

Graham Fach's record-setting series highlights the latest news from the 2024 PBA LBC National Championships

Through five weekends of the 2024 PBA LBC National Championships, 17-year-old Gianna Brandolino continues to lead the Women's Classic division by a 130-pin margin.

Since Brandolino's performance, she and three additional division leaders have yet to be knocked off their perch: Bobby Kunimura (Men's Handicap), Kahlen Ranson (Women's Handicap) and Garrett Beyer (Boys Jr. Handicap).

But last weekend, Graham Fach's recordsetting weekend powered him to the top of the PBA Exempt division. Mark Blaha (Open Classic), William Froberg (Senior Classic) and Chloe Hickland (Girls Jr. Handicap) have also taken pole positions in their respective divisions.

Should their scores hold up, those eight players will not only earn first-place prizes, but head to Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine for the PBA LBC National Championships Clash. Four additional players - runner-ups in the Open Classic, Women's Classic and PBA Exempt division, plus the highest finishing super senior in the Senior Classic division - will round out the 12-player field.

The televised finals will feature a \$60,000 top prize plus a shot at earning the coveted trophy: The Duke.

by Nolan Hughes



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New Record

Graham Fach logged a spectacular six-game series last weekend to establish a new PBA PBA Exempt leader

LBC National Championships record with a 1,634 series. He former gave

Kris Prather the ax. He chopped the pins at Bowlero Mount Prospect into lumber. I'm all continued on page 3

GOERGEN WINS FIRST NATIONAL TITLE AT 2024 PBA60 TRISTAN'S T.A.P.S. MEMORIA

COLUMBUS, Ohio Getting the chance to step up and deliver a double to win your first national tour title is something bowlers dream about. Now imagine you are 64 years old; you've recently beat cancer and you are bowling against the player who has won the most titles and money in the history of the sport. You can't write a plot line much better than that and this is now Bo Goergen's sto-

ry to tell.

"Who would have thought I was going to get my first national win at 64 years old," he said. "I am trying to let it sink in."

championship The match at the 2024 PBA60 Tristan's T.A.P.S. Memorial Open came down to No. 2 seed Walter Ray Williams Jr. against No. 4 seed Goergen. Last year, Williams Jr. defeated Goergen on his way to winning his first PBA60

title. Throughout match play on Friday, Williams Jr. had averaged 248 over five games, while Goergen had the second highest average at 240 over five games. They were each undefeated as the final match began. As they both warmed up

by Jill Winters

'Well, I am not going to give it to you.' I said, 'I don't want you to give it to me. I want to earn it.' That was our conversation before we started."

Goergen started off by converting the 10 pin on the left lane, while Williams Jr. doubled, which included a light mixer and the 5 pin being the last to fall. He came back smiling and blowing on his right thumb. Goergen responded with a double continued on page 2



Goergen said he and Williams Jr. were talking back and forth.

"He had got me the last six times, and I told him it was my turn," Goergen said. "He said,



Bo Goergen and Wayne Webb

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of his own also blowing on his right thumb as he joked around with his opponent. Williams Jr. followed that up with a strike then picked up a 10 pin also on the left lane.

Goergen's made the 2-8 sleeper and a second 10 pin. Williams remained perfect on the right lane and saw another 10-pin standing. As soon as he released his ball his body language showed he wasn't happy as he missed to the right and came back covering his mouth. Goergen saw his opening and delivered back-toback pocket strikes that he was confidently walking out.

Williams threw a strike and then added some loft on his next left lane delivery for a strike. In the eighth frame, again Goergen left the 2-8, which he converted. He rolled another strike in the foundation frame to set him up for the 10th. Williams threw his fifth straight strike on the right lane then left his third 10 pin on the left lane. He picked it up and patted himself on the back. He finished with a strike and sat down posting a 226 game.

Prior to his crucial final frame, Goergen spoke with Storm PBA Tour Manager Jim Callahan. They agreed he needed to do a 2-and-one move and keep the ball in front of him. Goergen calmly flushed the first shot walking it out backwards and did a fist pump. He took a deep breath and executed perfectly running his shot out with a double fist pump. Needing to basically stay behind the line, the righthander stuck to his process, and before the ball hit the pins, he raised both arms up triumphantly. He clapped and smiled as he hugged Williams Jr. after finishing with 233.

"Somehow execute the shot you have been doing all day," Goergen had told himself. "It doesn't matter who the opponent is, doesn't matter the score. You still have to get up there and beat the lanes and the pins. I was able to make two great shots to win."

Goergen, who is a USBC Hall of Famer, defeated fellow Hall of Fame players Pete McCordic, Pete Weber and finally Williams Jr. to earn this title. It means a lot to him, especially after he beat kidney cancer in November 2022 followed quickly by knee replacement surgery about six weeks later. It was a difficult journey back to where he is today. He contributes getting himself in the gym with helping him achieve success again on the lanes from this win to his third career PBA regional title at the 2023 BowITV PBA50 Regional Players Invitational in January. The selfdescribed gym rat even worked out before he started bowling Friday afternoon.

"At our age, it is hard to do. It is hard to be disciplined and it's hard to get up and go into the gym," he said. "I just really want to treat my body as a temple, because I saw what four months of atrophy in the legs does. I had cancer surgery and then knee replacement surgery right on top of each other. When I came out of that, I was like, 'how do I get these legs back in shape.' Just grind, grind, grind. It all started clicking at Ron Mohr's tournament in November, cashed in every event then won the PBA50 RPI and now this. It has been a good run."

To get into the championship matches, Goergen defeated Pete Weber 205-193. Williams Jr. defeated Walter Schaub II 227-212. Goergen was in control of the match then back-to-back splits in the eighth and ninth gave Weber a chance. Weber struck in the ninth followed by a single pin spare and 7 count. Needing just eight pins across two shots, Goergen converted a single pin and got nine to advance, 205-193.

"Probably after a two-hour drive to Bowling Green it will be like, 'Holy crap, what did I just do?" he said about this feeling. "Tomorrow is another tournament with a great field and a great prize fund, so let's go out and try to do it again."

Goergen and Williams Jr. will be back on the lanes Saturday at the 2024 PBA50 Gary Schluchter Memorial Central/Midwest Classic.

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Pete Weber \$2,500

MATCH SCORES

Semifinal Matches – Goergen def. Weber 205-193 Williams Jr. def. Schaub II 227-212 Championship match – Goergen def. Williams Jr. 233-226 Final standings - 2024 PBA60 Tristan's T.A.P.S. Memorial Open





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tapped out of lumberjack puns (ah, I snuck in one more!), but Fach never fell short on strikes (another one at the buzzer!).

The Canadian never put himself in a 0-3 deficit, firing 280 to start his round. After a series-low 237 in Game 2, he bounced back with 279 in his third game.

That's when Fach channeled his inner-Oiler to dominate in Games 4-6: With a finish of 270, 279 and 289, Fach averaged 272.33 for his six games.

Fach seized the lead in the PBA Exempt division from a fellow Portland Lumberjack. Prather, who shot 1,529 on June 8, remains in second place and would earn a Clash berth if his score holds.

About a dozen PBA Exempt players have yet to compete, but even perennial Player of the Year candidate EJ Tackett will need to perform at his absolute peak form to surpass Fach's record series.

New Leaders

With a 279 in his final game, Mark Blaha overtook the lead in the Open Classic division on June 23. The Minnesota native's 1,523 series has him in position for the \$25,000 first-place prize and a berth in the Clash.

Blaha brought a stuffed animal named "Duke" with him. He said Duke served as a reminder of who inspired him to compete in the tournament: his six-year-old son.

Bailey Mavrick currently sits in second place in the Open Classic division with a score of 1,488. Mavrick would also qualify for the Clash should his score hold.

Earlier in June, William "Billy" Froberg fired 1,414 to move in front of the Senior Classic division. A 288 and 268 in the middle of his block powered the Michiganite to the lead.

Watch Froberg's post-game interview here.

Chloe Hickland fired a 1,353 series (969 scratch) to take the lead in the all-new Girls Jr. Handicap division. Hickland, the daughter of Creating The Difference's Ron Hickland Jr., sits in position to bring home a \$2,500 SMART Scholarship.

Not-New Faces

Lennie Boresch Jr. won the Senior Classic division in 2023 and shot 1,357 this year to move into fourth place. The PBA Hall of Famer is in line for a return trip to Portland for the Clash as the leading super senior.

Danielle McEwan could also be heading back to Bayside Bowl. The 32-yearold PWBA Tour star fired 1,266 to move into second place in the Women's Classic division.

Honor Scores

Only two 300 games have been shot through five weekends: AJ Chapman fired the event's first perfect game on June 15, then Evin Anderson connected for perfection later in June. To honor their perfect performances, Chapman and Anderson will receive mini Duke trophies.

Before Fach's absurd block, Riley Smith fired the 2024 event's first 800 series. The McKendree University standout began his round with games for 245, 299 and 259 for an 802 series.

PBA LBC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP CLASH — ADVANCERS AS OF JULY 1

Open Classic Mark Blaha, 1,523 Bailey Mavrick, 1,488

Women's Classic Gianna Brandolino, 1,396 Danielle McEwan, 1,266

PBA Exempt Graham Fach, 1,634 Kris Prather, 1,529

Senior Classic William Froberg, 1,414 Lennie Boresch Jr., 1,357

Men's Handicap Bobby Kunimura 1,567 (1,447 scratch)

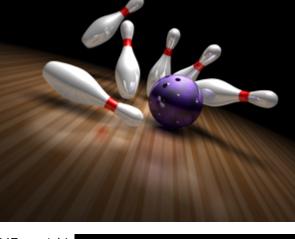
Women's Handicap Kahlen Ranson, 1,451 (1,121 scratch)

Boys Jr. Handicap Garrett Beyer, 1,461 (1,071 scratch)

Girls Jr. Handicap Chloe Hickland, 1,353 (969 scratch)

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Corky DeMaio Record Setter – Record Holder

by Frank Weiler

REDLANDS - Corky DeMaio is a "Living Legend" in these parts and in the surrounding forest. He has done it all and continues to amaze as an 86 year old bowler. At 86 he still is averaging above 200 and scoring. Just last week at Canyon Lanes he rolled a 257 game and 634 series against my team! What's up with that? Does Corky think "he's still a 60 year old kid"? No matter what Corky thinks, he is bowling like a young 60 year old.

But I am not writing about last week. Instead, I want to remind everyone that Corky is "a Record Setter" and "a Record Holder". His 833 (236-299-298) series rolled in the Noonlighters Senior League during the 2015-2016 season is the highest senior league series ever bowled at Empire Bowl.

Now you may ask why I wish to remind everyone of Corky's record. Is it because Corky is my friend? No. Corky is my friend but that's not my reason for reminding everyone of Corky's record. Is it because Corky is a nice guy? No. Corky is a gentleman in every sense of the word but not my reason. Is it because of an oversight on my part? Yes, that's it. You've got it?

A few weeks ago I wrote an article entitled "Incredible – Historic – Memorable" which described my team's 2023-24 Golden Agers League championship season. There I mistakenly wrote that the record high senior league series at Empire Bowl was 828 rolled by Bobby Lyons and then tied by Larry Boyd. I forgot that my friend Corky DeMaio surpassed those series! His 833 series is the senior league record.

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