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## BARRETT, O'NEILL, PRATHER & TROUP ADVANCE AT KIA PBA PLAYOFFS

by Jill Winters

LAKE WALES, Florida - The first day of the round of 16 at the Kia PBA Playoffs saw No. 1 seed Jason Belmonte fall to No. 16 Bill O'Neill, and two former PBA Playoff champions advancing.

Belmonte and O'Neill both started with urethane inside the Kegel Training Center. Belmonte struggled to carry the 7-pin throughout the two-game match leaving five of them. O'Neill led the first game to earn the 247-227 win in the race to two points format. Belmonte jumped out to a commanding lead in match two throwing the first five-in-a-row to gain a 54-pin advantage and never looked back. The 2022 PBA Player of the Year frontrunner took the second game, 258-213 to force a 9th and 10th frame roll-off.

Belmonte doubled and got 8-spares to finish with 48. O'Neill anticipated having to strike every shot and finished nearly perfect with a 59 to advance.

"The first strike on the left lane is really important because you can't give him an opportunity to just close it out without you ever having a 10th frame," O'Neill said. "I probably threw the best shot of the whole match the first one in the 9th frame. Sometimes it works out."

"I got sympathy cheers because I was there," O'Neill said about feeling like a crowd underdog against Belmonte. "He is the most popular figure in our sport, and he deserves that. I believe in myself, and I always think I can win."

Match two featured No. 8 Sean Rash against No. 9 Kyle Troup. Troup, who is the defending champion, dominated Rash. In game one, Troup was perfect through seven frames before leaving a 10-pin. He took game one 266-218, as Rash left five 10-pins. Game two was more of the same as Troup had the front six. He finished with 11-strikes in the match for a 266-195 victory.

Troup relied on a Storm Phaze 4 that was drilled before the show to give him a strong ball reaction following Belmonte and O'Neill's use of urethane on the TV pair. Troup felt that stretched out the Don Carter 39-foot oil pattern for him creating more hold and kept his angles in front of him.

"I was dancing, giving it to the crowd," Troup said. "That was probably one of the more fun shows I have had in a long time. Knowing that they want to see me strike and succeed."

"I figured, put on a show for the people here because we love to have people in the stands and put on a show for people back home that way we get more and more people watching the sport and enjoying it," Troup said.

No. 4 Dom Barrett came out swinging in his match against the only left on the show, No. 13 Patrick Hanrahan. Barrett threw 11 strikes to earn the 280-226 win. Barrett's worst shot of the day came in the second frame of game two, leaving the big four giving Hanrahan an opening. The southpaw played both lanes slightly different and was able to post eight strikes in the match to fend off Barrett's attempt for a sweep. In the sixth frame, Barrett switch to his Columbia 300 Speed bowling ball, which was the same ball and layout he used to win the Kia PBA Tournament of Champions in February.

"I have got a little trust in that ball, and it worked out perfectly," Barrett said, about making the ball change.

Barrett threw the last seven straight strikes to lose 255-233, forcing a 9th and 10th frame roll-off.

Hanrahan threw a stone 9 and failed to strike in his 10th

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# PBA REGIONAL TOUR RECAP: ANGELO, CLARK, BEASLEY, ROBERTS BRING BACK TITLES BEFORE PBA50 NATIONAL TOUR BEGINS

by Chase Kaufman

Over the past two weeks, many PBA50 bowlers got in their last taste of regional competition before the PBA50 National Tour commences in Fort Myers. Four events recently occurred east of the Mississippi River which included plenty of recognizable names that will undoubtedly be seen on the main senior slate this summer.

## EAST REGION PBA50 Crystal Lanes Open

The entry list hit triple digits for the Crystal Lanes Open offering a tough task to anyone looking to bring home a title. Just the top 16 bowlers advanced to match play on Sunday after bowling eight games on Saturday. It was a battle of A-squad bowlers battling for the final spot, but recent champion Victor Florie Jr. advanced in a roll-off over Michael Houtz when both players went +157.

Neighbor to the north, Bill Rowe, topped the field going +314 for his eight-game set. However, Sunday was Brad Angelo's day, as he cruised through the first eleven games of match play without dropping a single meeting. A 277 against Brian LeClair and a 250 against Tim DeGraw virtually clinched the title for Angelo as he accumulated a 152-pin lead with just the position round to go. Angelo's victory lap would be spoiled by Dave Wodka, with Angelo losing 231-208 but still taking the title by 99 pins. The New York native grabbed his 4th career PBA50 regional title with the win and heads into the national 50 Tour on a good note.

## PBA50 Crystal Lanes Open Final Standings

Brad Angelo, 2,500 points, \$3,500  
Dave Wodka, 1,500, \$2,100  
Bill Rowe, 1,150, \$1,600  
Brian LeClair, 950, \$1,400  
Doug Kent, 850, \$1,300

## PBA50 East Region Points Leaders

Brad Angelo, 2,500 points  
Dave Wodka, 1,500  
Bill Rowe, 1,150  
Brian LeClair, 950  
Doug Kent, 850

[View the complete East Region standings](#)



## MIDWEST/CENTRAL REGION PBA50 Liberty Lanes Midwest/Central Open

Just a short drive from downtown Chicago, Liberty Lanes hosted the Liberty Lanes Open, which gathered some names we'll be seeing over the summer. All 33 contestants threw seven games on Saturday but only eight advanced to match play the next day.

Once again, Tom Adcock found himself in contention after qualifying first at +326 for seven games while Lennie Boresch Jr, Eugene McCune, and Mark Sullivan followed right behind. After eight head-to-head matches, the top four moved to the stepladder finals and included Boresch, Adcock, Lyle Kuhlmann, and Danny Clark.

Clark and Kuhlmann started the stepladder, and it was tight throughout until Kuhlmann missed a 10-pin in the 6th frame. Another open in the eighth from Kuhlmann left the door open for Clark who converted on all three single pins left in the 7th-9th frames and would eventually advance, 200-191.

Match number two was a doozy as both bowlers went into the 9th frame without an open or a double. After Clark struck in the 9th, Adcock stepped up with the match all tied up and the six-time regional champion split in both frames, essentially giving Clark the win, 196-170.

There was a bit of a title gap between the two as Boresch owned 33 regional titles and Clark just one, but that mattered none as Clark began with the front four in the final match. Boresch got back into the match with a turkey in the 6th-8th frames, but a 7-pin in the ninth and a 10-pin on the 2nd shot in the 10th drained his chances. The lefty needed just six pins on two balls in the 10th and got it done. Clark snagged regional title number two and 2,500 points toward the Central Region standings.

## PBA50 Liberty Lanes Midwest/ Central Open Final Standings

Danny Clark, 2,500 points, \$2,000  
Lennie Boresch Jr., 1,500, \$1,100  
Tom Adcock, 1,150, \$800  
Lyle Kuhlmann, 950, \$650  
Mitch Beasley, 850, \$575





## PBA50 Sherry Bodkins Memorial Central Open

A handful of PBA50 bowlers continued their journey through the Central Region as they traveled to Galion, Ohio, to compete in the Sherry Bodkins Memorial Open, and it paid off for some.

The 51 entrants were divided into two squads to shoot eight games apiece and after qualifying, 2022 Cuyahoga Falls Doubles winner Michael Haggitt peered down toward the field. Haggitt averaged 221 for the day, while 16th-place Mike Webb, just crept into the plus, averaging 200.25.

On Sunday, players entered the doors for a 12-game head-to-head slate where for the first time in a while, nobody cruised through the field as no bowler exceeded an 8-3 record. But even then, with just the position round to go, another familiar name, Mitch Beasley, sat atop the leaderboard with a 60-pin advantage. He faced Lennie Boresch Jr. in the last match, while Haggitt still loomed closely behind, also just 60 pins behind the Tennessee native.

The final pair proved to be a tough one for the leaders, as Beasley just squeaked by Boresch, 192-183. Haggitt on the other hand defeated Larry Verble 235-221 to snag 30 bonus pins, but it wasn't enough as Beasley grabbed 30 extra pins for his win also. In the end, Haggitt finished just 17 pins behind first, unable to capture his second title of the season. After winning in Missouri earlier this year, Beasley did indeed take home his second regional title over the weekend and jumped to third in the Central points standings for his efforts.

## PBA50 Sherry Bodkins Memorial Central Open Final Standings

Mitch Beasley, 2,500 Points, \$1,500  
Michael Haggitt, 1,500, \$1,000  
Lennie Boresch Jr., 1,150, \$850  
Bill Watson, 950, \$750  
Larry Verble, 850, \$700



## PBA50 Central Region Points Leaders

Parker Bohn III, 5,565  
Michael Haggitt, 5,530  
Mitch Beasley, 4,615  
Lennie Boresch Jr., 4,560  
Danny Clark, 4,130

[View the complete Central Region standings](#)

## PBA SOUTH REGION

## PBA50 Century Lanes/PBA Booster Club of Hampton Rds Open

Out in Hampton, Virginia, high scores popped up all around in the South Region event, beginning with 300s shot by Lee Robison and past champion Victor Florie Jr. Plus-140 marked the cut line for the day which both bowlers surpassed, but it was Jay Davis Jr. creating the headline, going +377 for his eight games.

The top 22 bowlers set their alarms for Sunday morning to bowl another four games before cutting to the top eight for single elimination bracket play. Kip Roberts and Walter Ray Williams Jr. made their way from outside the top eight into the next round, while Jay Davis Jr. remained in first.

The first round paid homage to the ongoing Masters with head-to-head three-game series deciding the final four bowlers. In the semifinals, the five-seeded Kip Roberts took out tournament leader Jay Davis Jr. 245-210, while in the other half of the bracket after upsetting Walter Ray in the first round, Chuck Richey Jr. did it again, upsetting Victor Florie Jr. 257-225. In the finals though, Richey Jr. couldn't complete the trifecta, dropping his match to Kip Roberts, 237-225. Roberts gained his 17th career regional title and second PBA50 regional title, both of which came from the city of Hampton.

## PBA50 Century Lanes/PBA Booster Club of Hampton Rds Open Final Standings

Kip Roberts, 2,500 Points, \$2,500  
 Chuck Richey Jr., 1,500, \$1,500  
 Victor Florie Jr., 1,150, \$1,000  
 Jay Davis Jr., 950, \$1,000  
 James Winterfield, 850, \$650



### PBA50 South Region Points Leaders

Victor Florie Jr., 3,650  
Chuck Richey Jr., 3,810  
Michael Painter, 2,688  
Kip Roberts, 2,500  
James Winterfield, 2,255

[View the complete South Region standings](#)

Every region has next weekend off, but following the short break, the action ramps right back up. Tons of events transpire over the next couple of months all over the US, including a pair of West Region events in Hawaii. As the PBA Tour finishes up the heart of its season, expect to see some familiar names on the leaderboards in many regions. As always, you can find the entire itinerary [right here](#).



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# Passing The Torch

by Dave Williams

Anthony Simonsen, the young upstart professional that burst onto the scene when he won the 2016 USBC Masters in Indianapolis at the age of 19, continued his winning ways last week when he captured his second USBC Masters at the Gold Coast Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. He now has four major victories at the age of 25 (a record), and ten overall titles.

The two-handed bowler, who now calls Las Vegas home after moving from Little Elm, Texas, defeated 40 year veteran Norm Duke of Clermont, Florida, by the slimmest of margins, 219 to 216. For Simonsen, it was his second \$100,000 payday in less than two months, after winning the equally prestigious U.S. Open in February.

Their hug at the end of the title matchup was reminiscent of the Simonsen-Duke embrace at the completion of the 2019 Jonesboro (Arkansas) Open, in which Duke defeated Simonsen for the championship. I could not help but sense that this most recent hug represented a passing of the torch by three major forces on the tour over the past 40 years, to a younger breed with an entirely different power game unequalled in bowling history.

First it was Pete Weber, then Walter Ray Williams Jr., and now Duke that have announced their retirement from the rigors of the national tour; although the trio have all indicated they will continue in regional events, as well as the majors when invited. Duke also indicated that he would like to continue as player-manager for the Dallas Strikers in PBA League competition.

It has been an amazing 40 year career for Duke, with 33 standard PBA titles, 7 career major titles, 4 standard PBA50 victories and 2 PBA50 major titles. He was elected to the USBC Hall of Fame in 2002, and the PBA Hall of Fame in 2009. What fabulous memories Weber, Walter Ray and Duke have given us over the past 4 decades!

The first time that I saw Norm bowl in person was in 1984, at the PBA Long Island Open at Garden City Bowl in Garden City, New York. Although Duke failed

to make the finals with a 32nd place finish (\$1,000), the real “action” was to continue at a nearby bowling center called 300 Bowl, as I recounted in a 2018 article in this column:

*“A group of well-known action players stepped onto the approach at 300 Bowl, where the entry fee was \$1,000 per game. I never saw the money, but it was being held by Mark Brenner, a well known bowling promoter from the area, so I have no reason to doubt his word.*

*Duke did well, and when the stakes are \$1,000 per game, you don’t need to stand out... just win an occasional game. By the end of the evening, there were just two bowlers remaining, Duke and a local favorite named Rudy Kasimakis (‘Rudy Revs’). They decided to up the ante to \$10,000 per game.*

*That’s the first time that I saw Norm Duke go into his ‘check the approach’ routine. Anyone that has watched their share of bowling knows that Duke on occasion will hop when shooting a spare, and then test the approach by taking a couple of cautionary slides.*

*Whether this is an act or his real concern about the approach is known only to Norm, but it certainly has a debilitating effect on his opponent. I have seen him do this on numerous PBA telecasts, and what usually follows is that his rival will step up to the foul line before their shot to be sure that the approach is not tacky, or perhaps even slippery.*

*End result? The opponent, who was probably on a string of strikes, throws a shot wide of target or right through the nose, resulting in a big split. For Duke, it’s mission accomplished, and he invariably steps up to throw a couple of perfect strikes.*

*On this particular evening in Massapequa, New York, Duke was the big winner with a cash prize that probably exceeded the \$16,000 first prize being offered at the PBA Long Island Open.”*



Passing The Torch - (l-r) Anthony Simonsen and Norm Duke embrace after Duke’s win at the 2019 Jonesboro Open in Arkansas. Last week it was Simonsen that prevailed over Duke at the USBC Masters in Las Vegas. Photo compliments of PBA, LLC.

Now, Simonsen is something else again, as color commentator Randy Pedersen pointed out during the telecast. “Simonsen is the youngest to ever win his 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th major events on the pro tour.” Randy went on to say that Jason Belmonte refers to Simonsen as the heir apparent as he approaches the \$1 million dollar mark in career earnings... at the age of 25!

After winning the 2015 USBC Open Championships doubles title with partner Mark Sleeper, Anthony decided to give the pro tour a try, and he has never looked back. He partnered with another virtual unknown, Connor Pickford, to win the 2016 Mark Roth/Marshall Holman Doubles Championship in Reno, Nevada.

In addition to his two USBC Masters titles, Simonsen has also won major events at the 2019 PBA Players Championship in Columbus, Ohio, and the U.S. Open earlier this year, along with another five standard titles, for a total of 10 overall victories.

Where will he strike next?

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frame for a 38. Barrett’s ball kept striking three more times as he rolled a 59 to advance. Despite Hanrahan clearly having the crowd behind him, Barrett put his head down and made good shots when he needed them. That is all thanks to extra work he has put in this season.

“I am creating a little bit more power in a different way without rev rate,” he said. “I think my ball reaction this year has proven to be really good.”

In the final match on Sunday, No. 5 seed Kris Prather took on No. 12 Brad Miller. Prather, who won the inaugural PBA Playoffs, felt both he and Miller were nervous at the beginning. Prather started strong with five-in-a-row before a pocket 4-9 split, which he failed to convert. Miller was down by 20-pins in the fifth frame before he rolled a pocket 7-10 split. Both bowlers battled to the end with Prather taking match one, 210-205.

“I just had to focus on making sure that my hand was soft at the bottom and wasn’t trying to make the ball hook,” Prather said. “I feel like I kind of stole game one because Brad made a late charge there and he never really gave up.”

In game two, Prather struck in four out of his first five frames, while Miller was a little between balls. The match was tied at 139 in the sixth frame before Prather finished with five out of six strikes for the 258-212 win to advance to face Barrett.

“I knew that if I kept putting pressure on him, I had a chance coming down the stretch,” Prather said.

Prather’s wife, Ashley was his “good luck charm” in the stands.

The quarterfinals featuring O’Neill versus Troup and Barrett against Prather will air at noon ET April 24 on FS1. Three out of these four are previous PBA Playoff winners.

The round of 16 will continue at 1 p.m. ET Saturday with No. 2 Anthony Simonsen vs. No. 15 Shawn Maldonado, and No. 7 Jakob Butturff vs. No. 10 AJ Johnson.

**MATCH SCORES**

- Match 1 – O’Neill def. Belmonte 247-227, 213-258, 59-48 in roll-off
- Match 2 – Troup def. Rash 266-218, 266-195
- Match 3 – Barrett def. Hanrahan 280-226, 233-255, 59-38 in roll-off
- Match 4 – Prather def. Miller 210-205, 258-212

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# JOHN ZAMMETTI’S Life and Legend is Celebrated

by Frank Weiler

It was wonderful to hear from some Nevada friends that a CELEBRATION OF LIFE was held last Sunday at Laughlin, Nevada’s Riverside Lanes in Loving Memory of JOHN ZAMMETTI, “ZAM” to his friends.

Simply put, ZAM was Laughlin’s “GOAT”, The “Greatest of All-Time” bowler. He did it all on the lanes, numerous perfect 300 games, 800 series galore, high averages and many local and state championships. There wasn’t anything beyond ZAM’S reach when it came to bowling. He perfected a smooth approach and ball release over decades and thousands of games.

John bowling style was only seen on the PBA Tour. His fluid motion and power release was reminiscent of PBA stars MARSHALL HOLMAN and DAVID OZIO. John was in their class and could easily have been a PBA star had he chosen to do so in his younger days.

I had the privilege of being John’s doubles partner in the Laughlin Blast Tournament a couple of years ago and he carried me to a Top Five finish that day. He was about 77 years young back then and still bowled like a professional. No surprise because John was so talented. He competed on every shot and I could see he had the mentality of a winner: Never give up, compete to the end and be aggressive on every shot. John never vacillated on the lanes, was always aware of circumstances and was ready to take advantage of an opponents vacuous mistake.

I am sure there were dozens of John’s admirers who attended his Memorial Celebration sharing their favorite memories and stories of such a great bowler and memorable character. John was a character in the sense that he was one of a kind. He sailed his own course and didn’t rely on others to determine what was best for him. He was confident in his abilities and would have been successful in any endeavor had he not chosen Bowling.

I am sure those attending John’s Memorial Celebration had many laughs and a few tears when they shared their favorite memories and stories. John was a guy who could easily create a memorable or comical scene because of his lively and effervescent personality. He was an efficacious actor on the stage of life with a unique ability to produce his desired result or effect.

ZAM will be missed for years to come, and his legend will grow as future Laughlin bowlers hear tales of his exploits on and off the lanes. Future bowlers hearing of the night he set a house record, made a big split or ran out a crucial strike will imagine him to be a PAUL BUNYAN like character even though he stood under six feet. While John may not have been a large physical specimen be sure that John Zammetti had a large psychological presence and noticeable affect on people around him. John Zammetti was an INTIMIDATOR in a class with DALE EARNHARDT! Yes, John was bigger than life. He was a character who demanded respect.

Thank You ZAM for the memories. Thank You for my memories, memories that I fondly carry in my mind’s eye and replay in the theater of my consciousness many a night. I hope your teammates continue to reserve “YOUR SEAT” behind their lanes as if you were still there competing with them.



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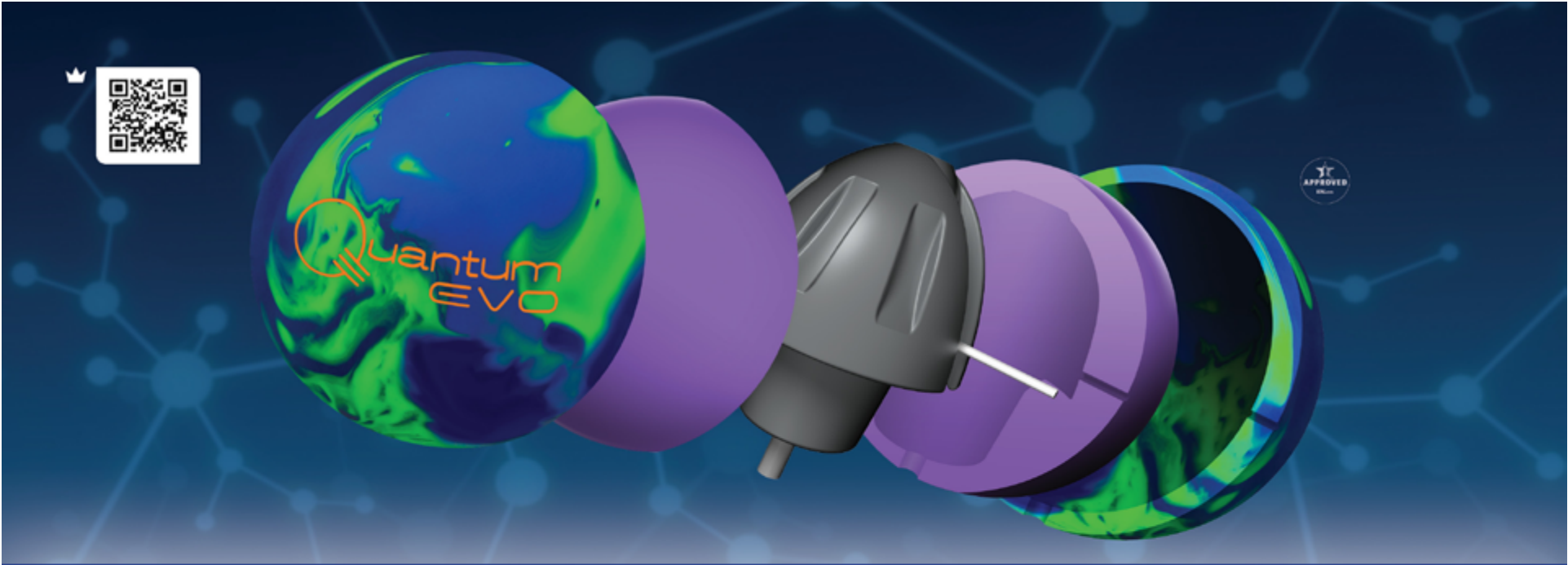
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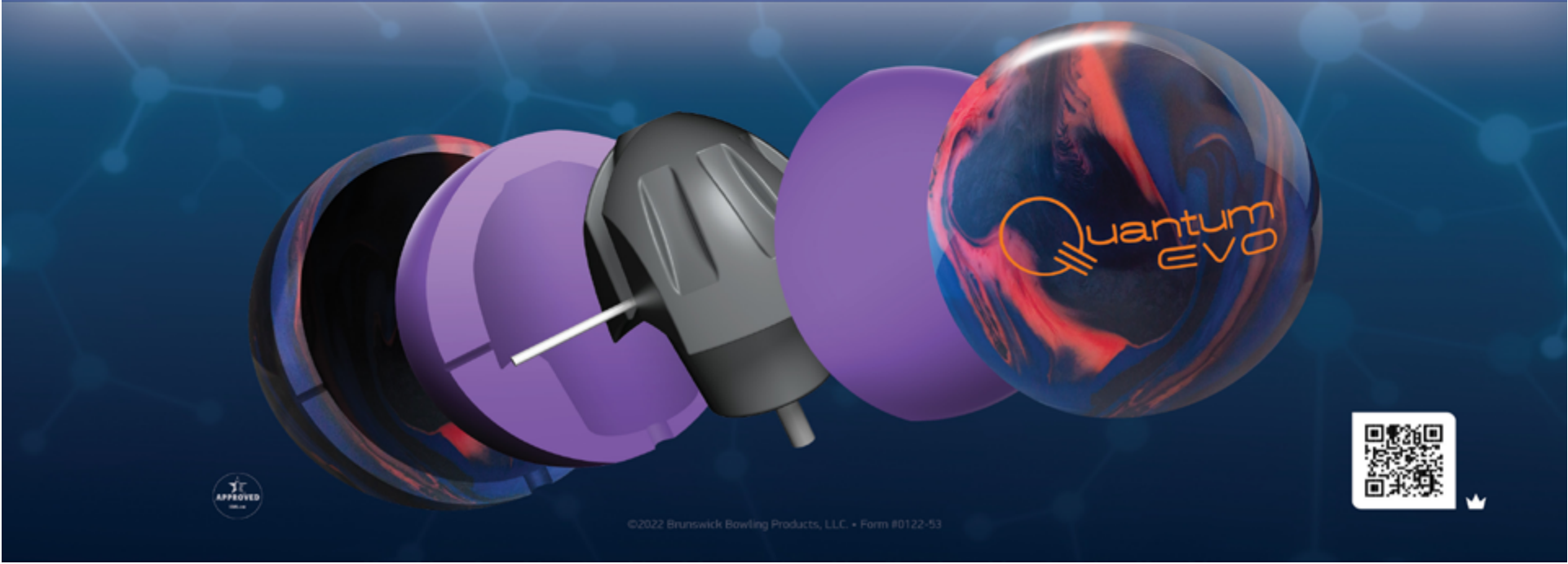




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THE MAGIC NUMBER IS TICKING FAST FOR THE TOP SEED;  
WHICH CONTENDERS ARE ALIVE FOR THE LAST ROLL-OFF SPOT?

Vince Duarte Leads League Back to Back Weeks!

by Jonathan Garza

DOWNEY, CA — All right, it comes down to this – the final round of qualifying in the 2022 Brunswick Invitational season. Two things are at stake at this point: seeding for the roll-off, obviously, with the team with the most overall wins sitting pretty waiting for an opponent in the Grand Finale. But then there's also the all-important fifth team to complete the puzzle of which teams will battle it out for the crown.

First let's look at the four round winners and where they stand in terms of overall wins and seeding. If the league ended last Monday night, your Round 1 winners, Forever Hope Foundation, would have run away with the top overall seed. They sit in at 109 wins. There are only eight weeks of play left, meaning that only 40 points are at stake, including tonight. The newly crowned winners of Round 4, Family Ties is behind Forever Hope Foundation with 80 points, 29 points back beginning Round 5. What a feat.

In third we have the Round 2 winners, Bowlium with 79 points and just a point behind Family Ties. The fourth-seeded team now are the winners of Round 3 and the league's defending champion, Cal Bowl – entering the night with 76 points.

Let's turn the points into a win-loss record and borrow a baseball term for a minute. We're talking about the concept of a Magic Number. In the 37 weeks of competition, five points are at stake each week. That means that in a season 185 points are out there to be won.

Forever Hope Foundation has gone 109-31, or a .778-win percentage. To arrive at their magic number for the top seed, you take the total amount of points (185) and add one to it, arriving at 186. You then subtract Forever Hope Foundation's 109 wins to get the number down to 77. Then, you convert a win-loss record for Family Ties, the second-place team in the league. That would be 80-60, or a .571-win percentage. We revisit the 77 we had from before and subtract the 60 losses of Family Ties to arrive at 17.

Thus, the Magic Number for Forever Hope Foundation to clinch the top overall seed entering tonight is a combination of 17 Forever Hope Foundation wins and Family Ties losses. With the two facing off in tonight's main event, this number can change really fast. Don't worry, I'll do all the math for you. Results are coming soon. I promise.

Before we get into that let's look at the team's trying to fight for the last roll-off spot.

At 85 points, DV8 is five points ahead of both US Foods and Forest Lanes. Junior Amateur Tour is nine points back at 76. Threadworks is at 74; Westminster Lanes at 72, and Team Hu\$tle at 68, or 17 points back with 40 points left to play.

Let's check out the action for tonight. Week 1 of Round 5 was to be played on the House Pattern. So high scores were to be expected. How many honor scores are you predicting?

WBPI (40.5) vs. TDI Refrigeration (33)

TDI Refrigeration pushed past the two subs WBPI brought in through the first two games. Game 1 was a nine-pin win led by Trae Davis' 223 game and then again by Davis with a 212 game in a 45-pin win. But then WBPI got it together suddenly and steam-rolled past TDI Refrigeration with a 927-705 win led by Derek Lee's 256 game. Lee was high man with a 695 as TDI Refrigeration got three points for the night. TDI Refrigeration's two points were led by Maria Bacos' 606 series.

California Timberline (61.5) vs. Professional Approach Pro Shop (50)

A clean sweep by Professional Approach Pro Shop, which was led by Bryan Osborne's 266/673 set. Professional Approach Pro Shop getting some much-needed wins to try and save face for the season. California Timberline was led by Blayke Miller's 657 series.

Team Hu\$tle (68) vs. Bowling Guys (64)

Bowling Guys leapt Team Hu\$tle on this night with a clean five-pin sweep to jump up to 69 overall points in the round. Bobby Campagnale shot a 676 series to lead the way for Bowling Guys. Alejandra Urrutia wasn't far behind for Team Hu\$tle; she shot a 671 series highlighted by a 258 game.

Threadworks (74) vs. Westminster Lanes (72)

The first honor score of the night (we'll spoil it for you, there was another) belonged to Kevin Jones of Threadworks, shooting a 300 game to pace Threadworks in a 991-899 win over Westminster Lanes in Game 1. Jonathan Gale fought tough with a 258 game in defense. Westminster Lanes fought back in Game 2 and secured a 783-750 win as the lanes seemed to have broken down pretty badly. Marquan Rivers led Westminster Lanes and the pair with a 227 game. Jones followed his 300 with a team-leading 225 game. With Threadworks up 59 pins, Westminster Lanes knew it needed to start striking; and it did. But, they fell 15 pins shy of

totals, taking Game 3 874-830 led by Jamie Ferry's 255 game. Ryan Cunningham shot a 215 to lead Threadworks in the rubber match. Westminster Lanes goes to 75 points overall for the league behind Ferry's 671 series. Threadworks holds a one-point lead at 76 though; they were backed by Jones' 736 set.

Forest Lanes (80) vs. Junior Amateur Tour (76)

Forest Lanes got a huge boost in sweeping Junior Amateur Tour behind Tony Brunning's 257/716 series to go to 85 points. Junior Amateur Tour was led by Walt Blackston's 289/727 set. Forest Lanes took the win by 113 pins.

DV8 (85) vs. US Foods (80)

DV8 entered the night in the driver's seat by five points in the race for the final roll-off spot. The momentum was in DV8's favor in Game 1, as DV8 pulled out an 871-841 win over US Foods led by Kyle Duster's 255 game. Gabriel Martinez shot a 257 game to keep things close for US Foods. Game 2 saw the script flip almost identically – US Foods didn't want to see its chance fade away to catch DV8 and as a team shot 931 to DV8's 899. But here's the thing. DV8 got the other honor score of the night, as Duster shot 300 to keep his team's surge going. Martinez's 254 had other plans though and US Foods not only won by 32 pins but had taken the lead in totals by just two pins as well. Game 3 would determine who wanted it more. It wound up being Paul Barraco with a 266 game and US Foods with a 928-859 win for the game and match. Jeff Carr shot 277 for US Foods, but it wasn't enough. Martinez ended up with a 737 series as US Foods jumps up to 84 points for the round, sitting just two points back of the leaders, DV8. Duster was two pins better than Martinez with a 739 series as DV8 will take their one point to leap up to 86 points for the round.

Bowlium \$\$ (79) vs. Cal Bowl \$\$\$ (76)

Seeding is important now. We take five teams to the roll-off, which means that four plays five, three waits for the winner; two gets the winner of that match, and the top seed plays just one opponent for a chance at the crown. Bowlium nearly had a perfect night lined up for it as Leonard Ruiz, Jr. was absent for Cal Bowl on this night. Game 1 was a 945-924 win for Bowlium led by Butch Jackson's 248 game. Cal Bowl was led by Carl Labayan's 246. Game 2 saw more of the same success for Bowlium in an 897-864 win for Bowlium. Billy Myers, Jr. was high bowler for Bowlium with a 258 game. Raul (I can assume it's Spanky Rosales, but the recap only says Raul) shot 237 to lead Cal Bowl in the effort. The recap only says Raul) shot 237 to lead Cal Bowl in the effort. The perfect night was erased when Herman Ferguson's 244 game led Cal Bowl to a 913-912 one-pin win to salvage one point for the night. Jackson led the way again for Bowlium, this time shooting 235. It was Myers leading Bowlium's charge to four points and a leap up to 83 for the round. Ferguson was Cal Bowl's leader with a 711 set as Cal Bowl goes to 77 points and maintaining the fourth seed for now.

Main Event: Forever Hope Foundation \$ (109) vs. Family Ties \$\$\$\$ (80)

Every third week I get to write the Brunswick Invitational article and I know this season is different and special as we've never seen a team do what Forever Hope Foundation has done, and I know each time they take the lanes, something is going to happen.

Something happened again, and we may have a challenger for Forever Hope Foundation come June 13, as Family Ties is ready to bring it.

Game 1 was more of the same as we have seen all season and Matt Murtishaw shot 268 to lead Forever Hope Foundation to a 976-887 win in Game 1. Vince Duarte shot 267 to lead the way for Family Ties.

But then everything changed, and Family Ties took the gloves off and started throwing haymakers. Duarte shot a 290 game and was aided by Steve Gurrieri's 275 game as Family Ties shot 1024 against a 944 for Forever Hope Foundation, bringing totals down to just nine pins. Joe Smith shot 268 in the loss for Forever Hope Foundation.

On to Game 3, and it was all Family Ties. Sub Jon Huff shot a 279 to lead Family Ties to a 955-796 win and totals for the night. William M (no guesses here. Who's this?) shot 242 to lead the way for Forever Hope Foundation.

Duarte misses 800 by five pins with a 795 series! Family Ties goes to 84 points for the season. It was Murtishaw's 717 leading the way for Forever Hope Foundation, which goes to 110 points.


TOP 10 THIS WEEK

Vince Duarte . . . . .	795	Walt Blackston . . . . .	727
Jon Huff . . . . .	749	Billy Myers Jr. . . . .	720
Kyle Duster . . . . .	739	Matt Murtishaw . . . . .	717
Gabriel Martinez . . . . .	737	Tony Brunning . . . . .	716
Kevin Jones . . . . .	736	Herman Ferguson. . . . .	711

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That aforementioned Magic Number drops to 16 wins for Forever Hope Foundation, as Family Ties kept its pace going against Bowlium with four points for the night.

Sidepots

The first game sidepot was won by Kevin Jones with a 300. He won \$44. Taking second place was Jonathan Gale with a 258, paying him \$22.

Game 2 went to Kyle Duster with his perfect 300, good for \$44. Second place was won by Walt Blackston. He shot 289 and received \$21.

In the final game, Jon Huff took home \$132 for his 279 game. Bobby Campagnale and Butch Jackson each shot 235 and took home \$33 apiece for doing so.

The Financial Advisors Pot went to Kyle Duster for his 300 game, which was worth \$160. Walt Blackston earned \$70 for his 289 game.

Top 3 Bowlers for Week 5

Your leading scorers for the night were:

- Vince Duarte (**Family Ties**) - 795
- Jon Huff (**Family Ties**) - 749
- Kyle Duster (**DV8**) - 739

Roll-off Positions as of Tonight

- Forever Hope Foundation \$ - 110
- Family Ties \$\$\$\$ - 84
- Bowlium \$\$ - 83
- Cal Bowl \$\$\$ - 77

Round 5 Overall Top 5

- DV8 - 86
- Forest Lanes - 85
- US Foods - 84
- Threadworks - 77
- Junior Amateur Tour - 76

Next Week's Matchups

- Main Event: Forever Hope Foundation \$ vs. Family Ties \$\$\$\$
- Bowlium \$\$ vs. Cal Bowl \$\$\$
- Forest Lanes vs. Professional Approach Pro Shop
- Bowling Guys vs. US Foods
- Threadworks vs. WBPI
- Westminster Lanes vs. WBPI
- TDI Refrigeration vs. DV8
- Junior Amateur Tour vs. California Timberline

On to next week and a different pattern. The seeding matchup will get hot throughout this round to see who will stand where for the roll-off. Same goes for the fifth seed. Keep an eye on DV8, Forest Lanes and US Foods. They are teams with some great bowlers.

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