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PARKER BOHN III EARNS 10TH CAREER PBA50 TITLE

by Jill Winters

WYOMING, Michigan – Absolutely speechless! Parker Bohn III is running out of ways to describe the magical run his family has been on over the past month and his individual success this season.

On Thursday evening, he won his fourth PBA50 title of the year as he successfully defended his title at the PBA50 Spectrum Lanes Open with a 265-216 win over James Campbell.

“It’s indescribable,” he said laughing. “Who knows what it is, but my God, if you want to talk about the stars being aligned, they are lined up throughout the galaxy now.”

“The universe right now you can read it, it says Bohn.”

Bohn III was dominant in his two matches. During his practice shots he didn’t like the look he had with the DV8 Collision and as soon as he saw the results after throwing a Track Stealth there was no doubt in his mind.

“When it went down the lane and it picked up, it went through the pins with authority,” he said. “Immediately, I said to my ball rep, Tom Carter, that is my ball of choice. It looked fantastic.”

In his first match as the No. 2 seed against Chris Barnes, one of his closest PBA50 Player of the Year competitors, the smooth lefty rolled nine strikes for a 266-213 win. In the championship match against James Campbell, who was seeking his first PBA50 title, Bohn III threw eleven strikes – leaving the 3-7-9 in his other frame – on the way to collecting his 10th



Parker Bohn III

career PBA50 title.

“To think about winning 10 times on the Senior Tour, when you look at some of the superstars of our sport and what they have amassed,” he reflected, “Now I look at it and I am in double-digits along with some of them. It solidifies that I am still bowling well. Well enough within my age group.”

Bohn III has now won a title this year throwing a Track ball, DV8 ball, and of course a Brunswick Hammer.

“I just can’t thank Brunswick and all of its employees behind-the-scenes that don’t get the glory that I am fortunate to get, for making it all possible,” he said. “This is just unbelievable.”

In the opening match, Barnes was in control as he defeated Michael Calvin 233-194, then he led the entire way in his match against Ryan Shafer getting the 278-213 win.

[View the full PBA50 Spectrum Lanes Open results at PBA50 Spectrum Lanes Open | PBA](#)

COTÉ COLLECTS SECOND WIN OF 2022 AT PWBA DALLAS CLASSIC

DALLAS — Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona, trusted her judgment and stayed patient on a demanding oil pattern to secure her second title of the 2022 Professional Women’s Bowling Association Tour season Thursday at the PWBA Dallas Classic.

The 2021 PWBA Player of the Year defeated Germany’s Birgit Noreiks in the title match at USA Bowl, 200-186, to record the win live on BowlTV and earn the \$10,000 top prize. Noreiks earned \$5,000 for the runner-up finish.

Coté entered Thursday’s stepladder finals as the top seed after posting a 9-3 re-



2022 PWBA Dallas Classic Champion Bryanna Coté

cord in match play on the 36-foot oil pattern being used at the Dallas Classic. The 36-year-old right-

hander also was the top qualifier at the event.

Although she led the tournament by more than

100 pins after 24 games, Coté started the title match

with a bowling ball she had continued on page 5

KOVALOVA WINS FIFTH CAREER TITLE AT 2022 PWBA PEPSI CLASSIC

DALLAS — Ukraine’s Dasha Kovalova has experienced highs and lows when appearing in finals on the Professional Women’s Bowling Association Tour, but when she’s comfortable and confident on the lanes, few have been able to keep up with her.

The 27-year-old right-hander started strong in both of her matches during Saturday’s championship round at the PWBA Pepsi Classic, and she recorded her fifth career title with a 278-195 win over Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York, at USA Bowl.

The win was the first of the 2022 season for Kovalova, and she earned



2022 PWBA Pepsi Classic Champion Dasha Kovalova

\$10,000 for the victory. The stepladder of the Pepsi Classic was broadcast live at BowlTV.com.

Kovalova quickly found

the right look on the 44-foot pattern used at the Pepsi Classic to secure the No. 2 seed with an 8-3-1 record

in match play Saturday,

and in the title match, she started with four consecutive strikes.

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California's Harnit, Marquez Win JBT TPC
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Nicholas Harnit of Hemet and Koryn Marquez of Bakersfield earned the Junior Bowlers Tour's most prestigious titles, wrapping up the 26th season of JBT competition with victories at the Touring Players' Championship, hosted by Strike Zone Bowling Center in Henderson NV.

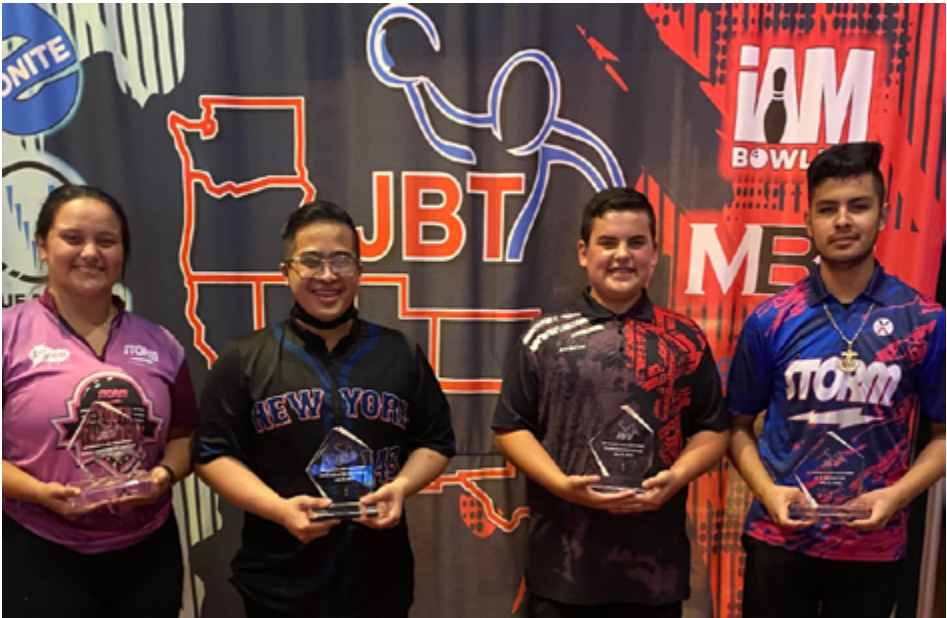
We start off every JBT event with a shout of 'make your spares!', and Harnit became a JBT champ by heeding it, starting with a clean game to beat Oregon's Mackenzi Clark 233-217.

The next match was an absolute thriller, as another Oregonian, Shelby Unger, got the double she needed in the tenth frame, but then got 7 on the fill to tie Harnit at 200. In the following two-frame rolloff, Nicholas' spare was the difference as he advanced. Top seed James McGough of Chula Vista had a fantastic event, getting through ten games of qualifying in sixth place, moving up to the lead after the quarter-finals, and maintaining it in the semifinals. However, Harnit was riding an unstoppable wave of momentum, and came up with another clean game to defeat McGough 227-203, and earn the first title of his JBT career in the biggest way, earning \$2,345 through the win and side events.

Marquez, a Californian bowling for Ottawa University AZ, defeated Longview WA's Piper Chalmers in the Girls Scratch title match 212-191 for the \$400 win and TPC championship. It was her fourth Girls Scratch win of the season, and first JBT major title. Cesar Padilla of Phoenix beat Bud Sicard, Milwaukie OR, in a rematch of last year's U17 title match for that crown and \$400 bonus.

Three Pac NW bowlers joined Las Vegas' Cerell Cardines in the scratch division stepladder finals, and ten frames weren't enough to decide round one, as Duncan Whitaker and Bud Sicard tied at 222. Whitaker won the ensuing rolloff 10-9 to advance. Cardines stopped Duncan 229-203 to advance to the finals. It was a dream title match between Cerell, who won three Invitationals to conclude the regular season, and top seed Ashton Yamasaki, who swept Pac NW Invitational weekend, making them unequivocally the two hottest bowlers on tour. The title match, like the rest of the stepladder, was incredibly well-bowled under major pressure on a demanding pattern. In the end, Cardines knocked over one last 10-pin for the 10th frame mark he needed, beating Yamasaki 223-215, finishing off the storybook ending with his 22nd career JBT title and \$2,070 scholarship payday, while Portland's Yamasaki added \$1,300 to his outstanding JBT season.

In total, 170 talented qualifiers of all ages and skill levels shared in \$22,643 in scholarships! Enormous thanks goes to so many folks for making an event like this possible- Jerry Francomano and the team



JBT TPC Champs Koryn Marquez, Cerell Cardines, Nicholas Harnit, Cesar Padilla

at Strike Zone for hosting us, Darlene and Ramanda and their staffs at Sunset Station for coordinating our room block and incredible Celebration Dinner, title sponsor Ebonite, and our additional sponsors led by IAM Bowling, Timi and crew at An Octopus' Garden for the Girls flowers, and everyone for attending all season long!

It all starts over again very soon, with a double-header at Forest 9/17 and Keystone 9/18 kicking off season 27 of JBT action. Check out www.bowljbt.com for all the details, and email director@bowljbt.com to sign up. Don't miss it!!

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2. James McGough, Chula Vista CA, \$1,025
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1. Cerell Cardines, Las Vegas NV, \$2,070
2. Ashton Yamasaki, Portland OR, \$1,300
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5. Andrew Guba, Las Vegas NV, \$750
6. Mathew Adragna, Tucson AZ, \$300
7. Cesar Padilla, Phoenix AZ, \$1,037
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Pardon My Faux Pas

by Dave Williams

In last week’s column, “New Mexico Open Rivaling Professional Bowling Events,” I made mention of some of the great team scores of all time, including the famous Budweiser Beer team and the Hermann Undertakers, two St. Louis stalwarts on the bowling links. As I was researching some old articles, I found a couple of references to the Hermann Undertakers and both mentioned that their record score was rolled at Floriss Lanes, the same place that the Budweiser’s rolled 3,858 on March 12, 1958.

One of the places that I posted my findings was at J.R. Schmidt’s Bowling History blog, under an old Floriss Lanes matchbook that’s posted in his matchbook collection. It didn’t take long for J.R. to respond saying that the Hermann Undertakers actually bowled their 3,797 total in 1937 at Del-Mar Lanes, another St. Louis bowling center that was located in the west end of St. Louis, about 6 miles from Floriss Lanes.

When I researched further, an article in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch by famed bowling scribe John J. Archibald confirmed Schmidt’s comment. Written the day after the Budweiser’s record total, the release stated, “After a little more than 21 years, the Hermann Undertakers record of 3,797 was broken. It was on January 27, 1937, that the Hermann’s established the mark against a different Budweiser crew at Del-Mar Lanes.”

“Oops!” was my reply to J.R. Schmidt and the readers of his blog. “Usually when I see something confirmed more than once, I assume that it is a fact. I did find two sources, although one was Flickr. In my haste to get the story out, I went with what I had. It’s that old skit by The Three Stooges, or The Odd Couple, or Benny Hill... or whomever (I will not assume who did it first) — Whenever you assume, you make an “ass” of “u” and “me.”

I ended the post by stating, “The silver lining is that I will have to write a retraction and do another story about Del-Mar Lanes! Thanks for setting the story straight. That’s why you’re the historian, and I’m not!” Because of J.R.’s quick response, I was able to submit a rewrite that appeared in most of the journals, but just for fun decided to continue my investigation into everything St. Louis.

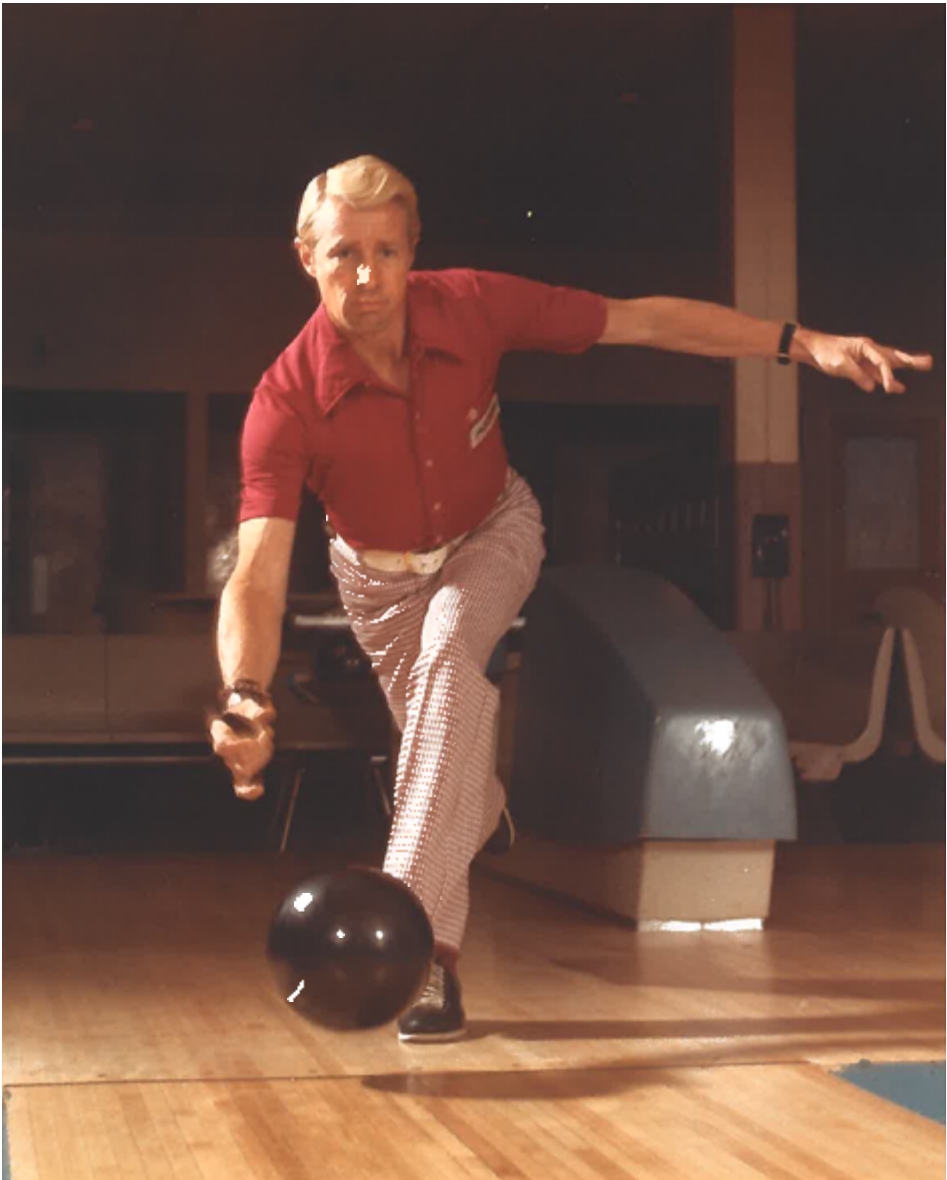
After looking high and low for information on Del-Mar Lanes, I found nothing, other than it was located at 5025 Delmar Boulevard, which is now the location of a Burger King restaurant. There’s another bowling center close by (6191 Delmar) that has the same number of bowling lanes as the shuttered Del-Mar, but I could not ascertain if the drives were from the original Del-Mar pin palace.

As I continued looking for more information, I found that St. Louis is currently the home for both the individual 5-man team game alluded to in last week’s article (Shelter Insurance with a 1,457 total), and the 5-man team series — 3,986 by BJ’s, a mixed team comprised of 3 men and 2 women. BJ’s recorded their total at Show Me Lanes, which unfortunately has since closed, with plans for, what else... a 4-story U-Haul storage facility to take its place.

Members of the BJ’s team included: Jay Bradshaw (826), Jana Luden (805), Jim Luden (801), Linda Bradshaw (760) and John Bogacki Jr. (794). They recorded their score on March 10, 2016, on games of 1,319, 1,317 and 1,350 for a 3,986 total. They topped the previous record at the time of 3,937 set by Pro Bowl West of Chattanooga, Tennessee on March 30, 2009.

A YouTube video that caught my eye was posted by Mike Ware and titled “Dick Weber — Bowling’s Ambassador Lives On.” What an amazing video! It was a tribute to Weber that was originally a dream of Bill McCorkle, a part-time pro bowler from St. Louis. I remember receiving a letter, or reading about Bill’s project a couple of years after Weber’s death and his desire to develop a film about Mr. Weber’s life. Because of the devotion that I had for my job, and the interest of the owners of Nationwide Bowling for me not to bowl or write articles for almost 20 years, I regretfully declined to attend.

How good is this film? I discovered it on Wednesday evening and I’m now watching it for the fourth time, on Friday morning! It is chock full of testimonials about Dick Weber that I also experienced while traveling with the man. A couple that caught my attention are transcribed below:



Dick Weber - Photo provided by Dave Williams

Dave Bernhardt, the founder of Turbo Grips, stated: “Dick Weber met my daughter one time at a pro-am event. Five years later at another pro-am, he came up to my daughter and asked, ‘How are you doing Nicole?’ He just had a way of remembering names.”

I often wondered about his incredible knack of remembering names. Dick and I were bowling an exhibition at AMF Wonder Bowl in Massachusetts and a woman came over to ask if he remembered her from when they had bowled a pro-am about twenty years earlier. Weber put his index finger to his lips and then pointed and said, “Yes, I remember you.” I thought to myself... sure, he remembers her (not!). But at the end of the game, he went over to the woman and made a comment about her husband that he had recalled. He really did remember her 20 years later, after meeting her only once! Incredible.

In another segment of the video, Junichi Yajima of the Japan Professional Bowlers Association commented about an experience that he had at the 1979 Brunswick World Championship in Chicago. Yajima had bowled a 300 game, but because of some confusion with the paperwork, his PBA application had not been processed, and he was denied a PBA 300 game award. “Dick did everything he could to get that 300 ring for me,” said Yajima. “When everything had failed, he finally gave me his own ring” (holds up Weber’s ring on his finger in the video).

Dick Weber truly was bowling’s ambassador to the world.

“Dick Weber — Bowling’s Ambassador Lives On” can be viewed at:
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not used during the event. The decision helped her claim her fourth career PWBA Tour title. “Something told me to try this one from way in on the practice pair to see if it did the right things, and it did,” Coté said. “It was one of those gut feelings, and you can’t be afraid to make those decisions. Sometimes it pays off and sometimes it doesn’t, but I think you learn more about yourself if you make those decisions, commit to it and see what happens.”

Coté’s run in the title match started slow, as she was unable to strike in her first six frames, which included a 2-8-10 split and open frame in the second. Noreiks, who had won her first three matches in the stepladder to advance, also had an open in the second and no strikes through four frames.

Noreiks doubled in the fifth and sixth frames to take the lead, and the three-time PWBA Tour champion made it three in a row with a Brooklyn strike in the seventh.

Even though the strikes had not fallen for Coté, she felt her game plan was in place and was happy to be executing well and filling frames.

“The left lane looked really tricky, but I finally got to a position where I felt pretty confident on both lanes,” said Coté, who made her fifth championship-round appearance of 2022. “I knew I could hit the pocket, and it was going to be whether or not the pins would carry. I made my spares, and because of how hard they were, that helped keep me in the game.”

The patience with the new ball paid off for Coté in the seventh as she started her own string of three consecutive strikes to even the match and set up the final frame.

A spare in the ninth frame from Noreiks meant Coté could not be shut out. Noreiks followed with a 4-6-7 split and open in the 10th, allowing Coté the opportunity to collect the win with a nine count on her next delivery. She toppled nine pins, leaving the 10 pin standing, to secure the first of three tournaments at the Dallas Classic Series.

The Dallas Classic Series includes the final three events of the 2022 season - Dallas Classic, PWBA Pepsi Classic and PWBA Tour Championship. The Pepsi Classic is taking place Aug. 5-6, and the Tour Championship, the third major of the year, will be Aug. 7-9.

Coté became the first athlete to win multiple titles in the 2022 season with her victory Thursday. Her first win of the year took place at the PWBA BVL Classic in June.

The win marks the first time she has won two titles in a season, but the ability to navigate the challenging lane conditions as the top seed is the biggest thing she’ll take forward for the rest of the week at USA Bowl.

“You can watch as much as you want, but there’s so much that happens to the lanes,” said Coté, who finished as the runner-up at the 2022 PWBA Long Island Classic after earning the top seed. “You really get a lot of information in those first couple matches, and I think winning from the No. 1 seed is pretty difficult. Winning twice during the same season also is very difficult on tour, so being able to tackle both of those in one shot really gives me a boost of confidence, knowing I can make 10 really good shots when they’re tough. But, I have to switch gears for the second event. I have a long week ahead, and a major at the end of the week that I’m looking forward to.”

Noreiks, the 2022 United States Bowling Congress Queens champion, advanced to the title match with a win over Shannon O’Keefe of Shiloh, Illinois, 193-147. Noreiks stayed clean during the semifinal, while four splits slowed down O’Keefe, who was looking for her second win of 2022 and 16th career title.

Noreiks posted a 268-225 win over seven-time PWBA Tour champion Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York, for her second victory in the stepladder. Noreiks struck on nine of her first 10 deliveries.

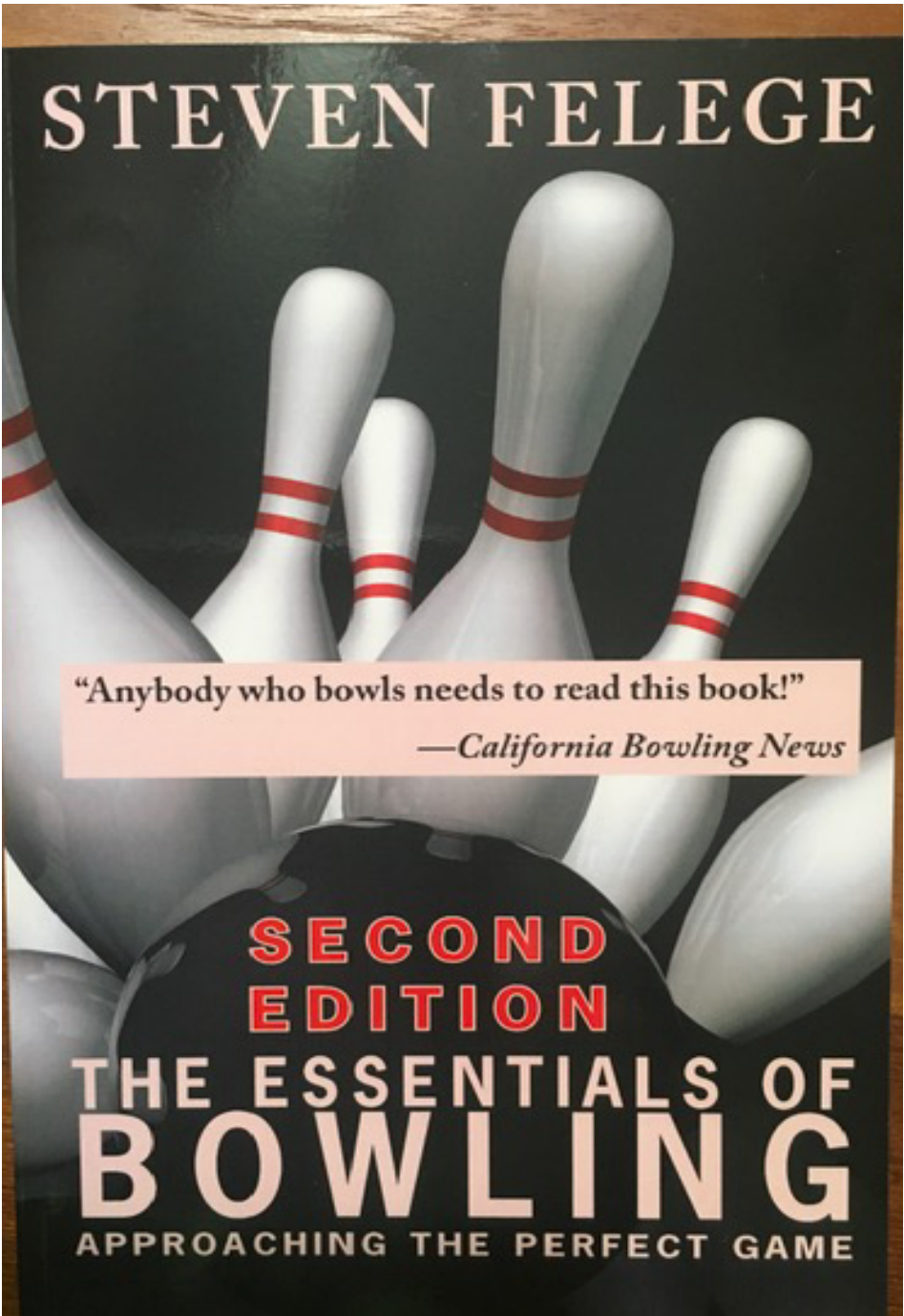
Thursday’s opening match came down to the final frame as Noreiks faced Colombia’s Clara Guerrero. Noreiks rolled three strikes in her 10th frame to force Guerrero, the 2016 PWBA Players Championship winner, to strike on her first delivery for the opportunity to advance. Guerrero left a 10 pin, however, to finish fifth, 195-190.

The Dallas Classic featured 12 games of qualifying Wednesday to determine the top 12 players for round-robin match play Thursday. Total pinfall, including bonus pins, for 24 games determined the five finalists for the stepladder.

The combined qualifying totals for the Dallas Classic and Pepsi Classic (24 games) will determine the 24 athletes advancing to the Tour Championship.

Pinfall will drop at the beginning of the Tour Championship, with all advancers bowling three eight-game blocks of round-robin match play Sunday and Monday. The top five athletes, based on total pinfall and bonus pins, will advance to Tuesday’s stepladder finals.

The finals of the Tour Championship will be broadcast Tuesday at 7 p.m. Eastern on CBS Sports Network. The winner will earn the \$50,000 top prize.



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to be the only thing to slow down Kovalova, and she struck on every shot following her spare conversion. McEwan didn't find the right combination to carry on the right lane until the ninth frame after striking on her first four deliveries on the left lane.

"I kind of had a mindset that if I keep on striking, hopefully it will be enough to tie," Kovalova said. "Then, I kept striking. When I got to the frame where I could not be caught, I kind of cried a little bit. It's been a rough year. Having a win and enjoying the moment was important for my psyche, and my mom was here, too, which was cool."

Kovalova also started with four consecutive strikes to settle in during her semifinal match against Hope Gramly of Aubrey, Texas. She rolled a strike to start her final frame to lock up the victory, 228-216.

Kovalova has averaged more than 259 in the title match of her five wins, and she's one of five athletes in tour history to roll a 300 game during a championship-round appearance. She fired the perfect game during the title tilt of the 2019 Pepsi PWBA Louisville Open.

She also has been susceptible to low games during her stepladder appearances, and it's something that has taken some time for her to work through.

"It felt so great, because usually I get out of the gates with a couple splits, and then the other person strikes, and then there's another 160," Kovalova said. "But, not this time. When I saw I could successfully keep the ball in the pocket and the reaction was predictable, I was like, yes, it's striking time.

"I tried to slow my mind down. Sometimes, it races too fast, so I move too fast and forget I have to actually look at my target to hit it. I also made sure I stuck to my pre-shot routine. Sometimes, I need to do it more than once just to calm my nerves, but I did have a little bit less of going back and forth tonight, which I'm very proud of."

McEwan, a seven-time PWBA Tour champion, was looking for her first win of 2022. She earned the top seed after averaging nearly 220 over 24 games.

She made her fourth consecutive championship-round appearance of the season, and sixth overall. She finished fourth at the PWBA Dallas Classic on Thursday and now has three runner-up finishes in 2022.

Gramly made her second championship-round appearance of the year after recording a fifth-place finish at the United States Bowling Congress Queens in May. The two-time National Tenpin Coaches Association Division II Player of the Year at McKendree advanced to the semifinals after defeating Mexico's Tannya Lopez, 246-203.

Lopez was making her first appearance in a stepladder on the PWBA Tour after qualifying as the No. 3 seed.

In Saturday's opening match, Gramly outlasted Olivia Farwell of Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, 193-171.

Farwell also was making her first championship-round appearance on the PWBA Tour. She joined the tour this season after being named the 2022 NTCA Division I Player of the Year at Duquesne.

The Pepsi Classic started with 83 athletes Friday. All competitors bowled two six-game rounds of qualifying to determine the top 12 for Saturday's match-play rounds.

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Paul Klein Keeps Tacking On the Milestones

By Fred Eisenhammer

WINNETKA -- How many bowlers can take 16 years off from the game and suddenly rack up a string of milestones?

There's at least one. That's Paul Klein.

Klein, an Encino resident, averaged about 180 while he was bowling for about a dozen years at several bowling centers around the Valley.

Then he quit in 2005 to focus more on his golfing game and his roofing business. But bowling was still in his blood and he jumped from Matador Bowl to Winnetka Bowl last year. Alex Glikmann recruited him and league novice Doug Silver to join him on a three-man team in the senior-based Funtimers League last fall.

Then the magic started.

The trio claimed the league championship – Klein's first. "We were hot," Klein remembered. "We started with lower averages and just kept getting better as the league went on. That's the way to do it. Start low and get better."

Now flash forward to this summer's Funtimers season and Klein scored another milestone when he crushed a career-best 634 series with three games over 200.

"I'm getting back into the swing of it," Klein said.

Not bad for someone who's 74 years ago and averaging 162.

But this story's not over. Less than two months ago, Klein recorded another milestone and, if you converse with him at length, you'll quickly recognize that this feat means much more to him than the rest.

On June 15, he celebrated his 53rd wedding anniversary with his wife, Elayne, also a talented bowler and very competitive herself.

So it's not too surprising that the two got into a competitive showdown the first time they met long ago. Klein went to visit his cousin and bumped into Elayne in the condominium's recreation room.

Soon after, Klein was playing toe-to-toe against Elayne in Ping-Pong.

"We were both very good in Ping-Pong and I beat her," said Klein, a former star pole-vaulter at Van Nuys High and a very popular figure on the bowling lanes. "She's never let me forget that I beat her."

"Said Elayne: "He and I are very competitive by nature. I kept saying, 'One more game.' We had four games to 21. They were all close. We met competing and we've never stopped."

Altogether, Elayne, who just turned 73, said they've been together 55 years.

"He's proud of it and so am I," Elayne said. "We've been happily married for a long time."

The secret of their marital bliss?

"It's the same secret that every man gives," said Klein, whose youthful appearance makes him look almost out of place in a senior league.

"Do whatever she says and everything will be fine."

And he added this about his marriage: "I'm very proud of it. We have two great kids and four grandchildren. It's wonderful. I'm lucky, actually."



Paul and Elayne Klein, shown at Winnetka Bowl, have been married 53 years. Paul has been racking up the milestones on the bowling alley as well.

Photo by Fred Eisenhammer

Speed Ratings For Fifty PWBA Bowlers

by Frank Weiler

Last week I reported the Top Ten PWBA "SPEED QUEENS". I am back with more because I thought everyone would be interested in where their favorite PWBA Star rates as a speedster. Who rolls the fastest strike ball on the PWBA Tour.

While listing the TOP TEN speedsters I explained why I thought Bowling fans were enamored with such statistics as ball speed and ball revolutions. It seems to be all about the titillation of our senses, the infusion of excitement into the competition and a maybe even a pinch of voyeurism. We want to know who is bigger, faster and quicker. Then there is the ever growing wagering industry where betting on everything from high, low, over, under, start and stop. Whatever each fan's reason, the ever-expanding world of sports statistics is here to stay.

As I wrote last week, I am a huge PWBA fan. I mean, really, really huge PWBA fan. I enjoy watching the professional ladies bowl more than watching the PBA stars bowl. It's because the ladies are better bowlers than the men. They are better bowlers because they are more accurate and more consistent than the men. They have to be because they are not as big and strong as the men. They are also very competitive. I appreciate talent and competitiveness.

Now you know why I subscribe to BOWL-TV. BOWL-TV broadcasts all PWBA events. BOWL-TV features the best bowlers in the world, the women of the PWBA.

While watching the PWBA earlier this season I started recording each bowlers first ball speed to determine who is the PWBA's "SPEED QUEEN". Who is the PWBA's "TOP GUN". Who rolls the fastest strike ball on the PWBA Tour. I NEEDED TO KNOW.

So maybe you have that same need to know. If you do here are the ball speeds for 50 PWBA bowlers. These are the "TOP 50" PWBA "SPEED QUEENS":



Shannon Pluhowsky #2 Rated PWBA Speed Queen

While all of the above bowlers registered ball speeds above 14 MPH there were bowlers with lower speeds. The lowest ball speed recorded was 11.11 MPH.

I should disclose that my sample size was limited to one tournament and just the two oil patterns (36 foot and 40 foot) applied during two Qualifying Squads. Also, the speed used is the fastest observed and not the average speed of all strike balls rolled. Therefore, I realize that my study may not be considered scientific. However, my statistics does give us a snapshot of the current ball speeds (strike balls) of our PWBA bowlers.



Frank Weiler & #1 PWBA Speed Queen Daria Pajak

Bowler	Recorded Ball Speed (Strike Ball) MPH
1. Daria Pajak	17.40
2. Shannon Pluhowsky	17.23
3. Dasha Kovalova	17.18
4. Breanna Clemmer	16.95
5. Shannon Sellens	16.89
6. Josie Barnes	16.75
7. Maria Bulanova	16.47
8. Angie Ramirez-Perea	16.44
9. Taylor Bulthuis	16.28
10. Shalin Zukifli	16.24
11. Shannon O'Keefe	16.23
12. Liz Johnson	15.99
13. Jordan Richard	15.98
14. Mary Carey	15.95
15T. Verity Crawley	15.88
Shayna Ng	
17. Missy Parkin	15.87
18. Stephanie Zavala	15.85
19. Jillian Martin	15.76
20. Cherie Tan	15.67
21. Erin McCarthy	15.55
22. Valerie Bercier	15.49
23. Clara Guerrero	15.41
24. Daphne Tan	15.40
25. Este Fania Cobo	15.33
26. G.G. Mason	15.31
27. Birgit Noreiks	15.30
28. Giselle Poss	15.27
29. Jezreel Tan	15.26
30T. Liz Kuhlkin	15.16
Lauren Pate	
32. Diana Zavjalova	15.14
33. Summer Jasmine	15.13
34. Julia Bond	15.08
35. Crystal Ellat	15.05
36. Rocio Restrepo	15.04
37. Kelly Kulick	15.03
38. Bryanna Cote	15.01
39. Elise Bolton	15.00
40. Ashley Galante	14.93
41. Taylor Bailey	14.91
42. Maria Jose Rodriguez	14.90
43. Jan Higgins	14.83
44. Danielle McEwan	14.75
45. Bernice Lim	14.50
46. Haley Richard	14.34
47. Tanya Roumimper	14.32
48. Lindsay Boomershine	14.26
49. Sydney Brummett	14.16
50. Courtney Ermisch	14.02

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