



DAVIDSON WINS AGAIN ON N.W.S.T. AT BI-MART SENIOR OPEN

The Northwest Senior Tour made its annual stop at Emerald Lanes in Eugene, Oregon, on Sunday, September 23, for the Bi-Mart Senior Open. A field of 43 bowlers faced a challenging condition, producing the lowest qualifying scores for a six-game block since October of 2008.

Washington left-hander, Bob Davidson, threatened to leave the rest of the bowlers in the rear-view mirror, shooting 749 for his opening three-game set. The next closest competitor was fellow Washingtonian, Mike Karch, 83 pins behind with a 666 series.

Host proprietor Dave Zientara was tied for third with Vancouver right-hander Bob Porter at 631. Rounding out the top five was Astoria's Jon Gustafson with 623. A total of 7 bowlers were inside the cut line in red numbers, a clear indicator of the toughness of the scoring pattern.

Round four found Bob Davidson still leading but cooling off significantly, shooting a 189 for a four game total of 938. Mike Karch remained in second, posting a 237 score for a total pinfall of 903.

Vancouver, Washington's, Mike Barber climbed onto third place at 852 on the strength of his 245 game, high for the round. Porter and Zientara remained in the top five with totals of 836 and 832 respectively.

As qualifying entered the homestretch, the grueling scoring pace continued to take its toll. Bob Davidson was the only bowler to crack the +100 barrier by the end of round five. His 1140 pinfall for 5 games, a 228 per game average, gave Davidson a 54 pin lead.

Challenger Mike Karch held on to second place at 1086, a 217 per game score. Barber, the N.W.S.T. rookie, stayed in third with 1077. Bob Porter solidified his fourth place position with a 228 game, good for a five-game total of 1064.

Milwaukie, Oregon's, Tim Myers made his first appearance in the top five, shooting 220 for a 1030 total. Super senior Dave Zientara was positioned in the fourteenth and final qualifying spot with a total pinfall of 980, joining 5 other bowlers in red numbers yet still inside the cut line.

The difficult scoring pace compounded the usual pressure that always accompanies the sixth and final game of qualifying. There were 25 bowlers within 50 pins of the cut line, creating the potential for significant movement in determining who would reach the match play finals.

Edgewood, Washington's, Mike Karch claimed the status of leading qualifier with a final game of 238, totaling 1324 for a 220 per game average. Despite a 168 in game six, Bob Davidson finished as the second seed with a 1308 total, a 218 per game pace. Karch and Davidson were the only bowlers to crack the 1300 barrier.

Left-hander Mike Barber shot a solid 213 game to secure the third seed with a 1290 pinfall. Washington right-hander Bob Porter and Oregon's Tim Myers remained in fourth and fifth place with totals of 1254 and 1245. Rounding out the top six qualifiers was Oregon right-hander Terry Johnson with a 1230 total.

Philomath, Oregon's, Bill McNelly led all super seniors with a six-game total of 1222, shooting an outstanding 236 in his final game. With California right-hander Bob Reed securing the eighth seed at 1220, the finals would be comprised of bowlers from all three West coast states.

Oregon right-hander Bill Sanders vaulted from twenty-seventh place to grab the ninth seed with a spectacular 278 game, the highest score of qualifying. His 1208 total placed him just ahead of Dean Hebner, the Washington right-hander finishing in tenth with an excellent 236 game for a 1206 pinfall.

Remaining qualifiers included super senior Dave Zientara in eleventh place at 1203. Dennis Day was one of three Oregon bowlers to qualify despite being in red numbers. His 1198 total secured the twelfth seed, just ahead of right-handers Len Mawson and Jon Gustafson at 1197 and 1194. Vancouver's Ernie Schlegel finished 18 pins outside the final qualifying number to earn the check for high "super senior plus" bowler.

Match play opened with leader Mike Karch offsetting 2 splits with a trio of doubles to defeat Jon Gustafson, 200-169. However, second-seeded Bob Davidson took command of the leader board, opening his match with the first 9 strikes to overpower Albany's Len Mawson, 278-214.

Third seed Mike Barber overcame a second frame open with a pair of doubles to edge Dennis Day, 200-194. Bob Porter threw a clutch strike in the tenth frame for a much needed four-bagger to eke out a 224-223 victory over Eugene's Dave Zientara.

In other first-round matches, Tim Myers posted an early four-bagger, then added a late-game double to defeat Vancouver's Dean Hebner, 238-192. Sherwood, Oregon's, Terry Johnson, overcame a tenth frame open with a turkey in frames 4-6 and double in frames 8-9 to register a 213-180 win over Bill Sanders. And Bob Reed closed with a six-bagger to cruise to a 248-192 victory over Bill McNelly.

Entering round two of match play, Bob Davidson held a 62 pin lead over qualifying leader Mike Karch. However, the N.W.S.T. titleholder went without strikes through his first six frames, while Karch overcame a third frame split with a turkey in frames 4-6, then closed out the contest with a four-bagger to register a 237-214 win.

Tim Myers moved into third place with a 213-182 defeat of Washington left-hander Mike Barber. Bob Reed climbed to fourth, throwing a clean game that included a pair of doubles to top fellow right-hander Bob Porter, 217-184.

Oregon's Terry Johnson moved into the top five, ending his game with a string of 4 strikes to overwhelm lefty Dave Zientara, 227-158. Len Mawson rebounded from his first round loss to edge fellow super senior Bill McNelly, 212-195.

Other second round matches saw Oregon's Dennis Day post a four-bagger to defeat Washington's Dean Hebner, 227-186. Oregon right-handers Bill Sanders and Jon Gustafson both struggled to find the pocket, with Sanders prevailing in a low-scoring contest, 181-179.

With the top two bowlers beginning to distance themselves from the rest of the field, round three would prove decisive. Facing Mike Karch for the second game in a row, P.B.A. veteran Bob Davidson overpowered his opponent. Stymied only by a stubborn 7-pin in the eighth frame, Davidson's 279-211 win gave the Washington southpaw a daunting 107 pin lead over his nearest competitor.

Tim Myers continued his stranglehold on third place, striking in six of his first seven frames to hold off a hard-charging Bob Reed, 222-220. Terry Johnson moved ahead of Reed into fourth place by posting a solid 218-157 victory over Mike Barber.

Bob Porter moved up one spot on the leader board, reeling off a pair of early doubles and a late three-bagger to defeat Len Mawson, 223-179. Bill McNelly's five-bagger in frames 5-9 propelled him to a 223-184 win over Dennis Day and into seventh place.

In remaining third-round contests, Dean Hebner rolled strikes in frames 6-11 to dispatch Bill Sanders, 237-138. While Jon Gustafson, a 2010 N.W.S.T. titleholder, outlasted Dave Zientara, 190-165.

The final game of the tournament began with top seeds Bob Davidson and Mike Karch facing off for the third game in a row. Overcoming a second frame open, Davidson posted a three-bagger in frames 3-5 and a double in frames 7-8 for a workmanlike 214-191 win, capturing his second N.W.S.T. title in as many starts by 133 pins over his nearest competitor. With the loss, Mike Karch dropped to fourth place.

Final round drama was provided by the remaining matches. Terry Johnson opened his match versus Tim Myers with a four-bagger, then stayed clean the rest of the way. Myers countered with a three-bagger in frames 2-4, but a sixth frame split proved to be the difference. Johnson's 228-213 victory moved the Oregonian into third place, also earning him the distinction of being the only undefeated competitor in the finals. Tim Myers fell to fifth with the loss.

Bob Reed made the biggest move of round four, stringing 6 strikes in frames 2-7 and finishing with a four-bagger to defeat Bob Porter, 255-219. Reed's high game of the final round propelled him to an outstanding second-place finish. Despite the loss, Porter retained his sixth place position.

Bill McNelly rolled through his match error-free, posting a turkey in frames 3-5 to defeat Mike Barber, 215-170. As a result, McNelly led all super seniors in seventh place. Barber dropped one spot to ninth.

Starlite Lanes' Dennis Day offset a second frame split with a mid-game four-bagger to outdistance Dean Hebner, 209-156. Day finished in eighth place while Hebner fell to eleventh.

Super seniors came out on top in the concluding matches of the tournament. Dave Zientara defeated Bill Sanders, 202-181, and Jon Gustafson outlasted Len Mawson, 187-176. In spite of the loss, Mawson moved up to tenth place. Zientara climbed into twelfth, followed by Gustafson and Sanders, respectively.

The Northwest Senior Tour would like to thank proprietor Dave Zientara and tournament sponsor Bi-Mart for their continued support of this annual event. A well-deserved thank you to general manager Forest Cardwell and his entire Emerald Lanes staff for their hard work and hospitality. And a sincere tip-of-the-hat to Hammer Bowling for their generous and continued sponsorship of N.W.S.T. events.

Our next tournament will be the Lower Columbia Classic, sponsored by Budweiser, scheduled for Sunday, October 21, at Lower Columbia Bowl in Astoria, Oregon. In addition, the season's first 650 Trio Swiss will be held on Saturday, October 20, with the field limited to 12 teams.

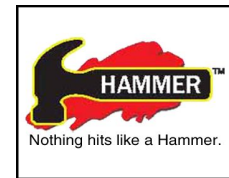
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QUALIFYING

POS	TOTAL	+/-	NAME	LANE	1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	1324	124	Karch, Mike	13	244	214	208	237	183	238	
2	1308	108	Davidson, Bob	3	259	256	234	189	202	168	
3	1290	90	Barber, Mike	2	157	213	237	245	225	213	
4	1254	54	Porter, Bob	5	205	181	245	205	228	190	
5	1245	45	Myers, Tim	24	224	229	162	195	220	215	
6	1230	30	Johnson, Terry	20	231	179	180	214	200	226	
7	1222	22	McNelly, Bill SS	13	206	204	182	212	182	236	
8	1220	20	Reed, Bob	10	205	196	188	193	215	223	
9	1208	8	Sanders, Bill	14	197	205	145	196	187	278	
10	1206	6	Hebner, Dean	14	193	214	186	186	191	236	
11	1203	3	Zientara, Dave SS	1	177	236	218	201	148	223	
12	1198	2	Day, Dennis	20	181	205	174	214	210	214	
13	1197	3	Mawson, Len SS	7	205	211	180	215	191	195	
14	1194	6	Gustafson, Jon SS	2	198	194	231	195	190	186	CUT
15	1181	19	Anderson, Tom	6	171	174	186	167	245	238	
16	1176	24	Schlegel, Ernie SS+	22	160	191	168	224	228	205	SS+
17	1171	29	Galvin, Roy SS	24	201	185	201	181	187	216	
18	1167	33	Zabelle, Trent	7	176	196	160	224	183	228	
19	1166	34	Webb, Dwayne	4	226	184	182	185	209	180	
20	1164	36	Eskew, Lori	19	178	164	183	236	177	226	
21	1163	37	Bills, James	23	195	237	167	163	188	213	
22	1156	44	Humbert, Bob SS+	11	131	225	203	228	179	190	
23	1149	51	Myers, Rick	19	158	200	192	179	187	233	
24	1148	52	Sunell, Conway SS	9	178	223	181	174	216	176	
25	1142	58	Borgaro, Joey	1	180	200	183	174	157	248	
26	1142	58	Nelson, Clarence	10	181	207	169	195	243	147	
27	1126	74	Lindberg, Larry SS	21	151	214	194	173	225	169	
28	1119	81	Meiris, John	4	165	203	190	189	184	188	
29	1113	87	Koopman, Jerry	11	148	225	148	174	234	184	
30	1112	88	Vernon, Mitch	12	185	149	224	179	194	181	
31	1112	88	Nogle, Mike	22	112	226	134	179	202	259	
32	1109	91	Gahan, Larry	18	170	159	190	213	174	203	
33	1094	106	Hess, Harold SS	9	137	205	155	186	194	217	
34	1085	115	Johnson, Dave SS+	18	175	177	182	170	186	195	
35	1073	127	Lite, Bob SS	17	177	149	149	199	198	201	
36	1069	131	Grenon, Larry SS+	17	165	133	220	189	190	172	
37	1068	132	Cochran, Randy	23	176	174	200	179	151	188	
38	1026	174	Hoage, Jeff	8	140	189	211	150	179	157	
39	1010	190	MaKay, John SS	12	181	182	186	168	159	134	
40	997	203	Burrows III, Doug	8	184	150	180	187	136	160	
41	978	222	Vittone, Dan SS	5	180	158	153	156	162	169	
42	962	238	Knopf, Lynn	6	161	160	170	164	149	158	
43	960	240	Petersen, Dale	21	156	157	141	190	170	146	

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FINAL RESULTS

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Bowler		QUALIFYING	FINALS	BONUS	TOTAL	PRIZE	
1	Bob Davidson	Mountlake Terrace, WA	1308	985	90	2383	\$650
2	Bob Reed	Weed, CA	1220	940	90	2250	\$500
3	Terry Johnson	Sherwood, OR	1230	886	120	2236	\$450
4	Mike Karch	Edgewood, WA	1324	839	60	2223	\$400
5	Tim Myers	Milwaukie, OR	1245	886	90	2221	\$350
6	Bob Porter	Vancouver, WA	1254	850	60	2164	\$330
7	Bill McNelly SS	Philomath, OR	1222	825	60	2107	\$310
8	Dennis Day	Dallas, OR	1198	814	60	2072	\$290
9	Mike Barber	Vancouver, WA	1290	709	30	2029	\$270
10	Len Mawson SS	Albany, OR	1197	781	30	2008	\$250
11	Dean Hebner	Vancouver, WA	1206	771	30	2007	\$230
12	Dave Zientara SS	Eugene, OR	1203	748	30	1981	\$220
13	Jon Gustafson SS	Astoria, OR	1194	725	60	1979	\$210
14	Bill Sanders	Sandy, OR	1208	680	30	1918	\$200

Other Super Senior Plus Cashers

Ernie Schlegel	Vancouver, WA	1176	\$100
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