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A New Place For Bowling Fans To Interact

by Lucas Wiseman

Bowling fans have a new place to discuss the sport and find news and information with the creation this week of the [Bowling Fans And Discussion](#) Facebook group.

Administered by FloBowling, fans will be free to discuss the sport, including any topic ranging from the PBA Tour to the USBC Open Championships to your local leagues and tournaments.

FloBowling will use its news-gathering resources to post exclusive updates, videos and photos in the group as well.

You can join the group by [clicking here](#). Feel free to invite your friends as well!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE CUSBC!

The California USBC Association Board of Directors met on 4/23/20 and have made the following decisions:

- **The CUSBC Annual Meeting and Convention** to be held in Fresno, CA for June 13-14 is canceled.
- **The Youth State Championships** to be held at Forest Lanes in July has been canceled.
- **The Diddy Watts Youth State Singles Tournament** June 27-28 & Aug 8-9 is canceled.
- **The Senior Singles Tournament** to be held Aug 20-23 in San Diego is canceled.
- **The CA State Singles Tournament** to be held Oct 17-18 in Yuba City is canceled.

The current plan is to re-schedule all of our 2020 events with the same centers in 2021 if possible.

Our top concern is the health and safety of our members and families. We thank you for your commitment to our organization, value your membership, and look forward to seeing everyone out on the lanes very soon.

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Well, it's quarantine day...



AGAIN.

BREAKPOINT - Bobby Campagnale BB & K's Scratch Tournaments

by Bette Addington, California Bowling Writers

If you live in the LA area and bowl, you must have heard the name Bobby Campagnale from someone who themselves are into tournament bowling. Campagnale, 35, lives in the San Bernardino/Riverside area (born in San Dimas) and bowled since he was 8 years old when he joined a youth league at Empire Bowl in Redlands. Since he has bowled "pretty much" the last 27 years straight except when he had to take off 22 days 4 years ago for a hand injury! His dedication to the sport shows through.

When asked what has kept him in the sport all these years, he said, "It's how much I love bowling. I really love tournaments and still like leagues too." With that, a person would have to have success on the lanes as well to keep them involved and Campagnale, although not snagging any PBA Regional titles, has other accomplishments worth noting like winning the Citrus Belt Masters at Arrowhead in Riverside/San Bernardino in 2014.

He also has (3) Cal Bowl Open wins with the most recent one in 2015 and won several 6, 8, & 10 Gamers. For his attempt at Regionals, a 3rd place finish was his highest. He has entered approximately (20) Regionals in his career which works out to about 3-5 per year. He has rolled a 300 at Regionals—one at Del Rosa (2011-12) and one at the Tony Reyes Memorial at 4th Street Bowl in San Jose (2018). To keep him in preparation for tournaments, Bobby bowled in three leagues this season. One of the three is a scratch league – Brunswick Invitational at Del Rio Lanes.

Bobby is a product who grew up with his late Dad, Bill and Mom, Cathy, who were both bowlers and they bowled all their life. Dad averaged around 185-190 and Mom 130-140. So, with his dedication to the sport, it was only

natural that he eventually got the bug to host tournaments about two-three years ago, "I bowl all these tournaments, let's run one!" He first got together with DeeRonn Booker to put on a Scratch 8 Gamer and it "just went from there." "I really enjoy doing it," said Bobby.

Campagnale's scratch tournaments then settled into tak-
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BB&K Crew

(l-r): Kaitlyn Cook, Bianca Warner & Bobby Campagnale

Bowlers Truly Say the Darndest Things

Here is Part 2 of my favorite bowling quotes through the years:

by Fred Eisenhammer

Rusty Bryant, on **Kelly Gold**, the longtime Golden Girl of the San Fernando Valley who drilled her first 800 series (820: 276-268-276) earlier this year in Las Vegas: "A wonderful series for a wonderful lady."

Karen Beeler, on husband **Jamie**, who survived three games in league play at AMF Woodlake Lanes in Woodland Hills despite suffering from excruciating kidney stones that forced Jamie into an emergency visit to the hospital that night: "Nothing keeps him from his bowling. Nothing."

Jerry Zerg, on his team's league name, "The Irritable Bowl Syndrome": "It was the most apt name we could get."

Siena Cawelti, on her love for the sport: "I live and breathe bowling and if I could eat a bowling ball, I would."

Former West Coast Senior Tour owner/director **Dick Sanders**, on how technology had cheapened bowling scores: "The perfect example is a 300 game in tournaments. No one knows he did it but the guy who shot it. Three-hundred games are so phony baloney, although it's still exciting for the guy who shot it for the first time. Everyone's a pro now. If you collect money in league at the end of the season, you're a pro."

Justin Adams, on bowling his first 300 game: "It was one of the coolest feelings. The last shots were gut-wrenching. I literally took a lap around the bowling alley."

Gail Marlis, on switching to her left hand after incurring an injury to her right (throwing) arm: "Not bowling is not an option."

Gail Marlis, again, on what bowling means to her: "Bowling is like my play date with my friends."

Randy Silverman, on watching the late, great Andy Varipapa perform a one-man, trick-shot exhibition at now-defunct Mission Hills Bowl long ago: "One thing that stands out in my mind is that he set up the 7-10 split with one pin (the 7) on one lane and another pin (the 10) on the lane to his right. He used two bowling balls, one in each



Kelly Gold

Jamie Beeler

hand, and he released the balls and they would cross each other. One ball would pick up the 7 pin on the lane he was on and the other would cross the lane and pick up the 10 pin. He was spectacular."

Theo Sojourn, on bowlers' resilience: "Heart attacks, strokes, it doesn't matter. People go back to bowl. It's just amazing that some people can get hurt and they have a chance in bowling to come back."

Sami Rice, calling her husband **Mike**'s mental outlook a factor in his 288 game in which he opened with 10 strikes: "He keeps bowling better each year. He's never bowled this well. He just doesn't take the game as seriously as he did in his 100-some years of bowling."

Temmy Walker, who sports a distinctive first name, on how she knows she's not the only Temmy around: "I know there is another one in L.A. because she got the [personalized] license plate that I wanted."

Bev Zietz, brushing off an incident in which she was sidelined from her league for three months after newbie **Barb Dasaro** inadvertently dropped a bowling ball on her toe: "Barb really knows how to take out the competition."

Hall-of-Fame bowler **Robin Romeo**, on her mother **Joan**
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USBC Will Not Delay Ban On Balance Holes

by Lucas Wiseman

Starting Aug. 1, any bowling ball with a balance hole or weight hole will not be permitted in USBC-certified competition and the governing body said it has no plans to extend the deadline.

USBC announced two years ago on April 24, 2018, that balance holes would be illegal starting Aug. 1, 2020, a date that will remain in place.

Despite the shutdown of the bowling industry caused by the coronavirus pandemic, USBC clearly feels there has been enough notice given to allow adequate time for players to have made adjustments to their equipment.

So what, exactly, does this mean for bowlers? It means if you have a bowling ball with a balance hole (typically drilled on the side and not used for gripping the ball), you cannot use it until that hole is plugged.

If they haven't already, players should take any balls with balance holes to their local pro shop (when they open again) and ask them to plug the hole to make the ball legal. It's generally an easy process but the ball may need to stay at the shop overnight for the plug to dry.

It should be noted, this rule is only in affect for leagues and tournaments that are certified by USBC or those uncertified events which recognize USBC rules.

FloBowling Senior Editor Lucas Wiseman traveled to Storm a few months ago to see what the impact would be of plugging one of his favorite balls that had a weight hole.

So why is USBC even banning balance holes? In a news release announcing the ban, USBC said: "Balance holes, also known as weight holes, are meant to correct static imbalance in bowling balls, but more recently have been used to change the design intent of balls."

To compensate for the loss of balance holes, USBC also changed the specification for static side, thumb or finger weight.

"By allowing bowling balls (for balls weighing more than 10 pounds) to have up to three ounces of static side, thumb and finger weight – which is up from one ounce – and up to three ounces of top weight, there no longer will be the need for a balance hole to correct static imbalance in the typical ball layout," USBC said in the news release.

FloBowling talked with PBA players AJ Johnson and Sean Rash about the topic and they don't expect the move will have an impact on the PBA Tour, which plans to implement the rule after the completion of the PBA Summer Tour on Sept. 1.

"I don't foresee it being a big deal with us," Johnson said. "The side of it I do see it playing a bigger part in is guys who bowl league at home and guys who bowl some amateur events here and there. A lot of guys use weight holes to help get the bowling balls to flare and to hook. I think it has more of an affect on them than it does us."

Rash said he thinks the balance hole ban will affect two-handed bowlers more than it will one-handed bowlers.

"I don't think it affects the traditional bowler as much as it will the two-handers," Rash said. "Two-handers use weight holes or balance holes for getting the ball to pick up sooner. Their rev rate is higher, their ball changes direction a lot more than a traditional type player and I think that will change the philosophy on how they lay out their equipment."

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Marin Math: Where 2 + 3 = 210!

by Tina Martin, CBW Treasurer

Procrastination is my only excuse! I have been going to sit down and write my thoughts about the 2019 State Champs in Oroville ever since we bowled there. Now seems to be a good time since all our bowling centers are still closed. What really draws us to participate in the annual California State Championships? This year we had all planned our annual bowling trip to go down south to Forest Lanes at Lake Forest and had to cancel all our plans and stay home due to COVID-19.

In Marin, we are now a one center association of under 500 bowlers. We have always been proud of our participation of all the tournaments and fundraisers that bowling has to offer. Back in the California WBA days, Marin won the award for several years for the Association sending the most entries by percentage of bowlers to Women's State tournament. Yep, it is also a social thing seeing our friends achieve awards and bowling their first 200, 500, 600...even hoping that we might "cash".

A tradition from long before the merger, the guys have gone to State the first weekend of June, while the gals go on women's weekend usually the first weekend of May.

The first weekend of May in 2019 as our gals came to the Tyme to Bowl lanes, we were greeted by House Manager, Larry Campbell, CUSBC President Kathy Bruegeman and our own Association Manager Jennie Simpson and other State and Local bowlers working the event. You know all the formalities of sign in, team picture taken, get in Brackets, listen to the rules of tourney and then presentations before bowling Team event.

That weekend, we had three from our group that were honored: **Sue Reese** was presented with 45 years Participation, **Tina Martin** 40 Years and **Carolyn Sabaca** 35 years. Let's hear it for the gals... not only have they been bowling together for over 35 years but together added up to 120 years. All have been active in Marin Associations since before we help the guys host the State Bowling Association tournament in Marin in the year 1987. Sue and Tina have both been Presidents of MCWBA and all currently serve on the MCUSBC Board.

Next came the first weekend of June when two guys that have spent many years at lots of Centers promoting our sport and working the tournaments were awarded their plaques. **Al Hoffmann**, Past President of CUSBC, received his 50 years of Participation Plaque and **Peter Bekey**, Past California YABA President, received his plaque for 40 years Participation. Both Al and Peter are Past Presidents of Marin BA.

The year is now 2020, a year we will not forget. We spent the last several months making plans for all the tournaments only to be told we had to Shelter in Place by the Corona Virus (COVID-19) with our social life being canceled as we look forward to bowling these events with all our friends. We then head into the cancellation process mode with tournament, hotels, air lines, and vacation add-ons, some even planned their side trip to Vegas for Women's Nationals. Co-ordinating this group events is no easy task. This year was no exception. After the State Championships were canceled, it was talk to bowlers, refund their fees as no one knows what happens next.

So in 2019 it added up: with participation award presented to just 5 bowlers from Marin County USBC Association and Country Club Bowl: women 120 years, men 90 years for the total of 210 years! BOWLING is the common denominator that brings us together for both the competitive skills and socialization and WE will be back for State Champs in 2021!

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SPECIAL NOTICE: PLEASE CHECK WITH EACH EVENT IF YOU PLAN TO PARTICIPATE TO BE SURE THE CENTER IS OPEN FOR THE EVENT

MAY

– USBC Open Nationals, National Bowling Stadium, Reno, NV—POSTPONED to Sept. 12 – Nov. 21

– USBC Women's Nationals, SouthPoint, Las Vegas, NV—POSTPONED to Sept. 19 – Oct. 18, bowl.com

April 30 – Deadline to enter IBMA \$5,000 Chuck Pezzano Media Scholarship, www.bowlingmedia.org

2-3 – CUSBC State Pepsi Youth Finals, Harley's Valley Bowl—CANCELED

7-10 – PWBA Sacramento Open, Steve Cook's Fireside Lanes—CANCELED

9 – Silver Foxes Tournament (10:30am check-in; bowl at 12 noon), Black Oak Lanes, Sonora, 559/381-0356

9-10 – 2020 RecruitUS Collegiate Bowling Showcase, Sterling Heights, MI, lineuptournaments.com

13-19 – USBC Queen's, SouthPoint, Las Vegas—POSTPONED INDEFINATELY

15-17 – PBA Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort, Gold Country Lanes, Sutter Creek, CA—POSTPONED TO FALL

22-24 – Xframe Memorial Event, Cal Bowl, Lakewood, 909/702-3369

23-24 – 22nd Hillman Memorial Scholarship Tournament, Cloverleaf Bowl, Fremont, 510/656-4411, cloverleafbowl.com—POSTPONED to Aug. 8-9

23-26 – PBA50 No. CA Classic, Harvest Park Bowl, Brentwood—POSTPONED TO FALL

24 – BB & K's Scratch 8 Gamer #2, 10am, Bowlium, Montclair, 909/450-9415

27-31 – USBC Super Senior Classic, Sam's Town, Las Vegas—POSTPONED UNTIL LATER THIS YEAR

28-30 – IBM 2020 9th XTravaganza Doubles Bowling Tournament, Red Rock Casino, Las Vegas—CANCELED

31 – San Joaquin Bowling Club Tournament, TBD, 559/385-8837

31-6/7 – USBC Senior Masters, Sam's Town, Las Vegas—POSTPONED INDEFINATELY

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ing place every 6-8 weeks, depending on what else was scheduled. Campagnale added, "These are real tournaments. I do not put out house shots. My next event (May 24) will be a Challenge pattern."

The Scratch 8 Gamers are now known as BB&K's which stands for the three running these events – Bobby Campagnale, Bianca Warner & Kaitlyn Cook. The three have found success working together to put these events on. Warner worked at a bowling center and Cook is an accomplished tournament bowler averaging 195-200. It's a good mix. These tournaments have been held exclusively at Bowlum Lanes in Montclair. The success of these tournaments does not change Bobby's way of running them as he said avidly, "I will not cap my tournaments." His last few have drawn anywhere from 42-47 entrants consistently.

High five from tournament participant Buddy Lucas added, "Having bowled many tournaments ran by many different tournament directors, I can say that BBK are some of the smoothest I've bowled. Bobby, Bianca and Kaitlyn pay close attention to detail when it comes to score accuracy and prompt payouts."

Sponsors play an important part to keep these events going and Bobby would like to acknowledge and thank Buddy's Bowling Supplies/Buddy Lucas (balls), CBT/Ramsey Basurto (for ball for this upcoming event), and Family Ties/Demetrius Reed (shirts & one-off jerseys). Without their involvement, the Scratch 8 Gamers would not be the success they are today.

These Coronavirus days, Bobby is anxiously awaiting returning to bowling as most of us are. Although he is not currently on staff with any ball companies, he says his ball of choice/go-to for the past 6-8 months is 900 Global. He currently has an arsenal of (16) balls. A normal bowling day for Campagnale is 8-10 hours at the bowling center (he used to work at Bowlum). Hopefully these normal bowling days will be back soon. Campagnale also has future goals to get out and bowl more PBA Regionals and national stops. But until then, make plans now for the upcoming BB&K's Scratch 8 Gamer #2, starting at 10am, at Bowlum in Montclair. For further information, contact Bobby Campagnale on Facebook or at 909/450-9415.

Bowlers Say The Darndest Things

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being named to the United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame in 2015 for meritorious service: "When I was on [Professional Women's Bowling Assn.] tour, she used to be called 'Robin Romeo's mother.' Now, I'm 'Joan Romeo's daughter.' She's not 'Robin Romeo's mother' anymore."

Kamie Katzarska, looking on the bright side after barely failing to break into triple figures during a league game: "Ninety-nine. That's almost 100."


Veteran bowler **Ken Borshell**, on his desire to bring more women bowlers into his league: "Damn tootin'. I'm not dead yet. When I get older, my eyes get younger."



Ken Borshell, again, on why he takes part in monthly card games with friends despite always losing: "I enjoy getting together . . . to hell with the money."

Ken Borshell, once again, on never getting stranded on the road through all the years that he's traveled to San Fernando Valley bowling centers from faraway places: "Drive cars that last and not American cars."

Carol Tucker, counting her blessings amid her retirement from teaching: "I feel like the luckiest person on Earth because I enjoyed my career so much and I was able to retire with enough money to buy bowling shoes, running shoes and frozen yogurt."



Geoff Gast, exulting about leading his league team to victory despite his relatively low average: "It was like I was being Shaq and Kobe and leading the way. I was being the Big Fella and the Big Man and bringing home the win."

Rick Auerbach, on elite bowler **Charles Kenny**: "He hits the pins so hard I told him that on my way home, I would look for some pins on Ventura Boulevard."

Hollywood icon **Susan Sarandon**, promoting her worldwide ping-pong social clubs while at the same time taking a paddle to bowling: "In ping-pong, you don't have to wear someone else's shoes."

First day at the beach after quarantine.



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There's No Precedent For What Happens To Bowling If Football Is Canceled

by Hunter Sharpless

If the college football season is canceled, what happens to college athletics?

Fans of wrestling, track, bowling, or one of the “other” sports may not think this matters much.

But it does matter — a lot.

College athletics is changing dramatically because of the coronavirus pandemic. Schools across the United States and all divisions of the NCAA are facing huge financial losses and institutional challenges, and the fallout is just beginning.

Right now, there are more questions than answers—and that’s OK, I think. After all, global pandemics don’t happen very often! The question about football, though, is ridiculously important for the livelihood of collegiate athletics.

I’m asking this question specifically with smaller (in terms of money) sports in mind: wrestling, track, bowling, gymnastics, volleyball, etc. These sports don’t generate the high-revenue figures that football does, so what would the ripple effect be if the biggest revenue driver in college sports suddenly disappeared?

Although bowling has a very segmented collegiate presence, there would still likely be an impact on some level. NCAA sanctions only women's bowling but other governing bodies also recognize bowling. There are also countless club teams, many self-funded that may be immune from such cuts.

College athletics, even at top Power 5 schools, is heavily subsidized

Before we can even begin to think about football’s cancellation, an important point: The vast, vast majority of athletic departments spend more money than they earn.

Another way to put it: The vast, vast majority of athletic departments are subsidized—either completely, mostly, or partially.

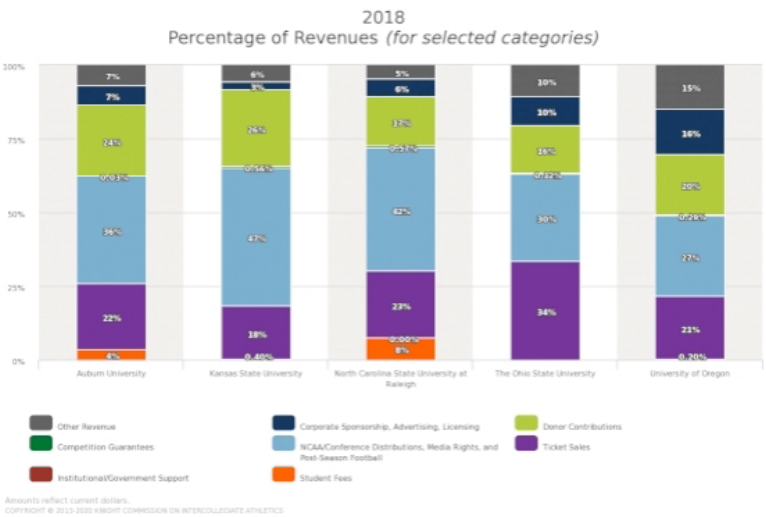
Even as someone who grew up loving college sports, that’s not something I feel like I really knew or understood.

In a 2004-2014 study, the NCAA [found](#) in the last year of that timespan “only 24 FBS schools generated more revenue than they spent.”

“There is still a misperception that most schools are generating more money than they spend on college athletics,” said NCAA CFO Kathleen McNeely about the study. “These data show once again that the truth is just the opposite. The overwhelming majority of colleges and universities in the NCAA across all three divisions subsidize part or all of athletics.”

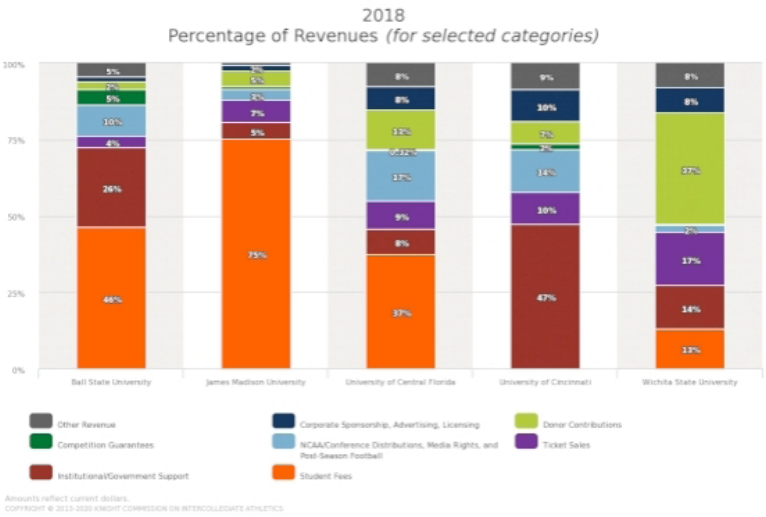
Part of the difficulty of writing about (or thinking about) college athletic departments is they’re all so different. Even placing them in groups is hard. Still, I think it’s a helpful way to think about them, so let’s start with the Power Five (schools in the ACC, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-12, and SEC).

Here’s a graphic that shows how five of these teams—Auburn, Kansas State, NC State, Ohio State, and Oregon—generate money.



This shows that three sources combined account for 68-91 percent of revenue: conference/media distributions (light blue), ticket sales (purple), and donors (green). For P5 schools, those three revenue sources are king, and without exception the sport that drives those three levers the most is football. (Even a “basketball school” like North Carolina gets more cash from football than men’s basketball, although the expense-to-revenue ratio is better for basketball.)

Outside of the P5, schools address athletics financially in wildly different ways. Let’s look at revenue streams from a few non-P5 schools: Ball State, James Madison, Central Florida, Cincinnati, and Wichita State.



That’s pretty interesting! James Madison funds a huge percentage of their athletics with student fees; Ball State and Central Florida take a big chunk from student fees (orange), too, but not a hefty majority. Wichita State boasts by far the biggest percentage from donors.

But the main point to me is the difference in where the money is coming from when compared to P5 schools. Schools outside the P5 are not raking in huge media distributions, and they don’t generate a big percentage of revenue from ticket sales.

Non-P5 schools do things very differently than P5 schools. It’s a basic but important point, because it means schools are going to address the financial losses in different ways if football is canceled, and see very different amounts of losses.

[In total revenue in 2017-18](#), these five non-P5 schools rank from 54th (Central Florida) to 113th (Ball State). The P5 schools in the first graph rank from third (Ohio State) to 50th (Kansas State).

The key takeaways?

- The overwhelming majority of NCAA schools, across all divisions, subsidize part or all of their athletic departments.**
- Schools generate revenue in wildly different ways, with P5 schools relying heavily on media distributions, donor bases, and ticket sales.**
- Football generates the most revenue of any sport in the Power Five, and it’s not even close.**

Schools are already reacting to impending financial losses

Well before a decision has been made on the college football season, schools are already bracing for impact and proactively cutting costs.

Coaches at Iowa State [temporarily forfeited](#) portions of their salaries. Wyoming athletic director Tom Burman [took a pay cut](#). Iowa isn’t cutting pay or furloughing through June 30, but Gary Barta, the Athletic Director, [expects pay cuts in the 2021 fiscal year](#). Wisconsin is [not seeking waivers](#) for seniors in spring sports to return next year. Old Dominion [cut its wrestling program](#) and at least mentioned the coronavirus.

FloWrestling’s Mark Bader caught up with former Old Dominion assistant coach Kevin Beazley to talk about the situation.

At first, Beazley thought he was losing his job because of “budget cuts.” Then he was told the entire program had to go.

The alumni felt if they had known earlier that the program was on the chopping block, they could’ve done more to raise funds.

Here’s the kicker.

“The number that [athletic director] Dr. Selig gave us was kind of outrageous,” Beazley said. “He said that we would need \$25 million endowed right now to save the program.”

Old Dominion said they were already thinking about cutting the program before the pandemic, but their statement mentioned the decision became “more clear” with the coronavirus.

Even if their decision wasn’t directly linked to COVID-19, all this immediately raises questions as other programs across the country are being evaluated for financial viability.

The obvious, but important point: Even with only the cancellation of March Madness and spring sports, the financial hit has been hard and is being addressed immediately. But the loss of college football would be an entirely different monster.

When we spoke to head softball coach Donna J. Papa of North Carolina, she told us their program had been asked by the athletic department to cancel a planned trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. This was basically the message: more buses, fewer planes.

“There’s such a domino effect,” Papa said, detailing all the ways she’s adapting to the new NCAA normal.

A lot of this hadn’t even crossed my mind: Recruiting is different, scheduling is different, taking care of current players is different, equipment is different.

Everything is different.

“How can we operate best on bare bones?” Papa asked.

“I feel like I’m going back to the ‘80s with my budget.”

All of this is an open-ended question

Even though the last five weeks have felt like five years, we’re in the early stages of dealing with this pandemic, and colleges are in the same boat.

Athletic departments are already taking significant measures to address the severe financial impact of COVID-19, and we haven’t even gotten to college football yet. Schools across the country are preparing models for a number of circumstances in the fall, but at the end of the day, nobody knows what the impact will be if we lose football.

One anonymous P5 athletic director summed up the bleakest possibility pretty succinctly: “We’re all effed,” he told Sports Illustrated. “There’s no other way to look at this, is there?”

If the financial system of college athletics implodes, these are the questions we’ll face: Do we need college sports? If we do need them, what will we do to save them?

We’ll continue to post articles, videos, interviews, and more about the state of NCAA in the age of the coronavirus in the coming weeks and months, because right now the fluidity of the situation demands it.

This isn’t the tip of the iceberg. This is a new planet.

If you have information or a story you want to share about college athletics in the time of coronavirus, especially from the perspective of non-revenue sports, contact Hunter Sharpless at hunter.sharpless@flosports.tv.

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Memories of Happier Times...

AMF ROCKET BOWL KEGLER WINS NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

by Dave Williams

While I was searching for information on the connection between Roy Rogers and AMF Rocket Bowl for a feature that appeared in the February 6th edition of the California Bowling News, I stumbled upon some articles and photos about another Rocket Bowl keglar by the name of Marvin Dennis, who won the Seagram’s Coolers Get Things Rolling Tournament during the 1986 Fall/Winter League Season.

The event, which was the first national bowling contest for AMF league members, pitted winners of eleven different regional roll-offs from throughout the United States, culminating in a finals competition at the newly constructed AMF Altamonte Lanes in Altamonte Springs, Fla., a suburb of Orlando. The event could not have taken place without the corporate sponsorships that we had garnered from Seagram’s Coolers, Pan American World Airways, Quality Inns and others.

Seagram’s Coolers used this tournament as a prelude to their four year involvement with the Bowling Proprietors Association of America (BPAA) U.S. Open events for both men and women. Pat Roney of Seagram’s often credited our success with their eventual decision to sponsor the men’s and women’s U.S. Open events. Their \$20,000 sponsorship of our league qualifying events each year included more than \$10,000 in added prize money, local advertising, and a host of in-center prizes and awards.

When I first met with Nigel Bramich of Pan American World Airways at their headquarters in Manhattan to advance this idea, he was reminded of the free flights that had been provided for the early James Bond movies (Dr. No, From Russia With Love, and Goldfinger); in which Pan Am received extensive “free” advertising of their planes taking off and landing whenever Sean Connery would venture to a different country, in return for complimentary flights for cast and crew. Similarly, all of the regional winners of our events received complimentary flights for themselves and a guest, in return for giant 30 foot indoor/outdoor banners profiling Pan Am at each of our centers.

Once the regional winners arrived in Altamonte Springs and were settled in their comped room at the nearby Quality Inn, our Southeast Regional Supervisor, Bob Robinson, took charge with free passes for all of the participants and guests to Disney World, Epcot, SeaWorld and other local attractions. Television station WFTV-9, the local ABC affiliate, was so impressed with the concept that they actually broadcast the event during the sports segments of the news, with a youthful Bob Opsahl, who recently retired after more than 30 years with the contemporary channel, assisting me with the play by play.



Wheelchair Bowler Wins Event

Marvin Dennis from AMF Rocket Bowl is interviewed by WFTV Announcer Bob Opsahl following victory in National Finals.

2nd issue of CBN we talked about Frank Esposito and the simplicity of arranging the set for a bowling telecast. Frank once remarked, “Bowling is the perfect sport for television, because it is in a controlled space and requires very little set up, and only two cameras!” What a great opportunity this could be for bowling following the COVID-19 pandemic and virtual shutdown of live sporting events.

What made the event even more meaningful was that Mr. Dennis, at that time a resident of Northridge, Calif., was a wheelchair bowler! Although I was not able to locate Marvin by press time, it appears that he is still alive, at age 97, and living in Reseda, according to Google Search. If anyone knows Mr. Dennis, please share this story with him...

Is Fox Sports or the PBA reading the California Bowling News? In the April



National Tournament Gets Underway

The Beautiful New AMF Altamonte Lanes was the scene for the National Finals of Things Get Rolling.

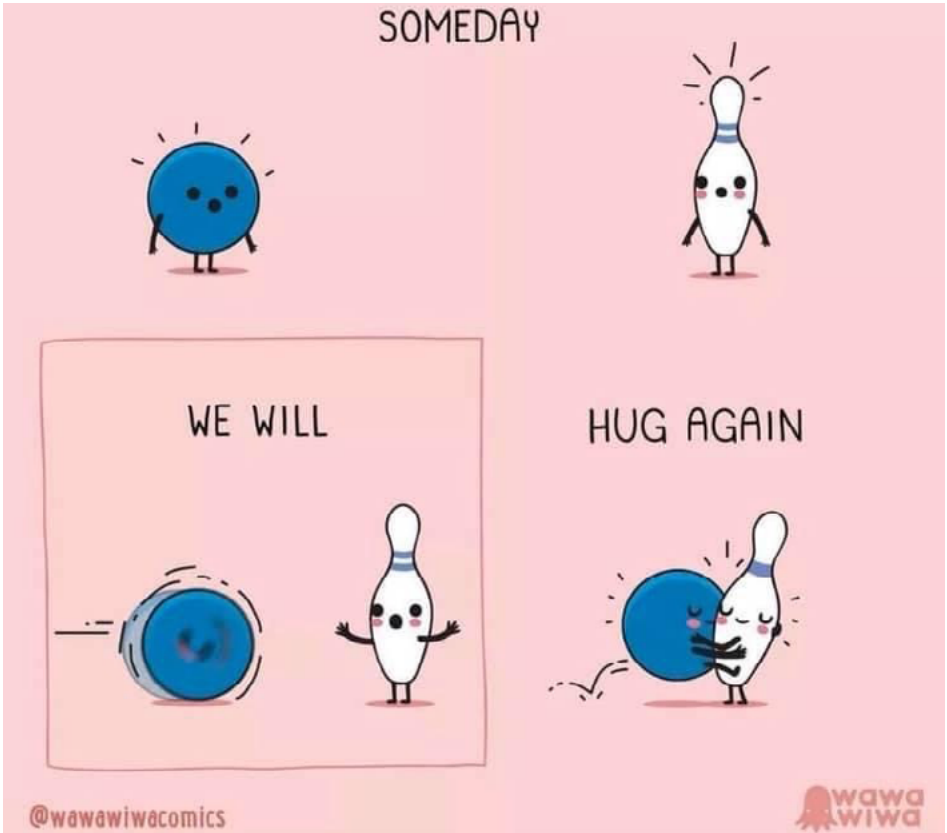
Since then we have seen a plethora of bowling telecasts on FS-1! On April 7th, there was ‘wall to wall’ coverage from 8AM until Midnight! Then on April 14th, there was non-stop action from 4PM until 10PM. One can only hope that this type of coverage continues for bowling and that both Fox and the PBA will tap into the controlled environment offered by taped “made for television” episodes of bowling. Social distancing? No problem!



Televised Finals of Get Things Rolling

(L-R) AMF'S Dave Williams reviews television script with WFTV cameraman while Bob Opsahl looks on.

BREAKING NEWS - Georgia Governor Brian Kemp announced plans to reopen gyms, hair salons and bowling establishments by April 24th, and restaurants will be allowed to reopen beginning April 27th. -Atlanta Journal Constitution, April 20, 2020. There’s hope on the horizon!



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TRE' MITCHELL BOWLS 300 Beats Covid-19 Pandemic

by Frank Weiler

REDLANDS – The Covid-19 Pandemic has ended the 2020 Juniors Winter season at EMPIRE BOWL. Tre' Mitchell beat the the pandemic by one week!

On Saturday March 7, just eight days prior to EMPIRE BOWL closing it's doors because of the Covid-19 quarantine, Tre' Mitchell rolled a certified perfect 300 game in the Juniors Winter League. Tre's series that Saturday was a solid 687 (213-174-300) and raised his league average to 203.

Tre's 203 average will surely place him on the TOP FIVE list of Citrus Belt junior bowlers for this season. A review of the Citrus Belt USBC Association Official Average Book for 2018-19 shows that a 203 average would place Tre' number 4 on last season's TOP FIVE Average List.

This season has been a breakthrough season for Tre' with him regularly bowling scores in the mid-650s. In the weeks prior to rolling his perfect game Tre' bowled scores of 684, 677 and 643. In January he rolled a 268 game as part of a 684 series.

Congratulations Tre' Mitchell. You have accomplished something very few junior bowlers accomplish. Also, a tip of the hat to EMPIRE BOWL'S Junior League coaching staff: Joseph De La Torre, Art Guzman, Bobby Lyons and Mike Raddeman.

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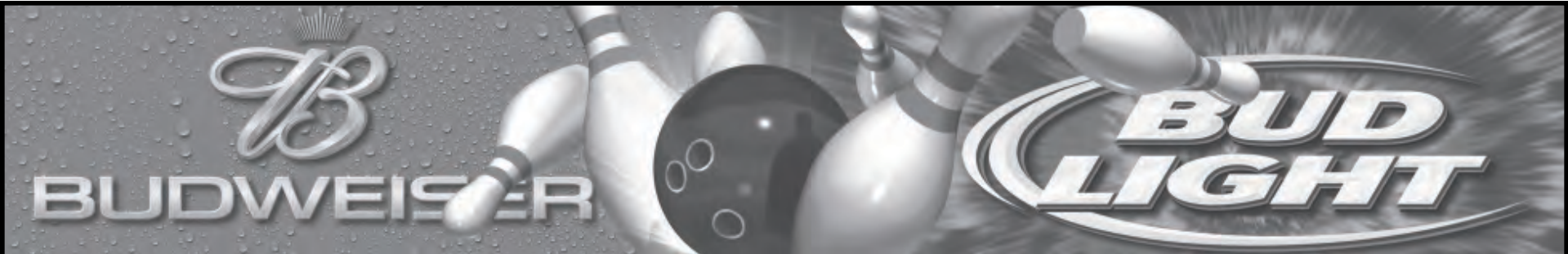
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Professional Approach Back on Top With 2 Weeks Left

by Randy Myers

DOWNEY — The Pro Approach vaulted to the top spot in Round 5 once again by sweeping past Team DV8 5-0 as Frank “Bad Ass” Barefoot Hammered his way to a fine 703 series, getting help from Jared Lawrence 609, while Brent Ilagan led DV8 with 581. Just one game back is Power House Video Games who managed a 4-1 win over last week’s leader Threadworks. Lee Liu continued his hot bowling with 256/669 to lead the winners, while Eric Snow 268/637 was tops for Threadworks. Pino’s Pizza remained in contention for the Round win by taking down Herzog Insurance 4 games to 1. Three of four bowlers cracked 600 for Pino’s, Justin Garza 613, Ramon Torres 609, and Leonard Ruiz Jr. 600 while nobody managed to crack 540 for Herzog.

American Harvest Vodka won 4-1 over Blizz Yogurt as Keith “Too Tall” Jones stretched his way to 615, while David Cogswell managed 525 to lead Blizz. It was Ladies First for Linder Insurance as Michelle Tran once again led the boys on this team, shooting 614 to pave the way for 4 points, as Linder defeated Alhambra Coin Center 4-1. George Gaucin was high scorer for Alhambra shooting 596. Matt Schermerhorn shot a very nice 671 to lead his team, Cook’s Bowling Supply to a 4-1 victory over Los Altos Trophies. Lost Altos was led by Gene and Buddy Lucas who shot 604 & 597 respectively.

The night’s top performance individually and team wise, came from Erickson Foods, who moved into the #1 seed position with a 5-0 sweep of Keystone Lanes who have held the top spot since Week 7. Jason Buenviaje found the carry that alluded him last week, and shot 263, 251, 227 for 741 to go with a trio of 600 sets, Bobby Campagnale 615, Keith Laing 611, and Brian Main 600, to overcome the strong efforts of Andre Rounds 642 & Herbert Jones 607 who were tops for Keystone Lanes. Erickson Foods topped the league with

a very impressive Team Total of 2567. These two will once again square off next week on the “Shark” pattern. Forest Lanes increased their chances of moving up the ladder as they managed to pull out close wins in Game 1 & 2, before blasting SYSCO out of the freezer that last game, shooting 908, the leagues High Team Game, and finished with 2424 for 2nd High Team Series. CASAMIGO’S Tequila didn’t have a bowler crack 600, but it didn’t matter as they still managed to sweep by Tifco Industries. Nobody figured out the pair, but at least a few managed to get a laugh from it. BOWLIUM also managed to take 5 points as they swept past GJC Services 5 & 0. Dave Kovach shot 635 to lead Bowlium, while Juan Zavala led GJC with 545. In our last match, it was Larry Campbell shooting 473 to lead J.A.T. to its lone win.

Sidepot winners were Game 1 Eric Snow 268 Game 2 Frank Barefoot 253 and 3rd Game Super Pot The Financial Advisor’s 2nd game pot went to Frank Barefoot 253 (\$240) just getting past the 247 game rolled by Doug Kempt. Game 3 Super Pot was taken down by the Man O’Lantern, Mason Sherman collecting the cash with 248. The True Anchor Award was again won by Barry Couch Jr. who followed up last week’s forgetful set, with another, shooting 388 for 3 games. Nice effort Barry, at least you won’t be dealing with that pattern for at least 8 months!!

With just two weeks to go, we have a new Round leader as The Pro Approach look to once again hold down 1st place, and the battle for #1 Overall Seed will also continue as Erickson Foods bowl Keystone Lanes for the 7th week in a row. There’s still time for another team to pull out the round, or for Keystone to regain the top spot, so come down and watch it unfold live at Del Rio in Downey, this Monday at 8pm. If you do, look for Bobby and our subs! Have a blessed week everyone!!

TOP 10 TEAMS ROUND 5

The Pro Approach	23	Sysco \$\$	17
Power House Video Games	22	American Harvest Vodka	17
Erickson Foods \$\$\$	21	Linder Insurance	16
Threadworks	20	DV8	16
Pino's Pizza	18	Casamigos Tequila	15

TOP 10 LAST WEEK

Jason Buenviaje	741	Jon Diso	644
Frank Barefoot	703	Andre Rounds	642
Mason Sherman	686	Eric Snow	637
Matt Schermerhorn	671	Dave Kovach	635
Lee Lui	669	Kevin Jones	615

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