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Belmonte Wins U.S. Open, Completes Super Slam



U.S. Open Winner Jason Belmonte

By: Matt Cannizzaro

LINCOLN, Neb. - Australia's Jason Belmonte no longer will have to answer questions about when he's going to win the U.S. Open or what it would mean to have the iconic green jacket as part of his wardrobe.

The 36-year-old two-hander finally was able to add a U.S. Open title to his resume Sunday at Sun Valley Lanes with a 226-201 win against top seed Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm. Texas.

The championship round of the prestigious event was broadcast live on FOX, and, in addition to the coveted outerwear, Belmonte took home a \$30,000 top prize.

He secured his latest place in the record book in dramatic fashion, converting the dif-

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ficult 3-6-9-10 spare to shut out Simonsen.

Belmonte, the five-time and reigning Professional Bowlers Association Player of the Year, previously made the stepladder at the U.S. Open on three occasions, finishing third in 2012, second in 2013 and fourth

in 2019.

The meeting Sunday was a rematch of the title tilt at the 2019 PBA Players Championship, where Simonsen defeated Belmonte to become the youngest competitor with two major titles. At the same time, he denied Belmonte his record 11th major win, which came a month later at the PBA World Championship.

The two also met in the stepladder at the 2019 U.S. Open, where Simonsen defeated Belmonte on the way to a third-place finish.

This time, Simonsen, 23, was looking to become the youngest bowler in PBA Tour history with three major victories.

"My first thought was, I just wanted to let all the air out of my lungs and yell," Belmonte said. "It's an incredible feeling. I feel for Anthony. In 2013, I lost the U.S. Open title in the exact same way. I led by hundreds and hundreds of pins and lost to Wes Malott. We will talk later, and I'll tell him, 'Hey, mine came seven years later,

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2020 PBA Hall of Fame Class Memorabilia Now Available from Bowling Museum; IBMHOF Exhibit Reopens in

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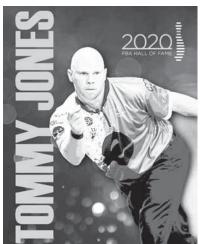
By: Kari Smith

ARLINGTON, Texas – The international Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame (IBMHOF) is offering bowling fans the chance to have a piece of history from last weekend's Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Fame induction ceremony, which kicked off with a celebration and exhibition at the museum.

The IBMHOF online store

- BowlingMuseum.com/Shop

- is offering a signed poster of
Tommy Jones, a 2020 PBA Hall
of Fame inductee and the PBA
Hall of Fame Classic winner,
and a limited-edition Bowling
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Hall of Fame inductees Rob Glaser and Mike Slade. The limited-edition poster comes with a certificate of authenticity.

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2020 PWBA TC Set for Richmond Raceway; QubicaAMF Remains PWBA National Sponsor



By: Terry Bigham

ARLINGTON, Texas – The 2020 Professional Women's Bowling Association (PWBA) Tour Championship will take place at the Richmond Raceway Complex for the fourth consecutive year, with national tour sponsor QubicaAMF to build out four lanes for the event.

The 2020 PWBA Tour Championship is set for Sept. 7-9 at the historic Old Dominion Building at the Richmond Raceway Complex. The final major of the PWBA Tour season is part of Richmond Raceway's NASCAR Playoff Race Week. BowlTV will livestream qualifying rounds on Sept. 7-8, and CBS Sports Network will have live coverage of the PWBA Tour Championship's semifinal rounds and title match on Sept. 9 at 8 p.m. (Eastern). "The PWBA Tour Champion-

"The PWBA Tour Championship has become an integral part of the fan experience for our NASCAR Playoff Race Week," said Richmond President Dennis Bickmeier. "The historic Old Dominion Building is a great venue for bowling and race fans, so we look forward to welcoming back the 16 PWBA athletes competing in the world-class PWBA Tour Championship to the Richmond Raceway Complex this fall."

In addition to building the lanes for the PWBA Tour Championship, QubicaAMF returns as a title sponsor on the 2020 PWBA Tour. The QubicaAMF PWBA Players Championship, a major event on the PWBA Tour, will be held Aug. 19-23 at Seminole Lanes in Seminole, Florida. This is the third consecutive year QubicaAMF has been the title sponsor of the event.

"QubicaAMF is proud to continue its involvement with the PWBA Tour, which gives women bowlers from throughout the world the opportunity to compete at the highest level," QubicaAMF Chairman Pat Ciniello said. "Our sponsorship of the PWBA Players Championship and building the lanes for the PWBA Tour Championship are part of our commitment to the sport and helping to showcase these outstanding athletes."

QubicaAMF is the world's largest manufacturer of bowling products, with its United

States division headquartered in Richmond. It became a title sponsor of the PWBA Tour in 2017

Richmond Raceway first played host to the PWBA Tour Championship, which brings together the top 16 performers of the season, in 2017. PWBA members who win a PWBA Tour event in 2020 will earn a spot in the PWBA Tour Championship, with the remaining spots in the field filled through the PWBA points list.

Bowling once again will be a major part of Richmond Raceway's fall race weekend as Go Bowling returns for the third consecutive season as the entitlement sponsor for the fall NASCAR Xfinity Series (NXS)

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Just Paying Attention

By Mark London Mark@TheBowlingNews.net





I had a flashback last week. Was it about getting a DeLorean needing to travel 88 miles an hour needing a lightning bolt producing a burst of 1.21 gigawatts? Nope, but you're not that far off. It was just before that 1985 movie, "Back To The Future," hit theaters when I first became much more familiar with D scale durometers and the finer points of personal ball coverstock management.

After reading all the reports about some 2016 and 2017 **Purple Hammer coverstocks** allegedly being too soft and the subsequent testing procedure at the U.S. Open, I was immediately brought back to my experiences at my first few PBA Midwest Regionals in 1984. As many of us that are well into SASBA age can tell you, in order to even bowl at an official PBA Regional

practice session back then, one's equipment needed to go through ball balancing and coverstock checks beforehand. At the end of the snake like line on the center concourse on several six to eight foot tables were the dodo scale and the D Scale durometer, staffed by two regional bowlers with pro shop experience. Each ball you planned on using for the first time had to be checked before it was used the first time in PBA play, so it took some time to check everyone's arsenal, especially at the start of each calendar year's season.

Memories of Don McCune's softer coverstock discoveries were still fresh as this was only eleven years after he discovered what softer ball covers did to increase striking potential, eventually bringing the newer ball checking procedures into place, (as his son, Eugene, competed in the same regionals, adding further irony).

After filling out the 8" by 10" poster board thickness ball sheets with entries for six balls on each side of the sheet, you first saw up close the piece of mechanical wizardry we had only read about in the Bowlers

Journal. The numbers "72" and "75" were familiar by this time, the PBA and then ABC minimum D scale durometer softness numbers. Readings were taken in three different spots on each ball, with one taken in the ball track.

There was usually someone else further up in line with a ball with the distinctive 1/32" deep hole above and between the finger holes, a sign he had gone through the PBA national tour weigh in line. Even though that ball was cleared for the national tour, it needed to be checked again for that region's play. If a ball was checked and did not pass either test, it was recorded on the ball sheet and could be checked later after corrections were made.

Since balls were also checked for hardness again after qualifying if you were thought to be above the cut number and good for at least a check if you didn't make Sunday match play, part of personal coverstock management involved some creativity, Summer or warmer months were especially tricky. Newer softer urethanes, like the AMF Gold Angle, and polyesters, like Columbia 300 Yellow Dots and blue pearl Roto Grips would get softer if left inside a hot car for too long. Some got lucky, getting permission to leave borderline balls overnight inside the center's walk in beer cooler or left by a hotel room floor air conditioning unit. Midwest Regional cooler nights in the fall and early winter (didn't have too many tourneys when snow fell) allowed balls left in a vehicle trunk.

The Gold Angle built on the success of the Black Angle, introduced as the first urethane ball three years earlier. In the evolution of urethanes, softer was the direction taken then,

not necessarily a different formulation, as was done later in the 80's

After a few years, I eventually got recruited for the other side of the line, working either the ball scale or durometer well into the mid 1990's. Once reactive resin became the standard. durometer readings were nearly the same across the board. Polyester balls read between 82 to 88, urethanes 77 to 80,

Monday-Friday

and resins 76 to 78. Taking durometer readings became so mundane that the only wild numbers were from mid-70's Columbia Blue Dots or older Brunswick or Ebonite rubber spheres with readings topping out around 95, the hardest coverstocks I've ever seen.

After the Chris Peters lead group purchased The Association twenty years ago, the only

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ship race, is set for Friday, Sept. 11, "under the lights" at Richmond Raceway. The race week continues with the Federated Auto Parts 400, the second race of the NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs, on Saturday, Sept. 12.

Visit RichmondRaceway.com for more information.

PWBA Tour Championship tickets will go on sale May 31. Tickets are \$25 for a three-day pass while individual tickets for the Sept. 9 finals are \$20. Tickets for preliminary rounds on Sept. 7-8, which will have two sessions each day, are \$10. Visit the Richmond Ticket Office online at RichmondRacewayComplex.com or call 866-455-7223 to purchase tickets.

Visit PWBA.com for more information.

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you'll get yours."

The record-extending 12th major title Sunday was Belmonte's 23rd career victory on the PBA Tour and helped him join United States Bowling Congress and PBA Hall of Famer Mike Aulby as the only players in history to complete the Super Slam, which includes the U.S. Open, USBC Masters, PBA Tournament of Champions, PBA World Championship and PBA Players Championship.

The win came after some recent struggles on TV, includ-

ing a career-low 148 game in the stepladder of the 2019 U.S. Open in Mooresville, North Carolina.

"I don't think I was bothered by it, because I don't even think I was aware of it," Belmonte said of the struggles on TV. "When something is going wrong, it's so much better to understand why, and try and fix it. Once I had a better idea of what was happening, I was able to work on it. I'm really proud of myself for not hiding behind the thought that it was just a couple of bad weeks."

Strikes in five of the first six frames, including four consecutive starting in the third frame,

gave Belmonte a lead of more than 20 pins halfway through the final.

Simonsen missed the headpin in the sixth frame after two strikes of his own, leaving the 1-2-8 combination. He converted the spare and doubled again, before a 10 pin slowed the momentum. It wasn't enough to take the lead, but it did put pressure on Belmonte.

Belmonte entered his final frame with a chance to shut out Simonsen, a seven-time PBA Tour champion. He struck on his first shot, but his second offering drifted high, setting up the exciting finish.

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At Forum Bowl

Burke hammers 300/816, Pride hits 705

Ortiz, Sykes 300's

Stoney Burke hammered home a pile of strikes on his way to 300-279-237 = 816 numbers in FastLane Trio action to lead the honor roll at Forum Bowl for the week.

Leritha Pride found herself at the top of the ladies' leader board with a blue-ribbon 235-267-203 = 705 C300 Masters by Perfect Strike set.

Carlos Ortiz and Karen Sykes shared high-game accolades with Burke with award-winning 12-baggers

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Holly Ginn 220-553, Carol Shockley 214-630, George Forde II (9 pin) 287-844, Dee Anna Boswell (9 pin) 227-584, Curtis Seals, Jr. 288-732, Tennelle Milligan 239-692, Stacy Harden 279-755.

Leslie West 263-605, Kevin Malone 226-632, Peggy McCormick 202-559, Jason Mahanay 267-742, Syida Johnson 235-607, Jerry Ankenbrandt 246-697, Donetta Fleming 207-559, Jack Rogers 279-714

Chris Kessler 268-714, Debbi Czajkowski 215-558, Stoney Burke (4 games) 1022, Genie Franklin (4 games) 241-908, Russel Fox (9 pin) 265-775, Jenny Hartwig 254-608, James Stewart

Judith Guillory 233-619, Jason Mahanay 267-770, Jodie Martinez 213-547, Carlos Ortiz 664, Susan Brownell 205-544, Jim Fletcher 288-777, Vernon Smith 276-744, Karen Sykes 680.

Ricky Miller 267-743, Emily Montgomery 224-640, Myron Fleming 269-678, Lisa Lee 175-490, Juan Guzman 264-711, Kim Jackson 195-535, Jarmaine Sharper 256-688, Brittney Byrd 197-508.

Will Covington 189-548, Luann Burkhalter 169-426.

SENIORS

Ken Martin 278-680, Regina Stewart 223-643.

At Strikz

Hudkins racks up 689, Lawrence lands 622

FRISCO - Rob Hudkins pocketed power-laden 227-238-224 = 689 numbers en route to earning high-set honors for the week at Strikz in Monday Mixerz league play.

Sharon Lawrence fired a freewheeling 234-234-154 = 622Morning Glories set to front fem scoring.

HONOR ROLL

Dan Robertson 207-567, Skip Jenkins 206-557, Sue Ellis 191-537, Daryl Ellis 186-524, David Cohen 183-543, Richard Stein 228-558, John Tufnell 279-631, George Ditore 180-501, Elizabeth Smith 209-533. Ricky Allan 205-607, Joshua Dytko 211-603, Klayton Colgrove 253-619, Kevin Smith 218-611, Loren Tenczar 227-596, Chris Marino, 221-593, Ron Rankin 246-620, Jordan Duvck 206-605.

Spencer Spofford 234-600, Cathy Eberly 209-555, Kevin Higar 207-594, Julie Bloodworth 203-582. Candy Torrey 224-620, Jacki Myrice 191-536, Cathy Eberly 204-543, Jan Baier

Beverly Davidson 176-478. Debbie Colby 242-621, Sue Ellis 193-546, Ruben Ibarra 204-576, David Kruzich 204-571, Mark Timm 226-619, Danny Oviedo 213-623. Jason Haraputczyk 223-619.

Michael Holtfrerich 227-656, Jason Shuffield 250-638, Mark Donnelly 248-610, Jacob Harding 223-632, George Icenhour, Jr. 222-588, Dylan Cushing 201-573, Mike McCLung 190-502, Kim Lorenzen 199-536. Richard Stein 232-654, John Tufnell 202-527, Skip Jenkins 204-598, Bruce Eisen 191-500, Daryl Ellis 194-544, Dave Taguwa 197-505, Rolf Forseth 214-529, Al Brabant 198-548, Rick Irvine 260-673.

Hector Gomez 225-600, Tony Dambakly 213-573, Tommy Davis 210-571, Debbie Colby 205-581, Jeannie

Martilla 177-516. Mark Timm 201-578. Candy Torrey 249-616, Al Brabant 246-636.

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Bryan Vorel 227-651, Brian Goldsmith 191-534, Keith Dreyer 190-564, Darla Reed 178-488, Adam Damer 186-503, Jim Lenz 226-504, Jim McGowan 178-504, Rick Lange 190-535, Sam Bradley 173-501.

SENIORS

Eunice Burgess 157-443, Jack Greeley 204-498, Ginny Webb 169-468, Marge Camstra 159-411, June Barnhill 144-418, Gary Condensa 189-514, Jack Muse 158-450, Jeanne Staley 180-515.

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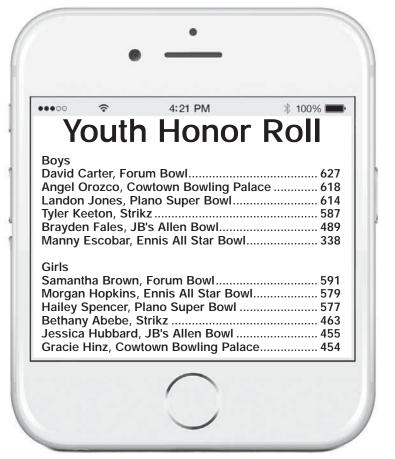
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Dallas USBC Youth Scores

Landon Jones topped the Dallas-area USBC Youth bowling last week with a power-laden 187-224-203 = 614 Saturday Gold series at Plano Super Bowl.

Morgan Hopkins led the gals with a super smooth 254/579 Shooting Stars set at Ennis All Star Bowl.

At Ennis All Star Bowl – Manny Escobar 115-338.

At JB's Allen Bowl – Cooper Powell 78-205, Tanisha Vepa 77-217, Issac Wilson 144-340, Lauren Hubbard 140-378, Maverick Beagle 123-343, Heather Hubbard 156-364, David Winchester 137-361, Jessica Hubbard 171-455, Cooper Powell 84-218, Isabelle Tran 46-117, Zaiyic Bickel 143-362, Benjamin Lilly 196-457, Clara Campbell 155-400, Brayden Fales 194-489, Jessica Hubbard 196-506, Ryan Martinez 213-487.

At Plano Super Bowl – Christian Hathaway 169-456, Olive Sterling 124-342, Jordan Scott 168-478, Zoha Calton 139-334, James Johnson 215-578, Mya Murray 180-512, Cord Reedy 220-580, Aubry Ayers 166-479, Trevor Woodward-Hall 245-516, Nicole Phan 123-332, Hayden Thomas 223-580, Hailey Spencer 205-577, Luke Henke 184-460, Isabella Hudson 150-391, Andrew Sly 237-574, Roanah Abeleda 143-384, Carlen Gattenby 198-508, Jonah Douglass 230-537, Lydia Gilbert 222-551, Brady McDonough 165-475, Caden Witt 227-581, Kyla Simons 233-526, Lunden Simon (2 games) 118-214, Jadelyn Bannert (2 games) 100-162.

At Strikz – Tyler Keeton 216-587, Bryce Herrington 226-583, Zachay Smullen 203-541, Owen Christian 190-512, Colton Bervig 208-510, Matthew Lopez 180-413, Avery Barnes 121-318, Owen Smullen 176-424, Kevin Martinez 135-362, Patrick Thomas, Jr. 130-381, Wyatt Curtis 136-370, Matthew Bervig 119-328, Turner Spofford 167-471, Jake Sullivan 172-475, Ryan Bartek 116-318, Matthew Sifford 153-404, Enrique

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"I know that if I shot it (the 3-6-9-10) with resin, I would have a higher chance of making it, but I would also have a higher chance of taking off the 3-9, which would've given Anthony a chance to win by one," Belmonte said. "But, I knew if I used plastic, I would definitely get three, and it all worked out."

As the event ended, Simonsen showed that he's mature beyond his 23 years, offering a heartfelt congratulations to Belmonte, who has been a pioneer using the two-handed style Simonsen also employs.

"I told him I was happy for him, and that he has given me something to shoot for," said Simonsen, who won the 2016 Masters at 19 years old for his first major title. "I bowled a pretty good last game, and there is only one shot I would want back, so, it is what it is."

Belmonte has been in Simonsen's position and reiter-Continued on Page 5

NCTUSBC Youth Scores

David Carter headed the Fort Worth-area USBC Youth bowling last week with a thundering 222/627 Forum Strikers series at Forum Bowl.

Samantha Brown, Carter's

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NCTUSBC Youth/Adult April 26 Bowlero Watauga, Watauga, TX Contact: Terry Taylor nctusbc@bowl.com

Malott's All Star Youth Championship May 22-24 Austin, TX

Arredondo 189-432, Matthew Abebe 127-370, Goutham Gajjala 205-504, Sam Kurtz 123-332, Matthew Howard 163-469, Josh Howard 113-327, Roman Reece 209-506, Logan Solis 203-480, Nolan Shawen 127-323, Brandon Moon 144-391, Jack Rolfe 155-455, Ryan Rolfe 160-422, Derek Natali 182-532, Ethan Long 182-447, Bethany Abebe 167-463, Tori Franklin 146-417, Madison Damer 148-414, GabrielaGamboa 141-414, Ireland Spofford 137-387, Jayme Brooks 158-382, Alexia Moon 142-388.



league mate, paced the girls with a lofty 234/591 set.

At Cowtown Bowling Palace – Cameron Walters 227, Gracie Hinz 198-454, Angel Orozco 223-618, Sommer Swiney 155, Isaac Marquez 194, Makayla Jones 140, James Poff 185-463, Zayley Teeler 121-296, Troy Gaudette

III 104, Alora Redwine 115, Gabriel Marquez 104, Paul Helka, Jr. 102-188, Maelin Pearson 79-156, James Cain, Jr. 99, Samuel Michael 95, Crue Preece 92.

At Forum Bowl – London Russell 78-153, Veva Guerra 93-163, Peyton Freeman 117-319, Makenly Branagan 155-337

Lane Laughter



Lawrence plasters 676, Hopkins hits 606

Rick Lawrence claimed highseries honors for the week at Ennis All Star Bowl with highpowered 223-227-226 = 676 marks in Ennis Mixed Classic action.

April Hopkins' hard-hitting 216-191-199 = 606 Ennis Mixed Classic set topped the honor roll for the ladies.

HONOR ROLL

Paul Toal 239-671. Ryne McKenrick

216-586, Tim McGlothin 246-664, Cyndy McKenrick 206-568, David Bittle 199-571, Annie Whittington 211-569, Philip Nobles 223-549, April Hopkins 209-548, Bobby Kennedy 183-538, Mary Sikes 186-539.

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ated that he knows the young star eventually will hoist the trophy at the U.S. Open.

'He is such a good kid," Belmonte said. "He was congratulatory, and he told me he wants me to set a number he can chase. It's an amazing thing to hear from him. He's someone I've kind of taken under my

wing. We've had many great conversations about bowling and about us as human beings. He's such a good guy. He'll get

To earn the opportunity to take on Simonsen in the title match, Belmonte again delivered in the clutch, striking on the first shot of his final frame to shut out seven-time PBA Tour champion Dick Allen of Columbia, South Carolina, who was searching for his first

major title. Belmonte advanced by a score of 215-187.

Belmonte had fallen behind early in the semifinal when Allen started the match with a double, but the 41-year-old right-hander wasn't able to strike again until his fill ball, when the game already was out of reach.

Strikes in the sixth and seventh frames gave Belmonte the lead for the first time, and

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At Red Bird Lanes

Pindell records 743, Cathey snags 607

Shaquille Pindell's powerpacked 251-247-245 = 743 series in the Red Bird Mixed league action led the scoring parade for the week at Red Bird Lanes.

Lauren Cathey led the ladies with a tidy 170-180-257 = 607Sunday Night Mix set.

HONOR ROLL

Lauren Cathey 191-541, Jennifer Thill 224-573, Rob Tanguima 235-649, Don Wrightsil 233-642, Mel Richards (9 pin, no tap, 4 games) 300-1120, Debbie Cathey (9 pin, no tap, 4 games) 238-853. Carol Horton 180-471, Diana

Robinson 198-490, David Green 245-625, Deanna Hoffman 218-606, Jose

Jimenez 243-626, Susan McGlothin 215-531. Karen Robinson 171-485. Mel Richards 234-673.

Andrea Calloway 226-549, Ollis Chalmers 258-616, Angela Chalmers 192-528, Tyree Jennings, Jr. 201-584, B J Jennings 164-478, Clayton Lock 245-713, Tommy Moreland 202-556, Karen Gillman 170-479.



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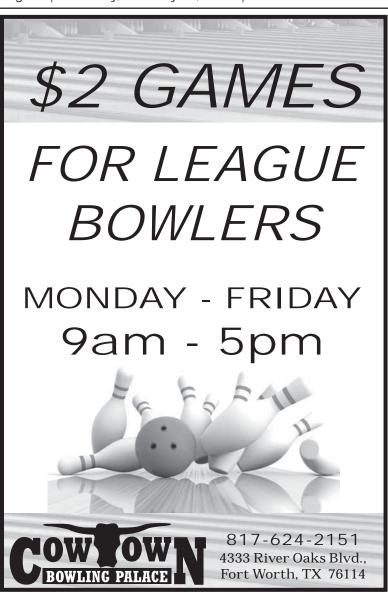




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BELMONTE US OPEN

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that increased when Allen left, and failed to convert, the 4-6-7-10 split in the eighth frame.

On the way to the semifinal against Belmonte, Allen stayed clean, including one double, to outdistance former Team USA member Perry Crowell IV of Chesterfield, Michigan, 205-181.

Crowell, a 28-year-old righthander and former standout at nearby Midland University, was the first amateur to make the U.S. Open stepladder since Finland's Osku Palermaa accomplished the feat in 2004.

He was looking to become the first amateur since the creation of the PBA in the late 1950s to earn the green jacket.

In the day's first match, Crowell cruised to a 241-203 win against 27-year-old twohander and former Team USA member Chris Via of Springfield, Ohio, tossing six consecutive strikes after an opening-frame spare.

The two previously met in the televised semifinals of the 2014 Intercollegiate Singles Championships, where Crowell defeated Via and then lost to now two-time U.S. Open champion Francois Lavoie of Canada in the final.

Lavoie entered this week as the defending champion. He finished 10th, falling 204 pins short of the stepladder.

The majority of the bowlers at the 2020 U.S. Open earned direct entry into the event based on their on-lane performances throughout 2019, while 20 bowlers advanced through the 64-entrant pre-tournament qualifier.

All 108 competitors bowled 24 games of qualifying over

three days (eight games each day), before the field was cut to the top 36 for the eight-game Cashers' Round.

Each day of qualifying featured a different oil pattern, and a fourth condition was introduced for the Cashers' Round, match play and the TV show. The patterns ranged from 37 to 44 feet.

For more information on the U.S. Open, visit BOWL.com/USOpen.

2020 U.S. Open At Sun Valley Lanes, Lincoln, Neb. Sunday's results

FINAL STANDINGS
1, Jason Belmonte, Australia,
441 (two games), \$30,000

2, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 201 (one game), \$15,000

3, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 392 (two games), \$12,000

4, Perry Crowell IV, Chesterfield, Mich., 422 (two games), \$10.000

5, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 203 (one game), \$8,000 STEPLADDER RESULTS

Match No. 1 - Crowell def. Via, 241-203

Match No. 2 - Allen def. Crowell, 205-181

Semifinal - Belmonte def. Allen, 215-187

Championship - Belmonte def. Simonsen, 226-201.

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At Cowtown Bowling Palace

Dally registers 764, Rodriguez turns in 668

Robby Dally was red hot last week at Cowtown Bowling Palace with a top-notch 238-258-268 = 764 Ebonite Trio session.

Alma Rodriguez headed the ladies' leader board with a sturdy221-200-247 = 668 Wednesday Winners showing.

HONOR ROLL

Luke Fraser 288, Penny Lebert 254, Scott Teel 278, Miki Jo Parish 225-627, Mike Labue 268-747, Cassie Reese 214, Cody Uthoff 279-710, Mariana Noordhoek 255-655, Mike Moscato 288.

Catie Jensen 246, Chasr Martin 279, Fania Cobo 212, Jace Simon 259, LuAnn Satchell 190, Ben Tunnell 244-695, Larry Hughes 234, Tony Woodruff 268-715, Paul Nettleton 267, Jamie Hines 212.

Frankie Mata 259, Stella Evans 208, Amy Drescher 267-643, Josh Briggs 268, Rebecca Marquez 252, Ronnie Rurak 267, Julie McHugh 223, K W Gibbins 257-680, Gina Cochran 236-518.

Grady Adams 245, Chris Crum 242, Tom Barker 266, Lindy McKenzie 192-500, Damon McNew 263, Kevin Moore 259-671, Jeoffrey Schroeder 247-704, Adrianna Espinoza 185, J D Plotner 245.

Michael Jackson 243, Jim Fergeson 244, April Strong 244-543, Chris Stewart 226, Joe Pesqueda 221-637.

SENIORS

Jerry Densmore 263-726, Karen Holder 208, Larry Thun 258, Marge Neuville 207, Michael Masters 246, J W Pugh 279, Jackie Clover 222-571, Randy Beinlich 278, Gloria Walford 207, Ken Eilert 244-687.

Shirley Ellena 203, Woody Godbey 192-506, Wanda Eads 178-452, Johnny Zaskoda 250-703, Neva House 203-542, Jim Wittenberg 243, George Hernandez, Sr. 236.

At Plano Super Bowl

Johnson lands 826, Smith files 732

Airheart 807, Mann 806, Ferguson 299/801, Stephens, Thomas add 300's

Chris Johnson fired games of 278-279-269 = 826 in Suds Busters action to take the top spot on the honor roll last week at Plano Super Bowl.

Ricky Airheart, Rick Mann and Bill Ferguson finished close behind Johnson with awardwinning 800 series. Airheart rolled an 807 in Pepsi Classic league play, Mann downed an 806 in Friday Funsters while Ferguson fired a 299/801 Plano Senior Stars action.

Jaclyn Smith registered a sizzling 258-210-264 = 732 Track Trio set to front distaff scoring.

Jim Stephens and Cody Thomas shared high game honors as each recorded award-winning perfectos.

HONOR ROLL

Cody Thomas 787, Whitney Williams 203-570, Rex Criggar 254-706, Cathy Bulthuis 208-569, Robert Eidenier (4 games) 267-926, Natalie Walker 187-657, Nick Hodson 279-758, Roneshia Williams 268-724. Bob Willingham 186-537, Cathy Wachter 184-501, Richard Beatty 265-697, Shelley Rosenfeld 245-618, David Watson 244-728, Ashleigh Fisher 256-627, Bobby Prichard 279-792, Scottie Bratton 278-698.

Diane Wallentine 203-583, Fred Van Haasen 289-758, Michelle VanGilder 221-627, Harry Winters 215-567, Nancy Hawes 184-539, Doug Brown 268-773, Kati Acques 248, 683, Tim Boyd 230, 584

Kati Aceves 248-683, Tim Boyd 230-584. Karen Clevenger 223-610, Gail Mayer 225-622, Gary McCauley 257-717, Art Victorine 201-578, Dottie Baker 179-512, Tim Oliveros 288-749, Brittany Trumbo 255-651, Diane Wallentine 258-682.

Susan Lee 225-613, John Eft 232-666, Diane Halterman 171-486, Mark Rowland 254-670, Dottie Culpon 194-557, Brandon Moore 280-783, Carol Wood 193-573, Frank Phillips 244-704.

Rhonda Nerison 203-572, Jeremy Bostock 279-768, Cindy McBride 221-598, Rickey Airheart (4 games) 277-1051, Kiyoko McDonald (4 games) 277-891, Dillion Pi 290-720, Lori Wackler 237-656.

Chris Davis 279-749, Lee Brooke 237-645, Terry Jones 277-744, Amber Robinson 245-693, Jody Muskett 244-610.



HOF MEMORABILIA

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Prior to last Saturday's induction ceremony of the 2020 PBA Hall of Fame class, the IMBHOF hosted a celebration that featured the opening of its latest exhibit, featuring the new members of the PBA Hall of Fame.

On Sunday, Jones returned to the International Bowling Campus and captured the PBA Hall of Fame Classic title at the International Training and Research Center, rolling a 300 game in the title match to beat top-seed Darren Tang, 300-237. Jones earned his 20th career PBA Tour title in winning the first event of the 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour season.

While there have been 27 televised perfect games in PBA Tour history, Jones was just the third bowler to have a 300 game in a title match of a

televised event. The PBA Hall of Fame Classic finals were televised on FS1.

Bob Benoit (1988 PBA Quaker State Open) was the first to have a 300 game in a televised title match, while IBMHOF President and Chairman Mike Aulby had a perfect game in the title match at the 1993 PBA Wichita Open.

Earlier this month, bowling fans had the opportunity to see the latest additions to the IBMHOF's satellite museum at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada.

The NBS, which will play host to the 2020 United States Bowling Congress Open Championships starting March 21, had its grand reopening following renovations to the facility that is celebrating its 25th year.

Visit BowlingMuseum. com to learn more about the IBMHOF

JUST PAYING ATTENTION

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check of equipment evolved into checking a handful of preselected bowlers making regional semifinal or match play, using only the dodo scale. The pre-tournament checking for first time equipment ended. ######

People are really watching the PBA on Fox and FS1. I know, quite the attention getting statement, but despite what you've been living through if your bowling watching habits only go back twenty or so years, the break with Keith Olbermann's current workplace in Bristol, Connecticut (ESPN, for those of you scoring at home) is paying off.

Tournament of Champions on the main network Sunday and the Players Championship on FS1 the following Saturday not only keep drawing great numbers, but higher ratings even in the 18 to 49 age demographic than last year and here's the breakdown.

Average ToC viewership on Fox February 9 was 1.464 million and 476,000 in the 18 to 49 age bracket, almost a third of all the viewers. The Players Championship February 15 on FS1 averaged 541,000 viewers with 135,000 in the 18 to 49,



At JB's Allen Bowl

Gonzales polishes off 816, Blain produces 690

Josh Gonzales' first-rate 249-280-287 = 816 session ended as the number one set of the week at JB's Allen Bowl in Thursday Mixed Doubles league action.

Linda Blain held the hot hand for the ladies with a rip-roaring 220-214-256 = 690 Allen TNT set.

HONOR ROLL

Tammy Crawford 217-639, Erik Anderson 248-695, Monica Holley 238-663, Ashlynn Starry 227-578, Whip Grunewald 241-698, Susan Miller 204-535, Michael Warren 247-688.

Stephanie Calbert 221-555, Shane Pearce 233-650, Q Gaither 278-763, Kurt Gengelbach 244-713, Nick Lankford 268-738, Veronica Prior 246-654.

SENIORS

Glenn Funderburk 255-669, Maria Robeson 209-611, Bill Kaiser 219-620, Jeanette Hooper 187-513.



about a quarter of the viewership, the key demographic group advertisers want to reach.

Another reason for optimism is which advertisers have heartily jumped on board wanting to reach the PBA audience. I'll break that down next week's JPA in the TBN March Southwest edition.

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Finally, this week, fellow TBN columnist Susie Minshew is being featured by the Texas Country Reporter television show, airing this week. You can find the airing in your area by checking www.texascountyreporter.com. Congrats, Coach!

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