

BAGG'IN At The BLAST – Part II AJ JOHNSON CAPT

LAUGHLIN, NV. – Last week I wrote about my suspicions that some bowlers were sandbagging at the Laughlin Blast Tournament. I supported my suspicions with a sampling of scores and statistics. Reactions to my suspicions have been mixed. Some readers agree with my assessment of the situation and some disagree. The bottom line, sandbagging is controversial.

We all know that sandbagging is bad for Bowling and unfortunately is a cancer that plagues all of our sport. It is a malady not confined to any one league or tournament. Most every league and tournament is probably a victim of sandbagging. While I suspect the Laughlin Blast Tournament and it's honorable bowlers may have been victimized by sandbaggers in the past, THE LAUGHLIN **BLAST TOURNAMENT** DOES NOT ALLOW. CONDONE OR ENABLE SANDBAGGING. As a Laughlin Blast participant, I know the tournament has re-rated bowlers in the past.

This past week I spoke to **Brad Domes**, Laughlin Blast owner and operator. He is categorically opposed to sandbagging. In addition to rerating bowlers, as done in the past, he plans to implement some new measures to eliminate

sandbagging. In addition to carefully verifying all averages, as in the past, I expect a closer review will be made of past tournament scoring with a comparison made to each bowler's entering average.

There are two measures I hope the Tournament might consider. First, why not do what the USBC does at it's Open Tournament? Use each bowler's tournament average (for past three tournaments) to determine a bowler's classification, handicap and awards. Second, why not cap all handicap game scores at 300. Otherwise, all higher average bowlers who do not receive any handicap are at a disadvantage. That's because without handicap they cannot score above 300.

All of this is great news. The Laughlin Blast is destined to become the fairest bowling tournament there is.

I have two closing thoughts.

First, I urge all bowlers to keep an eye open for sandbagging and to report all such suspected cheating to tournament directors, league officials and USBC officials when necessary. Second, "COME ONE, COME ALL" – Join me next January at Don Laughlin's Riverside Lanes.

Let's bowl the Laughlin Blast.

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AJ JOHNSON CAPTURES ELUSIVE FIRST CAREER TITLE AT STORM LUCKY LARSEN MASTERS by Nolan Hughes

For much of his eightyear professional career, AJ Johnson has been known as the best player in the world... without a PBA Tour title. Not anymore. Johnson defeated Jesper Svensson, 220-174, in the title match to win the Storm Lucky Larsen Masters in Helsingborg, Sweden.

"People always say, 'If you want to be the best, you've got to beat the best," Johnson said. "I think I did that today."

Johnson arrived in Sweden as a 30-year-old without a PBA Tour title. He leaves as a 31-yearold champion.



After a half-dozen runner-up finishes, dating all the way back to the 2015 USBC Masters, Johnson finally captured the elusive title. He earned 150.000 SEK, about \$13,500 USD, for the win.

Johnson took advantage of a few breaks in the championship match. His opening shot against Svensson crossed over for a Brooklyn strike, while started the match by leaving a pocket 7-9 split. In the fourth frame, Johnson again threw a Brooklyn strike as Svensson left a stone-9.

However, Johnson stayed clean, including a washout conversion in the sixth frame, to prevent Svensson from fighting back into the match.

Johnson also came up clutch in the semifinal against Anthony Simonsen.

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RICHARD USES BREAKOUT SEASON TO WIN 2023 PWBA PLAYER OF THE YEAR

ARLINGTON, Texas – Jordan Richard of Tipton, Michigan, has been a well-known and wellrespected competitor on the PWBA Tour ever since her rookie season in 2018.

It's easy to understand why as Richard made her presence felt almost immediately during her debut campaign, winning a title – the 2018 PWBA Greater Harrisburg Open – and walking away with 2018 PWBA Rookie of



have come up.

Nevertheless, it would have been hard for anyone, herself included, to predict just how dominant the 27-year-old right-hander would be during her fifth year on tour.

Dominant is precisely what Richard was this season, however, as she led the tour in wins stepladder finals (3), appearances (6), average (219.69), cashes (11) and perfect games (3), which allowed her to emerge as the 2023 PWBA Player of the Year. Latvia's Diana Zavjalova - winner of the 2023 Waterloo Open finished second while United 2023 States Bowling Congress Queens champion Lindcontinued on page 6

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the Year honors.

Richard reached the winner's circle again during her sophomore season – at the 2019 PWBA Lincoln Open – and put her name at or near the top of the standings at multiple PWBA Tour stops and international competitions with Team



2023 Player of the Year Jordan Richard

USA during the 2021 a and 2022 seasons – the r 2020 PWBA Tour season t was canceled due to the t COVID-19 pandemic. s As such, had you F

asked PWBA fans to name possible player of the year candidates prior to the start of the 2023 season, it's likely that Richard's name would

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STREET AND STRETCH EARN TITLES IN U20 AT 2023 JUNIOR GOLD CHAMPIONSHIPS





INDIANAPOLIS - Carter Street and Jenna Stretch each collected their first titles in Junior Gold Championships competition by winning the boys and girls titles respectively in the 20-and-under division of the 2023 Junior Gold Championships.

Street of Dublin, Ohio, and Stretch of Auburn Township, Ohio, were the top seeds for the finals which aired on CBS Sports Network Wednesday night from Royal Pin Western.

Street won his title match over Julian Salinas of Richmond, Texas, 204-201, while Stretch defeated Jillian Martin of Stow, Ohio, 235-214.

Street's title match against Salinas pitted a pair of current Junior Team USA members against each other, and it ended in stunning fashion.

Salinas, a junior on the bowling team at Savannah College of Art and Design-Savannah, grabbed the early lead by starting the match with strikes in each of the first four frames. Both players suffered open frames in the fifth when each was unable to convert 4-6-7 splits.

Salinas would strike in the sixth frame and convert three consecutive single-pin spares in frames seven through nine. Street, who enters his sophomore season with the Wichita State University bowling team this fall, struck in the sixth, converted a spare in the seventh, then strung together three consecutive strikes in frames eight, nine and on his first shot in the 10th. He then left the 4-6 split on his second shot in the 10th and finished with 204.

That left Salinas needing a mark in the 10th to secure the win. He left the 10 pin on his first shot in the 10th and then missed the spare, sending his ball into the gutter before it reached the 10 pin. Salinas stood at the foul line with a look of disbelief and despair on his face as Street sat stunned in his seat, trying to process his victory.

Salinas, who was the #3 seed for the finals, made it to the title match by defeating #2 seed Austin Grammar of Hamersville, Ohio, in the semifinal match. 237-172.

Grammar, who will bowl his senior season at Webber International University this year, was undone by open frames in the fourth after a 4-6 split, and in the sixth and ninth when he failed to convert the 3-6-10 and a 10 pin respectively. Salinas put the match away with a pair of three-baggers in frames four through six and eight through 10.

For Street, the way the title match ended didn't lessen the meaning of the win, especially after finishing fourth and second the last two years in the U18 division of this event.

"This win means everything," Street said. "Winning this event and making Junior Team USA, that's what I came here for. To have come so close the last two years makes winning it this year even better."

While the girls title match didn't offer as much drama as the boys, it did feature an impressive performance by Stretch, who had never finished higher than 57th in her three previous attempts at the Junior Gold Championships.

"I was way calmer on the TV show than I was expecting to be," Stretch said. "I thought I was going to be really nervous, but I was actually able to just dial in and focus my eyes on the lanes and just tried to treat it as another day bowling."

Perhaps adding to Strech's comfort level was the rough start endured by Martin in the title match. After looking comfortable and confident in a 233-181 semifinal victory over Brystal Beyer, who bowls col-



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"Julian is a great player and I feel like he bowled better than me in that match," Street said. "I can't speak as to what happened on that spare. I don't know. I just know that he's a great player and I never expected that he would miss in that situation."

Late in match play competition, leading up to the finals, Salinas had to replace his spare ball after it became damaged during competition, drilling up a new one right before his final match play round, which was just a couple hours before the telecast. Still, Salinas wasn't offering any excuses.

"The new spare ball had nothing to do with it," Salinas said. "It felt the same and I made plenty of spares with it. That miss was 100% on me. I'm not mad about it. I feel great about the week I had. I'll look back on the positives from the week and not just that one moment."

legiately at Stephen F. Austin State University, things didn't go as planned in the championship match.

Martin, who will be a sophomore on the bowling team at the University of Nebraska this fall, suffered three consecutive splits to start the final match (4-6-7 in frame one, 2-4-8-10 in frame two and a pocket 7-10 in frame three) and was unable to convert any of them.

"Lanes can change quickly on TV under the bright lights," Martin said. "Unfortunately, things started to change for me. I tried to move around and settle in, and thought I threw a good shot in the third frame, but happened to leave a pocket 7-10. For me, at that point, I had to make a ball change and I bowled well the rest of the way."

Martin did bowl well the rest of the way, striking on every shot except the seventh frame, when she converted the 2-8 combination, and on her fill ball in the 10th.

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The problem for Martin was that Stretch never let her back in the match after those early open frames. Stretch struck seven times, including a four-bagger in frames three through six, never had an open frame, and threw a double late in the match that helped seal the win.

"I came into this week not knowing I would even get to this point," Stretch said. "I just focused on hitting the pocket, making my spares and just tried to remain calm. I think I did a really good job with all of that and I'm proud of myself for that."

For Martin, a Junior Gold Championships title remains about the only thing she hasn't accomplished in a decorated youth bowling career. Her second-place finish marked her sixth top-10 finish in this event and the fourth time she's finished in the top five.

"I'm really happy with how I performed this week," Martin said. "Obviously, this is the one tournament I haven't gotten under my belt yet, so I was really determined this week. I stuck to my game plan and did a lot of really good things. I can't be mad. I can't be upset. I just need to keep moving on and keep this mentality going forward."

Like Street, Stretch, who will be a sophomore on the bowling team at Mercyhurst University, said this win means "everything" to her, as does qualifying for Junior Team USA.

"I'm very humbled and grateful for that opportunity," Stretch said. "It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that not many people get to have, so I'm just really grateful for that."

The U20 division also served as a qualifier for automatic spots on 2024 Junior Team USA. In the boys and girls divisions, the top four qualifiers after 26 games of qualifying, the event champion, and the event runner-up qualified for Junior Team USA 2024.

Based on those criteria, the automatic qualifiers for 2024 Junior Team USA are:

Boys Division:

Nathan Smith, Noblesville, Indiana (first after 26 games of qualifying)

Ryan Speer, Beech Grove, Indiana (second after 26 games of qualifying)

Brendan Salo, Dayton, Ohio (third after 26 games of qualifying)

Justin Bohn, Jackson, New Jersey (fourth after 26 games of qualifying)

Carter Street, Dublin, Ohio (event champion)

Julian Salinas, Richmond, Texas (event runner-up)

Girls Division:

Jillian Martin, Stow, Ohio (event runner-up and first after 26 games of qualifying)

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Jenna Stretch, Auburn Township, Ohio (event champion and third after 26 games of qualifying)

Brystal Beyer, Ogdensburg, Wisconsin (fourth after 26 games of qualifying)

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**Since event runner-up Jillian Martin also finished first after 26 games of qualifying, Rogers makes the team as the sixth-place finisher after qualifying.

BowITV.com carried all of the action in the U20 division live leading up to the CBS Sports Network finals.

Defending boys champion Justin Bohn of Jackson, New Jersey, was eliminated in the first round of match play Thursday morning, and defending girls champion Anna Callan of La Crosse, Wisconsin, was eliminated one round later.

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Remembering Henry Kaven

by Dave Williams

The Storm Lucky Larsen Masters that's currently underway in Helsingborg, Sweden, brings back memories for me, of a man at AMF that worked completely behind the scenes. He probably knew more about the AMF Staff of Champions than anyone. You see, he was the one that made all of the travel arrangements and approved the expense reports for all of the big name stars, as well as many on the corporate staff that had jobs requiring a lot of travel.

His name is Henry Kaven. Whenever venturing into his office, he would sit back and pull out a match and light his favorite pipe. You could almost see the wheels turning inside his head, wondering what you had up your sleeve. No matter what kind of information you were seeking, such as trying to get in touch with one of the pro staff members, you would not get it from Mr. Kaven. As the famous line from Sergeant Schultz in Hogan's Heroes goes ... "I know nothing!"

There aren't that many bowlers from the USA entered in this final event on the 2023 PBA Tour. The usual host of superstars have made the trek to Sweden, including Kyle Troup, Andrew Anderson, Chris Barnes, Kris Prather, Sean Rash, Anthony Simonsen and a few others. There's also the 4 finalists in the PBA LBC National Championships Clash: A.J. Johnson, Jake Peters, Danielle McEwan, and Verity Crawley (who's actually from England).

Both E.J. Tackett and Jason Belmonte have decided not to compete in the event. That places the odds-on favorite in the tournament to be Anthony Simonsen, the 26-year-old phenom from Las Vegas that seems to peak during the major events. With 352 worldwide entries in the Storm Lucky Larsen Masters, this is shaping up to be one of the really big events for 2023.

"It's one of those things where if I were to win it, that would make the Player of the Year race interesting," Simonsen said in an interview with Nolan Hughes at pba.com. "It's not like I'm going to Sweden and press like I have to win this one. I'm just going to bowl like it's any other event." (At the time of this writing, Simonsen was sitting in second place overall).

The Kaven Connection

Before booking flights and making reservations became so easy, a person like Henry Kaven was necessary in a large conglomerate like AMF. When I first arrived on the scene at AMF's headquarters, I was used to making my own reservations and had received a reputation for being very frugal.

Of course the president of our division was quite pleased with my expense reports. "You need to be more like Dave," he would say to the other management staff. While many of them were dining at fine restaurants, my idea of a meal outside of the bowling center was a visit to Burger King (Whopper, large fries and a strawberry milkshake).

One day I was reviewing my itinerary for an upcoming trip and decided to check with Mr. Kaven to see if we could reduce the fare by using a different airline. Henry was not in but his secretary gave me the name of the travel agent that was used by AMF. I told the agent in so many words that it didn't matter what flights he booked, but I wanted a lower fare for the trip from New York to Seattle.

The result was a trip that included something like four or five stopovers, rather than a nonstop flight. The trip included visits to airports that I had never seen before, or since! I learned my lesson, and began using Mr. Kaven for all of my accommodations, without question. I also began inviting the managers out for a bite to eat at restaurants with a one to three star rating.

The Lucky Larsen Magic?

It's been difficult trying to catch the action from Sweden. Most of the live events are in the wee hours of the morning (3 a.m. to 6 a.m.). For every criticism that I've had about the PBA50 tour this summer... I ask for forgiveness! This tournament takes the cake when it comes to difficulty in understanding. There are also no announcers — be careful what you wish for, lest it come true!

Unlike the more formal events in the United States that don't differ that much, the Storm Lucky Larsen Masters has 24 squads of qualifiers, and re-entries are allowed. It's no wonder that the tournament will take ten days to complete. Take a look at what the pro's will be up against all week:

The format calls for a total of 24 rounds



Wayne Zahn



Bill Lillard



- Six game qualifying rounds will be held from 9-1-23 to 9-9-23
- After all rounds are complete, the top 26 bowlers earn a bye into the Finals (Step 2)
- The 27th-44th place qualifiers and another 12 special advancers go to the Finals (Step 1)
- Those last 30 bowlers roll a 5 game round with the top 14 advancing to meet the 26 already in the Finals (Step 2)
- Those 40 players then roll another 6 game round and the top 16 gualify for bracket match play
- The first 2 rounds of match play feature 3 game total pin fall matches, while the semi-finals and finals will be single matches. Simple, right? There are rumors that Chinese water torture may be offered as an opt out during the later stages of this event. Yes, I'm only kidding.

Back to Kaven

I'm not sure if Henry Kaven is still alive, but I certainly do want to thank him for making my life much simpler during my time at AMF. In addition to taking on the responsibility of all those pro bowlers and their itineraries, Henry was also in charge of the files that contained all of the photos and profiles of the AMF Staff of Champions. That was something that I inherited when AMF moved from New York to Richmond.

I still remember the office manager in New York saying, "If there's anything else you want, you better take it now, because tomorrow it's all going in the trash." I promptly rented a U-Haul truck with overdrive and tried to take whatever I thought would be important to the history of bowling. It just happened to be the same week that the area from New York to Richmond was hit with 15 inches of snow (April 24, 1986). Most of the items that I saved from the scrap heap are still at AMF in Richmond, but no one had an interest in the Kaven files. I think that I will donate them to pba.com, bowl.com, and the Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame, who have been so gracious as to allow me to use their photos in articles and columns over the years. I've included three photos from the Kaven files to give you an idea of the history that's involved.

Cheryl Robinson

Photos of Cheryl Robinson (California), Wayne Zahn (Arizona), and Bill Lillard (Texas) provided by Dave Williams (from the files of Henry Kaven)

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say Boomershine of Brigham City, Utah, was third.

The accomplishment allowed Richard to become just the fourth player in PWBA history to win both rookie of the year and player of the year honors, joining USBC Hall of Famers Anne Marie Duggan, Wendy Macpherson and Liz Johnson.

Days after securing this year's player of the year award, it was hard for Richard to express how it felt to be joining such hallowed company.

"It hasn't fully sunk in yet, and I don't think it will for a while," Richard said. "Player of the year is something that everybody dreams about and wants to win in their career, but some of the greatest players in our sport have never won it.

"At the Tour Championship, they have a wall that lists the names of every player who has won player of the year. To think that my name will now be up there forever is surreal; it's really an honor."

It's an honor that was certainly well-deserved as Richard established herself as the player to beat from the very first week of the 2023 season.

She opened the year with a second-place finish to Singapore's Cherie Tan at the season-opening PWBA Stockton Open.

One week later, Richard reached the top of the podium by defeating 2022 U.S. Women's Open champion Erin McCarthy of Elkhorn, Nebraska, 234-153, to win the GoBowling! Spokane Open.

After a disappointing tie for 49th place at the USBC Queens, the season's first major, Richard bounced back by finishing tied for 14th at the Grand Rapids Classic and eighth at the BowITV Classic.

Those finishes were just a precursor to Richard's best stretch of the year, however, as she would win the Great Lakes Classic (241-171 over England's Verity Crawley) on June 6 and the Bowlers Journal Cleveland Open (247-219 over Stefanie Johnson of McKinney, Texas) just four days later to collect her third title in the first seven events of the 2023 PWBA Tour season.

Richard followed that magical run with a ninthplace finish at the U.S. Women's Open before the tour took a scheduled break from June 20-July 27.

The layoff did little to halt Richard's momentum, however, as once action resumed, she recorded top-10 finishes at three of the last four events of the season, including stepladder finals appearances at the Waterloo Open, where she finished third, and the Tour Championship, where she took fourth.

Richard's performance at the Waterloo Open included back-to-back perfect games, which came during Game 5 and Game 6 of qualifying.

That gave Richard three 300s for the season, which moved her ahead of Ashly Galante of Palm Harbor, Florida; Caitlyn Johnson of Beaumont, Texas; and Zavjalova, all of whom had two.

However, as impressive as Richard's consecutive perfect games in Waterloo were, her first 300 of the season was actually the one that meant the most to her

That one came during Game 6 of qualifying at the Cleveland Open, just three games after she carded a season-low score of 124.

"The 300 in Cleveland was really important because it got me back into the tournament, but it also helped me prove to myself that I can do anything," Richard said. "To have such a bad game like that and then turn around a couple games later and shoot top constantly."

But the top is precisely where Richard found herself more often than not throughout the season, and since that was the case, that's exactly where fans and fellow competitors will expect her to be moving forward.

Richard would certainly like to live up to those expectations; however, she knows how difficult it is to win week in and week out on the PWBA Tour. As such, she will be careful not to put any undue pressure upon herself during the 2024 season and beyond.

"Now that I've won player of the year, that's where I want to set the bar going forward, but I have to be realistic with myself," Richard said. "I would like to win three titles every year and be at the top every week, but is that realistic? Probably not. There are so many great players on tour, and the same players don't usually win all the time. That being said, this year proved to me that I'm capable of being at the top and can do just as much as anybody else can."

That's something Richard's family has always known about her, and that's part of the reason why they've supported her so enthusiastically throughout her bowling career.

That support is not something Richard takes for granted.

"I want to dedicate this year to my family," Richard said. "Ever since my brother Matt passed away, we've been trying to fill that void in our lives, and nobody really knows what that's like unless they've been through it. So, this season was for them and the hardships that we face every day. We've always been a close-knit family, and they've always been the ones who have pushed me. Even on their weakest days, they still stand by my side. I dedicate this to them."

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He struck on his final four shots in the semifinal against Anthony Simonsen, forcing the two-handed star to double in his own 10th frame.

Simonsen buried the first strike, but left a 10-pin on the second shot, allowing Johnson to advance to the title match with a narrow 193-191 victory. With his third/fourth-place finish, Simonsen secured his 17th top-10 finish in 17 title events this season.

In the quarterfinals, Johnson fired 300 and 802 to defeat Kris Prather in the three-game match. Johnson defeated Ryan Barnes, the collegiate star who is the son of Chris Barnes, in the opening round.

Johnson will return to the lanes at the PBA League Elias Cup presented by Pabst Blue Ribbon, which begins Sept. 23 in Portland, Maine. He's also a finalist in the PBA LBC National Championships Clash. MATCH PLAY SCORES Round of 16

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No. 3 Andrew Anderson def. No. 14 Kim Bolleby, 758-602

No. 13 AJ Johnson def. No. 4 Ryan Barnes, 650-627

No. 5 Kris Prather def. No. 12 Carl Eklund, 724-676

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300 meant a lot because it showed me what I can overcome; that was definitely one of the highlights of my season."

While that highlight demonstrated Richard's ability to battle through adversity, the majority of the 2023 season was simply a display of stellar bowling on her part.

So that begs the question: how was Richard able to be so strong so consistently this season?

While outstanding execution was certainly on one side of the equation, she pointed to factors outside the bowling center as contributing heavily to the other.

"Moving home grounded me a little bit more and had me focusing more on the things I was doing in my life instead of everybody else's life, so that helped," Richard said. "I was more level-headed this year.

"It sounds silly, but I really just tried focusing more on the baby steps. I started to realize that I can't win the tournament in one game, so I just looked at making the first cut and then making the second cut. Once I started doing that instead of trying to be at the top every time, I started accomplishing more because I wasn't putting pressure on myself to be at the

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37th Year! runswick Southern California's Richest League Kicks Off 37th Season Mikey Villarreal Blasts 802, Marquan Rivers Posts A Perfect 300

DOWNEY – The Brunswick Invitational took to the lanes for the first week of the new season. Scores were high as bowlers took on the house shot for the first of seven weeks. Scoring highlights included a perfect 300 game by Marquan Rivers and a 298 by Arnold Cheesman. Mikey Villarreal posted the first eight of the season with a strong 802 series. Teams drew for their team numbers/ lane assignments for the random matchups on Week 1.

Cal Bowl took on DV8 on the first pair. Cal Bowl came out strong taking the first two, but it was DV8 storming back with a 1004 game three to take totals and the 3-2 result. Jeff Carr led DV8 with a solid 746 set while James Bael led Cal Bowl with a strong 753.

Team 3 and Team 4 bowled to a 5-0 result with Team 3 taking the clean sweep of the match. Marquan Rivers had the perfect game en route to a 779 series to lead Team 5 while Austin Berube led Team 4 with a 640 set.

Team 5 and Team 6 matched up with Team 5 sweeping the match 5-0. William Morris led Team 5 with a solid 695 set while Scott Silva paced Team 6 with a 623 series.

Westminster Lanes took on Team 8 with Westminster Lanes posting a big 928 game two which was enough to hold on for totals and a 3-2 win. George Reister led Westminster with a 678 set while Augie Labrado Jr. Cheesman (298) for \$160 with 2nd to James paced Team 8 with a 710 series.

by David Yamauchi

Junior Amateur Tour took on Forest Lanes with the two veteran teams paired up for a high-scoring match. Forest Lanes took the 4-1 win with 2703 set dropping only the last game. Jesse Perez was comfortable being back with a nice 744 set while Kevin Valmonte was solid for J.A.T. with a strong 718 series.

Bowlium took on Team 12 in a battle of veteran teams. Team 12 took the bookend games but Bowlium's 927 in game two was enough for a tie for totals with Team 12 taking the match 3-2. Always tough Eric Snow was solid for Team 12 with a 684 series while Arnold Cheesman was big for Bowlium with a 298/698 set.

Team 13 took on US Foods in another veteran team matchup. The night was all US Foods as they swept to a 5-0 win. US Foods had three bowlers in the top-12 with Paul Barraco leading US Foods with a 703 set, while Eric Williams paced Team 13 with a 647 effort.

Team 15 took on Team 16 on the final pair of the night. Team 15 took the bookend games by enough to take totals and the 4-1 win. Mikey Villarreal was huge with a 802 set to pace Team 15 while Terry Hatley led Team 16 with a nice 714 set.

The Financial Advisor's pot went to Arnold Villarreal (267) for \$84. Bael (279) for \$70. Sidepots went to Mikey Villarreal (288) and Arnold Cheesman (298) for \$56 each with 2nd to J.T. Diso (279) and

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802 Mikey Villarreal
779 Marquan Rivers
753 James Bael
746 Jeff Carr
744 Jesse Perez

718 Kevin V	almonte
714 Terry Ha	atley
712 Daniel H	long
710 Augie L	abrado Jr.
703 Paul Ba	rraco

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George Reister (258) for \$28. SuperPot went to Jeff Carr (287) for \$168 with 2nd to Mikey

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