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Brunswick® INVITATIONAL FOREVER HOPE FOUNDATION LEADS 1ST ROUND OF BRUNSWICK INVITATIONAL

**22-3 Record with Two Weeks Remaining
Three Games in Front of DV8**

by Mike Cammarata

DOWNEY – The Forever Hope Foundation entered Monday night with an 18-2 record through the first four weeks of the Brunswick Invitational. That record would be put to the test by team Threadworks, who were three games back and within striking distance of the lead.

The leading team at this point is represented by Joe Smith, Vernon Adams, Matt Murtishaw and Ramsey Basurto, all averaging over 220 in the early going of the season. Threadworks roster consists of Eric Snow, Ryan Cunningham, Paul Varela and Kevin Jones, and they have an impressive team average of 888 so far as well. In this match, Vince Duarte would be subbing for Threadworks in Paul Varela's spot.

Forever Hope Foundation came out striking in game one, and never stopped, shooting 1001. Threadworks had a big 950 of their own but could never close the gap. Ramsey Basurto led the team with 272. Joe Smith and Matt Murtishaw were both over 250. Ryan Cunningham shot 265 in defeat for Threadworks. In game #2, Forever Hope dropped to 930, but still managed a 41 pin victory. Kevin Jones of Threadworks led the pair with 269, but a steady team effort by his opponents secured the victory. In the final game, momentum swung to Threadworks, and for a bit it looked like they would not only get the win but could make up the difference in total pins. A late rally by Forever Hope secured totals, but Threadworks did the win in the finale, 889-843. Again, it was Kevin Jones topping the pair with 246 on his way to a 728 series. Joe Smith was the top bowler for series on the Forever Hope team, posting a 712 series.

On the second pair, DV8 took their 14-6 mark up against the 13-7 Forest Lanes team. The first game came down to a 10th frame battle of strikes, with DV8 coming out on top by a single pin, 942-941. Joe Jimenez led the team in the anchor spot, subbing for Jeff Carr, with a 253 game. Beyond that it was steady scoring for both, as everyone on the pair was 225 or higher. Game #2 was close again late, but a strong finish by DV8 sealed a 32 pin victory and a 2-0 lead in the match. Mike Cammarata topped the team with 259, while Tony Brunning led the pair in defeat with 264. Game #3 could have swung totals either way,

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CHRIS PAUL CP3 PBA CELEBRITY INVITATIONAL AIRS SUNDAY, OCT. 17 ON FOX

Athletes and entertainers compete alongside professional bowlers to benefit the Chris Paul Family Foundation

by Jef Goodger



PHOENIX, Ariz.—The 11th edition of the Chris Paul (CP3) PBA Celebrity Invitational features athletes, entertainers and professional bowlers competing on the lanes at Bowlero Gilbert to benefit the Chris Paul Family Foundation. The CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational will air at 2 p.m. ET or 4:30 p.m. ET on FOX Broadcast Channel, varying per market, before or after local NFL games.

Returning celebrities include host and Phoenix Suns star Chris Paul, who has won the CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational four times, and Pro Football Hall of Famer Terrell Owens, who is looking to reclaim the title he won in 2016. New to the event

and filling out the celebrity field are comedian and actor Hannibal Buress, EXTRA host and former Bachelorette star Rachel Lindsay and, stepping onto the lanes for the first time, Chris Paul's father, Charles Paul Sr.

The celebrities will be

competing alongside PBA Tour stars Sean Rash, Bill O'Neill, AJ Johnson, Darren Tang and Andrew Anderson as well as PWBA Tour star Gazmine "GG" Mason.

"I'm so grateful for everyone who has given up their time over the years,"

said Paul. "All of them always want the trophy, but I think (Rash and I) are going to win this year. It's always good to get out here and throw the ball a little bit."

The telecast will feature three events in a two-hour window starting with all continued on page 8

JACK BIONDOLILLO, THE ORIGINAL PBA TV 300 GAME BOWLER, PASSES AWAY AT 81

by Mark London

The original PBA TV 300 game bowler, Jack Biondolillo, died Saturday October 2, 2021 at the age of 81 from dementia with complicating kidney failure. A true Texas bowling legend, the native Houstonian is most famous for just one game, but what a game it was. Biondolillo rolled the very first live nationally televised 300 game in the opening match of the 1967 PBA Tournament of Champions defeating Les Schissler, 300-216, earning a \$10,000 bonus in front of

a reported 15 million viewers on ABC-TV.

Two PBA titles, a National Doubles win with USBC Hall of Famer Don Ellis, and an October 1971 Japan Gold Cup were among his biggest wins. There was also time as a pro shop and center manager at various Houston area bowling centers, and as an analyst for a Houston television bowling show with former ABC Sports commentator Dan Lovett.

In an April 2017 Bowl-

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“A force to be reckoned with.”

That's how bowling proprietor and BVL Board member Lisa Ciniello recalls industry icon Elaine Hagin, the former longtime BVL Board chair who passed away this week at age 92. "She was very dedicated to BVL and a force to be reckoned with," said Ciniello.

Hagin was certainly a force . . . and much more. For decades, she was a game-changer in the bowling industry and one of the most pivotal figures in BVL's nearly 80-year history. Hagin's influence throughout the bowling industry was wide-ranging and impactful, serving in leadership roles throughout bowling's alphabet of governing organizations as the First Vice President of the former Women's International Bowling Congress (WIBC), President of USA Bowling, President of Young American Bowling Alliance (YABA), Vice President of the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame and Director of the Bowling Writers Association of America (BWAA). Even after the merger of WIBC, YABA, USA Bowling and the American Bowling Congress (ABC), Hagin continued to lead as she was named to the first United States Bowling Congress (USBC) Board of Directors when USBC launched in January 2005. She also was a former member of the Advisory Board of the Women's Sports Foundation.

Hagin's lifetime commitment to the sport was recognized when she was inducted into the USBC Hall of Fame in 2000 for meritorious service, one of the several Hall of Fames in which she was recognized. Her industry leadership resume is matched by few but her passion and advocacy for BVL and women's sports were unequaled. For nearly two decades, Hagin served as the BVL Board Chair (1989-2007) before being named BVL's first Director Emeritus.

Hagin began her work with BVL at the local association level as a member of the Alameda County (California) Women's Bowling Association during the 1970s and was one of the charity's most ardent promoters for nearly five decades.

In the mid-2000s, BVL went through a staff leadership transition and Hall credits Hagin for jumping in to steer the ship "until we got organized and sorted out the staff leadership. She went well above and beyond what a board member would normally be asked to do," said Hall. "At that critical time in the history of BVL, we were very fortunate to have Elaine Hagin with her enthusiasm for BVL and love for veterans."

"I know just how good a charity that BVL is because I have seen the consequences of its work," said Hall, BVL's longest-serving Board member before he joined Hagin as a Director Emeritus in January 2020. "Elaine was of the same mode and she wasn't afraid of asking anyone for donations for BVL and veterans."

Hall further reflected on Hagin's legendary tenacity when it came to fundraising for BVL. The North California native played an integral role in her state's BVL fundraising, taking great pride when the state was consistently the top association in fundraising each year. "That was largely due to her influence and hard work," Hall added. "We've lost a very good person – she played a vital part in the success and longevity of BVL. She was the right person for BVL at the right time."

Current BVL Board Chair John LaSpina recalls his first BVL interactions with Hagin, who was representing the WIBC on the BVL Board. "My earliest memory of her with BVL was when she was working the booth at BPAA conventions with Helen Duval. Elaine was a tireless advocate for BVL and educated me on the organization and the mission."

LaSpina recalls that Hagin's connection to veterans was personal as her late husband Don served in World War II with the U.S. Navy as a Seaman First Class. "Elaine was from the generation that lived through World War II and that's a hard-working generation that got things done," said LaSpina. "That's how she approached her work with BVL – whatever we needed, she just got it done."

When LaSpina initially joined the BVL Board as the BPAA representative, Hagin had transitioned from Board Chair to Director Emeritus but her drive to bring attention to the cause never wavered. "She always rallied WIBC leadership and members to support BVL," said LaSpina. "She took the lead and made things happen." *continued on page 6*

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Could Pro Bowling Of The Future Revert To Home-And-Home Matches?

by Dave Williams

The announcement last week of Bowlero Corporation going public was so intriguing to me that I continued researching for additional information and stumbled upon an article involving the merger of Isos Acquisition Corporation and Bowlero. The article was linked to the Isos website that features a page entitled "Meet the Team," and highlights co-chief executive officers George Barrios and Michelle Wilson.

Interestingly, both Barrios and Wilson formerly served as co-presidents and board members of World Wrestling Entertainment! Their removal from the WWE by chairman Vince McMahon last year sent the stock into a tailspin. McMahon, in his typical male bravado declared, "With this change, we won't miss a beat."

I wondered to myself as I was reading what might have happened to Bowlero's relationship with iStar, which at last count held the leases of at least 157 of the bowling center properties, according to a 2019 news release. I put feelers out to Bowlero, Isos and iStar, but at press time had not heard from any of them.

One cannot help but speculate on what could be happening within the locker room of the PBA as a result of these changes. My thought process has led me to the origins of professional bowling... long before the PBA, or even the fabulous team era of the 1940's and 1950's.

It was a time in professional bowling when the home-and-home match play format was dominant. That arrangement ushered in the World Match Game Championship, which was initially conducted in 1906 between Jimmy Smith, bowling's first superstar, and Johnny Voorhies. Smith defeated Voorhies in the eleven game exhibition, 6 games to 3.

Beginning to see the comparison here? It's just like a professional wrestling match... Roman Reigns vs. Randy Orton. Or if you are from another era, Hulk Hogan vs. Randy Savage. Or even Ray Stevens vs. Haystack Calhoun. You get the idea. One thing's for sure - if nothing else will get Pete Weber out of his semi-retirement, this certainly could be the catalyst.

We might see Pete "The Chopper" Weber, with his "chop" or "diamond cutter" moves, against Jason "Bottlegate" Belmonte, with his squeaky water bottle and damp towel on the opponent's bowling ball. We're just having some fun here, but I'm sure that all of you can see the potential excitement that could be generated with a bit of WWE swagger. As a bowling traditionalist, my hope is that the PBA doesn't go in this direction.



Pete "The Chopper" Weber. Photo provided by PBA, LLC

Here's a brief synopsis of the Match Game Championship, which was conducted from 1906 to 1944 (halted due to WWII). I've only listed the matches that involved the crowning of a new champion. Jimmy Smith defended his title against all comers, from 1906 to 1921, making him the undisputed match game champion of all time.

MATCH GAME CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY 1906 to 1944

A complete list is available at bowlinghistory.wordpress.com

- 1906 - Jimmy Smith defeats Johnny Voorhies, 6 games to 3 (Best of eleven game match), claiming the title of World's Match Game Champion for the first time.
- 1921 - Jimmy Blouin defeats Jimmy Smith by 345 pins over 60 games, averaging 204; but when Smith calls into question the official results, famed promoter Louis Peterson arranges for a World Classic Tournament rematch the next year.
- 1922 - Jimmy Blouin wins the 1st World Classic Tournament.
- 1926 - Frank Kartheiser assumes title when Blouin refuses the challenge and retires.
- 1927 - Charley Daw defeats Kartheiser.
- 1928 - Adolph Carlson defeats Charley Daw.
- 1929 - Joe Scribner defeats Carlson.
- 1929 - Joe Falcaro defeats Scribner.
- 1933 - Joe Miller assumes title when Falcaro refuses the challenge.
- 1934 - Otto Stein defeats Joe Miller.
- 1935 - Hank Marino defeats Otto Stein.
- 1937 - Ned Day assumes title when Marino refuses the challenge and chooses to retire.
- 1942 - Connie Schwoegler assumes title when Day enlists in the military and surrenders the title.
- 1943 - Ned Day regains title after honorable discharge from the Navy.
- 1944 - Paul Krumske defeats Ned Day
- 1944 - Buddy Bomar defeats Krumske.

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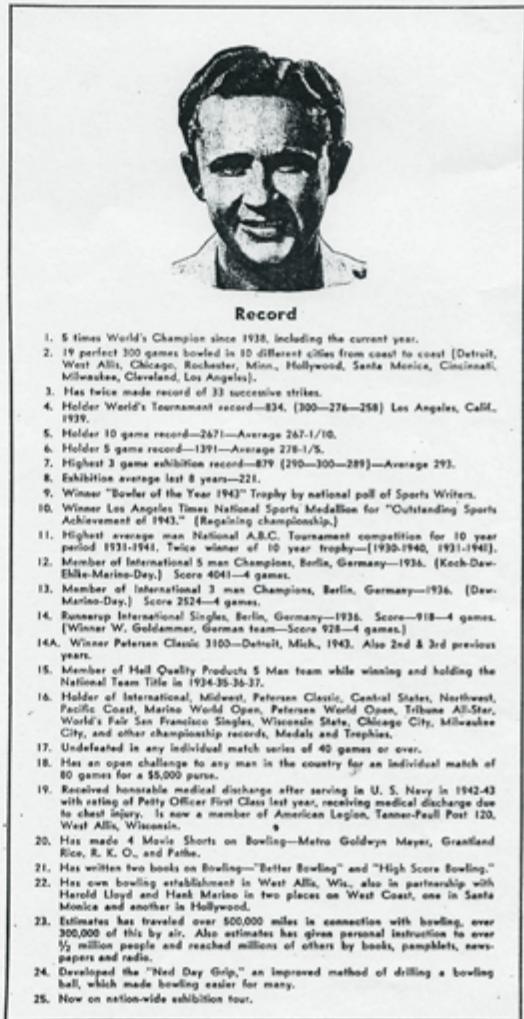
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(The Match Game Championship was halted in 1944, due to WWII)

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ers Journal International article marking the game's 50 th anniversary, Biondolillo fondly recalled those last three strikes.

"I remember squatting down on one knee, knowing that tenth frame shot was there. That eleventh one was a little high, but the pins still fell straight back. "The best strike of all was that last one. Just watch those pins, you watch how the pins fell off the left side of the deck," Biondolillo said with a hint of pride in his voice.

"Lollipop" or "Lolli" as he was known to friends, still felt he let the tournament get away due to of all things, a glass of ice water. After defeating Mike Durbin in the match preceding the 300 game, Jack reached for a glass of water before the semifinal match with Don Johnson.

"There were five glasses of ice water on a tray just off camera. I was really warm and reached for a glass as (famed University of Oklahoma football coach) Bud Wilkinson, sitting right behind the tray tried to stop me, but it was too late. The cold water felt great, but it also stopped flow of adrenaline. He told me afterward he would let players drink lukewarm water on the sidelines, but not ice water because it cooled off the body too much too quickly. I firmly believe I would have won that tournament had it not been for that glass of ice water. I was in that groove where everything was working. Afterwards, everything stopped," Biondolillo said.

Johnson ousted Biondolillo in the semifinal, 228-172, before falling to Jim Stefanich in a two frame rolloff 48-36 after tying at 227.

Jack was also the first to feel something even recent TV 300 game shooters experience, the drop of adrenaline during the next match. In his final interview weeks ago, he mentioned it after watching the last several TV 300 games.

"After those last few 300's this year, I saw there was a difference how they threw the ball the next game. It's a hell of a thing to overcome to be that charged up, then it's gone just like that. Wished I had figured it out," he said.

Over thirteen seasons on the PBA Tour, Biondolillo had 26 top five finishes, six runner up finishes and two titles, both wins in 1963. He defeated Don Carter in the Birmingham Coca-Cola PBA Open, then Ray Bluth for the Tucson PBA Open. A 1968 ankle injury from slipping on baby powder on an approach hampered his later tour career, eventually retiring after a 1972 runner up finish at his home house, old Stadium Bowl in Houston, within the shadow of the famed Astrodome to Paul Colwell.

Biondolillo was known as one of the most demonstrative players on PBA telecasts, common today, but not so much in the 1960's.

"Johnny King, Carmen Salvino, and I were the most colorful reacting bowlers on the TV shows then. It wasn't acted or rehearsed, we reacted," Biondolillo said with a chuckle.

Evidence of this can be found on the handful of PBA and Championship Bowling telecasts surviving on YouTube. There's Jack, showing his playful pleasure or disdain as the crowd showed its appreciation. One such reaction was part of the Pro Bowlers Tour telecast opening sequence in the early 1970's. The bowler jumping into the air with bent legs at the end of the image sequence is Jack, his reaction to the seventh strike of the historic 1967 perfect game.

The last time Jack attended a PBA event was in Houston in 2017 for a special Super Bowl show. Here he is with four other PBA TV 300 shooters. Fellow Houstonian Pete McCordic (his 1987 game paid the first \$100,000 bonus), Parker Bohn III (1998), Jack (1967), Jason Belmonte (2012), and Norm Duke (2003).

Biondolillo was inducted into the Greater Houston USBC Hall of Fame in 1981 and the Texas State USBC Hall of Fame in 1988.

Years later, Biondolillo used that playful pleasure as color commentator with former Houston television sports anchor and ABC Sports commentator Dan Lovett on "Funtime Bowling."

"It's a mix of everything. We set up special challenge matches between high schoolers, men, women, older people, local celebrities, pros — you name it, we have them bowling. The idea is just to have fun. There's no prize money or anything like that," Biondolillo told the Houston Chronicle in a 2006 story.

Lovett and fellow KTRK-TV anchors and employees were also part of a Tuesday night group who visited Stadium Bowl he managed at the time for a weekly night out in the 1970's after the 10 p.m. newscast.

"We'd close the door and bowl all night. There was Ron Franklin (later with ESPN), Ed Brandon the weatherman, Bill Worrell, who does the Rockets games; and even cameramen and whoever else worked in TV. We'd have so much fun Tuesday nights. We just bowed and drank. It was a blast, but they all hated me Wednesday morning when they had to go to work dead tired," Biondolillo said in the same 2006 Houston Chronicle article.

Born in Houston August 30, 1940, Biondolillo grew up in Midtown Houston, then the Oak Forest neighborhoods, did well academically and played football before graduating from St. Thomas High School. After declining a chance to attend college due to asthma, his father Joe suggested sticking with bowling, something Jack was starting to become known for in various centers around the city with the strong strike ball delivery soon to be seen PBA a few years later.

"Jack had one of best styles the state of Texas ever produced. When he was really on, his ball was something else," according to BPAA and Texas State USBC Hall of Famer Jamie Brooks. Jack also enjoyed horse racing, golf, and fishing. The latter was illustrated in a deep sea rodeo tournament by being the first to catch a 6' 3" 25 pound sailfish ever caught off Texas' Matagorda Peninsula.

Jack was also generous with his time coordinating fundraising bowling events for Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and providing instruction to youth and high school bowling many times enlisting help from his local and nationally known celebrity friends who eagerly helped.

In his later years, Biondolillo remarked with family he lived his life five times over, traveling around the world, getting to know and work with well-known celebrities in and out of bowling who helped in fund raising, many becoming lifelong friends.

Biondolillo is survived by sisters Margaret and Barbara, daughters Tori and Tina, five grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. A memorial service is planned for Saturday October 16. 2021 at Memorial Drive United Methodist Church in Houston at 10:00 am followed by a reception.





Hagin

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Darlene Baker, who succeeded Hagin as BVL Board Chair, credits her supportive predecessor with setting a high standard when it comes to supporting BVL. "She always let her passion about veterans shine through when she made presentations at WIBC Conventions, and she never let anything get in her way when it came to doing or getting anything for BVL and the veterans," said Baker. "She left big shoes to follow, but she created a path that made it easier for others to follow. She definitely will be missed."

Hagin was equal parts passionate and feisty when she was on your team. Former American Bowling Congress Executive Director Roger Dalkin served on the BVL Board when Hagin was Board Chair and recalls a memorable experience with his longtime friend. "One Veterans Day while attending functions representing BVL we were at the White House for a reception and to meet the President and Vice President. As we stood in the receiving line I wondered what I would say to President Clinton. Elaine was first to meet the president and she proceeded to chastise him for not fulfilling a promise he made to her the previous year to have pictures of him bowling on the White House Lanes. Her 'discussion' with the President may have been no more than a minute or two, but the line in front had left and the Secret Service agents were getting closer. Eventually, she let go of President Clinton's hand and moved on to Vice President Gore. When I shook the President's hand all I could say was, 'Thanks for listening to her', to which he smiled. That was quintessential Elaine, no matter the person; her beloved BVL was going to get its due."

"I've always been an Elaine fan," said LaSpina. "Our industry lost an icon, a great advocate for women athletes, and BVL lost one of our biggest supporters. Elaine walked and talked BVL. Elaine Hagin was one in a million and I'm glad she was one of ours."

Services for Elaine Hagin will be at the Sacramento Valley Veterans Cemetery in Dixon on Wednesday October 13th @ 1:15 PM.

NOTE: Service plans are being finalized. The Hagin family has requested that in lieu of flowers, Elaine be remembered with a contribution to BVL or the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame.

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Carol's Corner

by Carol Mancini
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Hooray, hooray – the Bowling Center's are open, maybe not a full schedule, but it least a chance to practice, join a league and greet old friends.

First question - Where is my equipment? How are my legs and fingers? Who can practice with me and maybe join a league?

Question two - Where IS my equipment? Where is my locker key???

I need to visit my center!! Who is still working? The manager will be very happy to see me. No, I don't want a job, I just want to practice and join a league. What more could he want?

If all of this sounds like the same thoughts running through your noggin – YOU ARE A BOWLER!

P.S. ALL centers are looking for employees! Hard to find – desk help, customer service, mechanics – most centers will have time to train right now. Most are paying top dollar (that's what they told me).

Here in Oregon the centers aren't open yet, so I haven't been able to visit one. (They look really old on the outside.) Kind of like some "writers" I know!!

Time for the mailman, time for you to empty your locker and PRACTICE.

Chris Paul

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five celebrity/pro doubles teams competing in a speed-striking round to determine seeding for the stepladder finals. The finals, at the end of the telecast, will feature a fast-paced five-frame games, with the pros bowling odd-numbered frames and the celebrities bowling the even frames.

In addition to the main tournament for the coveted CP3 trophy, the event will feature a Celebrity Super Clash, in which each celebrity rolls one shot and the low score is eliminated each round until only one celebrity remains as the victor. Paul won the Celebrity Super Clash in 2015 and Owens won it in 2018.

Rounding out the telecast, reigning PBA Strike Derby champion Andrew Anderson will attempt to bowl as many strikes as he can in two minutes to raise money for the Chris Paul Family Foundation. For each strike Anderson throws, Bowlero Corp, parent company to the PBA, will donate \$1,000. Viewers can live stream the PBA on the FOX Sports and FOX NOW apps or at FOXSports.com. Select highlights will be available on @FOXSports social handles across Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube. International fans can watch live on FloBowling.com.

CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational

Bowlero Gilbert – Phoenix, Ariz.

Sunday, October 17 – 2 p.m. ET or 4:30 p.m. ET
(check local listings)

CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational Teams

Chris Paul and Sean Rash
Terrell Owens and AJ Johnson

Hannibal Buress and Bill O'Neill

Rachel Lindsay and Gazmine Mason

Charles Paul Sr. and Darren Tang

Previous CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational Winners (host city)

2008 – LeBron James and Jason Couch (Winston-Salem, N.C.)

2010 – Chris Paul and Jason Belmonte (New Orleans)

2011 – Chris Paul and Jason Belmonte (New Orleans)

2012 – Blake Griffin, Jerry Ferrara, Pete Weber (Los Angeles)

2013 – Chris Hardwick and Chris Barnes (Los Angeles)

2015 – French Montana and Ronnie Russell (Los Angeles)

2016 – Terrell Owens and Pete Weber (Los Angeles)

2017 – Chris Paul and Chris Barnes (Los Angeles)

2018 – Chris Paul and Norm Duke (Houston)

2019 – Mookie Betts and Tommy Jones (Houston)

Previous CP3 Celebrity Clash Winners

2011 – Nelly

2012 – Jesse Williams

2013 – Quinton Aaron

2015 – Chris Paul

2016 – John Burkett

2017 – Mookie Betts

2018 – Terrell Owens

2019 – Tyler Crispen



SHAWN MALDONADO WINS PBA PLANET BOWL OKLAHOMA CITY SOUTHWEST OPEN

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. – Houston's Shawn Maldonado improved on his second place finish in last year's PBA Oklahoma City Southwest Open capturing his 13th PBA Regional title in this year's event.

Maldonado battled 2020 PBA Southwest Region Rookie of the Year Dimitri Cruz throughout the tournament, as they held onto first and second position after each round. Cruz held a 34-pin lead going into the final game position round, but could not hold off Maldonado, who won the deciding game 227-185.

Maldonado earned \$2,700 for the victory, as Cruz collected \$1,800 for second. Last year's winner, high school junior Eric Jones, added \$1,450 to his SMART scholarship fund finishing in third place.

The event also served as the PBA Regional Players Invitational (RPI) qualifier. Three players earned their invitation including, Cruz, Trey Ford III, and Ilde-maro Ruiz Jr. The fourth qualifier is to be determined.

The Southwest Region returns to Diamond Lanes in Odessa, Texas, for the PBA Odessa Southwest Super Open on October 15-17 with a first-place prize of \$5,000.

PBA OKLAHOMA CITY SOUTHWEST OPEN Planet Bowl, Midwest City, Okla., Sunday

Final Match Play Standings (after 21 games, including match play bonus pins):

Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 5-3, 4,865, \$2,700.
Dimitri Cruz, Denton, Texas, 5-3-0, 4,827, \$1,800.
Eric Jones, Edmond, Okla., 5-3, 4,795, \$1,450 SMART.
Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 5-3, 4,723, \$1,215.
Chris Barnes, Denton, Texas, 6-2, 4,703, \$1,100.
Ilde-maro Ruiz, Jr., McKinney, Texas, 3-5, 4,687, \$1,000.
Brad Miller, Lee's Summit, Mo., 5-3, 4,675, \$900.
Fero Williams, Norman, Okla., 4-4, 4,670, \$800.
Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 3-5, 4,618, \$750.
Beau Peterson, Newton, Kan., 4-4, 4,616, \$750.
Francois Lavoie, Canada, 4-4, 4,607, \$700.
Joseph Grondin, San Pedro, Calif., 3-5, 4,536, \$650.
Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 5-3-0, 4,535, \$625.
Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 3-5, 4,497, \$600.
Sam Butler, Texarkana, Texas, 3-5, 4,455, \$575.
Cameron Hurwitz, Rochester, NY, 1-7, 4,234, \$550.
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The Savannah College of Art and Design-Savannah women and men swept the titles last weekend at the Midwest Collegiate Championships in the greater Milwaukee area.

The first Tier I event of the 2021-2022 United States Bowling Congress Collegiate season was contested at AMF West Lanes for the women's division and Bowlero Wauwatosa for men's competition. The tournament featured 30 varsity women's programs and 41 men's varsity teams.

The event featured six traditional games Saturday and 16 Baker games Sunday to determine the eight teams in each division advancing to bracket competition. All bracket matches featured a best-of-three Baker format.

Broadcast coverage from both centers was provided by BowlTV.com.

SCAD-Savannah women's team at Midwest Collegiate ChampionshipsIn the women's division, SCAD-Savannah qualified fifth overall and defeated No. 4 St. Ambrose (2-0) and top qualifier Mount Mercy (2-1) to set up a title tilt against No. 2 Webber International. Webber had swept No. 7 Lindenwood and bested No. 6 St. Francis-Illinois, 2-1, to advance.

After winning Game 1 (182-176) and dropping Game 2 (164-159), SCAD-Savannah's Pamela Perez filled 20 pins in the 10th frame of the deciding game to force Webber to strike to win the Midwest Collegiate Championships. Webber was unable to connect on its first delivery, leaving a 4-6-7 split, and the open frame helped the Bees capture the victory, 184-168.

Mount Mercy earned the top seed for the bracket with an 8,859 qualifying total. Webber finished with 8,799, and Midland was third with 8,577. William Penn qualified eighth and earned the final spot in bracket play with 8,158.

In the women's individual standings, Mount Mercy's Ayra Aminuddin rolled 241 in her final game to earn top honors, finishing with a six-game total of 1,258, a 209.66 average.

Aminuddin was joined on the all-tournament team by William Penn's Gabriella Evans (1,242), Morningside's Carissa Johnson (1,240), Midland's Chloe Herman (1,226) and Trine's Jaden Howard (1,225).

SCAD-Savannah's men's team at Midwest Collegiate ChampionshipsThe men's championship round also featured SCAD-Savannah taking on Webber for the title. SCAD-Savannah qualified third overall and defeated No. 6 Mount Mercy (2-1) and No. 2 McKendree (2-1) to advance, while No. 5 Webber swept No. 4 Marian and No. 1 St. Ambrose to move onto the finals.

Webber claimed Game 1 in the finals, 224-187, and SCAD-Savannah's Tyrell Ingalls delivered three strikes in the 10th frame of Game 2 to help the Bees even the match, 208-206. In the deciding game, SCAD-Savannah delivered eight strikes in the first nine frames on the way to a 241-210 victory.

In qualifying, St. Ambrose paced the men's division with a 9,772 total and was followed by McKendree (9,634) and SCAD-Savannah (9,530). Judson qualified eighth with 9,219.

St. Ambrose's Nathan Stubler and Marian-Indiana's Jordan Shepherd tied for top individual honors in the men's division, with each student-athlete posting a 1,394 total, a 232.33 average.

Wisconsin-Whitewater's Brett Beuthin (1,388), Marian-Indiana's Nolan Blessing (1,376) and Mount Mercy's Kai Yamada (1,349) also earned spots on the men's all-tournament team.

In other collegiate action:

- At the Ohio Bowling Conference I in Columbus, Ohio, the Northwestern Ohio men and Ohio State women rolled to victories.

- At the MSC Bowling Green Baker Bash in Bowling Green, Kentucky, the Tennessee Southern men edged Bethel-Tennessee for the win after 40 Baker games.

- At the Southwest Intercollegiate Bowling Conference (SWIBC) I in Dallas, the Tulane women and Oklahoma Christian men claimed the top spots.

- At the SWIBC II in Dallas, the Spring Hill men and Louisiana Tech women finished the weekend at the top of the standings.

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



CLAUDE HEFFINGTON “EXPLODES” Out of The Gate

by Frank Weiler

REDLANDS – “WHAM, BAM it’s SUPERMAN”! That’s what many are thinking of Claude Heffington at the start of this senior bowling season. He is out of the gate averaging 230 and looks like a man of steel.

It’s the start of our first bowling season in two years. Those two years of inactivity have not slowed a super senior bowler named Claude Heffington. He is 75 but looks and bowls like he’s 45! I have learned about Claude’s bowling adjustments but am still trying to learn about his super secret to bowling success. Stay tuned.

Claude Heffington has always been a 200 average bowler but now he is even better than that. Better than par. This while many of his fellow senior bowlers are looking old and averaging twenty pins lower than in the past. Not Claude. He is out of the gate twenty pins higher in average.

With sets of 695 and 688 Claude is averaging 230 in Empire Bowl’s Senior Laughlin league. He is averaging 231 in the Senior Noonlighters League on the strength of a huge 742 series.

Claude is amazing because of his consistency as a bowler. His low series this season has been a 644. Most of his games have ranged from 200 to 267. Nothing spectacularly high but nothing low either.



TOM DAUGHERTY IS VICTORIOUS IN PBA STRIKE IT BIG OVIEDO RPI OPEN

OVIEDO, FL. – PBA Tour National Champion Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Fla., defeated Ryan Ciminelli of Monroe, N.C., 234-221, to win the PBA Strike It Big Oviedo RPI Open for his 19th PBA Regional title on Sunday at Oviedo Bowling Center.

Daugherty qualified in the number two position for the four-man stepladder finals with a 17-game total of 3,824 pins, 177 pins behind the leader Ciminelli, with 4,001. In third was Gary Faulkner Jr. of Memphis, Tenn., 3,802 followed by n-John Janawicz of Winter Haven, Fla., in fourth with 3,799.

In the opening match, Faulkner Jr. defeated Janawicz 203-199, Faulkner Jr. then lost to Daugherty 268-242, which allowed Daugherty to advance to the Championship match.

In the title match, both players started with a double. Ciminelli split and opened in the third frame while Daugherty stayed clean and doubled in the tenth to secure the win. Daugherty earned \$3,200 for the first-place prize.

Ciminelli pocketed \$1,700 for second, Faulkner \$1300 for third, and Janawicz earned \$1100 for fourth.

Claude succeeds on the lanes because he is a student of the game. He uses YouTube to watch and study PBA stars like Parker Bohn and Norm Duke to make adjustments to his bowling game. Claude told me his current success is based on adjusting his ball speed and hand release to Empire Bowl’s heavier oil patterns. He is currently applying a 500-grit surface to his bowling balls.

Great bowling Claude! Also, good luck with achieving your goal of averaging 230 for this entire season.

Claude is another example that “CALIFORNIA BOWLERS ARE THE BEST BOWLERS IN THE WORLD”.

Four players earned berths into the PBA Resident Pro Invitational (RPI) in Las Vegas on January 2-5, 2022 including Ciminelli, Faulkner Jr., Mike Coffey, and Sean Connolly. Tour players in the Top 50 points list are not eligible to compete in the RPI.

The PBA South Region’s next event will be the PBA50 Cherokee Lanes Canton Open on Oct. 8-10, 2021 at Cherokee Lanes in Canton, Ga.

PBA STRIKE IT BIG OVIEDO RPI OPEN Oviedo Bowling Center, Oviedo, Fla., Sunday Final Standings:

Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., \$3,200.
Ryan Ciminelli, Monroe, N.C., \$1,700.
Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., \$1,300.
n-John Janawicz, Winter Haven, Fla., \$1,100.

Stepladder Results:
Match One – Faulkner Jr. def. n-Janawicz, 203-199.
Semifinal – Daugherty def. Faulkner Jr., 268-242.
Championship – Daugherty def. Ciminelli, 234-221.
Final Qualifying Standings

(after 17 games, top 4 advanced to stepladder finals):

Ciminelli, 4,001.
Daugherty, 3,824.
Faulkner Jr., 3,802.
n-Janawicz, 3,799.
Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 3,776, \$1,000.
Sean Connolly, Apopka, Fla., 3,714, \$900.
Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 3,688, \$875.
Toby Sambueno, Orlando, Fla., 3,635, \$850.
Kenneth Ryan, Farmingdale, N.J., 3,236, \$825.
Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C., 3,206, \$800.
Adam Monks, Conway, S.C., 3,135, \$775.
Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 3,127, \$750.
Mike Moore, Orlando, Fla., 3,087, \$725.
n-Logan Harvey, Titusville, Fla., 3,078, \$700.
Nick Christy, Newport, N.C., 3,065, \$675.
n-Mark Thomas, Oviedo, Fla., 3,041, \$650.
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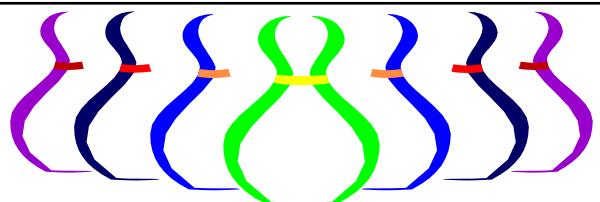
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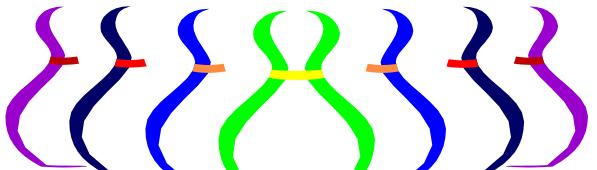
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but a 902 finish by DV8 was enough to earn the win, completing the sweep. J.T. Jackson finished strong for DV8 with a 259 game, giving him a 709 series. Mike Cammarata topped the pair with 724 and Joe Jimenez added 703. There were two 700's by Forest Lanes as well, with Tony Brunning posting a 712 set and Jon Diso a 710. With the five wins, DV8 improves to 19-6 and will move up to the top pair to face the leaders.

Westminster Lanes and Team Hu\$tle had a great battle on the third pair. Westminster Lanes shot 1006 the first game to get off to a quick 118 pin lead. Jaime Ferry led with 268, getting strong help from Jonathan Gale's 267 and Marquan Rivers' 257. Team Hu\$tle rebound to win the next two games and made a run at totals. They came up 32 pins short in a high scoring match, 2799-2767. Art Jones topped the pair with a 254-258/727 set. Jonathan Gale was strong as well with 267-243/725. Marquan Rivers and Jello Gray added 700 sets for their respective teams.

U.S. Foods improved to 15-10 with a 4-1 win over team Bowlium. U.S. Foods joined the ranks of teams shooting 1000, with a strong 1007 in the opener. Charlie Kinstler led the way with 268 and Kasey Uyesugi added 258. Game two was more of the same for Bowlium, getting an 82 pin victory behind a 279 game from Gabriel Martinez. In the final game, David Schiada and Billy Myers Jr. both had big runs of strikes, shooting 275 and 278 respectively to get Bowlium in the win column. Their 976 was easily enough to win, but they could not close the gap enough to win totals. Kasey Uyesugi led U.S. Foods, and the pair, with his 258-266/748 set. Gabriel Martinez added 279/727. For Bowlium Myers totaled a 720 set, while Schiada was right behind at 719.

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J.A.T. got a sweep over the Professional Approach on the next pair. Those five wins improved J.A.T. to 15-10 for the season. Kevin Valmonte had a big set, shooting 279-264/753. Walt Blackston added a 700 of his own to help out, shooting 247-235-233/715.

Bowling Guys swept five games from Team #5. Game #3 was close at 822-794, but Bowling Guys got that one and the match, by almost 250 pins. Bobby Campagnale led the team with 259-264/753. Ricardo Mendoza bowled very well for the Bowling Guys as well, adding a 279-257/740. Neema Khazaie led team #5, shooting a 247/647 set.

The next pair was the second from the bottom, as Cal Bowl took on Team #13, but it did feature the set of the night. Mikey Villarreal struck a ton, with a league leading series of 299-217-300 for an 816 total. Those scores were enough to lead his team to a 4-1 victory in the match, improving their record to 10-15. Steve Gurrieri added a 236-233/678 set to help. Leonard Ruiz Jr. broke 700 in defeat for Cal Bowl with a series of 258-245/710.

The final pair saw team #2 take four out of five games from team #1. Gary Duran led the team to the win with his set of 227/652. David Allhands topped team #1 in defeat, filling in and shooting 230/644.

Gabriel Martinez took the Financial Advisors pot tonight with his 279 in the middle game, edging out Kevin Jones, who settled for 2nd place money with a 269 game. I don't have the other sidepot results, but we'll make sure to include them in future articles. Two weeks to go in the first round of the season. The Forever Hope Foundation will take on DV8 on the top pair next week. Several teams

TOP 10 TEAMS ROUND 1

Forever Hope Foundation	22	U.S. Foods	15
DV8	19	Team Hu\$tle	14
Threadworks	16	Bowling Guys	14
Westminster Lanes	15	Forest Lanes	13
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TOP 10 THIS WEEK

Mikey Villarreal	816	Kevin Jones	728
Bobby Campagnale	753	Gabriel Martinez	727
Kevin Valmonte	753	Jonathan Gale	725
Kasey Uyesugi	748	Mike Cammarata	724
Ricardo Mendoza	740	Billy Myers Jr.	720

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still in the hunt will be pulling for DV8, as wins for them can get teams back in contention. With a win by the Forever Hope team, the final week could be going through the motions. Come down to Del Rio Lanes to watch the action as it unfolds on Monday nights beginning at 8:00 p.m. Lots of strikes to see before we start the challenge patterns in a couple weeks. Hope to see you here.

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