

POWELL WINS BI-MART SENIOR OPEN- EARNS CAREER TITLE #2

The Northwest Senior Tour traveled to Eugene, Oregon, on September 15 for the annual Bi-Mart Senior Open, hosted by Emerald Lanes. A field of 54 bowlers from the N.W.S.T. and the Southern Oregon Seniors faced challenging conditions, producing a scoring pace that kept the competition tightly bunched. For many, their fate was not determined till the final ball of their final frame of qualifying.

Washington super senior Larry Lindberg opened with back-to-back 240's en route to the top of the leader board with a three-game total of 684. Eugene left-hander Dennis Powell fired the high game of qualifying in round three, a 265, to jump into second with a 680 series.

Oregon rookie Jerry Gravo used a game of 255 to move into third place with a 658 total. Albany's Walt Lundgren sat in fourth place with a 652 in total pins, while Tigard's Mike Nogle and Gresham's Mike Barber were tied for fifth with total pinfall of 649.

Dennis Powell took over the fourth-round lead, a solid game of 217 giving the N.W.S.T. titleholder a four-game total of 897 and a 224 per game average. Mike Barber posted a score of 247 to move into second place with an 896 total.

Walt Lundgren remained securely in third, firing a 237 for a per game average of 216 on total pins of 867. Oregon right-hander Mike Polinsky climbed to fourth place with an 851 total. A 190 game dropped Jerry Gravo two spots, but the Welches left-hander remained in the top five with a four-game series of 848.

The lead changed hands in round five as Mike Barber's 1111 total and 222 per game average gave him a 10 pin lead over second-place Dennis Powell. Mike Polinsky and Walt Lundgren traded places as well, Polinsky's 220 giving him a third-place total of 1071 and a 214 average. Lundgren trailed in fourth with 1060 in total pins and a per game pace of 212.

Former Portland Masters champion Ed Bliquez rounded out the top five with a 1042 total. Doug Nowlin fired round five's high game of 238 to rocket the Scappoose left-hander from thirty-second place to twelfth. Tacoma's Scott Schimming established the cut line in eighteenth place with a 986 total and a 197 per game average.

The pressure of the final round was made especially intense as the bowlers continued to struggle with the difficult conditions. A total of 22 competitors were in striking distance of the cut line, sitting 50 pins or less outside it. Another 7 bowlers were positioned inside the qualifying number but only by a margin of 20 pins or less.

Mike Barber set himself apart in round six. The Oregon left-hander fired a game of 222 to equal his tournament average, earning the number one seed to match play with a 1333 total. Barber was the only bowler to break the 1300 barrier as well as post all six qualifying games above 200.

Dennis Powell remained in second place with a 1294 total and a 215 per game average. Walt Lundgren, the N.W.S.T.'s leader in career titles, improved to third with total pins of 1265. His 210 per game pace led all super senior plus bowlers. Vancouver's Ed Bliquez and Oregon City's Mike Polinsky rounded out the top five with totals of 1261 and 1257.

Oregon right-handers Kevin Croucher and Tim Myers posted the high games of the final round to jump into title contention. Croucher's 246 earned him the sixth seed with a 1232 total. Myers game of 256 positioned him in seventh with 1231 in total pinfall.

Oregon's Doug Nowlin moved up four places to claim the eighth seed, firing a 225 for a total of 1230 and a 205 per game average. Olympia's Mitch Vernon also made an impressive climb up the leader board, jumping from sixteenth to ninth on the strength of a 235 score. Vernon's 1227 total placed him four pins ahead of Jerry Gravo, the left-hander rounding out the top ten with a 203 per game average.

The narrow margins separating the final eight seeds underscored the nail-biting intensity of the final round. Washington left-hander Tom Anderson settled in eleventh place with a 1220 total. Tacoma's Larry Borghi and Albany's John Meiris were tied for twelfth with total pinfall of 1218.

Klamath Falls' Brian Tinsley improved one spot to fourteenth place with a 1209 total. Mike Nogle trailed in fifteenth with total pins of 1206. Oregon right-handers Dennis Day and Johnny More averaged right at 200 per game, tying for sixteenth place with 1203 in total pinfall. Scott Schimming wrapped up the eighteenth and final qualifying berth with a 1202 total.

Southern Oregon Hall of Famer Bob Korth finished in nineteenth place with an 1188 total, earning the final super senior plus check. Lake Tapps' Larry Lindberg secured the remaining super senior payout with twentieth-place pinfall of 1186.

Match play opened with Mike Barber using a three-bagger in frames 5-7 and a closing four-bagger to shutout Scott Schimming, 214-205. The Mt. Hood Lanes lefty remained in first place but saw his lead reduced to 15 pins as Dennis Powell overwhelmed Johnny More, 238-167.

Walt Lundgren remained in third place and inched closer to the top spot with a 237-202 victory over Dennis Day. Mike Polinsky improved to fourth with a 226-198 win over Southern Oregon's Brian Tinsley.

Jerry Gravo jumped from ninth place into the top five by posting the high game of the round, using a crucial six-bagger in frames 5-10 to outscore Mitch Vernon, 253-237.

Vernon improved to eighth despite the loss. P.B.A. titleholder Kevin Croucher held onto sixth place with a 218-187 victory over Oregon's John Meiris.

Washington right-hander Larry Borghi broke through the Oregon dominance at the top of the leader board, using a closing six-bagger to defeat Tim Myers, 227-181. Borghi improved to seventh with the win. Tom Anderson outlasted Doug Nowlin, 199-193, to move up to ninth place. Oregon right-hander Mike Nogle entered the top ten with a 204-158 victory over Ed Bliquez.

Dennis Powell took control of the tournament in round two, posting an opening turkey and adding a four-bagger in frames 7-10 to outdistance leader Mike Barber, 245-163. Mike Polinsky moved into second place with a 246-214 win over Walt Lundgren, trailing Powell by 48 pins. With their losses, Lundgren remained in third place, while Barber fell to fifth.

Jerry Gravo secured a spot in the top five, climbing to fourth with a 206-159 victory over Kevin Croucher. With the loss, Croucher plummeted to tenth. Bonney Lake lefty Tom Anderson fired the round's high game, overpowering Mike Nogle, 258-186. Anderson rose to sixth with the win, while the loss dropped Nogle out of the top ten.

Mitch Vernon began a steady climb up the standings with a 234-163 win over fellow Washington right-hander Larry Borghi. As a result, Vernon replaced Borghi in seventh place. Brian Tinsley and Scott Schimming moved into the top ten with second-round victories. Tinsley downed John Meiris, 232-173, to claim eighth place. Schimming topped Tim Myers, 203-179, to settle in ninth.

In other matches, Doug Nowlin prevailed over Ed Bliquez in a low-scoring contest, 182-160. Portland's Johnny More fired a clean game to edge Dennis Day, 194-189.

Mike Polinsky mounted an early challenge in his round-three match versus leader Dennis Powell, taking a 9 pin lead through the first four frames. But split trouble derailed Polinsky's chances, as Powell closed out the contest with a five-bagger in frames 6-10. His clean 236-178 victory increased Powell's tournament lead to 75 pins. Polinsky backed up to third place with the loss.

Mike Barber recovered from his second-round defeat, firing a six-bagger in frames 3-8 and punching out in the tenth for a dominating 258-200 victory over Tom Anderson. Barber's win set up a rematch with Dennis Powell with the tournament title on the line. Despite the loss, Anderson improved to fifth place in the standings.

Oregon's Walt Lundgren outlasted Jerry Gravo, 179-162. The low-scoring match caused Lundgren to fall back to fourth. Gravo sank to ninth place with the loss. Brian Tinsley nipped Mitch Vernon, 211-205, holding onto eighth place as a result. Vernon improved one spot to sixth, despite the loss.

Mike Nogle posted round-three's high game, striking on nine of his first ten shots to outdistance Johnny More, 268-211. The win catapulted Nogle from thirteenth to seventh. Kevin Croucher remained in the top ten with a 203-161 victory over Scott Schimming.

In other matches, Doug Nowlin and Larry Borghi both fired clean games, but Nowlin's three-bagger in frames 6-8 proved to be the difference in his 201-192 win. A four-bagger in frames 8-11 allowed Wasjngton right-hander Ed Bliquez to overtake John Meiris, 224-195. Dennis Day used a pair of three-baggers to down Tim Myers, 234-169.

The final-game confrontation between Dennis Powell and Mike Barber proved anti-climatic as both bowlers struggled to create any striking momentum. Barber's third and fifth-frame opens doomed the lefty's title hopes, while Powell stayed clean through the first seven frames.

A double in frames 8-9 provided Powell his final margin of victory, 205-190, as well as earning the distinction of being the only bowler to go undefeated in match play. The Bi-Mart championship was Dennis Powell's second N.W.S.T. singles title, his first coming in March of 2009 at Gearhart's Recreation Lanes. Despite the loss, Mike Barber held on for a strong second-place finish.

Walt Lundgren combined a double in frames 3-4 with a three-bagger in frames 6-8 to defeat Mike Polinsky, 228-200. Lundgren captured third place with the victory, while Polinsky dropped to seventh with the loss.

N.W.S.T. titleist Mitch Vernon survived a thrilling match with former Player of the Year Tom Anderson. Vernon took a commanding lead with a five-bagger in frames 2-6, only to see Anderson pull even with a four-bagger in frames 6-9.

A defiant 7-pin in Anderson's tenth frame opened the door for Vernon. With a strike showing in the ninth frame, the Olympia right-hander responded with a clutch strike on his first ball in the tenth. The resulting double earned Vernon a razor-thin 246-237 victory and a solid fourth-place showing. Anderson held onto fifth place despite the loss.

Kevin Croucher rebounded from his third-round defeat to post the high game of the final round. The Grants Pass right-hander strung eight strikes in frames 2-9 to overwhelm Jerry Gravo, 268-187. Croucher improved to sixth place with the win, while Gravo dropped to eleventh.

The remaining spots in the top ten were filled by Oregon bowlers. Brian Tinsley closed with a five-bagger to secure eighth place, defeating Mike Nogle, 228-168. Nogle fell to tenth with the loss. N.W.S.T. title holder Doug Nowlin moved up to ninth place, coasting to a 229-161 win over Dennis Day.

Three other matches determined the order of finish for the eight remaining finalists. Larry Borghi used early and late-game doubles to record a clean 213-186 victory over

fellow Washingtonian Ed Bliquez. The win moved Borghi up to twelfth place, while Bliquez dropped into a fourteenth-place tie with Dennis Day.

Johnny More used a pair of doubles in his first five frames to defeat Scott Schimming, 216-175. With the win, More improved to thirteenth place. Schimming fell back to seventeenth. Tim Myers salvaged a sixteenth-place finish with a 200-187 triumph over John Meiris. With the loss, Meiris fell back to eighteenth.

The Northwest Senior Tour would like to thank proprietor Dave Zientara and tournament sponsor Bi-Mart for their generous 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.

The next tournament is noteworthy for being the oldest stop on the N.W.S.T. schedule. For the nineteenth consecutive year, N.W.S.T. Hall-of-Famer and Lower Columbia Bowl proprietor Dave Palmberg will host the Lower Columbia Classic, sponsored by Budweiser, on Sunday, October 20, in Astoria, Oregon. In addition, the season's first 650 Trio Swiss will be held on Saturday, October 19. The field is limited to 12 teams.

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QUALIFYING

POS	TOTAL	+/-	NAME	LANE	1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	1333	133	Barber, Mike	22C	214	213	222	247	215	222	
2	1294	94	Powell, Dennis	23A	219	196	265	217	204	193	
3	1265	65	Lundgren, Walt SS+	11B	192	223	215	237	193	205	
4	1261	61	Bliquez, Ed	10E	215	203	184	228	212	219	
5	1257	57	Polinsky, Mike	07A	199	231	197	224	220	186	
6	1232	32	Croucher, Kevin	14E	173	176	226	227	184	246	
7	1231	31	Myers, Tim	17B	184	205	194	199	193	256	
8	1230	30	Nowlin, Doug SS	20C	206	204	192	165	238	225	
9	1227	27	Vernon, Mitch	20D	188	200	205	195	204	235	
10	1223	23	Gravo, Jerry	04D	202	201	255	190	178	197	
11	1220	20	Anderson, Tom	15B	230	192	190	213	208	187	
12	1218	18	Borghi, Larry	16C	211	204	213	140	224	226	
13	1218	18	Meiris, John	22D	201	213	213	183	203	205	
14	1209	9	Tinsley, Brian	11A	235	203	191	203	171	206	
15	1206	6	Nogle, Mike	10C	246	190	213	197	194	166	
16	1203	3	Day, Dennis	04E	234	190	208	165	183	223	
17	1203	3	More, Johnny SS	18C	222	234	164	189	205	189	
18	1202	2	Schimming, Scott	03A	183	204	224	203	172	216	
19	1188	12	Korth, Bob SS+	04C	189	177	217	219	182	204	MATCH SS+
20	1186	14	Lindberg, Larry SS	24D	248	246	190	154	177	171	SS
21	1182	18	Porter, Bob	10D	203	205	196	191	197	190	
22	1178	22	Mawson, Len SS	07B	184	212	184	203	163	232	
23	1172	28	Reed, Bob	13B	211	171	203	200	173	214	
24	1171	29	Cochran, Randy	18D	170	176	193	202	208	222	
25	1164	36	Zabelle, Trent	01A	167	193	170	203	235	196	
26	1162	38	Soto, Steve	08C	198	186	195	167	203	213	
27	1160	40	Karch, Mike	02C	205	205	200	179	170	201	
28	1157	43	Johnson, Terry	14C	165	177	225	202	195	193	
29	1155	45	Tribbey, Kathy	18E	198	178	214	180	169	216	
30	1154	46	Webb, Dwayne	24C	181	186	258	178	172	179	
31	1142	58	Ford, Steve SS	06D	169	198	196	177	197	205	
32	1140	60	Mruk, Jim	21D	198	209	180	200	201	152	
33	1139	61	Manecke, Dave	12D	185	176	206	191	191	190	
34	1133	67	Kiss, Steve	01B	195	191	173	189	169	216	
35	1132	68	Gustafson, Jon SS	14D	173	196	184	169	216	194	
36	1131	69	Nelson, C.J.	19B	177	180	185	193	191	205	
37	1126	74	Scruggs, Berry SS+	05B	226	195	169	184	170	182	
38	1126	74	Bjorke, Bob SS	08E	180	196	203	190	214	143	
39	1119	81	Eskew, Lori	12C	182	171	189	186	231	160	
40	1118	82	Ballou, Dale	17A	182	164	225	193	184	170	
41	1115	85	Knopf, Lynn	19A	167	178	220	192	224	134	
42	1111	89	Anderson, Al SS	03B	186	162	177	211	185	190	
43	1110	90	McNelly, Bill SS	05A	180	179	202	156	192	201	
44	1108	92	Pierce, Tim	15A	177	170	145	248	171	197	
45	1108	92	Marquart, Don	21C	179	159	194	182	199	195	
46	1106	94	Michaliszyn, Steve	23B	157	197	188	143	205	216	
47	1106	94	Morton, Rohn SS	09B	203	202	180	189	141	191	
48	1106	94	Schlegel, Ernie SS+	02D	179	174	235	211	159	148	
49	1100	100	Kula, Frank SS+	16D	150	189	203	174	189	195	
50	1094	106	Coley, Steve SS+	13A	179	159	183	192	178	203	
51	1091	109	Winklepleck, Jim	09A	185	200	190	156	160	200	
52	1069	131	Tuttle, Clay SS	08D	171	190	205	160	182	161	
53	1030	170	Zientara, Dave	06C	184	158	160	210	149	169	
54	975	225	Potter, Ray	06E	155	157	183	151	193	136	

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FINAL RESULTS

Bowler		QUALIFYING	FINALS	BONUS	TOTAL	PRIZE	
1	Dennis Powell	Eugene, OR	1294	924	120	2338	\$700
2	Mike Barber	Gresham, OR	1333	825	60	2218	\$550
3	Walt Lundgren	Albany, OR	1265	858	90	2213	\$450
4	Mitch Vernon	Olympia, WA	1227	922	60	2209	\$400
5	Tom Anderson	Bonney Lake, WA	1220	894	60	2174	\$375
6	Kevin Croucher	Grants Pass, OR	1232	848	90	2170	\$350
7	Mike Polinsky	Oregon City, OR	1257	850	60	2167	\$325
8	Brian Tinsley	Klamath Falls, OR	1209	866	90	2165	\$305
9	Doug Nowlin	Scappoose, OR	1230	805	90	2125	\$285
10	Mike Nogle	Tigard, OR	1206	826	60	2092	\$265
11	Jerry Gravo	Welches, OR	1223	808	60	2091	\$255
12	Larry Borghi	Tacoma, WA	1218	795	60	2073	\$245
13	Johnny More	Portland, OR	1203	788	60	2051	\$235
T14	Ed Bliquez	Vancouver, WA	1261	728	30	2019	\$220
T14	Dennis Day	Dallas, OR	1203	786	30	2019	\$220
16	Tim Myers	Milwaukie, OR	1231	729	30	1990	\$205
17	Scott Schimming	Tacoma, WA	1202	744	30	1976	\$195
18	John Meiris	Albany, OR	1218	742	0	1960	\$185
Super Senior +							
	Bob Korth SS+	Central Point, OR				\$100	
	Larry Lindberg SS	Lake Tapps, WA				\$100	
	[SS: 60-67 SS+: 68+]						