



Hicks/Dempsey/Veitch Win 60/50/Guest in Baton Rouge



Justin Veitch, Bill Hicks and Darryl Dempsey

By: Kathy King

BATON ROUGE, LA - What a great tournament at All Star Lanes in Baton Rouge.

We had 38 trio teams and bowlers from 8 different states participate.

Team Stephens (Jim Stephens, Stoney Burke, Dimitri Cruz) snuck into the top 5 after 12 games of qualifying.

They defeated Team Montgomery (John Montgomery, Joe King, Tyrone Wesley) the first Baker game 246-154.

Stephens went on to defeat Team Lecroy (Joe Lecroy, John Chovanec, Parker Capra) in a close game 237-236.

The Stephens team prevailed again against Team Wilson (Morris Wilson, Andre Carter,

Terrence Williams) in the 3rd match 232-192 setting up the final game against Team Hicks (Bill Hicks, Darryl Dempsey, Justin Veitch).

The Hicks team got the victory 198-158.

It was the first SASBA tournament for Bill and Darryl and they won their first SASBA titles!

Chris Anderson, Bob Troutt and Kirk Trahan had the only 300 games. Gordon Stuntz threw the first ball to start the tournament. There was a Kenny Winstead sitting.

A Big thank you to Dave Lundgren for all of his organizational help getting LA teams together and also running the sweeper on his birthday!

Thank you to Mike and staff for hosting us this week. They did a great job.

May 29-30 we are at Armadilla I in Pasadena for a Member/Guest doubles.

June 11-12 is a 60/50/lady/guest foursome at Forum Bowl. There is plenty of room for more teams.

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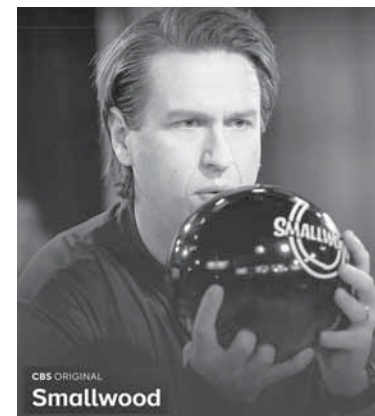
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If you didn't think there were enough bowling news stories to digest lately, hold my beer. Mid-May is the time of year television networks had series orders out for the upcoming fall season's shows, the USBC Queens crowned a new champion, and the Kia PBA Playoffs had strong television ratings.

According to hollywoodreporter.com and tvline.com, two entertainment industry news organizations, the Tom Smallwood sitcom named "Smallwood" has been given a series order by CBS-TV for its 2021-22 fall schedule, announced by the network Friday May 14.

Several weeks ago, news broke about a pilot episode being ordered. A series order is



Pete Holmes as Tom Smallwood on CBS Sitcom Smallwood

the official green light telling producers to make a few episodes based on response of the pilot episode. Once the show airs and if the ratings are

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Kyle Troup Wins KIA PBA Playoffs for Eighth Career Title

By: Jef Goodger

Milford, Conn.—Top seed Kyle Troup defeated No. 11 seed Sam Cooley to win the 2021 Kia PBA Playoffs, 3-1, in a race-to-three-points competition, in which each game is worth one point. Troup's second Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour title of the season is also the eighth

of his career. With the \$100,000 first-place prize, Troup has now earned a single-season PBA Tour record \$469,200 in 2021.

Troup won the first game, then fell victim to Cooley rolling the 31st televised perfect game in PBA Tour title-event history, knotting the match at one point apiece.

"I felt really confident," said Troup of his mindset entering game three despite Cooley having rolled 300. "I knew I pretty much lost that game by the seventh or eighth frame, so I switched my focus to rooting Sam on. I wanted to see him bowl 300 and get the extra \$10,000. It's one to one, all right, I just need to win a game. I really wanted to win game three to put the pressure on him to make him feel like it was a must-win situation."

Troup did win game three, taking advantage of an open frame from Cooley in the seventh after Troup had also



Kyle Troup

struggled with missed spares, including a missed 9 pin in the sixth.

"I was frustrated about the bad break," said Troup of missing the 9 pin. "I flagged it. I had to get myself refocused. Once I did that, I was okay."

Troup doubled in the 10th to clinch game three and take a 2-1 lead entering the fourth game.

"I felt like I bowled a fantastic game four," said Troup. "The lanes were just toast. They were ugly."

Troup struck on his first

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Dave's Corner

By: Dave Williams

The More Things Change, The More They Stay The Same

While working on an article for BCM Magazine, I stumbled upon a PBA Tour Program Yearbook in my "mini-storage warehouse bowling museum" that had become separated from my 38-year collection of annuals. Every year the PBA would provide to each member a new copy as part of the \$300 annual fee for membership, assuming that you also maintained the necessary criteria to be a part of this very elite group of traveling vagabonds.

The yearbook was from 1975, my very first year of membership in the PBA. As I perused the pages, a thought came to me that I have quoted often in my life - "The more

things change, the more they stay the same." The phrase is most often credited to Jean-Baptiste Alphonse Karr, an educator, writer and floriculturist from France that lived during the 19th century.

While major sponsors have always been important to the PBA members and their existence, the names have changed considerably. Thumbing through the first few pages there are full page advertisements from most of the individual tournament sponsors: Midas, Showboat Hotel, King Louie Apparel, Monroe Shock Absorbers, Ford Motor Company, Ebonite, AMF,

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good and remain steady, CBS will order more episodes. If not, the show may last only a few weeks.

Pete Holmes (Last seen in "Crashing") will star as Tom Smallwood, Chi McBride (Hawaii Five-O) will star as a bowling center owner and mentor to Smallwood. According to variety.com, Katie Lowes (Scandal) will also star as Smallwood's wife.

Michigan native and Tony award nominated stage actor Brian d'Arcy James (Hamilton) will be an executive producer, has been behind the project for some time, and is very familiar with Smallwood's story. According to both Hollywood Reporter and TV Line, "Smallwood" was one of several new shows in the front running for a series order on CBS. The number of episodes ordered was not disclosed, but keep in mind many primetime shows for the fall season begin shooting scenes in July and August for September or October pilot episode airing.

Fellow Motiv Bowling staffer Tom Smallwood will have "behind the scenes involvement" as a technical advisor. I asked Smalls last week about his reaction to part of his life being the premise to a television sitcom.

"I don't have much involvement with it really. I talk to

the writer a few times a week. I'm supposed to fly out when they start taping the first show, but that's not until August. It's funny. This is a show based off my life, but I don't know a lot about it. I'm sure I will be in contact with them more often now. It's still crazy and I won't really believe it until it airs on CBS," the 2009 PBA World Champion said.

Smallwood and PBA Commissioner Tom Clark confirmed to JPA the PBA would "help out in anyway." Motiv Bowling hasn't responded to my inquiries about their possible involvement with equipment and product placement.

The show is already posted on cbs.com under the "Comedies" tab with this description.

"Here's the thing Tom Smallwood (Pete Holmes) knows about bowling: You get two chances. No matter what you do with the first ball, you get another roll to make it right. A story of the ultimate second chance, Smallwood tells of a Detroit assembly-line worker who, with the consent of his loving wife (Katie Lowes), decides to turn an unexpected layoff into a dream-fulfilling new job as a pro bowler. Based on the true "modern-day Michigan fable" of three-time PBA Tour winner Tom Smallwood."

Not quite sure about the conventional grip Holmes uses in the photo, but Smallwood added he

will have something to say about that. I'll have other com-

ments from Tom as this first of its kind trip into a regular network primetime sitcom.

There have been a few feature films featuring bowling over the years like Michael J. Fox in "Greedy," "The Big Lebowski," and of course, "Kingpin." There was the David Letterman produced drama/comedy "Ed," centered around a bowling center in the early 2000's, but not a sitcom loosely based on the life of a professional bowler.

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Here is a thumbnail sketch of how difficult the road is to get a proposed show to record a pilot, then have a series order.

An article in the March

2021 edition of "Entertainment Weekly" magazine offered the tales of a handful of pilots that did not make it to air for one reason or another. This will expand on the April 15 JPA on how different the tone of the original pilot of "The Big Bang Theory" looked versus the one that ran for twelve seasons on CBS-TV.

Reasons of rejection vary but the most often cited are the cast lacked chemistry, it just wasn't very good, the network execs didn't like it, and my favorite, it just wouldn't fit on the schedule. It's similar to hearing "you don't fit our brand", but who knows.

Pitched shows that did not make it to air may surprise

you. The article listed a prequel to HBO's "Game of Thrones," "How I Met Your Dad," a sequel to How I Met Your Mom," and a remake of the landmark 80's police drama, "Cagney and Lacey." All rejected. So before you even see a pirated clip of the "Smallwood" pilot, consider even five years ago if someone had told you there would be a sitcom based on a real life professional bowler, would you believe it? You would have taken the under on the "no" choice.

If this doesn't get past October, oh well, but if a full season is ordered, the ripple effect could be nothing like our little corner of the world

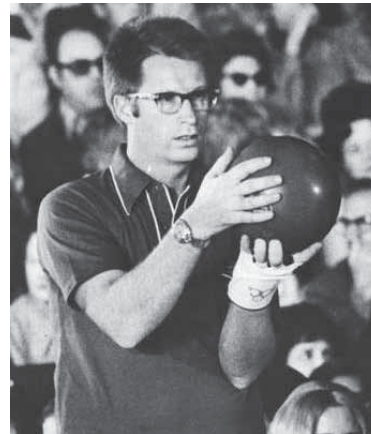
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Brunswick, Firestone, and The Miller Brewing Company, to name but a few.

Today, there seems to be only two major sponsors on the pro bowlers tour - Kia Motors and Guaranteed Rate Mortgage. Although this arrangement appears to be somewhat different than in 1975, the sponsorships that are necessary to improve the prize funds are still there...



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Tournament Schedule

Date	Tournament Detail	Location
Oct 24-25, 2020	NEW! Ballard's Bowling Academy Youth Tournament	Cityview
Nov 28-29, 2020	Wild Turkey Mixed Tournament-\$2k	Cityview
Jan 23-24, 2021	Mixed Doubles -\$3k added	Bowlero Eules
Feb 6-7, 2021	Youth City -\$3k added	Bowlero Watauga
Feb 8-21, 2021	Senior -\$1k added	Mail-O-Graphic
April 17-18, 2021	Ladies City -\$2k added	AMF Sparetime
April 25, 2021	Youth/Adult Doubles -\$2k added	Bowlero Watauga
May 1-2 & 8-9, 2021	Open City Championship -\$10k added	Forum Bowl
July 10-11, 2021	After the Fire Works-Mixed Trios -\$2k added	AMF Sparetime

HONOR ROLL



Men	
Greg Short, JB's Allen Bowl	816
Monroe Maddux, Cowtown Bowling Palace	790
Ron Nason, Cowtown Bowling Palace.....	790
Brian Grange, Forum Bowl	780
Andrew Claus, Plano Super Bowl	747
Rick Lawrence, Lions Lanes.....	730
Scott Noll, Strikz	730
Jalen Merrick, Red Bird Lanes.....	673
Women	
Heather Nedved, JB's Allen Bowl	789
Michelle Stephens, Plano Super Bowl.....	756
Carmen Gutter, Forum Bowl	733
Catie Jensen, Cowtown Bowling Palace	658
Brittany Pope, Red Bird Lanes.....	652
Candy Torrey, Strikz.....	622
Annie Whittington, Lions Lanes	569



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Open Championships Weekly Glance

By: Matt Cannizzaro

Two bowlers roll perfect games, lead events at 2021 USBC Open Championships
Team USA member Michael Martell of Brooklyn, New York, and Adam Chase of Ronkonkoma, New York, rolled the sixth and seventh 300s of the 2021 United States Bowling Congress Open Championships, respectively, and used that momentum to also find the top of the leaderboards.

Martell's perfect game May 14 came in the third game of his tournament career and capped a 736 series during his team event at the South Point Bowling Plaza.

The 23-year-old left-hander showed his versatility by turning in similar performances during doubles and singles on a second oil pattern at the nearby South Point Bowling Center on May 15. He added 750 in

singles and 708 in doubles to take the lead in Regular All-Events with a 2,194 nine-game total.

Chase, a 33-year-old right-hander making his 11th USBC Open Championships appearance, started doubles May 17 with a 300 game and maintained his look through six games, ending the day with 247, 259 and 259 for a 765 series and the lead in Regular Singles.

While Chase was stealing the spotlight with his string of strikes, Wisconsin's Jonathan Schalow and Chad Svendsen, both 36-year-old right-handers, were putting themselves in position for a run at the Regular Doubles lead, and they got there with a huge final game.

In the finale, Schalow rolled the first 298 of the 2021 Open Championships, leaving a 3-10 split on his final shot, and



Svendsen bowled a 246 game for a 544 finish and 1,436 total. Schalow led the overall doubles effort with a 766 series, and Svendsen added 670.

Six bowlers celebrate milestones at South Point Bowling Plaza

The 50-Year Club at the USBC Open Championships grew by six members this week, and each competitor received a plaque, chevron and diamond lapel pin to commemorate the milestone.

James Hamen of Chicago was the first to add his name to the list, taking the lanes at the South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas on May 13 with his sons Matthew and Daniel by his side. The 81-year-old made his tournament debut at the

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At Forum Bowl

Grange registers 780, Gutter snags 733

Taylor 300, Hamby 299

Brian Grange, from the Fast Lane Trio group, pocketed power-laden 279-224-277 = 780 numbers en route to earning high-series honors for the week at Forum Bowl.

Carmen Gutter earned the top spot on the honor roll for the ladies with an outstanding 259-248-226 = 733 Crusaders set.

Terry Taylor earned high-game honors with an award-winning 12 bagger while Kenny

Hamby took runner-up accolades with a near-perfect 299 solo.

HONOR ROLL

Tristan Bridgewater (9 pin) 300-852, Jennifer Zachry (9 pin) 232-575, Rick Burkhead 245-701, Kathlene Lyons 234-601, Eddie Murillo 229-664, Cierra Pree 257-635, Rick Brownell 216-568.

Susan Brownell 160-435, DJ Garrett 269-743, Trayce Chovanec 239-640, Junior Greene 254-689, Regina Taddy 227-636, Brian Grange (4 games) 1024, Tina Taylor (4 games) 269-886.

Jerry Srock (9 pin) 298-738, Carole Shockley (9 pin) 225-646, James Stewart 254-664, Regina Stewart 180-506, Steve Gray 267-710, Jen Bowditch 161-420, Robert Warren 269-755, Kenny Hamby 740.

Jeanette Manzano 192-511, Tony Velasquez 251-692, Jennifer Zachry 224-562, Steven Nutt 207-555, Luann Burkhalter-Mills 192-460.

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Bobby Galan 246-708, Karen Hoyle 212-578.

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Morning/Afternoon		Evening	
Sunday	Weekenders 6:00 pm Any Combo 4 June 6th 5:30pm Amber Correll	Ladies 6:40 pm Beginners Any Combo 2 June 6th 6:00pm Ashley May	
Monday	Swing-It Seniors 5:00 pm No-Tap Ages 50 & Over 2 June 7th 12:00pm Jerry Srock	No Tappers 7:15 pm No-Tap Any Combo 3 June 7th 6:15pm Amber Correll	
Tuesday		Tuesday Trio 7:15 pm Any Combo 3 June 8th 6:30pm Alesia Pickett	
Wednesday		Sundowners 6:30 pm Any Combo 4 June 2nd 5:30pm Sandy Jackson	Fast Lane Trio 7:00 pm Any combo Match Point 3 June 2nd 6:30pm Keith Pirle
Thursday	Red Strikers 10:50 am No-Tap Any Combo 2 June 10th 9:30am Pam Stewart	Dynamic Duo 12:30 pm Any Combo 2 June 10th 12:00pm Connie Williams	Twilight 6:30 pm Any Combo 4 June 10th 6:00pm Fran Gonzalez
Friday		Friday Doubles 8:00 pm Any Combo 2 June 4th 7:30pm Melissa George	
Saturday			

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Day / Time	Start Date	League	Weekly Price*	Lineage	# of weeks	Team	USBC Sanctioned	Details	Meeting
Monday									
10:30 AM	N/A	Senior Drop-In	\$9.00	\$9.00	NA	NA	No	Drop-In League	N/A
6:00 PM	Jun-14	Monday Mixers	\$16.00	\$12.00	11	4-Mixed	Yes	Great for Beginners	6/14 5:30 PM
Tuesday									
1:00 PM	Jun-1	Rolling Rocks	\$11.00	\$9.00	13	3-Any	Yes	Senior - 50 and up, Space Limited-Register Early	6/1 12:30 PM
6:30 PM	Jun-1	Hits & Misses	\$17.00	\$12.00	13	4-Any	Yes	Social, Competitive, Fun	6/1 6:00 PM
Wednesday									
6:00 PM	Jun-2	Wednesday Mixers	\$20.00	\$12.00	13	4-Mixed	Yes	Great for Beginners	6/2 5:30 PM
7:30 PM	Jun-2	Trash Talkin' Trios	\$20.00	\$10.00	13	3-Any	No	Scratch, 4 game series, 6 PBA-Style Patterns	6/2 6:45 PM
Thursday									
11:00 AM	Jun-3	Young at Heart	\$12.00	\$9.00	13	3-Mixed	Yes	Senior - 50 and up	6/3 10:30 AM
6:30 PM	Jun-3	Thursday Fun Fours	\$20.00	\$12.00	13	4-Any	Yes	Social and Fun, Space Limited-Register Early	6/3 5:30 PM
Friday									
10:30 AM	Jun-4	9 Pin No Tap	\$12.00	\$9.00	13	3-Any	Yes	Senior - 50 and up, No-Tap Scoring	6/4 10:00 AM
6:30 PM	May-14	Friday Night No-Tap	\$20.00	\$12.00	15	2-Any	No	No-Tap, Fun, Great for beginners	5/14 6:00 PM
Saturday									
10:00 AM	May-8	Striker's Road to Gold	\$15.00	\$12.00	13	3-Any	Yes	Age 12-18, SMART, Challenge-Sport patterns	5/8 10:00 AM
10:00 AM	May-8	Striker's Strikers	\$12.00	\$9.00	13	NA	Yes	Under 18, SMART Scholarships	5/8 10:00 AM
10:00 AM	May-8	Striker's Bumpers	\$9.00	\$6.00	13	NA	Yes	Up to age 7, SMART Scholarships, 2 games	5/8 10:00 AM

* Prices subject to league vote.
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has see before. Yes, even better than a mention by name on a Chuck Lorre Vanity Card.

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Since I wrote the headline and press release for the January 2021 IBMA Bowler of the Month, I'll use it part of it again. That's Bond, Julia Bond who is your 2021 USBC Queens tiara owner. Am I surprised? No. not really and here's why.

The answer came from now retired University of Nebraska head women's coach Bill Straub to a question I asked after the Lady Huskers won the 2017 Sam Houston State Kat Klash about Bond, its anchor bowler that season. The video isn't up at the moment, but here's a transcript.

Me: Your anchor Julia Bond had experience with Junior Team USA, bowling overseas and medaling. Have you seen a difference in her game, perhaps getting even stronger?

Straub: She's becoming more independent. It's sounds like when we always say Nebraska's way or the highway if you don't do what I want you to do. I try to breed independence, she's getting very independent, she tells me when I'm wrong, which I want to hear.

We may have seen the first major win for the PWBA's next big name.

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More sponsors and steadily higher viewership ratings. When was the last time PBA viewers heard those two things in the same sentence? If I were to offer a guess, it may be since Bruce Willis was singing about Seagram Golden Wine Coolers when it sponsored the U.S. Open in the late 1980's and were a frequent advertiser on ABC's Pro Bowlers Tour telecasts.

As promised last week, the Kia PBA Playoffs Nielsen ratings are in with very steady average viewership numbers. Starting with the April 24 - 25 opening weekend, the average viewership ranged between a low of 158,000 for the Saturday May 1 show to a FS1 aired high the next day of 456,000. The Sunday May 16 finals on the main Fox network, or as lead announcer Rob Stone referred to it on Saturday's semifinal show, as "Bart Simpson Fox" and "Family Guy Fox," two of the highest rated shows currently on the Fox Network.

In a message from PBA Commissioner Tom Clark, the Saturday morning semifinal drew an average of 281,000 viewers (no other numbers were available). The Sunday finals averaged 670,000 and

offered quite the range, since ratings are measured every fifteen minutes, then averaged.

Clark said the 1:00 pm Central show started with 489,000 viewers, then ended at 3:00 pm Central with 884,000 watching and was about the same as the 2019 PBA Playoffs. Both 2019

semifinals and finals both aired on the main Fox network, averaging 576,000 and 662,000 viewers, respectively.

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Next week, a look at the Intercollegiate Singles and Team Championship shows.



YOUTH HONOR ROLL

Boys

Lucas Helka, Cowtown Bowling Palace..... 657
 Alberto Svedvik, JB's Allen Bowl 472
 Beau Rodriguez, Lions Lanes 229

Girls

Morgan Hopkins, Lions Lanes 596
 Lauren Hubbard, JB's Allen Bowl 499
 Brilyn Fowler, Cowtown Bowling Palace 477



Dallas USBC Youth Results

Morgan Hopkins headed the Dallas-area USBC youth bowling last week with a booming 182-219-195 = 596 Youth All Star series at Lions Lanes.

Alberto Svedvik led the guys with a power-packed 177/472 Youth Mania set at JB's Allen Bowl.

At JB's Allen Bowl - Cooper Powell 128-340, Paddy Larkin 185-442, Evan Tran 172-465, Annika Svedvik 171-486, Richie Duvall 166-432, Cooper Powell 124-331, Issac Wilson 168-458, Brian Coggins 168-451, Lauren Hubbard 180-499.

At Lions Lanes - Beau Rodriguez 79-229, Trinity Rodriguez 100-275, Kaiden Featherston 80-231, Beryl Odlozil 71-191.

NCTUSBC Youth Scores

Lucas Helka topped the Fort Worth-area USBC Youth bowling last week with a booming 246-216-195 = 657 2021 Storm Winter Strikers series at Cowtown Bowling Palace.

Brilyn Fowler, also from the 2021 Storm Winter Strikers group, led the girls with a big 146-181-150 = 477 set at Cowtown Bowling Palace.

At Cowtown Bowling Palace - Kyle Smith 235, Gyanna Simmons 170, Jacob Michael 227, Kelly Bailey 168, Gabriel Marquez 145, Kyndal Smith 122, James Cain 125, Kaydence Rinebold 94, Maddox Denbow 104, Cristian Dudon 98, Elizabeth Cain 67.



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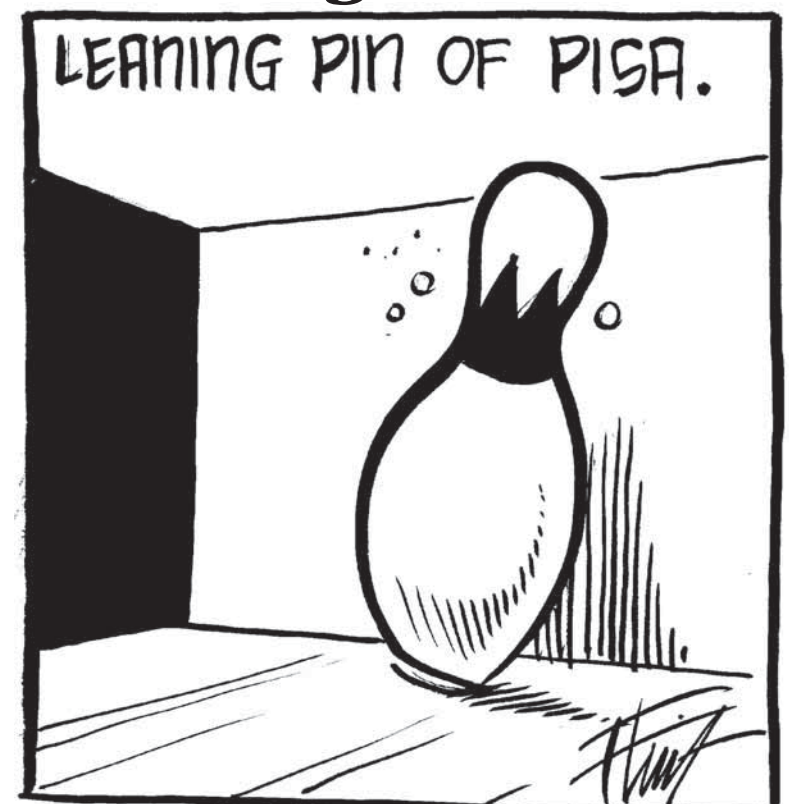
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Lane Laughter



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number is not as dramatic in change but does clock in at a record \$618,681 when adjusted for inflation.

Taking a closer look at the player profiles, it is apparent that there's a learning process

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1971 event in Detroit.

On the tournament lanes this week, Hamen rolled sets of 432 in singles, 414 in team and 408 in doubles for a 1,254 all-events total. In 50 Open Championships appearances, he has knocked down 76,529 pins for a career average of 170.

Keith Conley of York, Pennsylvania, joined the club May 14, while bowling alongside his own son, Jason Conley.

This year at the South Point Bowling Plaza and South Point Bowling Center, Conley rolled sets of 508 in team, 505 in doubles and 465 in singles for a 1,478 all-events total. In 50 years on the tournament lanes, the 72-year-old right-hander has knocked down 80,303 pins for a career average of 179.6.

Ronald Griffis of Susquehanna, Pennsylvania, and Denny Bluck of West Lafayette, Ohio, made their milestone marches at the Bowling Plaza on May 15, while Bill Fillman of Muskogee, Oklahoma, and Pat Cornell of Beach Park, Illinois, followed suit on May 17.

This year on the championship lanes, Griffis rolled sets of 488 in team, 461 in singles and 414 in doubles for a 1,363 all-events total. In 50 years

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At Strikz

Noll leads with 730, Torrey handles 622

FRISCO – Scott Noll compiled a power-packed 256-236-238 = 730 Monday Mixerz session to take top honors on the honor roll for the week at Strikz.

Candy Torrey, also from the Monday Mixerz group, fired a tip-top 203-205-214 = 622 set to lead the ladies.

HONOR ROLL

Ed Matthies 266-682, Eddie Matthies, Jr. 235-659, Rick Irvine 237-657, David Gregg 242-607, Kraig Johnson 223-571, Arvese McGraw 236-600, Robert McGraw 224-590, Debbie Colby 213-575.

Jason Haraputczyk 231-604, Tommy Davis 205-590, Rick Irvine 207-584, Billie Bennett 257-611, Kevin Connell 269-671, Kimberly Emerson 212-567, Joe

that must take place before a player joins the elites of the game. In a regular job, it's better known as "paying your dues." Mark Roth provides a perfect example. The talented right handed bowler from New Jersey had five years under his belt at the time of the PBA publication in 1975, and showed a gradual improvement each year: 1970-\$1,132; 1971-\$2,520; 1972-\$12,103; 1973-\$19,900; 1974-\$35,779.

And yet, there are exceptions to this rule. Appearing next to Roth in the yearbook is Eddie Ressler, a nineteen-year-old from Allentown, Pennsylvania. In only his second year on the tour, Eddie had claimed his first title in the Winston-Salem Classic at Major League Lanes in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Another exception outlined in the 1975 yearbook is Mike Durbin, who won two titles in his inaugural season of 1967 on the PBA Tour (Tampa, Florida and Youngstown, Ohio), and a total of \$23,035 in earnings (adjusted for inflation, that would equate to \$182,371

today).

Durbin never seemed happy on the tour, often expressing his displeasure with the extensive travel. He originally hailed from Burbank, California, where his parents owned a six-lane bowling center. Over the years, Mike tried his hand at managing a very large bowling center for Don Carter in the Fort Worth area, then spent a brief time as the PBA50 Senior Tournament Director, and finally found his niche when he teamed with Denny Schreiner to form what is arguably the greatest broadcast team that bowling has ever known.

Another similarity that I noticed while thumbing through the pages of the 1975 Yearbook is in the scheduling of televised events. In 1975 the winter-spring events were televised on ABC, which originally began in 1962 as part of ABC's Wide World of Sports. Then in 1974, Home Box Office (HBO) began airing the PBA's Summer Tour with a slate of ten telecasts (ESPN did not begin television broadcasts until 1979, and aired

their first PBA event in 1985). Today, it is Fox and Fox Sports (FS1) that have taken the reigns of the PBA telecasts with phenomenal results.

It's too bad that Mike Durbin isn't still competing on the PBA50 Tour. Since most of the events are now broadcast from just a few locations, and then rebroadcast at a later date, one of his major complaints about the travel has been

eliminated. And no one was better at framing a shot, and making the same delivery over and over, once he was lined up at one of the tour stops. I'm not sure about Mr. Durbin's health, or even his whereabouts, but if there's anyone that could make a comeback at the age of 80, that person would be Mike Durbin!

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At Red Bird Lanes

Merrick claims 673, Pope topples 652

Jalen Merrick claimed high-series honors last week at Red Bird Lanes with a free-wheeling 203-248-222 = 673 Sunday Nite Mixed league play.

Brittany Pope, Merrick's league mate, led the ladies with a smooth 258-191-203 = 652 set.

HONOR ROLL

Lauren Cathey 211-550, Liz Conelley 224-555, Chris Sosebee 235-670, Chris

McFadden 234-651, Shannon Vogel (9 pin, no tap, 4 games) 300-1057, Brittany Pope (9 pin, no tap, 4 games) 298-956.

Pam Lane 175-456, Carolyn Large 192-501, Tyree Jennings 213-587, Angela Herwald 178-417, Greg Bell 232-645, Chris Wilson 174-500, Phillip White 235-652, Angela Davis-White 215-566.

Donald Kent 223-653, Carol Horton 179-516, Glenn Goodrich 233-663, Roselyn White 200-555.

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of toppling pins at the Open Championships, the 84-year-old right-hander has knocked down 81,237 pins for a career average of 180.5.

Bluck, a 78-year-old right-hander, had 480 in doubles, 477 in team and 436 in singles for a 1,393 all-events total. In 50 years on the championship lanes, he has knocked down 79,529 pins for a career average of 179.1.

Fillman, a 74-year-old right-hander, entered the 2021 Open Championships with an average of nearly 193 and an eye on someday joining the elite 100,000-Pin Club. He shot 541 in team May 17 and will take the lanes at the South Point Bowling Center late on May 18 for doubles and singles.

Cornell, who also has a career average in the 190s, had 573 in singles, 563 in doubles and 557 in team for a 1,693 total. In 50 years at the Open Championships, the 70-year-old left-hander had toppled 86,986 pins for a career average of 193.3.

A look ahead

Three more bowlers will join the 50-Year Club this week at the USBC Open Championships.

The list includes Jerry Austin of Sparta, Michigan (May 20), George Gervase of West Chicago, Illinois (May 25), and Denny Torgerson of Urbandale, Iowa (May 25).

For more information on the Open Championships, visit BOWL.com/OpenChamp.

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At Cowtown Bowling Palace

Maddux 299 and Nason tie with 790, Jensen tallies 658

Monroe Maddux and Ron Nason tied for the top spot on the honor roll last week at Cowtown Bowling Palace as both recorded hard-hitting 790 series. Maddux fired games of 224-299-267 while Nason downed lines of 225-279-286 in Ebonite Classic Trio league play.

Catie Jensen led the ladies with a top-flight 209-246-203 = 658 Storm Bowling Draft Scratch Trio set.

HONOR ROLL

Charles Cortes 267-773, Sarah Cole 238-620, Josh Karpinski 258, Adrion Ramsey 213, Bill Spry 257, Adam Beasley 268, Maria Noordhoek 247, Tyson Branagan 264-722, Scott Teel 260.

Brenda Padilla 232, Robere Johnson 263, Unique Edwards 187, Ben Tunnell 234, Mark DeBoer 234, Chris Dugan 234, John Acree 289, Adrion Ramsey

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At Plano Super Bowl

Stephens unloads 756, Claus smashes 300/747

Thomas 300

Michelle Stephens won high-series honors for the week at Plano Super Bowl with a blistering 247-264-245 = 756 Sportsman series.

Andrew Claus headed the men's scoring race with a

thundering 232-215-300 = 747 Pepsi Classic showing.

Jason Thomas shared high-game accolades with Claus as each recorded award-winning 12-baggers.

HONOR ROLL

Jon Crump 279-704, Caroll Rodriguez 189-507, Mark Peet (4 games) 215-788, Tracey Stafford (4 games) 228-694, Christian Fredriksen 269-722.

Roneshia Williams 235-624, Bob Willingham 266-555, Cynthia Burden 173-468, Dave Huck 244-669, Tracy Huck 170-505, John Bright 256-729, Loree Clark 191-558, Dave Hickman 269-746.

Russell Wright 279-741, Diane Wallentine 219-629, Wes Wade 257-657, Dinah Sanchez 204-561, Jim Meadows 231-578, Nancy Hawes 173-468, Chris Hayes 276-765, Cindy Mann 237-698.

Michelle Artman 191-506, Chris Warren 279-760, Mark Borckardt 269-731, Liz Rios 243-667, Nick Roth 248-724, Diane Wallentine 224-571, Linda Blain 245-635, Randy Peters 205-516.

Emily Ryan 172-486, Sam Elliston 246-678, Dottie Culpon 213-499, Jason Thomas 718, Jessica Ford 189-512, David Germeck 275-694, Denise Vinson 194-532, David Bullough 265-673.

Lizzy Kahrs 223-591, Matt Hyson (4 games) 279-1022, Christi Dean (4 games) 202-764, Bill Leonhart 287-680, Cathy Sposito 234-625, George Crenshaw 277-763, Virginia Hummel 216-637.

SUMMER 2021 LEAGUE SCHEDULE

Bowling Time	League Name	Starting Date	League Type	Number on Team
MONDAY				
6:30 p.m.	Monday Night Mixers	June 7	Mixed	4
6:30 p.m.	Let's Have a Ball	May 3	Mixed	4
TUESDAY				
9:30 a.m.	VIPs	June 1	50+ Mixed	4
7 p.m.	Tropical Tuesday	June 1	Any	3
WEDNESDAY				
6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Winners	June 9	Mixed	4
6:30 p.m.	Ebonite Trios	June 23	Any	3
THURSDAYS				
9:30 a.m.	Twilighters	June 3	50+ Mixed	4
6:30 p.m.	Just 4 Fun	June 17	Mixed	4
6:30 p.m.	Thirsty Thursdays	April 15	Mixed	4
SATURDAY YOUTH LEAGUE				
9:30 a.m.	Strikers	June 5	12 & up	4
9:30 a.m.	Pinbusters	June 5	8-11	3
9:30 a.m.	Chargers	June 5	3-7	2

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KYLE TROUP

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shot in the 10th frame of game four, then left an 8-10 split on his next shot, needing one pin to clinch the victory. Troup took down the 8 pin and immediately hoisted the WWE championship title belt.

"I wanted to pick this belt up, give the Ric Flair 'Wooo,' and bring the belt back home," said Troup. "I know I have a lot of fans back home rooting me on and people around the world. It's so special to get this win."

Perhaps making it more special is Troup's eighth career title ties him with his father, Guppy, who was in attendance for all of Kyle's Playoffs vic-

tories, in all-time Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour titles.

"I caught up to him," said Kyle Troup, adding, "I'm thinking I'm getting to nine a lot faster than he is."

Viewers can live stream the PBA on the FOX Sports and FOX NOW apps or at FOXSports.com. Select highlights will be available on @FOXSports social handles across Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube. International fans can watch live on FloBowling.com.

QUARTERFINALS (MONDAY, MAY 10 ON FS1)

No. 15 Cristian Azcona def. No. 10 EJ Tackett, 2-1

Game 1 - Tackett def. Azcona, 257-213

Game 2 - Azcona def. Tackett, 240-214

Roll-off - Azcona def.

Tackett, 49-47

No. 11 Sam Cooley def. No. 3 Tom Daugherty

Game 1 - Daugherty def. Cooley, 226-209

Game 2 - Cooley def. Daugherty, 236-218

Roll-off - Cooley def. Daugherty, 37-26

SEMIFINALS (SATURDAY, MAY 15 ON FS1)

No. 1 Kyle Troup def. No. 4 François Lavoie, 2-0

Game 1 - Troup def. Lavoie, 248-237

Game 2 - Troup def. Lavoie, 259-224

No. 11 Sam Cooley def. No. 15 Cristian Azcona

Game 1 - Cooley def. Azcona, 264-243

Game 2 - Cooley def. Azcona, 232-219

KIA PBA PLAYOFFS CHAMPIONSHIP (SUNDAY, MAY 16 AT 2 P.M. ET ON FOX)

No. 1 Kyle Troup def. No. 11 Sam Cooley, 3-1

Game 1 - Troup def. Cooley, 235-206

Game 2 - Cooley def. Troup, 300-248

Game 3 - Troup def. Cooley, 223-210

Game 4 - Troup def. Cooley, 221-209

Troup earns \$100,000, Cooley earns \$70,000 (\$60,000 for finishing second and \$10,000 for bowling a perfect game).



At JB's Allen Bowl

Short fields 299/816, Nedved bags 300/789

Greg Short recorded a solid, award-winning 299-279-238 = 816 Wednesday Match Play session to head the leader board for the week at JB's Allen Bowl.

Heather Nedved, Short's league mate, captured high-game accolades with a rollicking 225-264-300 = 789 set to lead the ladies.

HONOR ROLL

Derek Schaab 266-731, Genie Franklin 217-627, Alan Eden 236-694, Jaclyn Smith 190-546, Brian Vaughn 254-705, Lydia Gilbert 234-634, Max Scott 255-718, Haley Harris 199-515.

John McCauley 238-667, Heather Nedved 206-587, Bobby Armstrong 268-745, Elynn Boss 249-643, Josh Burnham 252-744, Brittany Davis 139-377.

SENIORS

Danny Kerley 268-726, Maria Robeson 204-503, Charlie Kitten 222-617, Luz Englet 160-438.

At Lions Lanes

Lawrence lands 730, Whittington logs 569

Rick Lawrence racked up a high-powered 279-213-238 = 730 Wednesday Night Mixed series to earn top billing on the honor roll last week at Lions Lanes.

Annie Whittington, Lawrence's league mate, led the ladies with a highly commendable 179-210-180 = 569 showing.

HONOR ROLL

Jeff Macon 267-728, Randy Hawks 278-681, Paul Toal 227-640, Chris Lewis 211-615, Corbin Forst 243-615, April Hopkins 205-561, Robin Wood 220-560, Ryne Mckenrick 204-559, Jody Rogers 191-550.

Cody Taylor 238-635, Bobby Kennedy 256-615, Jordan Soria 233-589, Kristi Wagner 201-557, April Hopkins 193-553, Mary Sikes 167-481.

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