

## TAN TAKES HOME PWBA STOCKTON OPEN TITLE

STOCKTON, Calif. – Being the top seed for the stepladder finals at a Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour event isn't always all it's cracked up to be. Just ask Cherie Tan of Singapore.

In 2019, Tan dominated the field at the Nationwide PWBA Greater Cleveland Open, leading qualifying by more than 200 pins and securing the top seed for the stepladder finals only to lose to Josie Barnes of Nashville, Tennessee, in the title match.

As such, it would've been understandable for Tan to feel a bit apprehensive heading into the finals at this year's season-opening PWBA Stockton Open.

After all, yet again, she led the pack from start to finish during qualifying and entered the stepladder as the No. 1 seed.

This time, however, Tan was able to finish what she started as the 35-year-old left-hander defeated Jordan Richard of Maumee, Ohio, 237-205, during Saturday night's live BowlTV finals at Pacific Avenue Bowl.

The win gave Tan her fourth career PWBA Tour title, and it was a special one at that as the 2023 Stockton Open was the 100th tournament to award a title since the tour's relaunch in 2015.

Tan wasn't aware of the event's significance going in, but it's a fact that will make her latest win even more memorable.

"I didn't know it was going to be the 100th title until I got here and heard people talking about it," Tan said. "It's pretty cool to have won it, so I just hope that we keep seeing more and more tournaments and get the opportunity to come back."



The win certainly didn't come easy, however, as the title match was a back-and-forth affair until the very end.

Tan jumped out to an early 10-pin lead thanks to a double in the third

and fourth frames, but Richard responded with strikes of her own in the fifth and sixth to cut the deficit back down to one.

Richard could have taken the lead with a strike in the seventh, but her shot crept just a bit

high in the 1-3 pocket, resulting in a 4-pin, which she easily converted.

Nevertheless, the advantage shifted back in Tan's favor, and she made the most of it by striking in the sixth and seventh frames to

stretch her lead back out to 12 pins.

However, the string stopped at two in a row yet again as a ringing 7-pin halted her momentum in the eighth frame.

At that point, it actu-

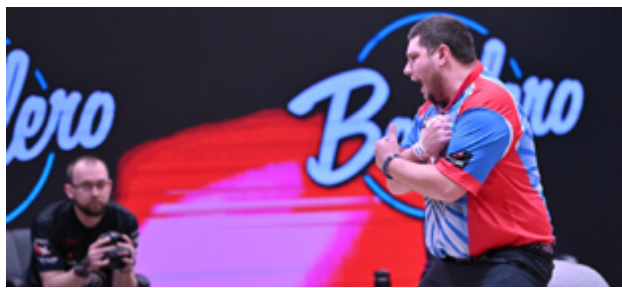
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## SIMONSEN, MCCUNE, BUTTURFF, O'NEILL ADVANCE TO SEMIFINALS OF PBA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

by Nolan Hughes

In the first of two quarterfinal rounds of the PBA Players Championship presented by Snickers, Anthony Simonsen and Kevin McCune prevailed. The young right-handers punched their tickets to the semifinals of the season's final major.

Though Simonsen boasts nearly a decade's worth of additional experience, the 26-year-old is only two years older than McCune. Neither player was old enough



to vote — and Simonsen was barely old enough to drive — the last time the PBA Tour competed at Bowlero North Brunswick in New Jersey in 2014.

In the afternoon's opening match, McCune

dethroned EJ Tackett, the frontrunner for PBA Player of the Year. Tackett, the No. 1 seed, earned his fourth top seed in five majors this season and set a new PBA record.

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Jakob Butturff and Bill O'Neill collected decisive victories in the quarterfinals of the PBA Players Championship presented by Snickers next weekend.

Butturff and O'Neill will join Anthony Simonsen and Kevin McCune in the semifinals next weekend at Bowlero North Brunswick.

The eight-time PBA champion Butturff dismantled Keven Williams in the third quarterfinal match. He converted a



pair of difficult six-count spares to open the match, but those would be his only shots to miss the pocket all match.

Holding a 13-pin advantage, Butturff packed all three strikes in the 10th frame to claim the

first point in the Race-to-Two match.

Butturff didn't stop there, recording a 10-strike 278 in Game 2 — the highest of all three televised rounds this weekend — to eliminate

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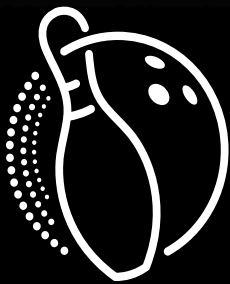
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# GARY NAKANO Bowls 300..... CONFUCIUS Says "Cool"

by Frank Weiler

Gary Nakano just bowled his first perfect 300 game and when describing how he did it said: "I just let it happen".

**CONFUCIUS** couldn't have better described how Gary bowled when he once said, "**ENJOY THE RIDE**".

Take your pick, applying the words of wisdom of Gary Nakano or Confucius and you won't go wrong. Gary is a gifted bowler and a homespun philosopher with a genius for describing the obvious clearly and concisely.

**"JUST LET IT HAPPEN"**. Gary's four words accurately describes the solution for every problem, predicament, and challenge confronting humanity. Words so simple yet so profound and wise. Neither Aristotle, Plato, **CONFUCIUS** or Socrates could have better summarized the ultimate answer to **THE PURPOSE OF LIFE** itself!!!!

Such wisdom from just 7 years of bowling!!!! **ALBERT EINSTEIN** might say "**OBVIOUS**" and **SHERLOCK HOLMES** might opine "**FUNDAMENTAL**".

Okay, Gary Nakano rolled his first perfect 300 game in the Monday Doubles League at Empire Bowl. Not bad for a man who is 77 years young and only bowling since he turned 71! Just a bowling rookie at 77!

To this **CONFUCIUS** might say: "**YOU ARE NEVER TOO OLD TO SUCCEED**". Gary Nakano is living proof of this.

Why such a late start bowling? Why did Gary wait? Gary, like so many accomplished and successful men in today's digital society did not have time to bowl. Do you think **DONALD TRUMP** or **JOSEPH BIDEN** have time to bowl? Neither does **Bill Gates**, nor did Gary Nakano. Like Donald, Joe and Bill, Gary pursued a successful career, and only after retiring did he have time to bowl.

Also, Gary was a competitive archer for 15 years prior to his bowling. Archery is a sport requiring the same dedication and commitment as Bowling. Excellence requires time and Gary's career, and archery precluded his pursuit of Bowling excellence. Gary switched from Archery to Bowling when it was time to retire and also find an indoor activity like **Chess, Poker, Yoga** or **Bowling**. Gary chose Bowling.

I think Gary would be great at Yoga and **wrestling** to!

Notwithstanding his late start, Gary became a 200 average bowler in just six short years! Reason one, natural talent. Gary is a bowling natural. Second, **VOLUME**. Gary bowls a lot. He practices weekly and competes in several leagues. Gary, like **CONFUCIUS** says "**PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT**".

I love Confucius and I'm sure a cerebral guy like Gary Nakano does to. So much that has been taught by Confucius is applicable to successful bowling. Confucius's sayings and dialogues, known as "**the Analects**", stresses the relationship between individuals based on proper behavior (**LI**) and a sympathetic attitude (**JEN**). It's a practical socially oriented philosophy that also applies to team oriented sports such as Bowling.



Gary Nakano

Bowling is all about focused behavior (**LI**), attitude (**JEN**) and what Confucius would call **TEAMWORK**, if the great philosopher was alive and bowling today.

Let's pursue more of the cerebral side Bowling. Gary would love it.

Current **NISSAN** commercials advocate "**ANYTHING BUT BASIC**". "Bowling like philosophy is anything but basic". Gary Nakano and I know this. If Confucius were still with us, he would affirm this. Gary also wants all of you to know this: Bowling is "anything but basic".

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I know that Gary will do it again and soon. He is old enough to consider breaking the record and becoming the oldest man to roll a certified perfect 300 game!

Gary loves bowling because of the challenge. Bowling presents both physical and mental challenges. Our man is a cerebral bowler, approaching our sport always thinking ahead of the possibilities for improving his bowling technique and scoring higher. His favorite bowler is **SHOTA KAWAZOE**, a professional bowler with the same cerebral approach to the sport of Bowling, as himself.

Everyone owes much of their success to others. Gary is especially grateful to his wife, **KATHY**, for her support on and off the lanes. Kathy is a successful bowler herself and is **100%** behind Gary as a bowler and his pursuit of bowling excellence.

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# California Bowling Legend Passes Away

by Dave Williams

Former professional bowler and bowling proprietor Jay Robinson, originally from Van Nuys, Calif., passed away recently, following a twenty year struggle with myasthenia gravis, a disease that affects the nervous system and muscles. He was 79.

Robinson enjoyed success on the PBA Tour in the 1970's and 80's. He advanced to the winner's circle on three different occasions: at the Denver Open (1973), the Great Adventure Open in Trenton, N.J. (1976), and finally at the AMF Grand Prix of Bowling at the famous Thunderbowl Lanes in suburban Detroit, in 1977.

What's even more interesting when looking at Jay's statistics is that he finished in the number two position eight times, along with another twenty finishes in the top 5 televised finals. His familiar approach playing an extreme outside line on the television shows brought popularity to the AMF Pro Classic, a caramel colored ball designed by AMF during the plastic ball era.

During an interview with the Bowlers Gazette in 1983, Jay was asked about how long he had been on tour? "Too long," he replied. He went on to say that it was his 13th consecutive year of full time travel that included a minimum of 35 weeks per year. To anyone that knew Jay, it was no secret that he detested the travel. Here's that interview, honoring the 25th anniversary of the PBA (Jay begins at the 4:15 mark):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bUJckUdn6Fs>

In an interview about that same time with Bob Johnson of Bowlers Journal Magazine (and now the editor of BCM Magazine), Robinson stated, "If I could find the right center to buy, I'd be off the tour in a second." The opportunity did not present itself for a while, according to Johnson, but in the meantime, he was recruited by the Don Carter Bowling Centers organization to manage a number of their locations.

The first center that Jay managed for the Carter organization was a 64 lane center in Harvey, La., that opened in 1979. It was located just south of downtown New Orleans. Bowling writer Ken Trahan remembers that it was the most modern center ever seen in the area. "They had wait staff that would drive around on beer carts to serve the patrons. There was wall-to-wall carpeting, automatic doors like a supermarket, computer scoring and just sheer elegance," said Trahan in a recent article for Crescent City Sports.

Trahan went on to say that as a young bowler at Pelican Lanes, he was teamed with Robinson in a pro-am squad. Jay bowled great all week, only to lose out to Don Helling in the ABC-TV championship match. "Now my bowling hero, Jay Robinson, had come to run the beautiful new facility in Harvey," said Trahan.

Later, Robinson was transferred to the new Don Carter center in Kenner, La., when it opened. He continued with the Carter chain for many years and managed centers in Louisiana, Florida, and Tennessee. His secret weapon during all those management opportunities was his wife Cheryl, also a California native and professional bowler, who was highly skilled in learn-to-bowl instruction, promotion and exhibitions.

During my time with AMF, I was fortunate to utilize the talent of Cheryl Robinson for a "Train the Trainer" league promotion we developed called the Ship Captain and Crew Bowling League. It was very popular in the northwest United States. We would fly Cheryl in for a weekend to train all the ship captains. Then it was the responsibility of the captains to form a bowling team of three or four other members as their crew. All the captains received free lineage fees during the league as their reward. It was a great promotion and I'm sure that Jay and Cheryl must have been using it at their Don Carter locations as well.

The quality that I remember most about Jay was his ability to speak publicly, and without a script. As a



1977 AMF Grand Prix from Thunderbowl Lanes, Detroit--(l-r) Runner-up Mark Roth, winner Jay Robinson, Woody Woodruff of AMF, winner Betty Morris, and second place Edie Jo Norman. The next year Cheryl Robinson would win the women's AMF Grand Prix, and Jay Robinson was the color commentator, from the MGM Grand in Reno, Nevada. Photo provided by Dave Williams

representative of AMF, he was called upon frequently to open new facilities in foreign countries, as well as here in the United States. And whenever Nelson Burton and Dick Weber were unavailable for the ABC-TV color commentary, it was often Jay that filled in at that position.

Ronnie Thibodaux was a Louisiana resident that trained under Robinson during his five year run at the Kenner facility, remembers Trahan. "What he brought to the table was a well oiled machine," said Thibodaux in the Trahan article. "We had growth annually in sales and league participation."

"One of the greatest successes was with junior leagues," said Thibodaux. "We were also double shifted every night with adult leagues. We started red-pin promotions in the city and brought in a slew of tournaments. We were always busy. This was a credit to Jay and Cheryl."

Thibodeaux continued by stating that Jay meant everything to him. "He was a true mentor, a father

figure. I never knew him as a professional bowler. I knew him as Jay Robinson, who imparted great life experience to me which I have used my entire working career. He taught me how to treat people with respect. He knew how to handle angry customers and eventually had them eating out of his hands."

Jay and Cheryl would realize their dream of owning a bowling center when they purchased the beautiful Hemet Bowl in the San Jacinto Valley near Riverside. I remember speaking with Jay during those years and you could sense the happiness in his voice over the telephone. The center was eventually purchased by AMF and recently was remodeled to become Bowlero Hemet.

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ally appeared as if maybe the championship match were headed for a tie as both players could strike out to finish at 238.

That possibility disappeared quickly though as Richard was saddled with a vicious pocket 7-10 split in the eighth and a ringing 10-pin in the ninth.

The open and spare swung the momentum firmly back in Tan's favor, and she refused to let it go.

Needing just a mark and good count to win, the star from Singapore closed things out in style, striking on three of her final four shots to put the finishing touches on two days of masterful bowling by securing the title.

For Tan, getting back in the winner's circle was gratifying, especially since she and the other bowlers from Singapore don't normally get as many opportunities to compete as most of their American counterparts do.

"We don't bowl every tour stop, so it's good for us to do well when we come here," Tan said. "It feels really great to win again."

Winning in Stockton allowed Tan to grab her second title in as many seasons - she won last year's PWBA BowITV Classic in Rockville Centre, New York. Also, it gives her a lot of confidence as the 2023 season gets underway.

"I've been bowling pretty well consistently for the past couple of years, so to come in here and achieve this to start the season is very meaningful to me," Tan said.

In addition to pride, Tan also took home the \$20,000 top prize. Richard walked away with \$10,000 for her second-place finish.

Richard got to the title match by defeating Breanna Clemmer of Clover, South Carolina, by a final score of 234-214 during the semifinals.

Clemmer actually stepped up in the 10th frame with a chance to win that match; unfortunately, it wasn't meant to be as, needing a strike, her ball went high and left a 3-4 split, which allowed Richard to survive and advance.

Clemmer's third-place finish earned her \$7,500.

One match earlier, Clemmer used a late four-bagger to defeat Lindsay Boomershine of Brigham City, Utah, 229-216.

Boomershine kicked off Saturday night's stepladder finals in thrilling fashion, finishing with eight strikes in a row to erase an early deficit and defeat Daria Pajak of Poland, 238-208.

Boomershine finished fourth, and Pajak took fifth, earning \$6,500 and \$5,500, respectively.

The 73-player field in Stockton bowled 12 games Friday before the first cut to the top 24 athletes. Advancers bowled an additional six-game block Saturday morning with the top 12 competing in a final six-game round to determine the five bowlers for the stepladder, based on 24-game pinfall totals.

The 2023 PWBA Tour will now head to Lilac Lanes & Casino in Spokane, Washington, for the PWBA GoBowling! Spokane Open, which will take place May 11-13.

The winner will take home \$20,000, and all rounds of competition, including the stepladder finals, will be broadcast live at BowITV.com.

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McCune took Game 1 of the Race-to-Two match after Tackett left a 7-10 split in the 10th frame. Tackett needed one of the pins to force McCune to double, but missed both. McCune struck and converted a 6-pin to secure the first point.

In Game 2, Tackett could not figure out the 39-foot Carter pattern on the right lane. He tallied a Brooklyn strike, two open frames and a single-pin conversion in his four attempts leading into the final frame, where he would need to double to force a roll-off.

As he did to win both of his major titles, Tackett stepped up and delivered both strikes.

“Not dead yet!” he said.

In the roll-off, Tackett struck again on the right lane but split on the left lane, which featured the 45-foot Weber pattern. McCune, who defeated EJ’s younger brother Zac Tackett in Saturday’s Round of 12, seized the opportunity against another Indiana native.

“I wasn’t thinking of him as the hottest player on Tour,” McCune said. “I thought of him as a friend because I’ve known him since I was little. I just came out here to beat my friend in a very high intensity match.”

Though Simonsen came into the afternoon’s second match as the lowest remaining seed (No. 12), he carried the momentum entering his match against No. 4 Tomas Käyhkö.

Simonsen, perhaps sensing an opening with the Player of the Year favorite bowing out early, started off on fire. As Käyhkö struggled to knock over all 10 pins, much like he did at the U.S. Open earlier this season, Simonsen cruised to a Game 1 victory, 213-190.

Käyhkö switched to urethane on the right lane and flipped the script in Game 2, starting with the first five strikes. The two-handers each split in the ninth frame then aced all three strikes in the 10th, but Käyhkö won the game and forced the second roll-off of the afternoon.

After Simonsen tallied 40 for his two-frame pinfall, Käyhkö needed to double in his second frame to advance.

During his fill ball on the right lane, Käyhkö moved one board to the left and struck. It proved to be an adjustment he said he regretted as he left a ringing 10-pin to lose.

With the win, Simonsen clinched an unprecedented top-four finish in all five of this season’s majors.

**QUARTERFINAL SCORES**

**Match One: No. 9 Kevin McCune def. No. 1 EJ Tackett**

Game 1: McCune def. Tackett, 193-192  
 Game 2: Tackett def. McCune, 211-208  
 Roll-Off: McCune def. Tackett, 49-24

**Match Two: No. 12 Anthony Simonsen def. No. 4 Tomas Käyhkö**

Game 1: Simonsen def. Käyhkö, 213-190  
 Game 2: Käyhkö def. Simonsen, 232-211  
 Roll-Off: Simonsen def. Käyhkö, 40-38

**Match Three: No. 2 Jakob Butturff vs. No. 10 Keven Williams**

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## PBA Players Championship continued from page 1

Williams.

"I think the biggest thing that I had, and I know the majority of lefties don't have, is that I love to get in and out-hook them," Butturff said. "I just had to find a way to get deeper than him on the lane and I think that's what paid off in this two-game match."

Williams said his poor ball reaction reminded him of what he saw towards the end of qualifying, where he struggled to bowl games over 210 consistently.

"That's part of bowling," Williams said. "Jakob matched up; he's bowling sick, like he always does. He's one of the best lefties on Tour for the last eight years or however long he's been on Tour, so I can't be mad about getting whooped like that."

The final match of the night pitted New Jersey-raised Matt Russo against the lifelong eastern Pennsylvanian in O'Neill. The two jawed back and forth over the past couple days.

In a unique twist, O'Neill reaped the benefits often enjoyed by the southpaws as the lone right-hander on the show. That proved to be a deciding factor in the match as the exacerbated transition puzzled Russo, who shot 160 in Game 1 without striking on the right lane's 39-foot Carter pattern until the ninth frame.

"I honestly had no clue on the right lane," Russo said. "(Butturff and Williams) both threw urethane on that lane and they were both far enough to the right there was really nothing to throw at. But then when you threw it at something, it just kept hooking. If it was too hard, it kept going. I don't know if I've ever seen anything like that, truthfully."

Despite a slow start, Russo kept Game 2 closer as he struck on four of five shots late in the match. But O'Neill stayed clean to defeat the southpaw and advance to the semifinals.

O'Neill said if they had bowled the first match, before Butturff and Williams beat up the left side of the lane, the outcome may have been different.

"We see it all the time and the lefties don't, so when they see those kinds of things, instinctually they just don't know the moves," O'Neill said. "On the flip side for me, on that left lane, I had nobody helping me break them down to the right and so the pattern played pretty flat. That was a mistake on my part, not to have a little more surface and play a little further right to create a little better ball reaction."

If O'Neill wants to win a second career Players Championship, he'll need to devise a better gameplan as he'll face the highest-scoring player of the weekend in Butturff.

Simonsen, who became the first player to earn top-four finishes in all five majors in a single season, will face McCune in the other semifinal. Both matches will be held Saturday, May 13 at 12:30 p.m. ET on FS1.

With Simonsen and Butturff having secured spots in the PBA Super Slam Cup, the highest finisher between O'Neill and McCune will join them, EJ Tackett and Jason Belmonte in Florida the following weekend.

In the meantime, players will make the short trek to Delaware as qualifying for the Roth/Holman PBA Doubles Championship presented by Bally's Dover Casino Resort gets underway on Tuesday.

But first, O'Neill will celebrate Sunday's triumph near his hometown and his 13th wedding anniversary with his wife, Christi.

### QUARTERFINAL SCORES

#### Match One: No. 9 Kevin McCune def. No. 1 EJ Tackett

Game 1: McCune def. Tackett, 193-192

Game 2: Tackett def. McCune, 211-208

Roll-Off: McCune def. Tackett, 49-24

#### Match Two: No. 12 Anthony Simonsen def. No. 4 Tomas Käyhkö

Game 1: Simonsen def. Käyhkö, 213-190

Game 2: Käyhkö def. Simonsen, 232-211

Roll-Off: Simonsen def. Käyhkö, 40-38

#### Match Three: No. 2 Jakob Butturff def. No. 10 Keven Williams

Game 1: Butturff def. Williams, 224-188

Game 2: Butturff def. Williams, 278-203

#### Match Four: No. 6 Bill O'Neill def. No. 3 Matt Russo

Game 1: O'Neill def. Russo, 218-160

Game 2: O'Neill def. Russo, 196-180

The fifth- through eighth-place finishers each earn \$13,000.

### SEMIFINAL MATCHES

Saturday, May 13 at 12:30 p.m. ET on FS1

No. 9 Kevin McCune vs. No. 12 Anthony Simonsen (Race-to-Two match)

No. 2 Jakob Butturff vs. No. 6 Bill O'Neill (Race-to-Two match)

Sunday, May 14 at 1 p.m. ET on FOX

Championship match (Best-of-five match)

### TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

All times are listed in Eastern.

#### Saturday, May 13 | FS1

12:30 p.m. — Semifinals (Race-to-Two matches)

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1 p.m. — Championship Round (Best-of-Five match)

More information on the PBA Players Championship presented by Snickers is available [here](#).



## TIM ESHELMAN IS "Bowler of The Week"

by Frank Weiler

REDLANDS – Tim Eshelman is "Bowler of The Week" and a strong candidate for "Bowler of The Year". What does it take to be "Bowler of The Week" and why has Tim Eshelman been selected "Bowler of The Week"?

A bowler is selected "Bowler of The Week" based on his/her contributions to our sport and the rolling of a significant bowling score.

Why is Tim Eshelman this weeks "Bowler of The Week"? First of all, Tim Eshelman is a great guy and a positive influence on everyone around him. He is particularly supportive of his bowling teammates. He loves the sport of Bowling and competing. He competes in many leagues and is a regular at most Citrus Belt, USBC California State and many USBC National tournaments.

Second, Tim rolled a league high series of 676 (179 – 229 – 268) in Empire Bowl's Teachers League. "HOLY COW".

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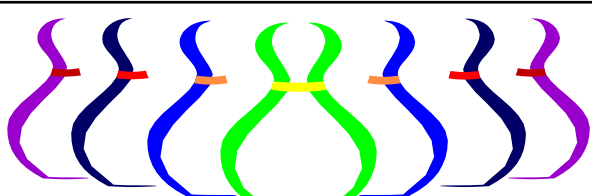
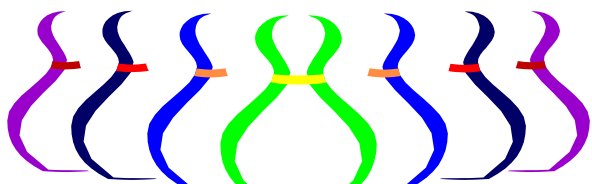
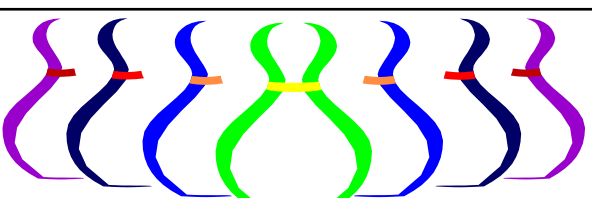
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### INVITATIONAL

## Forest Lanes Jumps Into The Round Lead By A Half Point Vince Duarte Blasts A Perfect 300, Daniel Hong Shoots 298

by David Yamauchi

DOWNEY – The Brunswick Invitational hit the lanes for the fifth week of the six-week Wild Card round. A handful of teams were still alive in the 5th round chase trying to catch round leaders Threadworks who started the round strong sitting at 16-4. In the overall playoff seeding matches, Finishing Touch Floors stayed three games up thanks to a dramatic finish in week four.

In the top Round Winner's match, **Finishing Touch Floors** (101) took on **Family Ties** (98) in a rematch of the previous week. Family Ties took a close first game by 23 on the strength of Vince Duarte's perfect 300 game, then won another close game 897-894. Finishing Touch Floors stormed back as they blasted a 959 game to take game three and total pins for the 3-2 result. David Cogswell was big for Family Ties with a 744 set while Vernon Adams stroked a 737 series to lead Finishing Touch Floors. Finishing Touch Floors extends their lead to 4 games in the overall race as these two teams will battle again next week.

The other Round Winner's match featured **Junior Amateur Tour** (96.5) facing **DV8** (90) for the second-straight week. Junior Amateur Tour took the first game but DV8 won the second by enough for a 2-pin lead for totals going into game three. The last game came down to the anchors with a shaking 4-pin giving DV8 a 881-880 win and a 4-1 result as they took totals by 3 sticks. Kyle Duster was huge for DV8 with a big 765 series while Kurt Arakaki was high for Junior Amateur Tour with a 691 set. Junior Amateur Tour sits 6.5 games behind the leaders while DV8 moves to 10 back.

Round leaders **Threadworks** (16) took on **Forest Lanes** (13.5) in the "A" match this week. Forest Lanes took the first two games with Threadworks salvaging game 3 for their lone point. Forest Lanes was paced by Jon Diso's 700 series while Eric Snow was again tough with a 662 set to pace Threadworks. Forest Lanes stays in the "A" match with 17.5 wins and a ½ point lead over Threadworks and Allied Paving with just one week to go. Threadworks looks to be the high 17 point team setting up a rematch next week.

**Westminster Lanes** (12) and **Allied Paving** (12) battled in the "B" match with both teams needing wins

to stay alive in the round. The first game was close with Allied Paving taking the game 915-900 and it was all Allied Paving from there as they swept the match to get to 17 wins. Allied Paving was led by a huge 790 effort from Michael Montano while Bryan Osborne paced Westminster Lanes with a 678 series.

**Bowlium** (11) and **Cal Bowl** (10) found themselves in a must-win situation to keep their wildcard round chances. Cal Bowl took the bookend games by enough for a 4-1 win over Bowlium including a huge 1000 first game. Cal Bowl was led by Leonard Ruiz Jr.'s huge 775 series while Ramiro Garcia paced Bowlium with a 729 set.

**Professional Approach**(10) and **Don Julio Tequila** (9) were sitting back in the pack with a slim chance of keeping their round hopes alive. Don Julio Tequila took the first two games but Professional Approach salvaged one win by taking game three. Max Castillo was big for Don Julio Tequila with a 699 set while sub Kevin Jones paced Professional Approach with a 720 set.

**J.K. Inc., US Foods, HB Complete Builders, and Bowling Guys** rounded out the night's action. US Foods dominated their match en route to a 5-0 sweep of J.K. Inc. Sub Daniel Hong led US Foods with a huge 298-788 set while Ian Markstrum paced J.K. Inc. with a 684 series. Bowling Guys was lined up as they swept through HB Complete Builders 5-0. Javier Hernandez was big for Bowling Guys with a 708 series while Terry Hatley paced HB Complete Builders with a 688 effort.

**Financial Advisor's Pot** went to Terry Hatley (279) for \$160 with 2nd to Billy Myers Jr. (278) for \$70. Sidepots went to Vince Duarte (300) and Kyle Duster (289) for \$58 each with 2nd to Leonard Ruiz Jr. (290) and Terry Hatley (279) for \$29 each. SuperPot was Michael Montano (278) for \$174 with 2nd to Butch Jackson (258) for \$87.

Oil pattern order for the 3 remaining weeks will be 2nd, 4th, 3rd. The Wild Card round champion will be determined next week and will be seeded 5th for the rollofs.

#### TOP 10 TEAMS OVERALL

Finishing Touch Floors \$\$\$ 104	Threadworks . . . . . 98
Family Ties \$. . . . . 100	Forest Lanes . . . . . 96.5
Junior Amateur Tour \$\$\$\$ 97.5	US Foods . . . . . 86
DV8 \$\$\$ . . . . . 94	Bowlium . . . . . 84
Cal Bowl . . . . . 99	Professional Approach 76.5

#### TOP 10 WILDCARD ROUND

Forest Lanes . . . . . 17.5	U.S. Foods . . . . . 13
Threadworks . . . . . 17	Westminster Lanes . . . . . 12
Allied Paving . . . . . 17	Bowlium . . . . . 12
Cal Bowl . . . . . 14	Professional Approach . . . 10
Don Julio Tequila . . . . 13	J.K. Inc. . . . . 8.5

#### TOP 10 THIS WEEK

790 Michael Montano	744 David Cogswell
788 Daniel Hong	737 Vernon Adams
775 Leonard Ruiz Jr.	737 Vince Duarte
765 Kyle Duster	729 Ramiro Garcia
746 Paul Barraco	720 Kevin Jones

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