



Anthony Sharpsteen's masterpiece ranks as the highest series in L.A. history. Photo by Fred Eisenhammer

A Local Blast From the Past: Anthony Sharpsteen's 888

by Fred Eisenhammer

MISSION HILLS – It's now been six months since Frank Chiodo crushed an 886 series, firing games of 288, 300 and 298 in Winnetka Bowl's star-studded Mixed Classic Handicap league.

Chiodo's masterpiece ranks as the second-highest series in L.A. history.

The highest?

s That distinction goes to Anthony Sharpsteen, who's known as "Mr. 888," or as f elite bowler Johnnie Englehart calls him: "Triple 8."

The monikers are a tribute to Sharpsteen's majestic performance on Jan. 25, 2011. He finished with scores of 289, 299 and 300 during competition in the continued on page 6

Youth Sports Leaders Form PLAY Sports Coalition PLAY Sports Coalition Press Release

Nearly 20 years have passed yet those iconic words from Nelson Mandela stand tall and today are the foundation PLAY Sports, a first-of-its-kind collaborative coalition among more than 400 community and national sports organizations and leaders, has been built on.

PLAY Sports, which stands for Promoting Local and Youth Sports, represents a united front to support young athletes, working families, coaches and volunteers across all 50 states, particularly those in underserved areas, through the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

The fragmented and grassroots nature of youth sports necessitated an industry Coalition to work cooperatively, and with the federal, state and local governments and agencies, to advocate for a collective survival and impactful re-



turn. Left to its own, youth sports families and organizations will struggle, and a return to play would at least be delayed, if not fail.

According to recent poll results shared by the Aspen Institute for Sports, nearly 60% of local sports leaders said their organizations will project to lose at least 50% of their revenue over the next year due to COVID-19. They have experienced, or are facing, layoffs, furloughs, bankruptcies and facility foreclosures. This includes direct impacts to millions of grassroots coaches who provide invaluable time and leadership to their young athletes and sports.

PLAY Sports' mission is to ensure that the institutions connected to youth and local sports survive and thrive coming out of this pandemic. More than ever, sports can teach critical values to our youth, providing families and especially youth opportunities for character and leadership development and repairing a society that needs community, connectivity and joy.

The immediate and time-sensitive first initiative of the Coalition will be continued on page 4



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Youth Development

A History Lesson: The Gutter Ball That Was Heard Around the World by Fred Eisenhammer

zarre and shocking moments almost 30 years ago, it's worth repeating. Let's set the scene:

Date: March 7, 1991. **Event:** PBA's Fair Lanes Open tournament in Baltimore.

The stepladder championship match pitted topseeded Pete Weber against third-seeded Del Ballard Jr., both right-handers. Ballard advanced to the championship match with victories of 247-208 over Robert Lawrence and 257-223 over Norm Duke. Weber led Ballard by six pins through five frames but failed to mark in the sixth, allowing Ballard to seize a 15-pin lead after seven frames. Weber then struck out and forced Ballard to nail the first two strikes and tally seven pins in the 10th frame.

Ballard, of North Richland Hills, Texas, coolly struck on his first two balls. "Oh, baby!" Ballard triumphantly exclaimed after his second strike.

"I've never seen Dale Ballard so charged up, so aggressive," one of the broadcasters said. "Seven before putting them behind his head in shock and sympathy for his opponent. The agony that was painted on Ballard's face said it all.

"I could have thrown it down the middle and hoped for seven. I wanted to be aggressive on the shot and just rushed it," said Ballard, adding that a shot down the middle had risk "because if you barely hit the head pin, you could only get five."



ARLINGTON, Texas – International Bowling Campus Youth Development has set the dates and divisions for the 2021 Junior Gold Championships that will take place in Indianapolis.

The 2021 Junior Gold Championships will be held July 5-17, 2021. Indianapolis will extend its record for most times to host, as the 2021 event marks the event's sixth visit to the city.

With the maximum age for USBC Youth member-

ship changing to 18 with the start of the 2020-2021 season, the U20 division will take place during the first week of the event, breaking away the adult from the youth divisions. The U20 division will be for bowlers born between Aug. 1, 2000 and July 31, 2002.

The U18 division becomes the oldest division for USBC Youth bowlers, with the U18, U15 and U12 divisions hitting the lanes following the U20 compecontinued on page 5 Del Ballard Jr. suffered a heartbreaking finish in the Fair Lanes Open tournament in 1991. It was one of the most memorable – and shocking – moments in PBA history.

BALTIMORE – Being a bowler is more than just knowing etiquette and the rules of the game and how to knock down pins.

It's also being aware of the sport's history.

For those unaware of one of the Professional Bowling Assn.'s most bipins is no gimme, and when we've seen players miss, they get seven pins or less. So, it's not over yet."

Those were prophetic words, indeed.

Ballard's last shot was trouble as soon as he released it. And he knew it.

The ball rolled shakily down the right side of the gutter before collapsing in the channel about threequarters of the way down.

Final score: Weber 213, Ballard 207.

Weber immediately raised his hands in victory

Ballard later said: "My adrenaline was flowing too fast. I just ran up there and threw it. I didn't take my time and use my head."

Weber said "I thought it was over when Del got the first two. I felt like I reached out and stole it from him."

Ballard, 27 at the time, won \$15,500. Weber, with his then-16th tour title, won continued on page 6

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FloBowling will offer a first look at its latest documentary as part of a week that celebrates two-handed bowling.

The new film titled *Two* Hands On History will debut later this year and the first teaser will be shown on May 7 following a rerelease of FloBowling's documentary



Anthony Simonson

Simonsen: Leave It Behind.

Two Hands On History will chronicle the rise of competitive two-handed in the Professional Bowlers Association. It will prominently feature the first two-handed PBA Tour champions, Jason Belmonte and Osku Palermaa.

The teaser will be revealed immediately after the re-release of Simonsen: Leave It Behind, which tells the story of the tough upbringing and rise to stardom of Anthony Simonsen. The broadcast will begin at 7 p.m. Eastern on May 7.

To kick off the teaser of the new documentary, FloBowling will offer a week dedicated to two-handed bowling. The Salute To Two-Handed Bowling week starts Monday will feature various content around two-handers and rebroadcast the stepladders of events related to them.

On May 5 and May 6, there will be two full days of rebroadcasts for bowling fans to enjoy. The first day of rebroadcasts on May 5 will be dedicated to many of the early wins by two-handed bowlers.

The second day of rebroadcasts on May 6 will showcase seven shows where twohanders met for the title, three of which came in the 2020 season.

Here's what the schedule looks like (all times Eastern):

Tuesday, May 5

- 9 a.m. 2009 The Bowling Foundation Long Island Classic (Belmonte's first title)
- 10:18 a.m. 2011 PBA World Championship (Palermaa's first major title)
- 11:30 a.m. 2011 PBA Players Championship (Belmonte's first major title)
- 12:42 p.m. 2013 USBC Masters (Belmonte's second major title)
- 2:17 p.m. 2015 PBA Wolf Open (Kyle Troup's first title)

3:45 p.m. - 2016 PBA Tournament of Champions (Jesper Svensson's first title)

5:20 p.m. – 2016 USBC Masters (Anthony Simonsen's first title)

6:40 p.m. – 2017 PBA Doubles Championship (Svensson/Troup's first doubles title) Wednesday, May 6

- 9 a.m. 2017 PBA Players Championship (Belmonte vs. Simonsen final)
- 10:33 a.m. 2017 PBA World Championship (Belmonte vs. Svensson final)
- 12:09 p.m. 2018 Storm Lucky Larsen Masters (Troup vs. Belmonte final)
- 1:49 p.m. 2019 PBA Players Championship (Simonsen vs. Belmonte final)
- 3:52 p.m. 2020 U.S. Open (Belmonte vs. Simonsen final)
- 5:57 p.m. 2020 PBA Indianapolis Open (Svensson vs. Maldonado final)
- 7:57 p.m. 2020 PBA World Championship (Belmonte vs. Simonsen final)
- Thursday, May 7
 - 7 p.m. Re-release of Simonsen: Leave It Behind, followed by the teaser for Two Hands On The Future



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PBA League Draft Announcement

The 2020 PBA League Draft will be held Sunday, May 17, at 7 pm ET, and presented virtually, live on FloBowling, the PBA announced today. The draft will be conducted remotely for the first time, with team managers making their selections from their home locations due to COV-ID-19.

The PBA League, established in 2013 by the Professional Bowlers Association, features 5-player teams of the top bowlers in the world. Competition is slated for July 20-23 in Portland, ME, at Bayside Bowl, with live coverage of the seeding round on FloBowling, July 20, and finals on FS1, July 21-23.

The League will be adding two expansion clubs this season, the Las Vegas High Rollers and the Brew City (Milwaukee) Ballers, bringing the the number of teams to 10.

The High Rollers, managed by PBA Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli and Ballers, managed by fellow PBA Hall of Famer Marshall Holman, own the first selections (based on coin toss) and will fill out their full 5-player rosters at the draft.

The other eight teams, including defending champion Portland Lumberjacks, will make two selections during the serpentine draft to fill out their five player rosters. Each of the eight original teams (Portland, L.A. X, Dallas Strikers, NYC KingPins, Silver Lake Atom Splitters, Motown Muscle, Brooklyn Styles and Philadelphia Hitmen) have previously protected three players from their 2019 rosters (listed below).

Lumberjacks manager Tim Mack, by virtue of his team's Elias Cup winning performance in 2019, twill select 10th in third round, and first in the 4th round.

To be eligible for the draft, players must be ranked in the top 75 from a rolling PBA points list of 2019 and 2020 events. Headlining the list of eligible players are PBA champions Sean Rash, Francois Lavoie, Dick Allen, Andrew Anderson, BJ Moore, Jake Peters, Thomas Larsen, Jason Sterner, Ryan Ciminelli, DJ Archer, Osku Palermaa, Andres Gomez, Richard Teece, Ronnie Russell, Matt Ogle, Matt Sanders, Graham Fach, Ryan Shafer and Chris Loschetter. (Full draft eligible list below).

The 2020 Draft was originally slated for March 15 at the site of the PBA World Series of Bowling in Las Vegas, but was postponed due to COVID-19.

PBA CEO Colie Edison and PBA Tour Commissioner Tom Clark made the announcement of the virtual draft today on <u>FloBowling</u>.





Draft order:

First pick, for expansion teams Brew City or Las Vegas decided by coin toss to launch draft. Then, those two expansion teams will get first two rounds: For example (in scenario Las Vegas wins coin toss):

- Round 1: 1. Las Vegas (if win coin toss). 2. Brew City.
- Round 2. 1. Brew City. 2. Las Vegas.
 - Then, other teams join snake draft, in reverse order of finish in 2019, with expansion teams first. Two rounds of full league draft will finalize existing team rosters.
- Round 3: 1. Las Vegas. 2. Milwaukee. 3. Philadelphia. 4. Brooklyn. 5. Motown.
- 6. Silver Lake. 7. NYC. 8. Dallas. 9. L.A. 10. Portland
- Round 4: 1. Portland. 2. L.A. 3. Dallas. 4. NYC. 5. Silver Lake.
- 6. Motown. 7. Brooklyn. 8. Philadelphia. 9. Milwaukee. 10. Las Vegas.
- Round 5 (expansion teams only, to complete rosters): 1. Las Vegas. 2. Milwaukee...

Draft eligible players (listed in order by PBA points 2019-2020):

5	Sean Rash Montgomery, Ill.	41 360 00
13	Francois Lavoie, Canada	
17	Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C.	
19	AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill.	
20	Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo.	
20	Darren Tang, Las Vegas	
25	Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn.	
23	Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich.	
30	AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa	
31	BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa.	
32	Mitch Hupe, Canada	
33	Jake Peters Henderson, Nev.	· ·
33 34	Thomas Larsen, Denmark	
35	Jason Sterner, Rochester, NY	
35 36		
	Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas	
37	Ryan Ciminelli Lancaster, S.C.	
38	DJ Archer Friendswood, Texas	
39	Chris Via Springfield, Ohio	
40	Zacharay Wilkins, Canada	
41	Osku Palermaa, Finland	
42	Patrick Girard, Canada	
43	Andres Gomez, Colombia	
44	Sam Cooley, Australia	
45	Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn	
46	Michael Tang, San Francisco	
47	Richard Teece, England	
49	Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan.	
50	Christopher Sloan, Ireland	
51	Martin Larsen, Sweden	
52	Greg Ostrander, Brick, N.J.	
53	Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind.	
54	Arturo Quintero, Mexico	
55	Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas	
56	Greg Young Viera, Fla.	
57	Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky.	
58	Matthew McNiel, Minneapolis, Minn	
59	Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill.	· ·
60	Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela	
61	Matt Sanders, Indianapolis	
62	Kenneth Ryan, Farmingdale, NJ	7,235.00
63	Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas	6,915.00
65	Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn	6,623.00
66	Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio	6,445.00
67	Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio	6,358.00
68	Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va.	6,332.50
69	Graham Fach, Canada	6,152.50
70	Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y.	5,872.50
71	Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio	
72	Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J.	
73	Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio	
74	Michael Martell, Brooklyn, N.Y.	
75	Pontus Andersson, Sweden	

Current PBA League team rosters (three protected players from 2019):			
Motown Muscle EJ Tackett Anthony Simonsen Josh Blanchard	Manager: Del Ballard		
Philadelphia Hitmen Dom Barrett Tom Smallwood Shawn Maldonado	Manager: Jason Couch		
Brooklyn Styles Walter Ray Williams Jr. Brad Angelo Rhino Page	Manager: Johnny Petraglia		
Dallas Strikers Norm Duke Tommy Jones Bill O'Neill	Manager: Norm Duke		
L.A. X Jason Belmonte Jakob Butturff Stu Williams	Manager: Andrew Cain		

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- -- USBC Open Nationals, National Bowling Stadium, Reno, NV-POSTPONED to Sept. 12 Nov. 21
- USBC Women's Nationals, SouthPoint, Las Vegas, NV-POSTPONED to Sept. 19 Oct. 18, bowl.com
- 7-10 PWBA Sacramento Open, Steve Cook's Fireside Lanes—CANCELED
 - 8 BowITV Podcast with Chad Murphy "The Sport of Bowling," 10am, BowITV.com
 - 9 Silver Foxes Tournament, Black Oak Lanes, Sonora, 559/381-0356—CANCELED
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 - 13-19 USBC Queen's, SouthPoint, Las Vegas—POSTPONED INDEFINATELY
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 - 22-24 Xframe Memorial Event, Cal Bowl, Lakewood, 909/702-3369
 - 23-24 22nd Hillman Memorial Scholarship Tournament, Cloverleaf Bowl, Fremont, 510/656-4411, cloverleafbowl.com—POSTPONED to Aug. 8-9
 - 23-26 PBA50 No. CA Classic, Harvest Park Bowl, Brentwood—POSTPONED TO FALL
 - 24 BB & K's Scratch 8 Gamer #2, 10am, Bowlium, Montclair, 909/450-9415
 - 27-31 USBC Super Senior Classic, Sam's Town, Las Vegas—POSTPONED UNTIL LATER THIS YEAR
 - 28-30 IBM 2020 9th XTravaganza Doubles Bowling Tournament, Red Rock Casino, Las Vegas-CANCELED
 - 31 San Joaquin Bowling Club Tournament, TBD, 559/385-8837
 - 31-6/7 USBC Senior Masters, Sam's Town, Las Vegas-POSTPONED INDEFINATELY

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calling on Congress to assist community organizations not helped by the CARES Act survive until it is safe to return to play. The youth sports industry, comprised almost entirely of volunteers, nonprofits and small businesses, risks a complete collapse. This is about saving volunteer-driven organizations, youth sports infrastructure, jobs, and ensuring that young people have access to sports in a safe environment and receive the physical, social, emotional and cognitive benefits organized sports provides.

A letter backed by each of the more than 400 Coalition members, which included the National Council of Youth Sports (NCYS), PeacePlayers, YMCA of the USA and multiple U.S. sports federations, was delivered on Monday to Senator Mitch McConnell, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate, and Senator Charles Schumer, Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate. Among the asks of Congress for support were an \$8.5 billion economic stabilization fund for youth sports providers and the formation of a youth sports COVID-19 Task Force.

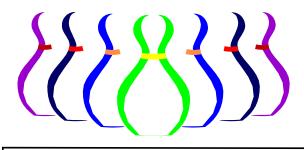
The economic losses suffered by this forced pause, while not unique to youth sports, applies to the program providers, particularly sports-based youth development programs serving at-risk youth from under-resourced communities, as well as event facility hosts and large numbers of employees and contractors who make sports possible. Priority consideration in the disbursement of these funds will be given to these programs supporting under-served communities such as girls and youth with disabilities.

This designated fund also would include reimbursement for lost expenses, including camps and clinics, funding for employee and contractual-related expenses needed to continue operations beyond the allowable period of the CARES Act and competition and event cancellations that are non-refundable or insurable due to the National Emergency nature of the cancellations.

Beyond immediate relief, PLAY Sports will also engage a diverse set of stakeholders to advocate for the comeback of youth and local sports, centered around values of placing athletes first, inclusivity, accessibility, accountability, and innovation.

The coalition strategy includes: supporting families playing and coaching again, recognizing the economic and psychological devastation of COVID-19 will impact how families invest time and resources in participation in sports; and a playbook for return to play, ensuring there are clear guidelines, protocols, training and professional development to support the return of youth sports that ensures safe and positive sports experiences.

PLAY Sports Coalition is being led by a volunteer steering committee consisting of representatives across the youth sports industry, including Wayne B. Moss (National Council on Youth Sports), Benita Fitzgerald Mosley (Laureus Sport for Good USA), Jon Butler (Pop Warner), Jeremy Goldberg (LeagueApps), Keri King (Triple Crown Sports), and Luke Zaientz (Reigning Champs). Active Policy Solutions, led by Terri Lakowski, is serving as a special advisor to the Coalition and its Steering Committee.



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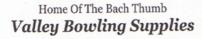
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tition. The age breakdowns for the other Junior Gold divisions are: U18 (Aug. 1, 2002-July 31, 2005); U15 (Aug. 1, 2005-July 31, 2008); U12 (Aug. 1, 2008 and later).

The Junior Gold qualifying season officially kicks off May 1, 2020 and will run until May 16, 2021. Competitors must have a Junior Gold membership, which costs \$10 for U12 competitors and \$30 for all other divisions, in addition to USBC Youth membership or, for U20 bowlers, adult membership.

Junior Gold coordinators also need to be aware that U20 qualifying events must be held separately, with only U20 competitors in the field. Qualifying events for U18, U15, and U12 divisions can be combined.

With many states remaining under COVID-19 restrictions, IBC Youth Development encourages local coordinators to follow local guidelines before hosting a qualifying event.

IBC Youth Development also set dates for the national youth events that will take place in Indianapolis in conjunction with the Junior Gold Championships.

The USA Bowling National Championships qualifying rounds will be held July 7-8 with the U12 and U15 title matches on July 11. Regional qualifying events will start in the fall.

The Bowling.com Youth Open Championships will take place July 7-9, 16-18 and 24-25. U18 will be the oldest division for the event.

The Survivor Tournament for the U20 division is set for July 9 with the Youth Survivor taking place July 16-17.

IBC Youth also will launch two Junior Gold technology projects for the Junior Gold program.

A new Junior Gold qualifier portal, launching next week, will allow tournament directors to submit their Junior Gold Qualifier applications, upload rules, and make deposits online prior to their event. After the event, directors will be able to go online to upload results, enter advancers and alternates, and pay any remaining balance. The online portal will eliminate the need to submit paper forms.

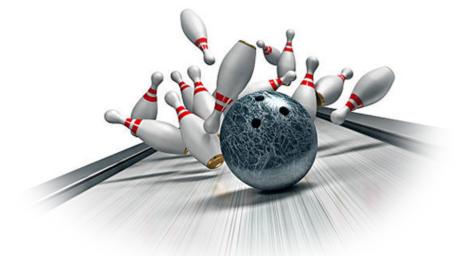
The Junior Gold membership portal, which will launch this summer, will allow athletes to go online to log in and purchase their Junior Gold membership. Youth bowlers will be notified when the portal is available.

Visit <u>BOWL.com/JuniorGold</u> to learn more about the Junior Gold Championships and visit <u>BOWL.com/Youth-Tournaments</u> to learn more about USA Bowling and the Youth Open Championships.

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Men's Classic League at now-defunct Mission Hills Bowl. Those scores add up to 888.

Chiodo had a shot at tying Sharpsteen's score on his last shot of his third game but left the 4-7. "*It was my only ball out of the pocket*," Chiodo said.

Sharpsteen, a right-hander from the San Fernando Valley, insisted that he was not in a zone during his night for the ages. "*I was just relaxed and having fun,*" said Sharpsteen, adding that he enjoyed animated conversations with players such as Rusty Bryant, one of his team's opponents that night.

When Sharpsteen struck in the fifth frame of the final game, he said he felt really comfortable.

"That's when I knew I had the 800. I was more relaxed," said Sharpsteen, who left only a 9-pin and two solid 7-pins that night.

Amazingly, it was Sharpsteen's first 800 series. His perfect game was his 11th at the time.

Sharpsteen's previous best series was a 797. In fact, he had recorded that mark four times. *"Each time, I got a split on my fill ball,"* lamented Sharpsteen, who's powerful 888 avoided any chance he'd forever be known as "Mr. 797."

Sharpsteen was filling in as a substitute that night for Mario Fiumara and used an Ebonite Mission ball for his record series. That history-making ball has since come and gone, he said. "It was all cracked out," Sharpsteen said.

As luck would have it, Sharpsteen's team lost all three games that night. His team lost by one pin the first game, two pins the next game and one pin again in the finale.

Asked if becoming the first L.A.-area bowler to knock out a 900 series is his goal, he recently said it was.

But Sharpsteen, who is averaging well over 200, said he has a more important mission when he bowls.

"I just come down [to the lanes] to have fun," he said.

Del Ballard continued from page 1 \$30,000. *Footnote:* Ballard rebounded a few weeks later by winning the Long Island Open championship. His misfortune in the Fair Lanes Open notwithstanding, Ballard was a top-caliber PBA performer.

In 1994, he became the 11th player in PBA history to win \$1 million in career earnings. That year Ballard enjoyed his most successful year on the tour, winning four titles. Overall, he won 13 PBA titles, all between 1987 and 1993.

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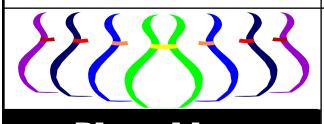
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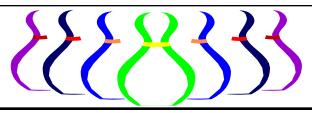
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Erickson Foods Clinches Top Seed in Playoffs TOP 10 TEAMS ROUND 5

by Mike Cammarata

DOWNEY - Bobby Campagnale led the Erickson Food's team to a 4-1 win over a struggling Keystone Lanes team on Monday night with his 235-235-257/727 set. The four wins clinched the top seed for Erickson's, and guaranteed them a spot in the championship match that will be held at Del Rio Lanes on June 8th. Bobby got help tonight from Brian Main, who added in a 601 series. Arnold Cheesman was the lone 600 shooter for Keystone Lanes, with his 666 set, but it wasn't enough to keep from losing four games. Keystone falls to 10-25 during the last seven weeks in which the round winners have faced off in head to head competition, and are clinging to the #2 seed at the moment.

The other two round winners, Forest Lanes and Sysco continued their battle to try and catch Keystone for the two spot. Forest Lanes won all five games tonight, locking Sysco out of a #2 spot behind the strong bowling of Zack Jellsey and Mason Sherman. Zack shot 647 and Mason added 665. Gabriel Martinez was the only 600 shooter on Sysco, with 640, and their best hope now is hanging on to the #3 seed. With the five wins for Forest Lanes, they still have their sights set on getting the #2 seed next Monday night.

As for the non-round winners, the action is just as tight. With one week to go in the $5^{\rm th}$ round, and the season, three teams are in contention to win the round. Those same three teams and two others have a chance to get the wild card spot into the playoffs, so next Monday is going to see some exciting games and some broken hearts as the season concludes.

Power House Video Games beat The Professional Approach tonight, four games to one. Eddie Van Daniker struck all night, lead-ing the league with his 773 series (266-249-258). He was helped by Lee Liu (629), and Val Wise (652). The third game in the match was a shoot out with both teams shooting over 900, but The Pro Approach came up just a little short. Billy Myers, Jessica Diso and Frank Barefoot all had strong sets, but the 773 shot by Eddie was

Games hold the drivers seat heading into the final night, but The Pro Approach group is far from out of it, although they need to win the round as the wildcard is out of their reach now.

The third team in the mix for the 5th round title, and a wild card spot, is Threadworks. The Threadworks team ended all hopes for the Pino's Pizza squad by beating them all five games in their match. The first game was very close, but after that it was all Threadworks, led by Paul Varela's 694 and Eric Snow's 641. Leonard Ruiz and his squad hung in there early, but just couldn't get any scores going in the final two games and saw their chances come to an end this season.

Moving on to teams that can no longer win the 5th round, but still have a chance at the wild card, we see Casamigo's Tequila and DV8. They bowled each other tonight, and Casamigo's won the match 4-1. DV8 won the first game by 62 pins, but weren't competitive the rest of the night, losing the next two games by almost 80 pins each. Brian Gonzales led the way for Casamigo's tonight with 632. Harry Wong and Joe Jimenez added 600's as well. Brent Ilagan and Jeff Carr scored well for DV8. Both of these teams find themselves in a position requiring both wins and help from teams above them next week.

American Harvest Vodka won all five games tonight from Linder Insurance. It wasn't enough to get them into contention, but they certainly played the role of spoiler and ended any chances that Linder had. A.H.V had the league high series tonight, and it wasn't even close as they put up a very consistent 2649. All four of their players were in the top 14 spots in the league tonight. Ramiro Garcia led the way at 684.

The rest of the teams are playing out the season, thinking about next year, and watching some great action from the teams battling to the bitter end. Come down next Monday night and see which two teams get the finals spots as the season ends and playoffs get

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