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MALDONADO, JOHNSON ADVANCE AT KIA PBA PLAYOFFS

by Jill Winters

LAKE WALES, Florida - With the top overall seed Jason Belmonte already knocked out of the 2022 Kia PBA Playoffs, No. 2 Anthony Simonsen took to the lanes inside the Kegel Training Center against No. 15 Maldonado.

Simonsen had a three-pin advantage through three frames in game one but then in the fourth frame Maldonado experienced a medical scare after delivering his first shot.

"Right as I was about to release it something locked

up on my right lower back, which is why it didn't hook at all," Maldonado said about leaving the 1-2-4. "My mobility was limited. I felt like if I did move, I had to go slow."

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SVENSSON, JONES MOVE FORWARD AT KIA PBA PLAYOFFS

by Jill Winters

LAKE WALES, Florida - Another top-seeded player falls in the first round of the 2022 Kia PBA Playoffs.

Two powerful players seeking to advance into the quarterfinals were No. 3 EJ Tackett against No. Jesper Svensson.

This match was filled with new bowling pins being demolished inside the Kegel Training Center. Svensson never missed the pocket throwing nine strikes in the opening showdown against Tackett's eight strikes, as the

lefty earned the 258-223 win.

"The way the pins fall in this place helped me out that first game on some of my off hits," Svensson said about his pin reaction in game one.

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PBA50 TOUR COVERAGE MOVES TO BOWLTV FOR 2022 SEASON

by Aaron Smith

ARLINGTON, Texas - The Professional Bowlers Association and United States Bowling Congress have agreed on terms to offer exclusive livestreaming coverage of the 2022 PBA50 Tour season on BowlTV.

The agreement will include coverage of every PBA50 event of the season, starting with the PBA50 Lightning Strikes Lanes Open, which gets underway Tuesday, April 19, and concluding at the PBA60 Tristan's T.A.P.S. Memorial on Aug. 22.

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– STONEY “Money” BAKER –
“Mr. Money” is a “Money Bowler”

by Frank Weiler

Stoney Baker bowls his best when money is on the line. He is a **“MONEY BOWLER”**. He has won many tournaments and is the All-Time Men’s Club Champion. He is the only bowler to win titles in all three Men’s Clubs of the Inland Empire.



Because Stoney is a Money Bowler my nickname for him is “**Mr. MONEY**” or “**MONEY**” for short. If we were in old **TRANSYLVANIA** he might be “**MR. MOOLA**” where I’ve heard they speak of “Moola” as a form of monetary exchange. When you win on a regular basis what else would be a more proper nickname then “Money”. Some might say “Boss”, some “Champ” and others “Goldie” but I think “Money” is most appropriate when speaking of Stoney Baker and his winning ways on the lanes.

Now I know why Stoney's favorite color is green. **"THE COLOR OF MONEY IS GREEN"**. Green, green, green! Money, money, money! I wonder if Stoney is Irish or has a leprechaun in his family?

Whatever Stoney's secret to bowling success, it surely involves more than winning and more than money. It is all about people. Stoney is a people person and enjoys bowling most because of the friendships made and the friendships maintained for years and some for a lifetime. He has been bowling for three decades now, starting when his former wife coaxed him into joining a league with her. Since then Stoney has made and maintained a cadre of bowling buddies all of whom love bowling and love competing. Bowlers know that bowling buddies are the best buddies in the world.

Stoney's first league was at Friendly Hills Lanes in Buena Park, California. It was a nice place to bowl, a friendly place, a place that would make a bowler want to stay a bowler for life. That's what Friendly Hills Lanes did for Stoney Baker. It made him into a bowler for life.

Currently Stoney rolls out of **EMPIRE BOWL** in Redlands, California. He likes it there because of the competition. Most of the houses in the Inland Empire have closed so all the good bowlers in the area are now competing at Empire Bowl. Stoney loves **besting the best**. Beating the best means money in Stoney's pocket.

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As I wrote earlier, Stoney Baker is a friendly guy. His engaging personality is one of his secrets for success. He is always about the lanes greeting everyone with big smile and a firm handshake. He says the best part of bowling is meeting new friends and having fun with old friends. That explains why Norm Duke is Stoney's favorite professional bowler. Duke is very friendly and fun to be around. Norm's friendliness doesn't detract from his ability to succeed on the PBA Tour. In fact, according to many psychologists, it improves his ability to succeed on the lanes. The same can be said for Stoney Baker.

When someone is all about people, all about having fun and making others feel good they have to be a comedy fan. Stoney loves comedy and loves watching comedy on television. His favorite show is **I LOVE LUCY**. Has there ever been any television show funnier than “I love Lucy”? Stoney says no.

While Stoney is a big comedy fan it doesn't prevent him from also admiring our American superheroes. One of his favorites is **SYLVESTER STALLONE** as Rambo. According to Stoney, Rambo saved America and all of us on numerous occasions. On the home front, Stoney favors Dirty Harry, played by **CLINT EASTWOOD**. The cop who cleaned up San Francisco. Dirty Harry was a tough guy who played fair but hard. A guy to be reckoned with. Stoney's heroes are real men, real heroes and real Americans. That's because Stoney Baker the bowler is also "**A REAL MAN AND A REAL AMERICAN**"!

Stoney made it clear that he will always be grateful to **DANIEL LORENTZ** for helping him to become a good bowler. My thanks to Stoney Baker for being a great friend and inspiration.



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by Dave Williams

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this pain before dealing with back issues over the years, but this time the discomfort didn’t dissipate quickly and it lingered, leaving him concerned his back was going to go out and he wouldn’t be able to finish the match.

During the commercial break he got advice from tour roommate Tom Daugherty who was on-site and has experienced similar back issues. Daugherty encouraged him to sit differently in the chair or to stand up and tried to reassure Maldonado his back wouldn’t give out.

“It shut my ball speed down a lot, and I think it benefitted me,” he said. “To hurt my back on TV and have to pull out on TV, that would have been terrible for me. I would have been devastated.” Maldonado took game one, 204-192, and dominated game two starting out with nine straight strikes before leaving a 2-pin. If Maldonado had shot 300, he would have earned \$10,000 from the PBA. He swept Simonsen, 267-174.

“I was still going for the \$10,000 saying, ‘Come on, old man,’” Maldonado told himself. “The fact that I was able to finish and perform was pretty incredible for me.”

After upsetting Simonsen, Maldonado said his plan is to visit a sports doctor when he returns home to Texas to find out what is really going on with his back, so he doesn’t have to “keep going on this rollercoaster of pain and emotion.” For now as he advances to the quarterfinals, he is going to use muscle relaxers and try to visit a chiropractor for a temporary fix to get him through the tournament.

The second match of the day featured No. 7 Jakob Butturff against No. 10 AJ Johnson. Butturff started with a four-bagger to take an early lead before his Team USA teammate closed out the game with nine consecutive strikes as Johnson earned the win, 270-232.

Johnson decided to switch to a Motiv Venom Shock in the first frame of game two, leaving a 3-pin and quickly changed back to the Motiv Jackal Ghost he used in game one. Johnson had a few double dribbles on the left lane holding a two-pin lead through four frames. The righty then rolled a five-bagger for the 245-224 win.

“On the left lane I had to make sure my speed was a little softer and that I got it going to the right so I would get around the urethane traffic from the match before,” Johnson said about dealing with the lane transition. “When you are bowling on something like this you want to be aggressive and play as close to your ‘A’ game as possible.”

This was Johnson’s first time bowling at the Kegel Training Center, which is home to Webber International. Johnson thrived on the energy from the contingent of collegiate bowlers in the crowd.

“The college kids love to bring energy and I love to bring it when I am on TV,” the former McKendree University bowler said. “It makes me feel more comfortable out there and allowed me to throw some really great shots.”

Johnson, who is seeking his first career PBA Tour title, will face Maldonado at noon ET May 1 on Fox Sports’ FS1 in the quarterfinals.

The winner of the Kia PBA Playoffs will earn \$100,000 and a PBA Tour title.

MATCH SCORES
Match 1 – Maldonado def. Simonsen 204-192, 267-174
Match 2 – Johnson def. Butturff 270-232, 245-224



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Tackett knew he needed to strike more in game two, so he relied on his Motiv Ripcord, while Svensson stayed with his Storm Pitch Black urethane. Svensson led by 17 halfway through the match before Tackett finished with seven straight strikes for the 242-227 win to force extra frames.

In the 9th and 10th frame roll-off, Svensson struggled to carry, leaving three single-pins for a score of 38. Tackett rolled a strike and needed a mark to advance, but instead left the 2-4-6-10 split, which he failed to convert.

“I am still glad I won but it is a little rough when you win by somebody else’s mistake,” Svensson said. “You would love to just go up there and throw the shots you need to win. You know that is bowling and I will take it. I was on the right side this time.”

The final match of the Round of 16 on the right side of the tournament bracket featured No. 6 Tommy Jones against No. 11 Kyle Sherman.

Over the first four frames in game one, Sherman had two opens while Jones had one. Both players then seemed to settle in as Jones went on to win 237-198.

“Not bowling on the fresh (oil) it seemed safer to play to the right with urethane as opposed to getting into the middle where there was a little bit a traffic from EJ,” Jones said about the lane conditions following Tackett. “I got away with a couple of shots. He (Sherman) didn’t have a great reaction the first game.”

Jones kept using his reliable Brunswick Purple Hammer to start out with a four-bagger in game two holding a 19-pin lead halfway through. Sherman trimmed his deficit to three pins heading into the foundation frame.

Sherman’s shot went wide right leaving the 1-2-4, which he chopped. Jones posted a double and 8-spare over the final two frames for 233-221 to earn the sweep.

“I just got fortunate that he made a bad one in the ninth and I was able to get away with the win,” Jones said.

With a loud and supportive crowd inside the Kegel Training Center filled with bowlers from Webber International, Jones said they are the future of the game.

“We want to keep them passionate about the sport of bowling,” Jones said about the collegiate players in the audience. “Anything we can do to pay it forward to keep them engaged and want to continue this and maybe do this one day and get the chance to bowl on TV and see how much fun that is.”

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MATCH SCORES
Match 1 - Svensson def. Tackett 258-223, 227-242, roll-off 38-24
Match 2 – Jones def. Sherman 237-198, 233-221



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– Joseph L. Miles –

by: Jonathan Garza with contribution from Flora Miles and Papa Joe’s friends and family

Joseph LeVan Miles was born on December 22, 1945, in Queen City, Texas to Mary Hannah Mae Miles and James Robinson. As a young child, he lived with his mother and grandparents, Alvie and Sam Miles, Sr., in Odessa, Louisiana. His mother would later move to California and at age five, he and his grandparents also relocated to California. Joseph spent his youth living between his grandparents’ house and with his parents, Mary Hannah Mae Martin and Miller B. Martin, Sr., and three siblings, Irene, Miller, and Albert, who resided on 62nd St. in South Los Angeles.

Many bowlers came to know and love their time around the man known as “Papa Joe,” who was always ready to share his wealth of wisdom with you, and help any bowler take their game to the next level.

Papa Joe was more than just a bowler and a friend, though; he was a family man as well. His wife’s name is Flora. They had one daughter named Kellye, one granddaughter named Vanniese and three great grandchildren: VaNae, Terrell Joseph and Vanessa.

Some of Papa Joe’s favorite bowling centers included Del Rio Lanes and Keystone Lanes. He was a proud member of the Del Rio Tournament Club (DTC) for many years. Some leagues he participated in included the Baker League and Paint League.

Still, there was more to Papa Joe than just bowling.

Joseph was educated in the Los Angeles Unified School District and loved playing baseball. He attended Miramonte Elementary School, Edison Junior High School, and Fremont High School, where he graduated and received his Industrial Arts Certificate in Woodshop in 1964. In school, he was smooth, down to earth, and gained the nickname, “Smiley” because he was always smiling.



“Papa” Joe Miles

Did you know that he was a fine catcher back in the 70s? He was a great baseball player, playing for Millie’s Tigers alongside his brother Miller and cousin Charles Miles at Slauson Park in Los Angeles.

Together with his brother Miller, Papa Joe created a sports club, where they played baseball, football and track and field.

Around 1974, Papa Joe and Miller volunteered to be a coach for basketball and baseball teams at Bethune Park in Los Angeles.

Bowlers, you can see why coaching was always in Papa Joe’s blood. He knew how to pass along skills and information to those who were willing to receive it and nurture their game.

Papa Joe was also a business owner. At one point in time, he owned a “You Buy, We Fry” style fish market called S&S.

A lover of music, he also once owned a record shop on 111th and Figueroa.

In 2013, he helped to form a DJ service called KJ’s United. It helped him to share his love for music with anybody who came around him. He set the ambiance for any crowd he led – picking music selections from every genre. He was the DJ at most family gatherings and participated at The Taste of Soul and the Los Angeles County Fair. He spent hours listening to all types of music and music groups on his computer.

Papa Joe shined off the bowling lanes, but the knowledge he passed onto other bowlers was not unmerited. Papa Joe shot eight 300 games, last shooting one on April 4, 2011. He had one 299 ring and five 11-in-a-row plaques.

He earned the nickname “Papa” while on camping trips. The name was fitting, and it stuck to him, and it spread from the various music venues he performed at and onto the bowling centers.

Camping was a big passion of his. He loved to be with the children and groups of individuals with boats that could be launched into the Colorado River. He provided rides for the children that were on the camping trips.

Joseph got to embark on many cruises, which allowed him to interact with individuals from all walks of life and of many different age groups.

Joseph Miles was a man who loved staying busy by camping, bowling, cruising, performing karaoke, eating foods he enjoyed, being an entrepreneur and working on other jobs.

Among his favorite foods were BBQ, rice, greens, peas, cornbread, fried oysters, buffalo fish, Mexican food, Chinese food, smothered turkey wings, steak and lobster, peach cobbler, sweet potato pie and Diet Coke.

He had quite the car collection as well, which included: an Avalanche, two Suburbans (white and blue), a Cadillac and a Monte Carlo.

Some jobs Joseph held throughout his life included working as a service station attendant, customer service representative, carpet mill worker, salesperson at AutoZone and as a staff member of Barbour and Floyd Medical Associates.

We will miss you, Papa Joe. You truly were one of a kind. Your lessons will live on forever. Thank you for everything.

Mr. Garza,

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Thank you,
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AT 8-2, U.S. FOODS HAS SET UP AN EXCITING BATTLE ON THE TOP PAIR NEXT WEEK

by Mike Cammerata

DOWNEY — In the final round of the Brunswick Invitational, it is the final chance for teams to lock in a spot for the playoffs that will be starting in a few short weeks. While the round winners battle each other for seeding, the remaining take the lanes in a round featuring all of the patterns from the season in play. On this Monday, the league would bowl on the third round long oil pattern.

Last week, three teams got off to 5-0 starts for the round. Two of those teams, Forest Lanes and the Professional Approach would do battle on the first pair of lanes. Forest Lanes used a 208 game from JT Diso to take an early 1-0 lead, 735-637. The middle game was a little closer, but Jon Diso came up big for Forest, posting a 229 game leading Forest to another victory. A new leader in game three led to the same result, as Tony Brunning topped the pair with 214 giving Forest Lanes a five game sweep and a 10-0 start to the round. Jon Diso was the only bowler on the pair to break 600, shooting 601 for the night.

The other 5-0 team from the opening night was Bowling Guys, and they drew 4-1 U.S. Foods. A 236 game from Bobby Campagnale got the Bowling Guys off to a quick start, winning 740-711. Game two went to U.S. Foods, as Gabriel Martinez shot a 229 game to lead the team. After game two, the match was even at one game each and total pins was within eight pins with Bowling Guys having a slim lead. The match wouldn't end closely though as U.S. Foods pulled away in the final game. A 258 from Gabriel Martinez was certainly the difference and a 212 from Charlie Kinstler helped the cause. At 8-2, U.S. Foods will move to the top pair next week to take on Forest Lanes.

Threadworks improved to 8-2 for the final round with a 5-0 sweep of WBPI. WBPI was outmatched in this one from the jump, with Threadworks winning total pins by close to 400. Kevin Jones led all scorers with a 222/614 set.

Westminster Lanes and TDI Refrigeration squared off in the fourth match. Both teams started the round 2-3 and needed a big night to get back into contention. Westminster Lanes started quickly with a 50 pin win in the opening game. Jaime Ferry was the only bowler over 200 in the opener, shooting a 212. Game two was big for Westminster, as they won by over 120 pins, opening a commanding lead for total pins. Ray Minter topped the team with 203, while Jonathan Gale was right behind at 201. In the final game, Michael Barnett got locked in for TDI, shooting a 231 game. While that was enough to win the game for TDI, they were not able to make up the difference for totals. Westminster ended the night with four wins, improving to 6-4 for the round.

DV8 and J.A.T. did not get off to good starts last week and were need of wins on this night. DV8 has led the wild-card standings all season. And, while J.A.T. had been in contention, an 0-5 start last week did not help matters. This match was never close as J.A.T. started strong and never looked back. The 80 pin win in the opener was the closest game of the night as J.A.T. won all five games, getting back to even at 5-5. Anthony Santos was the top scorer, shooting a 234-209-202 for 645. At 1-9, DV8 will need to get will quickly as their wild card lead has been erased and they now are looking up at other teams.

On the final pair, Team Hu\$tle took four out of five from California Timberline in a very close match. Team Hu\$tle won the opener by 16 pins. Timberline evened the match at 1-1 with a 48 pin win in the middle game, as Will Hinckley shot a 210 game. Team Hu\$tle came back in the finale, posting a 58 pin win to take totals by 20. Jelly Gray led the final game with a 228 to top the pair with a 588 series.

For the round winners, it's a different story. Their spots in the playoffs are clinched, but total wins will determine the seeding. For the fifth round, they will battle it out to determine the order of bowling in the stepladder finals.

The Forever Hope Foundation is currently in the top spot and has a commanding lead. Family Ties is in 2nd and not giving up hope on catching the leaders. On Monday night, Family Ties closed the gap just a bit with a 4-1 win in the match. They took the opener by 50 pins, as Steve Gurrieri topped the pair with a 222 game. Forever Hope got even in the middle game, winning by 30 pins behind a 218 game from Vernon Adams. In the final game, Mikey Villarreal got going for Family Ties with a 224 game. That was enough to get the win and totals for Family Ties. Villarreal's 224 was enough to give him the lead for the pair as well, shooting 615.

Going into the night, Bowlum sat in the third position, while Cal Bowl had fourth. Nothing will change there, as Bowlum won the match 4-1. Bowlum took the first two games. Cal Bowl won the third and final game, but came up nine pins short for totals in a very tight battle. Billy Myers Jr. had the top score for Bowlum, shooting 210/591. Ramon Torres also had a 232/591 for Cal Bowl, but his team could only manage a single win. Bobby Campagnale took the first sidepot with a 236 game. Kevin Jones shot a 222 to earn runner up money. In the middle game, 234 was enough to get Anthony Santos paid, while Gabriel Martinez got second place money with 219. In the final game, a 269 for Joe Smith won the superpot for \$102. Gabriel Martinez was once again second, this time with a 258, for \$51.

TOP 10 TEAMS ROUND 5			
Forest Lanes	10	Westminster Lanes. . . .	6
Family Ties \$\$\$\$	8	Bowling Guys	6
US Foods.	8	Junior Amateur Tour . .	5
Bowlum \$\$	8	Professional Approach	5
Threadworks	8	Team Hu\$tle	4

TOP 10 THIS WEEK			
Gabriel Martinez	653	Kevin Jones	614
Joe Smith	652	Jon Diso	601
Anthony Santos	645	Vernon Adams	593
Bobby Campagnale	616	Billy Myers Jr.	591
Mikey Villarreal	615	Ramon Torres	591

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Anthony Santos also won the Financial Advisors Pot, as his 234 game was enough to earn him \$160. Ramon Torres got \$70 for second place with his 232.

The season is winding up quickly and each week gets a little more exciting. Next week the top pair will feature Forest Lanes against U.S. Foods. They will start the night as the top teams for the round and the wildcard position. Threadworks is right behind for the round. DV8 is right behind for the wildcard. For the round winners, Family Ties will once again try to close the gap between them and the Forever Hope Foundation. Come down to Del Rio Lanes to catch the action, beginning at 8pm. We hope to see you here.

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