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TRAVIS HICKS Why Not 900?

by Frank Weiler

Travis Hicks recently rolled an 857 series at Arlington Lanes in Riverside. His big set came not long after rolling an 830 series! So, **Why not 900?** When a bowler can roll more than 30 strikes in a three game set and do it twice, why not 36 strikes? Such a series is the product of a confident, talented and prepared bowler taking advantage of ideal lane conditions and perfectly matching his equipment to those conditions. Travis is confident, talented and prepared to take the next step, to roll 36 consecutive strikes.

I have observed Travis for a few years and have been his teammate at several USBC Tournaments. He has the potential to Bowl 900. In addition to possessing the necessary physical strength, stamina, and mental acuity to execute consistently and roll 36 consecutive strikes, Travis possesses the necessary confidence and **imperturbability** to roll 36 consecutive strikes. Travis Hicks has the talent to accomplish anything as a bowler. There is no limit to his bowling potential.

Travis's goals of bowling 900 and becoming a PBA champion are within his grasp and are his to accomplish.

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TROUP & PRATHER IN KIA PBA PLAYOFFS FINAL FOUR

by Jill Winters

LAKE WALES, Florida - Bowlers on the left side of the 2022 Kia PBA Playoff quarterfinals bracket provided a strike fest inside the Kegel Training Center.

The first match was a showdown against the past two PBA Playoff champions, No. 16 Bill O'Neill and No. 9 Kyle Troup.

Both players started out using urethane and each posting 9-spares in their first two frames. "My first two shots, I was playing a little hesitant like I was afraid to get after it and hit it," Troup said about his opening two spares.

Troup followed that up with nine straight strikes, while O'Neill rolled a turkey and three single-pin spares.

O'Neill made the switch to reactive resin in the 9th frame and struck out. Troup also took a look at reactive in the 10th frame as he won



Chris Prather slapping his hands as he beats Dom Barrett 279-248, 278-268

game one in the race to 2, 278-236.

The left lane continued to hook earlier then the right lane, as they combined for just three strikes on that lane.

O'Neill chose his DV8 Damn Good Verge Pearl to

start with four out of five strikes to earn a one-pin lead halfway through. After Troup failed to convert the 3-10 split in the eighth frame, O'Neill had the opportunity to even the match and force a 9th and 10th frame roll-off. But O'Neill

left back-to-back 10-pins then saw his first delivery in the 10th frame—on the dreaded left lane—slide to the right of the head pin leaving the 1-2-4-8. He chopped it.

Troup stepped up on the right lane and struck on his

first ball. The defending champion yelled, "Bang, bang come after my belt," as he escaped to advance, 205-202.

"Unfortunately for the rest of the guys, I am building confidence probably for

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As The Airlines Go, So Goes The Nation?

by Dave Williams

It was refreshing this week to learn that on Monday the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) had announced that it will no longer be enforcing the mask mandate, after federal judge Kathryn Mizelle issued a ruling that declared the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) had exceeded its authority and failed to follow proper rule making procedures.

By Monday afternoon, United, Delta, Alaska, American and Southwest Airlines had dropped all mask requirements. Passengers as well as flight attendants removed their face masks as pilots announced that the mask mandate had

been overturned by a federal judge and that the face masks were now optional.

A flight attendant from Southwest Airlines burst into tears on a video posted at a social media site, after removing her mask for the first time in over two years. If you have ever flown on Southwest Airlines, you no doubt are aware of the crew's lighthearted antics prior to the COVID-19 crisis... like breaking into a song, or cracking a joke over the microphone. It would be hard to ignore the pent-up emotions that must have been endured by these employees.

One of my fondest memories of flying Southwest

Airlines was a program that they had implemented known as the Company Club, their version of a frequent flyer program that eventually spread to all of the major airlines. Trans World Airlines (TWA) was the first frequent flyer club that I remember joining, although according to articles posted on the internet, there were at least a few that preceded TWA — Texas International Airlines (1979), Western Airlines (1980) and American Airlines (1981).

The Company Club was a simple program, providing a brochure with boxes that the attendants would

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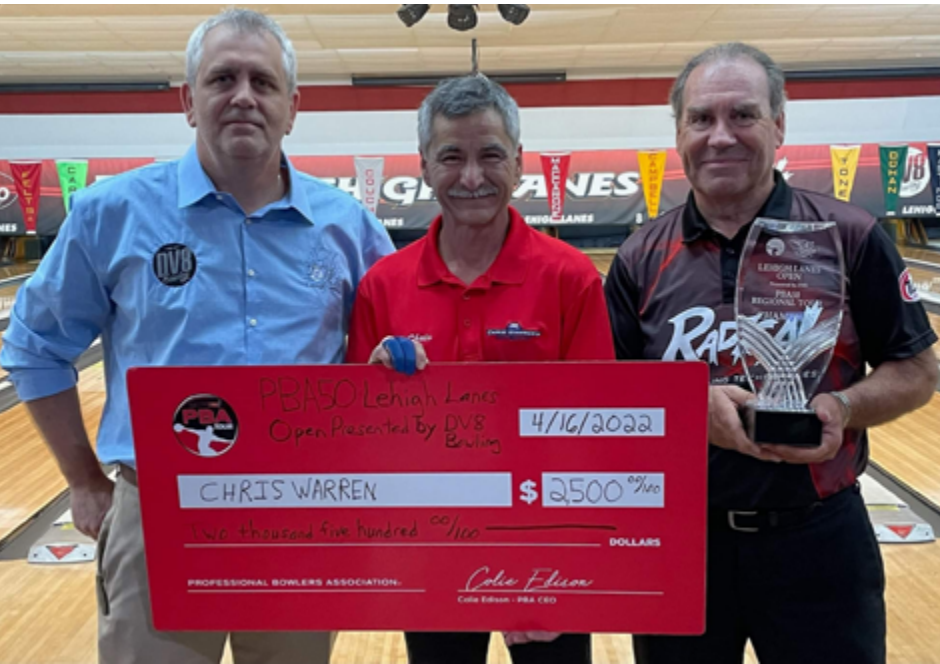
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PBA REGIONAL TOUR RECAP: CHRIS WARREN WINS REGIONAL TITLE NO. 58, ONE BEHIND THE ALL-TIME LEADER

by Chase Kaufman

The Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour and the PBA50 Tour flip-flopped this month as the PBA wrapped up the national circuit while the Senior Tour maneuvered into their national tour. Over the past few days, the PBA hosted five regional events all over the U.S. and not just the continental 48. Florida, Indiana, Texas, Maryland, and Hawaii opened their doors to many bowlers looking to make a run to the Regional Players Invitational later this year.

SOUTH REGION

PBA50 LEHIGH LANES OPEN

The PBA50 Lehigh Lanes Open in Lehigh Acres, Florida, set itself up as the perfect tune-up event for the first PBA50 National Tour stop of 2022 due to Lehigh Acres' proximity to Fort Myers. Sixty-seven bowlers entered the field, many of whom were ready to make a big run during the PBA50 Tour this summer. After being split into three different squads and bowling six games apiece, the top 22 bowlers moved on to bowl another four games in the Advancers Round on Saturday morning. After that, the top eight bowlers rolled eight more games of round-robin match play to cut the field in half for a stepladder.

When the dust settled, it wasn't particularly close for the final spot as Jeff Johnson finished in 5th at +299 and Gary Faulkner in 4th at +513. Faulkner dropped the first match to the three-seed Chris Warren 237-222, but the real fireworks came a bit later as the 57-time regional champ delivered a 300 in the semi-final match against Amleto Monacelli, who shot a 199. Warren couldn't launch back-to-back perfect games in the finals, but he did grab title 58 with a win over Paul Fleming, 211-185. Chris Warren now finds himself just one title behind the all-time lead of 59, held by Walter Ray Williams Jr.

PBA50 LEHIGH LANES OPEN FINAL STANDINGS

Chris Warren, 2,500 points, \$2,500
Paul Fleming, 1,500, \$1,500
Amleto Monacelli, 1,150, \$1,000
Gary Faulkner, 950, \$830
Jeff Johnson, 850, \$675

PBA50 South Region Points Leaders

Victor Florie Jr., 3,650
Chuck Richey Jr., 2,810
Michael Painter, 2,688
Chris Warren, 2,500
Kip Roberts, 2,500
[You can check out the South Region points leaders here.](#)

SOUTHWEST REGION

PBA HOUSTON COPPERFIELD SOUTHWEST CHALLENGE

A non-champions event began the Southwest Region's slate at Copperfield Bowl in Houston, where Eric Jones of Edmond, Oklahoma, headlined the tournament with a wire-to-wire victory. During qualifying, he started with a 769 for his first three games and eventually went +313 for the set, 95 pins higher than second place. After five advancers round games, the lead for Jones ballooned from 95 pins to a whopping 228. In match play, no doubts arose as the margin sat at 332 pins with just the position round to go. Jones rolled a 204 in his victory lap game to claim his first-ever regional title, \$2,300, and most importantly, the banner.

PBA HOUSTON COPPERFIELD SOUTHWEST CHALLENGE FINAL STANDINGS

Eric Jones, \$2,400
Tyler Wright, \$1,850
Garrett Andrus, \$1,440
Allen Smith, \$1,250
Michael Rachal, \$1,100

WEST REGION

PBA LEEWARD OPEN

The first of two Hawaiian events wrapped up on Tuesday in Pearl City, and 70 bowlers gathered to compete at Leeward Bowl. Bowlers began early Tuesday morning for seven games, attempting to secure a spot in the top 16 for single-elimination match play later that day. Keith Odette led the way on the Billy Hardwick Pattern, going +159 with Wesley Low Jr. not far behind at +156. Odette won his first match over Shane Dagdag while Low Jr. drew a worthy opponent in Anthony Simonsen, who made the trip out to The Aloha State for the pair of events. Low ended up taking the match, winning two games to one, but the lefty lost in the next round while Odette lost in the quarterfinals also. In the semifinal matches, Jake Peters defeated Adam Ishman 205-174, while Tim Cagle II moved past Joe Lipan 219-171. Following an open in the first frame, Cagle II dominated the match, throwing the next eleven strikes to take home the win 279-219.

PBA LEEWARD OPEN FINAL STANDINGS

Tim Cagle II, 2,500 points, \$2,700
Jake Peters, 1,500, \$1,700
Joe Lipan, 1,150, \$1,200
Adam Ishman, \$1,200

[You can check out the West Region points leaders here.](#)



CENTRAL REGION

PBA BOWLERO/EVANSVILLE CENTRAL/MIDWEST OPEN

Players did not have much time to get acclimated in Indiana because of the one-day format, but they needed to figure something out quickly when they hit the lanes. The 41-foot Smith pattern pushed the field of 72 to their limits as the cut line for the top 16 ran at just a 205 average, while Jonathan Schalow qualified first with a 225 pace.

After a lunch break, those 16 bowlers came back for another eight games in a round-robin format. Seven matches later and just the position round to go, two bowlers emerged miles ahead of the field, with Tom Hess at +582 and Graham Fach at +532. Fach already held a title in his back pocket from the Clutch Lanes Central Open Doubles tournament earlier this year, while Hess fought for career regional title number 13. Fach, who ran the table in his first seven games of the day, needed to win the eighth and final game by at least 21 pins to bring home his second regional title and eighth overall. Hess never had a sub-200 during match play until the finale, where Fach got the best of him, 234-193.

Along with grabbing his second title of the season, the undefeated Fach added regional title number eight to his resume and 2,500 points to his Central standings placement.

PBA BOWLERO/EVANSVILLE CENTRAL/MIDWEST OPEN FINAL STANDINGS

Graham Fach, 2,500 points, \$2,300
Tom Hess, 1,500, \$1,325
Patrick Dombrowski, 1,150, \$1,100
Jonathan Schalow, 950, \$950
Ryan Liederbach, 850, \$850

PBA Central Points Leaders

Graham Fach, 5,000 points
Patrick Dombrowski, 1,515
Tom Hess, 1,500
Thomas Larsen, 1,500
Ryan Liederbach, 1,235

[You can check out the Central Region points leaders here.](#)



EAST REGION

PBA BOWLERS DISCOUNT PRO SHOP OPEN

In Towson, Maryland, over 100 entrants made their way to AMF Towson Lanes for an entertaining two-day format where the double-bye was in effect. After eight games to start, the top 16 came back on Sunday for single-elimination bracket play. The top four qualifiers received a double-bye, the 5th-8th qualifiers earned a regular bye, and the 9th-16th positions started the day with best 2 out of 3 matches.

The Marshall Holman pattern seemed to be a bit nicer to the players than the 41-foot Smith pattern in Indiana, as it took a 214 average here to advance to bracket play. Michael Sanghi, Paul Smith, John Furey, and Tim Foy Jr. all grabbed ahold of the four double-bye positions, but only Foy Jr. and Furey advanced to the semis when they stepped to the plate. In the semifinals, Foy Jr. lost a close battle to eight-seeded Cody Shoemaker 208-205, while Furey took down Louis Gaudio 250-211. In the winner-take-all finals, the Pennsylvania native Shoemaker clinched his first career title over Furey 195-179 and moved to the top of the East Region leaderboard.

PBA BOWLERS DISCOUNT PRO SHOP OPEN FINAL STANDINGS

Cody Shoemaker, 2,500 points, \$3,000
John Furey, 1,500, \$1,600
Tim Foy Jr. 1,150, \$1,150
Louis Gaudio, 950, \$1,150



[You can check out the East Region points leaders here.](#)

When the next edition of the Regional Recap comes out, eight more events taking place all over the country will be in the books giving players more chances to move up their respective leaderboards. Plenty of events flood the schedule <https://www.pba.com/pba-tour/pba-regional-tour> before the Regional Players Invitational commences at the South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas, so check for nearby tournaments to watch some of your favorite bowlers in action as they compete for a share of \$114,000.



BRAD ANGELO WINS FIRST PBA50 TITLE AT LIGHTNING STRIKES LANES OPEN

by Jill Winters

FORT MYERS, Florida – After putting himself in eight match play appearances in 2021, Brad Angelo is now a champion on the PBA50 Tour.

The New York native is quickly following up his successful rookie season by defeating current PBA50 rookie Dino Castillo Thursday at the PBA50 Lightning Strikes Lanes Open.

Both players started out with doubles and 9-spares. Castillo put together a three-bagger to take the lead before leaving the 3-4-6-7 split on the left lane.

“That was the turning point in the match,” Angelo said of Castillo’s split. “It hit that friction spot that had developed in the previous game and took off. That is why I was playing the left lane quite a bit deeper and I had to be slower to get the ball in the pocket to where it would not flat-10.”

Angelo initially thought Castillo was going to convert the split when the ball left his hand, but Castillo only got one pin to open up the match.

After leaving a weak 10-pin and a ringing 10-pin on the right lane, on which Angelo felt like “the rack was a little off,” he decided to make a subtle move with his feet and his eyes, while also changing his hand a little bit to get better deflection through the pins to carry the 10-pin. Those moves resulted in six straight strikes and nine on his final ball to win, 258-203.

“For me, my bread and butter is to be able to roll it really slow and when I can do that I feel most comfortable,” Angelo said. “It’s great to be called a PBA50 champion.”

Castillo, who was especially animated in his first match against Barnes, was a familiar sight to Angelo.

“I have bowled against Dino Castillo now for over 30 years and that is Dino Castillo’s MO,” Angelo said about his friend. “He throws his hands all over the place and looks like there is an earthquake every time he throws the ball, so I was fully prepared for all of that stuff. He bowled great.”

In the first match, Walter Ray Williams Jr. defeated Jon Rakoski 269-267. Williams struggled to carry in match two as Chris Barnes started with eight in a row for the 279-188 win.

Match three between fellow Texans Barnes and Castillo included nine strikes by Castillo as he won, 279-245.

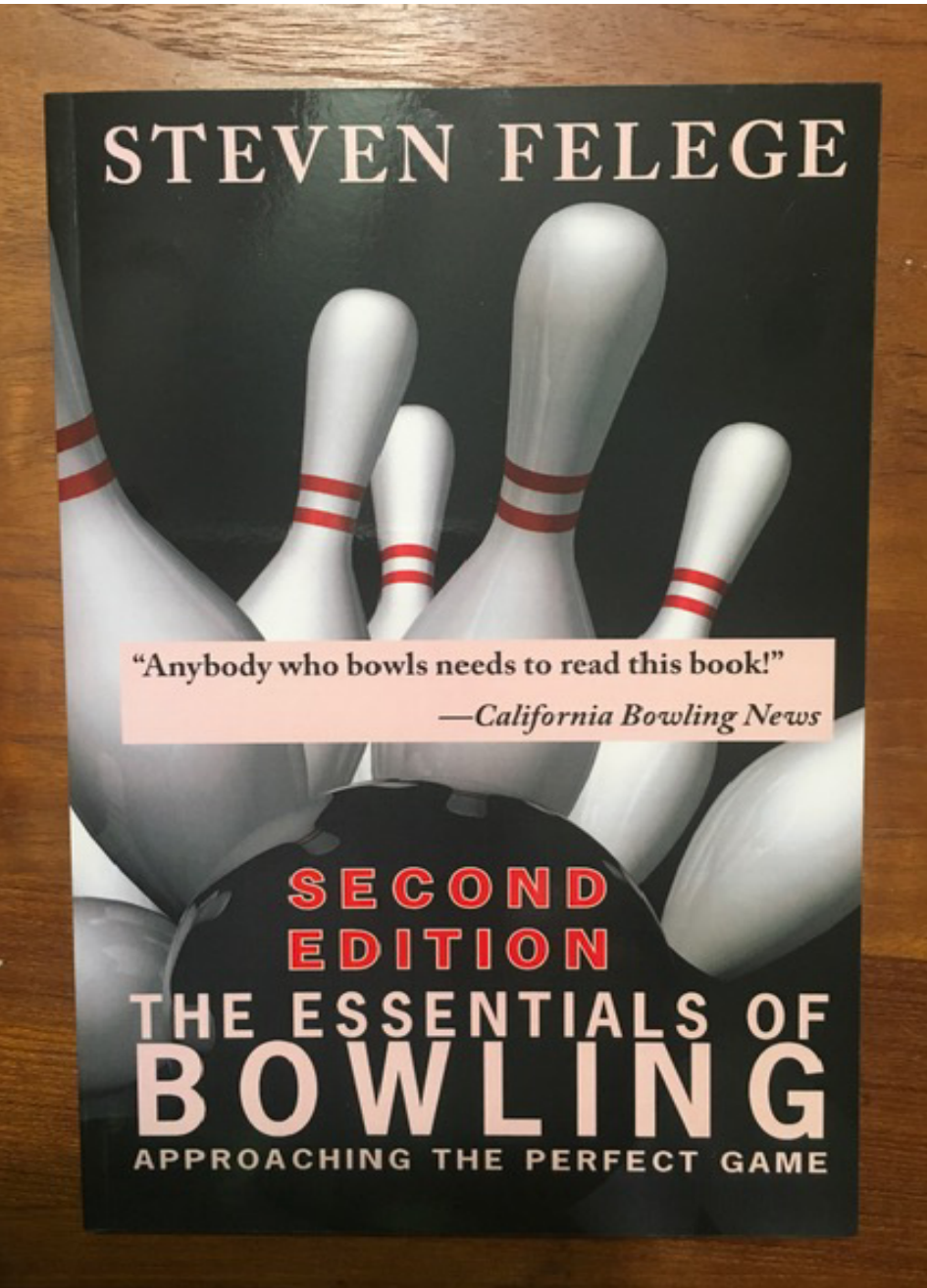
View the full PBA50 Lightning Strikes Lanes Open standings: [PBA50 Lightning Strikes Lanes Open | PBA](#)

PBA50 LIGHTNING STRIKES LANES OPEN FINAL STANDINGS:

- 1. Brad Angelo \$7,500
- 2. Dino Castillo \$4,000
- 3. Chris Barnes \$3,000
- 4. Walter Ray Williams Jr. \$2,500
- 5. Jon Rakoski \$2,000

MATCH SCORES

- Match 1 – Williams Jr. def. Rakoski 269-267
- Match 2 – Barnes def. Williams Jr. 279-188
- Match 3 – Castillo def. Barnes 279-245
- Championship match – Angelo def. Castillo 258-203



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PBA Playoffs

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the first-time this year,” Troup said after the win. “I found a little something in my physical game before the round of 16. Physically I feel like I am putting the pieces together quickly and I am ready to go defend my title.”

As for that hiccup in his physical game, it was noticed in Troup’s set-up he was rolling his shoulders over too early which “set me south from there forward,” he said.

“I thought I was doing things right all year long working with my timing,” he said. “Apparently, I was, it was just this shoulder thing. Now I can feel my bad shots versus before I was trying to feel my good ones.”

In the second match, the inaugural winner of the PBA Playoffs, No. 5 Kris Prather took on No. 4 Dom Barrett, who was looking to make a push for consideration in the 2022 Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year conversation.

This was a rematch of the 2022 PBA Tournament of Champions where Barrett defeat No. 1 seed Prather to become one of just eight players to win the Triple Crown. But it also was a bit reminiscent of the 2022 PBA World Championship that Prather won last month.

Prather switched balls a couple of times on the tricky left lane searching for the right look, while he stuck with the Storm Dark Code on the right lane striking every time in game one, as he smoothly mastered the TV pair.

“I made ball changes on multiple strikes in a row,” Prather said about the left lane. “I just didn’t really like what I saw at the beginning. I was seeing my ball hook earlier than what I wanted. Basically what you saw at the World Championship is what I was doing here. I have been seeing the ball well pretty much the last month in a half.”

Prather began with the front seven, while Barrett threw the last six strikes to lose, 279-248. They combined to throw 19 strikes.

“For me, it (Dark Code) is smooth enough where I can really use my hand and be aggressive with my moves and angle changes,” he said. “I have a lot of trust in that ball, and I feel like I can pretty much throw it on anything and do anything with the Dark Code.”

It was more of the same for game two, as they again combined to strike 19 times.

Barrett started 9-spare followed by seven straight strikes. Prather doubled, picked up a 10-pin and continued to strike.

They were tied at 219 in the eight frame. Barrett picked up a 10-pin in the ninth and finished first with a double and nine for 268.

Needing a strike and nine spare to win, Prather doubled and got nine for an impressive 278. “Whenever I get left like that, my shot repetition goes up as far as frequency of well executed shots and my speed control and hand at the bottom is very consistent,” Prather said about his game. “If I can throw it as slow as I want and hit it as hard as I want at the bottom then more than likely I am going to be bowling pretty well. Just fortunate to walk out on top after 270, 270 and barely winning the second game.”

Prather, who has won three tournaments each with a \$100,000 purse, threw 20 out of 24 strikes during the two-game match.

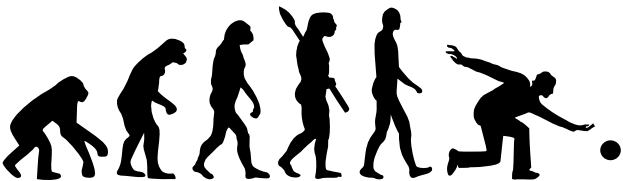
He will now face another \$100,000 man, Troup, in the semifinals at 1 p.m. ET Sun., May 8 on FOX Broadcast Channel.

The winner of the Kia PBA Playoffs will earn \$100,000, a PBA Tour title, and a WWE championship belt.

Follow the tournament bracket [here](#).

MATCH SCORES

Match 1 – Troup def. O’Neill 278-236, 205-202
Match 2 – Prather def. Barrett 279-248, 278-268



Hicks

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At the USBC Open Tournament in Las Vegas last year Travis demonstrated his ability to compete on the National stage. He won third place in Singles with a scratch 700 series. His ability to repeat shots at high speed and high Rev rates enabled Travis to seriously compete for a USBC Title, for a coveted “EAGLE”. His ball **REV Rate** from the left side must be about 450 revolutions. That is in a class with PBA stars **CHRIS BARNES, SEAN RASH, E.J. TACKETT** and **PETE WEBER**.

Travis has been bowling for 11 years after starting at the age of 22. It was his friend **Jared Reynolds** who got him to visit Arlington Lanes in Riverside and the rest is history. From beginner to potential PBA star in a decade and days.

EMPIRE BOWL in Redlands is Travis’s house now. He feels the lanes there are maintained better than most houses, giving him a better chance to score. He also likes the competition at Empire Bowl. So many good bowlers like **CORKIE DeMAIO, KENNY DeMAIO, MICHAEL GRAY, ZACH JELLSEY, TOBY LEE, MICHAEL NAKUNZ** and **MIKE RICK** to name a few. Travis attributes his latest improvement to the superior competition he faces at Empire Bowl.

Travis’s current ball of choice is the Roto Grip UC3. The backend hitting power and continuous ball motion through the pins makes the UC3 a dangerous weapon in the hands of a talented bowler like Travis Hicks. I have a mental picture of the sound of Travis’s ball hitting pins and it sounds something like “**TIC,TIC,TIC BOOM**”. Travis’s ball is a ticking time bomb!

Travis’s motto is “**hard work pays off**”. Hard work pays dividends. Hard work makes for better bowling. Hard work makes for a higher score. Travis’s favorite professional bowler is **JASON BELMONTE** because Jason works hard on his game. Jason proves that hard work pays off.

Every bowler has much to be grateful for. We are all lucky to be part of the greatest sport in the world. Like most bowlers that I know Travis realizes how lucky he has been to have been introduced to Bowling. He appreciates the opportunities that Bowling is presenting to him, and he is grateful to the sport for all of the benefits he has received. Travis is a especially grateful to **MARGARET VASSAR** for everything she has done for him. Margaret has been Travis’s biggest Bowling fan, his biggest supporter and a mentor throughout his rise from beginning bowler to Bowling stardom. Thank you, Margaret Vassar.

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stamp whenever a roundtrip flight was completed at check-in (this was before the age of computer connectivity). “Ten roundtrips on the plane get you a free roundtrip on the house,” said the brochure. One of the flights that I often booked with Southwest during my time at American Recreation Centers (ARC) was from Sacramento to Orange County’s John Wayne Airport in Irvine. There were a couple of reasons for using John Wayne Airport, as opposed to Los Angeles International, Burbank or Long Beach: most of the ARC properties were reasonably close to the less congested Orange County airport, and if you booked a flight on Monday or Friday there was a good chance of receiving a free ticket if you were bumped by a politician headed to, or returning from Sacramento!

While I was checking in at the gate one day for an upcoming flight, I noticed that one of the stamps had missed the box and was overlapping another adjacent box that had already been stamped. I alerted the attendant to the stamping issue, but she said that there was nothing that she could do, and she stamped the box next to the one in question for my flight. As I was leaving the Sacramento Airport later that day, I asked one of the ticket agents if there was anything that she could do because it was somewhat obvious that one of the boxes had two stamps.

The agent was sympathetic to my concern and provided me with an address to send a complaint (once again, this was before the age of computer convenience and most of our transmissions were still handled by “snail mail”). Now I don’t remember if I photocopied the original Company Card, or if the Southwest Airlines employee at the receiving end of my message believed by faith what I was saying; but within a few days I received an apology from the airline, along with two free tickets to any Southwest Airlines destination!

I continued using that Company Club brochure for many years as an introduction to customer service seminars, explaining to bowling center employees how Southwest Airlines had turned a negative experience into an unbelievably positive example. I’m sure that some managers cringed at the thought of empowering their staff with this type of decision-making ability, but still others welcomed the idea, to prevent an experience like the one that I had with front line employees at Southwest.

A quick visit to the Southwest Airlines website reveals that the Company Club is now Rapid Rewards. While the name of their frequent flyer club has changed, the vision of Southwest has remained the same: “To become the world’s most loved, most efficient and most profitable airline.” Under the News & Updates section the following message is posted: “On Monday (April 18, 2022), a federal judge issued a decision stating the federal mask mandate for public transportation, including on airlines and at airports, is no longer in effect.”

As I journeyed around my little section of the world in New Jersey, signs of the face mask decision by federal judge Kathryn Mizelle were everywhere, with supermarkets, shopping malls, Starbucks and even Walmart posting signs saying that the unpopular masks were no longer necessary, but optional. I guess it’s like a politician that once said (paraphrasing), “If you like your face mask, you can keep your face mask.” For me, I follow a simple rule that if the store employees are required to wear the mask, then I will also wear the mask in that establishment.

Hopefully, we are on our way back to normalcy.



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2022 PBA LEAGUE PRESENTED BY PABST BLUE RIBBON DRAFT TO BE HELD VIRTUALLY MAY 18

Ten PBA League teams will fill out their rosters on Facebook Live

by Jef Goodger

The 2022 PBA League presented by Pabst Blue Ribbon Draft will take place virtually on May 18 at 10 a.m. and will be streamed live to the PBA Facebook page. Hosted by PBA Tour commissioner Tom Clark and featuring all 10 PBA League managers, each team will fill out its roster from a pool of eligible players to compete for the Elias Cup in July in Portland, Maine.

A total of 29 players are currently on PBA League rosters as announced during the PBA League Manager Saves live stream held in January. Nine of the 10 teams protected three players and will have two draft picks. The Motown Muscle protected two players and will receive three draft picks.

Draft Eligibility

There are a total of 54 players eligible to be drafted, from which 21 players will be selected. This includes:

Forty-eight players who were in the top 75 in PBA Tour competition points in 2022 but who are not currently on a PBA League roster.

Six players who were outside the top 75 but who were on a PBA League roster in 2020 (Brad Angelo, Rhino Page, Patrick Girard, Matt McNiel, Christopher Sloan, Zeke Bayt). Josh Blanchard, who was with the Motown Muscle in 2020 but is now the PBA League tournament director, is not eligible to be drafted.

Players Eligible to be Drafted

Players within the top 75, listed in order of competition points:

Kyle Sherman, Brad Miller, Packy Hanrahan, Jason Sterner, Jake Peters, Nick Pate, DJ Archer, AJ Chapman, Matt Russo, Brandon Novak, Cristian Azcona, Richie Teece, Arturo Quintero, Matt Ogle, Sam Cooley, Ronnie Russell, Martin Larsen, Keven Williams, Michael Tang, Brandon Runk, Santtu Tahvanainen, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Mitch Hupé, Wesley Low Jr., Chris Barnes, Kevin McCune, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Patrick Dombrowski, Tom Hess, Graham Fach, Parker Bohn III, Matt Sanders, Nathan Bohr, Anthony Neuer, Zach Wilkins, Brent Boho, Frank Snodgrass, Ildemaro Ruiz, Trevor Roberts, Andres Gomez, Zach Weidman, Toby Sambueno, Bryan Hahlen, Osku Palermaa, Michael Martell, Matt Zweig, Matt Kuba, Kim Bolleby.

Players outside the top 75 but who competed in the 2020 PBA League, listed alphabetically: Brad Angelo, Zeke Bayt, Patrick Girard, Matt McNiel, Rhino Page, Christopher Sloan.

Draft Order

Selections will be made via a snake draft beginning in reverse order of each team’s finish in 2020 PBA League competition. The third round will belong exclusively to Motown to fill out their five-person roster.

First Round

New York City KingPins
Snickers Waco Wonders (formerly Brooklyn Styles)
Silver Lake Atom Splitters
L.A. X
Motown Muscle
Guaranteed Rate Chicago Hitmen (formerly Philadelphia Hitmen)
Pabst Blue Ribbon Milwaukee Pounders (formerly Brew City Ballers)
Dallas Strikers

Second Round

Portland Lumberjacks
Las Vegas High Rollers
Dallas Strikers
Milwaukee PBR Pounders
Chicago Hitmen
Motown Muscle
L.A. X
Silver Lake Atom Splitters
Snickers Waco Wonders
New York City KingPins

Third Round

Motown Muscle



Current PBA League Rosters

New York City KingPins (manager Carolyn Dorin-Ballard)

Saved: Pete Weber, Darren Tang, Marshall Kent
Dropped: Kyle Sherman, Osku Palermaa

Snickers Waco Wonders (Johnny Petraglia)

Saved: Walter Ray Williams Jr., BJ Moore, Thomas Larsen
Dropped: Brad Angelo, Rhino Page

Silver Lake Atom Splitters (Mark Baker)

Saved: Jesper Svensson, Tom Daugherty, Chris Via
Dropped: Chris Barnes, AJ Chapman

L.A. X (Andrew Cain)

Saved: Jason Belmonte, Jakob Butturff, Stu Williams
Dropped: Patrick Girard, Anthony Lavery-Spahr

Motown Muscle (Del Ballard)

Saved: EJ Tackett, Anthony Simonsen
Dropped: Josh Blanchard, Mitch Hupe, Matt McNiel

Guaranteed Rate Chicago Hitmen (Jason Couch)

Saved: Dom Barrett, Tom Smallwood, Shawn Maldonado
Dropped: Jason Sterner, Matt Ogle

Pabst Blue Ribbon Milwaukee Pounders (Marshall Holman)

Saved: Sean Rash, Ryan Ciminelli, Dick Allen
Dropped: Christopher Sloan, Zeke Bayt

Dallas Strikers (Norm Duke)

Saved: Norm Duke, Tommy Jones, Bill O’Neill
Dropped: Brad Miller, Nick Pate

Las Vegas High Rollers (Amleto Monacelli)

Saved: Francois Lavoie, Andrew Anderson, AJ Johnson
Dropped: Richie Teece, Ildemaro Ruiz

Portland Lumberjacks (Tim Mack)

Saved: Wes Malott, Kyle Troup, Kris Prather
Dropped: Martin Larsen, Packy Hanrahan



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WEDNESDAY, JULY 6 2022	8:00PM EDT	PBA League Anthony Division Finals LIVE.....	FS1
THURSDAY, JULY 7 2022	8:00PM EDT	PBA League Carter Division Finals LIVE.....	FS1
SUNDAY, JULY 10 2022	1:00PM EDT	PBA League Elias Cup Finals LIVE.....	FS1
SATURDAY, JULY 16 2022	1:00PM EDT	PBA League Strike Derby LIVE	FS1
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Wildcard Round Standings Tighten Up After Week 3

by David Yamauchi

DOWNEY — The Brunswick Invitational hit the lanes for week 3 of the 6-week wildcard spot/8-week final round. Forest Lanes was looking to extend their lead as they took a perfect 10-0 record into the session, while US Foods was hoping to help themselves and the rest of the league by closing the gap.

With the round winners dropping out of the mix, the “A” match featured perfect Forest Lanes (10-0, 90) vs. US Foods (8-2, 88) as the high non-round winners in the league. Forest moved to 11-0 but it was all US Foods from there with a couple big games to take the match 4-1. JT Diso’s 625 was high of the three 600 sets for Forest Lanes but Gabriel Martinez’ 671 and Kasey Uyesugi’s 656 series propelled US Foods to the win.

The “B” match was Threadworks (8-2, 82) matched up with Westminster Lanes (6-4, 78). Westminster Lanes came out strong taking the first two games but dropped the last game by 77 but it wasn’t enough for Threadworks to take totals as they were on the losing side of a 4-1 result. Eric Snow was solid for Threadworks with a 614 set while Ray Minter led Westminster’s consistent effort cracking six with a 607 set.

Bowling Guys (6-4, 70.5) was looking to keep the momentum going against Junior Amateur Tour (5-5, 81) who were looking to jump back into the race. Junior Amateur Tour needed a mark in the 10th to take game one, but they stepped on the throttle and marked their way to a 5-0 sweep of Bowling Guys. Bobby Campagnale led Bowling Guys with a 586 set while David Yamauchi paced Junior Amateur Tour with a 605 series.

Professional Approach Pro Shop (5-5) took on Team Hu\$tle (4-6, 72) with both teams looking to get back on track in the round. Team Hu\$tle took the match 3.5-1.5 with the third game tie. Alejandra Urrutia led Team Hu\$tle with a 591 set while Bryan Osborne paced Professional Approach with a 570 series.

TDI Refrigeration (3-7), WBPI (3-7), DV8 (1-9, 86) and California Timberline (1-9) rounded out the wildcard matches. California Timberline took the first game but DV8 came back strong taking two close games for a 4-1 win. Kyle Duster led DV8 with a 617 set while sub-Edward Estrada was high for California Timberline with a 552 series. TDI Refrigeration and WBPI tied the first game then split the next two with WBPI hanging on for totals and the 3.5-1.5 win. Michael Barnett led TDI Refrigeration with a 546 series while sub-William Morris was high for WBPI with a 521 set.

In the round-winner’s matches, Forever Hope Foundation (111) was looking to lock up the top-seed as they sat on a 23-game lead with just 25 points out there after tonight. Family Ties (88) was looking to stay in the hunt against Forever Hope as well as Bowlium (87) as they took on Cal Bowl (78). Family Ties kept their hopes alive with a 5-0 sweep of Forever Hope Foundation on the strength of Steve Gurrieri’s huge 693 set while Joe Smith led Forever Hope Foundation with a 601 set. The other match saw Bowlium take the first game from Cal Bowl, but Cal Bowl came back strong to take the match 4-1. Arnold Cheesman led Bowlium with a 543 set while Chris Equilos subbed his way to the lead for Cal Bowl with a 583 set.

The Financial Advisor’s pot was hit by Kevin Valmonte (251) for \$160 with second to Joe Smith (249) for \$70. Sidepots went to Jon Huff (218) and Joe Smith (249) for \$38 with second to Kyle Duster (213) and Gabriel Martinez (244) for \$19. SuperPot went to Mikey Villarreal (257) for \$114 with second to Kasey Uyesugi (244) for \$57.

The order for the remaining patterns of the Wild Card round is 2-2-1-4-4. Make a note of which set of equipment to bring!

Come out and watch the action as the teams continue the Wild Card round returning to the short-oil pattern next week. The action starts at 8:00 at Del Rio Lanes!

TOP 10 OVERALL WINS

Forever Hope Foundation \$..111	Forest Lanes91
Family Ties \$\$\$\$.....93	DV8.....90
Bowlium \$\$88	Junior Amateur Tour ..86
Cal Bowl \$\$\$\$82	Threadworks83
US Foods.....92	Westminster Lanes...82

TOP 10 TEAMS ROUND 5

Family Ties \$\$\$\$.....13	Threadworks9
US Foods.....12	Bowlium \$\$9
Forest Lanes.....11	Team Hu\$tle7.5
Junior Amateur Tour ..10	Professional Approach 6.5
Westminster Lanes...10	WBPI6.5

TOP 10 THIS WEEK

Mikey Villarreal676	JT Diso.....625
Steve Gurrieri673	Jon Diso617
Gabriel Martinez671	Kyle Duster617
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