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## Bowling for ratings: Fox-PBA Partnership A Success So Far

by Joe Reedy – The Associated Press

Whether it is graphics showing changes in oil patterns on the lanes or more emotion being shown on strikes, the sport of bowling has caught up with the times when it comes to putting a captivating show on television.

Fox Sports and the Professional Bowlers Association have made the most of their partnership, which is in its fourth year. Going into this weekend's U.S. Open, which is the fifth and final major of the season, continued on page 6



Photo provided by Fox Sports

Rob Stone, Kimberly Pressler and Randy Pedersen Pose for a photo in December 2018 in Lake Wales, Fla. The three have been calling PBA Bowling on Fox since 2018. Ratings on Fox and FS1 continue to hold steady at a time when other sports have experienced huge drops the past year due to the coronavirus pandemic.

## Governor Gives California Bowlers Reason to Hope

by Gianmarc Manzione - BowlersJournal.com

When the news Tony Sands had waited more than a year to hear finally broke the afternoon of April 6, the Vice President of the Bowling Centers of Southern California organization sat in his car and cried.

The proprietor of Jewel City Bowl in Glendale and Matador Bowl in Northridge had just gotten done with a golf outing and was about to drive to a meeting. Minutes earlier, California Governor Gavin Newsom had announced that the state's 1.6-percent COVID-test positivity rate, as well as the expectation that 30 million Californians would be vaccinated by the end of April, meant the state could fully reopen by June 15.

"I'm so thrilled. It's been quite an emotional roller coaster for us," he said. That emotional roller coaster involved year-long shutdowns of bowling centers throughout California as Governor Newsom enforced some of the country's most stringent COVID precautions.

"It's funny how, just because [Newsom] said that, I think that alone will ease the fear that some of the people we spoke to still had about coming out," he added.

For Scott Luba, who has run the pro shop at Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl for the past eight years and finally reopened along with the center on April 1, the

news was just as welcome.

"It is fantastic news, and it will be better when June comes around so we can all open up. Right now, we are open, but at 25 percent."

Jamie Celotti, general manager of Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl and President of Nor Cal Bowling Centers, was on a call with Nor Cal Bowling Centers members when the news broke.

The news "lightened it up a little bit," she said. "We were talking with centers in the meeting that were frustrated because they weren't allowed to reopen, yet in the next county over they were open. The fact that [Newsom] is even looking at reopening everybody is wonderful."

Bob Thomas, Executive Director of Nor Cal Bowling Centers, also was on that call as the news broke. While he characterized the news as "great," he said it also was met with "a little trepidation," as Newsom's June 15 reopening date hinges on the continued availability of vaccines and the continuation of low hospitalization rates.

"We just need to make sure it happens," Thomas said.

Britton Fiske, the proprietor of Valley Bowl in Parkwood, said he will continue enforcing all safety precautions even if business do fully reopen on June 15.

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## François Lavoie Wins Guaranteed Rate PBA Super Slam

### Defeats Kyle Troup in the championship match to win \$100,000

by Jef Gooder PBA.com

ANNANDALE, Va. — François Lavoie bowled a 247 game in the championship match to win the Guaranteed Rate PBA Super Slam. Lavoie, who qualified for the Super Slam by winning the Kia PBA Tournament of Champions in February, defeated PBA Players Championship winner Kyle Troup to earn \$100,000.

"This is the most comfortable I've ever been on the lanes," said Lavoie. "I feel like things are coming together after working hard in the offseason. I'm feeling

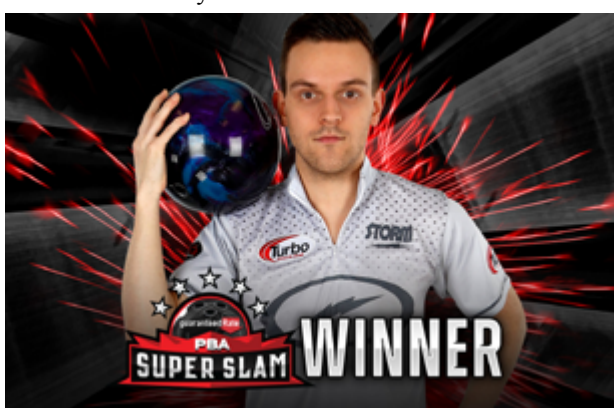
more comfortable and confident."

Lavoie defeated Troup in the final match, 247-202.

"My two shots into and out of the commercial break were my first sigh of relief," said Lavoie, referring to his strikes in the fifth through eighth frames. "When (Troup) didn't strike on his next two shots, I knew all I had to do was stay clean."

Lavoie struck three more times after the eighth frame, locking up the victory.

The Guaranteed Rate



PBA Super Slam, a non-title special event featuring all five major champions from the 2021 Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour season, aired live on FOX Broad-

cast Channel and featured Lavoie, Troup, Tom Daugherty (Guaranteed Rate PBA World Championship), Thomas Larsen (USBC Masters) and Chris

Via (U.S. Open).

"We're all bowling really well," Lavoie said of his competition. "I knew this wasn't going to be easy by any means. Coming here, I was thinking this was just going to be a fun event and we're all going to have a good time. Once we started bowling, all of a sudden I'm in competition mode and I really want to win and need to do what I can do to get through."

The Super Slam began with all five players bowling a single game. Daugherty, who bowled 179 as the

lowest score, was eliminated. The other four players were seeded into the semifinals based on their first-game scores. Lavoie was seeded fourth.

"When the first match started, all I wanted to do was make the top four," said Lavoie. "I started with a double, but three of the other guys started with a four-bagger, so I needed to figure something out pretty quickly. I was fortunate to get that fourth spot."

As the fourth seed, Lavoie drew No. 1 seed Via continued on page 6

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16-Player Field Set For The 2021 KIA PBA Playoffs

The PBA Tour's top 16 bowlers to compete for first place prize of \$100K and WWE Championship title belt starting April 24th on FOX Sports

by J Laufer

MILFORD, Conn. – The 16-player bracket is set for the 2021 Kia PBA Playoffs with Kyle Troup earning the top seed. Troup led the field in points with three-top seven finishes in majors this season including his victory in the PBA Players Championship. Troup was also the runner-up in the World Series of Bowling Scorpion Championship and added a fourth-place finish in the Roth/Holman Doubles with partner Jesper Svensson.

Troup leads a field of the Tour's top 16 competitors that will compete for a \$100K first-place prize, PBA Tour title, and a WWE Championship title in a head-to-head, bracket-style, race-to-two-games elimination tournament beginning April 24. Ties will be determined by a 9th/10th frame roll-off.

The First Round of 16 action kicks off on Saturday, April 24 at 11 a.m. ET on FOX Sports' FS1 with two powerhouse matches of rising PBA stars. First up is top seed Troup vs. 16th seed Andrew Anderson.

Anderson, who finished 17th in points, earned a spot in the Playoffs due to Jason Belmonte opting not to participate, returning home to Australia for the birth of his fourth child. Belmonte was the 14th seed, and his withdrawal pushes Jason Sterner and Cristian Azcona into the 14th and 15th seeds, respectively.

Rounding out the first telecast is eighth seed Anthony Simonsen vs. ninth seed Thomas Larsen, who's fresh off his first major win at the USBC Masters.

Defending champion Bill O'Neill earned the 12th seed in this year's playoffs and will face fifth seed Jakob Butturff in the second Round of 16 telecast on Sunday, April 25 at 1:30 p.m. ET on FS1.

Rounding out the field are Chris Via (No. 2), Tom Daugherty (No. 3), Francois Lavoie (No. 4), Jesper Svensson (No. 6), Kris Prather (No. 7), EJ Tackett (No. 10), Sam Cooley (No. 11), and Dick Allen (No. 13).

The top 16 players earned their spots in the Playoffs based on points accumulated at the following 2021 Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour Events: PBA Players Championship, Kia PBA Tournament of Champions, PBA World Series of Bowling XII (inclusive of all five events), USBC Masters, and the U.S. Open.

Fans can catch all the action of the 2021 PBA Tour on FOX and Fox Sports' FS1, and live stream the PBA on the FOX Sports and FOX NOW apps or at [FOX Sports.com](#). Select highlights will be available on @FOXSports social handles across Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

The PBA's main priority continues to be the health and safety of its players and staff. The PBA is taking all necessary precautions and following local and federal COVID-19 guidelines to reduce risks and modify procedures as needed. For a complete list of the PBA's COVID-19 related standards and procedures, please visit [PBA.com](#).

The TV schedule and matches are as follows:

**Kia PBA Playoffs: Round of 16 – Saturday, April 24, 11 a.m. ET on FS1**  
No. 1 Kyle Troup vs. No. 16 Andrew Anderson  
No. 8 Anthony Simonsen vs. No. 9 Thomas Larsen

**Kia PBA Playoffs: Round of 16 – Sunday, April 25, 1:30 p.m. ET on FS1**  
No. 4 Francois Lavoie vs. No. 13 Dick Allen  
No. 5 Jakob Butturff vs. No. 12 Bill O'Neill

**Kia PBA Playoffs Round of 16 – Saturday, May 1, 11:30 a.m. ET on FS1**  
No. 2 Chris Via vs. No.15 Cristian Azcona  
No. 7 Kristopher Prather vs. No. 10 EJ Tackett

**Kia PBA Playoffs: Round of 16 – Sunday, May 2, 7 p.m. ET on FS1**  
No. 3 Tom Daugherty vs. No. 14 Jason Sterner  
No. 6 Jesper Svensson vs. No. 11 Sam Cooley

**Kia PBA Playoffs: Quarterfinals – Sunday, May 9, 12 p.m. ET on FS1**  
Matches TBD after Round of 16

**Kia PBA Playoffs: Quarterfinals – Monday, May 10, 8 p.m. ET on FS1**  
Matches TBD after Round of 16

**Kia PBA Playoffs: Semifinals – Saturday, May 15, 11 a.m. ET on FS1**  
Matches TBD after Quarterfinals

**Kia PBA Playoffs: Finals – Sunday, May 16, 2 p.m. ET on FOX**  
Matches TBD after Semifinals

The 2021 PBA Playoffs competitors' points are as follows:

Kyle Troup - 17450  
Chris Via - 16406  
Tom Daugherty - 15430  
Francois Lavoie - 15045  
Jakob Butturff - 14361  
Jesper Svensson - 12115  
Kristopher Prather - 11520  
Anthony Simonsen - 11515  
Thomas Larsen - 10757.5  
EJ Tackett - 10645  
Sam Cooley - 9804  
Bill O'Neill - 9327.5  
Dick Allen – 9305  
Jason Sterner - 8710  
Cristian Azcona - 8205  
Andrew Anderson – 8120

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# Another Visit With Ted Rebain

by Dave Williams

While I was rummaging through a few old files looking for some photos, I stumbled upon this article that I penned way back in 2010. While some of the information may be duplicated from the article that appeared in this journal recently regarding Ted’s career in bowling (“A Lifetime of Dedication to Bowling”), there’s plenty of new material to formulate another story in a revised format. So, without further ado, here’s another visit with promoter Ted Rebain, from June of 2010...

After purchasing the March 15, 2010 issue of Sports Illustrated that contained an article about Tom Smallwood (“The Remarkable Story of Tom Smallwood”), the unemployed General Motors worker turned bowling superstar — another article in the same issue entitled “The High Five” caught my eye.

*“It began with Magic Johnson. Or Dusty Baker. Or perhaps a bunch of volleyball players. Which is to say that no one agrees upon the origin of high-fiving,” stated Chris Ballard in the Sports Illustrated article.*

Are you kidding me?

As a youth involved in bowling, I remember high-fiving, low-fiving, finger griping and fist pounding, to name but a few methods of transferring positive energy to the next player on the team. It was a part of bowling that had always been there, well before Magic and Dusty.

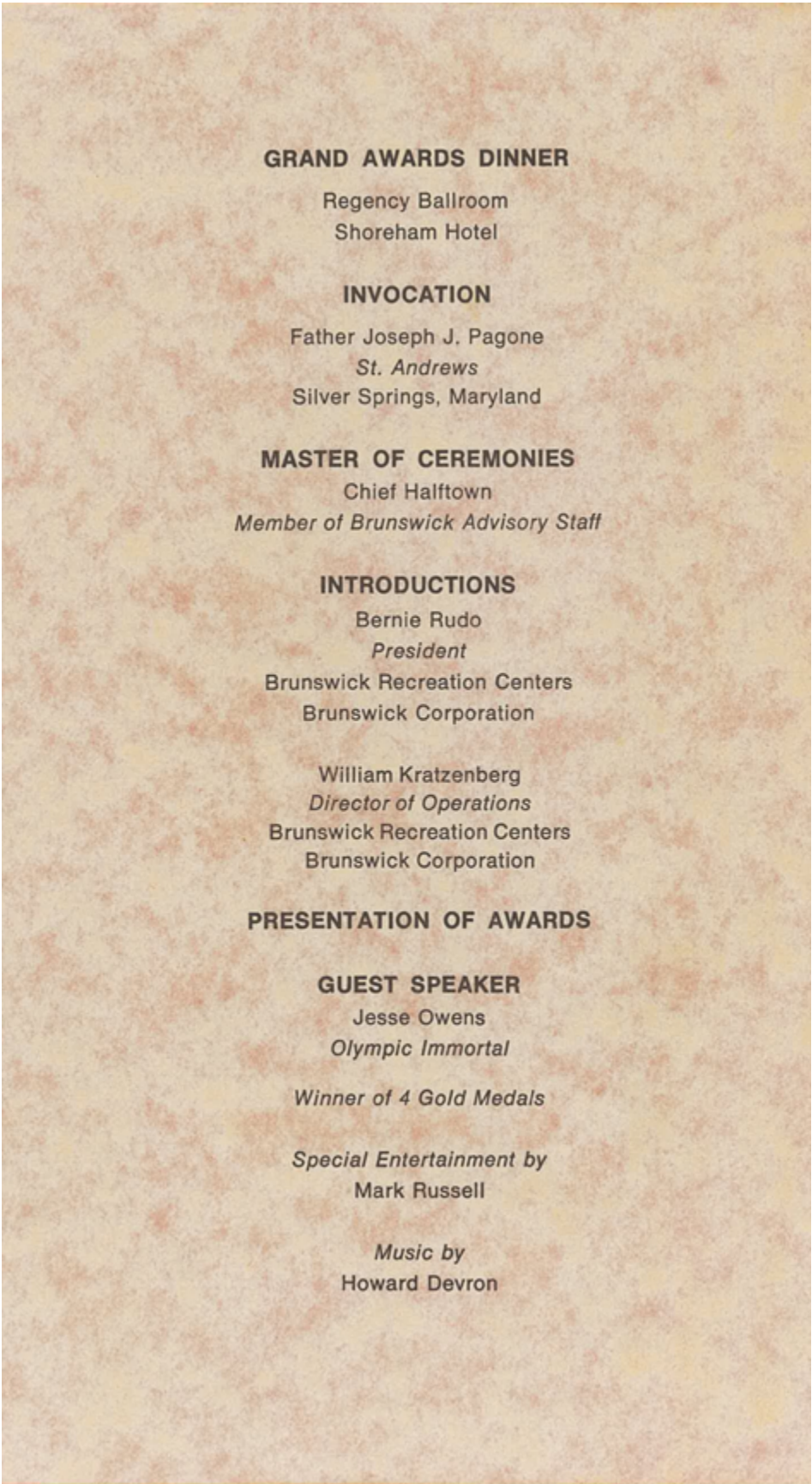
To confirm my suspicion, I called upon a friend and mentor, Ted Rebain, whose bowling resume includes just about every major chain in the bowling industry. Our afternoon together provided an interesting number of coincidences.

Ted now lives with Joan, his wife of 59 years, in the retirement community of Manchester, New Jersey. When I arrived at their home, Ted was ready with 6 file folders of information to assist us in our afternoon journey into bowling’s past glory days.

“The first time I saw the high-five was among black bowlers in the early 1950’s at State Fair Recreation in Detroit,” stated Rebain. “My father was the manager at State Fair, a 70 lane center with pin boys. It was known as ‘The Bowling Showplace of the World’ in those days.”



*Ted and Joan Rebain, standing alongside a crystal serving set that was presented to them at their wedding by Bill Bunetta and the E & B Beer bowling team.*



*Rebain managed the Bowl Your Way to Europe during the first 13 years of existence. This 1978 program highlights Master of Ceremonies Chief Halftown, and Guest Speaker Jesse Owens, winner of 4 Gold Medals at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin, Germany.*

Although bowling was slow to integrate black bowlers into competition, Ted’s father always invited them to bowl at State Fair in his “Automobowl” tournament in the spring, and the “Detroit News Motor Bowl” tournament in the fall.

“Lafayette Allen brought his Allen’s Super Market team, and that’s when I first saw the high-five,” said Ted. He was quick to rattle off the members of the team as if it were yesterday: Bill Rhodman, Maurice Kilgore, Len Griffin, George Williams and C.W. Williams.

Acceptance into the ABC tournament came soon after appearances at State Fair, when the “Caucasian Only” clause was lifted in 1950, and Allen’s Super Market became the first black team to bowl in the 1951 national event at St. Paul, Minnesota.

Ted went to work for Lincoln Mercury (and later General Motors) right out of high school but continued to assist his father on weekends at State Fair. When he was laid off by General Motors in 1957, Ted decided to accept a position with the American International Bowling Corporation (AIBC) in Pennsylvania.

“Lloyd Ludwig, whom I knew from Royal Recreation in Detroit, had been made the president of AIBC, and he offered me a job with the Birnbaum brothers, owners of AIBC. I was to be the general manager for the state of Pennsylvania, with bowling centers in Allentown, Bethlehem, Lancaster and Pittsburgh,” commented Rebain. But when the automatic pinsetter became popular, Ted’s job description changed overnight. He was transferred to Manchester, Connecticut (not to be confused with his current retirement home in Manchester, N.J.), where he spent the most enjoyable time of his life opening new bowling centers.

Once again, Ted rattled off the names of the new centers as though it happened yesterday: Parkade Lanes in Manchester, CT; Plaza Lanes in Haverhill, MA; Airway Lanes in Springfield, MA; Foxfield Lanes in Foxboro, MA; Stadium Lanes in Plainville, CT; Colony Lanes in Wallingford, CT; Walnut Hill Bowl in Woonsocket, RI; and Maple Lanes in Marlboro, MA. For many of the grand openings, Ted reached back to friends that he had made while growing up in Michigan, including superstars Marion Ladewig and Bob Strampe.

Ted remained general manager of the Middle Atlantic Region until AIBC merged with Brunswick in 1965, to form the early nucleus of Brunswick Recreation Centers (BRC) in the United States. When Ludwig decided to leave after the promotion of Bernie Rudo to president of the combined organization, Ted also contemplated leaving the chain.

But before Rebain could pack his bags, Rudo offered Ted a position as general manager of Yonkers Bowl in New York, with no reduction in pay. It was during this time that BRC developed the “Bowl Your Way To Europe” tournament, and placed Ted in charge of the national event. “Even though he was just a center manager, he was completely in charge of the Bowl Your Way To Europe tournament every spring in Washington, D.C.,” said Mrs. Rebain. “And when anyone complained, Mr. Rudo would say to them: Ted’s the only one that’s had any experience running tournaments, so do what he says!”

*There’s even more to this story, including additional information about Carom Bowling... and Brunswick’s greatest promoter when it came to children — Chief Halftown! But we’ll save those topics for yet another visit with Ted Rebain in an upcoming issue.* (Portions of the above rewrite appeared in Bowlers Journal and the Bowling Proprietors Striking Success Newsletter over the years, and are reprinted with permission)



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ratings on Fox and FS1 continue to hold steady at a time when other sports have experienced huge drops the past year due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"We are bringing an upgraded viewing experience for every viewer at home. They're able to understand this is not when you or I go to a birthday party and throw the ball right down the middle of the lane," said PBA CEO Colie Edison. "They are able to be really engaged into the intricacies of the sport and view this not just as recreation."

The PBA produces the events, but a lot of the technological evolutions have been in partnership with Fox. There is a StrikeTrack, which shows the ball speed, location and revolutions per minute (RPM) and other features. There are also graphics that track the change in oil patterns on the lane while the scoreboard updates with the maximum score each bowler could get, which makes it easier to understand the flow of matches.

"Viewers can more easily understand the oil patterns, they can understand the strategy of the players as they spin the ball," said Bill Wanger, who heads up Fox's scheduling and programming. "Another thing that is quite appealing to people is if a bowler doesn't get a strike, and he's trying to pick up a spare, we have statistics on the screen that show the odds of picking it up."

The bowlers themselves are also getting to show their own personality with pre-match introduction videos, so that viewers get to know them better.

Fox's Rob Stone, who is a staple of their college football, basketball and soccer coverage, is also the network's bowling announcer. Stone said doing the sport has ended up being a refreshing outlet for him to do something different.

"It's a sport that I was thrust into that was not on my radar, but it's now a part of my life that I couldn't imagine not having on my resume," he said. "It's very much a happy place. For me when I get there and I see the faces and the athletes, it's got kind of as homey feel for me that it's just completely unexpected."

Stone said he has had Reggie Bush and Matt Leinart ask him about the sport when they are working in the college football studio, which shows the ability it has to get new fans involved.

Even for those who cannot watch the tournaments live, FS1 airs multiple replays, which Wanger adds have had good viewer numbers.

"It's a real pleasant watch. I kind of call it comfort food. When you turn this on, you just feel comfortable," Stone said. "The beauty of this sport is that even though live is better, it airs really well the second, third or fourth time, and I'm always amazed by that. I think the bowling community for some reason gravitates to seeing it more than once."

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"I still will check everyone's temperatures. I still will require masks except when you're on the approach or eating food. Lanes still will be cleaned before and immediately after bowlers are done. I still will keep bowling balls and shoes behind the desk to be thoroughly disinfected before and after each use," he explained, adding that, "I get questions constantly from bowlers about when we will reopen. There's a lot of people who have been missing it and some have driven as far as they can just so they can bowl where it's open."

For pro bowler Derek Gregory, a two-time PBA Regional champion who bowls out of Valley Bowl, those far-flung bowling destinations have included Nevada and Arizona over the past year "because obviously the PBA would not come here."

Gregory added that a full, statewide reopening on June 15 "will be just wonderful. Just ecstatic. To a lot of recreational bowlers, it might not be a big deal. But I have been bowling since I was 4 years old, and I have been bowling professionally for 20 years. This is what I do."

Also on that Nor Cal Bowling Centers call when the news broke was Mike Hillman, who formerly operated the now-shuttered Cloverleaf Family Bowl and formally began working at Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl on April 1.

"You could see the relief on their faces," he said of members' reaction to the news. "Like, 'Thank God!' We had just been listening to one proprietor in Sacramento talk about how frustrated he was about not allowed to reopen."

Nineteen-year-old Madison Bailey, who lives in Rocklin and was the nation's first U12 Girls champion in Junior Gold history in 2014, said, "Just in general, people need the community" that bowling provides. "It's a family, and it's hard when you don't see your family for that long."

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in the semifinals. Lavoie defeated Via, 212-209. Troup advanced to the final match with a 268-214 win over Larsen.

Lavoie, the fourth overall seed for the PBA Playoffs that begin Apr. 24 on Fox Sports' FS1, will face Dick Allen in the opening round.

"I'm excited," said Lavoie. "This tournament today was obviously a big boost in confidence going into the Playoffs, but I'm only as good as I'm bowling on one specific day. None of this will matter next week. I'm going to have to figure out the lanes all over again." The PBA Playoffs begin airing Saturday, Apr. 24 at 11 a.m. ET on FS1.

## GUARANTEED RATE PBA SUPER SLAM FINAL STANDINGS

Bowlero Annandale – Annandale, Va.

François Lavoie, earns \$100,000

Kyle Troup, \$50,000

Chris Via, \$20,000

Thomas Larsen, \$20,000

Tom Daugherty, \$10,000

## MATCH SCORES

Round-robin match – Via 251, Troup 242, Larsen 232, Lavoie 224, Daugherty 179 (Daugherty eliminated)

Semifinal match 1 – No. 4 Lavoie def. No. 1 Via, 212-209

Semifinal match 2 – No. 2 Troup def. No. 3 Larsen, 268-214

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No. 4 Lavoie def. No. 2 Troup, 247-202

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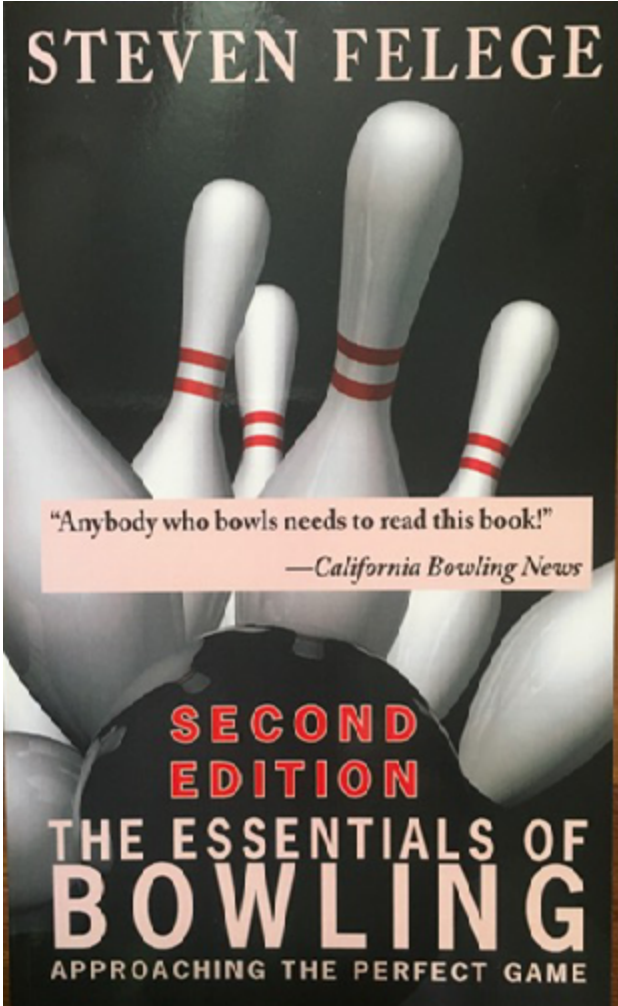
# Carol's Corner

by Carol Mancini  
E-mail: CarolMancini83@icloud.com

Howdy Bowlers, Today was cloudy, snowing and quiet. So I turned on the Movie Channel and The Big Lebowski was on. Have you seen it? Let's jog the memory bank!

1. What actor played the lead?
2. Who played the loud friend & bowling partner?
3. What was Lebowski's nickname?
4. What was the type of his bowling shoes?
5. What color ball did he use?
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# California's KIM TERRELL-KEARNEY is a PWBA GREAT

by Frank Weiler

All-American, Gold Medalist, Professional Champion, Professional Major Champion, Coach, Hall of Famer and USBC National Spokesperson is a list of accomplishments which provide a quick summary of the Bowling career of All-Time PWBA great Kim Terrell-Kearney.

Kim is probably the best bowler ever to come from the San Francisco area and the best bowler ever to have bowled at San Jose State University. She was a two time All-American at San Jose State prior to being selected PWBA Rookie of the Year in 1989.

While her professional career was cut short by the closure of the PWBA Tour in 2004 she still was able to win 10 National Titles and three Majors (two U.S. Opens and one Queens). Had she had a full professional career on Tour the number of her Titles and her Major Titles won would probably have been double.

During her professional career she served as a national representative for Brunswick, Ebonite International and Lind's World. She also served as a National Spokesperson for USBC. As a member of Team USA Kim won two gold medals (Masters and Team) and a silver medal (Team).

Kim's bowling accomplishments led to her induction into the San Mateo County and California State USBC Halls of Fame in 2005. In 2010 she was inducted into the USBC National Hall of Fame.

Having received a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Science (1987) and then obtaining a Certification as a Athletic Trainer, Kim had the perfect background to serve as a college level coach. As a result, she was selected as Head Bowling Coach at Delaware State University.

Kim is more than a great bowler and coach. She is a wonderful person who exemplifies the best qualities we all admire in those persons we describe is "good people". She is reserved, but fun to be around, considerate, loyal and a woman of her word.

The Bowling World is better for having Kim as one of its participants. Thank You Kim, for all you've done to make our sport better and may GOD grant you all the best in the future.



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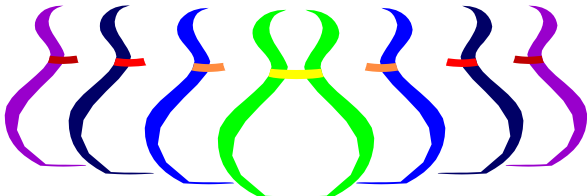
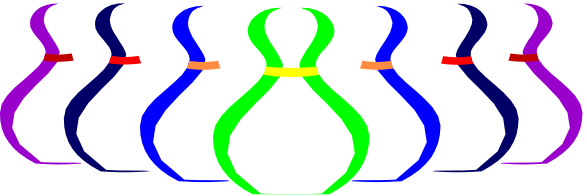
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