n), Papillion, Neb., 2,220. 57, Josie Barnes, Hermitage, Tenn., 2,209. 58(tie), Liz Kuhlkin, Schenectady, N.Y., Keondra Eaton (n), Baton Rouge, La., and Tannya Lopez, Mexico, 2,208.

61, Ashly Galante, Palm Harbor, Fla., 2,204. 62, Melanie McDaniel, Joliet, Ill., 2,191. 63, Kasey Eaton (n), Wyoming, Mich., 2,182. 64(tie), Mary Orf (n), St. Louis, and Julia Bond, Aurora, Ill., 2,175. 66, Summer Jasmin, Beckley, W.Va., 2,170.

67, Patricia Rosales (n), Orlando, Fla., 2,169. 68, Jennifer Hocurscak, Orange, Conn., 2,166. 69, Edith Quintanilla (n), El Salvador, 2,159. 70, Maria Bulanova, Russia, 2,150. 71, Emma Grace Dockery (n), Kent, Ohio, 2,145. 72, Jennifer Russo, Monmouth Junction, N.J., 2,144.

73, Sofia Rodriguez Granda (n), Guatemala, 2,140. 74, Heather D'Errico, Rochester, N.Y., 2,139. 75, Mallory Clark, Auburn, Maine, 2,136. 76, Kelsi Anderson (n), San Antonio, 2,130. 77, Mari Gallegos (n), Chicago, 2,113. 78, Bella Castillo (n), Odessa, Texas, 2,107.

79, Amber Brunson (n), Miami, Fla., 2,010. 80, Adrienne Kissane, Anderson, Ind., 2,005. 81, Nicole Loeffler (n), Sedwick, Kan., 1,954. 82, Cassandra Bayerl (n), Burleson, Texas, 1,878. 83, Lisa Timm, Auburn, Ill., 1,829.

#### HOPE GRAMLY PACES FIELD IN QUALIFYING AT 2022 PWBA PEPSI CLASSIC

DALLAS – Hope Gramly of Aubrey, Texas, has excelled in her opportunities to compete against the top players on the Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour in 2022, and she added another strong performance Friday by leading qualifying at the PWBA Pepsi Classic.

The 22-year-old right-hander jumped from 18th place to the top of the standings during her second six-game block at USA Bowl, finishing with a 12-game score of 2,666, a 222.17 average.

Julia Bond of Aurora, Illinois, is the defending champion at the Pepsi Classic and sits in second with a 2,643 total. Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York, is third with 2,638, and Ukraine's Dasha Kovalova (2,636) and England's Verity Crawley (2,613) rounded out the top five.

The top 12 athletes from the 83-player field advanced to match play at the Pepsi Classic. The advancers will bowl two six-game match-play rounds, starting Saturday at 10 a.m. Eastern. Total pinfall, including bonus pins for each win in match play, will determine the five finalists for the stepladder finals.

The stepladder also will take place Saturday, beginning at 8 p.m. Eastern live at BowlTV.com. The champion will win \$10,000.

Mary Orf of St. Louis captured the final spot in match play by finishing in 12th place with a 2,523 total, a 210.25 average.

Gramly has been busy on some of bowling's biggest stages since April. She started her run by helping McKendree University win the 2022 NCAA Women's Bowling Championship.

Her next national appearance took place at the United States Bowling Congress Queens in May, where she advanced to the stepladder finals as an amateur and collected a fifth-place finish, and she was able to earn her spot in match play at the U.S. Women's Open in June, finishing in 14th place.

She's stayed busy with school work over the summer as she looks to complete her master's degree, which made the majors her only stops on tour leading up to the Dallas Classic Series.

"It's definitely been a bit of a roller coaster, because there have been long breaks between tournaments for me," said Gramly, the 2021 and 2022 National Tenpin Coaches Association Division II Player of the Year. "After Queens, I didn't bowl much outside of normal practice, and then I bowled the Open and did really well. But, I didn't bowl very much until I came here. As far as placing and performance in competition, that's been a high. I've been riding that high for as long as I can, and I'm just glad it paid off today."

The Dallas Classic Series includes the final three events of the 2022 season – PWBA Dallas Classic, Pepsi Classic and PWBA Tour Championship.

Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona, won the Dallas Classic for her second title of the season Thursday at USA Bowl, and the Tour Championship will take place Aug. 7-9.

Gramly finished the Dallas Classic in 41st place, and she was 31 pins outside the cut at the Pepsi Classic after her first six-game block Friday with a 1,257 total.

She was able to stay in the same bowling ball and make the right adjustments during the second round, rolling games of 239, 234, 208, 255, 269 and 204 for a 1,409 total to move into the lead.

"In the first block, I didn't handle the transition very well," Gramly said. "I didn't make a ball change when I needed to. Fortunately for me, I didn't have to make that ball change this block. I was able to stay in the same ball the whole time and kept adjusting, moving left and hooking it, which is what I do best. From that point on, it was just executing shots.

"Going into match play tomorrow, my game plan is staying the same as it was for the second block. I'm going to keep an open mind in transition and just execute shots, hit the pocket and make my spares. If I win my matches, great. If I lose, I hope I can still shoot at least 200 so I don't give away too many pins and just go from there."

In addition to advancing to match play at the Pepsi Classic, Gramly also will be part of the field for the season-ending Tour Championship after finishing qualifying in seventh place with a 4,963 total. The combined qualifying totals for the Dallas Classic and Pepsi Classic (24 games) determined the 24 athletes advancing to the third major of the season.

Kovalova led the field for the Tour Championship, finishing with a 24-game total of 5,082, a 211.75 average. She was followed by McEwan (5,061), Coté (5,052), Shannon O'Keefe of Shiloh, Illinois (5,004), and Brandi Kordelewski of Belleville, Illinois (5,003).

McEwan is the 2015 Tour Championship winner, and O'Keefe won the season-ending major in 2017 and 2019. Defending champion Shannon Pluhowsky of Dayton, Ohio, qualified in eighth with a 4,948 total, and 2018 winner Maria José Rodriguez of Colombia finished 23rd with 4,813.

Latvia's Diana Zavjalova earned the final spot at the Tour Championship with a 4,796 total, a 199.83 average.

Pinfall will drop at the beginning of the Tour Championship, with all advancers bowling three eight-game blocks of round-robin match play Sunday and Monday. The top five competitors, based on total pinfall and bonus pins, will advance to Tuesday's stepladder finals.

The finals of the Tour Championship will be broadcast Tuesday at 7 p.m. Eastern on CBS Sports Network, with the winner earning the \$50,000 top prize.

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Friday's Results

1, Hope Gramly (n), Aubrey, Texas, 2,666. 2, Julia Bond, Aurora, Ill., 2,643. 3, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 2,638. 4, Dasha Kovalova, Ukraine, 2,636. 5, Verity Crawley, England, 2,613. 6, Shannon O'Keefe, Shiloh, Ill., 2,586.

7, Brandi Kordelewski, Belleville, Ill., 2,578. 8, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 2,559. 9, Breanna Clemmer, Clover, S.C., 2,549. 10, Olivia Farwell, Elizabethtown, Pa., 2,541. 11, Tannya Lopez, Mexico, 2,525. 12, Mary Orf (n), St. Louis, 2,523.

DID NOT ADVANCE

13, Brianna Andrew, Grand Rapids, Mich., 2,519, \$1,200. 14, Rocio Restrepo, Uniontown, Ohio, 2,517, \$1,200. 15, Kayla Pashina, Otsego, Minn., 2,516, \$1,200. 16, Jordan Richard, Maumee, Ohio, 2,515, \$1,200. 17, Maria José Rodriguez, Colombia, 2,514, \$1,200. 18, Allie Leiendecker (n), Ruston, La., 2,500, \$1,200.

19, Annalise OBryant (n), Ball Ground, Ga., 2,495, \$1,200. 20, Erin McCarthy, Elkhorn, Neb., 2,486, \$1,200. 21, Stefanie Johnson, McKinney, Texas, 2,485, \$1,200. 22, Sandra Gongora, Mexico, 2,475, \$1,200. 23, Jillian Martin (n), Stow, Ohio, 2,466, \$1,200. 24, Laura Plazas (n), Bogota, 2,464, \$1,200.

25(tie), Bryanna Coté, Tucson, Ariz., and Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 2,462, \$1,200. 27, Patricia Rosales (n), Orlando, Fla., 2,460, \$1,200. 28(tie), Josie Barnes, Hermitage, Tenn., and Sydney Brummett, Fort Wayne, Ind., 2,454. 30, Stephanie Zavala, Downey, Calif., 2,448.

31(tie), Lauren Pate, Ballwin, Mo., and Suzuna Miyagi, Japan, 2,447. 33, Jessica Earnest, Hermitage, Tenn., 2,444. 34, Shannon Pluhowsky, Dayton, Ohio, 2,441. 35, Birgit Noreiks, Germany, 2,432. 36, Kara Mangiola, Spencerport, N.Y., 2,425.

37, Daria Pajak, Poland, 2,418. 38, Stephanie Schwartz, Racine, Wis., 2,417. 39, Clara Guerrero, Colombia, 2,416. 40, Justyne Vukovich, New Stanton, Pa., 2,415. 41, Felicia Wong, Canada, 2,412. 42, Haley Richard, Tipton, Mich., 2,410.

43, Liz Kuhlkin, Schenectady, N.Y., 2,402. 44, Gazmine Mason, Cranston, R.I., 2,392. 45, Jasmine Snell (n), Papillion, Neb., 2,383. 46, Taylor Bulthuis, New Port Richey, Fla., 2,375. 47, Summer Jasmin, Beckley, W.Va., 2,368. 48, Kayla Smith (n), Salem, Ill., 2,367.

49, Liz Johnson, Niagara Falls, N.Y., 2,358. 50, Maria Bulanova, Russia, 2,350. 51(tie), Kayla Bandy, Wichita, Kan., and Kayla Crawford, Silvis, Ill., 2,347. 53, Marissa Allison, Sylvania, Ohio, 2,339. 54, Courtney Ermisch, Big Bend, Wis., 2,338.

55, Sofia Rodriguez Granda (n), Guatemala, 2,337. 56, Melanie McDaniel, Joliet, Ill., 2,334. 57, Jen Higgins, Lewis Center, Ohio, 2,331. 58, Jodi Woessner, Oregon, Ohio, 2,318. 59, Taylor Bailey, Jonesboro, Ark., 2,315. 60, Amanda Broege (n), Ronkonkoma, N.Y., 2,310.

61, Lauren Tomaszewski (n), Wylie, Texas, 2,305. 62, Heather D'Errico, Rochester, N.Y., 2,291. 63, Ashly Galante, Palm Harbor, Fla., 2,289. 64, Lindsay Boomershine, Brigham City, Utah, 2,283. 65, Shannon Sellens (n), Long Beach, N.Y., 2,281. 66, Bella Castillo (n), Odessa, Texas, 2,276.

67, Jennifer Russo, Monmouth Junction, N.J., 2,250. 68, Mallory Clark, Auburn, Maine, 2,249. 69, Ana Morales, Guatemala, 2,224. 70, Kasey Eaton (n), Wyoming, Mich., 2,223. 71, Kaylene Bishop, Medical Lake, Wash., 2,219. 72(tie), Edith Quintanilla (n), El Salvador, and Keondra Eaton (n), Baton Rouge, La., 2,205.

74, Amber Brunson (n), Miami, 2,173. 75, Emma Grace Dockery (n), Kent, Ohio, 2,172. 76, Samantha Kriner, Houston, Texas, 2,126. 77, Mari Gallegos (n), Chicago, 2,115. 78, Lisa Timm, Auburn, Ill., 2,114.

79, Kelsi Anderson (n), San Antonio, 2,097. 80, Jennifer Hocurscak, Orange, Conn., 2,085. 81, Adrienne Kissane, Anderson, Ind., 2,060. 82, Nicole Loeffler (n), Sedwick, Kan., 2,057. 83, Cassandra Bayerl (n), Burleson, Texas, 1,838.

## 2022 PWBA Tour Championship

### QUALIFYING

(24 games)

1, Dasha Kovalova, Ukraine, 5,082. 2, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 5,061. 3, Bryanna Coté, Tucson, Ariz., 5,052. 4, Shannon O'Keefe, Shiloh, Ill., 5,004. 5, Brandi Kordelewski, Belleville, Ill., 5,003. 6, Verity Crawley, England, 4,969.

7, Hope Gramly (n), Aubrey, Texas, 4,963. 8, Shannon Pluhowsky, Dayton, Ohio, 4,948. 9, Rocio Restrepo, Uniontown, Ohio, 4,937. 10, Birgit Noreiks, Germany, 4,934. 11, Stefanie Johnson, McKinney, Texas, 4,920. 12, Jillian Martin (n), Stow, Ohio, 4,914.

13, Breanna Clemmer, Clover, S.C., 4,913. 14, Jordan Richard, Maumee, Ohio, 4,909. 15, Brianna Andrew, Grand Rapids, Mich., 4,903. 16, Stephanie Zavala, Downey, Calif., 4,891. 17, Clara Guerrero, Colombia, 4,888. 18, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 4,880.

19, Suzuna Miyagi, Japan, 4,864. 20, Kayla Pashina, Otsego, Minn., 4,859. 21, Julia Bond, Aurora, Ill., 4,818. 22, Laura Plazas (n), Bogota, 4,814. 23, Maria José Rodriguez, Colombia, 4,813. 24, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 4,796.

### DID NOT ADVANCE

25, Stephanie Schwartz, Racine, Wis., 4,788, \$1,400. 26, Olivia Farwell, Elizabethtown, Pa., 4,783, \$1,385. 27, Annalise OBryant (n), Ball Ground, Ga., 4,775, \$1,370. 28, Taylor Bulthuis, New Port Richey, Fla., 4,771, \$1,355. 29, Kara Mangiola, Spencerport, N.Y., 4,766. 30, Lauren Pate, Ballwin, Mo., 4,764.

31, Allie Leiendecker (n), Ruston, La., 4,763. 32, Daria Pajak, Poland, 4,761. 33, Jessica Earnest, Hermitage, Tenn., 4,759. 34(tie), Sydney Brummett, Fort Wayne, Ind., and Felicia Wong, Canada, 4,758. 36, Justyne Vukovich, New Stanton, Pa., 4,751.

37, Erin McCarthy, Elkhorn, Neb., 4,747. 38, Sandra Gongora, Mexico, 4,739. 39, Tannya Lopez, Mexico, 4,733. 40, Haley Richard, Tipton, Mich., 4,704. 41, Kayla Smith (n), Salem, Ill., 4,700. 42, Mary Orf (n), St. Louis, 4,698.

43, Liz Johnson, Niagara Falls, N.Y., 4,689. 44, Lindsay Boomershine, Brigham City, Utah, 4,678. 45, Gazmine Mason, Cranston, R.I., 4,676. 46, Kayla Crawford, Silvis, Ill., 4,669. 47, Josie Barnes, Hermitage, Tenn., 4,663. 48, Jen Higgins, Lewis Center, Ohio, 4,648.

49, Taylor Bailey, Jonesboro, Ark., 4,643. 50, Courtney Ermisch, Big Bend, Wis., 4,641. 51(tie), Patricia Rosales (n), Orlando, Fla., and Lauren Tomaszewski (n), Wylie, Texas, 4,629. 53, Liz Kuhlkin, Schenectady, N.Y., 4,610. 54, Jasmine Snell (n), Papillion, Neb., 4,603.

55, Marissa Allison, Sylvania, Ohio, 4,602. 56, Kayla Bandy, Wichita, Kan., 4,583. 57, Shannon Sellens (n), Long Beach, N.Y., 4,574. 58, Jodi Woessner, Oregon, Ohio, 4,569. 59, Summer Jasmin, Beckley, W.Va., 4,538. 60, Ana Morales, Guatemala, 4,536.

61, Amanda Broege (n), Ronkonkoma, N.Y., 4,534. 62, Melanie McDaniel, Joliet, Ill., 4,525. 63, Maria Bulanova, Russia, 4,500. 64, Ashly Galante, Palm Harbor, Fla., 4,493. 65, Sofia Rodriguez Granda (n), Guatemala, 4,477. 66, Kaylene Bishop, Medical Lake, Wash., 4,461.

67, Heather D'Errico, Rochester, N.Y., 4,430. 68, Keondra Eaton (n), Baton Rouge, La., 4,413. 69, Kasey Eaton (n), Wyoming, Mich., 4,405. 70, Samantha Kriner, Houston, Texas, 4,399. 71, Jennifer Russo, Monmouth Junction, N.J., 4,394. 72, Mallory Clark, Auburn, Maine, 4,385.

73, Bella Castillo (n), Odessa, Texas, 4,383. 74, Edith Quintanilla (n), El Salvador, 4,364. 75, Emma Grace Dockery (n), Kent, Ohio, 4,317. 76, Jennifer Hocurscak, Orange, Conn., 4,251. 77, Mari Gallegos (n), Chicago, 4,228. 78, Kelsi Anderson (n), San Antonio, 4,227.

79, Amber Brunson (n), Miami, 4,183. 80, Adrienne Kissane, Anderson, Ind., 4,065. 81, Nicole Loeffler (n), Sedwick, Kan., 4,011. 82, Lisa Timm, Auburn, Ill., 3,943. 83, Cassandra Bayerl (n), Burleson, Texas, 3,716.



## KOVALOVA WINS FIFTH CAREER TITLE AT 2022 PWBA PEPSI CLASSIC

DALLAS – Ukraine’s Dasha Kovalova has experienced highs and lows when appearing in finals on the Professional Women’s Bowling Association Tour, but when she’s comfortable and confident on the lanes, few have been able to keep up with her.

The 27-year-old right-hander started strong in both of her matches during Saturday’s championship round at the PWBA Pepsi Classic, and she recorded her fifth career title with a 278-195 win over Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York, at USA Bowl.

The win was the first of the 2022 season for Kovalova, and she earned \$10,000 for the victory. The stepladder of the Pepsi Classic was broadcast live at BowlTV.com.

Kovalova quickly found the right look on the 44-foot pattern used at the Pepsi Classic to secure the No. 2 seed with an 8-3-1 record in match play Saturday, and in the title match, she started with four consecutive strikes.

A 2-8 in the fifth proved to be the only thing to slow down Kovalova, and she struck on every shot following her spare conversion. McEwan didn’t find the right combination to carry on the right lane until the ninth frame after striking on her first four deliveries on the left lane.

“I kind of had a mindset that if I keep on striking, hopefully it will be enough to tie,” Kovalova said. “Then, I kept striking. When I got to the frame where I could not be caught, I kind of cried a little bit. It’s been a rough year. Having a win and enjoying the moment was important for my psyche, and my mom was here, too, which was cool.”

Kovalova also started with four consecutive strikes to settle in during her semifinal match against Hope Gramly of Aubrey, Texas. She rolled a strike to start her final frame to lock up the victory, 228-216.

Kovalova has averaged more than 259 in the title match of her five wins, and she’s one of five athletes in tour history to roll a 300 game during a championship-round appearance. She fired the perfect game during the title tilt of the 2019 Pepsi PWBA Louisville Open.

She also has been susceptible to low games during her stepladder appearances, and it’s something that has taken some time for her to work through.

“It felt so great, because usually I get out of the gates with a couple splits, and then the other person strikes, and then there’s another 160,” Kovalova said. “But, not this time. When I saw I could successfully keep the ball in the pocket and the reaction was predictable, I was like, yes, it’s striking time.”

“I tried to slow my mind down. Sometimes, it races too fast, so I move too fast and forget I have to actually look at my target to hit it. I also made sure I stuck to my pre-shot routine. Sometimes, I need to do it more than once just to calm my nerves, but I did have a little bit less of going back and forth tonight, which I’m very proud of.”

McEwan, a seven-time PWBA Tour champion, was looking for her first win of 2022. She earned the top seed after averaging nearly 220 over 24 games.

She made her fourth consecutive championship-round appearance of the season, and sixth overall. She finished fourth at the PWBA Dallas Classic on Thursday and now has three runner-up finishes in 2022.

Gramly made her second championship-round appearance of the year after recording a fifth-place finish at the United States Bowling Congress Queens in May. The two-time National Tenpin Coaches Association Division II Player of the Year at McKendree advanced to the semifinals after defeating Mexico's Tannya Lopez, 246-203.

Lopez was making her first appearance in a stepladder on the PWBA Tour after qualifying as the No. 3 seed.

In Saturday's opening match, Gramly outlasted Olivia Farwell of Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, 193-171.

Farwell also was making her first championship-round appearance on the PWBA Tour. She joined the tour this season after being named the 2022 NTCA Division I Player of the Year at Duquesne.

The Pepsi Classic started with 83 athletes Friday. All competitors bowled two six-game rounds of qualifying to determine the top 12 for Saturday's match-play rounds.

Advancers bowled two six-game rounds of match play, with total pinfall and bonus pins determining the top five for the stepladder finals.

The Pepsi Classic was the second of three events in the season-ending Dallas Classic Series.

Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona, won the Dallas Classic on Thursday at USA Bowl for her fourth PWBA Tour title, and competition at the PWBA Tour Championships gets underway Sunday at 11 a.m. Eastern.

The combined qualifying totals for the Dallas Classic and Pepsi Classic (24 games) determined the 24 athletes advancing to the Tour Championship, the third major of the 2022 season. Kovalova led the field for 24 games to advance to the Tour Championship.

Pinfall will drop at the beginning of the Tour Championship, with all advancers bowling three eight-game blocks of round-robin match play Sunday and Monday. The top five competitors, based on total pinfall and bonus pins, will move on to Tuesday's stepladder finals.

The finals of the Tour Championship will be broadcast Tuesday at 7 p.m. Eastern on CBS Sports Network, with the winner earning the \$50,000 top prize.

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Saturday's results

#### FINAL STANDINGS

- 1, Dasha Kovalova, Ukraine, 506 (two games), \$10,000.
- 2, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 195 (one game), \$5,000.
- 3, Hope Gramly (n), Aubrey, Texas, 655 (three games), \$3,500.
- 4, Tannya Lopez, Mexico, 203 (one game), \$2,500.
- 5, Olivia Farwell, Elizabethtown, Pa., 171 (one game), \$2,000.

#### STEPLADDER RESULTS

- Match No. 1 – Gramly def. Farwell, 193-171.  
Match No. 2 – Gramly def. Lopez, 246-203.  
Semifinal – Kovalova def. Gramly, 228-216.  
Championship – Kovalova def. McEwan, 278-195.

#### MATCH PLAY

(24 games, 30 bonus pins for a win, 15 bonus pins for a tie)

1, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 7-5-0, 5,482. 2, Dasha Kovalova, Ukraine, 8-3-1, 5,455. 3, Tannya Lopez, Mexico, 9-3-0, 5,335. 4(tie), Hope Gramly (n), Aubrey, Texas, 5-6-1, and Olivia Farwell, Elizabethtown, Pa., 6-6-0, 5,305.

#### DID NOT ADVANCE

6, Shannon O'Keefe, Shiloh, Ill., 6-4-2, 5,298, \$1,750. 7, Verity Crawley, England, 4-8-0, 5,273, \$1,650. 8, Julia Bond, Aurora, Ill., 4-8-0, 5,201, \$1,600. 9, Breanna Clemmer, Clover, S.C., 6-6-0, 5,200, \$1,550. 10, Brandi Kordelewski, Belleville, Ill., 5-7-0, 5,176, \$1,500. 11, Mary Orf (n), St. Louis, 6-6-0, 5,124, \$1,450. 12, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 4-8-0, 5,007, \$1,400.

#### RODRIGUEZ LEADS OPENING ROUNDS AT 2022 PWBA TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP

DALLAS – Colombia's Maria José Rodriguez averaged 223 and posted an 11-5 record in match play through the first two rounds to lead the field Sunday at the 2022 Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour Championship.

Rodriguez, the 2018 PWBA Tour Championship winner, finished her day at USA Bowl with a 3,898 total, which included 30 bonus pins for each victory in the round-robin format for the third major of the 2022 season.

Stephanie Zavala of Downey, California, leaped from 15th place to second in the standings after averaging more than 246 during Sunday's second round, including games of 297 and 300, with a 3,887 total.

Breanna Clemmer of Clover, South Carolina (3,877), Colombia's Laura Plazas (3,818) and defending champion Shannon Pluhowsky of Dayton, Ohio (3,798), also are in the top five at USA Bowl.

All competitors will return to USA Bowl on Monday at 11 a.m. Eastern for the final eight-game block of match play. The top five will advance to Tuesday's stepladder finals and compete for the \$50,000 top prize.

BowlTV.com will broadcast the final match-play round, and the stepladder will air Tuesday at 7 p.m. Eastern on CBS Sports Network.

Rodriguez is a two-time major winner on the PWBA Tour, but she's been battling a couple injuries to her right foot since breaking her toe in 2019.

She stayed on the lanes instead of rehabbing her injury with a steady list of events on her schedule, which has presented new challenges for the 33-year-old right-hander.

"I broke my toe in 2019 after the (International Bowling Federation) World Championships, but I didn't do anything and kept bowling," said Rodriguez, the 2014 United States Bowling Congress Queens champion. "Then 2020 happened, and I didn't bowl and thought it was fine. But, I was walking weird and created a habit of walking different. I somehow sprained my ankle, then fibrosis, then I didn't put any pressure on my toe and plantar fasciitis was the last thing. It was a lot of things with my heel, ankle and toe."

Rodriguez found the right treatment and diagnosis to start her path to recovery in Colombia prior to the start of the 2022 season, with the support of the country's Olympic committee. Although there are things that still cause pain to the foot, she's found a combination that allows her to execute the powerful delivery that's helped her become one of Colombia's most decorated athletes on the lanes.

"It was better once I did all the rehab and the whole situation of figuring out what I had," said Rodriguez, who recently won gold in singles, doubles and team at the 2022 Bolivarian Games for Team Colombia. "I messed it up badly when I broke my toe and didn't do the rehab. I can't wear any normal shoe. Any shoe just hurts it a lot. If I bowl in my tennis shoe, it's a little better. When I tried to push with my bowling shoe, it was getting worse again. I put my tennis shoe back on, and now I feel better."

Rodriguez qualified for the Tour Championship in 23rd place after missing match play at the first two events of the Dallas Classic Series (PWBA Dallas Classic and PWBA Pepsi

Classic). She rolled 224 in her final game Friday at the Pepsi Classic to secure her spot in the 24-player field at the Tour Championship.

The Dallas Classic Series features three events – Dallas Classic, Pepsi Classic and Tour Championship – with the combined qualifying totals for the Dallas Classic and Pepsi Classic (24 games) determining the 24 advancers for the Tour Championship.

Pinfall dropped for all athletes at the beginning of the Tour Championship.

Even though she's sitting in the lead with one round to go, Rodriguez finished Sunday short of the goal she set for herself after the first block of match play.

After narrowly earning her spot at the Tour Championship, to go along with more close calls than she'd like, she wants to get out to a strong start Monday and put some distance between herself and the rest of the field.

"My goal was to get to plus-800, because I want to lead by a lot," said Rodriguez, who finished at plus-698. "I always need a double in the 10th to make a show or the top 24, and I'm human and don't do it all the time. I want to be out there with a cushion, because you don't know what can happen tomorrow."

Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona, won the Dallas Classic on Thursday for her fourth PWBA Tour title, and Ukraine's Dasha Kovalova claimed her fifth career title Saturday at the Pepsi Classic.

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MATCH PLAY

(16 games, 30 bonus pins for a win, 15 bonus pins for a tie)

1, Maria José Rodriguez, Colombia, 11-5-0, 3,898. 2, Stephanie Zavala, Downey, Calif., 9-7-0, 3,887. 3, Breanna Clemmer, Clover, S.C., 11-5-0, 3,877. 4, Laura Plazas (n), Colombia, 10-6-0, 3,818. 5, Shannon Pluhowsky, Dayton, Ohio, 9-7-0, 3,798. 6, Shannon O'Keefe, Shiloh, Ill., 11-5-0, 3,768.

7, Clara Guerrero, Colombia, 9-7-0, 3,737. 8, Stefanie Johnson, McKinney, Texas, 7-9-0, 3,635. 9, Jordan Richard, Maumee, Ohio, 10-6-0, 3,631. 10, Rocio Restrepo, Uniontown, Ohio, 11-5-0, 3,607. 11, Dasha Kovalova, Ukraine, 7-9-0, 3,598. 12, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 10-5-1, 3,587.

13, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 9-7-0, 3,577. 14, Birgit Noreiks, Germany, 8-8-0, 3,575. 15, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 9-6-1, 3,565. 16, Suzuna Miyagi, Japan,

5-11-0, 3,551. 17, Bryanna Coté, Tucson, Ariz., 9-7-0, 3,545. 18, Verity Crawley, England, 6-10-0, 3,505.

19, Brianna Andrew, Grand Rapids, Mich., 6-9-1, 3,439. 20, Brandi Kordelewski, Belleville, Ill., 4-11-1, 3,359. 21, Jillian Martin (n), Stow, Ohio, 5-11-0, 3,323. 22, Hope Gramly (n), Aubrey, Texas, 6-10-0, 3,261. 23, Kayla Pashina, Otsego, Minn., 5-11-0, 3,246. 24, Julia Bond, Aurora, Ill., 3-13-0, 3,200.

#### PLUHOWSKY WILL DEFEND TITLE AS TOP SEED AT 2022 PWBA TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP

DALLAS – Shannon Pluhowsky of Dayton, Ohio, celebrated her 40th birthday with family, friends and strikes Monday after averaging more than 257 for eight games to secure the top seed for the stepladder finals at the 2022 Professional Women’s Bowling Association Tour Championship.

Pluhowsky, the defending champion at the season-ending major, rolled games of 190, 228, 267, 256, 300, 244, 297 and 276 to go 6-2 during her final match-play round at USA Bowl to finish with an overall record of 15-9 for a 6,036 total.

The 300 game was the first of her PWBA Tour career, and she went from starting Monday in fifth place and out of first by 100 pins to leading by 224 pins.

She will be joined in the stepladder by 2018 Tour Championship winner Maria José Rodriguez of Colombia (5,812), Stephanie Zavala of Downey, California (5,767), two-time Tour Championship titlist Shannon O’Keefe of Shiloh, Illinois (5,679), and Jordan Richard of Maumee, Ohio (5,666).

All qualifiers for the Tour Championship bowled three eight-game rounds of match play Sunday and Monday at USA Bowl. Total pinfall for 24 games, including bonus pins for each victory in match play, determined the five finalists.

The stepladder finals will be Tuesday at 7 p.m. Eastern and broadcast live on CBS Sports Network. The winner will take home the \$50,000 top prize and third major of the 2022 season.

Pluhowsky, a left-hander, has been fighting an injury to her left ring finger this year. It’s something that had affected her ability to consistently repeat shots during the first portion of the season, but she worked through a change to her span and started feeling more comfortable on the lanes leading up to her time this week at USA Bowl.

With the 40-foot oil pattern being used at the Tour Championship, the two-time major winner elected to start with a safer choice in urethane to keep control of the pocket. As the scoring pace started to jump across the house, it was important for Pluhowsky to be more aggressive and make a change to reactive equipment.

Pluhowsky finished Sunday's opening round with games of 258 and 246, and she followed a similar plan in the second block to close the day with 247, 269 and 257.

She got into that ball in the fourth game Monday and averaged nearly 275 after the switch.

"It's been the best birthday so far," Pluhowsky said. "It was my first 300 on tour. I've had a rough year, so it's nice to end on a high note and make a show."

"The first couple games, I was throwing urethane and it was good, but it wasn't going through the pins very well. During the first round of match play, I think I just waited to throw urethane longer because I knew I'd keep it close to the headpin and get nine. Once scores started getting a little higher, I knew I was going to have to strike at some point. I switched to the (Black Widow) Ghost at the end and bowled a couple big games. In the next round, I kind of did the same thing but went to that ball a little earlier. When they hook a little more, that ball is good at allowing me to do what I like to do. I like to throw it hard, and it allowed me to miss both ways. I was able to get comfortable, camp out and do what I want to do."

At last year's Tour Championship in Reno, Nevada, Pluhowsky was able to win two matches on CBS Sports Network and defeated Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona, in the title match, 244-178.

It was her first win on tour since the relaunch in 2015, and her victory prior to that took place at the 2006 United States Bowling Congress Queens.

She didn't put too much pressure on herself to defend the title at the Tour Championship, and although it's a new experience, she's excited to share it with her family.

"I never really had the opportunity to defend a title out here, so I'm not really going to think about it too much," Pluhowsky said. "I'm going to just try to make 10 great shots. It's nice to have my family here – both kids, my wife and my mom. It's been fun, because they don't get to come anymore."

Rodriguez led after two rounds of match play and is looking for her third major title. In addition to her victory at the 2018 Tour Championship in Richmond, Virginia, she also won the 2014 USBC Queens.

Zavala, the 2021 PWBA Rookie of the Year, is making her second consecutive appearance in the stepladder at the Tour Championship. She finished fourth at last year's event. Zavala is searching for her fourth PWBA Tour title and first major.

O'Keefe won the 2017 and 2019 Tour Championship in Richmond, and she's the owner of 15 PWBA Tour titles and three majors.

O'Keefe also solidified her spot at the top of the season-long points list Monday to claim her third PWBA Player of the Year honor. She won the postseason award in 2018 and 2019.

Olivia Farwell of Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, also was recognized for a postseason award during the Tour Championship and is the 2022 PWBA Rookie of the Year. Farwell locked up the honor after finishing in fifth place at the PWBA Pepsi Classic on Saturday.

Richard is the 2018 PWBA Rookie of the Year and looking for her third career title and first major. She's making her first championship-round appearance at the Tour Championship.

The Tour Championship was the third event of the Dallas Classic Series. Coté won the PWBA Dallas Classic on Thursday for her fourth PWBA Tour title, and Ukraine's Dasha Kovalova claimed her fifth career title Saturday at the Pepsi Classic.

The combined qualifying totals for the Dallas Classic and Pepsi Classic (24 games) determined the 24 athletes at the Tour Championship. Pinfall was dropped for all advancers at the beginning of the Tour Championship.

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#### MATCH PLAY

(24 games, 30 bonus pins for a win, 15 bonus pins for a tie)

1, Shannon Pluhowsky, Dayton, Ohio, 15-9-0, 6,036. 2, Maria José Rodriguez, Colombia, 15-9-0, 5,812. 3, Stephanie Zavala, Downey, Calif., 13-11-0, 5,767. 4, Shannon O'Keefe, Shiloh, Ill., 17-7-0, 5,679. 5, Jordan Richard, Maumee, Ohio, 16-8-0, 5,666.

#### DID NOT ADVANCE

6, Laura Plazas (n), Colombia, 13-11-0, 5,621, \$7,500. 7, Clara Guerrero, Colombia, 12-12-0, 5,584, \$6,500. 8, Breanna Clemmer, Clover, S.C., 13-11-0, 5,543, \$6,000. 9, Suzuna Miyagi, Japan, 12-12-0, 5,511, \$5,500. 10, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 15-8-1, 5,490, \$4,550. 11, Stefanie Johnson, McKinney, Texas, 11-13-0, 5,486, \$3,800.

12, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 15-8-1, 5,421, \$3,500. 13, Rocio Restrepo, Uniontown, Ohio, 14-10-0, 5,366, \$3,300. 14, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 11-13-0, 5,340, \$3,200. 15, Birgit Noreiks, Germany, 12-12-0, 5,329, \$3,100. 16, Bryanna Coté, Tucson, Ariz., 10-14-0, 5,241, \$3,050. 17, Jillian Martin (n), Stow, Ohio, 9-15-0, 5,202, \$3,000.

18, Dasha Kovalova, Ukraine, 9-15-0, 5,180, \$2,950. 19, Kayla Pashina, Otsego, Minn., 10-14-0, 5,177, \$2,900. 20, Julia Bond, Aurora, Ill., 10-14-0, 5,166, \$2,850. 21, Verity Crawley, England, 8-16-0, 5,092, \$2,800. 22, Hope Gramly (n), Aubrey, Texas, 10-14-0, 5,005, \$2,750. 23, Brandi Kordelewski, Belleville, Ill., 8-15-1, 4,988, \$2,700.



24, Brianna Andrew, Grand Rapids, Mich., 8-15-1, 4,968, \$2,650.

## STEPHANIE ZAVALA WINS FIRST MAJOR TITLE AT 2022 PWBA TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP

DALLAS – Stephanie Zavala of Downey, California, turned around her sophomore season Tuesday by averaging more than 250 across three wins to claim her first major at the 2022 Professional Women’s Bowling Association Tour Championship.

The 2021 PWBA Rookie of the Year locked up her fourth tour title with a 252-181 win over defending champion Shannon Pluhowsky of Dayton, Ohio. Zavala earned \$50,000 for the victory, while Pluhowsky will take home \$25,000 for the runner-up finish.

Tuesday’s stepladder finals were broadcast live on CBS Sports Network.

Zavala started the title tilt with five consecutive strikes, but the match opened up after a light hit on the headpin resulted in a 7-9 split in the fifth frame for Pluhowsky. Zavala recorded back-to-back spares in the sixth and seventh frames, and she added two more strikes to secure the win as Pluhowsky recorded a second split and open in the eighth.

“I was fully prepared to have to go off the sheet, because I know Shannon can strike with anybody,” Zavala said. “But, when I was doing the math in my head and knew all I had to do was keep it on the lane, it felt like the weight of the world was lifted off my shoulders. I’m a major champion. It felt rewarding and incredible, and I couldn’t help but smile.”

Zavala was able to use the ball that helped propel her toward the top of the standings during match play Sunday, which included games of 300 and 297, on her way to the No. 3 seed. It was her second consecutive appearance in the finals at the Tour Championship, after a fourth-place finish in 2021.

Last year’s Tour Championship put an end to one of the most impressive rookie seasons in the history of the PWBA Tour. Zavala won three titles and advanced to the championship round in a pair of majors.

Although she admitted to managing her expectations prior to the start of the 2022 season, Zavala found herself in the midst of a sophomore slump as the events continued to roll by.

She started the year with a 14th-place finish at the PWBA Rockford Open, and she nearly made the show at the United States Bowling Congress Queens, finishing tied for seventh.

After that, though, she only posted one top-20 finish over the next six events through the U.S. Women’s Open.

She took advantage of the tour's break before the Professional Bowlers Association/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles event at the end of July to work on her game and more importantly, herself.

"I was definitely struggling with my confidence for a little bit," Zavala said. "Obviously, I didn't want a sophomore slump, but that's exactly what I did. After Queens, it seemed like I went on a very quick downhill slope. It felt really good to take a couple weeks off and put the time in to go to my roots and figure out why I fell in love with bowling. I put in the work to really get the confidence back in my game, and I took advantage of it at the Luci. I really felt great. It's not the season I wanted, but I can't deny that this win kind of erases the struggles from before. It feels amazing."

Pluhowsky put together an incredible run during the final round of match play Monday on her 40th birthday, averaging better than 257 for her eight games, including a 300 and 297, to earn the top seed for Tuesday's stepladder and have the chance to defend her title.

With Zavala striking to start, the left-hander knew she had to keep striking but ran into some trouble on the right lane in the fifth and seventh frames, allowing Zavala to increase her lead.

"I thought the right lane was hooking a little more, and then I missed right a couple times and it held," said Pluhowsky, a two-time major winner on the PWBA Tour. "I actually thought I rolled it pretty well in the fifth frame, and it didn't hook. We thought I may have missed it at the bottom, so I stayed in the same spot and left a 3 pin. I should have moved, but I didn't do it."

"It's disappointing, because I bowled so well yesterday and it comes down to one game, but I'd still rather bowl one game for the title than try and climb the ladder, so you take the good with the bad. To end the season on a high note is good, and yesterday was an amazing day."

Zavala advanced to the title match with a 234-224 victory over Colombia's Maria José Rodriguez.

The semifinals featured strong starts for both athletes, but Rodriguez gained the early advantage after a 4-6-10 split and open frame from Zavala in the fourth. Rodriguez opened in the seventh, missing the 2-8 combination.

Zavala felt her shot in the fourth frame was close, and she committed to making a move and staying aggressive.

"I got a little bit slow, but it wasn't bad enough to where I should have paid a cost that big," Zavala said. "After I wrapped up my shot on the other lane, I went to my ball reps and talked about it. They said if I feel good about it, make a two-and-one move. I had no second thoughts. I made the move, and it gave me that push in the middle that still allowed me to throw it right."

Finishing the match first, Rodriguez could have struck out to force Zavala to double for the chance to win, but she left a 10 pin on her first shot. A spare and strike to close the game meant Zavala needed a mark to move on, and she covered a 2 pin and struck to secure the win.

Rodriguez, the 2018 Tour Championship titlist, was looking for her third PWBA Tour and major title.

Zavala made her way to the semifinals with a run at perfection against Jordan Richard of Maumee, Ohio. Zavala started with nine consecutive strikes before leaving a 4-6 split on her first delivery in the 10th frame to record a 266-190 win.

Richard, the 2018 PWBA Rookie of the Year, was searching for her third tour title and first major championship.

In Tuesday's opening match, Richard started with four consecutive strikes on the way to a 220-196 victory over Shannon O'Keefe of Shiloh, Illinois.

O'Keefe, the 2017 and 2019 Tour Championship winner, started the game with three opens in her first five frames to quickly fall behind as Richard stayed clean through nine frames.

On Monday, O'Keefe claimed her third PWBA Player of the Year award. The 15-time PWBA Tour champion also earned the postseason honor in 2018 and 2019 as the player topping the season-long points list.

The Tour Championship was the final event of the season-ending Dallas Classic Series at USA Bowl.

The Dallas Classic Series featured three events – PWBA Dallas Classic, PWBA Pepsi Classic and Tour Championship – and kicked off Wednesday with 83 athletes.

The combined qualifying totals for the Dallas Classic and Pepsi Classic (24 games) determined the 24 athletes advancing to the Tour Championship.

Pinfall dropped at the beginning of the Tour Championship, and competition consisted of three eight-game rounds of match play Sunday and Monday. Total pinfall for 24 games, including bonus pins for each victory in match play, determined the five finalists for Tuesday's championship round.

Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona, won the Dallas Classic on Thursday for her second title of the 2022 season and fourth career win. Ukraine's Dasha Kovalova claimed her fifth PWBA Tour title Saturday at the Pepsi Classic.

The 2022 season featured 12 events and kicked off in May at the Rockford Open.

Coté was the only player to win multiple titles during the season, while Germany's Birgit Noreiks and Erin McCarthy of Elkhorn, Nebraska, collected their first majors at the USBC Queens and U.S. Women's Open, respectively.

Olivia Farwell of Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, won PWBA Rookie of the Year for the 2022 season. She secured the postseason honor after finishing in fifth place at the Pepsi Classic.

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#### FINAL STANDINGS

- 1, Stephanie Zavala, Downey, Calif., 752 (three games), \$50,000.
- 2, Shannon Pluhowsky, Dayton, Ohio, 181 (one game), \$25,000.
- 3, Maria José Rodriguez, Colombia, 224 (one game), \$15,000.
- 4, Jordan Richard, Maumee, Ohio, 410 (two games), \$12,000.
- 5, Shannon O'Keefe, Shiloh, Ill., 196 (one game), \$9,000.

#### STEPLADDER RESULTS

Match No. 1 – Richard def. O'Keefe, 220-196.  
Match No. 2 – Zavala def. Richard, 266-190.  
Semifinal – Zavala def. Rodriguez, 234-224.  
Championship – Zavala def. Pluhowsky, 252-181.

### **PWBA ANNOUNCES 2023 TOUR SCHEDULE, EXPANDS REGIONAL PROGRAM TO NINE EVENTS PLUS REGIONAL SHOWDOWN**

ARLINGTON, Texas – The best women bowlers in the world will have no shortage of opportunities to compete this year as the 2023 Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour season will run from January to December and feature 12 PWBA National Tour events, nine PWBA Regionals, three majors and the return of the Regional Showdown.

The regional season will kick off Jan. 21 at JB's Allen Bowl in Allen, Texas, where the PWBA will conduct a stand-alone tournament. One additional stand-alone regional will follow in March before the PWBA National Tour season officially gets underway May 4 with the PWBA Stockton Open at Pacific Avenue Bowl in Stockton, California.

The Stockton Open will be a landmark event in PWBA history as it will be the 100th tournament to award a tour title since the relaunch in 2015.

The season's first major will come shortly thereafter when the United States Bowling Congress Queens takes place May 17-23 at Sam's Town Bowling Center in Las Vegas. Many memorable tournaments have been contested at Sam's Town over the years; nevertheless, the 2023 USBC Queens will mark the first time the venue has hosted PWBA competition since the 2000 Sam's Town Invitational.

“There will be a lot of exciting things happening on the PWBA Tour this season,” Bowling Proprietors’ Association of America Executive Director Frank DeSocio said. “We’ll have the chance to celebrate some important milestones, to return to some amazing venues and to break lots of new ground as we continue trying to improve the tour experience for our players and fans.”

Germany’s Birgit Noreiks broke some new ground last season, capturing her first major title at the 2022 Queens at Stardust Bowl in Addison, Illinois. This year, she will look to defend as Queens champion just as Erin McCarthy of Elkhorn, Nebraska (U.S. Women’s Open), and Stephanie Zavala of Downey, California (PWBA Tour Championship), hope to repeat as titlists when the season’s other two majors roll around in June and August, respectively.

Plans call for the stepladder finals of all three majors to be broadcast live on national television. Additional details including the complete 2023 television schedule for all USBC and IBC programming will be announced at a later date. All rounds leading up to the stepladder finals will be broadcast on BowITV.com.

Events not featuring a national television broadcast will conclude live on BowITV.

Players will be competing for an overall prize fund of approximately \$1.4 million during the 2023 tour season, which matches last season in offering the largest average purse per national tour event since the tour’s relaunch.

The three majors will once again feature the most lucrative purses with the champion taking home \$60,000 at both the Queens and U.S. Women’s Open and \$50,000 at the PWBA Tour Championship.

Standard PWBA Tour events will award \$20,000 for first place while PWBA Classic Series event winners will take home \$10,000.

The 2023 PWBA season will wrap up in December with the PWBA Regional Showdown, which will be held at the International Training and Research Center in Arlington, Texas. This will mark the second time the PWBA Regional Showdown has been contested – Julia Bond won the inaugural event in 2019.

Details for this season-ending regional tournament will be announced soon along with the dates for the remaining stand-alone and in-season regional tour events. Entries for the first two regional events in January and March will open Nov. 11.

Athletes will be able to purchase their 2023 PWBA memberships starting Jan. 11, 2023.

“The PWBA continues to be a great success story for bowling,” USBC President Melissa McDaniel said. “The 2023 schedule provides a wonderful opportunity to showcase the highest level of women’s bowling in person and through our media channels.”

## **2023 PWBA TOUR SCHEDULE**

With dates, event, center, location and broadcast channel (subject to change):

May 4-6, PWBA Stockton Open, Pacific Avenue Bowl, Stockton, Calif., BowITV  
May 11-13, PWBA GoBowling! Spokane Open, Lilac Lanes & Casino, Spokane, Wash.,  
BowITV  
May 17-23, USBC Queens, Sam's Town, Las Vegas, National TV  
May 31-June 2, PWBA Grand Rapids Classic – Great Lakes, Spectrum Lanes, Wyoming,  
Mich., BowITV  
June 3-4, PWBA BowITV Classic – Great Lakes, Spectrum Lanes, Wyoming, Mich.,  
BowITV  
June 5-6, PWBA Great Lakes Classic – Great Lakes, Spectrum Lanes, Wyoming, Mich.,  
BowITV  
June 8-10, PWBA Bowlers Journal Cleveland Open, Yorktown Lanes, Parma Heights,  
Ohio, BowITV  
June 13-20, U.S. Women's Open, ABC Gates Bowl, Rochester, N.Y., National TV  
July 27-30, PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles, Copperfield Bowl,  
Houston, BowITV  
Aug. 8-10, PWBA Waterloo Classic - Waterloo, Cadillac Xtreme Bowling Center,  
Waterloo, Iowa, BowITV  
Aug. 11-12, PWBA Pepsi Classic - Waterloo, Cadillac Xtreme Bowling Center, Waterloo,  
Iowa, BowITV  
Aug. 13-15, PWBA Tour Championship - Waterloo, Cadillac Xtreme Bowling Center,  
Waterloo, Iowa, National TV