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## BRYCE NAKUNZ - California State Youth Champion "Makes Grandad MARTY Proud"

by Frank Weiler

LAKE FOREST – Bryce Nakunz is a California State Champion. Three times over! He recently won the Singles, All-Events and Team titles at the recent California USBC State Youth Championships. The young sixteen year old two hander was victorious in the toughest division to compete in. The scratch, Under 18, Division I (190 average and above) Division.

I was a co-worker, bowling teammate and long time friend of **MARTY NAKUNZ** and know he would be proud of Bryce and what he is accomplishing on the lanes. Marty was a great guy with a sense of humor. He was very wise and retired as a United States Air Force Colonel leading

an Air Force Audit Agency Division.

As an Air Force career officer Marty bowled across the globe. He was a scratch bowler who loved competing in tournaments, especially in Las Vegas. Marty made his family a bowling family. His son **MIKE NAKUNZ** (Bryce's father) is one of the Citrus Belt Association's top scratch bowlers.

Bowling runs in the Nakunz family. Bryce Nakunz is third generation scratch champion. That's why it's no surprise Bryce is such a great bowler. He may become the best bowler of the Nakunz clan. **TIME WILL TELL.**

At the California State Youth Championships Bryce rolled a huge 756

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## A Wolf, A Buck, And Bowling For Dollars

by Dave Williams

If you're my age, or perhaps even a little younger, you no doubt remember hit bowling shows like Championship Bowling, Top Star Bowling, and even your local version of "Bowling for Dollars," a syndicated show that was the brainchild of Bert Claster of Baltimore.

The "Bowling for Dollars" concept reached its peak in the mid-1970's, when it was being aired locally by more than 25 television stations. Perhaps the most famous of these local broadcasts was at Los Angeles television station KTLA, where Chick Hearn of Los Angeles Lakers fame, and later Jim Lange of "The Dating Game," were hosts.

In the San Francisco Bay Area, the local ver-

sion of Bowling for Dollars appeared on KPIX, and later moved to KBHK. My girlfriend at the time, who was always looking for different things for us to do, had obtained a couple of tickets for the airing of the show at KPIX on Saturday morning. They would tape five or more shows at one time, and then rebroadcast them during their half hour spot on Monday through Friday.

What I didn't know was that my girlfriend had stuffed the ballot box with my name, and during the course of the half hour programs my name was eventually called. When I approached the pair of lanes in the studio, I could see that there was no conditioner on the lane. I decided to just use my thumb and



Jack Buck

not insert the fingers so that the ball would roll straight to the pins.

The first roll was a strike! My second roll was not even close, but we did receive a consolation prize, along with the same for a Pin Pal that I had drawn from a container. I was somewhat embarrassed by the whole event and was glad when it was over... but at the end of the program, they brought me back for another roll of a special bowling ball for the Super Jackpot.

This ball was made of cork and not even round. I knew there was no chance as the ball went in the gutter about halfway down the lane. But we did enjoy our consolation prize - dinner for two at DiMaggio's Restaurant, on the pier at Fisherman's Wharf (yes, the one and only Joltin' Joe DiMaggio of baseball fame).

The Bowling for Dollars concept appeared in many of the markets shared by this column, continued on page 2



Fred Wolf

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including Dallas/Fort Worth (WFAA, with Verne Lundquist); Minneapolis/St. Paul (KSTP, with Tom Ryther and Johnny Canton); New York (WOR, with New York Mets baseball announcer Bob Murphy); and the aforementioned stations in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

**Championship Bowling and Fred Wolf**

The San Francisco Bay Area, where I grew up, aired both Championship Bowling with Fred Wolf (Saturdays at 6PM, on KTVU), and Top Star Bowling with Jack Buck (also on KTVU, Sundays at Noon). It's interesting to note that the original hosts of Championship Bowling were "Whispering" Joe Wilson from the famous Faitz-Niesen Recreation in Chicago (1954), and a very young Chris Schenkel from the equally famous Paramus Bowling Lanes in New Jersey (1955). Fred Wolf took over as the announcer in 1956, according to historian J.R. Schmidt.

Wolf was from Poughkeepsie, New York. His first father died when he was only 10. His mother remarried and moved the family to Detroit. Fred was a gifted athlete as a youngster, which he later attributed to the sports programs offered by the Detroit Recreation Department. At the age of 20 he began to work as a pinsetter and joined a league. The next year he bowled his first perfect game. He was hooked.

Fred became an outstanding bowler and a member of the powerful Stroh's Beer team from Detroit. A back injury in 1944 put an end to his bowling career and he retired from professional bowling and the Stroh's team. He was later named manager of the Stroh's and became proficient broadcasting the team's scores and accomplishments on the air.

Gregory Fournier, in his excellent blog known as fornology.com, recounts the moment that Wolf discovered his next occupation: "While recuperating from his back injury at home, Fred was listening to the baseball World Series on the radio and wondered out loud to his wife Emily if a bowling tournament could be broadcast the same way? 'Why not,' Emily answered."

Wolf took his idea around to local radio stations and was finally accepted by radio station WXYZ. His weekly show, similar in scope to Sam Weinstein's "Ten Pin Tattler" show in Chicago, became known as "The Ten Pin Talker." It was only fifteen minutes long,

according to Fournier, and was sponsored by E & B Beer. He reported bowling scores and profiled top bowlers from Detroit.

Fournier continues, "The Ten Pin Talker led four years later to television's 'Make It and Take It,' a program where local bowlers would try to make bowling's most difficult pin combinations for cash. Following the success of that program, WXYZ gave Wolf a radio bowling series called 'Bowling Champions' in 1950." That's when Wolf began his famous lane-side broadcasting.

**Top Star Bowling and Jack Buck**

Not many people realize that Jack Buck was a bowling personality in St. Louis, before launching a successful career in both baseball and football on a national basis. I'm sure that no one will ever forget Buck's famous call of Kirk Gibson's home run in the 1988 World Series between the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Oakland A's — "I don't believe what I just saw!"

But decades before that, Buck served as host for Top Star Bowling. Every week, Buck would begin the show with the following: "From the beautiful Marlborough Lanes in suburban St. Louis, it's time for Top Star Bowling. Come on inside and join us." The classic bowling style featured at the beginning of the show was that of Dick Agee, to whom I had the honor of bowling in doubles competition as his partner before he retired.

Both Championship Bowling and Top Star Bowling began moving to different parts of the country every couple of years to broaden the awareness of the game. The shows were aired from cities as diverse and cosmopolitan as Chicago and St. Louis, to those as obscure and rural as Parkersburg, West Virginia, and Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

At the end of every Championship Bowling telecast, Wolf would remark, "Keep 'em bowling out there. It's great fun. Bowling makes you feel like you'd like to." Buck's patented ending was, "Thanks for your time this time, 'til next time, so long."

Special thanks to Gregory Fournier and J.R. Schmidt for their historical recollections.  
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The Orange and Black Classic highlighted a busy weekend in the collegiate bowling world, with the Shawnee State women and Northwestern Ohio men emerging victorious through their respective brackets Sunday in Ohio. The women’s event was contested at Poelking Lanes South in Centerville, Ohio, while the men’s tournament was held at Beaver-Vu Bowl in Beavercreek, Ohio. The women’s division featured 16 varsity programs, and the men’s field had 21 varsity teams. Qualifying consisted of five traditional games and 16 Baker games in each division. The top eight teams advanced to the bracket, which featured a best-of-three Baker format in each round.

Pikeville was the top qualifier in the women’s division, finishing with a 7,238 total. Notre Dame-Ohio was second with 7,079, and Northwestern Ohio qualified third with 6,961. Shawnee State secured the No. 7 seed with 6,733, and Alma earned the final spot in the bracket with a 6,589 total.

Shawnee State started its run to the final with a 2-1 upset over Notre Dame-Ohio, which included a roll-off win in Game 1 (49-38) and a 223-156 victory in Game 3. The Bears swept No. 6 Milligan in the semifinals (181-161, 190-142) to set up the title tilt against Pikeville.

Pikeville advanced to the finals with wins over Alma (2-1) and No. 4 Wright State (2-0).

Shawnee State took the lead with a 180-170 win in Game 1 and recorded the bracket victory with a two-pin win in Game 2, 199-197.

In a tightly contested race for the top spot in the women’s individual standings, Northwestern Ohio’s Haylie Rotz was able to take first place with a 999 total for five games (199.8 average).

Rotz edged Pikeville’s Kadie Dicken (995) and Kristina Catoe (987), while Rio Grande’s Sydney Dickson (977) and Notre Dame-Ohio’s Rachel Foreback (961) wrapped up top-five finishes.

Pikeville also finished as the top qualifier on the men’s side, posting an 8,193 total. Northwestern Ohio was next with 7,897, which was followed by Wright State with 7,770. The eighth and final spot in the bracket went to Tusculum with 7,583.

Northwestern Ohio went the distance in its first two bracket matches, recording 2-1 wins over No. 7 Cumberland (182-171, 177-213, 176-155) and Wright State (177-188, 225-188, 202-167) to earn its spot in the championship round against No. 4 Milligan.

Milligan made its way to the final with sweeps over No. 5 Notre Dame-Ohio and top-seeded Pikeville.

Northwestern Ohio jumped ahead with a 199-164 win against Milligan in Game 1, and the Racers

claimed the title in Game 2, 152-147.

Pikeville’s Bryce Oliver averaged 249 in his final three games (245, 254, 248) at Beaver-Vu Bowl to cruise to top individual honors at the Orange and Black Classic, finishing with a 1,145 total (229 average).

Northwestern Ohio’s Matthew Richards was second with 1,110 and joined in the top five by Cumberland’s Matthew Charlton (1,076), Milligan’s Tristan Crawford (1,074) and Belmont Abbey’s Tyler Harris (1,072).

In other collegiate action:

- At the Bud Whitman Memorial in New Castle, Delaware, the Wilmington women rallied and won the final three games against Molloy to record the tournament victory, 4-2.

- At the Crossroads League - Event 1 in Jackson, Michigan, the Spring Arbor men and women swept the top spots. The men’s team jumped ahead early on the way to a 126-pin victory, while the women’s team was able to take over the lead in the final Baker game to finish 30 pins ahead of Huntington.

- At the Crossroads League - Event 2 in Jackson, Michigan, the University of the Cumberlands women finished 19 pins ahead of Marian-Indiana to finish at the top of the standings. In the men’s division, Marian-Indiana rolled to a 219-pin win.

- At the Great Lakes Bowling Conference - Event 1 in Green Bay, Wisconsin, the Wisconsin-Whitewater men and Davenport women coasted to big wins over their respective fields.

- At the Mercyhurst Invite in Erie, Pennsylvania, the Mercyhurst women collected close wins in Game 5 (157-153) and Game 6 (171-170) of the championship match to finish with a 4-2 victory over top-seeded Duquesne.

- At the Rattler Classic in Pensacola, Florida, the Emmanuel women went undefeated in the bracket and bested Tulane in the title match, 4-2.

- At the Southwest Intercollegiate Bowling Conference (SWIBC) - Event 1 in Dallas, the Drury men held onto a three-pin victory over Houston, while the Louisiana Tech women rolled to the top spot by nearly 400 pins.

**Bryce** continued from page 1  
(235-253-268) series to win the Singles Championship. He rolled 660 in Doubles and 638 in the Team Event for the top All-Events score of 2,054. That’s a 228 average!

Bryce and his teammates (Ryland Pementel, Chase Simmons and Jerry Wang) rolled a 2,444 scratch total for the Team Title.

NEWS FLASH: Just in, Just heard, Bryce Nakunz just finished in sixth place in a PBA NATIONAL JUNIOR, Under 18, Tournament.

Bryce is grateful to his Mom and Dad, and Grandmother Bobbie for their support through the years. Special thanks to EMPIRE BOWL youth coach **ART GUZMAN** for teaching him the fundamentals. Also, thanks to **YAMO** at the JAT Tour and **JEFF** at the JBT Tour for everything they do for SoCAL youth bowlers.

Finally, thanks to **MARK BAKER** the best coach in the world.

Great bowling Bryce Nakunz. Great accomplishment. You are a champion. You have a bright future. However:

**“Do not rest on your laurels. Do not let your success blind you to the fact that your competition is not resting. Your competitors are working hard to improve and they will be better bowlers the next time you bowl them. You must keep working on your game and getting better than you are now, if you expect to win in the future”.**

the Oklahoma Christian men posted a six-pin win over Texas-San Antonio.

- At the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference - Event 1 in Sterling Heights, Michigan, the Lawrence Tech men followed last week’s Tier I win at the Midwest Collegiate Championships with a 179-pin victory, while the Indiana Tech women put together the top Baker performance to run away from the field for the win.

The second Tier I of the 2022-2023 season will take place this weekend in Wichita, Kansas, at the Mid-States Championships. Competition from Northrock Lanes (men’s division) and West Acres Bowl (women’s division) will be broadcast live at BowlTV.com. Select pairs will be available to view with a subscription.

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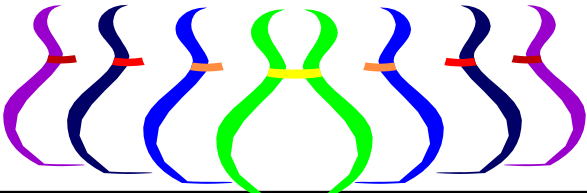
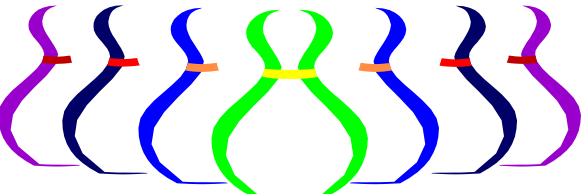
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by David Yamauchi

DOWNEY — The Brunswick Invitational took the lanes for Week 6 of the round and teams were jockeying for position with just one week to go to crown a round champion. Family Ties has been unstoppable all round and they were looking to possibly lock up a round win if the numbers lined up right tonight.

In the “A” match, Bowlium was looking to derail Family Ties who was on a roll sitting at 21-4 and leading the round by 4. Bowlium took a nail-biter in the first game with Billy Myers Jr. striking out for the 3-pin win but it was all Family Ties from there putting up 1000 the second game and 905 to round out a 4-1 win. Mikey Villarreal was huge with a 300-809 set for Family Ties with Butch Jackson 299-744 pacing Bowlium. Family Ties remains in the lead and will be bowling for the round in the “A” match next week needing just a tie to take the round as they sit on a 5-point lead with 5 left up for grabs.

In the “B” match, Forest Lanes and US Foods were battling with both teams trying to stay alive in the round, sitting five back at 16-9. Forest Lanes came out strong with a 1009 start to set the tempo as they took game two and totals for the 4-1 win. Terry Henson led US Foods with a 693 set while the Disos pounded them with J.T. posting a 766 set and Jon a 768 set to lead Forest and give them a slim chance next week needing a sweep to force a rolloff.

Finishing Touch Floors met up with Westminster Lanes in the 5-6 matchup with the teams both sitting 6 back at 15-10. Strikes were everywhere as Finishing Touch Floors took game one. Westminster Lanes came back to get game two by 49, but dropped a heartbreaker in game three by 5 sticks, holding on for totals by 10 and the 3-2 result. Vernon Adams was huge for Finishing Touch with a 782 set while Jonathan Huezo’s 780 and Michael Barnett’s 769 sets lifted Westminster Lanes to their 3 wins.

Threadworks took on Junior Amateur Tour with both teams looking to bank wins with just two weeks to go. Junior Amateur Tour came out strong, but in a repeat of their last matchup, Threadworks stormed back to take the next two and totals for the 4-1 win. Eric Snow was “The One” with a 708 set while David Yamauchi led J.A.T. with just a 631 effort.

HB Complete Builders met Cal Bowl in the 9 vs. 10 matchup with HB looking to keep the momentum going while Cal Bowl was looking to bounce back. Cal Bowl came out strong, taking the first two games by enough for a 4-1 result. Ramon Torres led Cal Bowl with a nice 664 set while Terry Hatley put up a nice 654 for HB Complete Builders.

Bowling Guys battled Allied Paving with both teams sitting at 11-14. Allied Paving came out strong and took game one but Bowling Guys roared back to take game two. The third game went to Allied Paving as they took the 4-1 win. Juan Zavala led Allied Paving with a 717 series while Austin Sugarman posted a 659 to pace Bowling Guys.

Professional Approach, DV8, J.K. Inc. and Jiffy Lube rounded out Monday’s matches. The night was all DV8 as they swept through Professional Approach led by Tyler Veneracion’s 708 set. Brian Ritchie paced Professional Approach with a nice 724 set. J.K. Inc. took the first game but it was all Jiffy Lube from there as they took the 4-1 win. Max Castillo paced Jiffy Lube with a 648 set while James Blyth was high for J.k. Inc. with a 619 series.

The Financial Advisor’s Pot went to Mikey Villarreal with a perfect 300 for \$160 with 2nd to J.T. Diso (279) for \$70. Sidepots went to Butch Jackson (299) and Mikey Villarreal (300) for \$56 each with 2nd to Tony Bruning (269) and Brian Ritchine (279) for \$28. SuperPot was a tie and went to Jonathan Huezo and Vernon Adams (279) for \$126 each.

Come on out and watch Southern California’s Richest League battle as the round is up for grabs this Monday at 8:00!

TOP 10 TEAMS ROUND ONE			
Family Ties	.....25	Finishing Touch Floors	17
Forest Lanes	.....20	US Foods	.....17
Threadworks	.....19	Cal Bowl	.....15
Westminster Lanes	...18	Junior Amateur Tour	..15
Bowlium	.....18	Allied Paving	.....14

TOP 10 THIS WEEK			
Mikey Villarreal	.....809	JT Diso	.....766
Vernon Adams	.....782	Butch Jackson	.....744
Jonathan Huezo	.....780	Brian Ritchie	.....724
Michael Barnett	.....769	Vince Duarte	.....720
Jon Diso	.....768	Juan Zavala	.....717

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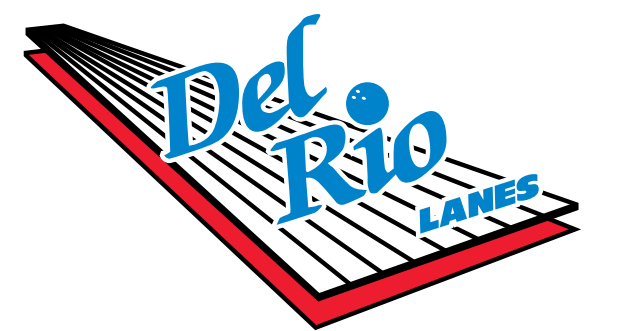
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