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BELMONTE SELECTS BARRETT FIRST OVERALL IN PBA ELITE LEAGUE DRAFT

Nine players in PBA history have won the Triple Crown. Two of them now bowl for the Bowlero L.A. X.

by Nolan Hughes

Jason Belmonte, the new player-manager of the L.A. X, selected Dom Barrett first overall in the PBA Elite League Draft on Wednesday night. Belmonte later added Tomas Käyhkö, Darren Tang and Keven Williams to join himself and Kevin McCune.

The PBA Elite League is an expansion of the PBA League, featuring six-player rosters, matches at every 2024 PBA Tour stop, and a six-team PBA Elite League Playoffs Finals at Bay-side Bowl in September 2024.

Each of the league's eight managers previously announced two protected players from their 2023 roster, leaving 32 roster spots to be filled out during Wednesday night's draft, which was livestreamed on BowlTV.

To be eligible for selection, players must have finished in the top 50 on the 2023 points list or have been on a 2023 PBA League roster and won a PBA Tour title within the past 10 years. In the final round, the four players who did not meet the above criteria but were on 2023 PBA League rosters were eligible to be drafted.

The Waco Wonders, who drafted eighth overall in the traditional order, were unable to recover any players from their championship squad beyond the protected Ryan Ciminelli and player-manager Parker Bohn III.

The New Jersey King-Pins scooped up BJ Moore fourth overall, the Motown Muscle seized Jason Sterner early in the second round, and Norm Duke swiped Frank Snodgrass two



picks before Bohn could even think about bringing back the young Michiganite in the final round.

Bohn, much like his predecessor Johnny Petraglia, appeared to value experience in the draft pool. He selected Stu Williams, Mitch

Hupé, DJ Archer and Tom Hess with his four selections.

Bohn made his selections from Cali, Colombia, where he — and his fourth-round selection, Hess — are competing for Senior Team USA at the International Bowling

Federation 2023 World Senior Championships.

The team Waco defeated in the 2023 Elias Cup Finals, however, had no such trouble securing their own guys. In fact, Portland Lumberjack manager Tim Mack was able to bring back

his entire roster from 2023.

Mack first protected Kyle Troup and Kris Prather last week. Then on Wednesday, he selected "Franchise" Wes Malott, Graham Fach and Arturo Quintero, continued on page 11

Three Teams Take JAT Titles in Adult/Member Doubles

by David Yamauchi

LAKELWOOD — The JAT held their first of two Adult/Member Doubles tournaments this Saturday at Cal Bowl. 60 teams in three divisions took on the Easy Street lane pattern which provided some good scoring and a lot of fun for everyone!

In the scratch division, after 4 games of qualifying the leaders were Aaron Calica and Bryan Alpert at +292 including huge doubles games of 527 and 482 in games two and three. Low to qualify in 12th was Ja-

cob Major and Joshua Villegas at +90. After 5 games of Baker match-play, the top-3 rolloff was set. In the first match, Xander Velasco and Chris Marquez took care of Adrian Yamanoha and Tyler Salverda 257-245 in a strike-filled match, as they advanced to the Championship Match to face top-seeds

Aaron Calica and Bryan Alpert. In the final, it was Calica/Alpert wrapping up the wire-to-wire lead as they took the title 235-191 over Velasco/ Marquez.

Congratulations to Aaron Calica and Bryan Alpert!

In the Upper Handicap Division (365-410 average) Daniel Cordero and Emily Schridder led qualifying at +206 with low-to-qualify in 10th place going to Wiley Eubanks and Roberta Vann at +71.

Match-play saw the scoreboard take a shift as Zane Piper and Axton Galang sat as third-seed matching up with Cameron Peterson and Mike Mellick who were continued on page 10



Upper Handicap Division - 2nd Macias/Labrado, Champs Peterson/Mellick, 3rd Piper/Galang





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Christmas Cards To Last A Lifetime

by Dave Williams

Over the years I have managed to create a number of personal cards at Christmas. Many of the cards were used in my business relations at AMF, American Recreation Centers (ARC), Triangle Bowling Centers, and Nationwide Bowling Centers. All are now a part of Bowlero, except Nationwide, which remains independent. My inspiration for the cards was John Mazey, an amazing visionary from the advertising department at AMF, who elected not to relocate to Richmond, Va., after the leveraged buyout, and instead began a second career as an instructor of advertising at The State University of New York (SUNY). With the loss of John's one-of-a-kind cards at Christmas, I have continued his tradition almost every year since he left AMF in the early 1980's. The cards were not always bowling related. I can remember one of my first attempts at a card without a bowling theme came as a result of a movie that most people have memorized at this time of year... "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York."

One of the early scenes in the movie was through the eyes of Macaulay Culkin, as he looked from Central Park to The Plaza Hotel, a famous landmark that first opened about the turn of the 20th century (1907). The hotel was owned by Donald Trump at the time of filming, and he even made a cameo appearance about one-half hour into the shooting of the picture ("Down the hall and to the left" was his famous line).

The view of the hotel was so beautiful that I decided to journey to New York City for one of my weekend excursions and take my own shot and use it in a Christmas themed card. Central Park was really something in those days, and it was even safe to just walk around and enjoy the sites near the hotel, including The Pond at Central Park, the Wollman Ice

Skating Rink (featured in the movie), and the Central Park Zoo.

Another of my early weekend excursions was to the Chrysler Building, about 15 blocks from The Plaza, on 42nd Street. To someone that majored in geography in college (with an emphasis in city planning), the Chrysler Building was a sight to behold. It opened on May 27, 1930, and in a "Race to the Sky," surpassed 40 Wall Street (now The Trump Building), to claim the title of the tallest building in the world. Prior to that, the F.W. Woolworth Building (at the corner of Park Place and Broadway... just like in Monopoly!) had been the world's tallest structure since 1913.

All of these buildings had amazing lobbies, as well as other skyscrapers in lower Manhattan. The most incredible to me was the Grand Arcade inside the Woolworth Building. It was off limits to the public for about ten years but has now been reopened with 30 to 90 minute tours offered almost every day. The hand carved statues of architect Cass Gilbert, Frank Woolworth and others, set against an arched mosaic tile entry is breathtaking. There are many other examples of architectural significance, including the Empire State Building, and the World Trade Center, which unfortunately was destroyed by a terrorist attack on September 11, 2001.

Before the destruction of the World Trade Center, I was able to feature the twin, 110-story towers, in a Christmas card that I prepared in 1998, viewed from one of my favorite Starbucks on the New Jersey side of the Hudson River, highlighting my scone loving friend, a seagull that was captured in the photo ("My Love Affair With Homemade Christmas Cards," December 2021). It is very sad what has happened to



Christmas Card Artwork

New York City in recent years. Proof of the sorrowful state of affairs is the fact that I have only visited Manhattan once since 2001, although I live only 20 miles away.

Here's A Holiday Card That We Never Featured

Not every card was a winner. During my years at Nationwide Bowling Centers, we had a couple of large printing firms that were trying to outdo the other by providing numerous large scale opportunities that we couldn't prepare in house with our high-speed Ricoh copiers. One of those ideas was our yearly Christmas card project. Every customer received a holiday greeting card in the mail, usually with a coupon insert inviting them to come in during the holidays for a special bowling and/or food and drink offering. It was a big project.

One year I had been telling the two vendors about a die-cut bowling pin door hanger that we had used at American Recreation Centers in both California and Texas, with great success. When we discovered that door hangers were not permitted in New Jersey or Pennsylvania, one of the vendors suggested doing a die-cut bowling ball in a round shape with the thumb and fingers cut out of the front of the card. The inside of the card would feature all of the bowling locations around the inside perimeter of the card, with a greeting in the middle, between the cut out thumb and fingers.

The card looked good on paper, although the snowflakes left a bit to be desired. We had already made the investment in the die-cut, so we decided to go ahead with the large printing project. What we did not realize was that the size of the bowling ball exceeded the minimum mailing size by about 1/4 inch, and almost doubled the cost of the postage! The owner was not a happy camper, but in the end most of the cards were mailed at the standard rate because the USPS was not that strict at all locations with the dimensions.

In the end it turned out to be a windfall for the owner, because the next year (and every year thereafter) we began handing out the card and insert (without an envelope) to the customers during their league session in-house, saving many thousands of dollars.

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View of The Plaza from Central Park



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May the New Year bring joy to the lanes!



Doug Silver put on a show in early December when he registered a 585 series, punctuated by a sizzling 235 in his final game. Wife Robbi provided the vocal support. Photo courtesy of Doug Silver

Doug Silver Gives It His Best Shot and It Pays Off

by Fred Eisenhammer

WINNETKA – Doug Silver said he can't explain it. He hadn't practiced or worked with a coach in more than a year. And he said his loud cheering section of wife Robbi and friend Elayne Klein was not a factor. "I tried not to pay attention to them," Doug said with a laugh. "I didn't want to get overwhelmed by it all and start celebrating and get disappointed."

The result: Doug, a mid-150-average bowler, posted his top individual-game score and series – and earned three awards for his efforts during competition in the Funtimers senior league Dec. 6 at Winnetka Bowl.

The animated right-hander from Encino crushed games of 182, 168 and 235 for a 585 series.

His score in the finale represented a rarely-seen 77 pins above his average. Doug opened the game by converting a super tough split and he later moved into high gear with six straight strikes. "I just couldn't do anything wrong that day," Doug said.

Doug, 74, is a relative newcomer to league bowling, having started in the Funtimers league only 2 1/2 years ago. He has been consistently raising his average since then and his 235 marked his first 200 in about six months.

"It was an absolutely surreal series. I was awarded three pens for the achievement but am afraid they will ask me to return them given how lousy I bowled yesterday," Doug joked. "It was almost as bad as when I started bowling back in the summer of 2021 – sometimes you eat the bar and sometimes the bar eats you," said Doug, echoing a line from "The Big Lebowski."



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Robbi, a regular attendee at Doug's matches, remembers those early days when Doug's scores were much lower than they are today. So she was able to fully appreciate that Doug was in a consistent groove during his 585. "Considering where he started, this was really something," Robbi said.

Said Doug: She knows I'm not a great bowler, so she was just hysterical when I got home. She kept

talking about it all night."

Said Robbi: "He wanted to talk about it all night."

After Doug finished his last shot in his series, teammate Paul Klein went up to the counter and had a Winnetka Bowl employee announce that Doug had just registered his personal-best game. "That was nice," Doug said. "Everything just went the right way."



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CHRISTMAS NUMBERS For Bowlers

by Frank Weiler

The **most expensive Christmas Tree** on record cost **\$11,026,900**. It was on display at United Arab Emirates Palace in 2010. Has there ever been a million dollar Christmas Tree in a Bowling Center?

The **tallest Christmas Tree** on record was **221 feet tall**. The tallest Christmas Tree I have seen in a Bowling Center was 15 feet tall.

The **most lights hung** on a Christmas Tree were **194,672** in Belgium in 2010. I estimate that the most lights I have seen on a Bowling Center Christmas Tree were about 500!

Americans **purchase 30 million** real Christmas Trees each year and **12 million** artificial Christmas Trees. My local Bowling Center has an six foot artificial tree. At home I have a six foot artificial Christmas Tree.

At any one time there are **350 million** Christmas Trees being **farmed** in the United States. I am sure that somewhere in America there is a Bowling Center that is farming Christmas Trees. If not, there are probably many Bowling Centers with trees growing on site.

The Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree is **100 feet tall**. The first official Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree was put up in 1933 and was 50 feet tall. Unofficially some construction workers put up a 20 foot Christmas Tree in 1932.

Americans love **Christmas Cards**. We **mail over 1.5 billion each** December. I have mailed 33 Christmas Cards this season with a high of 51 sent in 2021. I would guess that the average bowler mails less than a dozen Christmas Cards each season. A First Class postal stamp is at 66 cents now and going to 68 cents in January. At those rates most bowlers will be turning to the internet for future Christmas Greetings.

Candy Canes are a Christmas favorite. Each season **1.7 billion** candy canes are **made**. My local Bowling Center has an annual Christmas Candy Cane display to raise money for charity. One dollar will purchase a Candy Cane for worthy children's causes.

Candy Cane ingredients include sugar, peppermint, glucose syrup, water, citric acid, and artificial coloring. The ingredients that produce the taste most favored in heaven. I know that my bowling teammates and I will be exchanging Candy Canes during this Christmas season. We have been doing so for several seasons now.

Gingerbread Houses are traditional eats during the Christmas Season. Millions of these goodies will be enjoyed this season with adults digesting as much or more gingerbread than children. The **largest Gingerbread House** ever baked included **3,000 pounds** of sugar!

Sugar! In addition to this sweetener the main ingredients for gingerbread are flour, baking soda, ginger, allspice, cinnamon, salt, butter, dark molasses, water and an egg. **Cook time** is just **18 minutes**.

I love gingerbread and gingerbread houses. Gingerbread has been around for thousands of years in Ancient Greece and Egypt. It was brought to Europe in 992 A.D. by an Armenian monk. In the late 17th Century gingerbread became associated with Christmas when Russian bakers prepared gingerbread men and women as replicas of those attending Christmas parties. Gingerbread Houses first appeared in Germany after the Brothers Grimm published their tale of **Hansel and Gretel**. These two young children became lost in a forest where they found a witch living in a house made of gingerbread. The **first Gingerbread House!** As they say, "The rest is history".

Egg Nog is my favorite holiday drink. And I don't need bourbon or rum added to it. I like the kid's drink, sweet and smooth. While not everyone likes egg nog, Americans still **consume 240 million cups** every Christmas season.

While Hot Chocolate is American's favorite holiday beverage, about 30% of us favor egg nog. Egg Nog is special because it looks so good as well as tasting so good. It's foamy filled cream whipped



surface and smooth texture make it so appealing. Better though is it's smooth creamy taste. An emulsion of milk or cream, sugar and eggs. Both **KING GEORGE III** of England, "The last King of America", agreed with **GEORGE WASHINGTON** that Egg Nog was delicious and delightful. It was one of the few things they agreed on.

owlers indulge yourselves. T'is the season! No mind to calories and pounds. Bowlers indulge yourselves. T'is the season!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Rick Hudson (left) & Lind Baldwin (right) celebrating Christmas and there each bowling Varipapa 300 games recently.

JAT Doubles continued from page 1

the second-seed. Peterson/Mellick took the first match 217-176 setting up a showdown for the title with top-seeded Jayden Macias and Augie Labrado. This match was close, but in the end it was Peterson/Mellick taking the title 160-149. Congratulations Cameron and Mike!

The Lower Handicap Division (under 365 average) qualifying was led by Max Torres and Kaitlyn Cook at +219 with a tie for 8th forcing a 9th and 10th frame rolloff. Kaiden and Christopher Hambrick advanced after a strong rolloff to take the last spot. After the 5 Baker games, the team of Joseph Stanley and Charles Pioquinto sat in third, ready to take on second-seed Max Torres and Kaitlyn Cook. Torres/Cook advanced 179-166 in a nail-biter to take on top-seed Eddie Torres and Austin Wasielewski in a battle of the Torres brothers. This match went to Max as they took the title 213-197 for the title. Congratulations to Max Torres and Kaitlyn Cook!

Special thanks to Brunswick for their support of JAT. The holiday raffle was highlighted with the grand prize of a NU Blue Hammer won by Marion Villegas! Congratulations on the early Christmas present!

JAT action resumes in 2024 beginning on Sunday, January 7th at a center to be determined. Jump on to www.bowljat.org for the latest information and schedule updates!



Scratch Division - 2nd Velasco/Marquez, Champs Calica/Alpert, 3rd Yamanoha/Salverda



Lower Handicap Division- 2nd Torres/Wasielewski, Champs Torres/Cook, 3rd Stanley/Pioquinto

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while mixing in two-time major champion Tom Smallwood for good measure.

Mark Baker deployed a similar strategy with his Akron Atom Splitters. Baker tabbed Tom Daugherty for a ninth consecutive year with the Atom Splitters and rekindled his coaching relationship with the 2015 Mark Roth PBA League MVP, Dick Allen.

Amleto Monacelli paired the protected Andrew Anderson and AJ Johnson with the 2019 Roth/Holman PBA Doubles Championship victors, Matt Ogle and Sean Rash, while bringing back Matt Russo and adding Thomas Larsen to his Las Vegas High Rollers.

Among the biggest surprises during the draft was the fall of Jakob Butturff, who finished fourth on the 2023 PBA League and earned a nomination for the Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year award.

Norm Duke, as he often seems to do, perhaps pulled off the heist of the draft in selecting Butturff with the 22nd overall pick for the Go Bowling! Dallas Strikers.

While Butturff said he understands why he fell in the draft — he said he dealt with a leg injury during the 2023 PBA League and said he “wasn’t in the right mind space” at the time — he said he is feeling a lot better and focused heading into the new year.

Two players will be making their debut in the PBA’s highest level of team competition — both for the Motown Muscle.

Justin Knowles, who was the highest ranked player in points not selected last season, and Zac Tackett were each selected by Motown’s new manager Jason Couch. Zac is the younger brother of EJ Tackett, Motown’s leading man alongside Anthony Simonsen.

Wednesday turned out to be a memorable night in more ways than one for the Tackett family. During the draft, EJ’s wife Natalie posted on Facebook that the couple welcomed their first child into the world.

Unfortunately, it will be quite some time before the world’s youngest Tackett can earn his own eligibility for the PBA Elite League.

Santtu Tahvanainen was the highest ranked player who went undrafted. PBA Commissioner Tom Clark said during the draft that Tahvanainen, the 2022 Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year, is dealing with an injury and may miss the beginning of the 2024

season.

While the draft is complete, rosters are not final as trades can be made through Dec. 23. The trading window will reopen from March 4-14.

The first two rounds of the PBA Elite League competition will take place on Jan. 9.

Follow @PBA Tour on social channels for more coverage of the PBA Elite League.

Check out the new PBA Elite League homepage [here](#).

PBA ELITE LEAGUE DRAFT RECAP

Round 1

- 1.01 - Dom Barrett, L.A. X
- 1.02 - Sam Cooley, Motown
- 1.03 - François Lavoie, Akron
- 1.04 - BJ Moore, New Jersey
- 1.05 - Matt Ogle, Las Vegas
- 1.06 - Shawn Maldonado, Dallas
- 1.07 - Wes Malott, Portland
- 1.08 - Stu Williams, Waco

Round 2

- 2.01 - Tomas Käyhkö, L.A. X
- 2.02 - Jason Sterner, Motown
- 2.03 - Tom Daugherty, Akron
- 2.04 - Chris Barnes, New Jersey
- 2.05 - Matt Russo, Las Vegas
- 2.06 - Jake Peters, Dallas
- 2.07 - Graham Fach, Portland
- 2.08 - Mitch Hupé, Waco

Round 3

- 3.01 - Darren Tang, L.A. X
- 3.02 - Justin Knowles, Motown
- 3.03 - Dick Allen, Akron
- 3.04 - Kyle Sherman, New Jersey
- 3.05 - Sean Rash, Las Vegas
- 3.06 - Jakob Butturff, Dallas
- 3.07 - Tom Smallwood, Portland
- 3.08 - DJ Archer, Waco

Round 4

- 4.01 - Keven Williams, L.A. X
- 4.02 - Zac Tackett, Motown
- 4.03 - Nick Pate, Akron
- 4.04 - Richie Teece, New Jersey
- 4.05 - Thomas Larsen, Las Vegas
- 4.06 - Frank Snodgrass, Dallas
- 4.07 - Arturo Quintero, Portland
- 4.08 - Tom Hess, Waco

ROSTERS

Bowlero L.A. X

- Jason Belmonte
- Kevin McCune
- Dom Barrett
- Tomas Käyhkö
- Darren Tang
- Keven Williams

Motown Muscle

- EJ Tackett
- Anthony Simonsen
- Sam Cooley
- Jason Sterner
- Justin Knowles
- Zac Tackett

Akron Atom Splitters

- Chris Via
- Jesper Svensson
- François Lavoie
- Tom Daugherty
- Dick Allen
- Nick Pate

New Jersey Kingpins

- Marshall Kent
- Packy Hanrahan
- BJ Moore
- Chris Barnes
- Kyle Sherman
- Richie Teece

Las Vegas High Rollers

- Andrew Anderson
- AJ Johnson
- Matt Ogle
- Matt Russo
- Sean Rash
- Thomas Larsen

Go Bowling! Dallas Strikers

- Tommy Jones
- Bill O’Neill
- Shawn Maldonado
- Jake Peters
- Jakob Butturff
- Frank Snodgrass

Portland Lumberjacks

- Kyle Troup
- Kris Prather
- Wes Malott
- Graham Fach
- Tom Smallwood
- Arturo Quintero

Waco Wonders

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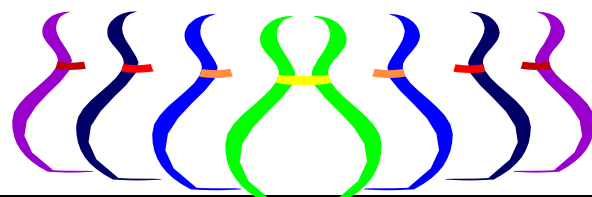
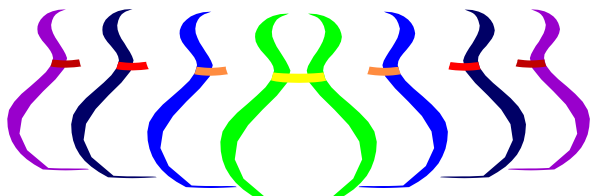
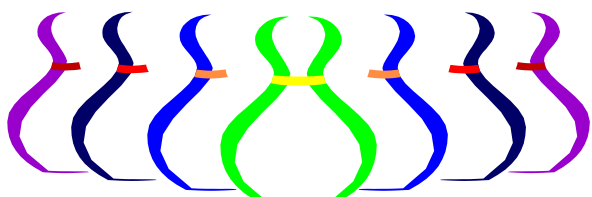
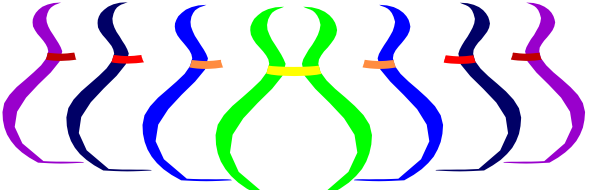
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Five Teams Take 5-0 Sweeps To Start Round Three Action

by David Yamauchi

DOWNEY – The Brunswick Invitational took to the lanes for the first week of the new 3rd round and the last session for 2023. Bowlers took on a 50' long oil, medium volume pattern as the league quickly figured out the new look with some solid scoring. The league bowled position round based on overall wins for the season to start the new round.

In the "A" match, the two round winners faced off as round 2 winners **Bowlium** (Billy Myers Jr.), sitting atop of the overall standings with 47 wins, took on **Family Ties** (Mikey Villarreal) who was now in second overall at 46. Bowlium took a close first game with a 16 pin win, the followed it up with two close wins by 31 and 16 for the 5-0 sweep. Butch Jackson was huge for Bowlium with a 654 series while Mikey Villarreal again was solid for Family Ties with a 636 set.

The "B" match featured **Junior Amateur Tour** (Kevin Valmonte) at 41.5 wins and looking to get back on track after a devastating round loss last week. They caught a tough draw in **Threadworks** (Eric Snow) who was sitting in third at 43 wins, not minding being short-handed with a professional stepping in to sub. Junior Amateur Tour was forced to take a 160 blind and it cost them as they dropped game one by 7 pins and game three by 5 pins en route to getting swept by Threadworks 5-0. Stephanie Zavala led Threadworks with a 635 set while Kevin Valmonte was consistent for Junior Amateur Tour with a 633 series.

US Foods (Gabriel Martinez) and **Forever Hope Foundation** (Vernon Adams) matched up in the 5th vs. 6th match with both teams sitting at 41 wins on the season. US Foods took the first two by enough to secure totals and the only 4-1 result of the night. Kasey Uyesugi lit them up for US Foods with a 703 series while Vernon Adams was solid for Forever Hope Foundation with a 683 set.

DV8 (David Cogswell) was the low of the 41 win teams, sitting in 7th as they took on **Cal Bowl** (Leon-

ard Ruiz Jr.) with 35.5 wins for the season. Cal Bowl squeezed out game one by 12 on Brandon Grant's 289 game then finished off the sweep riding Ramon Torres' 717 series to the 5-0 result. David Cogswell paced DV8 with a solid 625 series.

Forest Lanes (Jon Diso) was 9th overall with 33 wins, taking on **Professional Approach Keystone** (William Morris) who had 31 wins to date. The match was all Forest Lanes as they started with a huge win and rolled to a 5-0 result. JT Diso led Forest Lanes with a 576 set while William Morris paced Professional Approach Keystone with a 552 series.

Del Rio Lanes (Marquan Rivers) matched up with **Westminster Lanes** (Jonathan Gale) in the battle of the centers. Del Rio came out strong as they took game one by 58, then finished off two close games with 23 and 14 pin wins for th 5-0 sweep. Marquan Rivers was solid for Del Rio with a 606 series while Jonathan Gale led Westminster Lanes with a 581 set.

Professional Approach Del Rio, Touchstone Homes, Professional Approach Oak Tree and iColor Printing rounded out Monday's action. Professional Approach Del Rio took 4 from Touchstone Homes with the help of three subs. Anthony Bourges led Professional Approach Del Rio with a 523 series while Christian Eichelkraut paced Touchstone Homes with a 486 set. iColor Printing took bookend games but Professional Approach Oak Tree's huge second game led them to a 3-2 win. Scott Silva led Professional Approach Oak Tree with a nice 622 set while Javier Zavala paced iColor Printing with a 581 series.

The Financial Advisor's pot went to Ramon Torres (290) for \$160 with 2nd to Kasey Uyesugi (257) for \$70. Sidepots went to Vernon Adams (234) and Kasey Uyesugi (257) for \$54 each with 2nd to Anthony Santos (221) and Gabriel Martinez (235) for \$27. SuperPot went to Kasey Uyesugi (268) for \$162 with 2nd to Butch Jackson (265) for \$81.

TOP 10 ROUND 3 WEEK 1

Cal Bowl	5	US Foods.....	4
ThreadWorks.....	5	ProApproach Del Rio..	4
Bowlium \$\$	5	ProApproach Oak Tree	3
Del Rio Lanes	5	iColor Printing.....	2
Forest Lanes.....	5	Forever Hope Foundation	1

TOP 10 THIS WEEK

717 Ramon Torres	654 Butch Jackson
703 Kasey Uyesugi	636 Mikey Villarreal
683 Vernon Adams	635 Matt Murtishaw
675 Brandon Grant	635 Stephanie Zavala
663 Eric Williams Jr.	633 Kevin Valmonte

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Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to all the bowlers in the league! Enjoy your two weeks off and we'll see you all next year.

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