Australia's Jason Belmonte Dominates USBC Masters
Wins Record Fourth Title, Eighth Career PBA Major

LAS VEGAS — Australia's Jason Belmonte has been a trailblazer in the sport of bowling his entire career, and he added another milestone to his growing list of accomplishments by becoming the first bowler to win the United States Bowling Congress Masters four times.

The 33-year-old entered the event's stepladder finals Sunday as the No. 1 seed and started the championship match at The Orleans Bowling Center with seven consecutive strikes, before a 7 pin ended his run at the first perfect game in a USBC Masters final.

The 279-212 win over amateur Michael Tang of San Francisco gave Belmonte his eighth major title, and second in three events, tying him with USBC and Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famers Mike Asbury and Walter Ray Williams Jr. for second all-time behind fellow hall of famers Earl Anthony and Pete Weber, who have 10 apiece.

"Honestly, it hasn’t sunk in yet, and I’m really speechless," Belmonte said. "I love this tournament and think it really brings out the best in me. To have my name etched on this trophy four times and be the only person to do that is unbelievable. It doesn’t seem real."

Belmonte, who won the recent Barbasol PBA Players Championship, now has 14 PBA Tour titles in nine seasons. He won the Masters three-consecutive times in 2013, 2014 and 2015. Heading into Sunday, Belmonte knew his game plan would be dependent on who else made the show and how they attacked the lanes. It was going to have that kind of game, but Belmonte had one ace up the sleeve.

"I stuck our in practice and nothing looked like I was going to have that kind of game," said Belmonte, a three-time PBA Player of the Year. "With two shots left, Tim Mack hit the surface with 1,000 grit, and it looked OK. I hadn’t thrown it on the other lane, so I had to make a guess on that lane. I told myself just to hit that spot. With urethane, the game Michael bowled easily could have been the game I had. He bowled a great game and didn’t give anything away. He’s an amazing talent."

Tang, the No. 4 seed for Sunday’s championship round, was looking to become the first amateur since 2002 to win the Masters. He also would’ve been the first bowler to win from the fourth spot. Two times since the Masters went to a stepladder format in 1980 has anyone lower than the second seed won the event.

Tang’s ticket to the final continued on page 4

Farewell Covina Bowl • Thanks for the Memories

Covina — Covina Bowl will be closing its doors on March 12, 2017. Built in the late 50’s, it has been more than just a place to bowl. The coffee shop! Locals enjoyed the great food and friendly atmosphere. Civic clubs made good use of the many meeting rooms. The San Gabrielle Valley ABC and WIBC offices were centrally located at Covina.

Ask any patron and each remembers a special time or event. How about the pool tournaments? The Pro Shop?

Terrazzo floors were installed in many centers in the early years. Covina bowlers loved those floors and protested when a rumor spread that the floors were to be replaced a few years ago. We all will remember good times, and good friends at Covina Bowl.
It’s 92 and Counting for Charles Kenny

by Fred Eisenhammer

NORTH RIDGE — “I’ve got to get on my horse.”

So said Charles Kenny, who is nearing 100 perfect games in his career and is pushing to accomplish that rare feat in a hurry.

Kenny would love to hit the 100 mark in the Los Angeles area before he relocates with girlfriend Celia Ramirez to Las Vegas in a couple of months. He’s been mounting a fierce charge at the century mark, piling up 113 games in the past three years to surge to 92 perfecto.

That perfect-game total undoubtedly is far and away the highest among San Fernando Valley-area bowlers.

The 36-year-old Kenny rolled his most recent perfect game in league play in February at Jewel City Bowl in Glendale. Kenny, a Northridge resident, had planned to leave for Las Vegas late last year for “economic reasons,” but his departure was delayed.

So now he has a chance to reach 100 perfect games in the L.A. area, where he’s recorded all his 300s.

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CBB Bowling Results

PALOS VERDES — We would like to congratulate this month’s Double Trouble Champion!! Brandon Chandler and Melinda Neal who took top honors on February 25th, 2017 at Palos Verdes Bowl. In addition to winning the Doubles Event, Brandon Chandler also boasted our first Honor Score with a nice 300 in his last game to bump the team into 1st.

We would also like to congratulate our Singles Event Champion Brianna Le Forve on claiming her spot on the throne. She didn’t bowl so great the first squad, however, she came back with a vengeance in the second squad to take the title home. We would like to thank every bowler that came out and supported the CBT Bowling organization selling out 2 squads with 70 Doubles entries and 98 Singles entries. Double Trouble lived up to its name and just about Doubled our first event payouts for a whopping $1300. Singles entries. Double Trouble lived up to its name and she came back with a vengeance in the second squad to take the title home. We would like to thank every bowler who came out and supported the CBT Bowling organization selling out 2 squads with 70 Doubles entries and 98 Singles entries. Double Trouble lived up to its name and just about Doubled our first event payouts for a whopping $1300 Double Trouble Champions - Brandon Chandler & Melinda Neal at Aztec Bowl. 

John was born and raised in Decedent, Tennessee. At 18, he joined the U.S. Navy and served during the Korean War. During his service, John boxed in the Pacific Region and was champion for his weight class until he retired. John also played in the Pacific Coast baseball league. Once he retired from the Navy in 1955, John began bowling and working at Aztec Bowl. In the later 60’s, John started the Warriors Bowling League at Aztec Bowl, which still runs today at Kearny Mesa Bowl.

John bowled with his sons when he could, where he could. With his youngest son Mark, John bowled in a doubles league with him in Vegas. And with his second son Steve, bowled at Kearny Mesa Bowl until he couldn’t pick up a bowling ball anymore.

John’s favorite ball was the Manhattan Rubber, which he used to bowl on the old wooden lanes. However, John was more known for his personality rather than his feats. When he worked at Kearny Mesa Bowl, John made sure that everyone bowling on the lanes and drinking at the bar were having a good time. On every Super Bowl Sunday when he worked at Kearny Mesa Bowl, John logged in a large flat screen projector TV for everyone in the bar to watch (when most bars at the time didn’t have any). While at Aztec Bowl, John was known to bring in the best bowlers in San Diego and run a tournament for them after Midnight. John set the ante to be 100 dollars.

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ers not use a rubber ball,” said Snoberger, suggesting that rubber ball “around 1972ish,” and that rubber was re-filling the ball-drilling area,” Snoberger emailed. He said he had been bowling with it for me around 1965 and that unique smell of the rubber bowling balls. Snoberger is the national sales manager of “Brunswick still makes bowling balls in their plant in Mexico but are not considered the premier high-end ball anymore.”

Ace bowler Art Rosenberg of Canoga Park also packed a “Black Beauty” at one time. “That was my first bowling ball,” he recalled. “Worked well on old wood lanes.”

Another frequent “Black Beauty” user was “Rockin’ Ray,” who happens to be responsible for the song, “Grab Your Balls, We’re Going Bowling.” “Rockin’ Ray,” who lives outside Cleveland, wrote the lyrics and music in 1995 and the song became a huge pop dance hit and is arguably the most popular bowling song out there.

Said Miller: “I thought I was the only one in love with my Black Beauty. I was talked into getting a new ball and I could not stop it from going Brooklyn. I quit bowling as a result. I wish I had not.”

So Jerry Simmons is keeping the candle burning for “Black Beauty” aficionados everywhere.

Here’s to hoping Simmons keeps his ball rolling for another 55 years of use.

Tiny Couplers: It looks like our teams are having a fun time. Others: Walter Milsap 246/646, Fale Sula 224/606, Stan Munro 563, Walter Gist 51, Tula Sula 513, Dorothy Ruggiero 505,

The news that Jerry Simmons has been using the same ball was once a favorite of theirs as well.

One of those former “Black Beauty” users is Bill Snoberger. So Jerry Simmons is keeping the candle burning for an- other 55 years of use.

Since it was reported in the California Bowling News that Simmons has been relaying exclusively on “Black Beauty” for more than a half-century, several distinguished bowlers have come forward to share their memories of this unique ball. It looks like our teams are having a fun time.

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Final standings
1. Jason Belmonte, Australia, 279 (one game), $30,000
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USBC MASTERS continued from page 1 came with a 227-217 win over amateur Alex Hoskins of Brigham City, Utah.

The two were even through five frames, with neither player bowling a double, but both riling with late lines of three strikes.

Tang finished first, giving Hoskins the opportunity to win the game with a strike and nine-spare in his final frame, but Hoskins went left and left a 2 pin on his first offering. Hoskins, who made his first appearance at the Masters, finished third.

“The right lane get a little downtown,” said Tang, the 2015 Intergallic Singles Champion. “In the match against Hoskins, I rang a couple of 10s, which were worri-

some, but I thought I had something figured out. The lanes were very tight and I think we both were struggling a bit, but I had to make some different moves. Belmo is Belmo. It’s hard to beat him when you have that kind of look. I feel like I bowled well, so there’s nothing to be mad about.”

In the opening round on the way to the semifinal matchup with Hoskins, Tang tossed 18 strikes to get past his brother, Darren, and Sweden’s Martin Larsen.

Nine of the 10 strike performances against Darren ended in a 248-212 victory. The two were separated by just two pins after four frames, but four consecutive strikes for Michael in frames five through eight allowed him to pull away for good. Darrel, and Sweden’s Martin Larsen.

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Anthony Simonsen, Danielle McEwan Win World Bowling Tour Men’s, Women’s Finals

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Simonsen, a 20-year-old two-handed player who qualified second for the finals after a year-long, world-wide points competition based on performances in PBA International-World Bowling Tour events, eliminated no. 3 qualifier Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., in the opening match of the three-man stepladder, 263-253.

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Simonsen, the 2016 United States Bowling Congress Masters champion, struck on six of his first seven shots in the title tilt to build a 33-pin lead under WBT’s experimental “Current Frame” scoring system and secured the win on the bench when Larsen did not strike in the 10th frame.

Under the “Current Frame” system, players earned 30 pins a frame for each strike; 10 pins plus the total from their first shot of the frame for a spare, and actual pinfall for an open frame. Games consisted of 10 frames with no additional shots in the 10th frame if a player strikes or spares. The maximum score is 300 (30 pins for 10 strikes).

For Simonsen, the WBT win was a bit of redemption after falling short in his title defense at the USBC Masters. Simonsen finished the week tied for 17th place.

“It’s been a good three-week swing,” said Simonsen, who finished second at the 2017 Barbasol PBA Players Championship. “I made a TV show, all three cuts, so it’s been a good run. You obviously want to win them all, but being able to finish this week with the win makes it all worth it.”

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Stepladder Results (WBT Current Frame scoring system):
Semifinal Match: Johnson def. Ramirez, 268-220.

WBT MEN’S FINALS
Final Standings:
1, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, $20,000.
2, Martin Larsen, Sweden, $10,000.
3, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., $5,000.

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It Began in December

by Mary Lynly

It was December 27th, 1926 when two little girls – Patricia Herman and Jacqueline Thyberg – came into the world at Glendale Memorial Hospital in Glendale. Their mothers shared the same hospital room but did not know each other. Preceding Pat and Jackie, at the same hospital on December 20th was Jacqueline Thyberg and coming into the world at home on December 12 was Mary Alice Shonberger. These four girls who lived within five miles of each other for years were destined to meet in seventh grade and became devoted friends for the next 77 years.

In December 2016, all four turned 90. Pat’s daughter Marcia arranged a 90th birthday luncheon in December at the 88-year old Turn-O-Shanter restaurant in Los Angeles a favorite place all four had frequented numerous times throughout their single and married lives. Special guests added a special flavor to the afternoon and Marcia had placemats created with a picture of the four when they sang in a glee club in 9th grade.

Three of the four were brides and bridesmaids in each other’s weddings. Mary Alice married brilliant Alen Lenney who was employed by NASA and they raised their family with a picture of the four when they sang in a glee club in 9th grade.

Mary Alice came from a talented family and her brother John Schonberger (1892–1983) was an opinion piece she wrote in response to well-known bowler “Bo” Burton who became a bowling commentator. Burton was obsessing with noting that a particular 50-year old bowler had bowled a perfect game and Burton couldn’t seem to get over it because he was 50! Mary Alice opined in an article, “Oh, my – if you are a bowler, be careful because when you are 50 years old your leg will fall off!”

Mary Lynly wrote numerous stories and recounted many experiences from participating in these events and her travels. She said everything about bowling and bowling events was interesting to her.

She wrote for the Foothill Footnotes, the local association newsletter, and the California WBA state paper The Golden Nugget where she was thriled to receive recognition for her articles as well as a national award from the National Women Bowling Writers organization. Of special note is an opinion piece she wrote in response to well-known bowler “Bo” Burton who became a bowling commentator. Burton was obsessing with noting that a particular 50-year old bowler had bowled a perfect game and Burton couldn’t seem to get over it because he was 50! Mary Alice opined in an article, “Oh, my – if you are a bowler, be careful because when you are 50 years old your leg will fall off!” She noted, “Bowling is an ageless sport.” The article caught the eye of the local Sacramento Bee newspaper and they printed it.

Mary Alice came from a talented family and her brother John Schonberger (1892–1983) was a composer who wrote the song Whispering recognized today as one of the great songs of the century.

The four babies born in December of 1926 kept in touch over the years and although “not as spry” they enjoyed the special bond formed in the 7th grade for 77 years. Her lament, “I would give anything to be able to bowl again.”

STATE AWARDS continued from page 1

He has been a ABC/USBC member for over 53 years and has bowled in over 40 California State Championships. He has a high average of 229 and over 10 certified 300 games. He also owns three 800 series with 827 as his high. In 2008 his team won the CUSBC Open Championship team event! He continues to be very active bowling in San Diego and California area tournaments. He also is just a great individual!!!

The award for Proprietor/General Manager of the year goes to Ron Brisono from Vista. He is the General Manager of Vista Entertainment Center which is a 4 lane center. The center has 19 certified leagues and 2 certified youth leagues. His center hosts parties, adult house tournaments at least monthly, and many fun events for it bowlers. He coordinates adult/youth events and fundraisers. He offers special pricing for his youth bowlers and he has half of his center covered in bulletin boards to post local adult and youth tournaments and results. He also hosts many local and State events. Congratulations on a job well done!

The final award is for Association of the Year which is again won by the Orange County USBC. With a membership of over 8300 members their association is very busy taking care of their bowlers. The association offers travel leagues, Association Championships, BVL, senior singles, and mixed doubles events. They coordinate many youth scholarships and work with SMART program to deposit the prize money for the youth scholarships. Every year the association hosts a Secretary luncheon to thank them and give them invaluable updates and review responsibilities and answer questions. This year they extended this idea to the league Presidents and have scheduled it before the Annual meeting to increase attendance. Congratulations to the Orange County USBC for your continued GREAT job!
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Game Time Battle #2 Winners at Action Lanes
1968 - PART 1

by Carol Mancini

- UNIVERSITY LANES in San Diego was chosen to host the 1969 W.I.B.C. Tournament. GARRY FORD was the V.P. and Manager. We will have more about him later.
- The 1968 W.I.B.C. Tournament was held in San Antonio. $7.00 per event per person. Over 5,000 teams were signed up by January.
- The A.B.C. dropped the “Unsanctioned League” Rule. (I don’t know either!) Look it up.
- PIONEER BOWL offered music for dancing on the week-end.
- MAR-LIN-DO LANES would run “Blue Chip” bowling at ANYTIME. All you needed was 4 bowlers for a squad. How about this one?? “Jack & Jill Every Saturday. Come with or without a partner.” MAR-LIN-DO did a lot of crazy stuff!
- DICK SCHOEFFLER rolled into the history books when he shot back to back 300’s. Only 4 others had been recorded.
- The “Firestone” Tournament of Champions was the richest in the world. These Californians took a shot in Akron: GLENN ALLISON, BARRY ASHER, SAM BACA, DON CARTER, VERN DOWNING, MIKE DURBIN, TIM HARAHAN, BILLY HARDWICK, BUD HORN, JIM ST. JOHN and HARRY SMITH.
- JIM BLUE was manager at PASADENA BOWLING CENTER. He told me years later that they had after-hours nude bowling! JIM got out of bowling and opened a cafe in Alhambra. In the 80’s it was driving to Laughlin and stopped at a donut shop for a cup of coffee and a dunker. Who waited on me? Mr. BLUE! I heard that he ended up in Hawaii. What a character!
- Gimmick time at PARADISE BOWL. Pick a lane. Roll a game. Beat the posted high game on that lane. Pay-offs were based on how many games were rolled on a lane in a month. Sample: 10 games, $10.
- In 1968 20 million individual pieces of mail was sent out by W.I.B.C. to 2,900 city and state associations.
- MISSILE BOWL announced that FREDDY KRUGER pounded out a 300. That’s scary!
- JOYCE FARMER led the pin parade at PIONEER BOWL with her 296 heart breaker. She totaled 626 for her 3 games on league night and collected a trophy plus new ball, bag and shoes.
- A team of four in Chatsworth bowled an entire game without a strike. Tough way to get your names in the paper – Corinne, Jack, Dolores, Chuck. Nobody ever said bowling was easy.
- CANOGA PARK BOWL invited ladies to a six week “learn to bowl” course. $2.50 a week and everyone received a new ball.
- On the ad for Men’s State Tournament. “Bowl in Orange County — Americas Hub of Happiness.”
- SANTA FE BOWLING CENTER was owned by MERLE MATTHEWS. Was she the first woman to own a center in California?
- Two Southlanders were named to the So. Cal. Hall of Fame, ROY BADE and “PUG” LUND. LUND was San Diego Bowler of the Year five times, averaged from 190 to 212 for 40 years.
- DEL RIO LANES manager WALT STUETZ contracted BOBBIE NORTH and ESTHER WOODS as instructors for his learn to bowl classes. 32 lanes were packed.
- IMPERIAL BOWL was manned by AL TRIPP. He came from CABRILLO LANES in San Diego. Before that he was assistant manager at GRAND CENTRAL in Glendale. He knew the game and played it well.
- COMPTON BOWLING CENTER set up a couple of royal contests. King and Queen of the Hill. Only $3.00 to enter.
- Who was writing, collecting news and taking pictures? JESSE DUDLEY, JOE LYOU, FRANK KIETZ, LOU MELCHOR, ROSA PECK, CHERYL KOMINSKY, JUDGE ROTH, LYNN JONES, MERLE MATTHEWS, PHIL NOVAK, JUNE COUSENS, E.L. EASLEY, BOB WEAVER, HARRY GRANT, BILL MAGLIONE, EILEEN NAGY, NICK MARQUIS, LUCILLE WARE, HELEN KIBBE, KEN LOWMAN, DONNA ZIMMERMANN, etc. etc. etc.
- I love headlines and catchy phrases. Here’s a few goodies. Winger Whacks, Faust Foxes, Betty Bops, Sensational Scores, Voice of Victory, Sweats Sweats Seven Hundred, Sanders Socks Session Sizzler, and Pat Punches Potent Pins.
- JOHN GRULIVA was burning up the lanes at ARCADIA BOWL. He and ART GODDARD talked about building a center for 10 years before VILLAGE LANES became a reality.
- HOLIDAY BOWL had the best coffee shop, as voted by bowlers. COVINA BOWL came in second.
- The 1968 Bowling News reported ALL the news, including split conversions, triplicates, all spare games and dutchmanes. 2017 nobody bothers to let us know about 300 games!
- Four centers ran a tournament called “Checker Board Doubles”, any combo. Went something like this: a couple would bowl and put their score in a square. When all the squares were filled, they paid off. Haven’t heard of this since. Sounds like a great “in house” event.
- Did I mention that there was a center in Westchester called PARADISE BOWL? What happened to it?? Maybe we’ll find out later.
- A fellow named WALT FEWELL purchased SUNSET BOWL in Hollywood and renamed it BOWLINGO LANES. Another mystery disappearance.
- ART GODDARD captained the winning team of the Greater L.A. All-Star Traveling League. Members Wal, Peer, Zen Hassin, Dave Lee, and Bob Perry were shirtd and looked good on the front page of the April 5 issue.
- JACK QUINN (The Of Professor) returned from running a pro shop in San Diego to do his “thing” at NORMAWL BOWL. He was self proclaimed to be the best instructor in So. Calif. conducting his “School of Bowling”. In 1960 he beat out BILLY CASPER for “Pro Star of the Month”.
- WEST VALLEY BOWL’s coffee club was a singles event. (smile) “No Partner to Let You Down” was their sales pitch. (smile again)
- Another obscure bowl was CASA VENIDA in Compton. Anybody remember CASA VENIDA? Me neither.
- HARRY GRANT Singles: 2 months away! 1 month away 3 weeks away! 2 weeks away! 1 week away! GRANT knew how to create a craving for competition. If you bowled “The Grant” and actually talked to Harry, you could tell the story for weeks. Remember his Squared Organizers? What a concept!?
- NORWALK BOWLING CENTER made a full page splash showing the 6 Pontiac Firebirds for first place and 6 Console Color T.V.’s for second place. 40 teams signed up for this great new league.
- Orange County’s CHAMPION LANES under the leadership of FRANK RICILLI finally entered the hunt for “hungry” tournament bowlers with his Summer Singles Classic. If anyone know tournaments it was FRED - - - entering or hosting.
- LITTLE BETTY GOULDING was at the helm of CLARK CENTER in Bellflower. Did she love to have her picture taken? You bet her tiny white high heeles! When she left CLARK CENTER, she took the bowling pins with her. WHAT?? She paid for them!
- FOR SALE: FIESTA BOWL. Includes: building, land, 11 lanes, all equipment, 3 bedroom home, only $75,000. Anyone know where Heppner, Oregon is??
- Did you know that use of standard lane finish contributed to air pollution which was against the law? Brunswick solved the problem with CUSTOM KOTE.
- C.W.B.A. President Agnes Duffy was elected to the W.I.B.C. Executive Board. We Californian bowlers were proud of her and ELAINE HAGAN.
- Hope you enjoyed our ink stained stroll thru history. Part II will be published soon.

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SUNDAY –

Wally’s Vegas Cruise: Jason Amaro 235/635, David Brogdon 232, Emerson LaBradra 215/590.

MONDAY –
Lake Parkers: Dan Misteid 252/657, Carlos Wilken 222, Jo Bungo 199.


Gambler’s Fun: Andy Jeske 233/870, Mike Hall 232, Cindee Lozano 189.

TUESDAY –
Glenbrook Gals: Mickey Rizzuto 192, Angie Salazar 189.

Friendly Seniors: Larry McCurry 243/961, Andy Bott 204, Carole Lewis 191.

Pedagogues: Vern Harmon 226, Bill Van Nerynen 201, Barbara Mercer 197.

Ageless Wonders: Ken Hurley 224, Mike Cassman 213/620, Terry Goldsmith 214.


La Habra Doubles: Daniel Martinez 231, Jeremy Johnson 605.

THURSDAY –

Sunset Rollers: Jim Ragdale 216, Bill Scherer 665, Dores Harmon 183.

All Schools: Larry Bell 186, Avicche Osmundson 175.

Frank’s Gold Cup: Freddy Limon 277, Kevin Jenkins 267/724, Scott Kraye 730, Emily Cornmesser 246/675.

FRIDAY –

Until next week, GOOD LUCK and HIGH SCORING!
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DOWNEY — The Brunswick Invitational was back on the lanes to battle the 2016 Nationals Team Event pattern. Scores remained low as the lanes played tight.

In the “A” match, Professional Approach put their 10-0 record up against DV8’s 9-1 start. DV8 swept through Professional Approach including stealing game 2 by 6 sticks. Kevin Valmonte led DV8 at 632 while Herman Ferguson was high for Pro Approach with 590.

In the “B” match, third-round winners Keystone Lanes at 8-2 battled Sysco who also started the round hot at 8-2. Sysco came out striking for a 4-1 win to move them to the “A” match next week against DV8. Paul Barraco was sold with a 643 set for Sysco while Herbert Jones put together a 598 set for Keystone.

Cal Bowl and J.A.T. moved up to the third match with their 4-1 wins last week. Cal Bowl came out hot and was too much for J.A.T. taking a 4-1 win. Ramon Torres was an even 600 to lead Cal while Katrina Fujikami paced J.A.T. with 581.

Erickson Foods $$ $$ $$ 16
Sysco $$ 17
Blizz Yogurt 13
Pino’s Pizza 14
DV8 16
Keystone Lanes $$$ ........ 9
Herzog Insurance ......... 10
Sysco’s pot was won by Buddy Lucas 225 for $240 with Leon Pot went to Mikey Villarreal 255, quite the contrast from Adam Ruiz Jr. 2nd place with 223 for $100. Game 3 Super Sor’s pot was won by Buddy Lucas 225 for $240 with Leon

TOP 10 THIS WEEK
Ray Minter ............. 677 Kevin Valmonte ............ 632
Spanky Rosales .......... 667 Jon Diso .................. 627
Brandon Grant .......... 655 Kevin Gagnon ............. 622
Paul Barraco ........... 643 Jeremy Glover ............ 615
Ramiro Garcia .......... 635 Bobby Campagna ....... 615

TOP TEN TEAMS ROUND 4
DV8 ................. 14 Herzog Insurance ....... 10
Sysco ............... 12 Bowlimium ............. 9
Cal Bowl ............. 12 Keystone Lanes 365 ....... 9
Professional Approach 10 Western Pacific $$ ......... 8
Smirnoff .......... 10 Crown Royal ........... 8

In the roll off team matches, it was Erickson Foods once 5-5 going into their matchup. Kevin Gagnon put up a 622 set to lead Herzog while Nick Rodriguez was high for the Trophy bunch at 532.

In Game 3 and not only win the game, but Team Totals. Er the 3-2 win, as nobody managed to shoot 600 series, Herbert

Threadworks and Crown Royal battled in the 13 vs. 14 match. Crown took game one, dropped game two, and came back to take game three and totals for a 4-1 win. Val Wise led Crown at 564 while Butch Jackson was high for Threadworks with a 559 set.

Second-round winners Western Pacific met up with Forest Lanes with matching 3-7 records. Western Pacific got back on pace sweeping through Forest for a 5-0 win. Paul Rosales went big for Western with a 667 set while Gary Lee led Forest at 627.


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1st - 265 Ray Minter
2nd - 264 Brandon Grant

PEACE OF MIND.