Belmonte Wins Barbasol PBA Players Championship for Seventh Major Title

Australian defeats Anthony Simonsen 221-204 in championship match to end two-year winless streak

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Three-time Professional Bowlers Association Player of the Year Jason Belmonte of Australia captured her seventh major title and ended a two-year streak without a Tour win by winning the Barbasol PBA Players Championship Sunday at Wayne Webb’s Columbus Bowl.

In a championship match between two players who use the unique two-handed delivery, the top seeded Belmonte defeated Anthony Simonsen 221-204, to notch his second Players Championship win and 13th PBA Tour title overall.

Belmonte's win broke a dry spell that started after he won his record third straight USBC Masters and his second consecutive PBA Tournament of Champions back-to-back in February of 2015. Going into the Players Championship he had a string of 16 tournaments in which he made the top five but failed to win. He finished second in five of those events.

“It’s a brand new start,” Belmonte said of the new season. “I was successful staying focused the whole tournament from start to finish. I’ve learned that if you look ahead or behind you’re not staying in the moment.”

In the title match, Belmonte held a commando 37-pin lead in the fifth frame that was too much for Simonsen to overcome.

“It feels fantastic,” said the 33-year-old Belmonte, who won his first major in the 2011 Players Championship. “Two years is a long time to wait (for a win), especially considering all the times I had made TV.

“I’ve always believed in myself but I’ll admit there’s a lot of weight off of my shoulders now after all that performance. “My friends and teammates were trying to keep me calm, talking about work and keeping my mind off of what was happening.”

Upon arriving to the 10th frame, Esposito stuck to the process that already had got him 33 consecutive strikes to start his set and was unfazed by his second

Jason Belmonte back in the winners circle.

NORWALK — On April 1, 1967, the PBA’s post-tournament news release reported, “Jack Biondolillo pocketed the biggest 300 in the history of the game. His came before the American Broadcasting Company’s national colored television cameras for which he collected a cool ten grand ($10,000).”

The first nationally televised 300 game in PBA history – witnessed by a television audience of 25 million viewers according to PBA’s release – occurred during the Firestone PBA Tournament of Champions at Riviera Lanes in Akron, Ohio, during a first-game 300-216 win over Les Schissler. Biondolillo then defeated Mike Durbin, 188-181, before losing in the semifinal match to Don Johnson, 228-182. Jim Stefanich then won the TOC, defeating Johnson, 43-36, in a two-frame roll-off after they tied at 227.

As the 50th anniversary of his historic feat closes in, Biondolillo, a Houston native, attended the Main Event Terrell Owens PBA Super Clash on Super Bowl Sunday in Katy, Texas, where he posed with four other PBA members who also bowled nationally televised 300 games.


Including Biondolillo’s historic 300, there have been a total of 26 nationally televised perfect games in PBA competition.

Friday evening at Strike N Spare II in Lockport, Ill., had two United States Bowling Congress-registered 300 games to his credit.

By the end of the night, the 26-year-old right-hand-er added three more perfect games to his collection on his way to becoming the 31st bowler to roll a 900 series.

Sam Esposito connected on 36 consecutive strikes during the Friday Classic league at Strike N Spare II to join Andrew Manak of Belleville, Ill., as the sec- ond bowler from Illinois to achieve the score. Manak recorded his 900 series in March 2010.

After getting through the first two games, Esposito relied on his teammates and friends to keep the pressure at bay as he continued to get closer to having a perfect evening.

Illinois Bowler Sam Esposito Records 900 Series

ARLINGTON, Texas – Prior to lacing up for league play Friday evening at Strike N Spare II in Lockport, Ill., Sam Esposito of Homer Glen, Ill., had two United States Bowling Congress-certified 300 games to his credit.

“I didn’t make my best shots in that match,” said Simonsen. “There were probably a couple of spots where I should have reset myself. I’ll just use it as a learning experience.”

In the semifinal match, Simonsen beat Connor Pickford of Plano, Texas, 204-191, to advance to the title match. Pickford, who was trying for his first Tour win.

In the opening steplad-der match, Pickford defeated Team USA member and former Wichita State bowling star AJ Chapman, 243-154. Chapman was trying to become only the third player to win a Tour title in his first tournament as a PBA member.

In the second match, Pickford defeated Martin Larsen of Sweden 266-182 to advance to the semifinal. With four career runner-up finishes, Larsen was trying for his first Tour win.

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Added Incentives for PBA Players

2017 XF PBA Tour Storm Cup to Provide Added Incentives for PBA Players

Season-long points competition gets underway March 17-19 in Tamarac, Florida

CHICAGO – The Professional Bowlers Association’s third full season of Xtra Frame PBA Tour competition, featuring a series of high-profile tournaments covered exclusively on PBA’s live streaming online bowling channel, Xtra Frame, will include enhanced cash incentives, including a season-long $50,000 XF PBA Tour Storm Cup competition points bonus program.

The eight-tournament series, which will include stops in Florida, North Carolina, Arkansas, Texas, Tennessee, Virginia, Delaware and Ohio, will offer PBA Tour titles and enhanced prize funds. It gets underway March 17-19 with the PBA Xtra Frame Reality Check Classic at Sawgrass Lanes in Tamarac, Fla., a tournament that was postponed from 2016 due to Hurricane Matthew.

“The Xtra Frame Tour was created for the PBA’s fans,” said PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark. “The Xtra Frame Tour gets the PBA into more markets all around the country, offering more fans a chance to watch the PBA in person and bowl in pro-ams. The XF Tour also means more live coverage, start-to-finish including stepladder finals, of all the events on XtraFrame.TV, for all our subscribers.

“The Xtra Frame Tour is for the best players in the PBA and for regional players to test themselves against the best with PBA national titles on the line. More great bowling centers and hosts, different conditions.

“We thank Storm for recognizing the value of the Xtra Frame Tour and for initiating and funding the Storm Cup, which will make for an exciting points race throughout the series. It will mean a competition within a competition throughout the series, and ensure the best possible fields as top players chase for the rewards of the Cup.”

The new XF PBA Tour Storm Cup series will offer a $20,000 first prize to the competition points leader for the 2017 tournament series, plus additional cash prizes of $10,000 for second place, $8,000 for third, $7,000 for fourth and $5,000 for fifth place.

Points will be awarded to the top 20 players in each Xtra Frame event, with the winner earning 25 points, second place 19, third place 18, etc., with points declining by one through 20th place. The points system will insure intense competition throughout the season. In 2016, the points race wasn’t decided until the final event when Tommy Jones won by five points over EJ Tackett and six points over Ryan Ciminelli.

In addition to the new Storm Cup, Storm’s support will enhance the prize funds of every XF Tour event and the live coverage quality on Xtra Frame.

“Storm is proud to present the best players in the world the opportunity to compete for more prize money and the prestigious Storm Cup perpetual trophy in 2017,” said Storm Vice President of Business Development Gary Hulsenberg.

“We are excited to see how the new Storm Cup points race will shape up in its inaugural year and encourage all bowling fans to subscribe to PBA Xtra Frame so they can take in all the action from any device. Enjoy the show!”

All XF PBA Tour Storm Cup events will offer a minimum $10,000 first prize, with first prizes ranging to $20,000. In 2016, players bowedled for more than $392,000 in prize money paid out for seven Xtra Frame PBA Tour points events. Including the DHCP PBA Japan Invitational and the PBA-PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles – tournaments that return to the live Xtra Frame schedule in 2017, but are not part of the points competition – PBA events covered exclusively by Xtra Frame allowed players in 2016 to compete for nearly $650,000 in prize money in addition to PBA’s nationally-titled events.

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WINNETKA – Adam Lew is still beaming over his first 300 game. The powerful 34-year-old right-hander nailed his perfecto in his first game of league play in December at Winnetka Bowl, finishing with a flashy 766 series (300, 256, 210).

The final shot didn’t come easily for Adam. “Like most people, my heart was beating out of my chest and my legs were fairly rubbery. I was generally weak,” he said.

Still, Adam popped a strong shot that tagged the pocket. “It was a good shot,” said Adam, who sports a 220 average. “It was a hair high, but I tripped the 4 [pin].”

It was the first time Adam had a shot at his first sanctioned 300 on his 12th and last ball. Previously, his best start was 10 strikes. He is now proudly wearing his United States Bowling Congress-issued perfect-game ring.

Said Adam: “Some people ask me why I wear it on my wedding finger and I’ll say, ‘It’s because I got married to the game.’”

Adam bowls in three leagues a week. He said bowling a perfect game satisfied one of his goals. His next target: his first 800 series.

It appeared Adam might duplicate Scott Englehart’s effort of two-and-a-half years ago by bowling his first 300 and 800 series on the same night. Adam needed a 244 in his final game to reach the coveted 800 level and he seemed well on his way when he drilled strikes on his first six shots. But back-to-back opens in the seventh and eighth frames derailed his 800 attempt.

Still, Adam – who has blasted a 788 – is confident it’s just a matter of time before he reaches 800.

He was asked what he would do with a USBC 800 series ring. “It will go on my pinkie,” said Adam, tapping his little finger on his left hand. “They [the rings] will go side by side.”
Tara was the winner of our photo contest. She is holding a $100 check. Tara says: “I’ve been waiting for the perfect time to use the money for bowling. My 2 best friends and I took a little trip this past weekend. We were in a charity bowling tournament at Paso Bowl in Paso Robles. We also hit up Mustang Lanes in San Luis Obispo, Buena Lanes in Ventura, Rancho Bowl in Santa Maria, Cerritos Lanes and...The Spare Room at the Hollywood Roosevelt. It was $100 an hour to bowl at the Spare Room so that’s where we took the pictures :) Thanks again! We Love Bowling!”

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PBA Stars Return to Shawnee for FireLake
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SHAWNEE, Okla. – The most accomplished bowlers from around the world will return to FireLake Bowling Center, FireLake Arena and the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort in Shawnee Feb. 11-19 for the 52nd FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions and the Professional Bowlers Association’s Hall of Fame induction ceremonies.

The TOC is the second of three consecutive PBA major championships that will air live on ESPN in February. The TOC finals will be the only finals in 2017 held in an arena setting. The telecast on Sunday, Feb. 19.

The nine-day TOC tournament program begins Saturday and Sunday with the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Winter Open, a PBA Southwest Regional tournament, which also is a qualifying event for PBA Regional, PBA Women’s Series and PBA50 Tour title winners who will try to earn berths in the 96-player Tournament of Champions field.

Monday night, the PBA inducted former PBA Commissioner Mark Gerberich and three highly-successful PBA players – Bryan Goebel of Shawnee, Kan.; Steve Hoskins of Tarpon Springs, Fla.; and Mike Scroggins of Amarillo, Texas – into the PBA Hall of Fame during ceremonies at the Grand Casino. The program also will include presentations to the PBA’s 2016 award winners: GEICO Chris Schenkel Player of the Year EJ Tackett, Harry Golden Rookie of the Year Francois Lavoie, Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award winner Tom Smallwood and Tony Reyes Community Service Award winner Rhino Page.

All qualifying rounds of the TOC, plus the PBA Hall of Fame and Award ceremony, is coming to Janss Marketplace in Thousand Oaks, perhaps as soon as May.

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by Fred Eisenhammer
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Our story started online with one of those dating sites “Plenty of Fish”. Oddly enough we were both about to delete our accounts when we started chatting. I had noticed that he had an interest in bowling so we agreed to meet at a bowling center for our first date.

On February 4, 2011 we first met at Linbrook Bowl in Anaheim, California. I came prepared with some Hersey’s Kisses just in case the date went well I could offer him a Kiss without being too forward. He had another idea of breaking the ice, he asked me if I wanted to smell his bowling ball? He had one of those Storm bowling balls that smelled somewhat like cherries and offered me a sniff.

Our first date turned out to be one of the best dates either of us had been on in a very long time. We hit it off and started dating. With Valentines Day only 10 days away he would be working at Forest Lanes in Lake Forest, California where he was also bowling in a couple of leagues. I decided to surprise him with a home cooked dinner that included dessert and brought it to him. By this time we both knew that we had found someone special in one another.

After his season of Bowling finished at Forest Lanes we found that Keystone Lanes had a league that started at 7:30 pm, we promptly joined the “Paint Manufacturer’s” league. We have been bowling together in this 37 week league, Sweeping in Las Vegas for 5 seasons now. During the summer months I’ve bowled the Practice League here at Keystone while Dave has bowled a 3 man scratch league at Forest. I guess we have decided bowling is our thing, we will join most house tournaments either at Keystone or Forest. We really like the Sweethearts tournaments because we like showing off that we are a couple. Last Valentines we were able to grab 2nd place at Forest Lanes. Our reward was a nice suite in Laughlin.

The Valentines Day the following year after we met we were engaged. Wanting to make it special we waited a few years. Finally we had a plan, we would get married in Las Vegas during our sweeps on May 22, 2016. It was a surprise to everyone. We made the announcement to our league during the awards meeting. Close members of our family were invited to watch us bowl and join us for dinner afterwards. It was perfect. The chapel was at the restaurant so it was a surprise up to the end.

We always bowl on the anniversary day of when we met and we make it a point to be present and support one another while bowling.

For this current season, we continue to bowl separately and everything is perfect. I found myself on a Wednesday night league and unexpectedly, it had an open spot on another team. Once again, the bowling alley gods have a way of guiding Lawrence and I towards each other. Lawrence joined the following week. We can’t wait until we bowl each other.

Our story is a dream come to life with bowling alleys directing our fate. During my college years I started bowling to feed my competitive nature and cultivate friendships. I found myself in Torrance’s AMF Bowl-O-Drome not only bowling in leagues but also studying in the coffee shop. It was eccentric but it was an enclosed and spacious area to claim. The doors would open to the sound of pins crashing and large windows gave glimpses of the excitement on the lanes.

Lawrence was already bowling in various leagues and in 2005, his go-to alley that was South Bay Bowling Center in Redondo Beach, CA closed their doors. Lead by the desire to continue bowling ventured to the nearest alley, Bowl-O-Drome.

One night in my unconventional study area he introduced himself. Our first interaction was modest and soon after I realized I was gazing through the windows waiting to see him. Sure enough he would do the same. When I would look, he was right there waving and I had the biggest smile on my face.

Opportunity presented itself when one of my team mates needed a sub. No coincidence that Lawrence was already bowling in various leagues and in 2005, his go-to alley that was South Bay Bowling Center in Redondo Beach, CA closed their doors. Lead by the desire to continue bowling ventured to the nearest alley, Bowl-O-Drome.

CONGRATULATIONS! Lawrence and Robyn Morris
1967 - PART 2

by Carol Mancini

A fun tourney at MERCURY BOWL was the “Snake Bite Mixed Doubles” — which means all splits becomes strikes. Tell THAT to your auto-score!

Monday night matches from KONA LANES were still being televised. And in 2017 we can’t get ONE! When the Pros do come to town it’s a secret.

HARRY GRANT had the same portrait painter as DORIAN GREY. Somewhere in a closet was a picture growing older, because HARRY never lost his lust for life. What a guy.

Team sponsors were disappearing. No more shirts, entry fees, trophies, sponsor fees and advertising. Main reason?? No one said a simple “THANK YOU.” Dress codes went out the window along with prestigious leagues.

Whatever the “WOODMEN OF THE WORLD” was, they had a tournament in Fresno. Forest Rangers??

RESEDA BOWL’S Manager offered his bowlers an eight day Alaskan Adventure to go salmon fishing.

BUD HORN thrilled the crowd in Fort Worth with a 300 game at the P.B.A. stop. Twas his fifth. How many more did you shoot before you retired??

EAGLE ROCK LANES was advertising leagues for “Swingers.” I believe their slogan “Be A Swinger” didn’t mean what it means today.

Another slogan I like: “The Action’s at JACKSON’S.”

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200 centers were using “sheet service.” H & M Publications was nationwide. No more hanging a single league sheet on the wall for all league bowlers to read. H & M ran a $100,000.00 Open Play Summer Singles. Don’t ask — rules? — payoffs? — Winners?

MERL EASH rolled a 214 triplicate. Sorry, no award for triplicates in 1967.

Who improved your scoring ability? Who gave you blisters??

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WEST VALLEY BOWL was the latest to be remodeled. HERB ROTH (The Judge) was at the helm.

Does anyone remember “Adjust-A-Sight” By Manhattan Rubber? A gadget was inserted into the lane. This was called “ Adjust-A-Sight.”

BETT Y MI VE LAZ won her first PWBA in Philadelphia in August. We were so proud of her for years! What a lady.

IMPERIAL BOWL opened August 30th after a major remodel. NEW — seating, pin finders, lane, and foul lights. They predicted these improvements and came thru!

Re-printed from Ladies Home Journal. “Bowling has come to be the most popular winter amusement. It is true that the exercise tends to develop but one side of the body. Don’t over-do it, and the exercise is beneficial.

What is a “catola”??

GUS NELSON, Hollywood, bowled three 297 games in one season. Every 12th frame he left the 6-7-10 split.

JACKSON BOWL held a “Bum Bowlers” tourney. Must dress like a bum to enter!

The San Gabriel Valley had 25 centers in their association. Each center had a director which made for a bigger board of Directors (plus officers).

ROY DUNN defeated BARRY ASHER to win State Masters. He carried home a hefty trophy and $800.00.

The Bowling News was sent out Second Class. Second Class mail was established in 1879. (Just in case the question comes up on Jeopardy!)

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— JUNIORS — High Series

• Bennie Naifeh 147, Kennedy Chisman 147, Al Monroe 153, Chelsea Christ 138.

• Bobcats: Scott Silva 544, Matthew Valdez 528, Brennan Wingfield 497, Maggie Jenkins 425, Kendra Wilson 336, Karine Catamisam 322.

— Classifieds: Raymar Santos 589, Chris Bonito 508, Emily 517, Natalie Navas 231.

Enjoy your president's weekend lane with your family and friends at Cal Bowl.

— DIAMOND BAR — We want to thank the 15 teams that came out and bowed our Sweetheart Doubles No-Tap on Saturday. Everybody seemed to have a great time. Congratulations to Lawrence & Judy Garcia who came in 1st place and Nancy Jimeno & Jon for taking 2nd place. Our next tournament will be a Saint Patrick's celebration so watch for details.

Oak Tree Lanes will be hosting the San Gabriel Valley USBC Women & Men City Tournament the weekend of March 4 & 5, 2017. So start putting your teams together and send your entries in. Flyers are available at the center and all other centers in the San Gabriel Valley. Closing date is February 20, 2017.

We are going to have a few new Summer leagues that will be taking place the end of May. Night Out, Tue-Saturday’s, Elvies start saving for Christmas @ Noon, 570 Anchor Girl Scratch Round 3:30pm Wed - Ladies league in the am, & Fri - afternoon league. New registration Flyer will be available soon. Let it roll. Monday 3pm to 7pm will be starting up again on March 9, 2017 and ending in July going to Laughlin for our Sweeps this is a fun league with any 4 on a team if you are interested contact Alex at the bowl.

Don’t forget you can go onto our leaguesecretary.com and download your league sheets every week.

Now onto this week’s scores:

Senior League: 6:30pm, Wed - Ladies league in the am, & Fri - afternoon league.


** Pending formal approval by the United States Bowling Congress.

** Amos Gordon (R), Colorado Springs, Colo., April 11, 2006

** Lonnie Billiter Jr. (R), Fairfield, Ohio, Feb. 13, 2006

** Robert Mushtare (R), Fort Drum, N.Y., Dec. 5, 2005 and Darin Pomije (R), New Prague, Minn., Dec. 9, 2004

** James Hylton (R), Salem, Ore., May 2, 2001

** Robby Portalatin (L), Jackson, Mich., Dec. 28, 2000

** Tony Roventini (L), Greenfield, Wis., Nov. 9, 1998

** P.J. Giesfeldt (R), Milwaukee, Dec. 23, 2006

When Jeremy Sonnenfeld rolled three consecutive perfect games, he became the 32nd USBC-approved 900 Series. His feat was special to be able to share that with everybody. “It shows what a great bowling community we have, and it was amazing. It honestly still hasn’t hit me that I shot three perfect games in a row. I’m still in shock, but to have everybody cheering for me and congratulating me was amazing. It shows what a great bowling community we have, and it was special to be able to share that with everybody.”

Esposito’s achievement is pending approval from USBC and would be the 32nd USBC-approved 900. The first USBC-approved 900 occurred Feb. 2, 1997 when Jeremy Sonnenfeld rolled three consecutive perfect games in Lincoln, Nebraska. USBC Approved 900 Series (32)


2. Tony Rovinetti (L), Greenfield, Wis., Nov. 9, 1998

3. Vince Wood (R), Moreno Valley, Calif., Sept. 29, 1999


5. James Hylton (L), Salem, Ore., May 2, 2001

6. Jeff Campbell II (R), New Castle, Pa., June 12, 2004

7. Darin Pomije (R), New Prague, Minn., Dec. 29, 2004


10. Mark Wukoman (R), Greenfield, Wis., Apr. 22, 2006

11. P.J. Giesfeldt (R), Milwaukee, Dec. 23, 2006


15. Andrew Mank (R), Belleville, Ill., March 18, 2010

16. William Howell III (L), Middletown, N.Y., Oct. 21, 2010

17. Matt Latarski (R), Medina, Ohio, Nov. 28, 2010


19. John Martorella Sr. (R), Greece, N.Y., April 12, 2012

20. Jimmy Schmutter (R), Riverside, Calif., April 20, 2012

21. James Williams (R), Pawcatuck, Conn., (bowled in Wakefield, R.I.), April 16, 2013

22. Joe Scarborough (R), Charlotte, N.C., (bowled in The Villages, Fla.), April 21, 2013

23. Todd James (R), East New Market, Md., (bowled in Laurel, Del.), March 18, 2014


25. Aaron Vollmar (R), Toledo, Ohio, Jan. 19, 2015


29. Sean Osbourn (R), Houston, Nov. 21, 2016

30. John Buchanan III (R), Evansville, Ind., Jan. 11, 2017

31. Sam Esposito (R), Homer Glen, Ill., Feb. 3, 2017**

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by David Yamauchi

DOWNY — The Brunswick Invitational was back on the lanes to start the fourth round. The 2016 Nationals Team Event pattern was on the lanes with the tight 1:6:1 ratio keeping scoring in check as the league averaged just shy of 180. Teams were matched by overall wins for the first week action. Overall league leader and third-round winner Threadworks took on first-round champs Parkin's Bowling Supply in the "A" match. Keystone won the first game easily, dropped game 2, but came back huge with a 989 game to take totals. Eddie VanDunker lit them up for a nice 696 set to lead the league while Buddy Lucas led Parkin's at 608.

Linder's Insurance and DV8 were 3-4 in total wins though both teams are still looking to bag a round win. Linder's came out with a string of super games but DV8 came back to form to take the next two and totals. Brandon Grant led Linder's with a 532 set while Kevin Valmonte led the pair with just a 540 series.

Second-round winners Western Pacific matched up with 9th overall Forest Lanes. Western Pacific started out strong taking tow close games but Forest Lanes came back to take game three by 43 and totals by 4 for a 3-2 win. Chris Hefner was solid for Western Pacific with a 626 set while Jon Dias's 601 series paced Forest.

Smirnoff and Cal Bowl matched up their 58 win records in the 7 vs. 8 matchup. Harry Wong's 661 set for Smirnoff was only good enough for one win as Cal Bowl stayed consistent to take four points. Carl Luabayan led Cal Bowl with a 588 set.

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