

SIMONSEN WINS BACK-TO-BACK USBC MASTERS, BECOMES YOUNGEST TO FIVE MAJOR TITLES

by Nolan Hughes

ALLEN PARK, Mich. – On Sunday afternoon, at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Mich., Anthony Simonsen etched a new chapter in his young, yet illustrious PBA career.

The 26-year-old defeated Michael Martell to win the 2023 USBC Masters, defending his title and becoming the youngest player in PBA history to win five major titles.

Six years ago, he won his first Masters title to become the PBA's youngest major champion. He then won the 2019 PBA Players Championship, 2022 U.S. Open and 2022 Masters; the youngest to

win at every turn.

With this latest title, Simonsen also became the third three-time Masters champion, joining Mike Aulby (1989, '95, '98) and Jason Belmonte (2013-15, '17).

Simonsen caught fire late in the match play rounds, averaging over 263 for his last eight games before the championship round.

He beat Martell in the final match of the winners bracket to earn the No. 1 seed, which ensured Simonsen would need to be beaten twice on TV. He struck on 34 of 36 possible shots in that match, shooting 300 and 845 for the three-game set.



2023 Masters Champion Anthony Simonsen

The two-hander refused to let the match reach a second game, seizing the title with a 243-222 victory.

Martell, who was mak-

ing his PBA Tour television debut, knew he could not give Simonsen an inch. After converting a pair of 6-pins, Martell split in the seventh

frame, giving Simonsen all the room he needed.

The 25-year-old from Brooklyn, N.Y. defeated Kyle Sherman in the semifinal to set up a rematch. Martell shook off some jitters in the first two frames, then struck in the ninth and 10th to shut out Sherman and advance to his first career championship match.

"There is nothing better than stepping up on television knowing you need a hit and getting the hit," Martell said. "I have a lot of belief in the fact that I can get back here. This is just the beginning of what I hope will be the rest of a special season."

The scoring pace

slowed down in the semifinal, following a trend seen throughout the week. The 46-foot oil pattern would often be conducive to high scores, but transition could make them tricky in a hurry.

Sherman, just as he did Friday night, started hot in the opening match against Sean Rash. He threw 10 strikes to take down the veteran, 258-199.

Rash, making his first Masters telecast since winning the event in 2007, fought to stay in the match. However, a 4-9 split in the ninth frame ended his comeback attempt.

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WORLD DOMINATION IN RETURN OF USA VS. THE WORLD EVENT

by Nolan Hughes



Sam Cooley, Jason Belmonte, Jesper Svensson and Dom Barrett

WAUWATOSA – After a three-year hiatus, the USA vs. The World event returned to the Guaranteed Rate World Series of Bowling XIV at Bowlero Wauwatosa outside of Milwaukee.

The World's Jason Belmonte, Jesper Svensson, Sam Cooley and Dom Barrett dominated the two-day match to seize the title on the Americans' home soil.

After sweeping Saturday's singles matches to take a 5-0 lead, Belmonte and Svensson prevailed in a baker doubles match against Anthony Simonsen and EJ Tackett. While Belmonte had a pair of open frames, Svensson struck on all seven of his attempts to clinch the match against

the PBA's top two players of the 2023 season.

"The three of these boys performed really well," Belmonte said. "I underperformed, but that's one of the things that you can afford to do in a team environment. If one of the boys at any stage throughout the day isn't performing great, you can rally behind that person and lift them up. That's exactly what these guys did for me today."

U.S. captain Tommy Jones and Kyle Troup, with their backs against the wall, defeated Cooley and Barrett in the alternate-shot doubles match. The American duo doubled in the 10th frame to stave off elimination.

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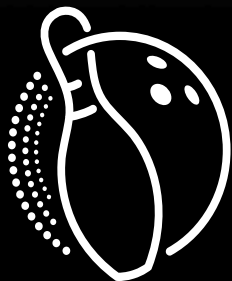
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ZACHARY ANDREWS

Chuck Hall Star of Tomorrow

ARLINGTON, Texas – Zachary Andrews of Jacksonville, Florida, has been selected by the International Bowling Campus Youth Committee as the 2023 Chuck Hall Star of Tomorrow.

The award recognizes the star qualities in a United States Bowling Congress Youth member, including distinguished bowling performances on the local, state and national levels, academic achievement and community involvement. Applicants must be a male high school senior or college student.

Along with the prestigious honor, Andrews will receive a \$6,000 scholarship as the 2023 recipient.

“To put it simply, I was shocked,” said Andrews, when describing his emotions when he received the news that he was the award recipient. “I applied for several of the scholarships from USBC, and this was by far the one I was NOT expecting to get. It was sheer and utter shock, but also at the same time there was excitement in the realization that all the work I’d put into my bowling and my schoolwork, that all of that was worth it.”

Despite being pleasantly surprised and shocked, the meaning of the award was not lost on Andrews.

“This award means so many different things. It encompasses each and every area of my life, including the bowling I’ve worked so hard at since I was a child and that I’m so closely connected with through my family. Then you also have my academic work and volunteer work all coming together in one place at one time in this award.”

Andrews, 16, has already established himself as a force to be reckoned with in the classroom, on the lanes and in the community.

A senior at Duncan U. Fletcher High School in Neptune Beach, Florida, Andrews has maintained a 4.0 GPA (4.942 weighted), is at the top of his graduating class and is the current president of his school’s National Honor Society chapter.

His considerable academic prowess and motivation to continue developing his skills led Andrews to pursue and gain acceptance into the Stanford Pre-Collegiate University program, which has allowed him to take college-level coursework while still in high school in order to jumpstart his pursuit of a degree in mechanical engineering.

“From a young age, I’ve had a love for mathematics,” said Andrews. “My mom, who is a math teacher, instilled a drive in me to always look for more in mathematics, to always look for that next level of complexity, so, I made it my goal to get ahead in math as much as I could and eventually, last year, I ran out of math courses to take in high school. That was when we found the Stanford Pre-Collegiate program, and that allowed me to continue on my mathematical journey.”

While a love for math was instilled in Andrews at a young age, a love for bowling was as well.

“I’ve been bowling pretty much since I was able to pick up a ball,” said Andrews. “My family, all of us bowl. My grandparents run a local youth league here in Jacksonville. My mother and her sisters bowled all the time, including now, so bowling has always been this experience of family.”

Andrew has distinguished himself on the lanes in the same manner as he has in the classroom, capturing multiple top-10 finishes at high-level tournaments across the state of Florida. And, although many of those were individual honors, Andrews cites a win in a team event as one his most memorable in bowling.

“One of my first big, proud moments in the sport was with the USA Bowling tournament,” said Andrews. “As a U12 team in 2017, we ended up winning our first tournament in the Coastal South Region and qualified for the national tournament. One of the nice things about that tournament is that it’s a Baker-style format, so it really emphasizes teamwork, cooperation and cohesion. The fact that we were able to come together and win that was one of my proudest moments. It was great having all of us together, and we got to travel to Junior Gold together, so it was just a wonderful experience.”

The USA Bowling tournament introduced Andrews to Junior Gold, and he has qualified for the Junior Gold Championships three times (2017, 2018 and 2021). He also has won Riptide Bowler of the Year honors twice (2021 and 2022) and was the 2018 Beach Bowl Youth Bowler of the Year.

Additionally, Andrews is the current vice president of the Florida State USBC Youth Leaders where he’s had the opportunity to function in a variety of roles, including working with various tournaments and collaborating with the Ways and Means Committee on fundraisers and scholarships the association awards and distributes.

“Being able to give back to the bowling community that has served me throughout my life as sort of a second family has been a great experience with the Youth Leaders,” said Andrews.

Andrews notes he’s had the privilege of being involved in a number of community service projects, includ-
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The Apple Doesn't Fall Far From The Tree

by Dave Williams

Most professions contain a fair amount of generational history. Bowling is no different. Sure, everyone has heard about the performances of the immortal Dick Weber and his son Pete, or the obvious connection between Guppy Troup and his son Kyle. As poet Ralph Waldo Emerson once so eloquently put it, *"The apple doesn't fall far from the tree."*

And so it goes with Robert Spigner, the son of professional bowler Bill Spigner. But it goes even farther than that, because Robert's mom, Barbara, is also a bowling legend in her own right, developing her skills under Brunswick's MacGregor Sports division, before advancing to national promotion manager at Brunswick Recreation Centers (BRC), another division of the Brunswick Corporation.

As if that wasn't enough, you begin to realize the rarified history of the younger Spigner when you consider the fact that his grandfather (and Barbara's father), James Urbanek, was a longtime corporate executive of the Brunswick Corporation, with several years of accounting experience while working for the Arthur Andersen accounting firm. He worked on dozens of company mergers and acquisitions for Brunswick, according to a memorial tribute to his life in the Chicago Tribune.

"I think that both Bill and I influenced Rob with our work ethic," said Mrs. Spigner. "We were always working to better ourselves or to do the best for whatever we had to do for Hawthorn Lanes," a bowling center in Vernon Hills, Ill., that was purchased by the family after Barbara and Bill had ended their careers with Brunswick and the PBA.

But perhaps it's the merger and acquisition history of Rob's grandfather that most influenced his future endeavors. Proof of that osmosis can be observed in Spigner's recent acquisitions of bowling centers in both Arizona and Texas. In addition to his duties at Triple Shift, Spigner is also a co-founder and managing partner at Chaver Capital Partners in San Francisco, where he is actively involved in all investment and portfolio activities.

"We began Triple Shift Entertainment with the acquisition of the Anderson Companies in 2018," stated Spigner. There was a total of 10 bowling centers in the initial purchase, containing a total of 270 lane beds. The tripleshift.com website opens with the following masthead: "The Next Evolution in Bowling and Entertainment Venues," and if a picture does indeed paint a thousand words, you can see the fun and excitement represented by the photos of the different locations.

Triple Shift Entertainment Purchases 4 Bowling Centers in Tucson

Earlier this year Triple Shift completed their second major acquisition with the purchase of Vantage Bowling Centers in Tucson, Arizona. The centers were owned by Wes Becker, a lifetime resident of Tucson that was deeply involved in the bowling industry, devoting many hours of his time to both USBC and BPAA committees. Becker died in September of 2021, but left the business in good hands with his wife of 47 years, Candy, their four daughters, and longtime business partner Jill Theis.

I asked Spigner if Becker's death might have had anything to do with the sale, and he replied, "We had been working with Wes and Jill for many years on this potential acquisition, and that's why it took only 120 days to complete the transaction." Spigner was quick to recognize the efforts of Jill Theis, as well as Roger Philipi, chief operating officer of Triple Shift Entertainment, for their endeavors to complete the sale so quickly. "When you have the best people, good things happen," said Mr. Spigner.

Vantage Bowling Centers included four locations in the Tucson area: Cactus Bowl, with 32 lanes; Lucky Strike, with 32 lanes; Tucson Bowl, with 24 lanes; and Fiesta Lanes, with a total of 40 lanes. The sale to Triple Shift Entertainment was completed for a sum total of \$9,620,980.

A Trifecta With The Acquisition of 3 Bowling Centers in Houston

In Texas, Triple Shift acquired the Max Bowl locations in the Houston suburbs of Humble, Baytown and Port Arthur, from Max and Brittney Tribble. The Max Bowl experience includes bowling, bar & grill, arcade, laser tag, skywalk and private party rooms. Spigner described the Max Bowl properties as family entertainment centers.



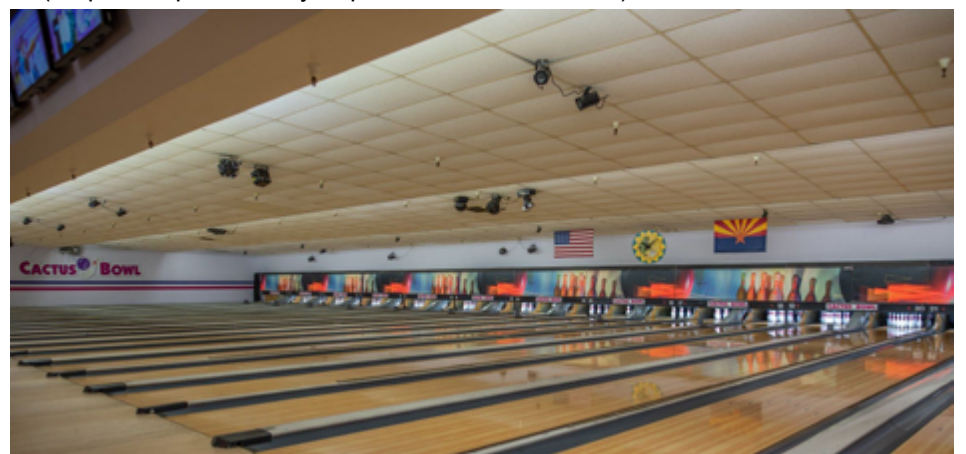
Lucky Strike Bowl in Tucson

"Customers drive into the parking lot to have a good time," said Spigner. "At all of our locations we offer many opportunities for family and friends to gather and to have fun. Whether it's bowling or chef-inspired eats, arcades or birthday parties, we want to provide memory making moments at all of our venues."

With corporate offices in Woodbury, Minn., Triple Shift Entertainment operates 11 traditional bowling centers, 5 family entertainment centers, and one unique bowling and special events location with an attached Wyndham Hotel. "Our vision is to become the premier destination for families and friends to create memories," stated Spigner.

In closing, Spigner added that the acquisitions demonstrate that Triple Shift Entertainment is a bowling oriented company with bowling people that are dedicated to delivering the best for customers, staff members and the sport. "I'm excited about bringing the Triple Shift philosophy to our seven new locations."

It appears that the apple did not fall far from the tree...
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EDMUND MANNING HITS THE JACKPOT WITH HIS FIRST "300" GAME

by Randy G. Gulley



Edmund Manning

PAHRUMP— Edmund finally hit the jackpot at Pahrump Nugget Bowling Center. Wednesday Night in the Pahrump 5's League he got his first "300" game while rolling to an excellent 743 series.

Averaging 192 in this league, Edmund stated "getting the 300 finally was a testament to all of my studying of the game and practicing since I moved to Pahrump NV".

Edmund told me that he was around 10 years old when he started bowling. He played at the 32 Street Naval Base San Diego with his family. He only bowled recreationally until he moved to Pahrump NV about 20 years ago. He previ-

ously was in Oceanside CA and graduated from U.S. Marine Corps boot camp at the end of 1986. He went to Okinawa, Japan and when Desert Storm ended he left the Marine Corps. He stayed in Oceanside until 2002 when he moved to Pahrump NV.

When he is not bowling, he is a route driver in North Las Vegas for a California based company. Edmund been married to his beautiful wife for 32 years. She doesn't bowl right now, however, maybe we can get her into the game.

Hopefully, we will see another 300 game from Edmund before too long. He loves the Storm Phaze II he's been using.

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At the Masters, Simonsen sought to defend a title for the first time in his career. He not only repeated as Masters champion, but also won the second straight PBA Tour event held at Thunderbowl.

"As soon as I walk in, it feels like home," Simonsen said. "With all the history the inside (Thunderbowl), not just the building but the arena itself, it's pretty special to come in here. I had the last win on the old lane surface. I have the first one on the new lane surface. Being a little bowling nerd, that'll be a little cool checkmark for me."

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ing a variety of tutoring programs that he's been able to participate in throughout his high school career. He joined his school's chapter of Mu Alpha Theta – a national mathematics honor society – during his freshman year and has been president of that chapter for the last two years.

"As part of membership in Mu Alpha Theta, we have a tutoring program," said Andrews. "That was how I was introduced to tutoring other students in math. One of my favorite things about being able to tutor, especially with mathematics, is that it's a way for me to put my mathematical skills to use in service to others. Then, through National Honor Society and through the college board and a website called Schoolhouse.world, I've been able to expand my outlets for tutoring to areas outside my school."

As Andrews continues to grow as a young man, bowling remains an impactful part of his life.

"I've learned some great life lessons through bowling," said Andrews. "Like the concept of average score for example. One bad game doesn't ruin your entire average or your entire tournament, so why let one bad thing ruin your entire week or month or year? Being able to keep that positivity in experiences has been one of the most valuable things I've been able to bring with me into other aspects of life."

Andrews has already been accepted to the Honors Program at the University of Florida, but he is waiting for news on his applications to other universities including Princeton, Yale and Duke. No matter where Andrews attends college or where his career path takes him, he sees bowling as part of his future as well.

"I'm definitely going to keep bowling well into the future," said Andrews. "It will always be a part of my life. If there's a bowling center within driving distance of me, I will definitely be paying it plenty of visits. Whether it's just recreationally or whether there ends up being room for more, it's important for me to continue having that aspect of my life that has been so influential to me up to this point."

Andrews will be recognized in April during the 2023 USBC Convention at South Point Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

This year's award ceremony, which includes a variety of awards for youth and adult bowlers, will take place during the 2023 USBC Annual Meeting on April 26 and 27. The meeting will be broadcast live at BowlTV.com.

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GLENN FORBUSH Bowling "Highlander"

by Frank Weiler

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nation.

The U.S. needed to win the team baker match, which featured a Race To Two format, to force a roll-off. In Game 1, the teams were tied through eight frames.

Belmonte's strike followed by Simonsen's 2-pin conversion in the ninth frame gave the World the advantage. Though Tackett threw a double in the 10th, Svensson's strike clinched the game.

In the second game, Belmonte missed a 3-6-10 spare in the fifth frame, reducing the World's lead to just two pins at the halfway point.

"As soon as I missed it, we made a comment as a group that no matter how the beginning of the game went, whoever threw the best shots down the stretch was going to win," Belmonte said. "We knew with one good shot each, the game was over."

The World came out of the break firing on all cylinders. Svensson and Cooley struck, then Barrett converted a 4-pin. Meanwhile, the Americans opened twice: Tackett chopped a 6-10 and Jones failed to convert a 4-7-10 split.

Belmonte's strike in the ninth frame ostensibly sealed the win, then Svensson packed home yet another strike for good measure.

"The young guys and girls that bowl and come out on Tour, they're not scared of winning or mixing up with us," Barrett said. "They throw it so good and they bowl so well, and that really does go around the whole world now. It's fantastic to see and I'm very proud to represent them."

For two members of the World team, the victory had a more personal touch. Svensson continued his unassailable dominance over Troup, his Tour roommate and close friend.

"It's really nothing new that I have bragging rights," Svensson said. "I have that 52 weeks a year. He hasn't ever beat me."

When the World team discussed their lineup strategy, Cooley said he wanted to bowl someone he looked up to. That person was Jones, who Cooley defeated in Saturday's singles match and in today's doubles and baker matches.

"To share that moment with someone who essentially is the reason I'm sitting here, it's a very surreal feeling," Cooley said. "Not many people in any kind of sport can say that they've managed to beat someone they've looked up to their entire life."

Two moments before the event proved pivotal to the World team's victory: Belmonte's selection of Svensson and his Captains' Round win at the Holler House.

"When it's TV time, I want someone on the left side of the lane on my team," Belmonte said. "There's only one guy that I want on that team, and that's always gonna be this kid. He could have been sitting last in the rankings, legitimately last, I would have said to him, 'I need you to step up one more time on TV for the World Team.'"

Competing on the 44-foot Salvino pattern, Svensson excelled throughout the weekend.

"For me, especially now when I was only lefty on the team, my job is to just step on the gas and try to call it as many strikes as I can," Svensson said.

Jones said the World team not having to finish on the right lane proved to be an advantage for the World team in the singles matches. But when it came to the baker team matches this afternoon, where each team would bowl the entire game on their respective lane, the international stars saved the right lane for the deciding game.

"Straight out of the heat of the battle, we were ready to bowl on the right lane (first)," Barrett said. "Belmo slowed us down. He said, 'Let's bowl on the good lane that's gonna get worse and then the other lane will get better' and that's exactly what happened."

The World team clinched the Hall of Fame Cup, the inaugural trophy that will live at the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame in Arlington, Texas.

The victorious World team members each took home \$10,000, while the Americans earned a \$5,000 prize.

The WSOB continues with singles championships each of the next three nights. The PBA Cheetah Championship, featuring Tackett as the No. 2 seed, will take place Monday night at 7 p.m. ET on FS1.

Tackett, Simonsen and Svensson advanced to Tuesday night's PBA Scorpion Championship, while Cooley and Simonsen will compete on Wednesday's PBA Shark Championship finals as well.

The PBA World Championship finalists will be determined on Thursday as the 12 advancers compete in round-robin match play. The finals of the season's fourth major championship will be held next Sunday at noon ET on FOX.

DAY 1 SCORES

Match 1: Sam Cooley def. Tommy Jones, 214-200 (one point)
Match 2: Jesper Svensson def. Kyle Troup, 220-210 (one point)
Match 3: Jason Belmonte def. Anthony Simonsen, 255-244 (one point)
Match 4: Dom Barrett def. EJ Tackett, 239-202 (one point)
Total Pinfall: World def. USA, 928-856 (one point)
World led USA, 5-0

CHAMPIONSHIP DAY SCORES

Baker Doubles: Jason Belmonte and Jesper Svensson def. Anthony Simonsen and EJ Tackett, 215-205 (two points)
Alternate Shot Doubles: Kyle Troup and Tommy Jones def. Sam Cooley and Dom Barrett, 220-217 (two points)
Baker Team (Race to Two): World def. USA, 209-188; 212-175 (five points)
World def. USA, 12-2

WSOB XIV SCHEDULE

All times listed in Eastern.

Monday, April 17

7 p.m. on FS1 — PBA Cheetah Championship Finals

Tuesday, April 18

7 p.m. on FS1 — PBA Scorpion Championship Finals

Wednesday, April 19

7 p.m. on FS1 — PBA Shark Championship Finals

Thursday, April 20

10 a.m. — PBA World Championship Match Play Round 1 (six games)

2:30 p.m. — PBA World Championship Match Play Round 2 (six games)

Sunday, April 23

Noon on FOX — PBA World Championship Finals

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GAME 3 Aija Esqueda - 246

TEAM RESULTS

1st - \$ 480 – Jonathan Gonzalez, Virginia Hill, Ruben Gonzalez, Rodger Hill, Jr. - 3343

2nd - \$ 400 – Ranon Samuels, Sheri Hanks, John Hanks, Kaitlin Silva - 3301

3rd - \$ 320 – Aija Esqueda, Adam Powers, Jim Powers, Quentin Nogosek - 3262

4th - \$ 240 – Jon Bromberg, Ryan Knight, Kristina, Geoff Perea - 3242

5th - \$ 200 – Kimmi Eiban, Bruce Gruman, Ron Reardon, Kenneth Ferguson - 3221

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Ask And You Shall Receive

by Dave Williams

A few weeks ago I wrote an article about Dot Wilkinson, another in a long line of athletes that have participated on a professional level in both baseball and bowling. While researching for the article, I spotted another famous baseball-bowling professional that was a member of the All American Girls Professional Baseball League (AAGPBL). Her name is Jean Havlish, and she played short-stop for the Fort Wayne Daisies, the team that was made famous in the movie, *A League of Their Own*, by Penny Marshall, in 1992.

At the end of the article my final line was, "I wonder if there are any other two sport athletes in bowling..." For those of you that are old enough to remember, that ending with the ellipsis (...) was made famous by California Bowling News columnist Jess Dudley, who would end every one of his "Out of the Woodpile" columns with 3 dots. It can mean any number of things, such as a question, unfinished thought, a longing, to be continued, etc. I always think of Jess Dudley when I end a story in that manner.

Well, as a verse in The Bible says, Ask And You Shall Receive! On Thursday, I received the latest issue of *Bowlers Journal*, and on page 10 there's an article about Jean Eastman (nee Wunsch, and Faut), who was a member of the South Bend Blue Sox in the same All American Girls Professional Baseball League, from 1946 to 1953. It's interesting to note that a statement from Major League Baseball comments that the AAGPBL was founded in 1943 (as were many others, like the ASA league in which Dot Wilkinson participated), to help keep baseball in the public eye while men were serving in World War II.

Faut was quite a story. Although her bowling exploits were not as dramatic as Wilkinson or Havlish, she was quite the pitcher in baseball, with a 1.23 career ERA that included four no-hitters, and two of those were perfect games. No other professional baseball player (male or female) at any level has ever authored two perfect games. She played only eight seasons but was named the Player of the Year in two of those eight seasons. Her lifetime record was 140-64.

For the next 8 years after her baseball retirement, Faut honed her bowling skills. She made her PWBA introduction with a 13th place finish at the BPAA All Star in 1964. Previously, she had won the Indiana State USBC Women's All Events Title for three consecutive years, confirming that she was yet another baseball-bowling aficionado. She also won the 1964 Doubles Event with partner Bea Hoffman. In all, Faut won a total of eleven state USBC titles between 1962 and 1983 (8 from Indiana and 3 from North Carolina).

Faut continued on the PWBA tour until 1978. She performed her best at the big money events, but never really lived up to her impressive amateur state titles performance while competing on the PWBA tour. Her top finishes, in addition to the 13th place finish at the All Star in 1964, were: 5th at the 1964 World's Invitational, 4th at the 1965 Tucson Open, and 4th at the 1966 BPAA All Star. In her final year of competition in 1978, she finished 7th at the Rockford (Illinois) Open, and 9th at the Montgomery Ward Brunswick Classic.

In a tribute to the women professional ball players at mlb.com, a film that was prepared by Kelly Candaele, one of Helen Candaele's 5 sons, has been posted:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nO5WARN9RZQ&t=1655s>

Helen was known as "the Ted Williams of women's professional baseball." Mr. Candaele stated in the accompanying article by Christina De Nicola, that he never really knew about his mom's fame while growing up at their home in Lompoc, California. It wasn't until the mid-1960's, when the Mothers of the Little Leaguers were asked to play a game against their husbands.

"My mother just clearly demonstrated athletic ability that was beyond most of the men who were laughing at the women throwing like little girls," Kelly told mlb.com. "And that's when I realized that when she talked about playing professional baseball, she really meant at a high level."



Jean Faut (1950)

Almost 25 years later, in 1987, Candaele and fellow producer Kim Wilson wanted to shine a light on this forgotten moment in sports by making a documentary titled, *A League of Their Own - The Documentary*. Some of the California based former members of the team were able to provide old films they found in their basements and garages, according to De Nicola.

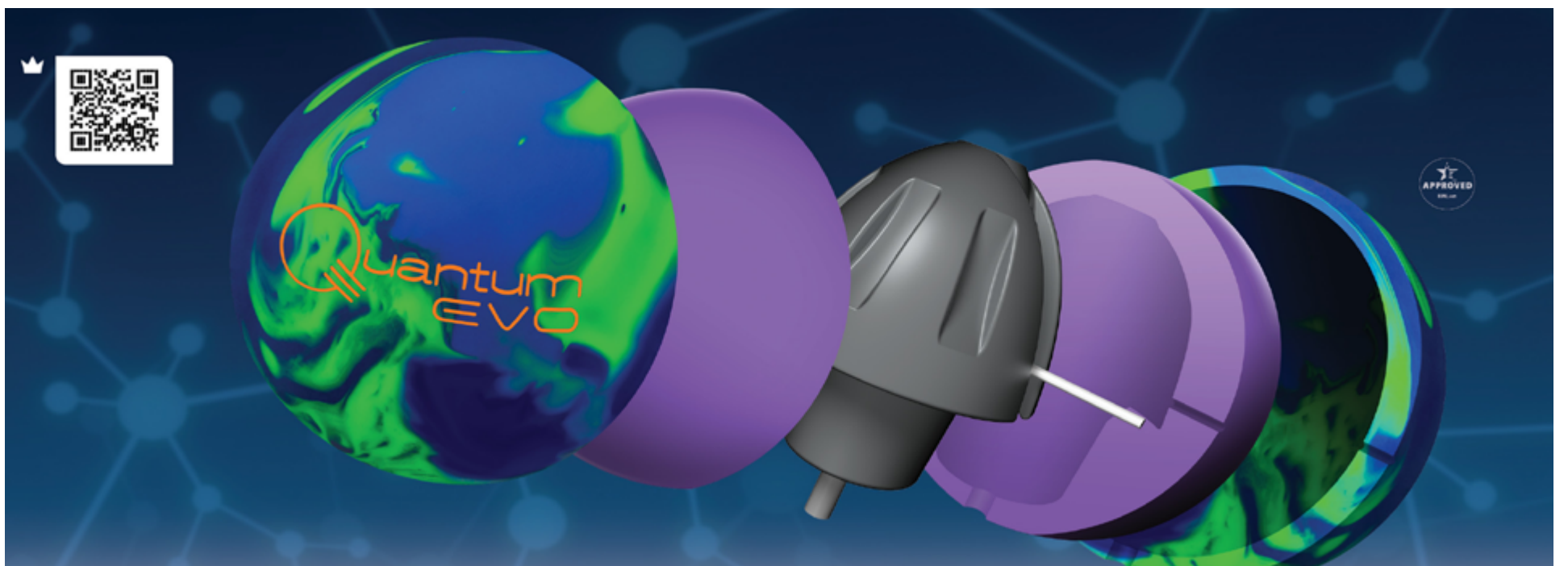
"I think it was just a mixture of pride (for my mom) and amazement," Candaele said. "It was amazing that this league actually existed and stayed in existence for as long as it did." Wilson and Candaele showed a trailer to a local PBS station, which helped with the completion of the documentary, including a trip to Fort Wayne, Ind., for an AAGPBL reunion, as well as all post production editing.

De Nicola writes that when the film aired across the PBS television network, the documentary subject matter captivated one baseball fan in particular: the late director Penny Marshall. The rest, as they say, is history, and a Hollywood version starring the likes of Tom Hanks and Geena Davis was created.

The 30 minute documentary is worth a view. It's filled with snippets you won't find in the Hollywood version of the film:

- At the 11:42 mark, Sophie Kurys casually mentions that her forte was stealing bases. "My best year was in 1946. That year in particular, I stole 201 bases."
- Another spot in the film shares moments when the entire league would train in Cuba. "We were known as the Bonitas Senioritas Americanas," remembers Helen Candaele. "We actually outdrew the New York Yankees in Cuba."
- "It was wild," said Faye Dancer. "We had to have tourist cops with us in Cuba, because the men just loved blond haired women."

Photo of Jean Faut from AAGPBL Exhibit at mlb.com



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by Frank Weiler

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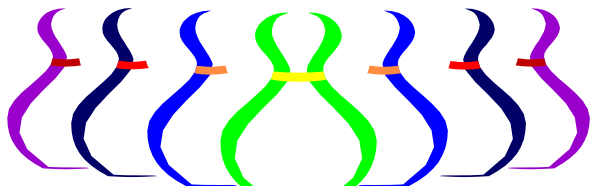
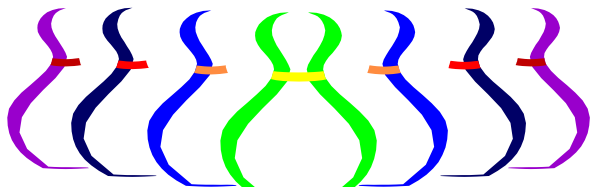
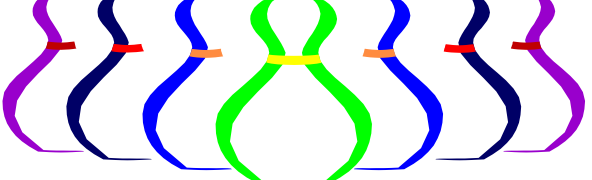
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One Pin Gives Junior Amateur Tour The Round Four Win

by David Yamauchi

DOWNEY - The Brunswick Invitational hit the lanes for the final week on the 2022 USBC Nationals Team pattern. The round winners were taken out of contention for the night as the position round was set up without those three teams in the mix. The top two teams were still alive and just one game apart going into tonight's battle for the round.

In the "A" match, **Junior Amateur Tour** stayed in the top match after a 4-1 result last week as they took a one game lead into the battle with **US Foods** who jumped to the "A" match after a sweep in week six. Both teams came out huge with US Foods taking a 919-906 first game win. Junior Amateur Tour backed into a game two win 834-827 putting the match one game to one game and US Foods with a slim 6 pin lead for totals. Game three started close and went down to the wire as Junior Amateur Tour put up open frames in the second and third spot giving US Foods life. Anchor Kevin Valmonte's shot went high, leaving the 3-4-6-10, but his shot covered three pins and locked out US Foods, with Gabriel Martinez striking out and Junior Amateur Tour taking the 820-813 win. The seven-pin win gave Junior Amateur Tour total pins by one pin 2560-2559, and the 4-1 win to take the round. Anthony Santos led Junior Amateur Tour with a 668 set while Gabriel Martinez was huge for US Foods with a 739 series. Congratulations to Junior Amateur Tour as they join the round winners!

In the "B" match, last week's results took the next two teams out of round contention with **Cal Bowl** and **Threadworks** mathematically eliminated but looking to bank some wins. Threadworks started the night with a 800 game but Cal Bowl came right back with two big games to take totals and the 4-1 win. Scott Smith led Cal Bowl with a 636 series while Paul Varela paced Threadworks with a 589 set.

Allied Paving took on **Professional Approach** with both teams sitting at 16-14 for the round. Allied Paving took a close game one but it was all Professional Approach from there as they struck to the 4-1 win. John Struckman was strong for Professional Approach with a solid 620 series while sub Sal Zaragoza led Allied Paving with a 577 series.

Forest Lanes met up with **HB Complete Builders** in the battle of the 7th-8th place teams. HB Complete Builders came out strong with the first game win with game 2 coming down to the anchor. JT Diso left a 2-10

and needed it for the tie but the 2 pin wrapped the 10 for a one-pin loss. Forest came back huge to make up for that break with a 121-pin win in game three to get totals and the 3-2 win. JT Diso was huge for Forest Lanes with a 648 set while Christian Eichelkraut paced HB Complete Builders with a 586 series.

Bowlium took on **Westminster Lanes** with both teams sitting on matching 12-18 records. Bowlium came out striking but it was Westminster Lanes taking the next two and totals for the 4-1 win. Billy Myers Jr. was again big for Bowlium with a 709 set while Jonathan Huezo paced Westminster Lanes with a 644 series.

J.K. Inc met up with **Bowling Guys** with J.K. Inc looking to bounce back after last week and Bowling Guys looking to keep the momentum going. J.K. Inc. took the bookend win plus totals for a 4-1 result. Ian Markstrum paced J.K. Inc. with a 534 set while Joe Ray Jr. led Bowling Guys with a 491 series.

Don Julio Tequila bowled the scores of **Bowling Guys**, with the three round winners out of the mix. Don Julio beat the third game score for a 1-4 result. Max Castillo led Don Julio Tequila with a 532 set.

The three round winners bowled against each other's scores with **Finishing Touch Floors** battling **Family Ties** and **DV8** bowling against the scores of Family Ties. Family Ties took a 4-1 win over Finishing Touch Floors on the strength of Mikey Villarreal's 649 set. Chris Hefner subbed his way to the lead for Finishing Touch Floors with a 640 series. DV8 bowled the scores of Family Ties and took game one, but that was all they could bank as they took a 1-4 result. Tyler Veneracion led DV8 with a strong 657 set.

Financial Advisor's Pot went to Mikey Villarreal (259) for \$160 with 2nd to JT Diso (235) for \$70. Sidepots went to Anthony Santos (288) and Mikey Villarreal (259) for \$50 each with 2nd to Gabriel Martinez (257) and JT Diso (235) for \$25. SuperPot went to Gabriel Martinez (267) for \$150 with 2nd to Matt Murtishaw (247) for \$75. Anthony Santos claimed the must-go Clean-30 pot by going Clean-12 for the pot.

Eliminator Pot champion was Kurt Arakaki (658) for \$160, 2nd to JT Diso (648) for \$110, 3rd to Paul Barraco (634) for \$70, 4th to Ramiro Garcia (551) for \$40 and 5th to Joe Pepitone (540) for \$20.

TOP 10 TEAMS OVERALL	
Finishing Touch Floors \$\$ 90	Threadworks81
Junior Amateur Tour \$\$\$\$ 87.5	Forest Lanes79
Family Ties \$84	US Foods73
DV8 \$\$\$84	Bowlium72
Cal Bowl85	Professional Approach 66.5

TOP 10 TEAMS ROUND 4	
Junior Amateur Tour \$\$\$\$.26	Professional Approach ...20
DV8 \$\$\$23	Family Ties \$19
Finishing Touch Floors \$\$ 22	Forest Lanes18
US Foods22	Threadworks17
Cal Bowl21	Allied Paving17

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739 Gabriel Martinez	650 Daniel Hong
709 Billy Myers Jr.	649 Mikey Villarreal
668 Anthony Santos	648 JT Diso
658 Kurt Arakaki	644 Jonathan Huezo
657 Tyler Veneracion	636 Scott Smith

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INVITATIONAL

Westminster Lanes Sweeps To Lead Wildcard Round

by David Yamauchi

DOWNEY - The Brunswick Invitational hit the lanes for the 8-week Wildcard round with teams looking to make their final push for the playoffs. Round-winners will face each other for the final 8 weeks as the jockey for position in the rollofs. The remaining 12 teams will battle for the wildcard spots and a chance to get into the rollofs. Bowlers will battle on each of the four different league patterns, randomly drawn, with two weeks of each pattern among the last 8 weeks. The draw started the bowlers on the long 48" Eiffel Tower pattern this Monday.

In the top Round Winner's match, league-leaders **Finishing Touch Floors** (90 wins) took on the newest round winner **Junior Amateur Tour** (87.5 wins). Finishing Touch Floors took a close game one that should have gone the other way, then proceeded to take game two by 100 pins. Junior Amateur Tour took advantage of some late open frames and erased a 121-pin deficit to take totals by 7 and the 3-2 result. Anthony Santos was again big for J.A.T. with a nice 640 set while sub Chris Hefner led Finishing Touch Floors with a 599 set. Finishing Touch Floors is now 1.5 games ahead of Junior Amateur Tour as they will rematch next week.

The other Round Winner's match put third-seed **Family Ties** against **DV8** with both teams sitting at 84 wins. DV8 was trying to overcome a 157 blind score in the lineup and they didn't have enough firepower as Family Ties cruised to a 5-0 sweep. Mikey Villarreal led Family Ties with a 661 set while Alejandra Urrutia paced DV8 with a 587 set. Family Ties closes to within three of the league-leaders while DV8 falls to eight back.

In the Wildcard matches, the "A" match featured **Cal Bowl** (85) against **Threadworks** (81) with both teams looking to stay ahead of the pack. Threadworks took games one and three, dropping only a big game two 837-821 en route to the 4-1 result. Threadworks was paced by Ryan Cunningham's big 670 set while sub Chris Eguilos led Cal Bowl with a 662 set.

The "B" match was **Forest Lanes** (79) up against **US Foods** (73) with both these teams knowing they need wins in this final round to stay alive for the season. Forest Lanes started big and kept scoring, dropping only the last game for a 4-1 result. JT Diso continued his strong bowling with a 704 set for Forest Lanes while Paul Barraco was solid for US Foods with a nice 663 set.

Bowlium (72) met up with **Professional Approach** (66.5) with both teams trying to claw back into contention with 8 weeks to go. Bowlium took game one in a close 683-677 match but it was all Professional Approach from there as they struck to the 4-1 win. Sub Kevin Jones was big for Professional Approach with a 642 set while Arnold Cheesman

J.K. Inc. (62.5) met **Westminster Lanes** (62) as they tried to pocket some wins in the round. Westminster Lanes took a close game one 709-694 to start the sweep of J.K. Inc. Ian Markstrum led J.K. Inc. with a 559 set while Jonathan Gale paced Westminster with a 576 set.

HB Complete Builders, Allied Paving, Bowling Guys and Don Julio Tequila rounded out the action on Monday. Allied Paving took a 4-1 win over HB Complete Builders led by Gary Duran's 596 set. HB Complete Builders was paced by Christian Eichelkraut's 636 series. Don Julio Tequila banked four wins with some nice bowling by Max Castillo with a 580 set. Joe Ray Jr. led Bowling Guys with a 547 series.

Financial Advisor's Pot went to JT Diso (279) for \$160 with 2nd to Christian Eichelkraut (277) for \$70. Sidepots went to Michael Montano (245) and JT Diso (279) for \$48 with 2nd to Mikey Villarreal (226) and Christina Eichelkraut (277) for \$24. Third-game SuperPot was a tie between Mikey Villarreal and Anthony Santos (236) for \$108 each. Oil pattern order for the 7 remaining weeks will be 2nd, 1st, 4th, 1st, 2nd, 4th, 3rd. Come on out and watch the teams take on the short pattern next week as the teams battle on the round two condition Monday at 8:00.

TOP 10 TEAMS OVERALL

Finishing Touch Floors \$\$ 92	Threadworks 85
Junior Amateur Tour \$\$\$\$ 90.5	Forest Lanes 83
Family Ties \$ 89	US Foods 74
DV8 \$\$\$ 84	Bowlium 73
Cal Bowl 86	Professional Approach 70.5

TOP 10 WILDCARD ROUND

Family Ties \$ 5	Professional Approach ... 4
Westminster Lanes... 5	Don Julio Tequila 4
Threadworks 4	Junior Amateur Tour \$\$\$\$. 3
Forest Lanes 4	Finishing Touch Floors \$\$. 2
Allied Paving 4	US Foods 1

TOP 10 APRIL 10

704 JT Diso	643 Kevin Jones
670 Ryan Cynningham	640 Anthony Santos
663 Paul Barraco	636 Christian Eichelkraut
662 Chris Equilos	626 Jeff Hickenbottom
661 Mikey Villarreal	618 Kevin Valmonte

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Allied Paving Sits Atop Wildcard Round, Junior Amateur Tour Moves To Overall Leader

by David Yamauchi

DOWNEY - The Brunswick Invitational hit the lanes for the second week of the six-week Wildcard Round and last eight weeks of the league. Westminster Lanes was looking to stay hot, and the round-winner's race was tightening up as the bowlers moved to the short oil pattern for week two.

In the top Round Winner's match, league-leaders **Finishing Touch Floors** (92 wins) had a rematch of last week's match against fourth-round winner **Junior Amateur Tour** (90.5 wins). Finishing Touch Floors took advantage of a slow start by Junior Amateur Tour to take game one but Junior Amateur Tour came back to take game two and even the match. Junior Amateur Tour got a look at the pocket in game three and rolled to a triple-digit win for the 4-1 result. Vernon Adams and Chris Hefner both put up 523 to lead Finishing Touch Floors while Junior Amateur Tour was led by David Yamauchi's 593 set. Junior Amateur Tour moves to 94.5 wins while Finishing Touch Floors sits at 93.

The other Round Winner's match was another rematch of third-seed **Family Ties** (89) against **DV8** (84). The teams split the first two with total pins sitting close, even with DV8 posting a 142 blind score, as they battled in game three. The match came down to the tenth as an untimely 6-7 split let Family Ties finish big for an 18-pin win and a 34-pin total pins win. Family Ties takes 4 and moves up to 93 wins. Mikey Villarreal led Family Ties with a 554 set while Kyle Duster was big for DV8 with a 607 series.

In the Wildcard round matches, the "A" match featured 5-0 **Westminster Lanes** taking on **Threadworks** who was the high of 5 teams at 4-1. Westminster Lanes kept the momentum going as they took the first two but Threadworks came back huge as they banked a triple-digit game three win and total pins for the 3-2 win. Eric Snow was strong for Threadworks with a 590 set while Bryan Osborne paced Westminster Lanes with a 551 set.

The "B" match put **Forest Lanes** up against **Allied Paving** with both teams sitting at 4-1. Allied Paving came out strong as they took the first two games

and rolled to a 4-1 win over Forest Lanes. Edward Estrada paced Allied Paving with a 532 set while JT Diso cracked five with a 501 set for Forest Lanes. Allied Paving will move to the "A" match next week.

Professional Approach took on **Don Julio Tequila** in the last of the 4-1 matchups. Professional Approach came out strong taking games one and two but dropped a close game three 584-580 for a 4-1 result. John Struckman led Professional Approach with a 531 set while Max Castillo paced Don Julio Tequila with a 498 set. Professional Approach will move to the "A" match next week to face Allied Paving.

US Foods and **Cal Bowl** were the highest of the teams sitting a 1-4 as they faced a tough matchup. US Foods took a close game one 665-653 and continued to score as they swept Cal Bowl 5-0. Gabriel Martinez was big for US Foods with a 618 set while Leonard Ruiz Jr. paced Cal Bowl with a 534 set.

HB Complete Builders, Bowlium, Bowling Guys and J.K. Inc. rounded out Monday's action. Bowlium came out with a nice start, and a lopsided win in game two assured totals and helped them to the 5-0 sweep. Billy Myers Jr. was big for Bowlium with a 638 set while Anthony Rieger paced HB Complete Builders with a 507 set. J.K. Inc. took a strong 5-0 sweep over Bowling Guys as they struck to a clean sweep. Ian Markstrum led J.K. Inc. with a 498 set while Ross Rios managed 451 to lead Bowling Guys.

Financial Advisor's Pot went to Butch Jackson (234) for \$160 with second to Gabriel Martinez (228) for \$70. Sidepots went to Kyle Duster (223) and Gabriel Martinez (228) for \$50 each with second to Jeff Carr and Mikey Villarreal (209) for \$12 and Ian Markstrum (215) for \$25. SuperPot went to Kyle Duster (225) for \$150 with second to Gabriel Martinez (221) for \$75.

Oil pattern order for the 6 remaining weeks will be 1st, 4th, 1st, 2nd, 4th, 3rd.
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Family Ties \$.9	Westminster Lanes.7
Allied Paving.....9	US Foods.....6
Professional Approach 8	Bowlium.....6
Threadworks.....7	J.K. Inc.5
Junior Amateur Tour \$\$\$\$ 7	Don Julio Tequila5

TOP 10 THIS WEEK	
628 Billy Myers Jr.	590 Eric Snow
618 Gabriel Martinez	558 Ramiro Garcia
607 Arnold Cheesman	556 Jeff Carr
607 Kyle Duster	554 Tyler Veneracion
593 David Yamauchi	554 Mikey Villarreal

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