

EJ Tackett Wins PBA Xtra Frame Parkside Lanes Open For 10th Career PBA Tour Title



EJ Tackett

AURORA, Ill. (July 2, 2018) – Entering the stepladder finals as the top qualifier, 25-year-old EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., beat a struggling Bill O’Neill of Langhorne, Pa., Monday to win the PBA Xtra Frame Parkside Lanes Open for his 10th Go Bowling! PBA Tour title.

Tackett beat O’Neill, who was also trying for his 10th win, 210-171, in the title match to also record his first win of the season.

“To make it to double digits is one of those milestones you always hope to accomplish.”

Tackett said of the 10-win milestone. “It’s like winning your second title because it’s another validation in your career that you can compete against the best in the world.

“There’s no such thing as an easy win but this tournament felt easier than most for some reason,” the 2016 PBA Player of the Year added.

In the title match, O’Neill ran into problems early when he left the 2-10 and 2-7-10 splits back-to-back in the third and fourth frames and was not able to convert the splits.

Tackett, using a urethane

ball on the PBA Chameleon 39-foot lane condition, which he chose for the title match, was able to hit the pocket consistently and never threw anything less than a nine-count until the 10th frame when the match had already been decided.

In each stepladder match the higher qualifier was able to select the lane condition for the match.

“Bowling on the Chameleon condition was the easiest for me to break down with a urethane ball,” Tackett said. “I just felt that I could avoid bowling 180 and it was my best chance to keep the ball in play. If I could bowl over 200 I felt my chances of winning the match were pretty good. I did exactly what I wanted to do.”

In the opening stepladder match, six-time Tour winner Dom Barrett of England defeated four-time titlist Marshall Kent of Yakima Wash., 235-226, to advance to the second match against O’Neill who qualified third for the finals.

O’Neill went on to beat Barrett, 245-216, in the second match and then No. 2 qualifier two-hander Chris Via of Springfield, Ohio, 209-198, in

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Butch Warren Wins SS; Paul Fleming Wins Senior Division at the SASBA Firecracker



Paul Fleming



Butch Warren

Plano, TX - Paul Fleming started slow at the Firecracker at Plano Super Bowl.

He was in 23rd place in the 50-59 division after 8 games of qualifying on Saturday, June 30.

He then made his move on Sunday, when he shot 1,950 for 8 games to move into 5th place for the double elimination match play on Monday.

Fleming defeated Jose Cortes 452-401, Bill Fong 463-447 and Steve Wright 493-416 before losing to Rick Cheshier 486-446 sending him into the losers bracket.

There, Fleming defeated Thomas Gwin 482-428 before meeting up with Cheshier in the final match.

The first match, Paul won 480-448 forcing a second match.

In the second match, Rick was ahead 182-180 after the first game, but Paul came back with a 265 to Rick’s 258 to beat him the second time and win his first SASBA title and \$1,250 in his first SASBA tournament.

Cheshier collected \$950 for his second place finish.

In the Super Senior division,

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2018 Open Championships Concludes in Syracuse

SYRACUSE, N.Y. - Kurt Pilon of Warren, Michigan, may be known as a bit of a jokester, but when it’s time to perform on the lanes, the 45-year-old right-hander is all business.

The 24-time United States Bowling Congress Open Championships participant headlined the list of 33 champions at the 2018 event, where he claimed the Regular All-Events title with a 2,186 nine-game tally and helped Warren’s S&B Pro Shop 1 to the Regular Team title with a 3,322 total on games of 1,019, 1,213 and 1,090. The group bowled March 28, the fifth day of the 107-day tournament.

The wins mark the second and third of Pilon’s career, with the first coming in Regular Team in 1997.



He led the team effort this year at the Oncenter Convention Center with a 763 series and was joined by Marcus McClain (698), Ryan Mouw (664), Bill Orlikowski (606), who also picked up his third USBC Open Championships title, and Andrew Burke (591).

Pilon, a past member of Team USA (1998) and a Professional Bowlers Association Tour titlist (2001), averaged nearly 243 over his nine games this year in Syracuse, adding

sets of 752 in doubles and 671 in singles, to give him the highest all-events total on the tournament lanes since 2015.

Not far behind Pilon in the all-events standings, fourth overall, was former Team USA member AJ Chapman of St. Paul, Minnesota, who teamed with 33-time Open Championships participant Richard Eighme of Waterloo, Iowa, to lead Regular Doubles at the Oncenter Convention Center with a 1,457 total.

The two opened with a 553 game, which included a 296 effort from Eighme, and added 435 and 469 to set the bar May 14. Chapman, a 24-year-old right-hander and five-time tournament participant, led the performance with a 737 series, and Eighme, a 50-year-old right-hander, posted a 720 series.

The 2018 Regular Singles title was earned with the lone 800 series of the year, tossed by right-hander Cotie Holbek of

Burlington, Wisconsin, now 25 years old.

Holbek made his second visit to the Open Championships, first since 2015, and rolled games of 278, 278 and 246 for an 802 series April 23.

Taking the top spot in Team All-Events was a long time coming for the members of Red Carpet Lanes of Greenfield, Wisconsin, who finally can call themselves Eagle winners after many close calls over the years. They earned that right with a 10,252 total at the Oncenter Convention Center.

The Team All-Events title is determined by combining the nine-game all-events totals of all five team members.

Red Carpet Lanes’ latest addition, David Labinski, led the effort in the Salt City with a 2,129 all-events total, which was ninth in Regular All-Events.

Ken Duffield, who is one of 35 players in tournament history with a 300 game and

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Just Paying Attention

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Although the calendar said so, for the first time it a number of years it really wasn't the unadulterated adrenaline it has been for the last decade. Perhaps it was the goal I set for myself. I did not fall over at the foul line, so that goal was reached. For those of you who took the over number of me falling at the foul line at 0.5, sorry.

The 2018 USBC Open Championships was the first serious test since my left knee surgery last fall, the nine games of real competition, plus practice and side events adding a handful more. For someone who hasn't really had a bowling break of any length in decades, many questions would be answered. The specifically-designed knee brace would receive a true test

The first test at this annual outing resembles more of a power walk while carrying 125 pounds. Dragging two triple roller tote bags, a backpack with shoes, and a double roller tote inside the OnCenter Convention complex, it felt like a true field test. The walk from the parking area is much longer than a stroll from the front door, locker area, or pro shop to bowl league.

Once the blood starts

flowing back to the arms after pulling those roller bags over what seems to be several city blocks, and getting used to the mercury vapor lights, it was show time.

After seeing what I knew I would see for ball reaction in the four practice shots, I started with a pin down Motiv Covert Revolt with 1000 grit surface just outside second arrow. Even though the rev rate has dropped the wrong side of 300, a little surface seemed to help control the sudden backend I've seen in recent years at the OC.

Although I had heard great things about scores on the lower end of the tourney lanes, the last foot and a half of the slide area was an issue for me. Couldn't get the right heel and sole combo, so I pressed on the best I could.

Continuing to move left every other frame on each lane, I stayed with the Revolt until the end of game two. Probably could have switched to a lane shined Venom Shock, but wasn't sold on a ball switch because of the slide issues. In any case, I left way too many pins out there on missed spares, mostly from rusty technique and different slide lengths on a given delivery.

All that was on me. My primary goal of not falling down or even having the slightest feel of a knee twinge was reached, and an error-filled 560 actually helped set up day two for doubles and singles.

After a power nap early Saturday night for the 10:45 pm squad, I was ready to go. After hand sanding a slightly pin up Motiv Jackal Rising with a 360 pad, I thought I could float the ball outside five and let it walk in.

It worked even better than I imagined. Now bowling was fun again. After starting with 470 after the first two games, I knew that reaction wasn't going to be around long. I switched to a pin down Trident Quest before jumping way left with the rest for singles. For my raisin fudge-knuckling release, that drill on an asymmetric core always works well at nationals, or on other flatter patterns. It just does.

I jumped into third arrow with the same Venom Shock for singles. If I executed well, it struck, if not, the worst I left was a corner pin or a two-pin spare. Only flagged a couple of spares on Saturday, but did trip the 4-pin on three of the final four strikes for an even 1800 all-events total, surpassing my expectation.

Finally, the game was fun again. No falling will be a goal for the Luci as well. I'm sure my partner Linda Walbaum will appreciate that, having almost fallen three times last year.

Thanks to Will Tarpein and Brian Nicodemus in the Motiv booth for their eyes and ears.

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Hope you had a chance to see the multi-monitor ball wall in the Motiv booth this year. Each ball on display had a monitor with accompanying video of that ball in constant playback, illustrating its downlane motion compared to the rest of the line. Tarpein explained to me how he built it and keeps it running and without revealing staff secrets,

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At Cowtown Bowling Palace

Teel crushes 768, Whitney handles 642

Scott Teel claimed high-series honors for the week at Cowtown Bowling Palace with a power-packed 257-234-27 = 768 Monday Mixers production.

Heather Whitney paced the ladies with an outstanding 212-224-206 = 642 Storm Bowling Draft Scratch Trio set.

HONOR ROLL

Jason Magallon, Sr. 278, Sandy Groh 192-498, Bobby Shaw 249, Scott Teel 269, Tennelle Milligan 227, Kevin Roberts 266-730, Paul Henderson 265,

Amy Drescher 206, Gordan Hallowell 258-704.

Stella Evans 202-505, Big Herm Herman 253, Keith Hernandez 248, Scott Dull 256-677, Amanda Gann 190-506, Caysen Barnett 254, Michael Pesqueda 236.

SENIORS

Frank Stone 228-642, Alice Phillips 211-571, Ramiro Botello, Sr. 217, Mike Tomlin 216, Ramiro Botello, Sr. 248, Larrie King 205-516, George Hernandez, Sr. 247-654, Betty Odom 201, John Stewart 222.

SUMMER 2018 LEAGUE SCHEDULE

Bowling Time	League Name	Starting Date	League Type	Number on Team
MONDAY				
6:30 p.m.	Monday Night Mixers	June 4	Mixed	4
6:30 p.m.	12 for 12	July 16	Mixed	4
TUESDAY				
9:30 a.m.	Tuesday VIPs	June 5	50+ Mixed	4
12:30 p.m.	Senior All-Stars	September	Men -190+ avg	2
6:30 p.m.	Ladies and Gents	June 12	Mixed	4
7 p.m.	Storm Bowling Trios	June 5	190+ avg.	3
WEDNESDAY				
6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Winners	June 6	Mixed	4
6:30 p.m.	Fort Worth Classic Trios	June 6	Mixed	3
THURSDAYS				
9:30 a.m.	Thursday Twighlighters	June 7	50+ Mixed	4
12:30 p.m.	Coaches	September	Mixed	4
6:30 p.m.	Thirsty Thursdays	July 12	Mixed	4
6:30 p.m.	Just 4 Fun	June 14	Mixed	4
SATURDAY (SEE SEPARATE FLYER FOR TEAM DETAILS)				
9:30 a.m.	Youth Leagues	June 2	20 or less	3-4
5 p.m.	Saturday Night Live	September		

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Date	Tournament Detail	Location
Nov 25-26, 2017	Wild Turkey Mixed Tournament - \$2k added	Cityview
Jan 27-28, 2018	Mixed Doubles - \$3k added	Forum Bowl
Feb 10-11, 2018	Youth City - \$3k added	Cityview
Feb 12-23, 2018	Senior - \$1k added	Mail-O-Graphic
April 21-22, 2018	Ladies City - \$3k added	Cityview
April 29, 2018	Youth/Adult Doubles - \$2k added	Watauga
May 5-6/May 11-12	Open City Championship - \$10k added	Bowlero Eules
July 7-8, 2018	After the Fire Works - Mixed Trios - \$2k added	TBD

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HONOR ROLL



Men

Lance Duensing, Forum Bowl	806
Chad Holand, Plano Super Bowl.....	788
Scott Teel, Cowtown Bowling Palace.....	768
Billy Cathey, Ennis All Star Bowl	730
Tony Franklin, JB's Allen Bowl.....	727
Charles Venters, Red Bird Lanes.....	698
Rick Irvine, Strikz	672

Women

Christi Nedved, Plano Super Bowl.....	682
Troy Howell, Forum Bowl.....	649
Heather Whitney, Cowtown Bowling Palace.....	642
Genie Franklin, JB's Allen Bowl.....	621
Lauren Cathey, Red Bird Lanes	568
Cindy McBride, Strikz	566
Lauren Cathey, Ennis All Star Bowl	562



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2018 Women's Championships Comes to a Close in Reno

RENO, Nev. – The 99th edition of United States Bowling Congress Women's Championships concluded in dramatic fashion Sunday as new leaders emerged in Diamond Singles, Diamond All-Events and Topaz All-Events during the final day of competition.

The 2018 event, which kicked off April 19 and lasted for 74 days, made its record 11th trip to Reno and eighth appearance at the National Bowling Stadium, welcoming 4,334 four-player teams and more than 17,000 bowlers to the 78-lane venue.

Bowlers competed in four average-based divisions for team competition and six divisions for doubles, singles and all-events.

All standings are unofficial and pending final verification.

AJ Schock of Battle Ground, Washington, rolled the highest set of her career on the way to the lead in Diamond Singles (787) and Diamond All-Events (2,132), while Chelsea Couto of Kerman, California, used the momentum of a strong performance during her team event Saturday to capture the top spot in Topaz All-Events with 1,385.

Joely O'Grady of Rahway, New Jersey, previously held the lead in Diamond Singles with 754, and Team USA's

Julia Bond of Aurora, Illinois, was the leader in Diamond All-Events with 2,128. Julie Carter of Linthicum, Maryland, previously topped the Topaz All-Events standings with 1,357.

Schock, a 21-year-old right-hander making her USBC Women's Championships debut, rolled games of 276, 233 and 278, and her set Sunday morning is the third-highest singles series in tournament history. She added sets of 674 in team and 671 in doubles to edge Bond for the all-events lead.

Schock started her final game of singles with back-to-back spares, before rattling off nine consecutive strikes. Her strike in the ninth frame wrapped up the singles lead, and she filled 29 pins in the 10th frame to secure the top spot in all-events.

Schock admitted to looking at the leaderboard prior to her debut, but she didn't believe it added any pressure to the moment.

"I knew what the numbers were, but it wasn't in my head," Schock said. "I just wanted to focus on taking it one shot and one game at a time. If I made my way to the top, great. But if I didn't, it would be a good experience."

After opening doubles Sunday with a 255 game, Schock followed it with 180, noting her spare shooting wasn't at its



best.

"I wasn't comfortable in my second game of doubles," Schock said. "I was missing spares, so I knew that was the first thing I had to change. But, after that, I calmed down, stayed comfortable and put the ball where it needed to be."

She also had to make some adjustments as the lane condition began to transition for her in singles, but she quickly found the right move.

"At the end of the second game and start of the third game, my angle to the pocket wasn't the greatest," Schock said. "I was either going high or leaving flat 10s. So, I opened up my shoulders a little and gave the ball a little more room to recover."

Schock had a very successful career on the lanes while in high school, helping Battle Ground High School win four consecutive Washington Interscholastic Activities Association Class 4A state titles. Her performance Sunday has her looking forward to the next step of her career, competing

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Monday, July 16	10:00am	12:00pm	2:00pm
Tuesday, July 17	10:00am	12:00pm	2:00pm
Wednesday, July 18	10:00am	12:00pm	2:00pm
Thursday, July 19	10:00am	12:00pm	2:00pm
Friday, July 20	10:00am	12:00pm	2:00pm
Saturday, July 21	10:00am	12:00pm	2:00pm



Entry Fee Breakdown
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Girls U12 – U15 – U20

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Bowlers may receive multiple scholarships, however, they may only receive one (1) scholarship with the same partner.

All entries received will receive a confirmation from nctusbc@bowl.com



2018 Summer League Schedule

Time	League	# Per Team	Start Date	Meeting
Monday				
6:00 PM	Monday Mixers	4	June 11th	Starts at 5:30 PM
Tuesday				
10:00 AM	Just for Fun	2	June 12th	Starts at 9:30 AM
1:00 PM	Rolling Rocks	3	June 12th	Starts at 12:30 PM
6:30 PM	Adventures	4	June 12th	Starts at 6:00 PM
Wednesday				
6:00 PM	Wednesday Mixers	4	June 13th	Starts at 5:30 PM
Thursday				
12:00 PM	Young at Heart	4	June 14th	Starts at 11:30 AM
6:00 PM	Thursday Funfours	4	June 14th	Starts at 5:30 PM
Friday				
10:00 AM	9 Pin No Tap	3	June 15th	Starts at 9:30 AM
10:00 AM	Senior No Tap	3	June 15th	Starts at 9:30 AM
Saturday				
10:00 AM	Bowl-a-Rama Youth	X	June 16th	Starts at 9:45 AM
Sunday				
6:30 PM	Sunday Mixers	4	June 10th	Starts at 6:00 PM

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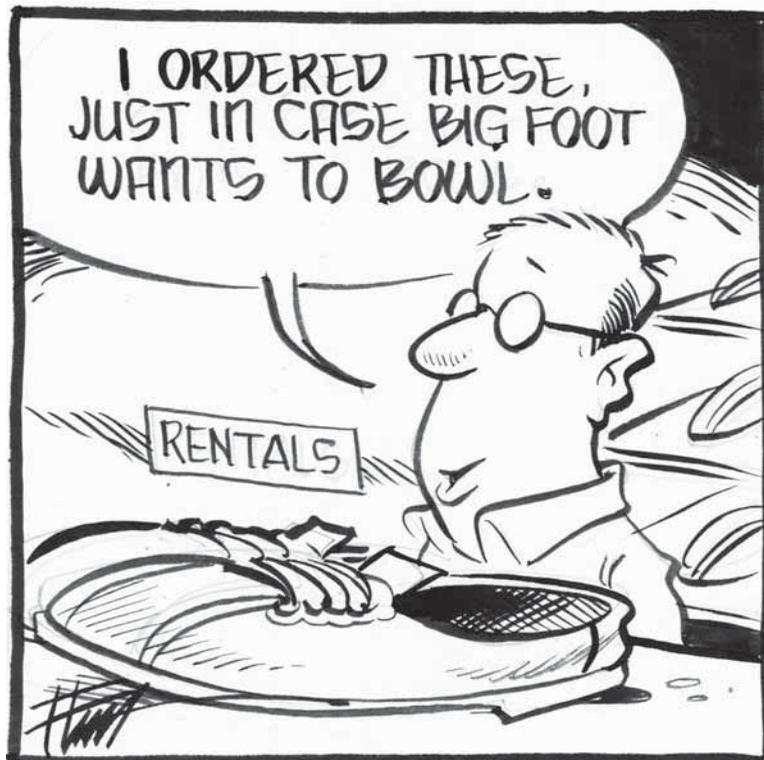
Boys

Lane Thompson, Forum Bowl	702
C J Johnson, Plano Super Bowl	634
Jake Swift, Cowtown Bowling Palace	583
Bryce Herrington, Strikz	505
Josh Ramos, Red Bird Lanes	496
Ryan Martinez, JB's Allen Bowl	479

Girls

Carlen Gattenby, JB's Allen Bowl	612
Athena Walker Plano Super Bowl	523
Victoria Hylton, Forum Bowl	458
Haylee Reece, Strikz	395
Gyanna Simmons, Cowtown Bowling Palace	325
Darrah Sternes, Red Bird Lanes	281

Lane Laughter



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the semifinal to advance to the title match.

Intended to put added emphasis on performing well every game, the unique qualifying portion of the tournament awarded bonus pins to players for each game depending on how they finished against their competitors on each pair of lanes. As an example, with four players on a pair of lanes, the top scorer would earn 30 bonus pins, the second high scorer 20 pins and third 10 pins with the lowest scoring player receiving no bonus.

The tournament was also conducted on three different

Dallas USBC Youth Scores

C J Johnson led the Dallas-area USBC Youth bowling last week with an outstanding 254-156-224 = 634 Thursday Youth/Adult series at Plano Super Bowl.

Carlen Gattenby headed the girls with a super solid 202-213-197 = 612 Youth Mania set at JB's Allen Bowl.

At JB's Allen Bowl - Hunter McCall 144-345, Ashley Martinez 87-230, Dakota Wagner 104-305, Caiden Richardson 123-292, Amanda Ingman 177-459, Ryan Martinez 165-479, Taylore Ryan 203-484, Isaac Gattenby 132-369.

At Plano Super Bowl - Nick Hardin 123-316, Jordyn Wright 84-224, Cade Carson 144-102, Allyssa Lee 156-401, Landon Jones 221-566, John Adams 215-616, Ashmani Clifford 171-464, Thomas Fun 180-515, Caitlyn Groom 120-246, Collin Pece 209-527, Athena Walker 185-523, Siera Sadowski 132-326, Aidan Hudson 244-545, T J Wilson 224-525, Sam Hesler 168-396, Robbie Baum 131-354, Sean Robinson 195-472, Victor Munguia 181-481, Athena Walker 164-464, Caleb Ebner (2 games) 73-135, Evie Gable (2 games) 65-128.

At Red Bird Lanes - Josh Ramos 192-496, Darrah Sternes 105-281, Ethan Brown 50-96, Vanessa Dunn-Ford 73-132, Miles Carter 117-320, Maddison Lopez 86-195.

At Strikz - Enrique Arredondo 165-453, Bryce Herrington 180-505, Jacob Argo 149-416, Tyler Keeton 168-436, Ryan Bartek 170-425, Cory Shen 179-430, Zachary Smullen 223-494, Grace Alejano 156-392, Deana Simmons 125-326, Haylee Reece 144-395.

Fort Worth USBC Youth Results

Lane Thompson topped the Fort Worth-area USBC Youth bowling last week with a rousing 249/702 Family Circus series at Forum Bowl.

Victoria Hylton, Thompson's league mate, led the girls with a fine 178/458 set.

At Cowtown Bowling Palace - Jake Swift 234-583, Gyanna Simmons 124-325, Stephen Haney 184, Kelly Bailey 111, Jacob Michael 166, Noemi Lievano 89-169, Katherine Barrera 80-158, Jonathan Lievano 70.

PBA lane conditions with the first round conducted on the Chameleon followed by the second round on the 39-foot Don Carter and the third round conducted on the 39-foot Bear condition.

All PBA Xtra Frame events for the rest of the season will be covered live, from first ball to last, by PBA's new live streaming partner, FloBowling. Subscriptions are available at FloBowling.com (existing Xtra Frame subscribers can transition their current subscriptions by visiting <https://www.flobowling.com/claim-account>).

The next event on the PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling.com and Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule for 2018 is the PBA/PWBA Storm Striking for Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles Tournament that will take place with a sold-out field of 160 teams July 26-29 at Copperfield Bowl in Houston, Texas. Jason Sterner of Rock-

ledge, Fla., and Birgit Poppler of Germany are defending champions.

PBA XTRA FRAME PARK-SIDE LANES OPEN (A 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour event)

Parkside Lanes, Aurora, Ill., Monday

Final Standings:
1, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., \$10,000.

2, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., \$6,300.

3, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, \$4,000.

4, Dom Barrett, England, \$3,000.

5, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., \$2,000.

Stepladder Results:
Match one - Barrett def. Kent, 235-226.

Match two - O'Neill def. Barrett, 245-216.

Semifinal - O'Neill def. Via, 209-198.

Championship - Tackett def. O'Neill, 210-171.

At JB's Allen Bowl

T Franklin figs 727, G Franklin jams 621

Tony Franklin collected high-series honors for the week at JB's Allen Bowl with a high-powered 224-246-257 = 727 series in Hammer Scratch Trio action.

Genie Franklin, Tony's better half, won high-set honors for the ladies with a rip-roaring 201-184-236 = 621 set.

HONOR ROLL

Burton Black 266-702, Jami Ellis 226-604, Ron Munoz 267-720, Lori Smith 191-526, Steven Hull 229-578, Elizabeth Masters 103-285.

SENIORS

David Nichols 267-650, Maria Robeson 199-564, Richard Stein 219-587, Luz Englert 160-460, Don Vaughn 201-558, Audrey Wilson 158-431, Joyce Kerby 177-431.

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WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

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on the Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour.

"The PWBA Tour has been a goal of mine since it restarted," Schock said. "Today definitely gave me a boost to give it a try."

Couto, a 27-year-old right-hander, started her fourth Women's Championships appearance with a 537 series in team and backed it up with 425 in singles and 423 in doubles to get to the lead.

Couto has been on a run as of late, which started with a strong showing at her state tournament.

"I bowled the California State tournament a few weeks ago," Couto said. "My mom and I finished in first in doubles, and I came in third in all-events."

Couto knew she was bowling well at the NBS, but she was surprised to find out her overall effort was enough to take the lead.

"Last night I bowled really well, but I never thought it would result in anything," Couto said. "I'm in shock, and it feels so great to take over the lead on the very last squad."

Joining Schock at the top of the Diamond Division leaderboard is USBC Hall of Famers Robin Romeo of Newhall, California, and Jeanne Naccarato of Tacoma, Washington, who used a huge final game May 15 to get to the lead in Diamond Doubles with 1,405.

Romeo started her set with games of 194 and 248 and finished with 278 for a 720

series, and Naccarato added games of 230, 200 and 255 for a 685 total.

The pair also teamed up to take the top spot in Diamond Doubles at the 2014 Women's Championships, which was held at the nearby Reno-Sparks Convention Center.

Entering the 2018 event, Romeo and Naccarato have five and four Women's Championships titles, respectively.

On May 14, Golden Approach Pro Shop of Dayton, Ohio, secured the lead in Diamond Team with a 2,703 total.

Led by Rebecca Whiting's 713 series, Golden Approach Pro Shop posted games of 925, 885 and 893 on the way to the top of the standings. Whiting was joined by three-time Women's Championships titlist Shannon Pluhowsky (693), Rebekah Martin (660) and Kelly Belzeski (637).

In addition to Schock, Wendy Mann of South Elgin, Illinois, also is looking to claim a pair of titles at the 2018 event after taking the lead in Emerald Singles and Emerald All-Events on May 7.

Mann, who teamed with Betty Jean Davis of Herbert, Illinois, to win the Emerald Doubles title in 2017, rolled games of 210, 203 and 225 in singles for a 638 series and added 637 in team and 524 in doubles for a 1,799 total.

The 2018 Women's Championships also featured two perfect games.

Three-time Women's Championships titlist Lindsay Boomershine of Perry, Utah, connected for 300 during her

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OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

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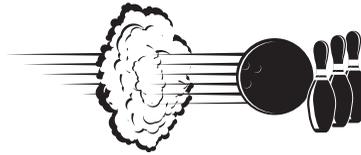
800 series at the event, added 2,111 and was followed by Dave Beres (2,065), former Junior Team USA member Chris Pierson (1,991) and Chad Maas (1,956).

The quintet finished fourth in Regular Team, but it was an incredible surge in doubles and singles May 5, where they averaged 227 and 237, respectively, that helped them past early leader, S&B Pro Shop 1, by more than 500 pins. The 2018 Regular Team champions ended up just outside the top 10 in Team All-Events.

The Bowlers Journal Championships, held in conjunction with the world's largest participatory sporting event for the 72nd time, featured the same oil pattern used for doubles and singles at the Open Championships.

The 2018 Open Championships got underway at the Oncenter Convention Center on March 24.

During the 107-day run, there were 13 perfect games, 11 299s and two 298s, while 19 additional bowlers rolled 11 consecutive strikes.



SASBA

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Butch Warren was in 15th place after Saturday.

Butch shot 1,921 on Sunday to move into 3rd place for the match play.

Warren went undefeated in match play defeating Doug Barron 460-373, Kurt Gengelbach 514-441, Mark Williams 424-417 and Greg Staton 414-411.

In the final match, Warren defeated Staton again 472-435 for his first SASBA title and collected \$1,450!

Staton claimed \$1,250 for his second place finish.

300s were bowled by Kurt Gengelbach, Blane Adkins, Bob McGregor, Thomas Gwin, Jack Soria and Bobby Scott.

Thanks to Scott Craddock and crew for being great hosts.

A big thanks to Mike Lynch and The Back 9 for sponsoring this week. The Back 9 contributed \$1,500 to the Firecracker. Also to Galco Hearing Aids for their year long sponsorship.

Our next tournament is the Member/Member Doubles at Red Bird Lanes in Duncanville. Limited to 48 teams.

In August, we have the non-champ Singles in Ennis.

The following week is the Member/Guest at Armadilla I.

This is separate qualifying for the members and guests and then paired up 1st with 1st and so on. Pins do not carry over. \$3000 guaranteed first by Mark Busscher and Galco Hearing Aids.

Additional highlights included 13 bowlers entering the event's 50-Year Club and three new members of the 60-Year Club, while Minnesota's Maynard Johnson became the 12th participant to reach 65 years of Open Championships participation.

USBC Hall of Famer Gordy Baer of Tinley Park, Illinois, became the 21st member of the 100,000-Pin Club, and Joseph Pursel Jr. of Hellertown, Pennsylvania, one of the new members of the 60-Year Club, also reached 100,000 pins in Syracuse.

In early April, the one-of-a-kind 48-lane tournament

venue played host to the USBC Masters, the first time the two events shared a staged since 2011. Andrew Anderson of Holly, Michigan, earned the 2018 Masters title, live on ESPN.

In 2019, the Open Championships will return to the South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas. It will be the tournament's fourth trip to the Entertainment Capital of the World.

For more information on the Open Championships, visit BOWL.com/OpenChamp.

Visit us on Facebook at the official USBC Open Championships Facebook page.

At Forum Bowl

Duensing nails 806, Howell claims 649

Kirk 300

Lance Duensing's first-rate 275-276-255 = 806 Weekenders session ended as the number one set of the week at Forum Bowl.

Troy Howell, from the Fast Lane Trio group, paced the ladies with a rollicking 215-214-220 = 649 set.

Troy Kirk's award-winning 12-bagger captured high-game accolades.

HONOR ROLL

Ed Block (9 pin) 298-854, Holly Beers (9 pin) 242-697, David Hixson 225-647, Kara Congi 194-526, Bobby Eidenier (4 games) 238-828, Karen Hoyle (4 games) 205-706, Marvin Sitts,

Jr. 247-709.

Vicky Dunn 213-596, George Stilen 257-766, Debbi Czajkowski 201-579, D J Garrett (4 games) 280-1035, Troy Howell (4 games) 269-918, Stacy Harden 278-738, Annie Akanni 187-533, Jim Fletcher 259-757.

Kristal Rogers 225-612, Bobby Eidenier 257-726, Judith Guillory 235-603, Annette Bell 210-604, Brad West 230-638, Sharon West 155-455, Jim Fletcher 249-695, Teresa Ross 232-587.

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Carl Coppenger (9 pin) 300-818, Pam Stewart (9 pin) 200-528, James Wiemuth (9 pin) 273-741, Pam Stewart (9 pin) 211-613.

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WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

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final game of doubles May 16 for a 762 series, and 2012 USBC Queens champion Diandra Asbaty of Chicago rolled 12

consecutive strikes minutes later on the way to a 729 singles series.

The perfect games were the 26th and 27th in tournament history and marked the first 300s at the event since 2014. Longevity again was cel-

ebrated in 2018 as nine bowlers joined the event's 50-Year Club.

The group included USBC Hall of Famer Annese Dunleavy of Boynton Beach, Florida; Bonnie Anderson of Kingsland, Texas; Ann Keerbs of Spirit Lake, Iowa; Helen Kidwell of Indianapolis; Phyl Knoll of Hawthorne, California; Carolyn Leifheit of DeKalb, Illinois; Evelyn Meier and Joani Nelsen of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and Eva Lou Rhoads of Englewood, Florida.

The Women's Championships will celebrate its 100th edition in 2019 at Northrock Lanes in Wichita, Kansas.

For more information or complete standings from the Women's Championships, visit BOWL.com/WomensChamp.

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PBA Spare Shots

EJ TACKETT JOINS ELITE LIST OF YOUNG 10-TIME PBA TOUR CHAMPIONS

By winning his 10th PBA Tour title in the PBA Xtra Frame Parkside Lanes Open Monday in Aurora, Ill., EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., joined an elite list of PBA players to win 10 titles at a young age.

The youngest player to win 10 PBA Tour titles was Pete Weber who accomplished that feat at the age of 24 years, 247 days. Mike Aulby did it at 25 years, 89 days – one day faster than Wayne Webb. Tackett, who hit the career milestone at 25 years, 329 days (he turns 26 on August 7), is fourth-youngest on that list after his win in Aurora.

Tackett was already PBA Hall of Fame "title-eligible" after he won his second major (and seventh overall title) in the 2017 PBA Tournament of Champions at the age of 24 years, 191 days. He won't become "participation eligible" for election, however, until 2032 – his 20th year of PBA membership – so he has plenty of time to pad his resumé.

For the record, PBA Hall of Fame eligibility is a two-step process. "Title eligibility"

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At Strikz

Irvine inks 672

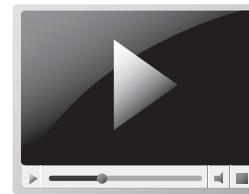
FRISCO – Rick Irvine led the high-set chase last week at Strikz with an estimable 215-219-238 = 672 Monday Mixerz showing.

Cindy McBride, Irvine's league mate, headed the ladies' leader board with robust 202-174-190 = 566 showing.

HONOR ROLL

Amy Marshal 189-504, Crandon Haddock 225-648, Bruce Southerland 225-643, Steve Southerland 227-639, Debbie Colby 196-514, Trish Raney 180-472, Cindy Liquori 178-464.

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- USBC Junior Gold Match Play, U15 and U20
Friday July 20 7:30 PM
- USBC Junior Gold Match Play, U15 and U20
Saturday July 21 8:30 AM

At Plano Super Bowl

Holand hails 788, Nedved captures 682

Chad Holand was definitely on target last week at Plano Super Bowl as he dominated scoring with a high-powered 278-262-248 = 788 Pepsi Classic Doubles league performance.

Christi Nedved, Holand's league mate, won the high-set contest for the ladies with a powerful 201-245-236 = 682 set.

HONOR ROLL

Reggie Murray 235-685, Rachel Sims 177-444, Woody Reding 248-718, Terri Shauchunas 224-561, Patrick Ashenden 233-635, Brenda Snyder 194-496, Andrew Roy 220-632, Larry Hoover 247-632.

Michele Hensarling 224-635, Justin Pittsinger (4 games) 241-863, Alex Schmieg (4 games) 235-732, Sean Clark 259-724, Monica Adams 210-585, John Buchanan 248-708, Loree Clark 220-622.

Cory Taylor 259-681, Diane Wallentine 211-575, Gene Foose 237-673, Emily Ryan 193-536, Steve Snelson 219-617, Kay Pingsterhaus 179-475, Sam Elliston 243-624, Emily Ryan 193-477.

Frank Phillips 257-734, Cindy Mann 266-678, Chris Castro (4 games) 269-994, Christi Nedved (4 games) 915, Shwn Redd 245-717, Patty Ellington 215-572, Dave Foster 265-706, Lee Brooke 225-589.

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JUST PAYING ATTENTION

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I can say it will be back again next year at South Point.

It was certainly an eye-grabber and did what it was designed to do.

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In the last couple of weeks, we've lost two familiar names from what has been called the rock star era of professional bowling. Johnny Guenther was one of the first big names out of the Pacific Northwest in the 1960's. His most notable feat occurred in February 1969 as he rolled the second nationally televised 300 game, called by substitute play-by-play announcer Keith Jackson on ABC's 'Pro Bowlers' Tour'.

What caught my eye was Jackson's brief interview with Guenther immediately after the game before going into the commercial break. Obviously thrilled, Guenther rather calmly answered Jackson's questions, mentioned he had shot 300 before in Seattle, then accepted the \$10,000 bonus check

Keep in mind, Guenther ran the four-game stepladder

that afternoon, with the 300 occurring in game two. From what I've found, Guether set the four-game television record of the time at 1004.

Sad to see both Jackson and Guenther have passed in the last six months, Jackson died in January.

The other loss was of Pete Couture, a fixture on both the 1980's regular tour and the late 1990's PBA Senior Tour. On the surface, his game reminded me of being a grinder. That's the type of player who shows up when other styles of players make the show, but Couture found a way to get the job done.

His most famous match and show may have been in the 1981 PBA Firestone Tournament of Champions, going to a rare double ninth and tenth frame rolloff against Earl Anthony after tying at 205 in the show's second of four matches. After a 198-179 win over Gary Dickinson in the semifinal, his opponent had his career signature match on television in the finale. Steve Cook rolled the front ten strikes, winning 287-183.

But two other matches, one win and one loss, showed

Couture's tenacity and grit, and are this week's JPA Lost Classics. After an opening six-bagger in the 1982 King Louie Open, Couture finished with 240. Needing the first strike and count in the tenth, Joe Berardi left one of the hardest solid 10's you'll ever see, losing the match, 240-227.

That match is found here (www.youtube.com/watch?v=bOY0FqcCXE4).

Two years later, Couture faced Nelson Burton, Jr., in the semifinal the day Burton tied the three-game and set the four-game television scoring records of the time

In what turned out to be his final singles television round match on the regular tour, Couture, even after a solid 8-pin only Randy Pedersen could appreciate, battled until the end.

The match can be found here (www.youtube.com/watch?v=JZPj4Bxc66g&t=273s).
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Next week, some desk clearing and an update on a story from last summer on a small town bowling center that came back to life with help of a television reality show.

PBA SPARE SHOTS

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requires 10 standard PBA Tour titles or five standard titles plus two majors. The second requirement is "participation eligibility" which means a player must have been a PBA member for at least 20 years.

As a side note, had he won Monday, Parkside Lanes Open runner-up Bill O'Neill would have become "title eligible." O'Neill has won eight standard titles and one major (2010 U.S. Open). When he wins his 10th title or his second major, O'Neill (a PBA member since

2005) will become "participation eligible" in 2025.

QUICK NOTES

-**Rodney Irving of Richardson, Texas**, is the winner of a new high-performance ball from DV8, Matthew Conger of Thornton, Colo., will receive a new high-performance ball from MOTIV, and Taron Blount of Country Club Hills, Ill., wins a new Brunswick ball as June Xtra Frame sweepstakes winners. The monthly sweepstakes is sponsored by the respective PBA Product Registered partners. Winners are randomly selected from among new monthly or full-year Xtra Frame subscribers.

At Ennis All Star Bowl

Cathey pockets 730

Billy Cathey racked up rousing 235-257-238 = 730 Ennis Mixed Classic league session to earn the top spot on the honor roll last week at Ennis All Star Bowl.

Lauren Cathey, also from the Ennis Mixed Classic group, booked a banner 169-193-200 = 562 set to earn fem scoring laurels.

HONOR ROLL

Frankie Alonzo 246-688, April Hopkins 182-522, Tice Hopkins 277-682, McKinsey Pollan 190-503, Tice Hopkins 231-616, April Hopkins 212-513, Mason Phillips 226-610, Mary Sikes 177-430, Jim Smart 215-514, Mary Kennedy 151-428.

At Red Bird Lanes

Venters maps out 698

Charles Venters claimed high-series honors for the week at Red Bird Lanes with a rip-roaring 266-185-247 = 698 Red Bird Mixed outing.

Lauren Cathey, from the Career Girls group, led the lady bowlers with a lofty 203-173-192 = 568 set.

HONOR ROLL

Judy Dillabough 178-512, Red Richardson 266-647, Pete Evans 234-612, Pete Evans (9 pin, no tap, 4

games) 300-1022, Lauren Cathey (9 pin, no tap, 4 games) 253-946, Shannon Monk 242-583.

Deanna Hoffman 189-514, Tim McGlothin 210-575, Melvina Howard 213-517, Ginger England 154-445, Jim Stout 226-600, Mary Rappe 183-483, Keith Jennings 199-584, B J Jennings 185-495.

Shannon Vogel 247-653, Lauren Cathey 204-547, Roland Bernal 233-620, Karen Amerson 153-380.



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