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## O'KEEFE WINS 2018 USBC QUEENS

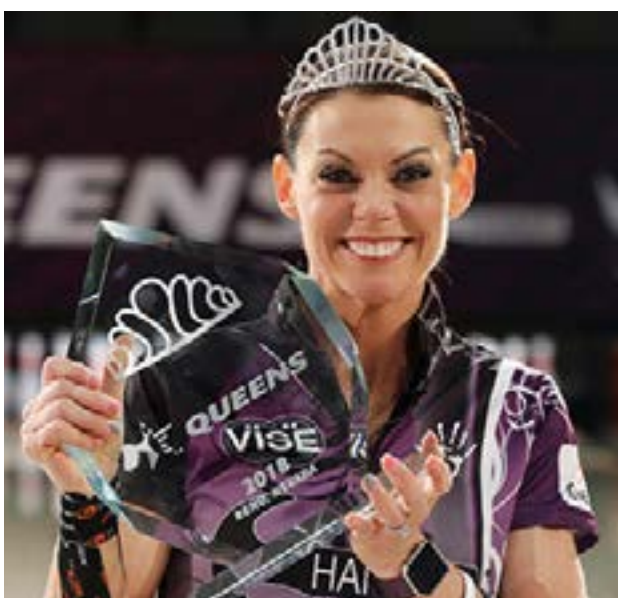
RENO, NV – Shannon O'Keefe now has claimed the last two majors on the Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour after winning the 2018 United States Bowling Congress Queens May 22nd.

The 39-year-old righthander from O'Fallon, Illinois, put the finishing touches on a dominating week at the National Bowling Stadium as she defeated Bryanna Coté of Red Rock, Arizona, in the title match, 221-189, to capture the coveted tiara awarded to the winner and \$20,000 top prize. Coté, the top seed for the stepladder finals, earned \$11,000 for the runner-up finish.

The USBC Queens is a major on the PWBA Tour schedule, and the championship round was broadcast live on CBS Sports Network.

O'Keefe grabbed the early advantage in the title tilt after Coté started with back-to-back splits. She opened the door for a brief moment after leaving the 4-6-7-10 split in the fifth frame.

"That was just a bad shot," said O'Keefe, a 14-time Team USA member. "I got really quick and came off my power step, and I tend to grab the ball when I do that. It was my miss the whole week. I knew I needed to keep my hand under it and really feel my



2018 Queens Champion Shannon O'Keefe

power step. Bad shots happen and I'm not a machine, but what's important is how you bounce back from it. I

O'Keefe quickly bounced back with strikes in the sixth and seventh frames, and she seized the opportunity to seal the win after Coté missed a 7 pin in the eighth frame by striking on her final four shots.

"The biggest thing for me was staying patient and in the moment," O'Keefe said. "One of the things that makes Liz Johnson so great is when people give her an opportunity, she takes advantage of it, and I idolize her for that. I really tried to take my time in those pressure situations and trust my process to deliver a good shot without any regrets."

O'Keefe claimed her first major champion-

ship to conclude the 2017 PWBA Tour season at the PWBA Tour Championship. Her win at the Queens marked her second victory through four events in the 2018 season.

The eight-time PWBA Tour champion has her sights set on winning PWBA Player of the Year, but she knows she can't rest on the success she's found in the first quarter of the season to reach her goal.

"This doesn't even feel like real life, and maybe that's a good thing," said O'Keefe, who won the 2018 PWBA Sonoma County Open earlier this month. "I'm just staying so focused and not thinking of

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## Russell Booth Takes a Gamble on Las Vegas

by Fred Eisenhammer

LAS VEGAS – It's not accurate to say that Russell Booth moved from Van Nuys to Las Vegas this year just so he could hit the lanes again with bowling buddy Charles Kenny.

But it would be accurate to say that Booth's departure drained another elite bowler from the Los Angeles-area.

The 72-year-old Booth has been one of the L.A.-area's foremost league and tournament bowlers for decades – and now he happens to have reunited with Kenny, who moved to Las Vegas last year.

"I see Charles once or twice a week and we practice or have dinner together with his wife," said



Valley-area bowling suffered a big loss when Russell Booth moved to Las Vegas this year. Booth has been one of the area's leading league and tournament performers for decades. Photo by Fred E.

Booth, referring to Kenny's longtime girlfriend, Celia Ramirez.

The L.A. bowling community is still mourning the loss of Kenny, who was inducted into the North Los Angeles County United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame last year.

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## Belmonte, Kent Lead After First PBA Tour Finals Positioning Round

ALLEN PARK, MI – After the opening positioning round of the PBA Tour Finals, which aired on CBS Sports Network May 22nd, reigning PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte and four-time PBA Tour winner Marshall Kent emerged as the leaders in their respective groups heading into next week's second positioning round at Thunderbowl Lanes.

The top money earners on the Go Bowling! PBA Tour between 2016 and the first four months of 2018 include 2017 runner-up Belmonte, Dom Barrett, Anthony Simonsen and Sean Rash in Group 1, and defending champion EJ

Tackett, Jesper Svensson, Kent and Tommy Jones in Group 2. The eight players opened the PBA Tour Finals by bowling one game each on PBA's 36-foot Johnny Petraglia and 42-foot Mark Roth lane conditions.

In a test of each player's ability to navigate vastly different PBA lane conditions, positioning round competition takes place on two lanes which are dressed with lane conditioner that incorporates blue dye to help fans visualize the conditions. Each player will bowl a total of four games on four different oil patterns with total pinfall within each group

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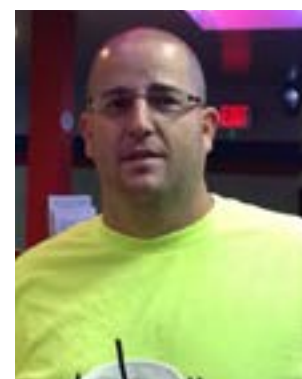
## ZACK JELLSEY Averaging 245

by Frank Weiler

REDLANDS – Zack Jellsey is at it again. He led the Citrus Belt in average (244) in 2015 and it looks like he will be "TOP DOG" again. He is currently averaging 245 with only a few games left in the season and I haven't seen or heard of anyone else scoring at Zack's pace.

Zack is posting his high average in Empire Bowl's NFL Club House league on Monday nights. He has bowled over 70 games to date and has highs of 825 and a perfect 300 in the league.

In a week or so we will know if Zack will become a repeat high average winner. I'm betting on Zack because of his high octane



Zack Jellsey

game. His Big "REVS" mean big scores and a high average.

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Thailand’s Annop Arromsaranon  
Wins PBA-WBT Busan Cup

Splits prove costly to Texas two-hander Anthony Simonsen in outdoor finals

BUSAN, Korea – Thailand’s Annop Arromsaranon defeated top qualifier Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas, 221-208, to win the PBA International-World Bowling Tour Busan Cup Saturday on bowling lanes constructed outdoors in Pusan Gwangalli Beach Park in Busan, becoming the second bowler from Thailand to win a PBA Tour title.

In the sweltering heat of the outdoor setting, Simonsen left splits he was unable to convert in the fourth and fifth frames as the 33-year-old Thai opened a 44-pin lead and raced away to victory despite leaving a “big four” 4-6-7-10 split in the eighth frame. He claimed the 30 million won (US\$27,875) first prize and joined 2017 PBA-WBT Thailand winner Jojoe Yannaphon as Thailand’s second PBA Tour title winner.

Simonsen, a 21-year-old two-hander, had earned the top qualifying position for the four-man stepladder finals with a six-game, 1,480 total posted at Rainbow Square Bowling Center.

In the preliminary matches, Korea’s Choi Seokbyeong defeated countryman Choi Wonyoung, 247-217, to start the Busan Cup’s Open Division finals. Arromsaranon then eliminated Choi Seokbyeong in the semifinal match, 215-203.

The Go Bowling! PBA Tour’s next event will be the PBA Xtra Frame Tour Greater Jonesboro Open at Hijinx in Jonesboro, Ark., June 1-3. For Xtra Frame subscriptions, visit xtraframe.tv. Subscriptions are available for three days (\$3.99), 30 days (\$7.99) or for a full year at a cost of about \$1.25 per week.



PBA-WORLD BOWLING TOUR BUSAN CUP  
Pusan Gwangalli Beach Park, Busan, Korea, Saturday

Final Standings:

- 1, Annop Arromsaranon, Thailand, \$27,875.
- 2, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, \$13,900.
- 3, n-Choi Seokbyeong, Korea, \$7,430.
- 4, n-Choi Wonyoung, Korea, \$4,645.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – S. Choi def. W. Choi, 247-217.  
Semifinal Match – Arromsaranon def. S. Choi, 215-203.  
Championship – Arromsaranon def. Simonsen, 221-208.

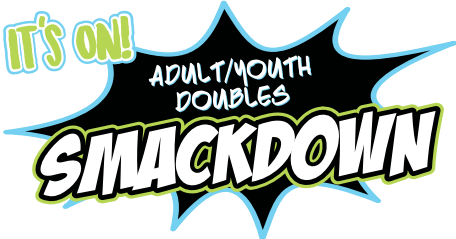
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# The Perfect Game

## Rewriting The Rules

by Steve Felege

Sometimes life just isn't fair. That's especially true in our sport. If you remember a gentleman named Glenn Allison, you know what I'm talking about. He may be the only bowler EVER to have rolled a 900 series on lanes made entirely of wood. The ABC did not sanction it, creating a controversy that continues today. The USBC position is that they can't rewrite the rules of yesteryear and sanction that feat.\* Well, yes they can. Any lawyer worth a hoot could come up with a plan to do exactly that. Rules can be bent without being broken, and it behooves us to do so when rules create injustice.

Take the sport of horseshoe-pitching for example. The original rules stated that the participants must stand 40 feet from the stake at which they are pitching. That's fine for most men, but puts most women and children at a disadvantage, after all, horseshoes are heavy. To even the playing field, the rules were rewritten to allow certain players to stand 10 feet closer.

Horseshoes and bowling have a lot in common, particularly when it comes to the physical challenges of these sports. Considering this, one particular person stands out, in my mind, as deserving to have the rules bent a bit. This person has dedicated a lifetime to this sport, bowling and instructing others. This person is easily one of the greatest ambassadors for bowling we will see during our lifetime. This person displays unwavering loyalty, not only to the sport, but to everyone who participates in it. This person has excelled at every level of this game, from competition to management and everything in between.

In short, this person has achieved every goal this sport has to offer and upon which she has set her sights; except one. Despite being so close, so many times, this person, now retired from the game, never achieved a 700 series. **We're gonna fix that!** How? By rewriting the rules to include those which existed during the origin of this game.

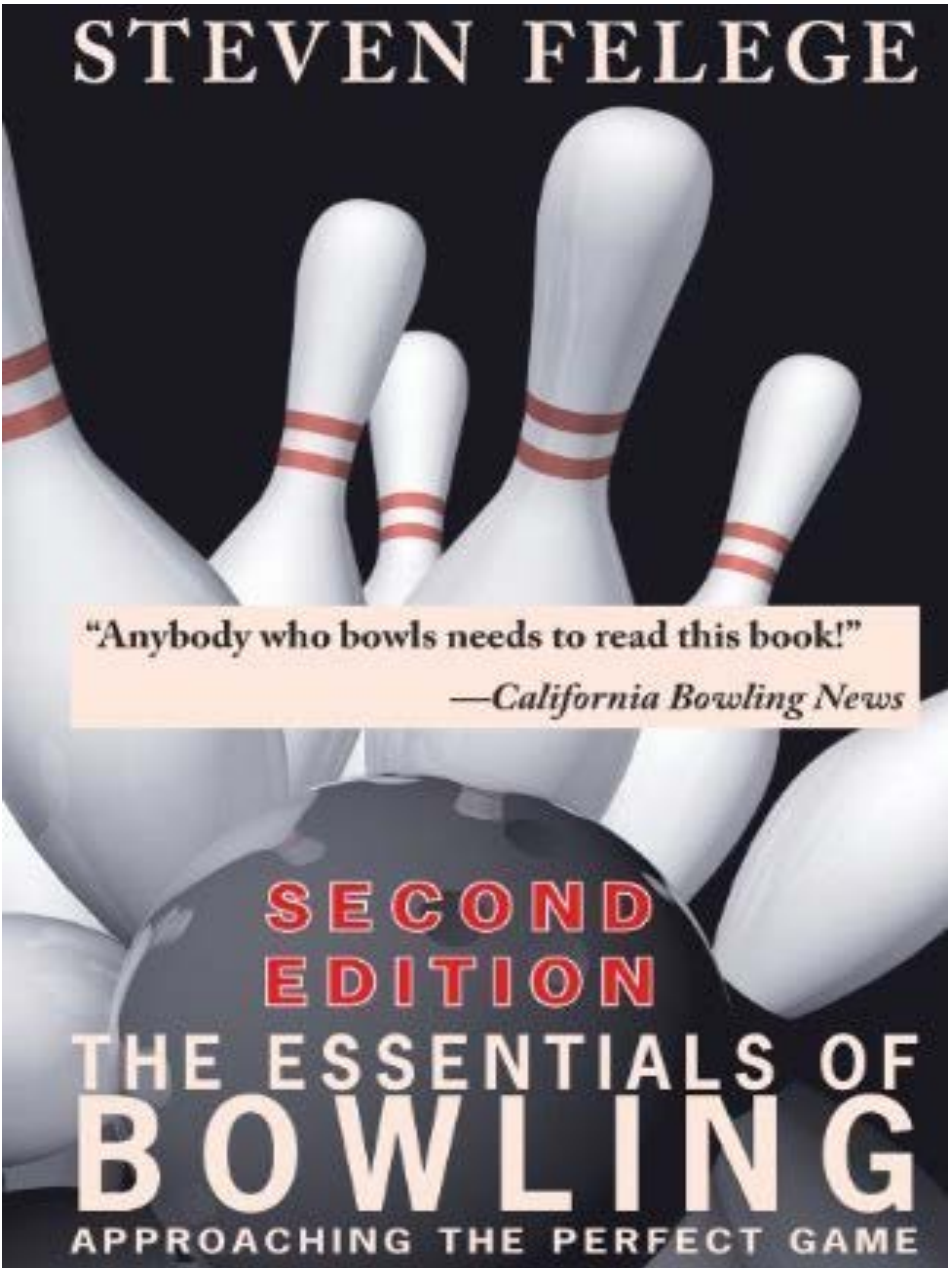
Bowling, as we know it today, is rooted in Europe. It developed there during the middle-ages and was referred to as "kegeling." One form of kegeling was used to settle disputes. A second method for settling disputes was.....combat to the death. Both allowed participants to choose a stand-in as a way of "evening the playing field." Those stand-ins were called "Champions." Champions could be chosen, appointed, or they could volunteer. The rules regarding Champions have never been deleted or disavowed by the USBC, hence, even *in absentia*, they must still exist.

Last season, I invoked the rule that allows a Champion to volunteer. I dedicated what little ability I have left to competing in the place of my best friend in California. One day, in a sanctioned league, I got lucky and the award just arrived. It is with great pleasure that I now present this long-overdue "700 award" to the great and sometimes beloved, **Carol Mancini!** Need more convincing that she deserves this? Consider this:

- Since she took the helm of the CBN, it hasn't missed a weekly publication. That's way more than 700 editions in a series. That deserves an award!
- She has written more than 700 articles for her revered weekly bowling newspaper. That deserves an award!
- During her career, she coached more than 700 pupils of the game. That deserves an award!
- A 700 series award is achieved when the final scores of each individual game total between 700 and 799. The physical award does not say how many games it took to achieve that lofty score. Using this logic, she bowled tons of 700 series. Who hasn't heard of a Varipapa 300? Carol Mancini is now the owner of the very first, "Fleegle 700"! That deserves an award!
- Finally, she may have actually bowled a sanctioned 700 series back when the ABC was still in charge. They may have failed to recognize it (ask Glenn Allison about that), or it may have been mistakenly unrecorded. Back then, score-sheets were tabulated by non-bowling scorekeepers using pencil and paper. Some drank heavily..... just sayin'..... hic! That desherves an award, too..... you know..... just in case!

\*Now, about Glenn Allison..... he is practicing for this years USBC Nationals with some new equipment... good luck Glenn, were rooting for you.. and about that 900 award.... just have the USBC give me a call and we'll get that mess straightened out once and for all. Carol has my number!

Comments or questions? PICK UP THE PHONE!!! Call Carol Mancini @ 1-562-807-3600 (Mondays 2-7 PM PT). Or Email us at: [news@californiabowlingnews.com](mailto:news@californiabowlingnews.com). We'd love to hear from you!



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## WES MALOTT HOLDS FUND-RAISER FOR SANTA FE HIGH SCHOOL VICTIMS' FAMILIES

SANTA FE, TX – Former PBA Player of the Year Wes Malott is the most recent PBA player who is trying to do good things in the face of tragedy, holding a fund-raiser to benefit the families’ of victims of the recent high school shooting tragedy in Santa Fe, Texas.

Malott, who is hosting his annual Malott’s All-Stars Youth Championships tournament this weekend in Austin, Texas, has organized a raffle that will include bowling balls from the brand he represents, Roto Grip, along with a new Roto Grip bowling bag, Dexter shoes, High 5 Gear apparel and a lot more. Multiple winners will be selected in the raffle drawing that will be held Sunday, live on Malott’s tournament Facebook page, at the conclusion of his youth tournament. For additional information, visit the tournament Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Malotts-All-Stars-Youth-Championship-242615552446368/>

“It’s a way our bowling community can get involved in a bigger way. I’m sure our bowlers would donate anyway, but I thought maybe we could do something that would encourage more people to help,” Malott said.

“It was kind of a last minute thing, but Sean Rash is going to donate a jersey and ball. Parker Bohn is donating some things. It’s kinda taken on a life of its own, so rather than one big drawing, we’re going to draw for multiple winners. J.J. Watt announced he’s going to pay for the funerals, but there are still expenses for some of the kids who were injured, so that’s how we’re going to try to help.

“My goal was to get to \$5,000, and we’re already more than halfway there.”

Malott noted the connection to the tragic event became personal when he took his 10-year-old son Camden to Santa for a baseball tournament recently, and they stayed in the home of a family that has kids attending the school.

Raffle tickets are available for \$5 each, five for \$20 or 20 for \$50. Fans can obtain raffle tickets by using their PayPal accounts: PayPal to [malottsallstars@yahoo.com](mailto:malottsallstars@yahoo.com). If they don’t have a PayPal account, send an email to Malott at [malott-sallstars@yahoo.com](mailto:malott-sallstars@yahoo.com) and he’ll do his best to process credit cards through his Strike-A-Lott Pro Shop.

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2. **ELIGIBILITY:** Open to all current USBC members. You MUST show your membership card or proof of membership when checking in. Any bowler not having a USBC Membership Card or proof of USBC Membership must purchase associate membership prior to bowling. Copies of USBC Membership Cards can be printed from [bowl.com](http://bowl.com).  
3. **MULTIPLE PARTICIPATION:** Entrants may participate multiple times per event. In order to place more than once in the prize list for position standings at least two players on the team must be different and you must change partners in the doubles event.  
4. **ENTERING AVERAGE:** Entrants must use their highest 2017-18 book average. If none, entrants will use their January 1, 2018 average with at least 15 games. If none, entrants must use highest current average of 15 games **at the time of entry. Proof of average verification must be provided with paid entry.** A standing sheet, which must include a date to verify, signed by their coach or league secretary is proof for verification. If no average verification entrants must use a 225 average for all events. **If current season average for at least 21 games at time of bowling exceeds last season's average by 10 or more pins, current season average must be used (Rule 319a-2).**  
**Rule 319e (15 or more pin increase in tournament average of 21 or more games in the past 12 months) must be used or bowler will be disqualified.**  
It is the bowlers' responsibility to verify the accuracy of his/her average, whether submitted by the bowler, team captain, or others. Failure to use the correct average shall disqualify scores if submitted average is lower than correct average, thereby resulting in a lower classification or more handicap. Prize winnings shall be based on the submitted average, if it is higher than the correct average. Corrections in averages can be made up to the completion of the first game of a series, or within 48 hours after completion of the series if the tournament manager, prior to the completion of the first game of a series, has given written consent to the bowler authorizing such extension of time to correct their average.  
5. **RERATE/ADJUSTMENTS:** Tournament director reserves the right to rerate or **adjust a bowler's average upward prior to competition.** If the bowler does not accept the adjustment a refund will be given. Any adjusted or rerated averages, whether accepted or refused, must be reported. Failure to do so is grounds for disqualification **Any entrants, youth or adult, who have qualified for a cash and/or merchandise prize of \$600 or more in any tournament in final standings, brackets, side pots, all events, special/donated prizes in the last 12 months must report their scores, position and amount won to the Tournament Management prior to bowling for possible re-rating. Failure to comply will be cause for forfeiture of entry fees and prize winnings.**  
6. **FORMAT:** There will be two formats for this tournament. There will be a team event consisting of two Juniors and two Adults bowling a 3 game format. There will also be a doubles event consisting of one Junior and one Adult bowling a 3 game format. An optional Junior Gold event may be offered for the USBC Jr Gold members. The entry fee will depend on the division and will be collected at the tournament site prior to bowling. One in five qualifiers will receive a paid entry (not including travel or expenses) to the national tournament. Bowlers must be a current season Jr. Gold member prior to competition. Membership must be purchased prior to or at the tournament. National tournament qualifiers who are not current Jr. Gold members will be disqualified.  
7. **HANDICAP:** Handicap will be 80% of the difference between the team's average and the top of the division (refer to front of entry form for figures).  
8. **DRESS CODE:** Matching and/or professional attire is encouraged. Awards for matching teams will be given "Looking Good" pins. Male participants are asked to wear collared shirts and slacks or dress shorts. Female participants are asked to wear skirts, slacks, skorts or dress shorts and proper shirts. Skirts, shorts and skorts must not be more than 3" above the knee. Attire must be neat, clean and proper fitting. We **strongly suggest no jeans**, tank tops, hats, or attire advertising liquor or tobacco products, no attire with inappropriate language, or any apparel which the tournament director feels is inappropriate will be permitted. Smoking and/or consuming alcoholic beverages during competition is not permitted.  
9. **CONDUCT:** Any conduct deemed inappropriate, foul language, obscene gestures or abuse of equipment may be cause for removal from competition, as determined by the tournament director. Any incident that reflects poorly on the Reno Jr-Adult Invitational, reported to the Tournament Management, whether at the center or otherwise, may result in denial of further participation. Entry fees will not be refunded.  
10. **AWARDS:** All prize/award fees will be returned 100% within each event, on a ratio of at least 1 prize for each 10 entries or major fraction thereof. The USBC SMART program will administer all scholarship awards, Acct #9312.  
11. **CHECK IN:** Bowlers must check in 1 hour prior to squad time. Tournament spots are on a first-come, first-served basis. **Bowlers failing to check in one half hour before their scheduled squad time will lose their scheduled spot. All substitutions should be made one hour prior to squad time.**  
12. Additional squads may be added during the course of the tournament as deemed necessary by tournament management, but no squad shall be added after the last advertised squad time. All decisions by the Tournament Director are final unless an appeal is made in accordance with USBC rule 329. All scores are unofficial until otherwise posted. Any questions or concerns must be brought to one of the Co-Tournament Directors. Official protests must be filed, in writing, with one of the Tournament Directors, within 72 hours of the completion of the tournament.



# PBA Tour Finals Action on CBS Sports Network Continues Tuesday, May 29 With Second Positioning Round at 5 p.m.

ALLEN PARK, MI – PBA Tour Finals action, featuring eight of the Go Bowling! PBA Tour’s top performers over the past 28 months, continues on a new set of PBA lane conditions Tuesday, May 29 at 5 p.m. on the CBS Sports Network, with the second total-pinfall positioning round from Thunderbowl Lanes.

The eight PBA Tour top money earners from 2016, 2017 and the first four months of 2018, include defending PBA Tour Finals champion EJ Tackett, 2017 PBA Tour finals runner-up Jason Belmonte, Dom Barrett, Anthony Simonsen, Sean Rash, Jesper Svensson, Marshall Kent and Tommy Jones, who will navigate two new PBA lane conditions in the second round — the 39-foot Don Carter and 45-foot Dick Weber conditions.

Tuesday’s telecast will open with Group 2 players (Tackett, Svensson, Kent and Jones) and Group 1 players (Belmonte, Barrett, Simonsen and Rash) bowling on the Carter lane condition. Competition continues with both groups bowling the final positioning game on the Weber condition.

Heading into the second round, Belmonte leads Group 1 with a 491 two-game pinfall bowled on the Petraglia and Roth conditions followed by Simonsen, 483; Rash, 379 and Barrett 350. Group 2 is led by Kent, 458; Tackett, 448; Svensson, 447, and Jones, 419.

After Tuesday’s second positioning round the four-game scratch totals for each player will be used to determine the qualifying positions for the stepladder semifinals within each group. The positioning round leader of each group in the positioning round will have the choice of lane condition for the semifinals.

# PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: ADAM POGGE WINS FIRST TITLE IN WAXAHACHIE

Adam Pogge from Austin, Texas, struck twice in the 10th frame of the final game of match play Sunday to win his first PBA title in the PBA Waxahachie Southwest Challenge at Hilltop Lanes in Waxahachie, Texas.

Pogge, who held a 38-pin lead going into position round concluding the eight-game modified round robin match play finals, dropped a 246-245 decision to Mason Edmondson of Amarillo, Texas, but maintained the overall pinfall lead by seven pins to win the title and a \$2,000 first prize.

• The May 24-26 PBA Regional schedule includes the PBA and PBA50 Vanessa Brown Homes West Open (PBA presented by Track, PBA50 presented by Ebonite); the Colony Park Lanes East Challenge presented by Columbia 300 in York, Pa., and the Celeste Walker Midwest/Central Open presented by American Family Insurance at Strike-N-Spare II in Lockport, Ill.

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## QUICK NOTES

• Ryan and Chelsie Ciminelli became first-time parents on Saturday, May 19, with the arrival of Jaxon Michael Ciminelli. The newcomer arrived one minute past midnight at 20 ¼ inches and 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

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everything as a whole, and that’s probably the space I need to stay in to push through the rest of the season. I need to keep pushing myself to be better because the girls out here are so good. I need to keep practicing, keep the workouts going and stay present and committed to every shot for the rest of the season.”

Coté, a 32-year-old right-hander, went 6-0 in match play to earn the top seed for the second consecutive week on the PWBA Tour. She led the way at last week’s PWBA Fountain Valley Open but lost in the title match to Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York, 215-182.

“I was pretty confident going in, and the ball just hooked much earlier than I expected to start,” said Coté, the 2016 PWBA Lexington Open champion. “After that, I made some pretty good moves and kept it in play. To say I wasn’t nervous would be a lie. I was bowling for a major title against a great competitor. I know things didn’t go my way this week, like last week, but that’s OK. I’m going to keep fighting to put myself in that position.”

O’Keefe advanced to the title match by delivering eight strikes against USBC Hall of Famer and two-time Queens champion Liz Johnson of Palatine, Illinois, 247-224. Johnson was looking to join fellow hall of famers Mildred Ignizio (1967, 1970, 1971) and Wendy Macpherson (1988, 2000, 2003) as the event’s only three-time champions.

Liz Johnson bested Stefanie Johnson of McKinney, Texas, to advance to the semifinals, 232-212. Liz Johnson bounced back from an open in the third frame to roll strikes on six of her next seven shots, while Stefanie Johnson left 4 consecutive nine counts starting in the sixth frame.

In the opening round of the stepladder, Stefanie Johnson put together a late run of strikes to hold off Amanda Fry of Antelope, California, 200-172. Fry had the chance to win the match with a double in the 10th frame but left a 4-6-10 split on her first delivery.

A total of 191 bowlers from 14 countries competed in three five-game qualifying blocks over three days to determine the 63 players joining defending champion Diana Zavjalova of Latvia in the double-elimination match-play bracket. Zavjalova, a two-time Queens champion, finished this year’s event tied for 17th place. Each bracket match leading up to the stepladder included three games, with total pinfall determining which player advanced.

All rounds of competition leading up to the stepladder finals were broadcast on Xtra Frame, the exclusive online bowling channel for the Professional Bowlers Association. To subscribe, visit [XtraFrame.TV](http://XtraFrame.TV).

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determining positions for the final rounds. Belmonte took the lead in Group 1 with a 491 two-game total after bowling 236 on the Petraglia condition and 255 on the Roth condition. He was followed by Simonsen, 483 (236, 247); Rash, 379 (178, 201), and Barrett, 350 (205, 145).

“The two different conditions required two different plans of attack,” said Belmonte. “On the Petraglia condition I used urethane and played outside. On the Roth condition, I used a reactive ball and hooked the ball more.

“At this point you play what’s in front of you,” he added. “It’s really not too different than what you’d experience in any other tournament except the pace is much faster and you have to make your adjustments faster. It’s bang-bang, get up and throw it, and hope you’ve made the right decisions.”

Kent led Group 2 with a 458 pinfall after a 238 on the Petraglia condition and 220 on the Roth condition. He was followed by Tackett, 448 (236, 212); Svensson, 447 (224, 223), and Jones, 419 (257, 162).

“I got into a good comfort level on both conditions pretty quickly and had a good look on both lanes,” Kent said. “I think I only threw one bad shot.

“I like the faster pace because you can stay in a good rhythm,” Kent added. “Even though you’re having to deal with the different conditions, the quick pace prevents you from overthinking what you need to do.”

Next week’s second positioning round (on CBSSN Tuesday, May 29 at 5 p.m.) will put the players on the 39-foot Don Carter and 45-foot Dick Weber lane conditions. The four-game pinfall totals will determine each player’s position for their respective group stepladder semifinals.

The Group 1 semifinal stepladder will air on CBSSN June 5 at 5 p.m and the Group 2 stepladder will air on June 12, also at 5 p.m. The final match of each semifinal stepladder will be a best-of-two-game match with ties broken by a 9th and 10th frame roll off. The two group winners will then meet in another best-of-two-game championship match which will air June 19 at 8 p.m. using the same stepladder format.

**PBA TOUR FINALS POSITIONING ROUND 1 RESULTS**  
Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich.

- Group 1**  
After two of four games; game one on Johnny Petraglia 36 lane condition; game two on Mark Roth 42 pattern  
1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 491 (236, 255).  
2, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 483 (236, 247).  
3, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 379 (178, 201).  
4, Dom Barrett, England, 350 (205, 145).

- Group 2**  
After two of four games; game one on Johnny Petraglia 36 lane condition; game two on Mark Roth 42 pattern  
1, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 458 (238, 220).  
2, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 448 (236, 212).  
3, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 447 (224, 223).  
4, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 419 (257, 162).

**CBS Sports Network Remaining PBA Tour Finals Telecast Schedule**  
May 29 – 5 p.m. - PBA Tour Finals Positioning Round 2  
June 5 – 5 p.m. - PBA Tour Finals Group 1 Semifinal Stepladder Round  
June 12 – 5 p.m. - PBA Tour Finals Group 2 Semifinal Stepladder Round  
June 19 – 5 p.m. - PBA Tour Finals Championship

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Now-6/3 – 79th TNBA Annual Convention & 77th Championship Tournament, Ann Arbor, MI, 513/769-1985

Now-6/30 – USBC Women's Championships, National Bowling Stadium, Reno, bowl.com

Now-7/1 – CUSBC 2018 Adult Championships, Keystone Lanes, Norwalk, calusbc.com

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31 – Reservation/payment deadline for 2018 CUSBC Awards Banquet (6/9 at Hotel Piccadilly, Fresno), calusbc.com

31-6/2 – Hall of Fame Xtravaganza, Red Rock Lanes, Las Vegas, bowlingmuseum.com

31-6/3 – USBC Super Senior Classic, Sam's Town Bowling Center, Las Vegas, pba.com or bowl.com

June

2-3 – Adult/Youth Doubles Smackdown, Sat. qualifying at 1pm & 4pm at Santa Clarita and Linbrook; Sunday Finals at 10am at Winnetka, bowlinsocal.com

3 – King/Queen of Pinole Scratch Singles Tourn., 10am, AMF Pinole Valley Lanes, 510/374-9069

3-10 – USBC Senior Masters, Sam's Town Bowling Center, Las Vegas, pba.com or bowl.com

8 – Entry deadline for Adult/Sr. Doubles Tourn. at Riverside Lanes, Laughlin (7/14), 909/628-3966

9 – Silver Foxes Tourn., 10:30am check-in/bowl at 12, Yosemite Lanes, Modesto, 559/381-0356

9 – CA Bowlers Tour Handicap 6-Gamer, 6pm, Diablo Valley Bowl, Concord, 925/757-2695

9-10 – CUSBC 2018 State Convention, Piccadilly Inn (2305 W. Shaw, Fresno), calusbc.com

10 – JAT at Cal Bowl/Season Finale, 9am, Lakewood, bowljat.org

10 – Nor Cal Swiss Team Challenge III, 9:30am, Games 1-3 @ Dublin; Games 3-6 @ Cloverleaf, 925/828-0378, sluba803@yahoo.com

10-15 – Suncoast PBA Senior US Open, Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas, pba.com

16 – Central Valley Masters Trios Tournament, 10am, Rancho Bowl, Santa Maria, centralvalleymasters.com

16 – Scratch 6 Game Doubles, 6pm, Harley's Valley Bowl, Simi Valley, 805/415-7018

16 – Gold Pin Scratch 6-Gamer, 1pm, Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl, 925/828-7550

17 – Scratch 6-Gamer, 12 noon, Yosemite Lanes, Modesto, 209/524-9161

17-21 – International Bowl Expo 2018, Las Vegas Convention Center, bpaa.com

22-24 – PBA/PBA50 West/No. West Doubles, High Sierra Lanes, Reno, pba.com

23 – West Coast Senior Tour Singles, Oak Tree Lanes, Diamond Bar, 760/792-4596

23-24 – Cal Bowlers Tour Handicap Doubles Tourn., Delta Bowl, Antioch, 925/757-2695

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Kenny moved from Northridge to Las Vegas in August and a few months later drilled his 100th perfect game. It came at Texas Star Lanes inside Texas Station Casino in North Las Vegas.

Booth, who carries a 221 book average, also has been a perennial top performer, having won numerous tournament titles. He won the Harry Grant tournament at now-defunct Encino Bowl twice in the 1970s, claiming the \$1,000 top prize each time, Booth recalls. He also won four tourney titles decades ago at long-closed Imperial Bowl in El Segundo.

“He’s like Clark Kent until he steps onto the bowling alley and then he becomes a tiger,” said fellow horse-racing aficionado Tom Martino.

For now, Booth has been adjusting to life in his new surroundings since he’s moved to Vegas in January. He’s living in a senior community about a mile away from the Las Vegas Strip, where the grandiose hotels reside.

But Booth isn’t one to make frequent visits there. “I hate the Strip,” he said with a snarl. “It’s too stinking busy. It seems like anyone who lives here tries to stay away from there.”

Instead of the Strip, he often appears at Texas Station, where former Valley resident and five-time PBA Tour champion Eric Forkel works in the pro-shop.

“Eric’s been very nice to me,” Booth said. “He’s given me good advice about my bowling and drilled a ball for me.” Booth has returned to the Valley only once – briefly – to take care of his income taxes.

Explaining why he left his home in Van Nuys for Las Vegas, Booth said: “I didn’t like taking care of the house; I did it for so many years. And bowling seemed to have deteriorated around the Valley.

“There weren’t many bowling houses left. And Vegas has quite a few bowling houses around. So, I thought it was time to come here.”

Asked what Vegas is like, Booth said, “It’s different. I’m still getting used to it. One problem with Vegas is that there are an awful lot of buffets. Every place around has a buffet.”

Booth admits to having been suckered into those all-you-can-eat meals, although he’s trying to show some resistance.

“I don’t want to look like the Michelin Man,” he said with a laugh.

The slightly built Booth is unlikely to reach anywhere close to that Michelin Man mark. But he has been on target with his Vegas bowling, averaging 217 before a knee injury slowed him down.

Booth said his goal is to bowl another 800, of which he has four with a high of a blistering 858.

He’ll have to prep for that magical score without his weekly practice sessions at Winnetka Bowl.

“I miss the people I practiced with in the afternoon and they know who they are,” Booth said, “and of course [pro-shop operators] Rusty [Bryant] and Karl [Kurtz].”

Known for being a fierce competitor, Booth said he hasn’t lost any of his fire.

“As you get older, you never lose your competitiveness,” he said. “You just lose your physical ability, but you always have that drive.”



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**MONDAY – Golden Awards:** Larry Green 246/622, Carl Brooks 244/613, Bill Edwards 229, Amy Abalos 210, Randi Hein 202. **Adult/Jr.:** Starts June 4<sup>th</sup>.


**TUESDAY – Friendly Seniors:** Larry McCurry 214, Carole Lewis 205. **Guys & Dolls:** Phil Padilla 254/640, Randy Vasquez 224, John Pasorello 213.

**WEDNESDAY – Silver Foxes:** Bob Ward 243, Everett Freywald 225/659, Fred Reinecke 215, Randi Hein 207. **American Nation Can:** Bob Marshel 199, Brian Parker 199, Ray Mankins Jr. 196, Karen Balicki 191.

**THURSDAY – Early Birds:** Penny Bird 197, Tina Forte 189, Tracy Fish 189. **Sunset Rollers:** John Contreras 209, Willie Ford 192, Carole Lewis 190. **Frank’s Gold Cup Trios:** Johnny Sikkens 290/919, Kevin Jensen 257, Max Maldonado 256, Larry Aquino 901, Kevin Jones 894, Barneisha Hull 209.

**FRIDAY – Vegas Gamblers:** Matt Ward 277/675, Brandon Kraye 267/669, Dexter Harrod 257/719, Jordan Kraye 219/621, Stacie Davis 203, Carie Morgan 202/605.

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ANAHEIM – Nick Lam set the pace in the first set of the Rocky Marsh Doubles with his high game of 267. Next in line, Tony Hale shows his worth with his 259, Al Lara bowled well with 246 and Willy Bordenave at 231.

More high scores in the first set: Terry Brent 228, Dick McKenzie 222, Don Gardner 217, Rose Williams 209, Norm Walker 203, Louie Juarez 203, Makcha Nelson 202, Ron Douglass 202, Mark Guillaume 202 and Orlando Vanegas 200.

Norm Walker improved his game in our 2nd set by tossing 249 and Willy Bordenave, still showing off, rolled a 237. Dick McKenzie is no slouch and showed many pocket shots and a 232 game. Terry Brent is always in the zone and stroked 226 and Orlando Vanegas only a pin behind at 225. Rich Heid rolled 218, Tony Hale 203, John Velasquez 204, Al Lara 203, Don Gardner 203 and Mark Guillaume 202.

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**Fil-Am:** Ike Topacio 753, Abe Morales 704, Derrick Whitlock 664, Rey Santos 296, Anthony Rieger 278, Rick Llaneta 257, Christy Estimo 600, Amanda Rieger 539, Carla Sanchez 529, Tess Santos 218.

**C.A.U.L.:** Alan Nyberg 267/683, Blayke Miller 266/605, Glenn Ramirez 593, Tom Davis 566, Anthony Avitia 565, Reggie Cargo 558, Jimmy Hall 552, Rich Dahmen 541, David Regul 537, Allan Lee 534.

**Sierra Bugs:** Pamela Johnson 202/524, Connie Wood 465. Side-pot winners: Game One: Linda Holden 215; Game Two: Pam Johnson 202; Game Three: Ginny Lindsay 206.

**Practice:** Chris Gurule 595, Norma Hambrick 588, Charles Funderburk 579, Paul Ford 225, Lauren Torres 217, toni Hixon 526, Tina Tarvin 442, Del Stewart 441, Lillian Johnson 203.

**Cal Bowleros:** Carole Fischer 572, Anna VonMuegge 530, Carol Hovis 490, Leona Belletti 201, Susan Lincoln 193. Side-pot winners— Game One: Betty Moss 218; Game Two: Leona Belletti/Carole Fischer 201; Game Three: Cathy Wyatt 245.

**Pin Heads:** Tom Komadina 527, Gary Kelly 487, Kevin Farrell 485, Mel Leach 525, Stacy Kelly 209/518, Pamela Johnson 464.

**Recycled Teens:** Victor Santos 257/688, Chris Abing 228/649, Jorge Fernandez 259/633, Rick Seneris 583, Doug Johnson 581, Lucy Seiple 523, Divina Buhay 483.

**Young At Heart:** Fale Sula 233/645, Phil Gipson 587, Jimmy Hamilton 583, Mark Williams 221/576, Andrew Morton 573, Willie Burkhalter 567, Josh Hudson 534, Ron McCain Sr. 533, Debra Gipson 258/672, Carla Dean 202/522.

**10 For 10:** James Matthews 712, Daniel Albino615, Don Matthews 585, Andre Barry 236, Frank Spiegel 225, Nolan Smith 216, Tori Hixon 441.

**Grandma/Grandpa’s:** William Scott 204/561, Stan Murren 545, Paul Morrison Jr. 522, Rinze Dykstra 506, Chris VanDeven 506, Larry Cosgrove 499, Betty Green 551, Lu Anthony 211/543, Anna VonMuegge 498, Joanne Burke 471.

**Varsity:** Chase Arenella 469, Rick VonKolen 464, David Ujita 441, Nicole Sanders 527, Janelle Crawford 384, Yolie Ascencio 379.

**Big Bear:** Sid Nakagawa 715, Paul Staff 699, Grover Dye 674, Dion Morris 666, Shorty Ramos 646, Steve Bryant 645, David Patterson 629, Curt Soares 628, Manny Antonio 625, Butch White 621, John Woods 609, Sonny Dew 607, Eddie Tobias 603, Michelle Criswell 227/635, Shirley Owens 600, Cathy Anderson 216/586, Susan Alvarado 216/571, Sue Cant 548, Rita Soares Annie Yonemura 536.

**V.A.:** Aaron Law 570, Dan Martinez 544, Mike Ventura 469, Chris Martinez 204, Michelle McGarry 493.

**Funsters:** Abe Morales 692, Vic Santos 619, Willie McMahan 603, Tom Pettway 246, Jim Plante 246, Josh Hudson 220.

**Senior Men’s Trio:** Steve Ritchie 279/785, Dan Monzon 258/706, Kevin Gannon 684, Jerry Cant 669, Herman Ferguson 667, Cleveland Johnson 266, JoJo Jasmin 265.

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INVITATIONAL

Forest Wraps Up Last Playoff Spot

J.A.T. Holds on to #2 Seed Against Sysco

by David Yamauchi

DOWNEY – The Brunswick Invitational finished the regular season with the wildcard spot still up for grabs as Forest Lanes held a 4-point lead over Keystone Lanes with 5 points up for grabs. One pair to the left, J.A.T. was trying to hang on to the #2 seed with a 2-point lead over Sysco with 5 points up for grabs in the battle of the round-winners.

In the match for the last playoff spot, Forest Lanes came back after their noteworthy finish last week looking for 1 point against Keystone Lanes to wrap up the final playoff spot. Forest wasted no time by coming out strong and taking the first game 714-649 to lock up the final play-off spot. Forest will meet WC round winner Herzog Insurance in the first match this Saturday at 11:00 a.m. bowling on the 26’ Round 2 pattern.

In the last undecided playoff seeding match, J.A.T. and Sysco met to determine who would be the #2 and who would be the #3 with J.A.T. sitting on a 2-point lead. J.A.T. came out marking and took the first game 716-666 and the second game 799-697 to lock up the #2 seed for the roll offs. Sysco will be the #3 seed followed by Buddy’s Bowling Supply who locked up the 4th seed earlier this round. Everyone is trying to get to the final match against #1 seed Cal Bowl who was lights-out to finish the league. The rest of the teams bowled for final position and a

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couple extra bucks in their prize fund envelopes. Bowlers cracking six included Matt Schermerhorn 658, Mikey Villarreal 653, Donnell Carter 631, Eddie VanDaniker 610, Joe Jimenez 608, and Sol Cericos 602.

Sidepots went to Donnell Carter (215) and Herbert Jones (253) for \$52 each with Eddie VanDaniker (240) taking the SuperPot for \$162. Financial Advisor’s Pot went to Herbert Jones (253) for \$190 & 2nd to Leonard Ruiz (248) for \$100.

The Roll-Off will begin this Saturday, June 2nd at 11:00 a.m. with the Wildcard Match putting WC Round Winner Herzog Insurance against wildcard winner Forest Lanes (Round 2 Condition). Match #2 will put the winner of the Wildcard Match against 4th-seed Buddy’s Bowling Supply at 1:00 on Saturday (Round 1 Condition). The roll-off will continue on Sunday, June 3rd with the winner of Match #2 facing Sysco at 12:00 p.m. (Round 3 Condition) followed by that winner taking on J.A.T. at 2:00 p.m. (Round 4 Condition). The Championship Match will put the winner of the bracket against the top-seeded Cal Bowl on Monday, June 11th beginning at 8:30 for the best-of-5 finale.

Four-round four-game sweepers are next week with practice starting at 7:20 and lights on at 7:30. The order of the shots will be 46’ Round 3 – USBC Nationals Round 4 – House Shot Round 1 – 26’ Round 2. See you all on the lanes to wrap up the league next week!

TOP TEN POINT LEADERS

Cal Bowl \$\$\$\$.....	113	Sysco \$ .....	99
Herzog Insurance \$\$\$\$ ..	108	Tito's Handmade Vodka....	99
Forest Lanes (Wild Card). .	107	Linders Insurance.....	96.5
Keystone Lanes .....	106	Bowlum.....	94
J.A.T. \$\$.....	106	Professional Approach ....	89

TOP 10 THIS WEEK

Matt Schermerhorn.....	658	Joe Jimenez .....	608
Mikey Villarreal .....	653	Sol Cericos .....	602
Donnell Carter.....	631	Vernon Adams .....	584
Vince Duarte .....	616	Leonard Ruiz Jr.....	582
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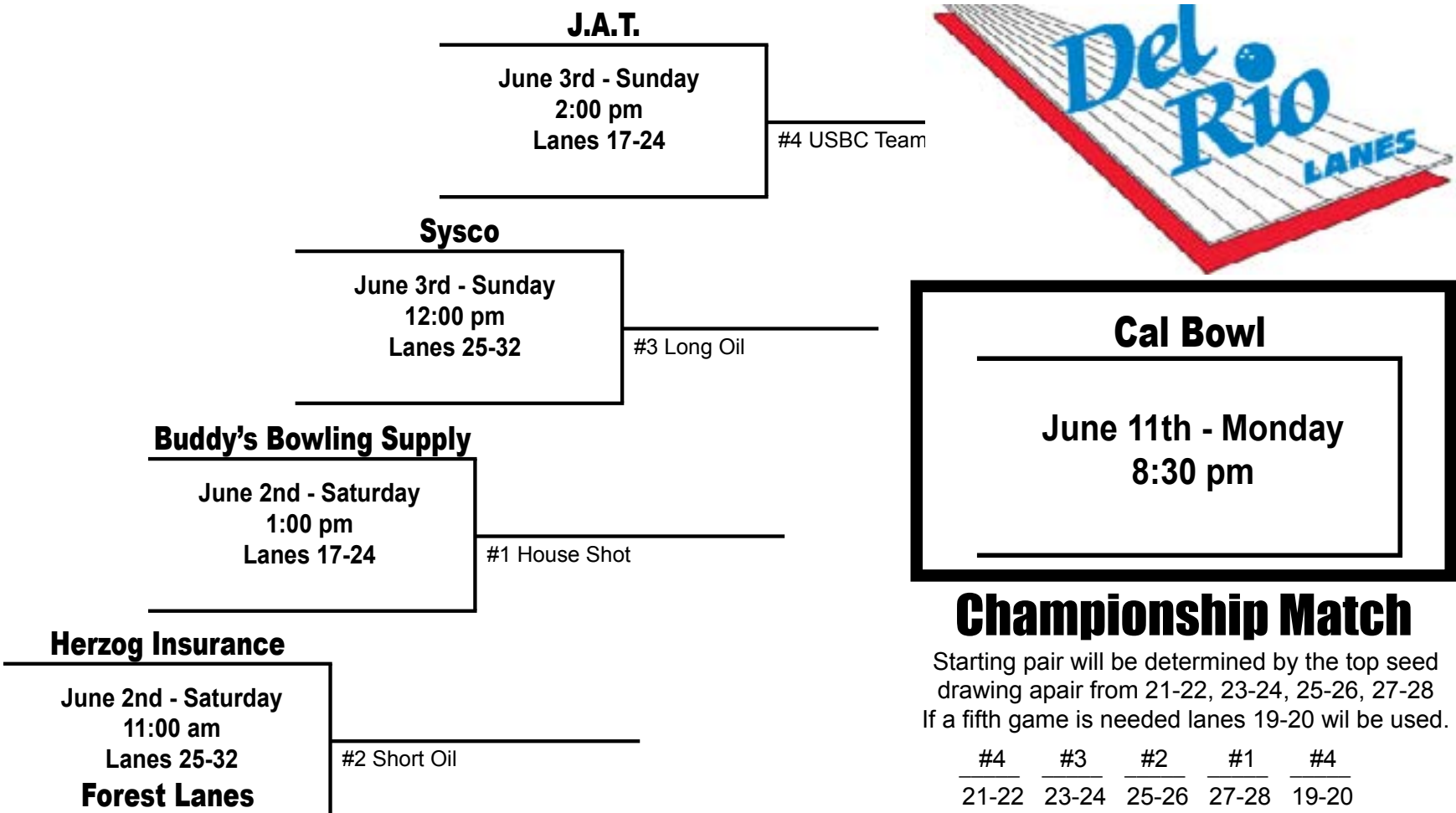
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