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TEAM USA WINS GOLD IN TEAM, ALL-EVENTS TO WRAP PANAM WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Aaron Smith

LIMA, Peru – The 2022 PANAM Bowling Women's Championships came to a close Friday with Team USA earning two additional gold medals, bringing its total to four for the week at the Bowling Center of La Villa Deportiva Nacional (VIDENA).

The United States already had claimed the top spots in singles and trios competition, and the group concluded its trip to Lima, Peru, with gold in team and all-events.

The unit captured the coveted five-player team title by 380 pins and was the only contingent to average more than 200 on Thursday and Friday. Team USA finished with a 6,129 total for six games on this week's 38-foot oil pattern, a 204.3 combined average.

Colombia earned the silver medal in team with a 5,749 total, and Puerto Rico collected bronze with 5,565.



Stephanie Zavala, Breanna Clemmer, Jordan Richard, Danielle McEwan, Bryanna Coté and Lauren Pate

The athletes representing Team USA during the week in Lima included Breanna Clemmer of Clover, South Carolina; Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona; Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York; Lauren Pate of Ballwin, Missouri; Jor-

dan Richard of Maumee, Ohio; and Stephanie Zavala of Downey, California.

The group was joined by Team USA head coach Bryan O'Keefe and Junior Team USA head coach and United States Bowling Con-

gress Hall of Famer Kelly Kulick.

Richard was the top overall performer for 24 games at the 2022 tournament, easily winning the gold medal in all-events with a 5,128 total, a 213.67 average. McEwan took silver with

a 4,933 total (205.54 average), and Colombia's Maria José Rodríguez finished with 4,841 (201.71 average) to earn the bronze medal.

Richard, McEwan and Rodríguez were the only athletes to average more than 200 for 24 games at

VIDENA.

Richard and McEwan were able to medal in each discipline during the week, with each adding three golds and two silvers to their expanding collections.

The 2022 PANAM Women's Championships consisted of 11 countries from the Western Hemisphere participating in singles, doubles, trios and team competition, with the top athletes also earning medals in all-events. The tournament was broadcast live at Fed-PeruBowling.pe.

Team USA built up its lead over the field during the first three team games Thursday, taking nearly a 200-pin advantage into Friday's final round.

Although the scoring pace seemed to slow down throughout the 24-lane complex to start Friday, the group was able continued on page 6

WAYNE PHELPS Leads The Golden Agers League

by Frank Weiler



WAYNE PHELPS Leads The Golden Agers League

REDLANDS – With the new Kegel Lane Machine cleaning the backends like never before, Empire Bowl scores are down across the board. Even BIG JOHN HENRY of 16 TONS fame couldn't score if he rolled with us. Most of our "league rats" and social bowlers are feeling the pinch. Few have been free of low scores and frustration. WAYNE

PHELPS is one of the few bowlers who continue to score while others continue to struggle.

Wayne has been among Empire Bowl's top bowlers for the past decade. He currently has the High Average among the Golden Agers and has rolled some of the highest league scores including a huge 789 series this season.

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Saul Jenkins: An Uncommon Man and a Lights-Out Bowler

by Fred Eisenhammer

WINNETKA – Anchor man Saul Jenkins strode to the line knowing he needed a strong effort in the 10th frame just to keep his team alive in his league game.

The right-hander then powered a strike – giving him a double – and then converted a spare, forcing his opponent’s anchor to decide the outcome.

Needing a spare, Jenkins’ opponent left a baby split before barely converting it to give his team the narrow victory over Jenkins’ team.

“That’s why you’re the anchor,” Jenkins warmly called out to his opponent.

Jenkins’ act of sportsmanship is not all that common in league bowling where raging competitiveness reigns, even in senior leagues in which Jenkins was bowling at the time.

But Saul Jenkins is an uncommon person.

He’s a man of high character . . . and he’s quite a character as well.

Jenkins comes to his bowling events nattily dressed and always adorned with a tie. He says that’s a reflection of being a “minister’s son.” As a minister’s son, Jenkins says “you wear a tie and I’m used to wearing a tie,” adding that in the past, he raced to his bowling events from his tie-required accounting job.

Jenkins, a minister himself who serves at Sylmar Christian Fellowship Church, bowls in five leagues: three at Winnetka Bowl and two at Matador Bowl in Northridge.

Incidentally, Jenkins is a lights-out bowler, carrying the second-highest average in his senior Funtimers League at Winnetka Bowl at 196. He’s bowled a bunch of 300s in his career and this season he wants to add his first 800 series, in which he’s come so tantalizingly close.

Jenkins, an Arleta resident, definitely is a people’s person. On the lanes, the 71-year-old whirling-dervish prances and dances and kids and kibitzes with both teammates and opponents . . . all the while he’s destroying pins.

So it’s not all that surprising when asked his biggest bowling highlight, he replies: “The people. I love the camaraderie. Love the friendship, love the talent. Love bowling against good bowlers. When you bowl against good bowlers, it makes you a good bowler. That’s how you learn.

“My father taught me if you want to learn, you have to look, listen and observe. That’s how you improve.”

This is his first season in the Wednesday afternoon Funtimers League and already Jenkins has become a player favorite. He’s put together a three-man team called the Oldie Rollers that includes super senior Dale Simpson. It’s the first time Jenkins has bowled with Simpson and both love the experience.

“Dale is 97 years old,” Jenkins said, “and I hope the Lord allows me to live that long and do the things that Dale does.”

Simpson puts it simply when talking about Jenkins: “He’s a great guy. I love bowling with him.”

George Ritter is Jenkins’ other teammate, and Jenkins calls him his best friend and the “youngster of the team” at 65. Ritter, Jenkins related, gifted a jeep to Jenkins when Jenkins got into an accident a couple of years ago and his car was totaled. *“That’s a friend,”* Jenkins marveled.

Ritter calls Jenkins “an all-around great guy. I can call him in the middle of the night and ask him for something and he’d say two things: ‘Where’ and ‘When.’ And he wouldn’t do it just for me. He’d do it for anyone.”

As far as bowling is concerned, Jenkins is modest about his ability. He confesses he bowls a bit awkwardly, but he says he’s been doing it for a long time. And it works.

“What do they say? If it’s not broken, don’t fix it,” he said, laughing.

Rusty Bryant, a prolific bowler and a member of the North Los Angeles County United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame, bowls with Jenkins in one of the highly competitive leagues at Winnetka.

Bryant says Jenkins is “one of the nicest guys and he’s always bubbly. He’s a great bowler and has worked hard to get there.”

Says Jenkins: “Bowling is 90 percent luck, 10 percent skill. The most important thing about bowling is being consistent. Throw the ball the same way. People who get the 300s and 800s bowl the same way each time. Look at [elite bowlers] Rusty [Bryant], look at Karl [Kurtz], look at Johnnie Englehart. They all bowl the same way each time.”

Whether Saul Jenkins bowls 300, 200 or in the mere 100s on any given day, he remains unflappable. And he’ll definitely be sporting a big smile on his face. There’s a reason for that.

“You come to bowling to have fun,” he said. “Sure, you’re trying to win, but if you have fun, you’ll bowl better.”



George Ritter, Saul Jenkins and Dale Simpson comprise the “Oldie Rollers” team in Winnetka Bowl’s Funtimers League. It’s a tight-knit group.

Photo by Fred Eisenhammer

“It Ain’t Over ’Til It’s Over”

Many Famous Baseball Players Became Bowling Proprietors

by Dave Williams

Just a few short weeks ago, I penned an article about Mookie Betts, the all star right fielder for the Los Angeles Dodgers, who also doubles as a card carrying member of the Professional Bowlers Association (PBA). He’s continuing a tradition of baseball/bowling athletes that come along about every thirty years.

First it was Don Carter in the 1960’s, a promising pitcher/infielder for the Philadelphia Athletics, who was “encouraged” to make his future in the game of bowling by signing the first \$1 million dollar contract by *any* professional athlete, when he signed a long term agreement with the Ebonite Corporation.

Next came John Burkett in the 1990’s, a lifelong bowler from Pennsylvania that was “enticed” by the yearly guaranteed contracts of five professional baseball teams over the course of many years. Since retiring from baseball, John is currently enjoying his first passion as a member of the PBA50 bowling tour for senior citizens.

And now we have Mookie Betts, another gifted athlete in the 2020’s that excels at both baseball and bowling. But there’s another part to this story... the number of professional baseball players (and bowlers) that have become bowling proprietors during their famous careers.

“You Can Observe A Lot By Watching”

There are exceptions (Cap Anson, John McGraw and Robbie Robinson from the early part of the 20th century), but for the most part professional baseball players took advantage of the bowling boom that was precipitated by the creation of automatic pin setting devices by both AMF and Brunswick. Among those that jumped on the bandwagon and joined the craze by opening their own bowling center in the late 1950’s to early 1960’s were:

- Yogi Berra and Phil Rizzuto — Berra and Rizzuto Lanes
- Nellie Fox — Nellie Fox Bowl
- Gil Hodges — Gil Hodges Lanes
- Mickey Mantle — Mickey Mantle Bowling Center
- Stan Musial and Joe Garagiola — Red Bird Lanes
- Duke Snider - Duke Snider Lanes

There must be at least as many professional bowlers that tried their hand at operating a center(s) in this time-frame. Some of the names that immediately come to mind include:

- Don Carter — Don Carter Bowling Centers (multiple locations)
- Dick Weber — Dick Weber Lanes
- Bill Lillard — Palace Lanes (and others)
- Don Ellis — Emerald Lanes (and others)
- Dick Hoover — Dick Hoover Lanes
- Ray Bluth — Crestwood Bowl
- Billy Hardwick — Billy Hardwick’s All Star Lanes
- Wayne Zahn — Tempe Bowl

As I was reviewing the scores from all of the baseball playoff games and trying to remember who was still in the playoffs (can it be any more confusing with all the wild card games, division series and the championship series?), I noticed yet another article at mlb.com that featured bowling... “These Yankee Legends Went From Pinstripes to Pins.”

The article, written by Dan Cichalski, focused on the shuttered Berra-Rizzuto Bowling Lanes that was constructed along the highly traveled Route 3 in Clifton, New Jersey, in 1958. It was part of the Styertowne Shopping Center. Today, the former bowling center houses three stores: the anchor Michaels Stores, flanked by a Lucille Roberts and a Sherwin-Williams Paint Store, according to Cichalski.

Berra and Rizzuto were both residents of New Jersey — Yogi in nearby Montclair, and Phil a little farther south in Hillside. They scheduled the grand opening of Berra-Rizzuto Bowling Lanes for a Yankees off-day, according to Cichalski. The event drew an estimated crowd of 5,000 and was covered by wire reports in newspapers throughout the United States.

“This is greater than I had anticipated,” said a surprised Rizzuto in the Herald-News from Passaic, New Jersey.



Yogi Berra (right) was a “hands-on” manager at Berra and Rizzuto Lanes

Many of the 1958 Yankees were on hand for the grand opening: Mickey Mantle (who would open his own bowling center the next year in Dallas, Texas), Don Larsen, Moose Skowron, Hank Bauer, Gil McDougald, Elston Howard and manager Casey Stengel.

Although I never met Phil Rizzuto, I was fortunate to rub elbows with Yogi Berra on a few occasions during my years at both AMF and Nationwide Bowling Centers. He was a savvy marketer. When you were with him, his “yogi-isms” made sense. John Mazey, the famous advertising manager for AMF Bowling Products, gave Yogi the credit for many of the slogans used in AMF advertisements.

During the filming of a commercial to promote AMF MagicScore, Mazey said that it was Yogi that came up with the headline banner in all of the advertising and television commercials — “You knock ‘em down, MagicScore adds ‘em up.” Another line that Mazey attributed to Berra was, “Little kids can bowl by themselves, even if they can’t add.”

Many years later while working for Nationwide Bowling Centers, I was asked to bring a carpet bowling lane to the grand opening of Yogi Berra Stadium in Little Falls, New Jersey. We set up the lane in a secluded area of the lobby, between the stadium and the Yogi Berra Museum.

The thought was that the carpet bowling lane would keep the children occupied while the festivities were taking place at both the stadium and the museum.

It worked, and after the ceremony at the museum, Berra came over to the carpet bowling lane to see what it was all about. He just had a curiosity about life, and everything in it. My guess is that’s why he excelled at being a catcher, because they are the most involved player on the field. He also had that down home St. Louis charm so reminiscent of Dick Weber (Berra was originally from St. Louis).

“Nobody Goes There Anymore. It’s Too Crowded”

Berra and Rizzuto eventually sold the bowling center to their brothers, according to the Cichalski article. Yogi continued to bowl in the off season and formed a Monday night bowling team that included Rizzuto, Howard, Skowron, McDougald and Ralph Houk, among others. The parking lot was a commuter lot for Berra and his teammates, according to Cichalski. They would all meet there and take turns driving to the stadium.

-Yogi Berra died in 2015, at the age of 90
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2.	Tim Frank	212
3.	Stoney Baker	212
4.	Tom Collins	207
5.	Corky De Maio	197
6.	Tom Hughes	194
7.	Sam Frisby	194
8.	Terry Lankster	192
9.	Ron Bonneau	190
10.	Tom Smith	186

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Sam Frisby	300
Stoney Baker	299

HIGH SERIES so far:

Wayne Phelps	789
Stoney Baker	765

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to add onto its lead and cap the event with largest team game of the week. The team rolled games of 1,016, 1,048, 1,066, 966, 964 and 1,069 on its way to victory.

Richard led the effort for Team USA with a 1,360 set, while McEwan added 1,282. Coté had 1,171, and Zavala posted 1,154. Pate was the fifth member of the team Thursday, finishing with 575. Clemmer came into the lineup Friday, recording a 587 series.

The team victory served as a successful title defense as well. Team USA recorded the win at the 2021 PANAM Women's Championships in Cali, Colombia.

Clemmer, Coté and Pate were part of the team win in Cali last October, and the chemistry and communication that's part of Team USA's brand were on display this week.

"I love team events," said Pate, a three-time member of Team USA. "Bowling together, I feel like all our nerves were put aside. We executed really well, worked together and communicated. When all of that clicks together, we'll be up on the podium every single year."

While five of the athletes added to their growing list of accolades as members of Team USA, Zavala was traveling with the team for the first time in her second year with the program.

She took in the moments, from sightseeing around Lima to watching her teammates ascend to the top of the medal stand earlier in the week, and she settled into her own rhythm as the tournament progressed at VIDENA.

Zavala was the only player on Team USA using urethane during the week, but that didn't stop her from sharing and learning with her teammates to collect the first medal of her young career.

"I tried to hold it in and not get too emotional, but Bryan even asked me on the first day how it felt to put on that jersey for the first time," Zavala said. "It's the first time I've had the chance to wear it in competition, and as cliché as it sounds, it was a dream come true."

"I struggled the first day, but after talking with the girls and figuring out a solid game plan, everything became a little bit clearer. It helped a lot that Jordan and Danielle were doing what they were doing, so when I did ditch the urethane, I knew exactly where I had to go because they were executing so many good shots in a row."

Richard was incredibly consistent for her first three events before rolling the top six-game score of the tournament in team. She had 1,252 in singles, 1,253 in doubles and 1,263 in trios.

The 26-year-old right-hander was the only athlete to record sets over 1,200 during each event at the 2022 PANAM Women's Championships. Her execution, decision-making and spare shooting all were on point as she earned her first gold medal in all-events as a member of Team USA.

"Your execution had to be good, because your moves and misses were detrimental," said Richard, a five-time member of Team USA. "If you threw a bad shot, you were getting six or seven. I just tried to stay with my process and make the best shots I could. I was able to play kind of where I like to play, so it made it a little easier, but they were hard this week."

Richard, McEwan and Coté will be returning home from Lima for just a short time before they're back in the air to represent Team USA.

They will join Stefanie Johnson of McKinney, Texas, and head to Queensland, Australia, as part of the women's and men's teams heading to the International Bowling Federation World Cup 2022 presented by QubicaAMF from Nov. 12-23.

The men's team will feature Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona; AJ Johnson of Oswego, Illinois; Kristopher Prather of Romeoville, Illinois; and Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, North Carolina.



Danielle McEwan, Hordan Richard and Maria Jose Rodriguez
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The success for the women's team in Lima will serve as a catalyst in getting the team started in Australia as they look to send Stefanie Johnson's storied Team USA career off with a memorable finish.

Earlier in 2022, Johnson, along with Shannon O'Keefe of Shiloh, Illinois, announced they would be retiring from the program at the end of the year. Both Johnson and O'Keefe have been part of Team USA since 2005.

"It was incredible bowling," Bryan O'Keefe said. "I don't like to take for granted the feeling of having a team work cohesively as a unit, and these six were just awesome. The way the week started, we knew it was going to take a lot of communication and great execution, because the lanes were so challenging. It was an incredible week and great setup for a few weeks from now. With three of these athletes going to Australia, it was a great way to build confidence and rapport among themselves as well."

The 2022 event kicked off with singles competition Monday. McEwan started strong and rolled to the top spot, winning gold with a 1,299 total for six games. Richard earned the silver medal with a 1,252 total, and Venezuela's Karen Marciano took home bronze with 1,230.

In doubles, Colombia's Juliana Franco and Maria José Rodriguez were the only pair to average more than 200 on Tuesday and claimed the top prize with a 2,525 total. Franco led the way with 1,278, and Rodriguez added 1,247.

McEwan and Richard finished doubles in second place with a 2,344 total, and Puerto Rico's Estefania Cobo and Zorani Reyes were third with 2,330.

The gold medal in trios went to Team USA's Clemmer, McEwan and Richard on Wednesday, which featured strong performances from each athlete to finish with a 3,818 total. Clemmer posted a 1,294 block in the win, while Richard and McEwan contributed 1,263 and 1,261, respectively.

The silver in trios went to Colombia's Franco, Rodriguez and Clara Guerrero with a 3,709 total. Canada claimed the bronze medal as Jennifer Besana, Sarah Klassen and Felicia Wong combined for 3,506.





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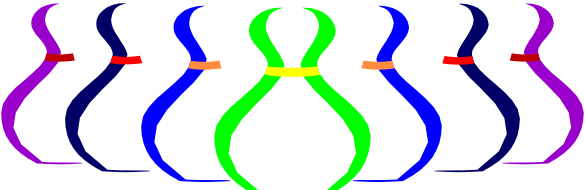
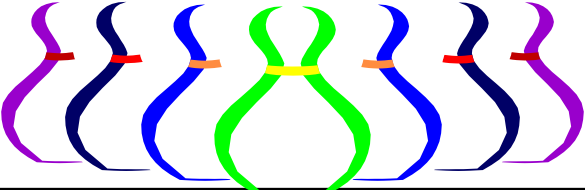
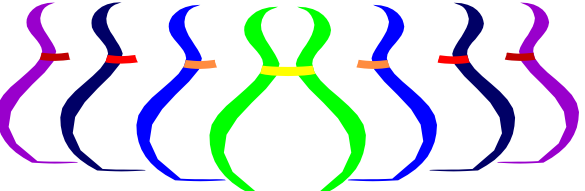
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Scores Were Scattered As Bowlers Tested Out The New Second Round Pattern

by David Yamauchi

DOWNEY - The Brunswick Invitational took the lanes to start the 2nd Round on an all-new 28' Sport Pattern. The 1:3 low ratio combined with the lack of taper in the pattern created an interesting combination of ball motion. Bowlers quickly realized the importance of spares after seven weeks of striking and scores were all over the board on this first week of bowling.

In the "A" match, the first-round winners Family Ties took on Forest Lanes to breakout on the new pattern. Family Ties came out strong taking Games 1 and 2 but Forest Lanes snuck in a Game 3 win to avoid the sweep. Mikey Villarreal was big for Family Ties with a 631 series while Stephanie Zavala and Jon Diso put up 555 sets to lead Forest.

The "B" match featured the 3rd and 4th place teams from Round 1 as Westminster Lanes took on Finishing Touch Floors. This battle as all Finishing Touch Floors as they swept through Westminster Lanes 5-0. Ramsey Basurto led Finishing Touch Floors with a nice 639 series while Bryan Osborne was strong for Westminster Lanes with a 621 set.

Bowlum at 20-15 took on the high 19-16 team Cal Bowl. Bowlum came out strong taking the first two games but Cal Bowl stormed back with a 127-pin win in Game 3 to take totals and the 3-2 result. Billy Myers Jr. put up 551 and Arnold Cheesman 550 for Bowlum while Cal Bowl was led by Ramon Torres' strong 658 effort.

Junior Amateur Tour and Threadworks matched up in a battle of 19-16 teams. The previous matchups of these two teams were all Threadworks but tonight was J.A.T.'s turn to take the wins in a 5-0 sweep. Kurt Arakaki was solid for J.A.T. with a 567 series

while Paul Varela led Threadworks with a 550 series. US Foods put their veteran lineup against HB Complete Builders who was experiencing Round 2 for the first time. HB Complete Builders took a big first game win, dropped the second and third games, but held on for series, and the 3-2 result. Gabriel Martinez managed 482 for US Foods while Kevin Cowden's 505 paced HB Complete Builders.

Allied Paving matched up with DV8 in the 11 vs. 12 matchup. Each team was taking one blind so it was three-on-three as DV8 took Game 1, snuck a win in Game 2, then dropped Game 3 by 1-pin for the 4-1 win. Kyle Duster led DV8 with a 544 series while Juan Zavala paced Allied Paving with a 529 set.

Professional Approach, J.K. Inc., Bowling Guys, and Jiffy Lube rounded out the competition on Monday. J.K. Inc. swept through a two-sub Professional Approach team for the 5-0 win. Kevin Jones paced Professional Approach with a 480 set while Ian Markstrum was top for J.K. Inc. with a 539 set for the sweep. Bowling Guys swept through Jiffy Lube 5-0 led by Preston Epps 491 set. Max Castillo paced Jiffy Lube with a 438 series.

The Financial Advisor's Pot went to Ramon Torres (269) for \$160 with 2nd to Arnold Cheesman (233) for \$70. Sidepots went to Mikey Villarreal (227) and Arnold Cheesman (233) for \$48 each with 2nd to Anthony Santos (217) and Bobby Hornacek (223) for \$24 each. SuperPot went to Ramsey Basurto (228) for \$144 with 2nd to Kurt Arakaki (203) for \$72.

Come on out and watch Southern California's Richest League battle as the scores should be up as the bowlers adjust their arsenals for next Monday at 8:00!

TOP 10 TEAMS ROUND TWO

Finishing Touch Floors 5	DV8.4
Junior Amateur Tour ..5	Cal Bowl3
J.K. Inc.5	HB Complete Builders .3
Bowling Guys5	Bowlum.2
Family Ties \$.4	US Foods.2

TOP 10 THIS WEEK

Ramon Torres658	Joe Peptone573
Ramsey Basurto639	Kurt Arakaki567
Mikey Villarreal631	Vernon Adams560
Bryan Osborne621	Jon Diso555
Bobby Hornacek.573	Stephanie Zavala555

SUPER SWEEPER POT

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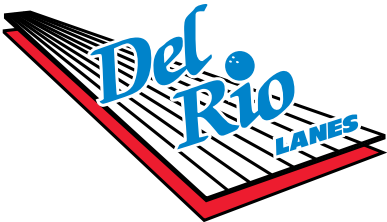


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