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EJ Tackett Wins PBA Xtra Frame Storm Open for Second PBA Tour Title

CARPENTERSVILLE, IL – EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., broke up a 7-9 split, converting the break into a string of three strikes that proved to be the difference in winning his second career PBA Tour title Sunday in the PBA Xtra Frame Storm Open at Liberty Lanes.

Tackett, the 2013 PBA Rookie of the Year, defeated top qualifier Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y., 217-210, to win the \$10,000 first prize after eliminating PBA Regional



E. J. Tackett

veteran Steven Taylor of Deer Creek, Ill., in the continued on page 9

Last Chance To Enter Vegas Tourney

LAS VEGAS — In its 31st year, the USA Las Vegas Team Championship is breaking records. In the past 5 years, this tournament has become one of the premier events, growing from 180 teams to more than 300 teams from across the country.

The tournament started as a BPAA mixed team tournament in 1985. When the organization considered discontinuing the event, Oklahoma Proprietor, Jack Tate, was asked if he wanted to take over operations of the tournament.

The format was changed, side events were added and the tournament continues to evolve to give bowlers the tournament experience they want. The tournament itself is a team handicap event but offers singles and doubles side events, scratch

side events, as well as brackets and other popular options.

Tournament directors, Dicki Ward and RaeLynn Nimmo say the demand has been so great that two squads were added in 2015 and are offered for 2016 as well. “While we have bowlers from across the country, we enjoy our West Coast bowlers not only because they are fierce competitors but they love to have a great time.”

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Walter Ray Williams Jr. Wins Pasco County Florida Open For 10th PBA50 Tour Title

PBA's all-time Tour titles leader tops all-Hall of Fame stepladder final

NEW PORT RICHEY, FL – In an all-PBA Hall of Fame stepladder final that included five all-time greats with a combined 171 PBA Tour titles, Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., won two matches to claim the PBA50 Pasco County Florida Open title Tuesday at Lane Glo Bowl for his 10th PBA50 Tour win.

Williams, the PBA Tour's all-time titles leader with 47 wins defeated 38-time Tour and two-time PBA50 Tour winner Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., 245-225, in the title match and in the process handed Duke his third consecutive championship match defeat in the Pasco County Open.

“It feels good to be back in the winner's circle,” said Williams, whose last



Johnny Petraglia, Pete Weber, Parker Bohn III, Walter Ray Williams Jr. & Norm Duke

PBA50 Tour win came in the Treasure Island Resort & Casino Open in August of 2014. “Bowling with these guys tonight I had to feel blessed that I was able to bowl in an era with such great players.”

In the title match, Williams held a 21-pin lead over Duke in the sixth frame and then struck on the next four shots to seal the win.

“I really didn't have a good read on the lanes,” said

Williams. “I thought the lanes would be a lot tighter and they were hooking a lot more than I thought. Fortunately, I was able to adjust by steadily moving inside, finding a good hook spot, continued on page 9

Motown Muscle, Dallas Strikers Advance to PBA League Elias Cup Semis

Underdog franchises record sweeps in pursuit of first Elias Cup finals

PORTLAND, Maine – The Barbasol Motown Muscle and the GoBowling.com Dallas Strikers, two teams that have struggled in their three previous Professional Bowlers Association League appearances, swept their favored opponents to move one step closer to the PBA League Elias Cup title match at Bayside Bowl.

The third and fourth quarterfinal round matches aired Sunday on ESPN, with Motown eliminating perennial contender BJ's L.A. X, 2-0, and Dallas outlasting the star-studded Concrete Software Brooklyn Styles, 2-0.

Motown, with a lineup featuring talented woman bowler Danielle McEwan, Josh Blanchard, Ronnie Russell, EJ Tackett and Anthony Simonsen, turned



back L.A. X, 223-218 and 202-180, in their best-of-two-game Baker format contest. Four consecutive strikes by young power players Tackett and Simonsen clinched the first game and consecutive strikes by Russell, McEwan and Blanchard, capped by Simonsen's strike in the 10th frame, was just enough to win a mistake-filled second game against L.A. X's lineup of Patrick Allen, Andres Gomez, Stuart Williams, Martin Larsen and Jason

Belmonte.

“That was a very hard match for me, personally,” said Motown manager Del Ballard Jr., a PBA Hall of Famer whose day job is working as a staff representative for Storm Bowling Products. “All five guys on the other team (L.A. X) bowl for Storm and Roto Grip. I'm an old time competitor and I love hating who I'm bowling against, so I was really fighting myself emotionally.”

A key to Motown ad-

vancing past the first round for only the second time in four years was the addition of 19-year-old two-hander Simonsen to a roster that also included the return of Tackett, the 23-year-old 2014 PBA Rookie of the Year.

“One of the reasons why I had Simonsen last and Tackett fourth, even though hooking the ball hasn't done that well in this building, is they are the youngest and they don't get tight between those 15-minute waits,” Ballard said. “Watch them throw their first practice balls, and they're cocked and loaded, ready to go. The older guys might get a little slow, might grab the ball, but these kids just get up there and throw it, and that's what they did.”

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NAME	SCORE	DATE	CENTER
NICK ARMUJO	300	04-13-16	CHAPARRAL LANES
PAT BYRNE	300	04-13-16	HARLEYS SIMI BOWL
CHRIS KEATING	300	04-13-16	HARLEYS SIMI BOWL
MASON SHERMAN	300	04-13-16	HARLEYS SIMI BOWL
KEITH ALBRECHT	300	04-14-16	FOUNTAIN VALLEY BOWL
BILL DORSEY JR	300	04-15-16	HARLEYS SIMI BOWL
SCOTT CRITCHFIELD	805	04-17-16	WINNETKA BOWL
CLINT FRAZER	827/300	04-17-16	WINNETKA BOWL
JIM SHIMIZU	300	04-17-16	WINNETKA BOWL
DON BOAZ	300	04-18-16	WESTMINSTER LANES
SONNY DEW	300	04-18-16	WINNETKA BOWL
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MARK NAGY	300	04-18-16	HARLEYS SIMI BOWL
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STAN RAMSKILL	300	04-19-16	CARTER LANES
RUSTY BRYANT	817	04-20-16	WINNETKA BOWL
RANDY PAGE	847/300	04-20-16	WINNETKA BOWL
KAY COOK	300	04-21-16	FOOTHILL LANES
BLAKE DOUGLASS	300	04-21-16	CONCOURSE LANES
MIKE GREMER	300	04-21-16	WESTMINSTER LANES
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In the Open doubles competition, Jose Bravo and Jose Herrera finished first and claimed \$620.



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Bob Minor Takes His Act to the Bowling Lanes

by Fred Eisenhammer

WINNETKA – Bob Minor doesn’t broadcast his story, but every so often the news slips out.

After bowling on the same team as Minor for more than six months, Randy Page overheard a conversation last week at Winnetka Bowl that suggested Minor happened to be a celebrity of sorts. It was the first time Page had become aware that his teammate was a distinguished actor-stuntman and second-unit director.

“Bobby,” Page turned to Minor, “that’s why you’re so beaten up!”

Minor laughed. He enjoys the attention. The 6-foot-2, powerfully built Minor – who looks much younger than his 73 years – is now making his mark as a bowler. He blasted a 280 game this month and is averaging an impressive 187 in league action. He clocked a perfect game in December 2013 at Mission Hills Bowl in a topsy-turvy series of 209, 300 and 147.

He uses a gentle hook to wend his ball to the pocket – almost typifying his gentle personality. Said ace bowler Russell Booth: “Bob is truly a nice man with a great sense of humor. He likes to stir up the pot with his needling.”

Top bowler Ed Chow notes that Minor’s skill level has jumped to a new level of late. “Bob’s learning a lot at his age,” Chow said. “I complimented Bob and said, ‘You’re really getting better with your practice,’ and he said he’s working on it.”

Minor’s passion is firmly in bowling and bonding with teammates and friends.

Minor still works as an actor and stuntman. Minor answered Page’s barb by saying he had challenging stunt roles in two of the “Fast and the Furious” action movies.

Minor was just touching the surface of his wealth of acting experiences that include doubling for such acting stars as Roger E. Mosley of “Magnum P.I.” for eight years; Jim Brown; Fred Williamson; Danny Glover; Isaac Hayes; and Carl Weathers. Minor is a former Mr. Los Angeles bodybuilder champion as well.

As a stuntman, Minor is often called on to take roles that others consider too risky. One has to have a wild and crazy side to serve as a stunt person. And Booth says there’s no doubt that Minor has that trait.

“He must be nuts to jump across buildings 11 stories high without a safety net,” Booth said.

Minor says that leap was done 13 stories high.



Bob Minor has compiled a prolific career as an actor-stuntman and director and has developed into a powerful bowler.

Photo by Fred Eisenhammer

“It was a notorious jump that made the L.A. Times the next day,” says Minor proudly.

The jump was performed during the filming of the 1975 action-crime movie, “Let’s Do It Again” with Sydney Poitier and Bill Cosby. “There were pads below, but if I would have missed, I would have been hurt pretty badly,” Minor says.

“I landed on the other side with a roll and I thanked



God when I landed. I was so happy to feel the floor of the roof under my feet. It was 2 o’clock in the morning and approximately 100 people came out to watch me.”

Minor got a hug and congratulations from Poitier, the actor-director. Cosby, meanwhile, promised to take him out to dinner. The dinner, however, did not materialize.

“I’m still waiting for it,” said Minor, laughing.

That’s not to say Minor hasn’t had mishaps. In fact, he sustained a serious injury during the filming of the 1998 musical-comedy film, “Blues Brothers 2000,” in Toronto.

The car he was driving was to flip over multiple times. Despite his wearing a seat belt and helmet, Minor suffered an injury to the brain. He didn’t work for two years because of the injury but has made a full recovery. “It’s amazing I’m back,” says Minor, who gives thanks to the prayers of his church and friends.

Some memorable highlights in Minor’s acting-stunt career:

- He became the first African-American member of the Stuntman’s Assn. of Motion Pictures in 1973.
- He was the stunt coordinator for “Magnum P.I.” for six of the eight years the hit TV show was on the air. He also served as action director for the show.
- He’s proudest of his role in “Glory,” a 1989 war movie in which he employed about 70 people to perform stunts. The film won three Academy Awards.

Just a few weeks ago, Minor worked as an actor-stuntman in the TV series, “Brooklyn Nine-Nine.”

Minor still has found the time to hone his bowling skills and is accumulating bowling awards the way he reached milestones in his acting-stunt career.

Last year, for instance, he won the title of a senior bowling tournament at Pickwick Bowl in Burbank.

Minor, a Porter Ranch resident who’s been bowling for 13 years, says he’s “looking forward to his first 700 series and 800 after that. Injuries and having to work all the time have slowed me down.”

A wrist injury last week seemed to sidetrack Minor. In his first league game, he labored to reach 137 and his teammates suggested he may want to sit out the rest of his series to regain his health.

Minor opted to continue bowling and blasted a 213 in his second game.

“I just love bowling a lot, even when in pain,” he said.

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2016 Imperial Valley Masters

by Mickey Dale
(Imperial Valley USBC Vice-President)

IMPERIAL (Sunday April 17, 2016) – Ceazer Moore stormed from the losers’ bracket to score two victories over Gerald Bonneau Jr. in the Championship round to win the 2016 Masters title at Brunswick Zone in El Centro Sunday.

Moore had to defeat Bonneau twice to win the tournament. Bonneau had won four straight matches to enter the title tilt while Moore lost the opening round by two pins before claiming six consecutive matches while on the brink of elimination to earn the other title spot. Moore edged Bonneau 379-362 to send the tournament to a final two-game match in the double elimination event. Moore rolled a 268 in the first game en route to a 452-413 victory and his second Masters title after earning the crown in 2010.

Bonneau, the 15th seed in the 16-player tournament, downed second-seeded Enrique Garcia, 2011 Masters Champion Ted Turner, third-seeded Danny Chin and top-seeded Gordon Belt to get to the Championship. Moore, the 14th seed, bounced back from the opening round loss to Chin before earning elimination wins over 11th-seeded Richard Urrutia, defending Masters titlist Ken Lindsey and



2016 Imperial Valley Masters Tournament and a photo of winner Ceazer Moore, taken by IVUSBC President Patsy Robinson.

No. 8 Derek Murray before a revenge win against Chin. Wins against fourth-seeded James Bloomer and Belt set up the Championship.

This is the second big tournament won by Moore in 2016 as he also notched the Seniors Championship recently in Yuma, Arizona.

In the El Centro Open, Oscar Galvan won the Singles competition with a handicapped series of 779, edging David Pacheco Jr. by 1 pin and Alfred Moore by 3 pins. The 2012 Masters Champion Alfred Moore had the top scratch series of 716.

In doubles completion, the father-son team of Ken and Gordon Belt took top honors with a handicapped series of 1592. Gordon bowled consecutive games of 276-230-299 for an 805 series, his first to exceed 800 to post the top scratch series of the tournament.

The Belt duo also teamed up with Enrique Garcia and Mike Reyla to top team honors with a handicapped series of 2,909. The quartet of Ken Lindsey, Wally Woods, Mike Trull and James Bloomer had the top scratch series of 2,600.

Gordon Belt, the 2013 Masters Champion, also posted the highest score in the all events catagory, which combines singles, doubles and team totals with 2,316 pins.



Mike DeVaney Wins at Canyon Lanes

by Frank Weiler

CABAZON — Big turnout, big time competition, big finish, big time tournament. Forty-four very good bowlers left the starting gate with high expectations and nine were not disappointed.

Nine of the forty-four entries cashed (1 of 5) and thirteen won bracket and side pot money. DeVaney won a total of \$1,495, \$1,000 for winning and \$495 in bracket/side-pot money and Lanndyn Carnate won a total of \$1,122 (\$700 for second place and \$422 in bracket/side-pot money).

Side pot action was highlighted by a “SUPER SIDE POT” game for \$300. Game seven was designated for the big action. Going into the tenth frame of that game DeVaney had a lead but Carnate passed him by three pins on the strength of a finishing double versus Mike’s split/open.

The tournament featured a SPORT SHOT with heavy oil distributed evenly across each lane except on the edges. The corner boards were dressed with varying degrees of oil, with alternating strips of heavy-dry-heavy.

The shot was agreeable to most of the field with eleven of the forty-four participants averaging above 220 (25% of field) and twenty-seven averaging over 200 (61%).

The tournament finish was very exciting with everyone of the top six bowlers, after seven games, finding themselves in a different position after eight games and the end of competition. The biggest change was eventual champion Mike DeVaney moving up from second after seven games to first after eight. Lanndyn Carnate led by one pin after seven games but Mike’s finishing 268 to Lanndyn’s 239 gave Mike the victory. Bobby Campagnale moved from a tie for fifth to third on the strength of a 259 final game.

The tournament featured a strong field that in addition to the bowlers mentioned above included such “NAMES” as Jacob Butturff, Kevin Gagnon, J.T. Jackson, Darron Peters and Steve Smith.

The nine cashers (the “TOP 9”) were:

Name	Ave	Score	Prize
1. Mike DeVaney	244	1,959	\$1,000
2. Lanndyn Carnate	241	1,931	700
3. Bobby Campagnale	239	1,914	500
4. Ben Canfield	237	1,899	350
5. Scott Maxwell	234	1,876	265
6. Steve Smith	232	1,861	200
7. Antony Morgan	228	1,827	175
8. Jacob Butturff	225	1,807	150
9. Alan Mojado	223	1,786	100

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Matthew Goodloe Wins First ABTA Title at Westminster Lanes

Ramon Alliman 2nd \$500 • Kmel Cunanan 3rd \$200
Leo Silva Wins \$540 Match Series – Kmel Cunanan \$660 Match Game
M. Catalasan/Derek Evans & S. Leland/J. Conwi (50%) Share 1,600 Mystery Doubles
Bowlum Lanes – April 30th - Regular Format Tournament

WESTMINSTER – Tournament BEAT THE BOARD at Westminster Lanes produced another first time Champion, Matthew Goodloe, winning \$1,100.

The qualifying cut scores were Men +107 and Women +85. Top qualifier for men was Anthony Martinez with a +184 and for the women, Stacy Galicia +152. They'll receive a regular free entry next time they bowl.

Since it was a Beat The Board format, 32 bowlers that qualified for the semis had a chance for the championship by the highest score bowled. Three super seniors taken, 2 men and one woman were Jun Contreras +99 and Sun Sundara +92, for the ladies, Jing Lebaquin +65.

The 3/6/9 will be worth \$2,000 at Bowlum Lanes this Saturday. Bert Pamintuan received \$100 consolation. The Match Series

number drawn was 622 and Leo Silva claimed \$540. The Mystery Doubles was worth \$1,600, number drawn was 336. Happy partners were, Marife Catalasan/Derek Evans, Sue Leland/Julian Conwi (50%), \$400 each and Julian \$200. The Match Game was worth \$660 and the winning number was 245 bowled by our third finisher, Kmel Cunanan. Congratulations to one and all.

First game, Matt Goodloe had +60, closely followed by Ramon Alliman +59 and Roy Li +58. The two ladies on top were Stacy Galicia +58 and Kelly Manuel +31.

Second game, for the men, Matt stayed on top with a +137. Close was Kmel Cunanan +134 and Ramon not far behind with a +114. The ladies kept their position, Stacy +74 and Kelly +61.

Third game saw a small change in order. Matt kept

his steady bowling with a +153 and Ramon, not to be outdone by his friend, tied him with a +153, forcing a roll off for 1st Place and championship spot. The roll off started with a bang for Ramon, he struck the first 4 frames and looked pretty strong. Matthew answered with a spare, strike, spare and a strike. The 5th frame was Ramon's undoing as he opened while Matthew found his stride and spared, followed by 7 strikes to end with a 250 game against Ramon's 202. Needless to say, it was a very exciting evening for all. Matt's first championship was worth \$1,100 as he did not have Cash & Carry. Ramon's 2nd place was \$500, Kmel Cunanan 3rd \$200, Kelly Manuel 4th \$110 and Roy Li 5th \$105.

Matthew Goodloe is from Stanton, he used his All In/Global drilled by Memo and he's single. Ramon Alliman is from



Goodloe is Damn Good Wins First ABTA Title at Westminster \$1,100 — In the Beat Board Finals there was a tie for first at a +153 hence a one game roll-off. We saw Matt Goodloe step up and win his first ABTA title downing his good friend Ramon Alliman 250-217. scores include handicap, in a roll-off to take home a nice \$1,000 First Place and \$100 for using his 900 Global Ball. Ramon got a \$500 check. (L-R) Jaimee Pamintuan, Ramon Alliman (Runner-up) \$500, Matt Goodloe Champ \$1,100, Kelly Manuel 3rd \$200, and Bob Turner Westminster Lanes Rep.

Westminster and used Roto Grip/Outcry drilled by Ben Mach, married to Jacki and one son, Dante. Kmel Cunanan is from Anaheim, his Track was drilled by Ramon Torres. Wife Mia and two sons, A.C. and Adrian are fans. Matthew also was the Horse winner and paid \$188 and made few people happy.

Saturday we visit Bowlum Lanes, squads at 1pm, 2:30 pm, 4 pm, 6 pm final squad. Please check-in early. If you want to reserve a lane, use our web app, to send in squad reservation prior to Saturday.

Just a reminder, May 7th will be a BYE (Mother's Day weekend) and ABTA will resume May 14th at West Covina.



Mystery Doubles shared by four Bowlers \$1,400 Sue Leland teamed with Julian Conwi and Marife Catalasan with Derek Evans and they shared nice \$1,400 with their 336 Game. There is a \$200 carryover due to Mr. Conwi having bowled only 3 squads.



Match Series goes to Leo Silva \$540 with his fine 662 scratch series. One of the Good Guys hits the Match Series and it is Leo Silva pictured with hard working ABTA Director Bobbie Mc Collum.

ABTA Westminster - April 23, 2016

1	Matthew Goodloe from Stanton	753	\$1,000.00
	Global 900 Ball		\$100.00
2	Ramon Alliman from Long Beach	753	\$500.00
3	Kmel Cunanan from Anaheim	707	\$200.00
4	Kelly Manuel from Pasadena	689	\$110.00
5	Wai (Roy) Li from Monterey Park	686	\$110.00
6	Leo Silva from Long Beach	683	\$105.00
7	Jaimee Pamintuan from Cerritos	678	\$105.00
8	Michael Zhang from Monterey Park	677	\$105.00
9	Vuong Do from Anaheim	675	\$105.00
10	Ken Morris from Stanton	672	\$100.00
11	Sandy Rosenblum from Irvine	671	\$100.00
12	Willie Parawan from La Puente	670	\$100.00
13	Nguyen Pham from Santa Ana	670	\$100.00
14	Jim Anderson (SS) from Glendora	669	\$100.00
15	Jun Contreras (SS) from Los Angeles	662	\$100.00
16	Pedro Cintron from Rancho Cucamonga	659	\$100.00
17	Donald Pulliam (LH) from	657	\$72.50
18	Christopher Eguilos from Norwalk	651	\$70.00
19	Julie Nguyen from Westminster	640	\$67.50
20	Danny Guevarra (SS) from Carson	638	\$65.00
21	Freddy Zamora from Torrance	637	\$65.00
22	Stacy Galicia from Monrovia	631	\$64.00
23	Anthony Martinez from Covina	626	\$63.00
24	Johnny Tran from Garden Grove	621	\$63.00
25	Jesse Lane, Jr from Inglewood	618	\$62.00
26	James Borillo from Lakewood	610	\$62.00
27	Sun Sundara (SS) from Diamond Bar	606	\$61.00
28	Bedell Vasquez (Lh) from El Monte	597	\$61.00
29	Teresita Abing (SS) (60%) from Hesperia	593	\$36.50
30	Victor Paolucci (SS) from Orange	592	\$61.00
31	Jing Lebaquin (SS) (60%) from Cerritos	585	\$36.50
32	Marvin Crowder from Whittier	555	\$61.00

FINANCIAL REPORT		Match Series: 622
CUT SCORES:		Leo Silva
Saturday		RAFFLE WINNERS
Men: +107 Women: +71		Sponsor Ball Linda Sarabia
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Jing Lebaquin +65, Danny Guevarra +107		Paid Entries 12 @ 61 \$732.00
Jim Anderson +107		Optional Sidepots \$911.00
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Men: Anthony Martinez +184		Match Game \$660.00
Women: Stacy Galicia +152		Match Series \$540.00
3 - 6 - 9		Mystery Doubles \$1,400.00
Bert Pamintuan		Shirt & Trophy \$88.00
Match Game: 245		Total Payout \$16,082.00
Kmel Cunanan		
Mystery Doubles: 336		
Sue LeLand / Julian Conwi (50%),		
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Mike Weekley's Band Wins Entry Into Kansas City Rockfest

by Fred Eisenhammer

LOS ANGELES — Mike Weekley is going to Kansas City.

And so is his band. Weekley, an elite bowler, is the drummer for Dirty Machine, which earned entry into the prestigious Rockfest on May 14 at Liberty Memorial in downtown Kansas City. Rockfest is being billed as the biggest one-day musical festival in the U.S. this year with attendance expected to exceed 50,000 fans.

Dirty Machine finished first among 55 groups in an on-line radio contest targeting the best unsigned bands in the Kansas City area. The top five finishers earn a spot on the Rockfest stage and join some of the top names in rock music.

It was an extremely tight vote, which ended Friday. Dirty Machine finished with 2,782 votes and Hallow Point and Rev Nation tied for second with 2,765. Surface Damage was fourth with 2,757, Autumn Lies Empty was fifth with 2,729 and Ten Thousand One ended up sixth with 2,720.

Weekley said he heard the final results while he was driving to a pickup hockey match Friday night. “I was screaming in the car – sticking my thumbs up out the window. . . . It was real intense. It came down to the wire, the last half-hour,” Weekley said.

Dirty Machine’s website describes the group as a “five-piece alternative metal act based out of Raytown, Mo. Founded in 2012, Dirty Machine is known around Kansas City for its aggressive style of music and energetic live shows.”

Weekley, a 33-year-old Kalamazoo, Mich., transplant, has been one of the top bowlers in the San Fernando Valley area since he came to L.A. less than eight years ago. He’s distinguished himself in league settings at AMF Woodlake Lanes in Woodland Hills, now-defunct Mission Hills Bowl, Corbin Bowl in Tarzana and Jewel City Bowl in Glendale.

In November 2014, the right-handed Weekley blistered his 10th perfect game during league play at Corbin Bowl. He also has rolled two 800 series.

Since July, Weekley has taken a hiatus from league bowling to give his full attention to music. At that time, he joined Dirty Machine, which includes David Leach on vocals, Miki Graves on bass, Darrin Davis on guitar and vocals and D.J. Ecusa on turntable.


Weekley, a Los Angeles resident, has said that being able to go on the Rockfest stage would be an opportunity “to live out my dream.”

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and catching some timely breaks.”

In the semifinal match, Williams ended Parker Bohn III’s bid to repeat as champion of the tournament by beating the 35-time Tour and three-time PBA50 Tour winner, 258-223.

The win in the first tournament of the season was especially satisfying for Williams after a slow start finishing 59th at the end of the first day of qualifying.

“Again, I just wasn’t reading the lanes well and was using the wrong equipment,” Williams said. “I think I averaged about 211 for my first 11 games and once I got things figured out I think I averaged about 250 the rest of the way.”

In the second stepladder match, Bohn defeated 37-time PBA Tour, four-time PBA50 Tour winner and reigning PBA50 Player of the Year Pete Weber, 257-224, to advance to the semifinal match against Williams.

In the opening match, Weber beat Johnny Petraglia, a winner of 14 PBA Tour and eight PBA50 Tour titles, 225-193. At age 69, Petraglia was hoping to become the oldest player to win a PBA50 Tour title. The record is held by the late James Brenner at 66 years and 358 days.

The Pasco County Florida Open is presented by the Pasco County Tourist Development Council and sponsored by the Law Office of Lucas Magazine.

The PBA50 Tour heads to The Villages, Fla., for the second stop of the 2016 season where Spanish Springs Lanes will host the UnitedHealthcare Sun Bowl In The Villages presented by Radical April 23-26.

Fans can catch all the action on PBA’s online bowling channel Xtra Frame. Subscription and schedule information is available by clicking on the Xtra Frame logo on pba.com.

PBA50 PASCO COUNTY FLORIDA OPEN Lane Glo Bowl, New Port Richey, Fla., Tuesday Final Standings

- 1, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., \$7,500.
- 2, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., \$4,000.
- 3, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., \$3,000.
- 4, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., \$2,500.
- 5, Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., \$2,000.

Stepladder Results

Match One – Weber def. Petraglia, 225-193.
Match Two – Bohn def. Weber, 257-224.
Semifinal Match – Williams def. Bohn, 258-223.
Championship – Williams def. Duke, 245-225.

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semifinal match.

“They say winning your second title is the toughest,” said Tackett, who won his first PBA Tour title in the 2015 PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Open. “But I’ve been close and I’ve been bowling well. Maybe this will lead to something more.

“I really didn’t think I could bowl enough to beat Ryan; I thought it would take 250 to win,” Tackett said. “I got fortunate that he didn’t bowl a good game because that’s really uncharacteristic of how he’s been bowling.”

Ciminelli’s closing string of four strikes forced Tackett to mark in the 10th frame on the lane that was giving him difficulty.

“I liked the first shot,” he said, despite leaving a 4 pin. “I guess, being in the situation, I probably threw it a little hard, but the result was good. I was a little nervous on that (4 pin) spare, just because I’d missed one in match play earlier – against Ryan, actually.”

Taylor’s “Cinderella” bid for his first PBA Tour title, in only his second PBA Tour event after bowling in 103 regionals, came to an end with a 205-200 loss to Tackett in the semifinal match. Tackett threw one double and converted six single-pin spares, but Taylor threw one too many splits.

Taylor, an 11-year PBA Midwest Region competitor with three regional titles, rallied from an early 29-pin deficit with a string of six strikes to eliminate Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., 237-209, in the first stepladder match. The 40-year-old right-hander then watched 14-time PBA Tour titlist Patrick Allen of Mount Kisco, N.Y., start with five strikes, rolling into an early 33-pin lead, before throwing eight strikes in his last nine attempts for a 246-212 victory. Allen left a pocket 7-10 in the seventh frame and then saw his titles hopes disappear when he left and failed to convert the 3-7-9 split in the ninth frame.

The PBA Xtra Frame Storm Open is the second of 10 Xtra Frame events that will pay the PBA member with the highest points total at the conclusion of the series a \$10,000 bonus. Tackett said his plan is to bowl the entire Xtra Frame series.

“The series rewards good bowling, it rewards consistency on different patterns,” Tackett said. “They’re not just handing out titles and with a \$10,000 bonus at the end, it’s worth going after.”

The PBA Xtra Frame Tour resumes June 25-26 with live coverage of the PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Open from Lubbock, Texas. Fans can subscribe to Xtra Frame by clicking on the Xtra Frame logo on the pba.com homepage.

PBA XTRA FRAME STORM OPEN Liberty Lanes, Carpentersville, Ill., Sunday Final Standings

- 1, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., \$10,000.
- 2, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., \$5,000.
- 3, Steve Taylor, Deer Creek, Ill., \$2,500.
- 4, Patrick Allen, Mount Kisco, N.Y., \$2,000.
- 5, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., \$1,500.

Stepladder Results

Match One – Taylor def. Rash, 237-209.
Match Two – Taylor def. Allen, 246-212.
Semifinal Match – Tackett def. Taylor, 205-200.
Championship – Tackett def. Ciminelli, 217-210.

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Despite his youth and never having faced the raucous atmosphere inside Bayside Bowl, Simonsen embraced both the sold-out crowd and the challenge of bowling anchor. “I love (the atmosphere),” he said. “The fans come out here at 8 in the morning to tailgate and they’re here all day. To have your team and the crowd behind you is a whole different atmosphere. It gets you worked up, but to be honest, I couldn’t tell you if they kept cheering or not. After my first step I kinda blocked it all out.”

In the fourth quarterfinal match, Dallas won a tight battle with Brooklyn in the first game, getting a string of four strikes from BJ Moore, Shawn Maldonado, Tommy Jones and a 10th-frame clincher from player-manager Norm Duke to win the first game, 226-213. Brooklyn built a 42-pin lead after starting the second game behind strikes by PBA Hall of Famers Walter Ray Williams Jr. and Parker Bohn III, Jon VanHees and Jason Sterner, but the Strikers’ decision to finish game two on the right lane proved to be the difference. Dallas erased the Styles’ lead behind strikes by Jones, Duke and Moore, a spare by Maldonado, and two more strikes by Bill O’Neill and Jones on his first shot in the 10th locked up the 213-207 win.

“The surprise for us was the lineup switch we made for the first game,” said Duke, Dallas’ player-manager. “We were going to go with the second-game lineup, with Tommy as anchor, but he came to me and said when the lane condition is fresh, the two guys we have who hook the ball are lost.

“It made sense for me to throw the 10th frame in the first game and, when the condition opened up a little, put Tommy back in anchor for the second game. But I didn’t want to bowl the 10th; I wanted to lead off to get us a mark out of the gate,” Duke added. “But we pulled it off and bowled two really good games considering how bad we actually executed. “We knew from last year that, given the choice, we wanted to finish on the right lane in the second game,” he continued. “If we win the coin toss next time, we’re going to finish on that lane, too.”

Duke was beaming after advancing out of the first round for the first time since 2013. “We were among the top five the first year, under a different format, but since then we haven’t made it out of the first round,” he grinned. “So that’s why I’m so hyped right now.”

Jones, the only player to bowl for two previous Elias Cup championship teams (GEICO NYC WTT KingPins in 2013 and the Silver Lake Atom Splitters in 2014), was relieved his team was able to survive a less-than-sterling performance against Brooklyn.

“It’s survive and advance at this point, and that’s what we did,” Jones said. “The second game wasn’t very pretty, but I felt like we had a chance. Then it kind of fell in our laps. Sometimes you’ve gotta get lucky.”

The 2015 Elias Cup competition now moves into the semifinal round, with the GEICO New York City WTT KingPins meeting the hometown-favorite Shipyard Brewing Co. Portland Lumberjacks and the Barbasol Motown Muscle battling the GoBowling.com Dallas Strikers. Both semifinal matches will air on Sunday, May 1, at 1 p.m. ET., with the winners advancing to the Elias Cup Finals on Sunday, May 8, also at 1 p.m. ET

2016 PBA LEAGUE ELIAS CUP QUARTERFINAL ROUND

Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine
(aired Sunday, April 24 on ESPN)
(Best of two five-player Baker format team games, ties broken by roll-off)

Quarterfinal Match Three

Barbasol Motown Muscle (Danielle McEwan, Josh Blanchard, Ronnie Russell, EJ Tackett, Anthony Simonson) def. BJ’s L.A. X (Stuart Williams, Andres Gomez, Patrick Allen, Martin Larsen, Jason Belmonte), 2-0 (223-218, 202-180).

Quarterfinal Match Four

GoBowling.com Dallas Strikers (Bill O’Neill, BJ Moore, Shawn Maldonado, Tommy Jones, Norm Duke) def. Concrete Software Brooklyn Styles (Walter Ray Williams Jr., Parker Bohn III, Jon VanHees, Jason Sterner, Sean Rash), 2-0 (226-213 213-207).



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by Tish

BURBANK — It's been a few years since I last had the opportunity to bowl the Womens National Championship Tournament and I didn't realize how much I missed it until now. I am very excited to be participating this year.

There is always something great about bowling Nationals but bowling with your fellow bowling sisters is special. The atmosphere is entirely different than bowling an Open, maybe due in part to the lack of testosterone.

That isn't to say that women don't get testy, we do. And our disappointment in our performance isn't less than the men, it's just less important in the big picture. There is a lot more talk of kids and grandkids and less off color jokes. I said less, I didn't say not any! Some bring the hubby, others make it a strictly girls affair.

Either way, it's great fun and some rather surprising bowling skills and scores. I hope you ladies give it some thought for 2017, it will be held in Baton Rouge, LA. I know I'm going and taking my sis along too!

Sunday Night Hdcp: (scr) Ron Alvarez 233, Jennifer Tyler 152, Sylvester Foster 691, Sharon Brown 476. (hdcp) Mike McMahon 280, Raylin Rivera 239, David Rivera 798, Cynthia Estrada 707.

Senior Swingers: (scr) Ernie Gluck 180, Cres Cruz 151, Winston Gorriceta 527, Mary Langer 212, Rick Langer 650, Barbara Teitel 617.

Monday 690: (scr) Dave Brubaker 215, Glenda Nale 176, Setu Molia 619, Patty Shaffer 542. (hdcp) Jesse Enriquez 272, Carol Thrasher 228, Dylan Jimenez 715, Ashley Higgins 637.

LA Metro Telco: (scr) Jimmy Jebejian 229, Ramona Gardner 185, Richard Andersen 593, Danica McMahon 509. (hdcp) Robert Zappaterreno 266, Lydia Gantt 260, Shake Davis 698, Peggy Eklund 704.

Orbits: (scr) Megan Hazzard 203, Lori Durbin 166, Jan Levitt 538, Vicki Olivia 444. (hdcp) Patricia Taylor 248, Catherine Noonan 214, Diana Valdez 645, Cathy Stevens 607.

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Wed Night Hdcp: (scr) Don Smallwood 285, Ruth Sanchez 207, Ariel Rodriguez 695, Laura Baltazar 558. Senior Foursome: (scr) Bob Rosenblum 191, Cres Cruz 172, Jim DeAngelo 528, Lydia Gantt 464. (hdcp) Jesse Menez 234, Marie Menez 247, Doug McMillen 640, Milli Strayhon 653.

Thursday 890: (scr) Anthony Martinez 237, Kim Bax 194, Kurt Zappaterreno 672, Peggy Eklund 476. (hdcp) Anthony Sanchez 303, Bridget Carter 260, Roger Desgroseilliers 771, Ramona Gardner 698. That is all for now. So until next time...keep the ball rollin'!

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WINNETKA — Some of the leagues here at Winnetka Bowl are ending their season and getting ready for Summer. If you haven't signed up yet be sure to do it today so you won't be left out of all that exciting bowling. Tell your friends to join a league too.

The scores are in so let's see who did what.

49'Ers: Carolyn Scherzberg 267/673, Curtis Litzenberg 225/599, Jayme Willis 205/534, Jim Land 583, Mel Neiditch 561, Rick Dobris 202/555, Bruce Zietz 549, Karen McDonald 509, Barbara Vaccare 504, Bob Walker 202, Tom Tucker 200.

Monday Nite Madness: Jerome Hampton 255/729, Diana Rollins 477, Paul Dean 234/640, Wayne McClean 244/630, David Jaques 584, Bill Aldridge 244/546, Patrick Rollins 226.

River Maniacs: Johnnie Englehart 260/773, Marsha Martinez 209/581, Vince Koeller 269/700, Frank Martinez Jr. 683, Dwayne Hanna 660, Mike Olson 648, Carol Ellis 212/558, Monise Kelly 508, Raul Rono 263, Dan Dixon 250, Hunter Fowble 247.

Guys & Dolls: Chris Ivey296/721, Tracy Stine 226/605. Rick Stine 245/676, Roger Paskell 641, Marc Jay 633, Gregory Kolski 227, Cora Caparros 202/529, James Heylek 269, Mike Spence 237.

Ellen's Comedians: Daniel Stipkovich 682, Erica Pollack 2246/629, Drew Stern 273/676, Ray Stoy 671, Larry Feinberg 670, Ray Fish 266/664, Chuck Glasser 266/664, Michael Pollack 259, Mary Becker 223/533.

Men's Classic Handicap: Great scoring by Randy Page “300/847” and Rusty Bryant 290/“817”. Dawson Swearng 279/720, Jared Nineberg 278/707, Robert Pellucci 704, Steve Dibartolome 704, Thomas Everitt 704, Nick Corralesjo 278, Charles Kenny 275.

Copper Bucket: Aaron Story 228/662. Corrine Lista 453, Chas Wiggan 256/646, Joe Myers 245/637, Ed Jones 237/618, Todd Jones 233/599.



STRANGE HAPPENINGS

by Carol Mancini

NORWALK — Over the years I have heard of strange happenings in a number of bowling centers but never experienced the unexplainable ----- until last week.

I arrived at Cal Bowl on Thursday around 8:30 a.m. As usual, the lane machine was automatically running the length of each lane ----- pushing the pins off the back of the pin decks, cleaning and dressing for the day. When all the lanes were done, the lane machine was put away.

About an hour later the mechanic arrived and immediately called my attention to lane 15. A single pin was sitting on the pin deck. All other 53 pin decks were bare!

As the day went on, employees came one by one to tell of other unexplainables.

* The arcade manager finds pennys on the carpet quite often. The vacuum is run at closing and pennys are there at opening.

* The arcade manager — that Thursday morning — relayed to me around 10 a.m., that the DVD player in his car hadn't worked in 2 years, but on his way in IT STARTED TO PLAY!

(That's 2 in 2 hours.)

* The mechanic who noticed the pin on #15 went to the back to investigate. As he walked towards #15 the “dead pin retrieving stick” jumped from its hook and landed in front of the machine. His retreat to my office would have broken a record.

* In the five years that I have been at Cal Bowl many employees and customers have testified to seeing a dark figure pacing back and forth on lanes 1 thru 4.

* After closing and all the lights are turned off a ball of light is seen running back and forth on the wall next to lane 55.

* But the strangest sight of all was on a Friday night about a month ago. The bar and snack bar were closed. Only one lane was finishing up. A single deskman was on duty. A noise from lane 54 attracted his attention. A ball was rolling ACROSS THE APPROACHES towards lane one. He left the desk and caught the ball enroute. After looking around, seeing no one, he called the mechanic. He was in the shop! Maybe we'll leave the lights on later!

If you have experienced similar incidents or have a good story - - -call me, E-Mail me, or make contact (any way!) Carol Mancini
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500 Classic: Nancy Kato 219/620, Renell Cannon 244/579, Connie Wannomae 204/559, Farol Brifman 202/548, Carol Ellis 537.

Wednesday Night Rollers: Richie Gardner 215/644, Monise Kelly 227/605, Jeff Stitz 241/633, Chris Ivey 639, Stan Salter 222/599, Brian Czerniak 564, Jill Williamsoln 546.

Van Nuys Eagles: Matt Hall 255/695, Cindy Macklin 472, Tom Leigh 227/661, Ed Jones 255/643, Anthony Molett 231/630, Rick Gamboa 234/583, Ron Craig 227.

Phil-Am: Kennth Loja 258/675, Deborah Sanchez 479, Virgil Alipio 602, Mike Tumalian 242/599, Arthur Sanchez 581, Steve Yerou 578, Levi Navarrete 233.

That's it for now.

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LAKEWOOD — Big thanks to all our great secretaries who take such fantastic care of their bowlers all season. 30-40 or 50 teams takes a lot of looking after. Congratulations to league champs and individual season highs ... you kow who you are!!!

It's time for our league scores:

Sunday Mega Vegas: Jaycee Ebbat 246/687, Derrick Whitlock 246/658, Bob Johnson 225/625, Jimmy Natividad 225/582, Vincent Brown 228/570, Stacy Erickson 535.

V.A.: Dan Martinez 585, Marcel V. 562, Melvin Hogan 544, Chris Martinez 516, Dayne Shephard 485.

C.A.U.L.: Ties for 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Roll-off on Sweepers. Andy Clark 235/622, RJ Guimond 222/586, David Regul 580, Jack Baligad 568, George Howells 218/557, Gary Martinez 204/554, Tom Davis 213/551, Lori Gilmore 225/524, Yosemite Hamilton 511, Connie Wood 507.

Tues. Mega Vegas-Cal: Aaron Law 247/658, Le'Star Walker 247/624, Thurman Ashley 244/580, Roger Epstein 202/579, Billy Williams 572, J.P. Jones 213/567, Chamrong Chhauy 552, Wayne Brown 542, Carl Burruss 539, Anthony Bourges 539, Marcel VanDoff 218/533, Molly Silva 549, Tippy Thornton 542.

Fil-Am Bowlers: Emmerson Wafer 269/718, Emeka Williams 247/693, Jing Sabian 239/682, Randy Antazo 248/681, Leon Bradford 252/672, Joe Knapp 665, Faga Fila 244/662, Bob Seiner-LH 243/652, Rick Llaneta 258/647, Manny Antonio 254/646, Joe Acosta 269/639, Linda Sarabia 225/578, Christy Estimo 209/569, Elvie Medestomas 556, Emily Burchman 211/536.

Pin Heads: Teams **A B and 2 C's and Three** will have a roll-off for 1st place. Both teams have 72 points won. Dominic Saraceno 248/649, Chuck Appleberry 213/584, Bruce Brown 221/583, Don Louis 559, Ashley Brown 279/627, Audrey Louis 505.

Vegas Crackpots: Raymond Jenkins 268/680, Brent Shern 277/680, Sam Minor 257/659, Daryl McCloud 246/650, Jacob Culpepper 235/635, Christopher Purnell 242/632, Gerald Williams Jr. 233/623, John Doval 243/596, Ellen Myers 247/628, Emeka Williams 218/596, Annette Haynes 212/561.

Young At Heart: Sonny Dew “300”/724, Jimmy Hamilton 245/680, Bob Perason 614, Rey Santos 221/612, James Lewis 234/608, Josh Hudson 221/607, Wayne Moon 243/596, Oritta Steel 209/589, Tua Sula 215/580, Frances Walker 521. **Champs: TEAM U.S.: Gerald Lunceford, Valerie Lunceford, Joe Mathews.**

Alley Oops: Team 4 are the champs. Merrie Slagley 471, Mike Slagley 430. Side-pot winners—Game One: Shirley Davis 213; Game Two: Merrie Slagley 212; Game Three: Tim Cable 224.

Cal Bowleros: Karen Robbins 222/605, Carolyn Rousseau 223/605, Renee Johnson/Scott 559, Bheth Alcayde 538. Side-pot winners—Game One: Karen Robbins 262; Game Two: Carolyn Rousseau 223; Game Three: Yolanda Quintanar 230.

Sierra Bugs: Mattie Wylie 516, Shonna Hernandez 511, Myra Kremen 505, Cathy Wyatt 501. Side-pot winners: Game One: Becky Heyn 212; Game Two: Annie Mae 193; Game Three: Joan Rotter 221.

Bowling Buddies: John Roach 576, Rich Ewaskey 548, Merrie Slagley 465, Becky Carroll 425.

Captain & Crew: Joanne Burke 537, Sandy Cotcher 530, Tua Sula 201/528.

Marcus Lemons Vegas: Emmerson Wafer 257/749, Vernon Adams 268/749, Eric Bell 279/715, Ronnie Lemons 657, Jello Gray 641, Tony Kellum 640, Jon Pugh Jr. 259/632, Crystal Barker 268/646, Rhonda Wright 236/583, La Jeana Harris 216/569, Robin Burns 214/560, Felecia Tripp 201/555,Diann Donaldson 549.

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Linder's Insurance Closes The Gap

by David Yamauchi

DOWNEY — With the Brunswick Invitational league winding down the races were tightening up as the bowlers took on the 2015 USBC Nationals pattern for week 5. With just two weeks to go until a round-winner is crowned and three weeks to go in the wildcard race the top teams were out for some very important points.

In the “A” match it was the round leader and wild card leader Los Altos Trophy once again taking on wild card 2nd place Linder's Insurance. Linder's was trying to be the first team to take a point from Los Altos and tarnish their 20-0 start to the round. Los Altos went in leading the wildcard race at 103.5 wins with Linder 5.5 behind them at 98 and looking to close the gap. Linder's came out striking, a couple bad breaks cost them the first game but they came back strong taking the last 4 points. Los Altos drops to 21-4 but stays in the “A” match next week for a rematch with the 19-6 Linder's bunch. Kurt Arakaki paced Linder's with a huge 665 set while Lee Liu could only manage 579 for Los Altos. In the wildcard race, Los Altos moves to 104.5 wins while Linder is now only 2.5 back at 102.

In the “B” match, Wowo's Smokin' Hot BBQ was dropped down after Los Altos swept them last week but at 13-7 took on Keystone Lanes at 12-8; both teams still mathematically in the round though Keystone was 4th in the wildcard race at 94.5. Wowo's came out striking as they took 4.5 points tying game 3. Brandon Kraye led Wowo's with a nice 624 set while Arnold Cheesman led Keystone with a 657. Wowo's moves to 16.5-8.5 with their 4.5 points.

Sysco met up with Ketel One Vodka who was looking to help their 3rd place position in the wildcard race at 95 wins. Ketel One took 4 points moving them to 99 wins in the wildcard race. Eddie VanDaniker led Ketel One with a 610 series while Jamie Rovner led Sysco at 588.

The rest of the league were looking up at that 20-0 record and sitting on the edge of mathematical elimination. Alhambra Coin Center was 5th in the wildcard race but sat 18 points back of Los Altos and 12.5 back of Linder's. Pino's Pizza took game one but Relax-Release-Repeat came back to win the last 4 points. Harry Wong led the Triple-R bunch at 617 while Leonard Ruiz Jr. paced Pino's at 567. Erickson Foods took 4 from Forest Lanes on the strength of Brandon Grant's 564. Jon Diso led Forest with a 565 set. Threadworks swept past Alhambra Coin Center with Paul Varela and Eric Snow breaking six at 659 and 628. Johnny Sikkens led the Alhambra bunch at 516. Herzog and JAT rounded out the matches both sweeping their opponents 5-0. DeeRonn Booker- 628 and Kevin Gagnon- 520 led their teams to the wins. Gary Duran- 586 and Nacho Vega- 519 were high for GJC and Cremation Centers.

In the position matches for the round winners, Professional Approach went into the night with a commanding 20 point lead over both Cook's Bowling Supply and DV8. However, the race for the 2nd, 3rd and 4th positions was very tight going into tonight with those aforementioned teams at 88 points and 4th place Don Julio Tequila just 1.5 points back at 86.5.

After the dust settled, Professional Approach took one point which was enough to give them the top-seed position for the league roll-off finals. Cook's Bowling Supply took 4 to move to 92 points. Mikey Villarreal led Cook's with a 636 set while Sunny Dew led Pro Approach with a 620 set.

DV8 took 4 from Don Julio Tequila to keep them on pace with Cook's at 92 points while Don Julio falls 4.5 back in 4th place. Sam Hitchcock led DV8 with a strong 645 set while Bobby Campagnale lit them up for 671 but only one win. The race for the 2nd and 3rd seed is tied with just 3 weeks to go.

Sidepots went to Eric Snow (230) for \$72 and Sol Cericos, Anthony Santos, and Vernon Adams (235) for \$24 each. 3rd game superpot went to Bobby Campagnale (279) for \$216. Financial Advisor's pot went to Kurt Arakaki (251) for \$220 and 2nd Jon Diso (237) for \$100. With just two weeks to go before crowning a round winner the action is getting exciting! Next week the bowler's take on the long oil pattern. Come on down to Del Rio Monday nights at 8:30 to watch Southern California's best scratch league in action!

TOP TEN TEAMS ROUND 5

Los Altos Trophy	21	Ketel One Vodka	14
Linder's Insurance	19	Relax-Release-Repeat	14
WoWo's Smokin' Hot BBQ	17.5	Threadworks	14
DV8 \$\$\$	17	Erickson Foods	14
Pro Approach \$	15	J.A.T.	13

TOP 10 THIS WEEK

Bobby Campagnale	671	Arnold Cheesman	657
Kurt Arakaki	665	Sam Hitchcock	645
Anthony Santos	659	Mikey Villarreal	635
Kevin Valmonte	659	DeeRonn Booker	628
Paul Varela	659	Eric Snow	628

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