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ZAVALA SET FOR TEAM USA DEBUT AT 2022 PANAM WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Aaron Smith

ARLINGTON, Texas – Stephanie Zavala has a history of making some noise when she arrives on bowling's biggest stages.

The 26-year-old from Downey, California, quickly established herself as one of the brightest young stars on the Professional Women's **Bowling Association Tour** after a historic debut in 2021, becoming the first newcomer in nearly 35 years to win three titles in her first season on the way to earning the PWBA Rookie of the Year award.

She added a fourth victory and first major in 2022 by capturing the season-ending PWBA Tour Championship in August, averaging more than 250 in her three

wins during the stepladder live on CBS Sports Network.

Zavala will look to continue the trend on the international land-scape starting this week in Lima, Peru, as she makes her on-lane debut for Team USA at the PANAM Bowling Women's Championships.

She'll be joined at the Bowling Center of La Villa Deportiva Nacional (VIDENA) by Breanna Clemmer of Clover, South Carolina; Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona; Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York; Lauren Pate of Ballwin, Missouri; and Jordan Richard of Maumee, Ohio.

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JIMMIE ALLEN AND SEAN RASH CAPTURE FIRST-EVER JIMMIE ALLEN PBA CHALLENGE TITLE

by Nolan Hughes

Multi-platinum, GRAM-MY Award nominated country musician Jimmie Allen wore a yellow and black jersey with "be alright" inscribed on his chest. Those words represent the lead-off track of his most recent album, Tulip Drive, which he performed live in front of the Bowlero Matthews crowd, and his bowling mentality.

"You might have one bad frame, let it go," Allen <u>said</u>. "It'll be alright."

Those words proved prophetic as Allen and his doubles partner Sean Rash overcame a trio of 10-pin leaves to emerge with the title at the first-ever Jimmie Allen PBA Challenge.

First, Allen and Rash took down the eclectic duo of Hannibal Buress and Ronnie Russell 195-142. They then outlasted the burly brothers, Terrell Owens and AJ Johnson, 177-173 to take home the win.

"With us being a dou-



Sean Rash and Jimmie Allen

bles team, you win and lose together," Rash said. "I've had a lot of success with double partners. This one means a lot. It's very, very special and we're looking forward to next year. There will be more to go."

"I feel like I started both games off strong," Allen said. "Towards the end, I kind of fell off a little bit. Sean, being the professional he is, did what he did. He was the closer. He picked it up for us and got us a win."

Entering the 10th frame of the final match, Rash needed a mark and six pins. The 38' pattern, designed with input from Allen himself, played trickier than previous celebrity tournament patterns — exactly how Allen wanted it.

A 10-pin conversion and nine pins on Rash's fill secured the win for the host team.

"I've made (the 10-pin) a thousand times before," Rash said. "I've missed them before, too. You learn from failure. You keep grinding. You keep giving yourself opportunities. Jimmie gave me an opportunity and that's continued on page 5



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by Frank Weile

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1.	Lela Bonneau	176 Average
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3.	Jessica Bergren	163
4.	Cari Burris	160
5.	SueLee Santero	159.7
6.	Kathy Nakano	159.2
7.	Cherysies Williams	159.1
8.	Kay Johnson	157
9.	Betty Hughes	156
10.	Norma Huss	151

HIGH GAMES so far:

Lela Bonneau	232
SueLee Santero	203
Jessica Bergren	201



Lela Bonneau

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AMF was lucky to have us...

Bowling Proprietor Steve Mackie Has Led A Wonderful Life

While looking for information to do a follow up story on Steve Mackie and the New Mexico Open, I was directed to an article that appeared in the Rio Rancho Observer from August 1, 2021... *There's More to Mackie than Good Day, Mate.* Although I have known Steve for almost 40 years, and consider him to be my very best friend on earth, there were many parts to his story that we had never discussed.

Steve and I were both employed by AMF for many years. We had the same position in a marketing capacity. Steve was in the southern hemisphere and based in Sydney, Australia, while I was in the northern hemisphere and based in Westbury, New York. Our first meeting was in Sydney, when the executives in Westbury thought that it was time for me to learn some of the marketing wizardry from the land down under.

I've told the story so many times and featured it in an article in this column many years ago, but we have so many new readers in Arizona, Texas and elsewhere, that I can't resist telling it again. I'll mix up the details and provide some new information that I learned from the Rio Rancho Observer article by Gary Herron, just to keep it fresh for the column's old timers.

Memories of 1985

When Carol Mancini of the California Bowling News took a look back at the year 1985, I could not help but remember my first visit to New Zealand, Australia, Hong Kong, China and Japan, in a program that AMF called "cross training," in which they would send individuals with the same duties to visit their counterparts in other countries to learn and share ideas.

First stop on my whirlwind trip would be a visit to Australia, where I would be hosted by Steve Mackie, national promotions manager for the AMF Bowling Centers chain that was based in the Sydney suburb of Chatswood. Steve is now the owner of Ten Pins & More in Rio Rancho, N.M., where he resides with his wife Dana Miller-Mackie, and her famous family of bowling professionals.



Steve Mackie - "Good Day, Mate"

After what seemed like an eternity of flights (New York to Los Angeles, then to Honolulu, then to Auckland, and finally to Sydney), I was anxious to get together with Steve and begin our exchange of ideas upon my arrival in Sydney. It was about Noon when I arrived, so I gave Steve a call to let him know that I was at the hotel and ready to go. Steve cautioned me to relax and get settled in my room, and he would pick me up the next morning.

As I tried to understand Steve's cautious attitude about my visit, I adjourned to my room, and as I removed my coat and sat down on the bed to remove my shoes, I collapsed and awoke the next morning! This was my first experience with jet lag, something that world traveler Steve Mackie knew all about.

When Mackie met me the next day I learned that he had scheduled me for a series of clinics and exhibitions to promote the new Gold Angle bowling ball which I brought with me on my five nation tour. First stop was a complimentary entry into the Australian Grand Prix.

Without so much as a practice game, Steve

whisked me away to AMF Southgate Lanes in the suburb of Sylvania. Before the competition got underway, I was interviewed by the most famous bowling writer in Australian history, Bob Cook of Pin Action Magazine. One of the questions that Bob asked me was how many 299's I had to go with my eighteen sanctioned 300's? "None," I replied.

As fate would have it, my first game out of the box was a 299! Although I never rolled another 300 in sanctioned competition, I would go on to roll nine consecutive 299's following the one in Australia. Years later Mr. Cook referred to me as the "ultimate streak player," in a feature that he wrote about my unusual strings of 300's, and then 299's.

Once Upon A Time In Australia

Gary Herron from the Rio Rancho Observer writes that Steve Mackie was not only a superb promoter of bowling in Australia, but also a hustler during his early years. He's got a lot of stories from his youth in Sydney, writes Herron. One involves his late brother Dave, who was twelve years older than Steve.

"My brother was disappearing at night," said Steve. "I said to Mum, What's Dave doing at night? Has he got a girlfriend or something?" That's when Steve discovered that his brother was bowling at St. Leonard's, a bowling center that was constructed about 4 miles from their home.

"One night he took me along," said Mackie. "The place was absolutely jam-packed," he said. "We waited five hours for a lane. My first game was 59, at the age of 12." By the time Steve was 15, he was bowling many of the top bowlers in Australia. The manager of St. Leonard's issued a challenge: "If anyone can come here and bowl this 15 year old and beat him, he will receive 50 pounds." That was the equivalent of a week's wages at the time.

According to Herron, Mackie bowled 21 matches and lost only two of them in a 6 month span. He continued his winning ways by capturing the Australian Masters at age 18, the same year that he won the Australian National All-Star. It was also during this time that Dick Weber came to Australia after visiting the troops in Vietnam. In an exhibition tournament, Steve beat Weber in a low scoring affair, 181-174. It was also the beginning of a lifelong friendship between the two.

Mackie won several other top-notch tournaments in the southern hemisphere, including the Philippine Airlines Invitational, the South Pacific Classic, the Melbourne Cup, the Sydney Tenpin Cup and the Ardath Cup, which was his last major tournament win in 1977. That's when he began devoting his time to the business of bowling, becoming the national promotions manager for AMF Australia, a position that he held for almost 20 years.

The Four Million Mile Club

Not long ago, Carol Mancini had a column in which she asked me if I was a member of the Million Mile Club. I replied with a bit of pride that I had achieved that lofty level. In Herron's article, Mackie casually mentioned that he's flown more than 4 million air miles since 1963. Boy, was AMF lucky to have us—and it's no wonder that Steve was so familiar with jet lag!

There's a lot more that I learned about Steve that I never knew before from the article by Gary Herron, but because of space limitations we will save that for another day, or two...





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what we did." While Rash's 10-pin conversion in the 10th frame secured the win, Johnson's missed 10-pin in the 8th frame perhaps spelled his team's defeat. After starting the match with a strike, Johnson left a 7-pin, 8-pin and two 10-pins in his final four frames.

Owens and Johnson took care of Nelly and Kyle Troup in their first match 185-164.

Following the semifinal matches, Chris Young, Neon Union and Allen took to the stage. The concert preceded the Celebrity Super Clash, where a cast of 14 music icons, present and past PBA stars, FOX Sports talent and an NFL Hall of Famer competed in a one-ball, roll-off competition.

The PBA Jr.'s first ambassador, the 13-year-old, two-handed Bella Love Castillo, kicked off the marathon with an emphatic strike. Her new best friend, Nelly, followed with a 7-count, but was soon spared as Josh Sims and Leo Brooks rolled gutter balls and went out in the first round. Allen didn't last much longer. To close Round 2, he bowled while holding his daughter, Naomi, in his left arm; the ball, however, slid into the right gutter and Allen took permanent residence on the couch. In the fourth round, Nelly, Shannon Spake and Hannibal Buress appeared destined for elimination as only EJ Tackett, who Randy Pedersen called a top-three player on the planet, stepped up needing just seven pins.

Tackett, perhaps captivated by Nelly's eccentric distraction techniques, missed right. The ball never saw any friction and knocked over just five pins, reprieving Spake, Buress and Nelly, much to the latter's delight.

Nelly took advantage of his first golden opportunity — a second came from Bob Learn Jr. in Round 9 — and survived until the final two rounds along with Castillo and Owens. Ultimately, Nelly's fortune expired in the 11th round with a five-count.

Castillo opened Round 12 with a strike, forcing Owens to match. Owens had struck as much as any player in the field, but his ball saw too much friction in the final round. His 3-10 leave handed the Celebrity Super Clash title to Castillo, the "13-year-old shark," as Nelly dubbed her.

"Honestly, this is probably the most fun thing I've ever done in my career," Allen said. "Bowling is a sport that I respect and I love. I'm just trying to be an ambassador for the sport of bowling."

JIMMIE ALLEN PBA CHALLENGE RESULTS Semifinal 1: Terrell Owens and AJ Johnson def. Nelly and Kyle Troup, 185-164

Semifinal 2: Jimmie Allen and Sean Rash def. Hannibal Buress and Ronnie Russell. 195-142

Finals: Jimmie Allen and Sean Rash def. Terrell Owens and AJ Johnson, 177-173

CELEBRITY SUPER CLASH RESULTS

Round 1: Bella Love Castillo X, Nelly 7, Josh Sims 0, Terrell Owens X, Shannon Spake 3, Amon Nehesi X, Hannibal Buress X, Devin Gardner X, Leo Brooks 0, Andrew Millsaps 1, Phil Parsons 6, Bob Learn Jr. X, EJ Tackett X, Jimmie Allen 7 *Josh Sims and Leo Brooks eliminated*

Round 2: Bella Love Castillo X, Nelly 7, Terrell Owens X, Shannon Spake 5, Amon Nehesi 9, Hannibal Buress 4, Devin Gardner 9, Andrew Millsaps 9, Phil Parsons 7, Bob Learn Jr. X, EJ Tackett X, Jimmie (and Naomi) Allen 0 *Jimmie Allen eliminated*

Round 3: Bella Love Castillo 6, Nelly 5, Terrell Owens X, Shannon Spake 7, Amon Nehesi 3, Hannibal Buress 9, Devin Gardner 1, Andrew Millsaps 9, Phil Parsons 8, Bob Learn Jr. X, EJ Tackett 9 Devin Gardner eliminated

Round 4: Bella Love Castillo X, Nelly 6, Terrell Owens 7, Shannon Spake 6, Amon Nehesi 7, Hannibal Buress 6, Andrew Millsaps 8, Phil Parsons 8, Bob Learn Jr. 8, EJ Tackett 5 EJ Tackett eliminated

Round 5: Bella Love Castillo 8, Nelly 9, Terrell Owens 5, Shannon Spake 0, Amon Nehesi X, Hannibal Buress 3, Andrew Millsaps 7, Phil Parsons 7, Bob Learn Jr. 5 *Shannon Spake eliminated*

Round 6: Bella Love Castillo 9, Nelly 8, Terrell

Owens X, Amon Nehesi 8, Hannibal Buress 1, Andrew Millsaps 9, Phil Parsons X, Bob Learn Jr. 8 Hannibal Buress eliminated

Round 7: Bella Love Castillo 9, Nelly 9, Terrell Owens X, Amon Nehesi 6, Andrew Millsaps 7, Phil Parsons 9, Bob Learn Jr. X Amon Nehesi eliminated

Round 8: Bella Love Castillo 6, Nelly 7, Terrell Owens 2, Andrew Millsaps 1, Phil Parsons 7, Bob Learn Jr. X *Andrew Millsaps eliminated*

Round 9: Bella Love Castillo X, Nelly 8, Terrell Owens X, Phil Parsons 9, Bob Learn Jr. 7 Bob Learn Jr. eliminated

Round 10: Bella Love Castillo 9, Nelly 8, Terrell Owens 8, Phil Parsons 6 Phil Parsons eliminated

Round 11: Bella Love Castillo X, Nelly 5, Terrell Owens 9 *Nelly eliminated*

Round 12: Bella Love Castillo X, Terrell Owens 8
Terrell Owens eliminated — Bella Love Castillo wins.



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and Junior Team USA head coach Kelly Kulick also will make the trip to the 24-lane facility that held the Pan American Games in 2019.

The team will start its journey to Lima on Thursday, and the tournament's official practice session and opening ceremony will take place Sunday.*

The action will get underway Monday with singles, and Team USA also will be vying for medals in doubles, trios and five-player team competition. The event will conclude Oct. 28.*

The PANAM Women's Championships will feature countries from within the Western Hemisphere.

"I'm extremely excited and trying to balance the nerves and adrenaline," Zavala said. "It was a goal of mine to make Team USA, but you also want to go somewhere and put that jersey on and have that red, white and blue on your back. The opportunity to hopefully help the team come home with a few medals is awesome."

Zavala earned a spot on Team USA and Junior Team USA for the first time in 2017 as a junior at Sam Houston State University, but she was not selected to compete during the year. Her spot on the adult team in 2022 marks her second appearance as part of the program.

The powerful right-hander learned a lot about her game and herself between that time.

"I was still a kid when I first made the program," Zavala said. "I really didn't know the first thing about what it meant to be on the team and everything that goes on behind the scenes. I just feel like I've grown so much as a person. Mentally and physically, my game has improved, and I feel like I've matured so much more and understand what it all means now. It's not just being on the team. Now, you have to represent."

In prepping for her first international excursion, Zavala has leaned on the experience of her teammates. From the do's and don'ts of packing to trimming an arsenal down to six bowling balls all requires some guidance for a first-time traveler, and she's been in good hands.

All five of her teammates have won at least two gold medals at the PANAM Women's Championships, and Kulick collected 15 medals (nine gold) at the event during her time as an athlete on the team.

"I've talked to a few here and there, and I feel like they're all my big sisters," Zavala said. "They're just guiding me in this entire process, and I think that's really awesome of them to do."

Team USA collected four of the five gold medals in the women's division at the 2021 event. Clemmer,

Coté and Pate will return to the mix in 2022 after a successful showing last October at Bolera Departamental in Cali, Colombia.

The team was victorious in doubles (Clemmer and Pate), trios (Coté, Julia Bond and Sydney Brummett), team (Bond, Brummett, Clemmer, Coté, Pate and Gazmine Mason) and all-events (Clemmer).

The group also collected bronze medals in trios (Clemmer, Mason and Pate) and all-events (Coté) in 2021.

"I'm excited to compete with this team," Team USA head coach Bryan O'Keefe said. "We have a great combination of experience and youth filled with professional titles and international medals. Our goal is to compete as a team and trust what we bring to the table will be enough to bring home some hardware."

Zavala found a balance between bowling and rest after she hoisted the trophy at the Tour Championship in Dallas, but she's been gearing up in the past couple weeks for her Team USA debut.

Her win at the major helped turn around a tour season that featured some ups and downs, but more importantly, it helped reestablish her confidence and let her know she would not be defined by one or two sub-par performances.

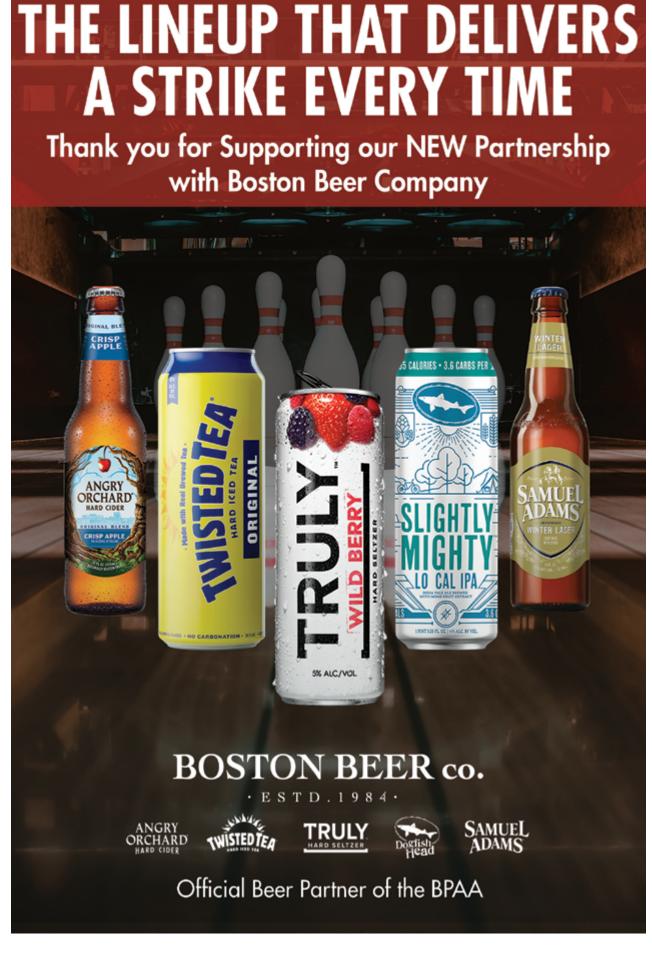
"It still doesn't feel like I actually won that since the season was such a struggle," Zavala said. "It felt reassuring. After not really making any cuts, my confidence came back, and I felt good about my game again. Had I not performed well that last week, my confidence would have been really shaken going into this week. Now, I kind of feel like if I can erase the struggles and keep grinding and find a way to come out on top, I'll be OK. You just have to keep working. That's what I've learned on tour – don't ever give up."

To find results and more from the 2022 PA-NAM Women's Championships, visit BOWL. com/2022PANAMBowling.

Shortly after returning home, Coté, McEwan and Richard will again be packing their red, white and blue jerseys as part of the contingent heading to Queensland, Australia, for the International Bowling Federation World Cup 2022 presented by QubicaAMF.

They will join Stefanie Johnson to complete the women's team while Jakob Butturff, AJ Johnson, Kris Prather and Kyle Troup will represent the men's program from Nov. 12-23 at Suncity Tenpin Bowl.

*The tournament schedule was updated. The official practice session previously was Saturday, with singles starting Sunday. The tournament still will conclude Oct. 28.





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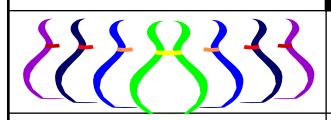
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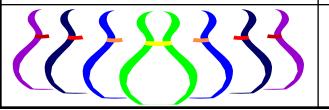


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Forest Lanes takes them to final game but comes up just short at the end by Mike Cammerata

round of the Brunswick Invitational at Del Rio Lanes. Only two teams were still in contention when the night began, as the round came down to a match between Family Ties and Forest Lanes. Family Ties had a significant edge going into the night, as Forest Lanes would need a sweep in their match, just to force a one game tie breaker.

That scenario almost played out for Forest Lanes as they took the first two games. A huge opener for Forest Lanes certainly had momentum in their favor as they shot 1029 for a 171 pin victory. Tony Brunning topped them with 279 and Jon Diso added a 269. The middle game was much closer but still went to Forest Lanes, 884-879. A clutch 10th frame kept them on top and a strike by anchor JT Diso was enough to ice the game before Mikey Villarreal could finish the comeback for Family Ties. In the final game, Family Ties found the strikes they've been throwing the whole round, as they shot 993, which was more than enough to take the game and the round. In the final game, Villarreal strung from the second frame on his way to 289, while Vince Duarte added 256 and David Cogswell helped with 247. Forest Lanes certainly didn't fold, shooting a 925 of their own, but it just wasn't enough. In fact, three of Forest Lanes players were over 730 on the night, with Brad Jones' 745 leading the pair. For Family Ties, Vince Duarte had the high set with 723.

On the second pair of lanes, Westminster Lanes swept all five games from Threadworks, to finish the round at 23-12. A strong start to the season for Westminster. Jonathan Huezo had a great set tonight, shooting 279-259/782. Jonathan Gale helped Westminster with a 265/714 as well. Ray Minter would have rather had some wins, but he'll have to settle for a 278/719 set in defeat.

opening game in their match against Bowlium, but they won it by enough that they held on for total pins as well, giving them a 3-2 win in the match. Ramsey Basurto led the Finishing Touch team, posting 235/682. For Bowlium, Ramiro Garcia finished his set with 234-256 to aid in the two wins on his way to a 723 series.

U.S. Foods had a big 949 in the opening game, being led by Gabriel Martinez with 279. That got them off to an early lead against Cal Bowl. Cal Bowl stormed back from there however, taking the next two games and total pins for a 4-1 win. Ramon Tor- ple when the night started. Top prize for the round

Monday night marked the conclusion of the first res led the way with 247-246-235/728. Leonard Ruiz Jr. was right behind with a 267/714 of his own. Paul Barraco added a 700 of his own, with 265/702, in defeat for U.S. Foods.

> J.A.T. finished the first round at 19-16 after a 4-1 win over Allied Paving. Anthony Santos was the top player on the pair, leading J.A.T. with a 278/727 series. Kurt Arakaki was next with 244/684. For Allied Paving, they were only able to win the middle game, shooting 923 in that one. Edward Estrada topped the Paving team with 243/659.

> HB Complete Builders finished the round strong with a 4-1 win over a struggling DV8 team. Anthony Rieger started strong for HB Complete with a 279 game. Kevin Cowden had back to back 257 games for the Complete Builders as well. Jeff Carr started slowly for DV8 but closed with 265-267, and led them to their lone win in the final game.

> A shorthanded Professional Approach team was still able to take four out of five games from the Bowling Guys. Stephen Boring led the team with 239/675. Charles Ritchie helped out with 236/658. Bowling Guys took a close middle game for the lone victory, led by Ross Rios' 243 game.

> JK Inc. easily swept past Jiffy Lube, getting a couple of 750 sets. Josh James, subbing for JK Inc. had a 300 game in the opener on his way to 758. Ian Markstrum didn't have the big game, but was very steady, shooting 259-249-242/750. William Morris led Jiffy Lube with 232/656.

Gabriel Martinez had a 279 in the opening game which was good enough to win the first sidepot. Jonathan Gale had to settle for second place with 265. 279 was enough to win the second game as well. This time the winner was Jonathan Huezo. 278 Finishing Touch Floors was only able to win the was the tough luck score for second place, and even then they had to chop the money as Anthony Santos and Ray Minter tied. In the final game, Mikey Villarreal took the super pot for \$150 with his 289 game. Huezo cashed again, earning second place with 259.

> Jonathan Huezo's 279 was also good enough to win tonight's Financial Advisors Pot, earning him an additional \$160. Runner up money was split by the previously mentioned 278's, Anthony Santos and Ray Minter.

The eliminator pot was down to the final five peo-

TOP 10 TEAMS ROUND ONE

A WOOMP OMP
Cal Bowl 19
Junior Amateur Tour 19
Threadworks 19
US Foods18
HB Complete Builders . 18

TOP 10 THIS WEEK

Jonathan Huezo 782	Tony Brunning731
Josh James758	Ramon Torres 728
lan Markstrum750	Anthony Santos 727
Brad Jones 745	Vince Duarte 724
Jon Diso734	Ramiro Garcia723

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was \$140 and it went to Ramon Torres who closed out the round with a 728. He narrowly edged out Vince Duarte, who gets \$90 for second place. Vince lost by five pins, shooting 723. Mikey Villarreal earns \$60 for third place with 688. Ramsey Basurto gets \$35 for fourth place, shooting 682. The fifth place money, \$25, goes to Austin Sugarman. Austin had a great first round but wasn't able to make it to bowling tonight and will have to settle for fifth.

A lot of veterans in the league like to say that the real season starts now, as the sport patterns come into play and strings of strikes get much harder to put together. Spares win games now. Don't tell that to Family Ties though, as their playoff spot is now guaranteed. David Cogswell, Steve Gurrieri, Vince Duarte and Mikey Villarreal will be there at the end of the season and earned their spot with a great finish tonight. There are still five spots up for grabs and we start again next week on the short oil pattern. Come down to Del Rio Lanes on Monday night to catch the action. It all starts at 8pm.

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