Philadelphia, Dallas Win Overtime Thrillers as L.L.Bean PBA League Gets Underway

Hitman upset No. 1 KingPins; Strikers nullify near-perfect effort by L.A. X

PORTLAND, Maine — The underdog Sysex Philadelphia Hitmen and the defending champion Shipyard Dallas Strikers got the fifth edition of the L.L.Bean PBA League Elias Cup competition off to a roaring start with sudden-death victories in front of a sold-out crowd at Bayside Bowl.

The first two best-of-two-game quarterfinal rounds matches aired Sunday on ESPN.

The Philadelphia Hitmen, after finishing last in the eight-game league a year earlier and qualifying eighth in the seeding competition two days earlier at Bayside Bowl, were on the brink of another disappointment in Portland when the top-seeded GEICO NYC WTT KingPins won the opening Baker format game, 248-238, thanks to a closing string of six strikes including three in the 10th frame by anchor bowler Marshall Kent.

The Hitmen forced the one-ball sudden-death rolloff by staging their own five-strike rally in the second game, winning a 227-223 battle when anchor bowler Tom Smallwood struck on his first shot in the 10th frame.

In the roll-off, Philadelphia’s Dom Barrett matched KingPins’ leader Pete Weber’s strike. On the second try, New York City’s John Szczersinski left a 10 pin that a rebounding “messenger” pin failed to topple. Tom Smallwood ended the drama when his “messenger” connected, tipping over the 10 pin for a strike and the victory.

“It’s been a rough couple of years for us,” Philadelphia manager Jason Couch said. “We’ve been on the losing end despite bowling the two highest scores other than the people we bowed against. I told our guys when we got here, we haven’t had the greatest luck but when they get committed and just do it. That was my speech of the day. “Tom (Smallwood) bowled phenomenal, but our whole team bowled well. Tom just looked comfortable on the lanes, so I moved him to anchor.”

Couch added, “I don’t know who we bowl next and I don’t care because my guys are really committed and I feel good about our chances.”

Smallwood embraced the opportunity to throw the ball over and over again, striking in both sets on his last two attempts.

Barbara Vega, Longtime Youth Bowling Coordinator/Coach, Dies

by Fred Eisenhammer

PICO RIVERA — Barbara Vega, a longtime bowling coordinator for “hundreds and hundreds of kids” in the Los Angeles area, has died at 81.

Vega, a resident of Pico Rivera for almost 60 years, coached such luminaries as Professional Bowlers Assn. standout Michael Haugen Jr. and elite bowler Michelle Silver while they were growing up.

Vega was well-known as coordinator for L.A. County’s Southeast District’s Bowling Assn. Hall of Fame for her service to youth bowling.

Haugen has gone on to become one of the PBA’s foremost players with winnings close to $800,000 and six PBA titles, including the 2008 Tournament of Champions.

“She was a great lady,” Haugen said. “Always positive and encouraging. She cared about all of her bowlers.”

Silver has established herself as one of the top women bowlers in the state, having won titles in the California state Queens in 2003 and the California state women’s singles in 2015.

Silver rolled her 20th perfect game in the latter tournament.

“When I met Barbara, she was like a mother figure,” Silver recalled. “She was loving, kind and her door was always open to the juniors. She loved her kids more than anything.”

Silver said Vega’s “nurturing, love and support” made her feel comfortable to be part of the bowling world.

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Barbara Vega served as a youth bowling coordinator for about 30 years. She was named to the Los Angeles County’s Southeast District’s Bowling Assn. Hall of Fame in 1992.

More than 50 former employees of Bowlmor Amp Corp. have filed age-discrimination complaints against the bowling company, the largest owner and operator of bowling centers in the world.

The list of plaintiffs was expected to grow to about 60 this week, said attorney Daniel Dowe, who is representing the group and is the founding partner of New York-based Dowe Partners, LLC.

Of the 56 plaintiffs immediately on file, 14 reside in California. Most of California’s plaintiffs come from the L.A. area.

Most of the complaints were filed with the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Baltimore and are not a class-action suit but rather are being treated as possible “systemic discrimination,” according to Dowe.

“Systemic discrimination,” according to the EEOC website, is “a pattern or practice, policy or class case where the alleged discrimination has a broad impact on an industry, profession, company or geographic area.”

The plaintiffs are seeking “millions of dollars” as compensation for lost wages, Dowe said. The average number of years of service for the plaintiffs is 18; the average age of termination is 54.

Most of the complaints against Bowlmor served as managers or workers in the human resources department.

Tom Shannon, the chief executive, chairman and president of New York-based Bowlmor, emailed the California Bowling News that “of course, these claims don’t have any merit. They are absurd on their face.”

Bowling News plans to rerun this story about Barbara in next weeks printed edition.

If you’d like to say something about her, please email news@californiabowlingnews.com and we will include your comments.
ORANGE COUNTY — Please plan to attend Orange County USBC annual meeting scheduled at 1PM at FOUNTAIN BOWL. This year we will be holding a league Secretary/President luncheon BEFORE the annual meeting at 10 Ram - 12 noon. This will be very informative for ALL league secretaries and presidents with information pertinent to all leagues, a power point discussion, some trivia questions that may surprise you and of course, a delicious luncheon.

This is a very important meeting as in addition to the annual election of directors, election of delegates to 2018 state and national conventions, members will be voting on two proposed by law amendments. I know you want to support your local association, catch up on local Orange County news, update and refresh your knowledge of Orange County by laws and membership, current tournaments and results AND have fun doing it! You will not only glean some important information, have some fun, renew friendships, meet some new ones and meet and greet your hard working board. We will also be holding 50/50 drawings to benefit our California hospitalized veterans and you too can be a winner!

The board is looking forward to seeing ALL of you. Remember, this is YOUR association and YOUR attendance is crucial in keeping Orange County a top association; Lots of camaraderie will be provided so get yourself in gear, mark those calendars for SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017 AT 1 PM (Sec/Pres. luncheon at 10 AM) See y’all at FOUNTAIN BOWL.
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- **DAN SWEENEY**. G.M. at LA MIRADA BOWL got so sunburned at the beach, he couldn’t bowl.

- The P.W.B.A.’s director was MICKEY FINNY.

**VICTORY BOWL** was next to offer a Maverick to the winning couple of their car league.

- Who can forget the wonderful HELEN DUVAL! She was sponsored by the C.W.B.A. and available just for the asking. Her “Learn to Bowl” classes were always maxed out. She and her family were a National treasure.

- A real character was MIKE LECCESE, big gun at VERDUGO HILLS. He would have been at home in Brooklyn or Jersey. He and MANCINI told great stories — some were even true!

- LOU DELANEY was the contact man at NORWALK BOWLING CENTER. Add him to the MANCINI fan club.

- TED HOFFMAN was named P.B.A.’s Western Director.

- DICK MARQUIS filed a building permit for a bowling center on the moon called “LUNAR BOWL.” They would use 10 pound pins and 2 pound balls.

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Chavez 676 $40 and Mark Andrews 675 $40.

Kelly Manuel 686 $90, Tim Tran 685 $80, Tres Catalasan 679 $65 Leah Borillo 679 $65 Marc Arca 677 $50, Benjamin Nakano and they shared the spots for $300 each in 2nd and 3rd.

4th place went to Tomas Chavez 687 $100, then came event with a nice +139 taking home $650 he bowled quite well!! 2nd & 3rd place was a tie with Allan Basto and Cory of what is collected. The 60 bowlers bowled it is NO FINALS Beat the Board and old friend, Mamerto Jablan won the Tournament at 7:00 PM. $40 Entry fee 3 games and $10 Bonus which will pay 1st Place 50% 2nd 30% and 3rd 20%

After sending over 60 people home etc. We posted in Face book and announced there will be a Mini squads. Then about 6:10 PM the POWER returned we had already refunded and people had left. There were people the estimated to return around 7:00 PM or after. We refunded or credited the people who had entered both the 4 and 6 PM

The whole area was down for approximately 2 hours

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Name Score Price Bonus
1) Cory Nakano 715 175 125
2) Justin Taino 252 $30
2) Ronnie Cordero 255 $30
1) Mart Jablan 273 $70
2) Justin Taino 264 $30
3rd Game Side Pot Winners
1) Cory Nakano 263 $70
2) Ronnie Cordero 253 $30

Total Bracket Payouts $2,170

X-Frame Bonus $500.00
Total $1,780.00

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April 21-22-23
April 28-29-30
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May 19-20-21
May 26-27-28
June 2-3-4
June 16-17-18

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Bowling Calendar – April thru July

April:
- 4/23 thru 7/10 – USBC 2017 Women’s Championships, Baton Rouge River Center, LA
- 22 – X-Frame Bowling Tour, 4pm & 6pm, West Covina Lanes, West Covina
- 4 – HammerPins Spring Singles Scratch 8-Gamer, 10am, Nu Generation Lanes
- 29-30 – Team Masters Dublin Open, Earl Anthony’s Dublin Bowl, teammastersbowling.com
- 30 – 8 Gamer Campagnole Summer Swing Tourn. #2, 10am, Bowlium Lanes, Montclair
- 30 – Scratch 6-Gamer, 12 noon, Yosemite Lanes, Modesto

May:
- 4-6 – PWBA Tour, Steve Cook’s Fireside Lanes, Sacramento
- 6 – Cal Bowlers Tour Scratch Doubles Shootout, 12 noon, Delta Bowl, Antioch
- 6 – San Joaquin Bowling Club Singles Tourn., AMF Sierra Lanes, Fresno
- 6-7 – USBC Youth Pepsi State Finals, Classic Bowl, Daly City
- 6 – Deadline for Associations to register to attend 2017 USBC State Convention
- 6-7 – PWBA Tour, Fountain Bowl, Fountain Valley
- 13 – Silver Foxes Doubles Tourn., 12 noon, AMF Rodeo Lanes, Clovis
- 14 – Mother’s Day
- 18-28 – TNBA National Championship, Sunset Station/Texas Station/The Orleans, Las Vegas
- 19-21 – National Native American Bowling Tourn., Canyon Lanes, Morongo
- 20 – CCUSBC Melton Memorial Tournament, AMF Rodeo Lanes, Clovis
- 21 – Scratch 6-Gamer, 12 noon, Yosemite Lanes, Modesto
- 22 – Deadline for Attendees to register to attend 2017 USBC State Convention
- 22-26 – USBC Sr. Queens, Circle Bowl, Baton Rouge, LA
- 23 – HammerPins No-Tap Doubles Tourn., 2pm, Travis Bowl, Travis AFB
- 28-31 – PBA50 No. CA Classic, Harvest Park Bowl, Brentwood
- 28 – San Joaquin Bowling Club Singles Tourn., KC Bowl, Hanford

June:
- 1-3 – USBC Super Sr. Classic, Sam’s Town, Las Vegas
- 1-3 – Xtravaganza Doubles Bowling Tourn., Red Rock Lanes, Las Vegas
- 4-10 – USBC Sr. Masters, Sam’s Town, Las Vegas
- 9-11 – USBC 2017 State Convention, Visalia Marriott
- 9-11 – PBA Northwest/West Wine Country, Rohnert Park
- 10 – Silver Foxes Tourn., 12 noon, AMF Villas Lanes, Visalia
- 11 – Central Valley Masters Singles Tourn., 10am/2pm, KC Bowl, Hanford
- 11-16 – PBA Storm Sr. US Open, Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas
- 16-7/3 – Junior World Bowling Championships, National Bowling Stadium, Reno
- 17-18 – TNBA Sr. Cal. Tri-Senates 1st Sr. Tourn., Palm Springs Lanes, Cathedral City
- 18 – Scratch 6-Gamer, 12 noon, Yosemite Lanes, Modesto
- 18 – Father’s Day
- 23-25 – PBA Sands Regency, Reno
- 25 – San Joaquin Bowling Club Tourn., AMF Sierra Lanes, Fresno
- 25 – HammerPins Mxd. Team Tourn., Cloverleaf Family Bowl, Fremont
- 29-7/2 – 12th Vanessa Brown Homes PBA/PBA50 Western Regional, Yosemite Lanes, Modesto

July:
- 5-7 – High Roller for Ladies Only, Gold Coast Bowling Center, Las Vegas
- 6 – Silver Foxes TOC Tourn., 12 noon, AMF Sierra Lanes, Fresno
- 8-16 – USBC 2017 Youth Championships, Country Club Bowl, San Rafael
- 15-16 – HammerPins Handicap Summer FourSomers, Grand Sierra Resort, Reno, NV
- 26-30 – Reno Jr.-Adult Invitational Tournament, National Bowling Stadium, Reno
- 30 – USBC Diddy Watts Youth State Singles Qualifier, Cal Bowl
- 30 – Scratch 6-Gamer Doubles, 12 noon, Yosemite Lanes, Modesto
- 31-8/6 – US Women’s Open, Plano Super Bowl, Plano, TX

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face. Bowlmor AMF is in constant need of quality managers at all levels. It defies logic to think that we would ever terminate anyone for anything other than legitimate business reasons.

“The person who has been given the most responsibility on the operations side of the business, and who was given sole responsibility for running the 85 Brunswick centers we purchased, turns 65 in May. He’s my right-hand man. I have hired and promoted countless people to the GM position over the age of 40 in the past four years. I couldn’t care less about the age of my employees.

“These claims are bogus and completely without merit. It’s a sad commentary on society that many people terminated for performance make false claims of gender, sexual preference, race, religious or age discrimination (or anything else they can make up) after the fact to exploit their former employer.”

Dowe rejected Shannon’s contentsions and said “we are not stopping until our clients’ claims are addressed.”

Dowe added: “Each client was financially and emotionally devastated when terminated. Lost wages alone for the group are well into eight figures already and we represent personnel who were terminated for trying to stop what was going on.

“We are elated that the EEOC has elected to treat our group as a systemic case and has allocated additional resources to the case.”

Dowe said he believes a ruling by the EEOC “could happen this year or even this summer.”

The New York Post broke the story last week about the EEOC complaints with a headline that read: “Inside the ugly road Bowlmor took to make bowling cool.”

In the story, the Post interviewed many ex-Bowlmor employees who talked about their termination from the company. The Post said former Bowlmor workers claimed that executives replaced outgoing managers with younger, more attractive individuals who were given “comparable, if not higher” salaries.

Bowlmor, which is known for its Las Vegas-style sports look with lane-side food and drink service, caters to glamour. The Kardashians frequently appear with little notice at one Bowlmor center in the L.A. area and other celebs reportedly pop into Bowlmor’s bowling houses on the East Coast.

According to The Post, Bowlmor fired 287 managers from its 351 bowling centers between 2013 and 2015.

Kelly Shannon, a former human resources manager and now an EEOC plaintiff, said Bowlmor higher-ups terminated workers “for no reason at all.”

Shannon, no relation to Tom Shannon, told The Post that “if [higher-ups] went to a center and didn’t like the way the general manager looked . . . whether it be age or appearance, they came up with some way to terminate them.”

Bowlmor has run into controversy before. A huge segment of league bowlers turned against Bowlmor after the company announced that it was merging with AMF Bowling Worldwide, Inc. on July 1, 2013.

League bowlers found themselves unloved under new management and were either coaxed to move to other centers or they simply left to become part of a friendlier atmosphere.

Those departing league bowlers still hold a grudge against Bowlmor, although Bowlmor still has scattered leagues (some unsanctioned) among its bowling centers.

Despite lukewarm support from league bowlers, Bowlmor — which acquired Brunswick’s bowling business one year after taking over AMF — has attracted big crowds at night from its party and dating groups. Additionally, Bowlmor’s privately traded stock reportedly has risen sharply.

Still, resentment over Bowlmor’s policies remains. Dowse summed up his plaintiffs’ feelings:

“What AMF and Bowlmor did to a lot of solid-performing people who loved their jobs is wrong, and we have to get justice for these folks,” Dowse said.

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LeClair Benefits From Open by Duke in 10th Frame To Win Pasco County Florida Open for Second Career PBA50 Tour Title

NEW PORT RICHEY, Fla. – An open in the 10th frame of the championship match by PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., enabled tournament top qualifier Brian LeClair of Delmar, N.Y., to win the PBA50 Pasco County Florida Open at Lane Glo Bowl Thursday for his second career PBA50 Tour title.

After LeClair finished with 191 in the title match, Duke needed to mark in the 10th to win but fell the 2-4-8-10 split which he failed to convert finishing with 187. It was the fourth consecutive runner-up finish for Duke in the Pasco County Florida Open. “I’ve lost a lot in the last a few that way, so it was nice to be on the winning end this time,” said an emotional LeClair, whose brother Kevin passed away of natural causes in February. “I don’t know what else to say but I think someone was maybe looking down on me today.”

After freezing to win in the first three stepladder matches, Duke, trying for his fourth career PBA50 Tour title, struggled in the title match turning splits that he failed to convert in the first three of four frames. He rallied back with five consecutive strikes but missed the split in the 10th ended his title hopes.

“I could see how that could have happened to Norm because I was having trouble with that right lane, too,” LeClair said. “I had it to do over again I would have made another ball choice but I decided to stick with it because I could see Norm was struggling. Fortunately, I was able to fill the frames when I needed to.”

Duke, the No. 5 qualifier, opened the stepladder finals with a 258-215 win over No. 4 qualifier two-time PBA50 Player of the Year Ron Mohr of Las Vegas who was trying for his ninth PBA50 Tour title and first since 2012. It was yet another top-five finish for a win for Mohr who had displayed an eighth title PBA50/60 top-five finishes in 2016 and finished second to Hall of Famer Tom Baker in the PBA60 Killer ‘B’ Open which concluded on Monday.

Duke then went on to beat No. 3 qualifier Stoney Baker of Canton, Ga., who was making his first PBA50 finals appearance, 266-202, before defeating five-time PBA Tour winner Michael Haugen Jr. of Phoenix, who was making his PBA50 Tour debut, 241-227, in the semi-final. As the top qualifier, LeClair dominated taking a 9-3 match play record and 180-pin lead into the finals over Haugen who was the No. 2 qualifier.

The PBA50 Tour travels to The Villages, Fla., April 22-25 for the UnitedHealthcare Sun Bowl In The Villages presented by Radical. The Sun Bowl In The Villages will be available on PBA’s online bowling channel XtraFrame but on a one-day delayed basis. Visit www.xtraframe.tv for schedule and subscription information.

PBA50 PASCO COUNTY FLORIDA OPEN
Lane Glo Bowl, New Port Richey, Fla., Thursday
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2. Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., $4,000.
3. Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, $3,000.
4. Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., $2,000.
5. Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, $1,750.
Stepladder Results:

Roth/Holman PBA Doubles Audience Climbs
ESPN viewership continues growth trend heading into four-week PBA League series

CHICAGO — Kyle Troup and Jesper Svensson’s electrifying win Sunday in the Maine Quarterly tournament was the third consecutive victory for the duo heading into four-week PBA League series.

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Week Four Meant Back To Reality On The Nationals Pattern

DOWNEY — The Brunswick Invitational went back to reality after last week’s house shot as they took on the 2016 Nationals pattern. Scores were definitely back to the norm after last week’s scorefest.

In the “A” match, Bowlum and G.J.C. were out in front of the pack with matching 12-3 records after three weeks. Bowlum came out strong to take game one but G.J.C. struck back for a 23 pin game two victory and a split going into game three. Bowlum finished strong for the game three win and a 4-1 total to lead the round and earn a spot in the “A” match next week. Ramiro Garcia paced Bowlum with a 643 set while John Vallin was high with a 584 set for G.J.C.

In the “B” match, Linder’s Insurance and J.A.T. met up for the second time this round. Linder’s took the first game by triple-digits but had to hold on as J.A.T. came back to take games two and three as totals just slipped out of their hands. The 14 pin totals gave Linder’s a 3-2 win and put them at 14 wins. Larry Campbell was strong for J.A.T. with a nice 612 set while Jeremy Glover once again paced Linder’s at 615. Linder’s 14 wins put them in the “A” match next week while J.A.T.’s 13 wins and total pins put them in the “B” match

Erickson’s Food Supply and Herzog Insurance battled in the 5-6 match. Herzog started the night out with a 28 pin win but Erickson’s put up a 230 game to get back within 6 for totals. Game three down to the 10th frame as open frames and wild anchor shots took it down to the last ball for totals. Herzog kept pace with Keystone with a 4-1 win but Cal Bowl found their groove and took the next two by plenty by totals. Ramiro Torres led Cal Bowl with a nice 617 set while Eric Snow managed 545 to lead Threadworks.

Professional Approach and DV8 matched up in the middle of the sheet with both teams looking to get back in the round race. DV8 rode Kurt Arakaki’s 631 set to a 4-1 win, dropping only the third game. Juan Zavala led Pro Approach with a 542 set.

Forest Lanes and Century 21-My Real Estate battled to a 4-5 result as it was all Forest Lanes except a 735 game two tie. Bobby Campagnule led the charge for Century 21 with a 551 set and Mike Mullick was strong for Forest with a 581 series.

Crown Royal, Smirnoff, Los Altos Trophy and Gym W.R.A.T.T. Fitness rounded out the non-round winner matches. In the liquor battle, Smirnoff took 4 from Crown Royal and Los Altos got a 3-2 win over Gym W.R.A.T.T. Fitness. Val Wise paced Crown with a 589 set, Carlos Castillo was solid for Smirnoff with a 596 set, Daryl McCloud’s 583 was high for Los Altos and Andre Pitchford was big for the Gym boys with a 590 set.

In the battle of the round winners, Keystone Lanes increased their overall lead to 8 points with a 4-1 win over Western Pacific. Sysco kept pace with Keystone with a 4-1 win of their own. Eddie VanDaniker led Keystone and led the league with a huge 701 set, Gary Dunn’s 658 was high for Western Pacific, Greg Neuer subbed his way to a 558 to lead Sysco and Buddy Lucas managed a 571 set to lead Park’n’s.

Sidelots went to Butch Jackson (238) and Eddie VanDaniker (228) for 563 each while the second game Super Pot went to Raul “Spaaky” Rosales (261) for $189. Financial Advisor’s third game pot went to Daryl McCloud (257) for $200 with second to Ramiro Garcia (231) for $100.

One more week on the dreaded US Open shot to try and finish out the year. Everyone is shooting to try and carry over into the 2017 season. The scratch league in the area take the lanes at Del Rio as the bowlers battle the 26’ short pattern next Monday.

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