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WICHITA STATE WINS INAUGURAL PBA COLLEGIATE INVITATIONAL PRESENTED BY STORM

by Nolan Hughes

The final event of the Guaranteed Rate PBA World Series of Bowling XIII pitted the elite of men's collegiate bowling against one another. The top four ranked teams in the USBC collegiate bowling rankings were invited to showcase college bowling under the PBA brand, with Wichita State University prevailing as the first ever PBA Collegiate Invitational presented by Storm champions.

Wichita State, the defending Intercollegiate Team Championships national champions, concluded the regular season as the No. 1 team in the country. They faced off with another college bowling blue blood in Webber International University, who finished the regular season fourth in the rankings.

St. Ambrose University, who lost to Wichita State in last year's ITC finals, earned the No. 2 seed, and squared off with the Savannah College of Art and Design, based in Savannah, Georgia. The first round of the PBA Collegiate Invitational consisted of a single-game Baker match. Then, the winners competed in a Race to Two for the title. Though no national championship was on the line, players and coaches embraced the unique setting and opportunity to display their school on a national stage.

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JASON BELMONTE WINS HIS FOURTH TITLE OF THE SEASON

His win in THE STORM CUP: PBA Lubbock Sports Open is the 29th of his career

by Jef Goodger

Jason Belmonte won three matches in the stepladder finals of THE STORM CUP: PBA Lubbock Sports Open to claim his fourth title of the 2022 Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour season and second in three THE STORM CUP events. Belmonte defeated Jesper Svensson, Sean Lavery-Spahr and top seed EJ Tackett to claim the title at South Plains Lanes in Lubbock, Texas.

In the championship match, Belmonte needed two strikes in the 10th after Tackett left a solid 9 pin that gave Belmonte a chance.

"I don't think we will ever see a more solid 9 pin in our lives," said Belmonte of Tackett's bad break. "In these situations, it can be a coin flip. I had just a little bit more luck than he did."

Tackett finished with 245 before Belmonte struck twice, then knocked down nine more pins to win his fourth title of the season. It's the third time in Belmonte's career he's won four times in a single season. The other two times—2017 and 2019—led to two of his six PBA Player of the Year Awards.

To get to Tackett, Belmonte first had to defeat 11-time

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CALIFORNIA BOWLER ROLLS FIRST 800 SERIES
OF 2022 USBC OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Matt Cannizzaro

LAS VEGAS - More than a decade ago, Robby Callan of Vacaville, California, was part of one of the wildest nights in the history of the United States Bowling Congress Open Championships.

Unfortunately, the result did not favor him and his teammates, and it ended as a story of the one that got away.



Almost 13 years and 12 miles away from that April night, Callan found himself with another chance to make history on the biggest stage in bowling, and he thought the opportunity got away once again.

Instead, the 48-year-old right-hander now is the owner of the only 800 series at the 2022 USBC Open Championships, and he didn't even realize he'd done it.

Callan knew he was bowling well in his team event Sunday at the South Point Bowling Plaza, and he stepped up for his final frame of the night with the chance to realize another lifelong goal of rolling a perfect game on the championship lanes.

When his first shot went high and left the 6-10 combination, he thought he'd lost the 800, along with the first 300 of the 2022 tournament. Simply enough, he miscounted by 10 pins.

He needed to convert the spare to complete the task, and a flush fill ball gave him an 808 set on games of 252, 278 and 278.

"I really thought I was 10 less and finished with 798," said Callan, who made his 22nd Open Championships appearance. "It feels great. I don't get to compete all that much anymore, so when I have success, it really feels worth it."

In 21 previous events, Callan had a high series of 767, which came during a memorable team event in 2009.

That year, the Open Championships was held on a traditional custom installation inside Las Vegas' Cashman Center, just a short drive from South Point. It was the longest tournament in history at 154 days and featured a near-record 17,200 teams.

The Regular Team title that year ended up being decided by a heated 10th-frame battle between two teams seven lanes apart. No one could've guessed that the number set that night would hold up for more than three months or that the team that fell short would end up second in the final standings.



Callan's big series in 2009 helped his Sack Toe team to a 3,427 total, but it still left them 22 pins shy of the 3,449 winning number posted by Milwaukee's Linds Limited. Linds Limited went on to win Team All-Events that year, too.

As much as the moment and eventual results could've been disappointing for Callan and his teammates, they also were rewarding and motivating.

"I think we definitely have used that as motivation," Callan said. "For guys who don't bowl every weekend

or even bowl a lot of tournaments because, you know, life happens, that showed us years ago that we belong. Everyone wants to take advantage of opportunities, which we kind of had again tonight, but not all of us were clicking at the same time. That's what makes this tournament so hard. Everything has to click."

Callan's flurry of 29 strikes Sunday sparked another noteworthy night that included games of 1,054, 1,067 and 1,170 for a 3,291 total, which again is second in the Regular Team standings. This year, Supreme Deck of Grand Haven, Michigan, leads with 3,372, bowled just over 24 hours prior.

Callan was joined in the effort by two other members of the 2009 team, Robby Porter (658) and Tim Hill (586). The other contributors this time around were Andrew Udahl (684) and Jeffrey Wurm (555). Their team's name now is BowlTec.

As the three games unfolded Sunday, Callan was able to anticipate the moves he needed to make by watching Udahl's ball reaction. Based on what he saw in Udahl's 10th frame, he opted not to move for his own first shot, and it cost him his bid for perfection.

"I've never had 300 at the Open Championships, and I wanted it," Callan said. "I just missed a move. I was ahead of the moves the whole set, and that one got me. I didn't think I needed to move, and it turns out I did. I moved two boards left on the approach, and the fill ball was flush."



It's Like 1973 All Over Again...

Bowling Ball Controversy “Heats Up”

by Dave Williams

It's been almost 50 years since the first “soft ball” controversy began with the soaking of a plastic bowling ball in a solvent known as MEK (methyl ethyl ketone), and made famous by professional bowling star Don McCune, who was not known for hooking the ball more than three or four boards. That is, until 1973.

And now it's all happening again with a recent outburst of a professional kegler over the alleged legitimacy of urethane bowling balls. The result has been a number of rumors about the policies of the USBC and the PBA. After a bit of research on the internet I have discovered that the research of soft urethane bowling balls has been going on by USBC since 2019. Here are some highlights of the past four years of findings:

1. **2019** - Urethane bowling balls fall below a 72D (durometer, or D) hardness, but return to original hardness within 24 hours.
2. **2020 (Field Test)** - Urethane balls become progressively softer with use over time. Of the 20 models measured, the hardness declined by 2.4D to 5.6D in balls manufactured from 2017 to 2020. The effect is not isolated to one manufacturer and can be seen across many models.
3. **2020 (Hardness Research Report)** - 96% of the urethane balls tested were less than 72D after the Field Test. Comparing the hardness of a urethane ball at the time of approval to its hardness after the Field Test shows a significant decrease in hardness over time.
4. **2022 USBC Statement on Purple Hammer** - USBC has no evidence that Purple Hammers were manufactured with hardness below the approved specifications and intentionally distributed. USBC research findings show that urethane balls get softer with use over time. This is true for virtually all urethane balls tested regardless of brand. This is not unique to Purple Hammers.
5. **2022 Update to National Tournament Rules in Relation to Purple Hammers** - Findings of USBC's investigation are inconclusive. However, because first hand accounts describe the potential for a number of Purple Hammers to be produced out of specification in 2016 and 2017 is concerning. Therefore, USBC is instituting a rule for all national tournaments that reads as follows: “Purple Hammer bowling balls manufactured during 2016 or 2017 are prohibited for use.”

Although it has been difficult to find information about the banning of urethane bowling balls by the PBA online, Jeff Richgels of [11thframe.com](#) has posted the following: “The PBA has banned urethane balls more than 2 calendar years old for national PBA events.” Jeff also provides the following article at no charge because of the importance of the information (if you are interested, his subscription price is \$19.99 for one year):

[11thframe.com/news/article/12046/video-of-a-7-series-PURPLE-HAMMER-testing-illegally-soft-illustrates-why](#)

Another thoughtful presentation has been posted by Patrick at the Bowling World YouTube Channel:

[youtube.com/watch?v=VJ5W_nmdko4&list=PLcwSdr2uBUqYtk5mqJPMXafc2GNasZ92H](#)

All of this reminds me of the Columbia 300 plastic ball controversy from the 1970's. Following McCune's discovery of MEK from a friend that was a chemist, he was looking forward to the start of the 1973 season. In an article from Sports Illustrated (“Now He's Throwing a Wet One, Too”), McCune admitted in the 1973 article by Dan Levin, “The soft ball gave me a lot of confidence. That's half the battle in sports.”

After two wins on the winter tour, and then another two wins on the summer stretch, McCune said, “They suspected something, so I told them I was using a soft surface ball. But that's all.” McCune's traveling partner, Jim Stefanich, could have been the one that let the cat out of the bag when he asked bowling guru Bill Taylor about solvents that would soften a bowling ball.

At Fresno in June, the article continues, Tim Albin asked Taylor for advice and about a half hour later George Pappas said, “Bill, do you know what this soaking business is all about?” Before the day was out, another half dozen players had come to Taylor looking for answers. Levin continues in the article by acknowledging that the Redwood City Open at Mel's Bowl the following week was the first big soaker event. McCune won again..

And now it appears to be happening again, with all of the rumors surrounding the older urethane bowling balls. When I first ventured out on the tour in 1975, the 75D hardness rule had taken effect, and the Columbia 300 Yellow Dot was the ball of choice, unless you could find a Brunswick Crown Jewel made in the early 1960's. By this time, another concept had taken hold, with many bowlers “baking” their bowling balls prior to squad time, which caused the equipment to soften before bowling and then return to normal within a few hours.

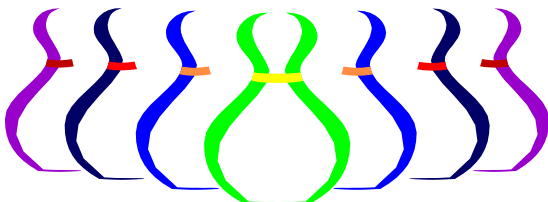
Looking back on those years, I remember that any softer surface ball did not really help me, because I was a “frustrated stroker,” which meant that there was not much speed behind my delivery. What I did discover was that prior to bowling, I often would give my ball a 5 minute shine in one of Larry Litchstein's Lustre Kleen ball machines that he transported from one stop to the next. After a 5 minute shine the ball was warm to the touch, especially considering that there was usually a line waiting to get a last minute polish from the over-heated machines.



Purple Urethane Bowling Ball - [hammerbowling.com](#)



Christmas Comes Early! - Tom Knapp, California Bowling News #1 fan from Minnesota, sent me this commemorative bowling mug from Columbia Bowl, in honor of the stories that I ran last year about Donna Adamek, Western Columbia and Columbia Bowl



Could it be that those of us polishing our bowling balls had actually discovered another way to soften the ball without realizing it, because the combination of heat and polish prevented an overreaction? It appears that for now, the urethane controversy of 2022 will continue...

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Due to work and family obligations over the years, Callan hasn't bowled as much as maybe he might've liked, but spending time at the Open Championships with friends he bowled with in junior leagues 35 years ago, continues to be an annual highlight.

The group's time on the lanes began with some excitement earlier Sunday at the nearby Bowlers Journal Championships, where Porter was able to notch the year's first perfect game.



The 300 came between games of 211 and 201 for a 712 series, and that is seventh in the Open Singles standings.

Since the format at the Bowlers Journal Championships allows competitors to use their scores for singles and doubles at the same time, Porter and Callan chose to team up. Callan rolled a 706 series, and their 1,418 total landed them third in the Open Doubles standings.

Along with the chance at some prize money, competing in the Bowlers Journal event also gave the teammates a look at the same pattern they'll be bowling on Monday night for doubles and singles at the Open Championships.

They'll return to the South Point Bowling Plaza at 9 p.m. Eastern, filled with the confidence and momentum from their team set Sunday.

Though they didn't catch Supreme Deck in the team event, the members of BowlTec will have another shot, as Supreme Deck also leads Team All-Events this year with a 9,917 total. Team All-Events includes the combined all-events scores for all five players.

Individually, Callan has a nice start to his quest to track down Supreme Deck's David Carroll, who leads Regular All-Events with a 2,080 total.

Beyond this week at South Point, Callan said he and his teammates are hoping to bowl together at the Open Championships for as long as possible, and he's considering a personal resurgence as he gets closer to being eligible for senior competition.

"I've haven't bowled as much because of work and family and everyday life stuff, but I'm getting the desire to compete again, so you might be seeing a little more of me here and there," Callan said. "All my buddies at home are telling me that as soon as I turn 50, I'd better be bowling, so I might do that."

The 2022 Open Championships will run from March 12-July 18. The Bowlers Journal Championships kicked off March 11 and will conclude July 17.

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PBA Tour champion Svensson, who is the only player aside from Belmonte to win a THE STORM CUP event so far. The match was close most of the way until Svensson left and failed to convert a 5-10 late.

In the semifinal match, Belmonte got past Lavery-Spahr, who was attempting to win his first title. A slow start for both players came down to Belmonte needing to fill 29 in the 10th to shut out Lavery-Spahr, which is exactly what Belmonte did, taking a 202-201 victory.

Now with 29 PBA Tour titles, Belmonte is tied with Mike Aulby for eighth all-time, one behind Dick Weber, who won 30 times in his PBA career. Belmonte and Aulby are also the only two players ever to complete the Super Slam of all five major championships.

The win also increases Belmonte's lead in both the PBA Playoffs points race and THE STORM CUP points race, the latter of which pays a \$10,000 bonus to the player with the most points over the course of the four events. THE STORM CUP concludes with THE STORM CUP: PBA Colorado Springs Open beginning Wednesday. Only two players—Svensson and Tackett—are capable of catching Belmonte, but can only do so with a win in Colorado Springs along with a very low finish from Belmonte.

FINAL STANDINGS

Jason Belmonte, earns	\$20,000
EJ Tackett,	\$12,000
Sean Lavery-Spahr,	\$7,000
Jesper Svensson,	\$5,500

MATCH SCORES

Match 1 – No. 3 Belmonte def. No. 4 Svensson, 246-221
Match 2 – No. 3 Belmonte def. No. 2 Lavery-Spahr, 202-201
Match 3 – No. 3 Belmonte def. No. 1 Tackett, 245-253

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In the opening match, Wichita State's experience proved vital as they adapted to the environment. They defeated Webber International, 221-219, to advance to the finals.

In the battle of the bees, SCAD-Savannah took down St. Ambrose 242-214. Both teams made a point to express their fervent personalities. SCAD-Savannah's hilarious chants, packed with inside jokes, captivated the crowd's attention. Tyrell Ingalls, the anchor bowler for SCAD-Savannah said being themselves and having fun was the key to their success.

"It really improved our comfort because you noticed out the gate, we were all making shots," Ingalls said. "You can't really do that if you're not relaxing and having fun. I think that was the key that we needed going into this."

In the Race to Two finals, Wichita State stormed out of the gates with a 290. After junior TJ Rock converted a spare in the first, the Shockers fired the back 11 strikes to take 1-0 lead. Freshman Spencer Robarge was not a part of the Shockers' title run last year, but he gained TV experience as a high schooler at the USBC Masters and the PBA Junior National Championship.

"It's been a few years since I bowled with fans," Robarge said. "But the crowd was great. We obviously had a pretty fair idea of what we're doing on the lanes and good team chemistry made it a lot easier for us to string some strikes."

The Shockers kept their foot on the gas, winning the second game and the tournament, 231-159. Senior Alec Keplinger says the win, "Shows us that we know we can do it. We already knew it ourselves, but we came out here and proved it again. So many people want to come after us even more but we're ready."

Katie Thornton, SCAD-Savannah head coach and former WIU bowler, said bowling on TV served as a great experience for her team.

"Just being able to throw a shot under the lights and knowing what it feels like. It's a completely different feeling and environment," she said. "It's great exposure for us as a young program. We haven't had the exposure that the other teams have had, so that was kind of our first chance at that as well." All four of these teams advanced to the ITC national championships next month in Addison, Illinois, where the top 16 men's and women's teams will compete for a national championship.

MATCH SCORES

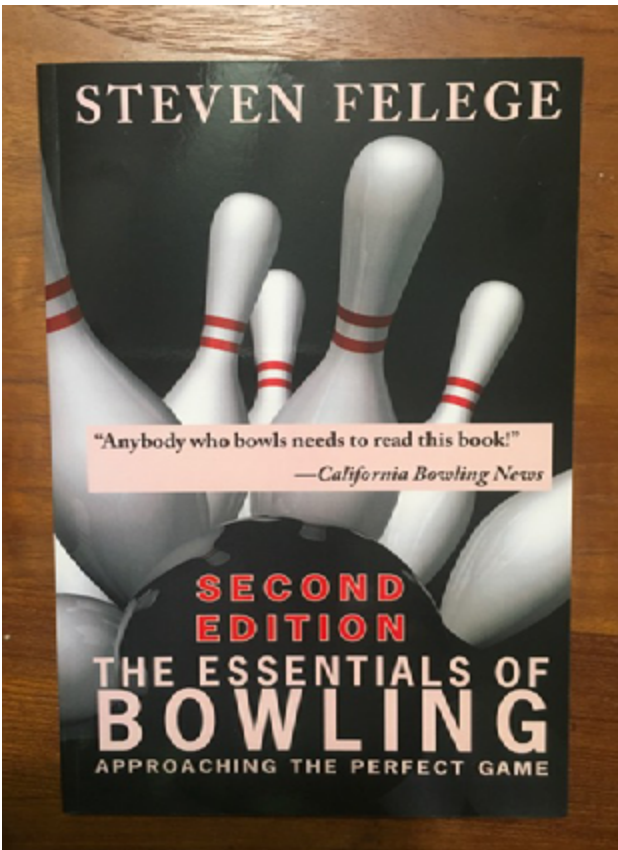
Semifinal: No. 1 Wichita State def. No. 4 Webber, 221-219
Semifinal: No. 3 SCAD-Savannah def. No. 2 St. Ambrose, 242-214
Championship (race to two points): No. 1 Wichita State def. No. 3 SCAD, 290-201, 231-159

To The Editor

I'm very proud that my husband and son Bobby Nakatani Sr and Bobby Nakatani Jr both bowled a 300 on the same night at Victor Bowl in victorville on Tuesday March 15th 2022 .

With one being a right hander and the other be a lefty. What an accomplishment this is and would love for them to get recognized for this accomplishment.

Betty Nakatani



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The Winter Block For THE INLAND EMPIRE LADIES CLUB is Completed

by Frank Weiler

REDLANDS – The Inland Empire Ladies Club Secretary, CARI BURRIS, reports that the winter block is complete. Lorri Scott takes first place with Margaret Vassar just over two Peterson Points behind.

Both Lorri Scott (209) and Margaret Vassar (201) averaged a deuce for the block with Vassar scoring the high scratch series (901) for the block. Lorri Scott's 280 game was the high scratch game.



Inland Empire Ladies Club Secretary - Cari Burris

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Name	Points	Average	Prize
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SUNDAY, APRIL 10 2022	2:00PM EDT	PBA Playoffs Round of 16	FS1
SATURDAY, APRIL 16 2022	1:00PM EDT	PBA Playoffs Round of 16	FS1
SUNDAY, APRIL 17 2022	6:00PM EDT	PBA Playoffs Round of 16	FS1
SUNDAY, APRIL 24 2022	12:00PM EDT	PBA Playoffs Quarterfinals	FS1
SUNDAY, MAY 1 2022	12:00PM EDT	PBA Playoffs Quarterfinals	FS1
SUNDAY, MAY 8 2022	12:00PM EDT	PBA Playoffs Semifinals	FS1
SUNDAY, MAY 15 2022	1:00PM EDT	PBA Playoffs Finals LIVE	FOX
WEDNESDAY, JULY 6 2022	8:00PM EDT	PBA League Anthony Division Finals LIVE	FS1
THURSDAY, JULY 7 2022	8:00PM EDT	PBA League Carter Division Finals LIVE	FS1
SUNDAY, JULY 10 2022	1:00PM EDT	PBA League Elias Cup Finals LIVE	FS1
SATURDAY, JULY 16 2022	1:00PM EDT	PBA League Strike Derby LIVE	FS1
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ARE THIRD PLACE TEAMS BETTER POSITIONED TO LEAP UP STANDINGS?

by Jonathan Garza

DOWNEY, Calif. -- Here we are at Week 5 of Round 4 in the 2021-22 Brunswick Invitational. Taking the top dogs (Forever Hope Foundation) out of the equation, it's looking like a few teams have a real shot at the round. Could a strategy to get the round be to stay away from the main event and a guaranteed matchup with arguably one of the best teams in the history of this league to date? It's Threadworks' turn thanks to total pins. Family Ties may not mind this one bit. Let's get to the lanes and find out.

Team Hu\$tle (6) vs. TDI Refrigeration (3)

TDI Refrigeration kept things close in Game 1, but it was all Team Hu\$tle all night in a 174-pin sweep. Jamie Carrington led the way for Team Hu\$tle with a 594 as Team Hu\$tle jumps up to 11 points for the round. TDI Refrigeration had two subs for the matchup on the night, and one of them, Michael Barnett, led the way for the team with a 588.

WBPI (7) vs. Professional Approach Pro Shop (7)

The blowouts continued, as Professional Approach Pro Shop swept away WBPI for five points in a 224-point series win. John Struckman had an OK start with a 177 game in Game 1 before going off for 243 and 268 for a 688 series for the night. Professional Approach Pro Shop went to 12 points with the sweep. Neema Khazaie shot a 578 to lead the way for WBPI.

Cal Bowl \$\$\$ (8) vs. Forest Lanes (7)

Three matchups, three sweeps. This time it was Forest Lanes' turn to get five points. This one was not close as Forest Lanes defeated Cal Bowl by a whopping 438 pins. Chris Oakes led the league with a stellar 734 series for Forest Lanes. Forest Lanes goes to 12 points for the round. Leonard Ruiz, Jr. led Cal Bowl with a 653 series.

Bowlm \$\$\$ (9) vs. Westminster Lanes (9)

Here's some competition for you. Game 1 was a close one, and it went to Westminster Lanes, 728-715. Westminster Lanes was led by Jamie Ferry's 229 game. Billy Myers, Jr. countered with a 218 for Bowlm, the league's second round winner. Momentum completely shifted in Game 2, though, as David Schiada broke out for a 246 game, and Bowlm would pull out an 851-745 win and 93-pin lead in totals. Ray Minter provided a 210 game for Westminster Lanes. Game 3 was close once more, and Jonathan Gale put his team on his back, leading the way with a 209 game in a 747-736 win for Westminster Lanes. Arnold Cheesman shot 214 to lead Bowlm in Game 3. Bowlm would hold on for an 82-pin win in totals to grab three points and jump to 12 for the round, led by Myers' 606 series. Westminster Lanes grabbed two points to go to 11 points for the round. Gale led the way for Westminster Lanes with a 581 series.

US Foods (10) vs. California Timberline (9.5)

Gabriel Martinez led a very consistent US Foods effort in Game 1 with a 204 game in an 801-710 win over California Timberline. Ramiro Garcia led the way for California Timberline with a 203 game. Game 2 was a little closer, and Will Hinckley's 213 game helped California Timberline even the series at a point apiece with a 790-777 win. Paul Barraco

was the leader for US Foods with a 213 game. US Foods still held the totals lead by 78 pins. Enter Game 3, and Martinez went off, shooting a 290 game for a nice 875-795 win for US Foods. Martinez led his team with a 687 series and four points for the night. US Foods goes to 14 points heading into next week. Garcia led California Timberline with a 616 series. California Timberline goes to 10.5 points for the round.

Junior Amateur Tour (12) vs. DV8 (12)

Can you say sweep again? Sure, why not? These games were close, but Junior Amateur Tour combined three wins for a 93-pin totals victory over DV8. Leading the way for Junior Amateur Tour was Anthony Santos with a 677 set. Junior Amateur Tour jumps up to 17 points for the round. Joe Jimenez, subbing for DV8, led the way for his team with a 603 series.

Family Ties (15) vs. Bowling Guys (12.5)

Back to the open of the article, and you'd think Family Ties would be happy to stay out of the week's main event, right? Bowling Guys had something to say about that. Game 1, bam, Bowling Guys win! A five-pin win for Bowling Guys, led by Ricardo Mendoza's 210 game. Vince Duarte hung tough for Family Ties with a 209 game. Then Family Ties bonded together and unleashed at will in Game 2, shooting 896 and winning by 138 pins. Ouch! Duarte led the way with a 246. Bobby Campagnale shot 226 for Bowling Guys. Game 3 continued the momentum for Family Ties in an 812-738 win. Mikey Villarreal shot 244 to lead the way for Family Ties. Austin Sugarman's 224 was the high score for Bowling Guys. Duarte helped Family Ties get four points and jump to 19 points for the round with his 677 series. Campagnale was high man with a 614 series for Bowling Guys. Bowling Guys goes to 13.5 for the round.

Main Event: Forever Hope Foundation \$ (18) vs. Threadworks (15)

After each week of the Brunswick Invitational you have access to a written recap, and a few posts on Facebook talking about the week that was. Part of the experience in 2022 has been the preparation to play the team that enters play with a 19-game lead in overall wins for the season. Do you fight tough and take it to Forever Hope Foundation? Or do you flounder?

In Game 1, Threadworks fought hard, or did Forever Hope Foundation beat itself? It was a 779-692 win for Threadworks and a good start for Kevin Jones and crew. Jones led his team with a 209 game. Vernon Adams led Forever Hope Foundation with a 184 game. Then the floundering began, but also the drubbing by the leaders of the league. Joe Smith shot a nice 300 game, and Forever Hope Foundation easily won with an 849-712 win. Eric Snow countered with a 220 game. Game 3 was close, and totals was only 50 pins in Forever Hope Foundation's favor. Smith shot a 223 game to help Forever Hope Foundation pull out an 816-794 win and totals win. Snow shot 226 to pace Threadworks. Smith's night finished off with a team-leading 685 set. Forever Hope Foundation jumps up to 22

TOP 10 TEAMS ROUND 4			
Forever Hope Foundation\$ 22	Bowling Guys	13.5	
Family Ties	19	Forest Lanes	12
Junior Amateur Tour . .	17	Bowlm \$\$\$	12
Threadworks	15	DV8.	12
US Foods.	14	Professional Approach .	12

TOP 10 THIS WEEK			
Chris Oakes.	734	Vince Duarte	677
John Struckman	680	JT Diso.	661
Gabriel Martinez	687	Leonard Ruiz Jr.	653
Joe Smith	685	Eric Snow	642
Anthony Santos	677	Mikey Villarreal	636

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points for the round and 104 points overall. Wow. Snow was the leader for Threadworks with a 642 set. Threadworks goes to 16 points for the round.

Sidepots

The first game sidepot was won by Leonard Ruiz, Jr. with a 245. He won \$42. Taking second place was Ricardo Mendoza with a 210, paying him \$21.

Game 2 went to Joe Smith with his perfect 300, good for \$42. Second place was won by Anthony Santos. He shot 269 and received \$21.

In the final game, Gabriel Martinez took home \$126 for his 290 game. Mikey Villarreal's 244 score earned him \$63.

The Financial Advisors Pot went to Joe Smith for his 300 game, which was worth \$160. Anthony Santos earned \$70 for his 269 game.

Top 3 Bowlers for Week 5

Your leading scorers for the night were:
Chris Oakes (Forest Lanes) - 734
John Struckman (Professional Approach Pro Shop) - 688
Gabriel Martinez (US Foods) - 687

A perfect game by a member of what appears to possibly be the perfect team. We still have some time left in Round 4, and it's looking like it could be a three-team race for the round. But Family Ties has to take it to Forever Hope Foundation or else Junior Amateur Tour or Threadworks could leverage themselves into a position to leapfrog them with a strong week.

It's fun reading about it, but it's even better actually seeing the action for yourself. There's one way to do that – showing up to Del Rio Lanes in Downey, Calif. on a Monday night at 8 p.m. to watch the finest bowlers in Southern California.

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