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Michelle Stephens and Mike Bailey Win Texas Senior Queens and Senior Masters



Texas Senior Queen Michelle Stephens and Senior Master Mike Bailey

By: Genie Franklin, *Publisher* LEWISVILLE, TX – Michelle Stephens qualified 5th after the semi-finals at the Senior Queens

tournament Sunday, January 28 at AMF Lewisville on a very difficult pattern.

Cathy Nelson led the ladies with the only average above 200.

All pins drop for the Top 8 Finals and Michelle took the lead after 2 games and never looked back

Stephens won the title and tiara by a 185 pin margin over Tayna Spaulding who finished second

Stephens earned \$800 for the Continued on Page 2

Rio Rancho Wins 8th NM State High School Bowling Title



From left, Head Coach Dana Miller-Mackie, Alex Thompson, Alberto Medina, Isaiah Lopez, Carson Belnap, Kylie Belnap, Joshua Zeigler, Mia Medina, Brody Humphries and Assistant Coach Don Thompson celebrate Rio Rancho High School's eighth win in 16 years

By: Steve Mackie

ALBUQUERQUE, NM – Rio Rancho Rams high school bowling squad won their eighth NMAA High School State 5-A bowling championship Saturday in the event contested by twelve schools at Tenpins & More.

The Rams beat La Cueva Bears in the three-game finale 585-514 with game scores of

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Team Timmons Takes SASBA 70/60/50/50 Foursome in Allen



Not in Order: Rick Timmons, David McCulley, Darrell Battenfield, and George Sullivan

By: Kathy King

ALLEN – We had a full field of 24 teams at JB's Allen Bowl to start 2024.

8 teams cashed and 5 made the Baker stairstep final.

Team Stephens (Jim Stephens, Rick Cheshier, Royce Rusher, Michael Haugen) won the first match against Team Toal (Paul Toal, Eric Collier, Bobby Holley, Darin Wilson) 204-191.

The Stephens team also won the second match against Team Hoefs (Ben Hoefs, Pete Thomas, Steve Wright, Greg Derrick) 244-217. In the third match, Team Nichols (Bill Nichols, John Austin, Jr, John Burkett, Michael Heineman) lost to Team Stephens 241-192.

In the final match, the leading qualifiers Team Timmons (Rick Timmons, David McCulley, Darrell Battenfield, George Sullivan) defeated Team Stephens 204-190 for the win.

It was Rick's 3rd SASBA title and the first for David, Darrell and George.

Gerald West and Bobby Holley had the only 300 games. Continued on Page 3

Kyle Troup Wins 2024 U.S. Open Presented by GoBowling!



Kyle Troup captures his 11th career PBA Tour title and second career major championship

By: Nolan Hughes

INDIANAPOLIS, IN – When 32-year-old Kyle Troup qualified for the 2024 U.S. Open presented by GoBowling finals — which turned out to be perhaps the most accomplished collection of talent in PBA history — he was the lone finalist without a U.S. Open title to his name.

Not anymore.

After defeating EJ Tackett, Jason Belmonte and Anthony Simonsen in the championship round, Troup won the U.S. Open to capture his 11th career PBA Tour title, second career major championship and the \$100,000 top prize.

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Random Thoughts

Tony Franklin, Publisher



mean for the players Last week, we had the grand-daddy of bowling tournaments, the USBC US Open. So, lets check back in on the Urethane impact. Well not much at all, there were four patterns utilized during the event and a pretty limited engagement from Urethane balls. None were used on the TV finals and other than the first couple of games during each round on pattern #4, there wasn't much use with a high level

Urethane balls, the impact that

and what that could potentially

they had in the week 1 PBA event

Last week, I quoted Stu Williams as basically hoping that new ball rules would lead to more creativity from the oil patterns and the players themselves. This is an area where I think the US Open patterns were highly successful.

of success.

The US Open always features the most challenging of conditions from start to finish, with this year being no different, and from watching lots of competition on BowITV, I did feel that the bowlers had the option to

play multiple places on the lane to give themselves opportunities to hit the pocket. The USBC Lane Maintenance guru, Nick Hoagland, does excel in this area, providing multiple angles to the pocket. Now, maybe these angles aren't going to provide you high scores, because it's the US Open and they aren't supposed to, but there is no ideal roadmap. He does this with Junior Gold patterns as well...more on that later.

Play where you want to play, execute to the best of your ability and you can hang around until the last day...maybe.

On the TV show, four of the players started left of 15 and the winner ended up with his ball crossing the arrows at 25. The lone player that was not in that zone, was tournament leader, Anthony Simonsen. Simonsen was throwing two different balls on the show and was in the 15-5 zone for the most part.

While he didn't win, he was playing the lanes where he felt most comfortable and that is where he played pattern #4 during the week. He was quoted as saying he wouldn't have done anything different on the TV show if he had to do it again, he

didn't feel as comfortable with his ball reaction further left, so he "danced with the one who brought him.

When we talk about letting the players be creative and play where they want, I think this is EXACTLÝ what the goal should

X-X-X-X-X

Another interesting takeaway from the TV show was the spare shooting, the stepladder finalists missed three spares. Uncharacteristic for sure, they mentioned that Kyle Troup was something like 47 of 47 on 10-pin spares for the week, as he made himself a promise to not miss another one all year. He wasn't one of the players that missed a spare by the way.

I hear comments from people all the time criticizing pros and youth bowlers alike in their ability to miss spares. I'm WAY on the other side of this argument. The PBA players on tour today are way better spare shooters than their predecessors and their ability to spare big splits is also unmatched in bowling history.

Do I have the data to back up this point of view...I do not, I'm using the eye test only. If you want to bring Mark Roth, Pete Weber, Walter Ray Williams, and Norm Duke into the conversation, then sure those guys are on Mt Rushmore of spare shooting, but everybody else is fair game.

Everyone is going to miss some spares, it's a jungle out there, but day in and day out, these guys make everything. I believe that the two-handers are some of the very best spare shooters out there, they don't really vary their release, it's a ball change, and everything else stays the same.

Where a one-hander uses a drastically different release and probably a ball change to shoot their spares. The one-handed pros of today are still incredibly good. Better than I've ever seen.

Now let's talk about our great youth bowlers of today, they also get pounded on for not focusing on spares, not taking their time, and basically just wanting to get strikes.

Wrong...very wrong.

While I'm always the guy that says get more six-baggers, but in general the conditions that the upper-class youth bowlers compete on in today's world are very challenging. If you can't make some tough spares, then you can't break 150. There are no six-baggers, there are a couple of doubles and some seven-spares.

When I was growing up it was all about the six-bagger, and the spares came later, I'm very comfortable saying that the youth of today works way harder on their spare game than those of past generations. Its one of the main reasons that you see so many youth bowlers competing with the top pros...they don't give away any pins.

Landin Jordan finished 15th, and he is 17-yrs-old, and Brady McDonough is 16, and made it out of the PTQ to finish 50th. Yes, they are amazing, and one of the main reasons is that they are mastering every phase of the game, especially spares. These are not isolated cases.

Spare games have changed and for the much, much better.

TX SR QUEENS/MASTERS

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win with Spaulding taking home \$575 for second place.

There were 48 entries this

Other Finalists: 3rd Traci Ellison \$500 4th Cathy Nelson \$450 5th Wanda Parker \$400 6th Jodi Smith \$360 7th Lisa Wasson \$325 8th Jana Luden \$295 Other Cashers: 9th Sandi Charles \$285 10th Heather Osborne \$280 11th Barbara Shaw \$270 12th Jennifer Cole \$260 13th Debby Carter \$250 14th Christy Antle \$240

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Sept 16, 2023

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15th Cynthia Littles \$220 16th Stephanie Watts \$200 On the Men's side, Mike Bailey was the champion in another dominating fashion, taking over the lead in the first game and never relinquishing. He won by 222 pins over runner-up Nick Lankford.

Bailey earned \$2000 for the victory plus a free entry into the national USBC Sr Master's event in Las Vegas in June.

Lankford took home \$1635 for second.

There were 93 entries this year.

Other Finalists: 3rd Anthony Franklin \$1,465 4th Paul McCordic \$1,365 5th John Austin \$1,290 6th Stoney Burke \$1,215

7th James Fugitt \$1,165 8th David Smith \$1,115 Other Cashers: 9th Steven Shaffer \$1,065 10th tie Michael Savage \$952 10th tie Derek Williams \$952 12th Chris Warren \$865 13th Robert Lawrence \$815 14th David Scardaville \$765 15th Marshall Warren \$715 16th Robert Lyman \$660



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Tournament Detail

NORTH TEXAS

Ballard vs The Big "C" Charity Event Ballard vs The Big "C" Youth/Adult Baker Ladies City -\$2k added

Ballard's Bowling Academy Youth Tournament

Mixed Doubles -\$3k added Youth City -\$3k added Senior -\$1k added

Wild Turkey Mixed Team Tournament-\$2k

Open City Championship-\$10k added Before the Fire Works-Mixed Trios-\$2k added Location

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Bowlero Garland

Cityview

Cityview

Sparetime Lanes

Plano Super Bowl

Mail-O-Graphic Forum Bowl

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Robert Warren, Forum Bowl	825
Greg Short, JB's Allen Bowl	816
Eddie Matthies, Jr., Strikz	814
Ben Hogan, Hallmark Lanes	807
Ron Yoshida, Lions Lanes	807
Rocky Sparks, Killeen Bowlerama	794
JC Mann, Hilltop Lanes	
Alan Chetister, Cityview Lanes	772
Pete Sheridan, Tenpins & More	762
Stacy Harden, Red Bird Lanes	756
Kelly Ray, Cowtown Bowling Palace	728

Women	
Genie Franklin, Plano Super Bowl	806
Brenda Padilla, Forum Bowl	793
Caitlyn Chapman, Hilltop Lanes	761
Stacy Starry, JB's Allen Bowl	760
Lauren Cathey, Red Bird Lanes	758
Sandi Charles, Killeen Bowlerama	749
Alezandra Sellers-Black, Hallmark Lanes	744
Adrienne Hare, Tenpins & More	724
Mary Brathwaite, Cityview Lanes	693
Daniela Trigos, Strikz	684
Barbara Shaw, Lions Lanes	671
Cathy Nelson, Cowtown Bowling Palace	





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At Cityview Lanes

Chetister banks 772, Brathwaite snags 693

Lane 300

Alan Chetister won the battle last month for top billing at Cityview Lanes with outstanding 772 numbers in Monday Night Mixer league play.

Mary Brathwaite booked a banner 248/693 Beat the House set to earn fem scoring laurels.

Bill Lane garnered high-game accolades with an award-winning perfecto.

HONOR ROLL

Joe Williams 257, Larry Angelina 673, June Barker 236, Jaye Omberg 510, Erick Garcia 279, Renee Nelms 244, Euleslie Sample 655, John Harris 268-673, Allan Cutler 268, Cherie Deleon 238-599.

Cameron Carter 286, Conner Carter 762, Mary Smile 173, Jane Roten 478, John

Kirkpatrick 265, John Tiller 726, Pam Candler 242-641, Paul Ciriot 278, Chris Davis 731, Samantha Weyant 256-654.

Keith Grassmuck 278, Jeremy Trubenstein 726, Cherie Deleon 247-645, Josh Gibbs 767, Trisha Burns 246-637, Kyle Johnson 289-759, Sue Pelton-Schutz 226-665, Mack McMiller 278, Jack Simpson 704.

Kitty Reisz 257-675, Kevin Brown 256-728, April Lucus 183-457, Victor Sorian 278-739, Peggy Rios 211-545, Joey Hyde 269-661, Denise Ament 193, Vicky Kopp 555, Wayne Latrel 245, Jerry Eddy 664.

Linda Simonson 221-551, Josh Lambert 289, Julian Reimmer 289, Larry Fewell 736, Samatha Wayne 289-638, Don Pilliod 279-729, Brian Shaw 266-658,

Dede Davidson and Sandra Jo Shiery Elected to PWBA Hall of Fame in 2024

By: Donovan Gruabugh

ARLINGTON, Texas – The Professional Women's Bowling Association Hall of Fame will welcome two new inductees in the Performance category in 2024.

Dede Davidson of Santa Clara, California, and Sandra Jo Shiery of Coldwater, Michigan, are set to be inducted during the 2024 PWBA Hall of Fame induction ceremony on May 15 in conjunction with the United States Bowling Congress Queens.

The 2024 USBC Queens is scheduled to run from May 14-21 at The Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Davidson, 58, was the 1985 PWBA Rookie of the Year and earned nine PWBA Tour titles during her career, including three majors, the 1991 USBC Queens, 1993 U.S. Women's Open and 2000 Sam's Town Invitational. She has 12 top-five finishes in all at major championships.

Her most successful year on tour was in 2000 when she had two victories, the Sam's Town Invitational and Greater Harrisburg Open.

During her run toward the title at the Sam's Town Invitational, Davidson set PWBA scoring records for eight games (2,055 pins), 16 games (3,977 pins), 24 games (5,804 pins), 32 games (7,593 pins), 40 games (9,580 pins), 48 games (11,253 pins), 56 games (13,397 pins) and 56 games with bonus pins (13,982 pins).

She also previously held the

SASBA TEAM TIMMONS

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We had 2 ladies bowl. We have 3 new SASBA champions.

A big thank you to Stacy Starry and staff for hosting.

On February 17-18 we are in Rowlett for a 70/60/50/Guest Foursome.

March 2-3 is a Non Champion Singles at Lions Lanes in Ennis.



Dee Frederick 207-565, Larry Hayward 279-751.

Ashley Megurdichian 215, Jamarah Stuart 587, Wb Baker 258, Mike Shane 698. Traci McClain 186-484.

PWBA record for the highest three-game pinfall on a telecast with 781, which was shot at the 1989 Michigan Classic.

Davidson was inducted into the Southern California Bowling Association Hall of Fame in 2000 and the USBC Hall of Fame in 2012.

Shiery, 59, was a member of the PWBA from 1989 until 2000, collecting 10 PWBA titles during her time on tour, including the 1997 USBC Queens. Her first victory at a PWBA Tour event came at the 1989 South Bend Classic, which she won as a non-member.

She won two events each in 1994 and 1995 and had a total of five top-five finishes in major championships, including her victory at the Queens.

As a member of Team USA in 1987, she competed in the World Tenpin Bowling Association (now International Bowling Federation) World Championship and Tournament of the Americas, winning eight total medals, five gold. She also was 1987's Bowlers Journal International Amateur Bowler of the Year and United States Olympic Committee



Athlete of the Year in Bowling. She was inducted into the Michigan State USBC Hall of Fame in 1991 and the USBC Hall

of Fame in 2021.

State University.

Bowling continues to run in the family as Shiery is the mother of Alec Keplinger, winner of the 20-and-Under division at the 2019 Junior Gold Championships and the National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association and International Bowling Media Association Collegiate Bowler of the Year during the 2021-2022 season at Wichita

Through 2023, there are 47 members of the PWBA Hall of Fame – 27 in performance, 11 in Ambassador and nine in Meritorious Service/Builder.



YOUTH HONOR ROLL Jaycob Felder, Plano Super Bowl781 Will Jewel III, Forum Bowl776 Keegan Alexander, Killeen Bowlerama......723 Hayden McBride, JB's Allen Bowl.....679 Dylan Ortiz, Hilltop Lanes......672 Max Rouse, Strikz652 Cy Salazar, Cityview Lanes......641 Zaylen Kimball, Hallmark Lanes......616 Josh Enslin, Lions Lanes......604 Shane Muller, Tenpins & More.....566 Tori Franklin, JB's Allen Bowl......729 Makenly Branagan, Forum Bowl620 Eden Scott, Plano Super Bowl618 Madison Choi, Cityview Lanes......617 Morgan Hopkins, Lions Lanes612 Julia Rouse, Strikz541 Kenadie Haines, Tenpins & More.....538 Emily Sherburne, Hilltop Lanes......525 Kandie Knight, Hallmark Lanes......471

Southwest Area USBC Youth Scores

Keegan Alexander led the Southwest-area USBC youth bowlers last month with a power-laden 256/726 Youth series at Killeen Bowlerama.

Kenadie Haines paced the girls with a rollicking 212/538 Youth set at Tenpins & More.

Hallmark Lanes, Killeen, TX – Caleb Xayachack 166-476, Khiara Thomas-Pusaloa 121, Karlee Kamdnu 325, Michael Cook 233-608, Hailee Duerre 152-402, Harley Munn 151, Steve Restivo 311, Deja Hasan 82-226, Grayson Lassiter 168-457, Karlee Kamdnu 110-310, DJ Byron 279-594, Kandie Knight 169-455, Thomas Glaser 105, Harley Munn 273, Justine Graham 100, Deja Hasan 264,

Caleb Xayachack 168, Grayson Lassiter 417, Khiara Thomas-Pusaloa 132-342, Solomon Loyd 226, Zaylen Kimball 616, Isabell Crowley 191, Kandie Knight 457, Grayson Lassiter 191, Caleb Xayachack 455, Karlee Kamdnu 110-298, Michael Cook 214, LT Thomas 579, Hailee Duerre 166, Kandie Knight 471.

Killeen Bowlerama, Killeen, TX – Solomon Loyd 234-640, Zaylen Kimball 210-565, Taylor Brown 213-558, Jay Davie 176-456

Tenpins & More, Rio Rancho, NM – Shane Muller 202-566, Annie Alvardo 111-318, Adam Jimenez 202-484, Samantha Richards 84-229, Brandon Vickery 134-353.

Lady Eagles are Astro High School Team Challenge Champs Two Years in a Row





By: Maribel Munguia

SAN ANTONIO, TX - The Lady Eagles varsity team took home the championship trophy winning 1st place for the second year in a row at the Astro High School Team Challenge in San Antonio. Four Lady Eagles also placed in the girls All Tournament team: Annika Svedvik 2nd, Madison Choi 3rd, Marisa Munguia 4th, and Ollie Freis 5th.

The boys varsity team took 2nd place. One varsity boy also placed in the boys AII Tournament team: Evan Tran 4th.

North Texas USBC Youth Results

Jaycob Fielder topped the Dallasarea USBC youth bowling last month with a hard hitting 289-246-246 = 781 Showstoppers series at Plano Super Bowl.

Tori Franklin led the girls with a rock solid 246-224-259 = 729 Sunday Strikers set at JB's Allen Bowl.

Madison Choi earned high-game honors for the month at JB's Allen Bowl with an outstanding 290.

Cityview Lanes – William Lenamond 635, Cy Salazar 641, Madison Choi 236-617

Forum Bowl – Jacob Martinez 129-250, Aramis Hernandez 108-194, Will Jewel III 260-776, Makenly Branagan 250-620

Hilltop Lanes, Waxahachie – Jase Reeves 233-606, Wyatt Kubitz 242-499, Emily Sherburne 200-525, Jillian Spencer 139-346, Dylan Ortiz 252-672, Jase Reeves 246-651, Emily Sherburne 177-480, Jocelyn Green 120-330.

JB's Allen Bowl – Dakota Satterlee 93-216, Emmie Lou Risden 113-275, David Saterlee 153-399, Ellie May Risden 148-337, Lincoln Marlow 133-344, Charlotte Morse 108-274, Madison Choi 290-715, Ty Wappler 117-244, Joshua McKinney 176-451, Cooper Powell 163-476, Cayson Martin 224-581, Caylin Zittlau 161-418, Hayden McBride 289-679, Jaxson Osborn 259-586, Delana McKenzie 184-498, Ryman Lynch 139-332, Cooper Powell 186-493, Logan Park 201-465, Logan Kikuchi 192-409, Treavor Mason 209-588, Brady McDonough 234-616, Madison Choi 211-514, Jack Klotzman 235-563, Annika Svedvik 215-554

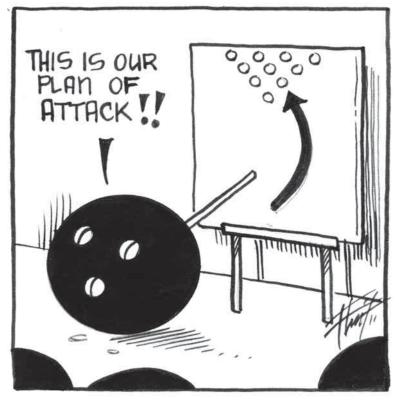
Lions Lanes – Josh Enslin 202-604, Amarie Browder 217-600, Charlie Rogers 209-575, Johnathan Lowey 242-555, David Hall 225-549, Morgan Hopkins 235-612, Kylar Pride 149-413, Kinsley Miller 99-264.

Plano Super Bowl – Eliott In 133-379, Addison Zabojnik 110-277, Kyle Crowley 104-280, Alivia Lucas 75-215, Joshua Hughes 140-408, London Delaney 120315, Umberto Chang 183-499, Madeline Zabojnik 155-377, Aidan Jackson 204-582, Gabby Gamboa 189-480, Aidan McClelland 238-662, Eden Scott 225-618, Tristan Groten 104-300, Charlie Brown 150-423, Jaycob Felder 225-654, Haidyn Erickson 166-431, Charlie Rogers 184-487, Keira Sampson 144-355, Jalen Brown 199-549, Nicole Phan 169-471, Ray Addison 265-719, Charisse Graham 204-554, Treavor Mason 215-559, Yaki Guerrero 176-415, Brady McDonough 224-648, Madden Simon (2 games) 80-140, Athena Rivera (2 games) 57-171.

Strikz – Max Rouse 244-652, Adrian Salinas 256-626, Owen Smullen 212-618, Russ Johnson 199-505, Trenell Dixon 193-535, Jake Brierton 190-518, Keathan

Jennings 178-499, Lincoln Beran 232-563, Isaiah Reece 177-400, Misha Brown 191-484, Owen Smullen 189-491, Jakob Haraputczyk 214-522, Brody Schwartz 158-455, Enrique Arredondo 161-457, Christian Wages 201-556, Vikram Krishna 201-567, Aaron Nelson 216-517, Joey Maulhardt 171-487, Avery Barnes 174-493, Colin Stack 153-418, Matthew Sifford 196-532, Reed Shawen 169-429, Jude May 155-433, Nolan Shawen 179-487, Jacob Bloodworth 161-429, Edwin Carter 180-425, Austin Ortiz 153-411, Mario Rodriguez 191-441, Jake Sullivan 200-571, Julia Rouse 210-541, Jayme Brooks 153-412, Ellie Rouse 157-422, Allison Rouse 175-460, Vanessa Rodriguez 158-411, Kamryn Bloodworth 125-369.

Lane Laughter



Bill O'Neill Wins Season-Opening Players Championship in Wichita



O'Neill earned his 3rd career major title with a PBA Players Championship

By: Nolan Hughes

WICHITA, KS – Despite a chaotic start to the season for Bill O'Neill, in which he missed the practice session due to weatherrelated travel issues, he earned his third career major title with a PBA Players Championship presented by Snickers victory.

O'Neill defeated collegiate star Ryan Barnes, the son of Hall of Famers Chris and Lynda, then top-seeded Tom Smallwood to win his third career major championship, 14th career PBA Tour title and \$100,000.

"It still hasn't sunk in yet," O'Neill said. "It's just an incredible feeling to win the biggest prize in the game. You can't duplicate it, you know? I'm so thankful that I could be in this position and do this again." After finishing third in the 2023 Players Championship near his hometown in eastern Pennsylvania, the second-seeded O'Neill found himself in a true road game against Ryan Barnes in the semifinals.

Barnes, a senior at collegiate powerhouse Wichita State,

earned a commissioner's exemption to compete in the pretournament qualifier, along with teammates from last season's national championship-winning team Spencer Robarge, TJ Rock and Brandon Bonta. All four advanced to the main field and cashed; Barnes and Rock made it to match play.

Barnes rolled the front-eight strikes in his opening match against former U.S. Open champion, Chris Via. The 21-year-old won, 267-233.

In his second match, Barnes drew a familiar foe in Nate Stubler. The sophomore lefthander bowled collegiately at St. Ambrose University, one of Wichita State's fiercest rivals over the past few seasons.

Stubler fired the first five strikes, but splits in the sixth and ninth frames allowed Barnes back into the match.

Stubler struck on his first shot in the 10th, benefiting from an electric messenger, but wrapped a 7-pin on the second. Just like in the 2021 and 2023 Intercollegiate Team ChampionAt Plano Super Bowl

Geoff Martin lights up 826, Genie Franklin fires 806

Jones 300/821, Stephens 299/810, Ault 809, Warren 299/803, Acon 801, Amador, Butz, Canida, Edgerton (2), Ferguson, Fuhrman, Gaither, Hafner, Hamby, Hardin, Harris, Hill, Kanne, Kyle (2), Lake, Laney, D Lewis, K Lewis, McCauley, Neal, Plagens, Roth, Tilley, Williams 300's, Van Baulen 298

Geoff Martin was definitely on target last month at Plano Super Bowl as he dominated scoring with a superb, award-winning 278-280-268 = 826 Platinum Ford NFL Trios league performance.

Genie Franklin, Martin's league mate, led the ladies scoring race with a high-flying, award-winning 268-259-279 = 806 series.

There were multiple awardwinning 800 series finishing close behind Martin and Franklin for the month with Terry Jones 300/821, Jim Stephens 299/810, Bobby Ault 809, Butch Warren 299/803 and Eric Acon 801.

George Amador, Scott Butz, Zann Canida, Zak Edgerton (2), Bill Ferguson, Steve Fuhrman, Quinton Gaither, Joey Hafner, Kenny Hamby, Shawn Hardin, Patrick Harris, Bryson Hill, Michael Kanne, Mike

ships, the Shocker got the best of the Fighting Bee.

In the semifinals, transition hit Barnes like the frigid weather that froze the central United States. He missed a 10-pin to start the match, then split and couldn't figure out how to carry the 10-pin.

By the time Barnes solved the puzzle, O'Neill had built an insurmountable lead. The devout crowd sent Barnes off with a

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Kyle (2), Brian Lake, Billy Laney, Deryck Lewis, Karl Lewis, Gary McCauley, Pat Neal, Will Plagens, Nick Roth, Brian Tilley and Tony Williams shared high-game honors with Jones as each recorded award-winning 12-baggers. Guy Van Baulen finished with a nice 298 solo.

HONOR ROLL

John Stratmeyer (4 games) 258-935, Kayci Parcells (4 games) 225-810, Kenny Hamby 267-779, Dawn Klapper 289-710, Floyd Carter 258-726, Diane Halterman 181-529, Sean Clark 259-746.

Alexandria Sumruld 212-617, Devin Roy 279-786, Diane Wallentine 289-692, Jim Stephens 278-795, Tina Taylor 268-772, Craig Boyle 269-793, Diane Wallentine 248-698, Doug Murphy 226-612.

Marq Martsolf 235-534, Bill Castle 266-747, Maria Robeson 230-617, Nick Roth 276-791, Rhonda Gibson 257-730. Dottie Culpon 215-571, Laura Bate 190-522, Shawn Rasti 255-743.

Deryck Lewis 276-748, Charlie Arnt 235-624, Michelle Duke 195-543, Timmy Crites 279-792, Kaitlyn Hoffman 288-771, Matt McGill 256-763, Sharon Pennell 268-762, Breanna Buchanan 249-703.

Linda Blain 228-554, Pete Hartin 256-669, Cathy Sposito 246-694, Jerry Robbins 244-725, Denise Vinson 253-666, Chip Nastoupil 221-612, Anne Crain 187-532, Bill Ferguson 773, Ron Rankin 268-773.

Larissa Bridgeman 278-714, Guy Van Baulen 787, Hailey Spencer 268-685, Steve Fuhrman (4 games) 289-1044, Christi Dean (4 games) 235-881, Mike Donahue 279-794, Stefanie Johnson 258-674.

Chris Johnson 289-759, Tammie Hilton 258-651, Jerry Norman 258-730, Deanna Hopkins 277-703, Russell Wright 268-790, Liz Tolbert 242-667, Hieu Du 268-732, Anna Westbrook 232-624.

John Westbrook 279-746, C J Samples 171-466, Alexia Moon 197-473.





SUMMER LEAGUES COMING SOON!

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Five Earn Induction to Inaugural **USBC Collegiate Hall of Fame Class**



By: Aaron Smith

ARLINGTON, Texas - The inaugural class for the United States Bowling Congress Collegiate Hall of Fame has been determined, with five inductees helping usher in a historic celebration of the sport in April

Jack Connaughton of Lafayette, Indiana; Kelly Kulick of Union, New Jersey; and Rick Steelsmith of Wichita, Kansas, have earned induction for their on-lane performances as Student-Athletes. Gordon Vadakin of Wichita, Kansas, will join the inaugural class in the Coach category. Karl Nickolai of Canton, Michigan, completes the 2024 class for his dedication to collegiate bowling as a Contributor.

The ceremony for the 2024 USBC Collegiate Hall of Fame will take place April 17 during the banquet for the Intercollegiate Team Championships in Louisville, Kentucky.

Connaughton, 78, was a standout at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse (previously Wisconsin State University-La Crosse) from 1964-1968 and dominated competition across

the Association of College Unions International (ACUI) and National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) ranks.

In ACUI competition, Connaughton swept the top spots at the 1967 national finals, winning singles, doubles and all-events. He returned in 1968 to successfully defend his titles in singles and all-events, while finishing fourth in doubles.

During the same two-year span at the NAIA Championship, Connaughton helped Wisconsin-La Crosse win back-to-back team

titles, claimed a pair of wins in doubles competition and recorded a first-place finish in singles at the 1968 event. He finished as the runner-up in singles in 1967.

In 1966, he led Wisconsin-La Crosse to the National Intercollegiate Bowling Association (NIBA) team title.

Connaughton, originally from Waukesha, Wisconsin, traveled to Paris, France, in 1967 as the first collegiate representative of the United States at the famed World Cup, where he captured

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At Lions Lanes

Yoshida taps in 300/807, Shaw crafts 671

Pride 804, Haack 299

ENNIS, TX - Ron Yoshida held the hot hand last month and won the high-series race at Lions Lanes by hammering out award-winning 232-275-300 = 807 marks in Big Money Monday action.

Bam Pride, Yoshida's league mate, finished close behind with an award-winning 804 series.

Barbara Shaw, also from the Big Money Monday league, led the ladies scoring race with a stalwart 257-213-201 = 671 outing.

Ben Haack took runner-up accolades with a near-perfect 299 solo. HONOR ROLL

Chris Colen 265-761, Rodney Black 257-757, Zach Crockett 290-704, Christy Antle 235-653, April Hopkins 225-622, Ryne Mckenrick 225-594, Mel Goss 258-740, Greg Taylor 276-738.

Jeff Macon 247-710, Jalen Merrick 279-706, Wally Mahoney 259-684, Wendy Jones 245-667, April Hopkins 218-633, Samantha Armstrong 235-601, Ryne Mckenrick 215-582, Lisa Bittle 225-574.

Tyler Coody 266-727, Ricky Slack 253-674, Rudy Lobato 234-666, Mel Goss 279-665, Joseph Clesure 289-634, Ashlyn Coody 203-604, Charity Risk 176-507, Brisol Lobato 199-446.

Philip Nobles 257-663, Rudy Lobato 280-650, John Powell 237-635, Tice Hopkins 235-631, Tiffany Powell 214-624, Renea Powell 206-588, April Hopkins 255-582, Mary Sikes 204-518.

At Forum Bowl

Warren masters 825, Padilla jams 793

Kirton 300/815, Garrett 300/300/811, Warren 806, Cruz 805, Davis 805, Hodge 800, Brooks, Cantrell, Dollar, Gentry, Jenkins, Sr., Klann, Lanham, Magallon, McGraw 300's, Franklin, Mostowfi, Nguyen 299's

Robert Warren fired a charttopping 279-266-280 = 825 Forum Classic Sponsored by Platinum Ford series to end at the top of the honor roll for the month at Forum Bowl.

There were a mountain of award-winning honor scores following behind Warren which included the following: Mike Kirton 300/815, DJ Garrett 300/300/811, Robert Warren 806, Dimitri Cruz 805, Dante Davis 805 and Tony Hodge 800.

Brenda Padilla paced the lady bowlers with a sky-high 248-267-278 = 793 Sundowners set.

Tyler Brooks, Kody Cantrell,

Jake Dollar, Ryan Gentry, Terry Jenkins, Sr., RJ Klann, Curtis Lanham, Jason Magallon and Robert McGraw shared high-game honors with Kirton and Garrett with award-winning 12-baggers. Tony Franklin, Kam Mostowfi and Bryan Nguyen took runner-up accolades with near-perfect 299 solos.

HONOR ROLL

Sheila Burger 242-677, Lupe Reyna (9 pin) 300-841, Kat Stevens (9 pin) 231-667, Hunter Hargrove 257-750, Regina Taddy 254-614, David Arellano 278-699, Tamara Hamilton 214-629.

Debi Czajkowski 259-680, Ricardo Martell 290-749, Elena Sly 269-672, Stacy Harden 247-711, Mary Brathwaite 268726, Charles Smoot 279-797, James McGraw 269-781, Karen Hoyle 247-684.

Tamara Hamilton 257-698, Jamison Wiemuth (9 pin) 296-827, Sherri Clemmer (9 pin) 261-660, Jeff Robinson 290-743, Starr Washington 226-647, Meagan Finchum 207-524, Will Maull 259-733.

Arte'Via Jarvis 255-682, Dwight Moore 290-751, Tracy Ratchford 268-683, Sal Avina 237-675, Sylvia Jimenez 209-545, Marc Capots 255-704, Cynthia Dawson 168-495, Lance Lazano 199-519, Bertha Nutt 166-435.

SENIORS

Mel Richards 254-735, Debbie Cathey 245-634, Micky Girard, Sr. 278-681, Shirley Stokes 207-542.

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the victory.

He has received numerous awards and honors and is a member of the NAIA. Kansas State USBC and Wisconsin State USBC Halls of Fame.

Kulick, 46, was a collegiate star at Morehead State University from 1995-1999 before ascending as one of the biggest names in the sport through her triumphs on the Professional Women's Bowling Association (PWBA) and Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) Tours and as a member of Team USA.

After earning a spot as a second-team All-American from the National Collegiate **Bowling Coaches Association** (NCBCA) her freshman season, Kulick rattled off three consecutive first-team selections. She was named the NCBCA Most Valuable Player in each of those seasons (1996-1997, 1997-1998 and 1998-1999).

Kulick also was the recipient of the International Bowling Media Association (IBMA) Čollegiate Bowler of the Year award in 1997 and 1998.

Fans from across the globe have watched Kulick deliver clutch strikes to claim seven PWBA Tour titles (including five major championships) and more than 20 gold medals as a member of Team USA and Junior Team USA. In 2010, she garnered global praise as she became the first woman to win a national title on the PBA Tour with her major victory at the PBA Tournament of Champions.

She set the stage for those moments in 1998 at the Intercollegiate Team Championships in Madison, Wisconsin. In the two-game total-pinfall

championship against Central Missouri State, Kulick stepped up in a must-strike situation for the Eagles and rolled two strikes to secure the program's second national title.

Kulick was inducted to the USBC Hall of Fame in 2019 for Superior Performance.

Steelsmith, 59, became the first four-time NCBCA firstteam All-American during his tenure at Vincennes University and Wichita State University from 1983-1987.

During his two-year stint at Vincennes, Steelsmith helped the Trailblazers win the 1985 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) team championship. He also claimed the national singles title for NJCAA in 1985.

Making his move to Wichita State for his junior and senior campaigns, Steelsmith continued to showcase his talent at the top level. He helped the Shockers to a third-place finish at the

Intercollegiate Team Championships in 1986, earning the honor of Most Valuable Player for the all-tournament team.

Steelsmith put together his finest showing in 1987. He was named the NCBCA Most Valuable Player and IBMA Collegiate Bowler of the Year, again earned MVP honors at the Intercollegiate Team Championships and helped the Shockers record the team victory at the ITC.

Shortly after concluding his collegiate season, he went on to win the USBC Masters as an amateur and claimed two gold medals (trios, all-events), one silver medal (Masters) and two bronze medals (singles, doubles) for Team USA at the International Bowling Federation World Championships in Helsinki, Finland.

At the start of the 2019-2020 season, Steelsmith took over as the men's head bowling coach at Wichita State and has helped

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At Red Bird Lanes

Cathey caps off 758, Harden snares 756

Lauren Cathey won the battle for top billing last month at Red Bird Lanes with outstanding 246-277-235 = 758 numbers in Career Girls league play.

Stacy Harden took the top spot on the honor roll for the men with a power-packed 224-254-278 = 756Bits & Pieces set.

HONOR ROLL

Robert Carvajal 253-633, Bridgett Hubbard 205-541, Lazette Kellum 218-528, Lauren Grim 183-524, Zachary Wrightsil 280-696, Jarrod Urban 257-696, Tyree Jennings, Jr. 246-694.

Carolyn Large 182-512, O'Faira Carter 187-462, James Matson 278-733, Lauren Cathey 247-703, James Maston 246-672, Paula Kennedy 198-519, Chris McCaleb 266-712, Angela Davis-White

Freddie Watson 231-664, Regenia Stewart 231-595, Tyree Jennings, Jr. 226-657, Angela Chalmers 254-664, Earl Davis (2 games) 154-298, Kendal Renfro (2 games) 143-266, Pedro Silva, Jr. 247-694.

Sandra Jennings 196-530, JC Mann 269-691, Lauren Cathey 248-652.

At Cowtown Bowling Palace

Ray racks up 298/728, Nelson hurls 629

Dull 300, Barnes 299, Beinlich 298

Kelly Ray's blue-ribbon 298/728 Ebonite Classic Trio league production earned top billing on the honor roll last month at Cowtown Bowling Palace.

Cathy Nelson, Ray's league mate, paced the ladies with a classy

Mike Dull earned high-game honors with an award-winning Josh Barnes took 12-bagger. runner-up accolades with a nearperfect 299 solo while Randy Beinlich followed with a 298 game.

HONOR ROLL

Jason Hurst 277-716, Alma Gauna 213-544, Richard Botello, Jr. 275, Crystal Moore 157-458, Tony Rogers 239, Tammy

Waller 156, Rick Benard 252-692, Catie Beasley 198-495, Ron Nelson 248.

Cathy Nelson 191-555, Thomas Gwin 243, Stephanie Hensley 182, Christopher Garcia 253, Amy Hart 223-508, Paul Felsch 245-612, Tammy Sitton 192-510, Scotty Anderson 227-616.

Anita Lamaster 183-495, Kevin Moore 257, Michelle Teel 211, Jesus Torres 256, Mary Lou Timms 182-510, Ramiro Botello, Jr. 248, Stella Evans 175-485, Cathy Nelson (4 games) 266-895.

Josh Barnes (4 games) 1019, Cherie Deleon (4 games) 257-882, Kelly Ray (4 games) 1026, Haley Negrete (4 games) 254-872, Eddie Beggs 257, Jacki Craft 268-600, Harlan Tunnell 247-634.

Lisa Tunnell 171, Carol North 170, Jodie Snook 277-671, Susan Johnson 213-595, Aiden Gentry 265, Kim Gonzales 198-490, Dayton Willis 257, Sheila North 193-473.

SENIORS

Randy Beinlich 674, Carla Yarborough 221-490, George Hernandez, Sr. 259-635, Karen North 192, JW Pugh 227-626, Cheryl Killough 189, Gary Church 237-615, Karen North 211-502, John Erwin 202.

Carol Hart 192-538, David Jarvis 195-565, Susie Dornquast 188, Johnny Zaskoda 246, Trish Viola 197, Val Copeland 234-587, Dori Harper 190-492, Jim Riley 232, Larrie King 188-472.

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Ticker

COLLEGIATE

By: Donovan Grubaugh

The Lawrence Tech men and Concordia women led the pack at this past weekend's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC) Greater Detroit Classic in Allen Park, Michigan.

A total of 12 men's and 12 women's varsity teams laced up their bowling shoes in the conference event, bowling four individual games and 16 Baker games, where total pinfall determined the winner.

Lawrence Tech got off to a fast start in Game 1 of individuals, shooting 1,234 as a team and never looking back as they maintained the lead throughout the entire tournament. The Blue Devils averaged over 211 in Bakers to win by nearly 300 pins.

Four of the top five places were held by Lawrence Tech, as Michael Weber led all men with games of 269, 234, 248 and 223 for a 974 total. Micah Grune (second at 958), Cayleb Carey (third at 945) and Noah Samuels (fifth at 943) joined Weber in the top five. Indiana Tech's Brandon Haney placed fourth at 944. Carey also had the tournament's highest game with a 290 in Game 1 of individuals.

On the women's side of the field, Concordia also had a strong start to the tournament, but Indiana Tech was not far behind going into Bakers, as only 59 pins

separated the teams. Concordia fell behind during the Baker portion of the event but stormed back to win the tournament over Indiana Tech by 127 pins.

Aguinas' Kayla VanLinden led the women's field with a fourgame total of 888, with Mount Vernon Nazarene's Hannah Vaughn finishing second (866), Concordia's Gabriella VanHorn placing third (852) and Indiana Tech teammates Morgan Nunn (838) and Meagan Kennedy (829) taking fourth and fifth, respectively.

In other collegiate action:

- At the Southwest Intercollegiate Bowling Conference (SWIBC) Championships in San Antonio, the Newman men and Texas A&M women won their match-play brackets.
- At the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (AMCC) Round Robin-Event 2 in North Brunswick, New Jersey, the Saint Vincent and William Smith women each posted a 9-1 record in Baker competition. Combined results from November's AMCC Round Robin-Event 1 put them as the top two seeds in the AMCC Championships, taking place March 22-24.
- At the Great Lakes Bowling Conference (GLBC)-Event 4 in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, the Wisconsin-Whitewater men and Marian-Wisconsin women made

it through bracket play to leave with wins.

- At the Kohawk Invite in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, the Mount Mercy men and women swept the field.
- At the McKendree Baker Challenge in Fairview Heights, Illinois, the McKendree men and Wichita State women left with wins.
- At the Muskie Mash in Coshocton, Ohio, the Muskingum men and women swept the tournament.
- At the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Southwest Open-Saturday event in Lawrenceville, Georgia, the Savannah College of Art and Design-Savannah men and women ended the day at the top of the standings. SCAD-Savannah's Julian Salinas also shot 300 in Game 3 of individuals.
- At the NAIA Southwest-Sunday event in Lawrenceville, Georgia, the Webber International men and women had a sweep of their own.
- At the NAIA West-Saturday event in Lawrence, Kansas, the William Penn men and women won their match-play brackets.
- At the NAIA West-Sunday event in Lawrence, Kansas, the Hastings men and Ottawa-Kansas women left with victories.
- At the Columbia 300 Saints Invite in Valley Park, Missouri, the McKendree women picked up a victory after winning the match-play bracket.

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10 YEARS AGO

Jason Belmonte defeats Wes Malott in the PBA Tournament of Champions, his 8th PBA title, and second major...Willie Wells wins 4th SASBA title in Shreveport...Brian Grange had 836 at Brunswick Westcreek Lanes...Jamal Hamam rolled 835 at AMF Showplace-Euless...Joey Wood shot 825 at Plano Super Bowl... Stefanie Johnson led the ladies with 794 at Cowtown Bowling Palace...Jennifer Curl shot 756 at USA Bowl...Dana Miller-Mackie with 739 at Tenpins & More...Cathy Eberly becomes first female to shoot 300 at Strikz.

20 YEARS AGO

Walter Ray Williams defeats Chris Barnes in the ABC Masters and earns his 39th pro title...Jason Magallon led the honor roll with 828 at DC Cityview...Theran Lewis rolled 812 at Tenpins & More...X&O's Garcia shot 793 at BRC Westcreek...Adriana Perez led the ladies with 768 at Tenpins & More...Lea Anne Skiora shot 759 at DC Cityview...Tiffani McCoy had 709 at Red Bird...YABA bowler Bobby Ault had 689 at Rowlett Bowl-a-Rama...Jeremy Sonnenfeld wins Super Bowl High Roller and \$75,000...Jamie Brooks is inducted into the BPAA Hall of Fame...Jerry Swank wins SASBA at Holiday Lanes...Pete Weber wins his 3rd US Open victory defeating Brian Voss.

30 YEARS AGO

Walter Ray Williams wins the PBA Showboat Invitational over Pete Weber for his 14th career title...Daniel Adams led the honor roll with 792 at Showplace-Garland...Barry Bradford had 788 at Holiday...Don Dodd with 786 at Triangle-Richardson...Brenda Armstrong led the ladies with 741 at Allen...Kim Seibel rolled 737 at DC SW...Carolyn Anderton shot 728 at DC FW...Charles Avant with a perfect game at DC FW...A monster mixed five-person team game at Grove Country, 1285 shot by Bev Richardson, Wam-O Matlock, Shane McDaniel, Don Richey and Penny Johnson, the first three players each shot 289...Fermin Miranda wins Lone Star at Forum and \$1000...Mike Dadeks wins SW PBA Regional in Houston...Steve Hoskins defends PBA Quaker State Open Title and \$41,000.

At JB's Allen Bowl

Short crushes 816, Starry nails 760

Wojciechowski 804, Fales, Shelby, Short 300's, Pearson 299

Greg Short blasted out a booming 279-269-268 = 816 WednesdayMatch Play series to claim top honors last month at JB's Allen Bowl.

Zach Wojciechowski, from the Friday 4 Play league, finished close behind Short with an 804 series.

Stacy Starry registered a sizzling 290-237-233 = 760 Friday 4 Play set to win the high-set race for the ladies.

Braden Fales, Joe Shelby and Greg Short shared high-game honors with award-winning 12-baggers while Blake Pearson took runnerup accolades with a near-perfect 299 solo.

HONOR ROLL

Chris Sivak 278-741, Liana Loggins 136-384, Levi Bishard 279-762, Cynthia Bradford 266-687, Kurt Gengebach 290-736, Ginger Taub 209-541, Arvese McGraw 264-712, Derek Schaab 267-698.

Joan Strug 201-555, Blake Pearson 775, Halen Le 234-650, Brenda Darling 196-556, Steve Young 268-706, Penny Powell 241-616.

SENIORS

James Aebuthnot 254-699, Kimbo Emerson 221-566, George Holland 243-693, Jeanette Hooper 198-525.



COLLEGIATE TICKER

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- At the Scotty Classic in Jackson, Michigan, the Spring Arbor men and women had big wins over the competition.

Next weekend is the final Tier I event of the season – the Hoosier Classic in Indianapolis. BowITV will cover the event from start to finish.

Jan. 31

The Ottawa-Kansas women and Oklahoma Christian men were victorious in bracket play to claim the top spots last weekend at the Eagle Invitational in Belton, Missouri.

The event featured 12 varsity women's teams and 13 varsity squads on the men's side. Qualifying consisted of five traditional games and 16 Baker games before the field was trimmed to the top eight in each division for the championship bracket.

The first two rounds of the bracket were contested in a bestof-three Baker format, while the finals expanded to a best-of-five Baker match to determine which team would hoist the trophy.

The Ottawa-Kansas women

built an early lead across the five traditional games and cruised to the top seed, finishing qualifying with a 7,297 total. Grand View was second with 7,051, and Columbia took third with 6,855. Peru State finished eighth at 6,481 to advance to the bracket.

The Braves posted a pair of 2-0 sweeps against Peru State and No. 6 Kansas-Wesleyan to earn their spot against No. 4 Baker in the championship match. The Wildcats advanced with wins over No. 5 Avila (2-0) and No. 7 Southern Nazarene (2-0).

Ottawa-Kansas retained the top spot and recorded the victory in the finals by a margin of 3-1.

The Braves also posted three student-athletes in the top four of the individual standings, with Holly Bridges taking home top honors with a 979 total for five games. Amber Wagner (953) and Kiaralyn Backstrom (931) finished second and fourth, respectively, for Ottawa-Kansas.

Baker's Kinsey Miller (942) and Columbia's Jordyn Czerw (922) also finished in the top five.

On the men's side, Ottawa-Kansas edged Southern Nazarene by six pins (8,121-8,115) to earn the top seed in the bracket after averaging nearly 205 as a unit in the Baker block. Oklahoma Christian qualified third with 8,050, while Grand View earned the final advancing spot with 7,578.

In the bracket, Oklahoma Christian defeated No. 6 Baker (2-0) before knocking off Ottawa-Kansas in the semifinal (2-0) to secure its position in the title tilt against Southern Nazarene. The Crimson Storm made its way to the finals with wins over No. 7 Avila (2-0) and No. 4 Peru State (2-1).

The Eagles of Oklahoma Christian remained undefeated to conclude their run, claiming the title, 3-0.

Oklahoma Christian's CJ Petrin averaged more than 236 across his five games to earn the top individual spot in the men's field, posting 1,184. Ottawa-Kansas' Justin Weddige was second with 1,152 and was followed in the standings by Kansas Wesleyan's Jackson Penny (1,070), Peru State's Isaac Skalak (1,069) and Southern Nazarene's Andrew Hurte (1,066).

In other collegiate action:

- At the Prairie View A&M Invitational, the Jacksonville State women recorded their fifth consecutive victory after sweeping Arkansas State in the finals, 4-0. The event was livestreamed at BowlTV.com.
- At the American Heartland Bowling Association (AHBA) Championship in Monroe, Michigan, the Vincennes men fired 237 during their final Baker game to win over Wright State by seven pins, while the Davenport women rolled to the title.
- At the Crossroads League Event 3 in Indianapolis, Spring

Arbor earned the victory in the women's and men's division.

- At the DIII Invitational in Westmont, Illinois, the Aurora women led the way in pinfall while posting a 5-1 record.
- The William Paterson men claimed a pair of wins at the Eastern Intercollegiate Bowling Tournament (EIBT) – Events 3 (Staten Island, New York) and 4 (Elmwood Park, New Jersey).
- At the Great Lakes Bowling Conference (GLBC) – Event 3 in Schofield, Wisconsin, the Wisconsin-Whitewater women and men each posted victories by more than 150 pins.
- At the Hammer Saints Classic in Newport, Kentucky, the Emmanuel men and women swept the top spots.

For the full schedule of collegiate events, results and more, visit BOWL. com/Collegiate and CollegeBowling.

At Strikz

Matthies, Jr. wraps up 814, Trigos logs 684

FRISCO – Eddie Matthies, Jr. headed the leader boards last month at Strikz by logging laudable 287-268-259 = 814 marks in Lousy Bowlers league action.

Daniela Trigos booked a banner 267-215-202 = 684 Monday Mixerz series to lead the lady bowlers.

HONOR ROLL

Mark Timm 268-724, Tommy Davis 263-773, Rick Irvine 278-721, David Kruzich 207-591, Nick Cerrone 222-628, Jesse Ford 234-643, Bobby Pritchard 239-638, J R Sharpe 216-580, Steve Ray 210-580.

David Cohen 216-594, Ray Lawrence 234-655, Kim Lorenzen 224-614, Peter Mackins 246-680, Ray Lawrence 221-579, Kim Lorenzen 215-624, Josh Cain 226-636, Ed Matthies 216-625.

Rick Irvine 259-687, Tiffany Ritsch 216-608, Brian Burton 234-601, Tiffany Ritsch 232-600, Lisa Wasson 203-587, Rick Hobbs 203-588, Eddie Ballenger 255-611, Candy Torrey 201-578.

Rob Hudkins 225-594, Ray Lawrence 226-601, Marc Tolkov 217-632, Debbie Colby 236-628, Kraig Johnson 246-615, Doug Beebe 211-591, Eileen Inderlied 246-585, Mark Spittell 254-639.

Gerald Walters 219-598, Kyle Hobbs 224-623, Billie Bennett 223-664, Jason Shuffield 244-667, Kraig Johnson 200-587, Michael McCoy 217-635, Mark Connor 251-645, Felipe Trigos 228-675.

Scott NoII 256-663, Loren Tenczar 222-593, Joseph Jimenez 238-646, Mark Johnson 215-603, Candy Torrey 247-653, Tiffany Ritsch 254-637, Daniel Anderson 202-595, Don Parker 203-578.

Ryan Rogers 225-591, Eileen Inderlied 234-630, Chandler Ritsch 276-643, LaMarr Moss 233-640, Kevin Connell 255-631, Jaden Brunt 258-596, Scott Eastwood 237-635, Robert Gorrebeeck 219-575.

David Gorrebeeck 280-671, Jeremiah Scanlan 228-622, Russ Vulpitta 248-633, Joe Vulpitta 213-591, Michael Mendez 255-593, Barry Higgins 237-648, James Burk 244-671.

Tommy Van Deman 213-609, Kevin Higar 223-625, Nick Cerrone 235-615, Tommy Davis 258-688, Rick Irvine 244-680, Robert Blue 205-580.

SENIORS

Larry Froning 214-582, Lynne Garriss 149-412, Nina Segerstrom 169-417, Donny Segerstrom 193-476, Tomi Howerton 186-409, Art Arnold 201-560, Bonnie Long 156-388, Jeanne Staley 161-399.

Bob Staley 180-482, Joseph Albanese 192-530, Tom Frazier 183-450, Debbie Buczek 158-409, Pete Sena 181-473, Hanna 137-360, Jack Muse 183-478, June Barnhill 159-435, Monika Nash 151-369.

Gary Condensa 194-474, Dee Lanzing 144-358, Bob Lanzing 166-467, Tom Garriss 171-464, Helga Nicholas 147-366.





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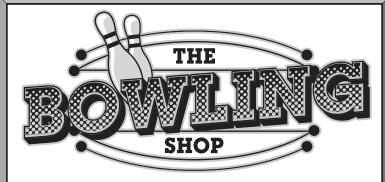
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One of the pillars of this column has been looking at the media footprint bowling receives in national and other media outlets. Recent examples have been Tom Smallwood's sitcom, "How We Roll," Pete Weber's ESPN 30 for 30 documentary, Kelly Kulick's 2011 Bridgestone tire commercial and ESPN The Magazine piece, and Dick Weber's 1990's appearances on "Late Night with David Letterman."

Going further back would include Billy Hardwick's 1968 Miller High Life commercial, Don Carter's 1980's Miller Lite commercials, and even ABC-TV's "Superstars" early 1970's appearances by Dick Ritger and Jim Stefanich.

The latest mainstream media piece of a name PBA Tour player is in the January 2024 issue of the magazine that many consider the grandfather publication of what was known as 1960's counterculture, the one and only Rolling Stone magazine.

Writer Zach Harris spent a few days in Las Vegas hanging around Anthony Simonsen getting to know him and his story, extremely familiar to many TBN readers. If you've seen the 2019 FloBowling documentary on 'Lil Ant or got to watch him bowl over the last fifteen years all around the Metroplex and pretty much the TBN print readership area, Harris' story recounts much of his Simo's background.

Without giving too much way, Harris shadows Simonsen for a couple of days and also got comments from PBA Commissioner Tom Clark and fellow tour player Kris Prather.

On the January 28 YouTube posting of their Sweep The Rack Podcast, Brooklyn Rob and Big Mike talk with Harris about pitching the article to friend who is an editor at the magazine.

He dismissed the idea that Rolling Stone did a story about just bowling.

"It's not about bowling, it's a story about a professional athlete who is incredibly young who didn't go through the standard young people professional athlete private coaches at (age) 12 type of thing that most kids who are 26," Harris said.

A great advantage is Harris, a freelance skateboard writer and aficionado, said he grew up in bowling centers as much as anyone adding he currently bowls three leagues a week.

Harris added articles like these add a level of interest to today's non-bowlers, nowadays leaning toward a streaming service behind the scenes series and podcasts, citing the top podcast on iTunes, "New Heights" by brothers and NFL stars Jason and Travis Kelce, often discussing topics other than football.

This article follows another you may not have heard about in another long-time magazine with pop culture coverage. Last June, GQ magazine featured Jason Belmonte's backstory on how he overcame ridicule on not only being a two handed bowler as a child, but becoming some one

who based on the article headline achieved success no one thought possible, "The Man Who Broke Bowling." But this article talks more about Simo the person, including why the shades he donned after winning the USBC Masters went viral outside of bowling.

This is far from two articles on Marshall Holman back when he was at the age of 26. The first was a Sports Illustrated magazine article on ToC Week in 1980. This was back when SI was a must-read publication when we all got it Tuesday after that weekend's sports matchups. The second article was in a magazine in a publication whose name I will not mention, but it was often available for purchase in a brown paper wrapper.

The good thing is these days The Association has a commissioner who understands the need to find new fans who have heard about pro bowling from older relatives and parents but find the PBA more friendly to a GenZ and millennial audience.

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I have sat on this next item since last spring, but thought including it now would be a little more timely. On social media last week was a photo showing demolition of another classic suburban bowling center once a regular tournament stop on the PBA Tour. The reason I saved it was this past week was the anniversary of arguably its most famous moment.

Gable House Bowl in the Los Angeles suburb of Torrance,





Gable House Bowl Demolition

California hosted sixteen PBA national stops from 1975 - 83 and 1985 - 93.

Three memorable moments stand out in Gable House history, all during ABC-TVs Pro Bowlers Tour days. In 1983, Don Genalo tossed a 10th frame spare attempt on a Greek Church split in the gutter thinking he had already lost, but needed just two pins for the win, handing the title to Jimmie Pritts, Jr. The 1992 telecast saw Marc McDowell toss the first reactive resin ball, the Excalibur, on a PBA telecast to win the season opening tournament, causing busy pro shop phone lines from calls of bowlers wanting the ball McDowell used.

But by far the moment Gable House Bowl is most known is the legendary Pete McCordic TV 300 game rolled January 31, 1987, thirty-seven years ago last week, the first with a \$100,000 bonus. I've written extensively about that game for obvious reasons here in TBN, knowing McCordic is one of the most respected and well-liked people in the industry and is an icon in this part of the country.

According to a local newspaper, owner Mickey Cogan announced in early 2022 the center would close the following year, which it did in May 2023. Cogan's father, Jack, was

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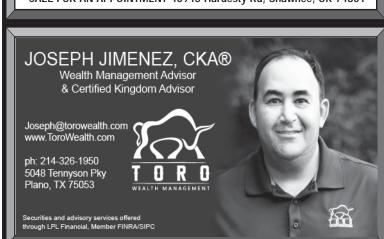


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PWBA Website Relaunch a Success

What a surprise was in store for me when I ventured over to the newly relaunched women's professional bowling website at pwba.com. The brand manager, Robyn Graves, said in a phone interview that the new layout was posted late last year. And what a great job they have done in cataloging all of the statistics since the inception of the new PWBA in 2015.

The area that really got my attention was the 2023 tour statistics. Did anyone even know that the top four competitors on the national tour made in excess of \$89,000? Considering the fact that there are only 8 national events makes those earnings all the more impressive.

Maria Jose Rodriguez led the way with \$98,754 in earnings, followed by Lindsay Boomershine with \$93,245, Jordan Richard with \$91,385, and Bryanna Cote with \$89,214. Considering the fact that national champions are not eligible to compete in the regional events makes their earnings even more spectacular.

Each of the top-four woman pros were raking in more than \$11,000 per tournament! That's a number that would put Earl Anthony's and Mark Roth's earnings per tournament to shame. I went to the PBA website to get a handle on the incredible numbers posted by these ladies. Although the men's website is still about four years behind, I checked out the numbers that Jason Belmonte posted in 2018, before the COVID confusion

Belmonte bowled in 14 national events in 2018, earning \$7892 per tournament. He actually fared better the next year when he chimed in with earnings of \$15,015 per tournament. I wonder if COVID-19 actually helped Belmonte in his domination of men's bowling on the PBA Tour? It would appear that it did.

E.J. Tackett, another perennial front runner on the men's tour, checked in with earnings of \$3151 per tournament in 2018 and \$5932 in 2019. Similar numbers could be found for Anthony Simonsen (\$4160 in 2018, and \$6345 in 2019) and Jakob Butturff (\$3260 in 2018, and \$6592 in 2019). It's so obvious, and you

don't have to be a rocket scientist to appreciate the magnificent numbers put up by the top four PWBA stars.

I was intrigued by the fact that national champions on the PWBA Tour are not permitted to compete in the regional events. "It's less intimidating than in the national events," said Graves. "It gives others a chance to come out and test the waters on the regional tour."

Indeed. Take into account the most recent regional event in Myrtle Beach, S.C., won by Karsyn Lukosius of Jackson, N.J., the longtime home of PBA great Parker Bohn III. Lukosius said following her performance, "I didn't have too high of expectations. I was just wanting to make good shots and hope to cash."

Of such are legends made. Lukosius proceeded to lap the field in the televised finals, defeating Corina Grasso of Fort Collins, Colo., 257-177 in the first match; Kerry Smith of Lititz, Pa., by a 186-169 score in the second match; and in the final match Lukosius tied Annalise O'Bryant of Ball Ground, Ga., by striking out in the 10th frame for a 212-212 tie, forcing a one ball roll-off.

Both players matched each other with strikes, and then another strike, before Lukosius struck a third time and OBryant left a 10 pin. With the victory, Karsyn earned \$1,800 and a free spot into the season-ending PWBA Regional Showdown in Winter Park, Florida. Only the nine regional champions will compete in Winter Park, according to Graves, and the winner will receive free entries to all of next year's national events. That's quite an incentive.

The new and improved PWBA website is divided into eight subsections: Watch, Schedule, Athletes, Information, Stats, News, Join, and Social. Under the Watch button you can check out the broadcast schedule, including BowITV broadcasts, YouTube and archived videos. The Schedule button provides both the national and regional tour lineups and results.

Next up is the Athletes button that provides personal photos, career stats (2015-2023), PWBA Major and Regional Titles



Maria Jose Rodriguez Bohr \$98,754 (2023)



Lindsay Boomershine \$93,245 (2023)



Jordan Richard \$91,385 (2023)



Bryanna Cote \$89,214 (2023)

since 2015, awards and other achievements. "Our goal is to have all of the stats from the previous professional organizations (LPBT, LPBA, WPBA, etc.) included in this section," stated Graves. Another cool feature in this category lists the sponsors (with their logos) for each of the members as part of their profile.

But for me, it's the Stats section that reminds me of my childhood, reviewing over and over the yearly breakdown provided in the PBA Program and ABC Yearbook. The ease of viewing those yearly entries here at pwba.com, along with the

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Tape as an Art Form If you have a certain type of skin in a certain climate, you may have areas on your hand which wear even though the fit is correct.

There are essentially two kinds of tape: textured and slick. The use of white or textured tape in the front of the thumbhole (against the pad of the thumb) provides a snug, secure feeling. Slick tape is normally used on the back since it helps promote a quick clean exit and you don't want any drag off the back of

your thumb. Putting a piece of Teflon in the back of the thumbhole will also provide a clean exit. A variance of this Teflon has foam in various thicknesses attached to it. The foam compresses when the thumb is placed in the hole and helps the thumbhole feel almost "soft." This allows you to squeeze the ball without paying the price of a scarred knuckle. Although squeezing the ball is never recommended, if you must, this can help keep you from injury. By the way, Teflon can cause moist hands to stick. With this type of skin texture, you actually

need to have some friction on the back of the hole.

The tape is supposed to be directly on the pad of your thumb, not off to one side or the other. Draw an imaginary line from about ½" outside the ring finger to the thumbhole. Put the tape in the thumbhole on either side of that line. This works for a very high percentage of the population. If your thumb has more of an angle, move the tape clockwise for a righty.

Layer the tape. Put the first piece about 1/8" below the lip of the thumbhole. Each successive piece is VERY slightly lower than the piece on which it is placed. This prevents a ridge and makes it easy to remove one piece of tape at a time.

There are several things you can do if you're between sizes. If you move the tape up in the hole, it will feel tighter to you. If you lower the tape, the thumbhole will feel looser.

You could try blowing in the thumbhole with your mouth close to the hole. This will provide moisture and gives a snug feeling. The farther away from the hole the mouth is, the

tour home built in the suburban close in recent years, including a favorite of many Houstonians with Big Texan Lanes off W. Little York Road and North Freeway and Stadium Lanes up the street from the Astrodome, both former PBA host centers.

"It's scary to think how that added.

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Next month, a different Tour player. Stay tuned.

less moisture will be generated.

Let's say three pieces of tape are too many and two is not enough. Remove all the tape, layer two new pieces together outside the thumbhole and then place the assembled tape into the hole. The longer the tape is in, the more the texture is filled with dirt and other body parts. When the tape is fresh, it fits better and more snugly and two fresh pieces will often replace three old pieces.

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Athletes section with individual totals, titles, awards and other achievements make this website enjoyable, informational and educational from a single source.

Congratulations to those that were involved for a job well done in this website transformation!

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BILL O'NEILL

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standing ovation.

O'Neill's semifinal win set up a rematch with Smallwood, who got the best of O'Neill in the position round on Saturday. Additionally, when Smallwood made his iconic debut in the 2009 PBA World Championship, he defeated O'Neill in his opening

Neither player was able to replicate the torrid scoring pace of qualifying and match play. A pocket 7-10 in the third frame left Smallwood little room for error, though O'Neill opened the door for him with a split in the seventh frame.

Smallwood, seeking a third career major title himself, failed to seize the opportunity. He missed a spare in the eighth and threw an errant shot in the ninth, handing the title to O'Neill.

"I haven't really won many matches on TV where I didn't have a good ball reaction," O'Neill said. "I got kind of lucky there that Tom bowled the game he did. I didn't think in a million years he'd bowl a 170 game with his ball reaction."

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one of the builders and original ownership group, opening Gable House Bowl in May 1960 as a split house, meaning a wider concourse separated Lanes 1 - 20 and Lanes 21 - 40.

At this undated recent drone photo, this shows the building from the front doors with television pair would have been on the left half a in the middle portion of the area.

According to the center's still open Facebook page, there was a garage sale of numerous items after the business' closing.

Being curious, I wondered almost out loud what may have been offered? So I went right to the source.

"No, I never heard anything from them. I had heard about the center's closing and were going to make apartments, but they didn't reach out to me," the recently retired PBA Southwest Regional director and PBA Hall of Famer told me in a conversation last

As we well know, Gable House Bowl is not the only former PBA

expansion of the 1950s and 60s to

affects bowling. There are so many centers like Palace Lanes where real estate is worth so much more than the building and the business. Proprietors get older and the kids don't want the business. I remember Bill Lillard saying he wasn't sure how much longer he could turn down \$8 million. It's sad what happened to centers who supported competitive bowling," McCordic

look at PBA television ratings, what could be an instant classic telecast of this year's U.S. Open, and the revival of the "What If" column about what could happen if a very well-known female singer known around the world would become the BFF of a PBA

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By: Kathy King SHREVEPORT, LA - We had 22 teams bowl the 60/50/ guest Trio at All Star Lanes in Shreveport.

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In the first match of the stairstep, Team Delaney (Jon Delaney, Dwayne Winstead, Joe Findling) defeated Team Orr (Terry Orr, Bo Edwards, Nick Contreras) 223-194.

In the 2nd match Team Delaney lost to Team Lecroy (Joe Lecroy, Greg Short, Justin Bui) 237-199.

In the third match Team Lecroy lost to Team Busscher



Derek Williams, Jordan Smith and Mark Busscher

BILL O'NEILL

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The 2024 season continues with the U.S. Open presented by GoBowling on Jan. 27 in Indianapolis.

Championship Round Scores No. 4 Ryan Barnes def. No. 5 Chris Via, 267-223

No. 4 Ryan Barnes def. No. 3

Nate Stubler, 224-220 No. 2 Bill O'Neill def. No. 4

Ryan Barnes, 215-205 No. 2 Bill O'Neill def. No. 1 Tom Smallwood, 209-178

Final Standings

- 1. Bill O'Neill, \$100,000
- 2. Tom Smallwood, \$55,000
- 3. Ryan Barnes, \$35,000
- 4. Nate Stubler, \$30,000

5. Chris Via, \$25,000 For more information visit www.pba.com

At Hallmark

Hogan claims 807, Sellers-Black hits 744

Watkins 297

KILLEEN - Ben Hogan rocketed to the top of the honor roll for the month at Hallmark Lanes with an award-winning 807 Friday Duos series.

Alezandra Sellers-Black's booming 744 Monday Night Trios set headed the ladies high-set chart. HONOR ROLL

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At Killeen Bowlerama

Sparks tops 300/794, Charles maps 749

Cominsky, Dewald, Lantz 300's

KILLEEN - Rocky Sparks, from the Rebels league, pocketed a power-laden 300/794 series en route to earning high-set honors for month at Killeen Bowlerama.

Sandi Charles fired a powerpacked 258/749 Commercial session to lead the ladies.

Sam Cominsky, B-Rad Dewald and Phillip Lantz shared high-game honors with Sparks as each recorded award-winning 12-baggers. HONOR ROLL

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PBA/PBA50/PWBA Trios Title Event to be Held in Jonesboro, Arkansas, this Summer

By: Dave Schroeder & Nolan Hughes (PBA)

ARLINGTON, Texas - The stars of the Professional Bowlers Association, Professional Bowlers Association 50 and Professional Women's Bowling Association Tours will converge on Jonesboro, Arkansas, this summer for an unprecedented trios title event.

The PBA/PBA50/PWBA Jonesboro Trios will be contested July 31-Aug. 3 at Hijinx Familv Entertainment Center in Jonesboro. All rounds will be livestreamed on BowITV.

Champions will each earn national titles on their respective tours and \$10,000.

Watching the best players in the world from all the top national tours — PBA, PBA50 and PWBA — in the same building, working together as teams, will

be a treat for fans," PBA Commissioner Tom Clark said. "It will be the first time a trios event of this nature awards national titles on each tour, so fans will witness history, along with the chance to watch legends, current stars and all the diverse styles. Thanks to Hijinx in Jonesboro for its support and vision to make this event come true."

Jonesboro previously hosted PBA Tour title events from 2016 through 2021. In 2019, Norm Duke won his 40th career title and the second of back-to-back titles at age 54.

The PBA50 Tour held a super regional in Jonesboro last September. John Janawicz, who won the 2023 PBA50 Rookie of the Year award and the 2023 **United States Bowling Congress** Senior Masters, defeated Chris Barnes in the title match

Jordan Richard, the 2023 PWBA Player of the Year, bowled collegiately at Jonesboro's Arkansas State University from 2015-2018. While at Arkansas State, Richard earned three First Team All-American selections and was twice named the Division I Player of the Year.

"I'm excited to return to Jonesboro and compete in this unique event," Richard said. "I've enjoyed a lot of success at Hijinx and made a lot of great memories there. It's a fantastic center with a tremendous staff, and I can't wait to get back there and hopefully come away with a title."

Players will each bowl two five-game qualifying rounds within their respective tours, cutting to the top 16 players for match play. Qualifying pinfall will be dropped entering roundrobin match play.

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Seeding entering match play will determine the PBA/PBA50/ PWBA trios teams. All three top seeds will be paired together, as will the No. 2 seeds and so on.

The top five teams after match play will advance to a stepladder finals, which will be livestreamed on BowITV.

In Baker match play, one player will bowl the first, fourth, seventh and 10th frames. A second player will bowl in the second, fifth and eighth frames, leaving the third, sixth and ninth frames for the third player.

The PBA/PBA50/PWBA Jonesboro Trios schedule is below. All times are local/Cen-

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Wednesday, July 31 10 a.m. PBA50 Practice Session

12 p.m. PWBA Practice

2 p.m. PBA Practice Session 6 p.m. Pro-am 1 8:30 p.m. Pro-am 2 Thursday, Aug. 1 8 a.m. PBA50 Qualifying Round 1 (five games) 1 p.m. PWBA Qualifying Round 1 (five games)

5 p.m. PBA Qualifying Round 1 (five games)

Friday, Aug. 2

8 a.m. PBA50 Qualifying Round 2 (five games)

1 p.m. PWBA Qualifying Round 2 (five games)

5 p.m. PBA Qualifying Round 2 (five games)

Cut to top 16 in each division; trios teams matched by seed; pinfall drops

Saturday, Aug. 3 8 a.m. Trios Match Play Round 1 (eight games) 2 p.m. Trios Match Play

Round 2 (eight games) Cut to top five trios teams

7 p.m. Trios Stepladder Finals

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Jacksonville State Claims Victory at 2024 Prairie View A&M Invitational

By: Aaron Smith ARLINGTON, Texas – Jacksonville State collected a victory in their first appearance at the Prairie View A&M Invitational at the International Training and Research Center on Sunday, sweeping Arkansas State in the title tilt, 4-0.

The Gamecocks set the pace out of the gates Sunday, starting the championship match with 10 strikes on the way to a 284-152

The strikes didn't come as easy for either team as they moved into Game 2 of the best-of-seven Baker match, but Jacksonville State was able to rely on filling frames to take the next three games.

A spare in the final frame from anchor Crystal Elliott helped the Gamecocks record a 183-179 win in Game 2, and a clean effort in Game 3 helped Jacksonville State move one win away from the program's fifth consecutive title this season, 198-190.

In Game 4, the Gamecocks again stayed clean, and strikes in the seventh, eighth and ninth frames helped to complete the sweep, 234-203.

The team competing at the ITRC this week for Jacksonville State featured Elliott, Rebecca Hagerman, Maranda Pattison, Kayla Smith, Isabel Allen, Anna Warkel, Keyla Covarrubias, Dannielle Henderson and Olivia

Jacksonville State, the top qualifier, earned its spot in the finals with a 4-3 win over No. 4 Nebraska in Sunday's first bracket match. No. 3 Arkansas State also advanced by a 4-3 margin, defeating No. 2 Youngstown

Youngstown State finished the weekend in third place after recording a 4-2 win against Nebraska in the final round.

The 2024 event featured 12 teams competing this week at the ITRC. The event kicked off Friday with five five-game Baker matches, while six traditional games were contested Saturday and Sunday to conclude qualifying. Total pinfall determined seeding for Sunday's match-play bracket.

Jacksonville State earned the top seed with an 11,570 total. Youngstown State finished qualifying with 11,454, Arkansas State had 11,394 and Nebraska placed fourth in qualifying with 11,227.

The bracket was broken into three sub-brackets, based on seeding. The top four qualifiers competed in the main bracket and had the opportunity to secure the title. The teams that placed from fifth to eighth in qualifying were in the second bracket, and the programs ranked from ninth to 12th competed in the third bracket.

All rounds of the 2024 Prairie View A&M Invitational were broadcast live at BowITV.com

The six traditional games also helped to determine the all-tournament team.

Nebraska's Kayla Verstraete led the field for six games, averaging more than 236 to earn top honors with a 1,418 total. Youngstown State's Jade Côté finished second with 1,372, while Jacksonville State teammates Elliott (1,362) and Hagerman (1,332) placed third and fifth, respectively. Arkansas State's Karli VanDuinen was fourth with 1,338.

The 2024 event featured nine teams ranked in the top 10 from the most recent National Tenpin Coaches Association (NTCA) Coaches Poll (Dec. 2023)



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(Mark Busscher, Derek Williams, Jordan Smith) 259-192.

Then in the final match. Team Busscher beat qualifying leaders, Team Janssen (Jeff Janssen, Lee Mamone, Cliff Trapani) 199-175.

It was the 12th SASBA title for Mark and the 14th for Derek.

Rick Cheshier had the only 300 game. We had one lady bowl. A big thank you to Mike Thomas and staff for hosting.



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KYLE TROUP

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From the moment the U.S. Open began, Troup had his sights on the green jacket. Troup wore all-green on the first day of qualifying with plans to wear the same outfit in the championship round on Sunday.

"I'm a firm believer in speaking things into existence," Troup said. "I said I was going to wear green on Sunday to get my green jacket. One of my ball reps told me, 'Winners take what they want and the losers wait for it.' We took what we wanted today."

The championship round at Indianapolis' Royal Pin Woodland, the only venue to host all five PBA major championships, featured perhaps the most accredited group of finalists in PBA history. All five players — Troup, Simonsen, Belmonte, Tackett and fifth-seeded Bill O'Neill boasted Hall-of-Fame-caliber résumés entering the finals.

They owned a combined 89 titles and 28 major titles — now 90 and 29, respectively, after Troup's U.S. Open victory — and had won 10 of the past 11 Player of the Year awards.

Since 2015, Simonsen's rookie

season, the quintet has particularly dominated major championships. They have a combined 73 top-five finishes and 22 No. 1 seeds in 44 major championships; in only eight majors did one of the five players not finish in the

After failing to make the first cut in his first seven tries at the U.S. Open, Troup finished 26th in 2021 and came within a single frame of winning the 2023 event, falling to Tackett in the title

"It is redemption now," Troup said after his win. "I wasn't worried about that all week, but if I got the green jacket and the eagle, I knew the emotions were going to flow. This (has been) a long journey back, but it feels amazing. I'm a two-time major champion. I'm not just a one-hit wonder now in the majors."

Troup made light work of the fourth of four brutal U.S. Open oil patterns. While his opponents averaged a combined 179, Troup never shot below 212.

"I felt like I saw the picture from the first shot of the first match. I kept telling myself 'Quiet mind. Quiet body. Slow feet.' Just like that," Troup said. "I never really worried about anybody else's ball reactions. I

knew mine was great and that's all that mattered. I did know that Simonsen playing to the right was going to be tough for him but he's a freak. If he didn't go split-split (to start the game), he's right there with me."

In the opening match, the defending champion Tackett outlasted O'Neill, who won the season-opening major in Wichita, with a slim 212-209 win.

O'Neill threw the first six strikes, but left consecutive five-count washouts on the left lane and only got a single pin on each spare attempt. O'Neill could have doubled in the 10th frame to win, but left a flat 10-pin on the second shot.

That set up a 2023 title match rematch between Tackett and Troup. After Troup was unable to shut out the defending champion, Tackett had an opportunity to double for the win — exactly what he did to win the 2023 event.

Tackett aced the first strike. but missed the headpin right on the second, allowing Troup to advance with a 212-200 victory.

The semifinal match between

Troup and Belmonte, who sought to win a 16th major and become the first player to win all five majors twice, was never close.

Belmonte missed a 10-pin in the first frame, the split in the third and seventh frames. Troup cruised to a 229-157 win over the 15-time major champion.

"Well that was horrible," Belmonte wrote on social media. "No excuses. Just didn't do my

While the other four players migrated left of the fifth arrow to hook the lane, Simonsen continued his gameplan of staying right of the third arrow in the title match.

"Every time this week that I moved left of 15 on this pattern, my look wasn't very good," Simonsen said. "Obviously the first shot wasn't very good, but the second one definitely didn't have to split. I think if the shot in the fifth frame strikes, then it's a little different ballgame. I'd bowl the same game again and just see what happens."

Simonsen had his sights set on becoming the youngest player to win six majors. Instead, Troup prevailed in the title match, clinching the 223-181 in his

Troup won his second career major in front of his father, Guppy, who finished as the U.S. Open runner-up 40 years ago.

"To win in front of Guppy is a blessing every time," Troup said. "This also means I did something else that he didn't do. Gup, we have an eagle coming home now! This is a U.S. Open win for the whole Troup family."

U.S. Open Championship **Round Scores**

No. 4 EJ Tackett def. No. 5 Bill O'Neill, 212-209

No. 3 Kyle Troup def. No. 4 EJ Tackett, 212-200

No. 3 Kyle Troup def. No. 2 Jason Belmonte, 229-157

No. 3 Kyle Troup def. No. 1 Anthony Simonsen, 223-181

Final Standings

- 1. Kyle Troup, \$100,000
- 2. Anthony Simonsen, \$50,000 3. Jason Belmonte, \$25,000
- 4. EJ Tackett, \$15,000
- 5. Bill O'Neill, \$10,000

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the Shockers win the 2021 and 2023 Intercollegiate Team Championships.

Steelsmith, the 1988 PBA Rookie of the Year and two-time PBA Tour champion, is a member of the NJCAA, Kansas State USBC and USBC (2013) Halls of Fame.

Vadakin, 70, was at the helm of the Wichita State University men's and women's bowling programs from 1978-2019 and helped the Shockers claim 18 national titles between both teams.

The men's program collected 11 Intercollegiate Team Championships titles during Vadakin's tenure (1980, 1987, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1998, 2003, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2015), and the men's team is the only program to record three consecutive wins at the ITC, having accomplished the feat two times (1993-1995 and 2008-2010).

The women's team earned seven wins at the ITC under Vadakin's watch, claiming victory in 1978, 1986, 1990, 1994, 2005, 2007 and 2009.

In all, the men's program qualified for the ITC in 37 of Vadakin's 42 years leading the program, while the women's team earned their spot in 41 of 42 attempts, advancing each year since 1982.

Along with the team success, Vadakin also coached nine individual national champions (six at the Intercollegiate Singles Championships). He had 12 student-athletes claim a combined 24 NCBCA Most Valuable Player and IBMA Collegiate Bowler of the Year awards and coached 145 NCBCA All-Americans and nearly 250 academic All-Americans. At the professional ranks, Vadakin coached 17 athletes who went on to win PBA or PWBA Tour events.

In 2020, the NCBCA renamed its award to recognize the top coach in the men's division as the NCBCA Gordon Vadakin Coach of the Year Award.

Vadakin, a two-time Team USA member and two-time Eagle winner at the USBC Open Championships, is a Kansas State USBC and USBC (2007) Hall of

Nickolai, 62, started his involvement in collegiate bowling first as a student-athlete at Michigan State University before taking over as the head coach of the men's program. He held the coaching spot with the Spartans for 35 years, and in 2001, became the first recipient of the NCBCA Kerm Helmer (now Gordon Vadakin) Coach of the Year Award.

He left a lasting mark in how the sport was consumed with the launching of CollegeBowling. com in 1997. The website served as a place to view tournament results across the collegiate landscape, and it expanded over time to include rankings, statistics and player profiles. Nickolai maintained the website until 2020, when the site became part of USBC's CollegeBowling.

Bowl.com.

Nickolai was responsible for several additional items used to help rank collegiate teams and student-athletes versus the field.

In 1998, he teamed with Joe Ciccone to develop the Team Ranking System (TRS), which is an objective point-based system for ranking schools on performance in regular-season tournaments and used today to help determine sectional assignments for the four qualifying events for the Intercollegiate Team Championships.

He also introduced average differential to the collegiate bowling scene, which measures the average for a student-athlete during an event and over the season against the field of competition.

Nickolai also has given his time to the NCBCA and has been a member since 1984. He has served two separate stints as the organization's president (1992-1994 and 1998-2020) and was selected as the NCBCA Gordon Teigen Meritorious Service Award winner in 1999.

He also was recognized for his service in 2010 as the USBC Youth Volunteer of the Year and was presented the IBMA Alberta E. Crowe Meritorious Service Award in 2019.

The formation of the USBC Collegiate Hall of Fame was announced in November 2022, and nominations for the inaugural class were accepted through Jan. 5, 2024.

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Fame Committee reviewed the applications to determine the members of the 2024 class. The committee is comprised of 13 individuals, featuring representatives appointed by the USBC Collegiate Advisory Committee, USBC Hall of Fame members and veteran bowling writers. The committee only considered collegiate achievements when reviewing applications.

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213-154, 183-170 and 189-190.

After the local team took a comfortable 59-pin lead in game one, the northeast heights school quickly reduced that to 18 pins with a game two opening four strikes in a row.

However two open frames and a timely double by the Rams recovered the handy lead, never to be threatened again.

Rio Rancho's eight wins

At Tenpins & More

Sheridan hammers 762, Hare nails 724

Arevalo 299

Pete Sheridan lit up the lanes with a booming 205-278-279 = 762 series for the top spot on the honor roll for the month at Tenpins

Adrienne Hare registered a sizzling 262-225-237 = 724 set to win the high-set race for the ladies.

Jon Arevalo garnered highgame honors with a near-perfect 299 solo.

HONOR ROLL

Jessica Ortiz Y Pino 212-555, Charles Tully 257-680, Michelle Dennison 237-666, Antonio Lopez 259-701, Cheryl Swift 181-481, Aaron Griego 234-652, Kristen Ruiz-Jimenez 201-573.

Tomas Huerta 276-700, Jolene Sokohl 221-594, Mark Innes 277-694, Bobbie Vega 224-635. Joe Herrera 288-756. Paula Amschler 257-642, Bob Eberle 247-735, Jolene Sokohl 188-527.

Jeremy Byington 198-533, Aracelli Loudenback 193-492, Terry Schmidt 245-666, Dana Miller-Mackie (4 games) 268-894, Pete Sheridan (4 games) 986, Wendy Pase 190-561, Troian Donnachaidh 199-585.

Joseph Paterson 225-640, Matthew Garduno 288-750.

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Becky Fisher 227-585, Steve Shultz 236-653, Steve Quintana 247-648.

puts them two ahead of rivals, Cleveland who have won the "big schools" crown six times. Others to win once each include Piedra Vista, Manzano, Sandia and La Cueva who won at the Albuquerque Convention Center in 2008.

Winning team members included seniors, Alex Thompson, Alberto Medina, Carson and Kylie Belnap, along with Joshua Zeigler, Mia Medina, Isaiah Lopez and Brody Humphries, who along with coaches, Dana Miller-Mackie and Don Thompson and school sponsor Malissa Thompson celebrated by signing the NMAA banner that will find pride of place at Tenpins & More this week.

Artesia Bulldogs won their ninth state title beating Espanola Valley in 4-A action while East Mountain beat Sandia Prep in 1-A to 3-A at Silva Lanes on Friday.



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WAXAHACHIE - JC Mann landed a super strong 279/780 Tues Nite Challenge series to head the leader boards for the month at Hilltop Lanes.

Caitlyn Chapman pounded out potent 268/761 Mon Nite Mixed marks to pace the ladies.

Mel Goss earned high-game honors with an award-winning 12-bagger while Caitlyn Chapman took runner-up accolades with a near-perfect 299 solo.

HONOR ROLL

Kevin Boucher 289-778, Raymond Neugent 257-732, Jackie Fisher 246-691, Maegan Connor 213-586, Mikey Kirton 242-701, Kyle Shoemaker 246-664, Tracy Ratchford 246-664, Karry Vossler

Jerry Kralich 255-682, Scott Dodson 257-662, John Powell 269-707, Johnny Michael 246-697, Renea Powell 249-677, Samantha Armstrong 204-576, William Patterson 257-716.

Treveon Hodges 246-686, Caitly Chapman 244-687, Lisa Bittle 235-599, Matt Johnson 278-748, Tara Neugent 225635, Karleen Reynolds 237-579, Austin Adams 268-751, Messiah Henderson

Tracy Ratchford 239-660, Bobby Williams 267-670, Roger Zaeske 223-628, Joshua Denham 287-687, James Wann 257-612, Bryan Cole 278-684, John Powell 229-668, Samantha Armstrong 226-598.

Randy Stiller 290-759, Robert Boyd 278-681, Caitlyn Chapman 257-720, Lisa Bittle 238-624, Jordan Scoria 277-778, Geoff Cantrell 266-715, Chase King 278-721, Doug Anderson 247-703.

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Kyle Shoemaker 268-766, Tony Jurkash 258-739, McKenzie Adams 212-582, Lindsey Anderson 212-578,

Shannon Monk 257-683, Bryan Cole 237-682, Samantha Armstrong 223-587.

Renae Powell 221-558, Wesley Romero 253-739, Brian Lance 259-738, Mel Goss 696. Chris Parker 255-680. Karleen Reynolds 213-585, Deb Dodson 203-554, Austin Adams 265-687.

Joseph Vossler 234-679, Karry Vossler 213-564, Megan Foster 201-551, Jerry Kralich 257-683, Roger Zaeske 245-664, Deb Dodson 204-604, Vickie Ratliff 222-577.

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