PBA KING OF THE LANES RETURNS IN JUNE & INTRODUCES KOTL: ROYAL FAMILY EDITION

by Jef Goodger

The 2022 PBA King of the Lanes will air in prime time on Fox Sports' FS1 over five consecutive weeknights, June 6-10. The first three nights will feature the new PBA King of the Lanes: Royal Family Edition in which prominent PBA stars team with their talented children in the quest to become bowling's royal family. The final two nights will showcase four contenders challenging to take down reigning King of the Lanes Jason Sterner.

Guppy and Kyle Troup, who own the most PBA Tour titles (eight apiece for a total of 16) among any living father-son combination, will be the inaugural Royal Family. Contenders who will challenge for familial superiority include Chris and Ryan Barnes, Wes and Jordan Malott, Tom and Brady Smallwood, Ronnie and Cayden Russell, Parker and Brandon Bohn, and Carolyn Dorin-Ballard and Alyssa Ballard. Aside from the Troups, the criteria for contending teams was professional bowlers with teenage kids, highlighting an incredible time for second- and thirdgeneration bowlers.

Jason Sterner earned the King of the Lanes crown last season, first defeating Tim Mack in the contenders match and then taking the throne from Parker Bohn III. Sterner then successfully defended his position against Tom Daugherty, earning a return trip to the King of the Lanes in 2022.

The first challenge for Sterner will either come from PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke, whose stirring run at the USBC Masters, in which he finished second, may have been his final PBA Tour event as a competitor, or Carlos Granados, who earned his way into the King of the Lanes by winning the 2021 PBA Regional Players Invitational.

On the final telecast of the series, the contenders will be the two players who make it to the championship match of the Kia PBA Playoffs, which will be determined in the semifinals airing Sunday, May 8 at 10 a.m. on FOX Broadcast Channel.

PBA King of the Lanes: Royal Family Edition

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Monday, June 6 at 6 p.m.

Chris & Ryan Barnes vs. Wes & Jordan Malott

Winners vs. Guppy and Kyle Troup

Tuesday, June 7 at 6 p.m.

Tom & Brady Smallwood vs. Ronnie & Cayden Russell Winners vs. Reigning Royal Family

Wednesday, June 8 at 6 p.m.

Parker & Brandon Bohn vs. Carolyn Dorin-Ballard & Alyssa Ballard

Winners vs. Reigning Royal Family **PBA King of the Lanes**

Thursday, June 9 at 6 p.m. Norm Duke vs. Carlos Granados

Winner vs. Jason Sterner

Friday, June 10 at 6 p.m.

Playoffs Finalist 1 vs. Playoffs Finalist 2

Winner vs. Reigning King.

JOHNSON AND JONES EARN WAY INTO KIA PBA PLAYOFFS FINAL FOUR

LAKE WALES, Florida - Shawn Maldonado's back issues persisted at the 2022 Kia PBA Playoffs, but the Texan continued to power through the pain.

In a battle of two lower-seeded players, No. 15 Maldonado faced No. 10 AJ Johnson. Maldonado relied on his Purple Hammer urethane for four out of five strikes early as Johnson had five singlepin spares over the first six frames. Johnson changed from a Motiv Blue Tank to the Jackal Ghost he had success within his round of 16 match against Jakob Butturff.

Johnson put together a four-bagger and ninespare to finish with a 226. Needing a double to win, Maldonado stepped up on the right lane where he had only struck once. He got the first one and left the 2-8 sleeper, losing by one-pin with a 225.

Maldonado jumped out to a 27-pin lead in game



two throwing the front four. After two single-pin spares, another four-bagger led to his 257-225 win in the race to 2 to force a 9th and 10th frame roll-off.

As the higher seed, Johnson chose to start. He struck, while Maldonado converted the 7-pin, struck and picked up the 10-pin for a score of 40.

Johnson's confidence in his game this season continued as he doubled and got nine for a total of 59 to earn his spot in the final

"It feels good to show up when you need it," Johnson said. "Bowling in the Masters in the roll-off, I let one get away from me. My foot slipped out and I lost it. I told myself I was not going to let that define anything. I learned from it, and I said, 'Just commit to it and give it your best."

"I want to bowl everyone at their best and what Shawn did out there was amazing," Johnson said about Maldonado battling through an injury.

"I gave it my all," Mal-

donado said after the loss. "AJ bowled incredible. But I've got to get my back fixed because I can't keep dealing with this."

The last quarterfinals match featured No. 14 Jesper Svensson against No. 6 Tommy Jones. Once again both players decided to use urethane. Svensson with the Storm Pitch Black and Jones with the Brunswick Purple Hammer.

Svensson, the only lefty remaining in the tournament, began with four out continued on page 5

Sunday PBA Playoffs Show Draws Highest FS1 Viewership of 2022 PBA Tour

Sunday's PBA Playoffs show drew the highest viewership of all the 2022 PBA Tour shows on FS1. Sunday's quarterfinals Playoffs that aired at 11 a.m. Central time drew average viewership of 284,000, including 72,000 in the key 18-49 demographic, for a household rating of 0.16, Show BuzDaily.com reratings report.



ported in its weekly sports Kyle Troup in winning his PBA Playoffs quarterfinals match that aired on FS1 on Sunday, Photo by PBA.

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ERIC JOHNSON - A.K.A. "ERIC ANTHONY" "FOLLOW THE SCIENCE"

by Frank Weile

Who is Eric Anthony and why is he bowling at Empire Bowl in Redlands, California? Is Eric Anthony the son of the great **EARL ANTHONY** or related in some other way to the great one? No. Is Eric Anthony Eric Johnson's alias? Not really. "Eric Anthony" is my nickname for Eric Johnson because Mr. Johnson resembles Earl Anthony when he bowls from the left side. Earl Anthony was, and Eric "Anthony" Johnson is a classic stylist on the lanes. Perfect form, consistency, accuracy, great scores and great results are Johnson's trademarks. Like EARL ANTHONY.

I mentioned **bowling from the left side** because Eric Johnson, like Earl Anthony, bowls as a left hander. Eric also bowls from the right side. And astonishingly Eric bowls great from both sides! Eric is a **ambidextrous bowler**. He is a great ambidextrous bowler with high scores as a left-hander (705 series) and as a right-handed bowler (835 series). He also has three perfect 300 games. His high book average is a huge to 217. Damn good bowling.

Eric is a natural right hander but bowls in some of his leagues as a lefty to challenge himself. He is one of only two ambidextrous bowlers I have known over my years as a Bowling fan and writer. I'm sure there are some other ambidextrous bowlers competing out there, but I've only seen two while writing for the **CALIFORNIA BOWLING NEWS**.

Because Eric is a ambidextrous bowler, I asked him which side of the lanes he prefers bowling on and his answer: "the left side". Simply put, there is less traffic on the left side of the lanes. I think I've heard that before and now I know it's true.

Eric started bowling in high school but never bowled regularly until a dozen years ago when his golf foursome retired from the links because of age and relocation. That's when Eric went back to bowling, doing so at Del Rosa Lanes in San Bernardino, California. He was 53 years old at the time but ready to conquer and prove to himself that he could be as good a bowler as he was a golfer. Eventually Eric migrated to **EMPIRE BOWL** in Redlands, California where his friends bowled. That's where Eric developed his game and became a great bowler. He still bowls there.

When Eric came back to Bowling he knew as a senior bowler he had to use brain over brawn and finesse over power to become an excellent bowler. His age precluded him from rolling a bowling ball at 20 M.P.H. or with 500 revolutions. He knew his return to bowling had to be as a mature stroker whose mental approach outweighed his physical approach to bowling. He wanted to challenge himself and excel as a bowler "doing it his way". The prudent way, the least resistant way, the senior way.

Eric never mentioned **FRANK SINATRA** when discussing his **STRATEGIC PLAN** for achieving bowling excellence. However, I believe Sinatra's hit song "MY WAY" and the singer's personal philosophy must have been in Eric's subconscious mind as he improved as a bowler. As he implemented and modified his Strategic Plan.

How many bowlers develop a "Strategic Plan" as a roadmap to bowling excellence? What kind of bowler thinks like a scientist? It sounds like someone with a technical or scientific background. It sounds like someone with an inquisitive mind. It sounds like someone searching for the most efficient path to suc-



Eric Johnson

cess. I would say it would have to be a scientific bowler. Someone who would digest and implement what renowned immunologist DOCTOR FAUCI espouses: "follow the science".

Because Eric Johnson is so personable and friendly, I never thought of him as a technician, a scientist, or a "savant". Then I found that Eric practiced as an Electrical Engineer for twelve years and as a Tax Preparer for thirty-two years. He is also a private pilot, owning and flying a Cessna 172R! Friends, Eric Johnson is intelligent, educated and he is a bowler. He is a smart bowler. A scientific bowler. A bowler "following the science". A bowler "following the bowling science".

So many "talking heads", podcasters and "tweeters" regard bowlers as airheads, hayseeds and beer drinking "boobykins" not realizing that the likes of President RICHARD NIXON, wrestling great "GORGEOUS" GEORGE and ALBERT EINSTEIN bowled! Giants in their respective fields. Eric Johnson is living proof that Accountants, Cosmetologists, Engineers, Environmentalists, Mathematicians, Pilots, Rocket Scientists and Sanitation Engineers bowl. No "boobykins" among these types.

Those Environmentalists are the most important bowlers in the world right now because of their **global warning**!

Thank you, Eric Johnson, for helping educate todays **WOKE** crowd of BOWLING'S popularity in places outside of "flyover country". That Bowling is not only popular in **IOWA** and **KANSAS**, but also very popular in **CALIFORNIA** and in countries like **BRU-NEI** and **DUBAI**. Thank you, Eric Johnson, for showing today's WOKE crowd that Bowling is not only popular among airheads, hayseeds and boobykins but also among scientists like you. Scientists like Albert Einstein.

Speaking of thanks, Eric wishes to express his everlasting love for and appreciation to his wife **JoAnn** (**JOANNA**) for her love and patience in putting up with him and his pursuit of bowling excellence.



Young Man Take A Look At My Life

A couple of articles in the February issue of Bowlers Journal International caught my eye, as they were both written by the magazine's one true historian, J.R. Schmidt. The topics were subjects that I had written about in the past few years, but the material provided by Schmidt presented some new avenues to explore in my relationship with those men, or others that were associated with them.

The first gentleman is Sam Weinstein, known to Chicago residents as "The Tenpin Tattler." J.R. writes, "Sam Weinstein was never more than a 170's average bowler. When he rolled a 600 series, he'd celebrate for a week. Yet, as much as anyone, he earned his place in the United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame."

It's funny in life how relationships are formed. While Weinstein was attending classes at Northwestern University, he was approached by Mort Luby Sr., founder of Bowlers Journal International, about doing some secretarial work at the magazine. After about a year with the journal, he was snatched away by a bowling and billiard company while still attending classes at the university.

Weinstein graduated from Northwestern in 1935. "That summer, "J.R. writes, "another door opened up. Radio was the number one medium in pre-TV, preinternet America. Weinstein felt a radio bowling show would fill an empty niche. After talking up a number of Chicago stations, he convinced WCFL to take a chance."

"The Tenpin Tattler" premiered over the air waves on Saturday, August 24th of 1935. Weinstein continued at WCFL until 1966, when his show was then picked up by powerhouse WGN, which continued to carry the show every Friday night until 1995, when Weinstein retired. Along the way, Sam founded the Universal Bowling Supply in 1939.

When I first moved to the Chicagoland area and set up shop at AMF All Star Lanes in Skokie, one of the first calls that I received was from Mr. Weinstein. Looking back on it now, after more than 40 years, I'm sure that it must have been arranged by AMF's regional supervisor for the midwest, Mr. Bob Brunelle. How else would Weinstein have known about a 20-something AMF promotion specialist moving to Chicago?

I remember mentioning to Bob about the call, and his remarking that it was "a big deal." Sam arranged for the interview to take place over the phone from All Star Lanes, a famous bowling center that was once featured in Life Magazine. We just hit it off during that initial broadcast. He was impressed with my knowledge about the history of bowling, and all of my 300 games and 800 series in so many different places. He continued calling upon me whenever a newsworthy item came across the wires about AMF.

Mr. Weinstein had a habit of inviting his radio guests to lunch the next day, or soon thereafter. His favorite Jewish delicatessen interior was all in shiny gold. It was a bit overwhelming to see the variety of unusual foods that were available. "Try anything, it's all good," said Sam. I'm quite sure that I ordered what he did, a pastrami on rye sandwich. When it came time to pay, Weinstein grabbed the check and said, "You can pay next time." Try as I might, I was never able to pick up one of those tabs. Others have said the same about Weinstein - he never let anyone pick up the tab at his favorite deli.

After spending a couple of years in Chicago, with brief interludes in Seattle and Portland, Sam approached me about assisting with a TV broadcast for WGN at All Star Lanes. I jumped at the chance, with the approval of my superiors in New York. The show was to be called the Junior Stars Bowling Championships, inviting young aspiring bowlers from throughout the midwest region to compete for an opportunity to advance to the televised finals.

Once again, looking back on this opportunity from about 40 years ago, I can only surmise that it had to have been with the assistance of Bob Hart and Milt Johnson, a couple of league members at All Star. I'm not really sure what Bob's tuned for next week's installment to find out the meaning of the title, "Young Man profession was prior to retirement, but the Junior Stars Bowling Championships Take A Look At My Life." Until then, keep the faith!



Sam Weinstein, "The Tenpin Tattler" (Photo provided by Bowl.com)

was his signature event; and Milt Johnson, a television announcer for WGN that would serve as commentator for the show, was his accomplice! There's no question that I have been blessed in my life to meet so many wonderful people at just the right time.

After a successful event on WGN, we continued to conduct a monthly scratch event for youth bowlers at All Star. Remembering the success of Pete Lusich from L & L Castle Lanes in San Francisco, I created a Ten Game Endurance in his honor. When I was transferred by AMF to New York, the 10 Gamer became a yearly event in either May or June, but eventually withered away. The Junior Stars Bowling Championships also lasted a few more years before its demise.

A couple of months ago I shared a story about the retirement party that I had arranged for Art Bernardi at AMF Strike 'n Spare Lanes in Northbrook, Illinois, site of the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Tournament for many years. Without twisting an arm, Weinstein said that he would be honored to emcee the affair that would include Jim Dressel (Bowlers Journal International), Joe Kissel (Chicago Bowler newspaper), Remo Picchietti (DBA Bowling Products), and other dignitaries. Sam was the one that suggested having "fake" newspapers made up as a handout with the headline: "AMF Stock Crashes as Bernardi Announces Retirement."

Another Weinstein article that I shared was in December of 2021, highlighting Jerry Lewis and his appearance on "Bowl the Professor," a show that was sponsored and emceed by the incomparable Mr. Weinstein. Whenever you mentioned bowling in Chicago, you could almost be certain that Sam Weinstein was involved.

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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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June 6-8 PWBA Long Island Classic, Maple Lanes Rockville Centre, Rockville Centre, N.Y., BowlTV

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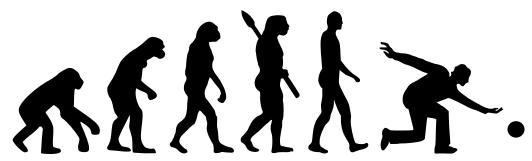
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PBA Playoffs continued from page 1

of six strikes for a 10-pin advantage. Jones stayed clean and buried his final six shots to take game one, 249-218. "We decided to make a little adjustment halfway through the first game," Jones said about his strategy. "We went with a different release, and I got the breaks when I needed them."

The southpaw stormed back in game two throwing the front nine before a 10-pin ended his chance for a perfect game. Svensson got the win, 279-236 to force another 9th and 10th frame roll-off. Jones got the messengers, and the pin carry, posting a perfect 60, while Svensson struck then left a solid-10 pin, which ended his run with a score of 19.

"I was fortunate there as that is the way we were playing the splash zone and ride or die with it," Jones said. "It is just the nature of the business. The scores are high so whoever gets the carry is probably going to come out on top."

"I hadn't bowled very good on TV this year, so it is good to get a few good games under my belt," he said. "We will try to use that momentum and keep it going."

PBA Hall of Famer Jones will take on Johnson, who is seeking his first PBA Tour title, at 10 a.m. Sun., May 8 on FOX.

The winner of the 2022 Kia PBA Playoffs will earn \$100,000, a PBA Tour title, and the coveted WWE championship belt.

MATCH SCORES

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Match 2 – Jones def. Svensson 249-218, 236-279, roll-off 60-19











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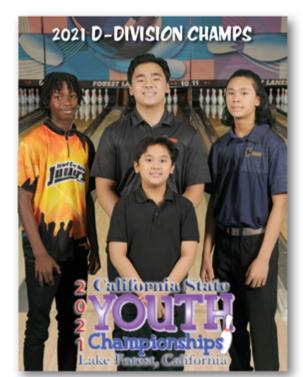
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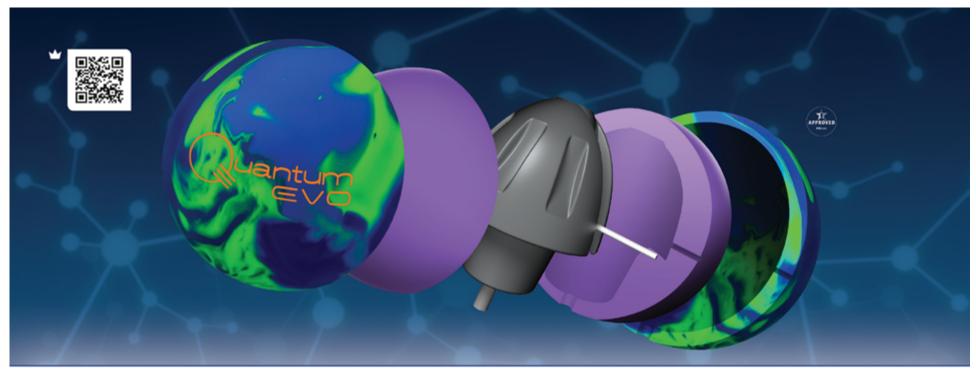
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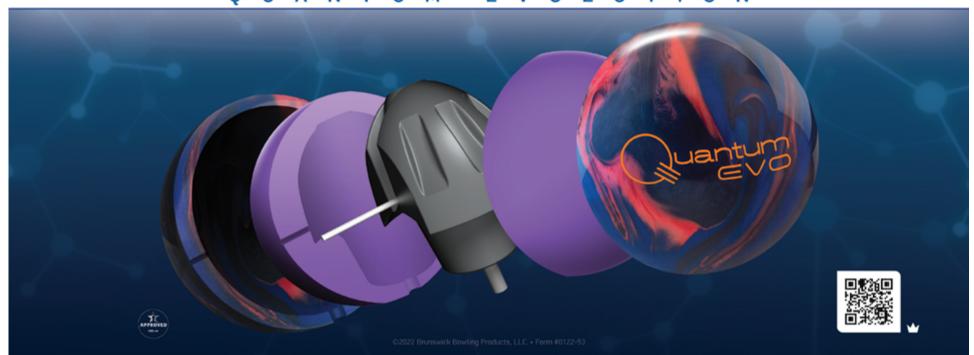
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PERENNIAL POWER STRENGTHENS ITS CASE FOR A ROLL-OFF SPOT

DOWNEY – We're getting pretty close to the finish, and there's still on the line as we try to find out who the final team is going to be to qualify for the big roll-off. With a short sprint left until we get to the finish line it would only be appropriate that the teams be bowling on the short pattern tonight. A couple of things to look at going into tonight's action: Forever Hope Foundation needing just two points to clinch the top overall seed in the roll-off and a guaranteed berth in the final matchup, and US Foods' narrow one-point lead over Forest Lanes going into the night. Here we go! Bowlium \$\$ (9) vs. Cal Bowl \$\$\$\$ (6)

As with each of the past few weeks in this round, we have Bowlium and Cal Bowl meeting again as the round winners square off for seeding purposes. Bowlium held a six-point lead over Cal Bowl for the third seed, but a five-point deficit behind Family Ties for the second seed. Whichever team winds up the fourth seed will play the opening round matchup against the team qualifying to be the fifth seed.

Cal Bowl, the defending champions, clearly wanted no part of the opening round matchup, sweeping its way to five points on the night, led by Ramon Torres' 665 series. Cal Bowl jumps up to 11 points in the round and 87 total points, one behind Bowlium, which was led by David Schiada's 654 series.

Family Ties \$\$\$\$ (13) vs. Forever Hope Foundation \$ (2)

The historic season is all but sealed for Forever Hope Foundation. Needing just two points to secure its spot in the finale, they came into Monday night ready for battle with Family Ties once more. Vince Duarte continued his stellar bowling since taking a spot on Family Ties, shooting a 222 game in a 775-696 win in Game 1. Matt Murtishaw shot 191 to lead Forever Hope Foundation. Game 2 reminded us of Forever Hope Foundation's dominance. Forever Hope Foundation shot 880 against Family Ties' 770 for a big win and a 31-pin lead in totals. The magic number dropped to just one. Murtishaw led the way with 265 for Forever Hope Foundation. Jon Huff countered with 225 for Family Ties. The rubber match was all Family Ties, though, which shot a nice 889 against 696 for Forever Hope Foundation. Huff was the high man once more, shooting 249 for Family Ties. Vernon Adams shot 182 for Forever Hope Foundation. Huff led the way with a 671 series for Family Ties. Family Ties goes to 17 points for the round, and 97 overall, now holding a nine-point lead over Bowlium for the second-seed, with 15 points left to be won. Murtishaw was the high bowler for Forever Hope Foundation with a 634 series. Forever Hope Foundation goes to three points for the round, and 112 overall, still a 15-point lead.

TDI Refrigeration (4.5) vs. California Timberline (2)

Slim pickings for California Timberline, which swept its way to five points behind Will Hinckley's 639 series in blowout fashion by 325 pins. California Timberline jumps up to seven points for the round. Maria Bacos led the way for TDI Refrigeration with a 532 series. TDI Refrigeration holds tight at 4.5 points.

Bowling Guys (6) vs. DV8 (5)

DV8 has come close to qualifying for a rolloff spot and knows that time is running out for it to do so in this season. Game 1 against Bowling Guys saw DV8 tee off, pummeling Bowling Guys, 779-589. Jeff Carr shot a 215 to lead the way for DV8. Austin Sugarman's 185 led the way for Bowling Guys. In Game 2 a brisk change in momentum was led Bowling Guys' way as Bobby Campagnale shot a 264 in a 729-700 win for Bowling Guys. Rob Renko shot 211 to lead DV8 in this game. Still, DV8 held a 161 pin lead in totals and wasn't going to look back. In fact, DV8 won by 257 pins, and won totals by 418 pins. Game 3 saw DV8's high bowler by Scott Smith with a 233 game. Ricardo Mendoza

shot 154 to lead the way for Bowling Guys. Renko was high set for DV8 with a 622 series. DV8 jumps up to nine points for the round. Campagnale shot a 538 series to pace Bowling Guys. Bowling Guys goes to seven points for the round.

WBPI (6.5) vs. Professional Approach Pro Shop (6.5)

In probably the most competitive match of the night, the two teams with 6.5 points really went at it. Game 1 went to WBPI, 652-646. Sina Bonabi shot a 199 to lead WBPI. John Struckman was the leader for Professional Approach Pro Shop (literally, but on the lanes too) with a 183 game. Game 2 was close too, and it probably swayed the momentum for good. Professional Approach Pro Shop took a 672-665 win, led by Bryan Osborne's 223 game. Derek Lee led the way for WBPI with a 196 game. Totals was just one pin apart. If you guessed that Game 3 would be close, though, you'd be wrong. Professional Approach Pro Shop opened up the floodgates and took a 703-599 win for four points on the night. Osborne led the way again with a 202 game. Lee shot 176 to lead WBPI. Professional Approach Pro Shop goes to 10.5 points for the round led by Osborne's 587 series. WBPI goes to 7.5 points led by Lee's 533 series.

Threadworks (9) vs. Team Hu\$tle (7.5)

Another team that has looked good throughout the season with hopes of claiming that final spot is Threadworks. On this night Threadworks swept Team Hu\$tle by 267 pins to jump up to 14 points on the round. Eric Snow led the way for Threadworks with a 601 series. Erik Peace was high man for Team Hu\$tle with a 565 series.

Junior Amateur Tour (10) vs. Westminster Lanes (10)

With the leaders in their sights, these two teams knew that a big night could mean a chance to capture some much-needed momentum heading into the final weeks of the season. Game 1 went to Westminster Lanes, 792-730, behind Ray Minter's 216 game. David Yamauchi shot 200 to lead Junior Amateur Tour. In Game 2, Anthony Santos put Junior Amateur Tour on his back and shot a 217 game en route to a 790-707 win and a 21-pin lead in totals heading into the final game. Minter shot 207 to lead Westminster Lanes. But Game 3 was all Westminster Lanes'. Marquan Rivers shot a 247 to lead Westminster Lanes to an 815-713 win for four points on the night. Yamauchi shot a 203 to lead the way for Junior Amateur Tour. Westminster Lanes goes to 14 points for the round, and Minter's 660 had a lot to do with it. Junior Amateur Tour goes to 11 points for the round, led by Santos' 608 series.

Main Event: US Foods (12) vs. Forest Lanes (11)

The 10-0 start by Forest Lanes was fizzled by a 1-4 week last week. This week they drew US Foods, and the funk continued.

US Foods was possessed. Paul Barraco led the way in Game 1 with a 248 game in an 849-695 win for US Foods. Jon Diso shot 192 to counter for Forest Lanes. Then US Foods shot an 892 against Forest Lanes' 767 for a commanding 279-pin totals lead. Kasey Uyesugi shot 268 to lead the way for US Foods in Game 2. Chris Oakes shot 215 to pace Forest Lanes in Game 2. Game 3 was closer, but US Foods wasn't looking back, shooting 860 to Forest Lanes' 835 for a clean sweep in the main event this week. Gabriel Martinez shot a 262 to lead US Foods. Oakes shot 256 to lead Forest Lanes.

It was five easy points for US Foods, which jumps up to a semi-comfortable 17 points and three-game lead in the round. It was going to be rough for anybody to take down US Foods on this night when three (Barraco, Martinez, Uyesugi) of the top four bowlers of the night were wearing US Foods jerseys. Barraco led the way with a Clean 30 frames and 683 series. Oakes led the way for Forest Lanes with a 630 series.

TOP 10 OVERALL WINS

Forever Hope Foundation \$112	
Family Ties \$\$\$\$97	Forest Lanes 91
Bowlium \$\$ 88	Threadworks88
Cal Bowl \$\$\$\$87	Junior Amateur Tour 87
US Foods97	Westminster Lanes 86

TOP 10 TEAMS ROUND 5

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Family Ties \$\$\$\$17	Junior Amateur Tour 11
US Foods17	Cal Bowl \$\$\$ 11
Threadworks14	Professional Approach 10.5
Westminster Lanes 14	Bowlium \$\$ 9
Forest Lanes 11	DV89

TOP 10 THIS WEEK

Paul Barraco 683	Ray Minter660
Gabriel Martinez 672	Leonard Ruiz Jr652
Jon Huff671	David Schiada652
	Will Hinckley 639
Ramon Torres 665	Mikey Villarreal 636

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Sidepots - The first game sidepot was won by Gabriel Martinez with a 226. He won \$42. Taking second place was Vince Duarte with a 222, paying him \$21.

Game 2 went to Bobby Campagnale with his 264, good for \$42. Second place was won by Joe Smith. He shot 227 and received \$21.

In the final game, Gabriel Martinez took home \$126 for his 262 game. Leonard Ruiz, Jr. shot 256 and took home \$63 for doing so.

The Financial Advisors Pot went to Kasey Uyesugi for his 268 game, which was worth \$160. Matt Murtishaw earned \$70 for his 265 game.

Next Week's Matchups

Main Event: US Foods vs. Threadworks

Westminster Lanes vs. Forest Lanes

Junior Amateur Tour vs. Professional Approach Pro Shop-

DV8 vs. Team Hu\$tle

WBPI vs. California Timberline Bowling Guys vs. TDI Refrigeration

Forever Hope Foundation \$ vs. Family Ties \$\$\$\$

Bowlium \$\$ vs. Cal Bowl \$\$\$

Two hot teams match up in the main event next week as Paul Barraco's US Foods crew will roll off against Eric Snow's Threadworks bunch. With only 15 points to play, another good week for US Foods could put it into the driver's seat. We're back on short oil once more next week for Week 5 of this Wildcard round. Come cheer your favorite bowlers on in person. There's one way to do that – showing up to Del Rio Lanes in Downey on a Monday night at 8 p.m. to watch the finest bowlers in Southern California.

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