

ANDERSON WINS BUDWEISER CLASSIC FOR SIXTH N.W.S.T. TITLE

The third tournament of the season on the Northwest Senior Tour was held Sunday, October 21, in Astoria, Oregon. Sponsored by Budweiser and Clatsop Distributing, a strong field of 47 bowlers featured current and former P.B.A. champions and 3 recent N.W.S.T. Players of the Year. Lower Columbia Bowl hosted the event for the eighteenth consecutive year, a record for bowling centers participating in N.W.S.T. tournaments.

Oregon right-handers led the way in the early rounds of qualifying. St. Helens' Stan Lorimor held a 12 pin lead over Milwaukie's Tim Myers after three games, 773 to 761. Astoria's Jon Gustafson jumped into third with an opening three game set of 751. Trent Zabelle moved into fourth, shooting round three's high game of 279. His 750 series placed him ahead of Corvallis-area super seniors Bill McNelly and Bill Starnes, in fifth and sixth place with 721 and 717 totals.

Round four ended with the standings unchanged through the top four positions. Stan Lorimor was the only bowler to break the 1000 barrier, totaling 1029 for a 257 per game average. Tim Myers trailed with a 997 total for a 249 per game average.

Breaking through into the top six was Tom Anderson, the reigning Player of the Year. His 269 game gave him a four game pinfall of 954, good for fifth place. Close behind was right-hander Samantha Kessler, shooting round four's high game of 279. The Beaverton bowler's 949 total positioned her in sixth place.

Stan Lorimor established his dominance in round five. With no game below a 250, his 1282 total and 256 per game average placed the N.W.S.T. titleholder in the lead by 78 pins. Super senior Jon Gustafson held onto second at + 204, a 240 per game pace.

Portland's Trent Zabelle climbed to third at 1194. Washington right-hander Tony Ferguson rolled round five's high game of 266, enough to propel him into fourth place at + 193.

Tom Anderson remained in fifth place with a 1191 total. Despite struggling to a 191 score in game five, N.W.S.T. all-star Tim Myers held onto sixth place with a pinfall of 1188.

Entering the sixth and final game of qualifying, the tightly bunched field put almost half the field within 60 pins of sixteenth place, the final spot to claim a check. Nearly as many competitors were in contention for twelfth place, the cut line to qualify for the match play finals.

The pressure to shoot a big number or avoid a low score made an impact. Stan Lorimor suffered through a 188 in the final round but still earned the distinction of being the qualifying leader with a 1470 total, a 245 per game average.

Tom Anderson completed his steady climb up the leader board, qualifying in second place with a total pinfall of 1416--an average of 236 per game. The Washington bowler's performance was also noteworthy for being the only left-hander to make the finals.

N.W.S.T. titleist Trent Zabelle held onto third place with a 1412 total and 235 per game average. Only one pin behind was Sherwood, Oregon's, Terry Johnson with a 1411 total pinfall.

Lower Columbia Bowl's Jon Gustafson led all super seniors, qualifying in fifth with a 234 per game average and a 1407 pinfall. Former N.W.S.T. Player of the Year Tim Myers cooled off in his last two games but still settled in sixth place with a 1398 total, good for a 233 per game average.

Vancouver's Bob Porter and Portland's Jon Tang were rewarded for their game-to-game consistency. Porter secured the seventh seed with a final game of 246 and 1391 in total pins. Tang's 1386 total earned him the eighth seed.

Tony Ferguson's final game of 176 dropped him to ninth place at 1369. Bill McNelly joined Jon Gustafson as the only other super senior in the finals, qualifying tenth with a 1357 total.

Vancouver's Steve Michaliszyn and Tigard's Al Ferguson claimed the remaining spots for match play. A final game of 245 moved Michaliszyn from twentieth place to eleventh. Ferguson's game six of 237 catapulted the right-hander 10 places to the twelfth seed, totaling 1329 for a 221 per game average.

Bowlers earning checks included Olympia's Dwayne Webb, finishing in thirteenth with a 1326 total. Tigard's Mike Nogle was 2 pins behind in fourteenth at 1324. Super senior Bill Starnes totaled 1317 for fifteenth place. A trio of Oregon bowlers tied for the sixteenth and final cashing position. Right-handers Samantha Kessler, Oregon City's Mike Polinsky, and Albany southpaw John Meiris all finished with 1310 in total pinfall, a 218 per game average.

Round one of match play opened with qualifying leader Stan Lorimor falling to right-hander Al Ferguson, 211-203. Ferguson's opening three-bagger was just enough cushion as he stayed clean through the rest of the match. Lorimor, meanwhile, sealed his fate by failing to put together a decisive string of strikes.

Second seed Tom Anderson took advantage right away, overpowering Steve Michaliszyn, 257-192. The victory put the Washington lefty atop the standings for the first time in the tournament.

Foretelling what would be a steady climb up the leader board, Highland Bowl's Bill McNelly posted an early and late game turkey to edge third-seeded Trent Zabelle, 234-212. Fourth seed Terry Johnson's attempt at a come-from-behind win was doomed

by a tenth frame washout, allowing Washington right-hander Tony Ferguson to survive a low-scoring contest, 192-172.

In other first round action, fifth seed Jon Gustafson edged a split-plagued Jon Tang, 200-199. O.B.A. veterans Tim Myers and Bob Porter renewed their rivalry with Porter's three-bagger in frames 9-11 being just enough to defeat Myers, 217-206.

Round two began with Tom Anderson holding a 30 pin lead over Stan Lorimor. Anderson went strikeless through the first five frames, and Lorimor took advantage with a turkey in frames 2-4. But that would be the right-hander's last strike, while Anderson posted a mid-game double and a clutch three-bagger in frames 9-11 to secure a 224-210 victory.

Separated by only a pin, third seed Bob Porter squared off with fellow right-hander Jon Gustafson. Porter's clean game, including a double in frames 4-5 and a three-bagger in frames 7-9, preserved a 224-201 win.

In a rematch of their previous game, Bill McNelly continued his surge, firing a six-bagger in frames 3-8 and striking out in the tenth to overwhelm N.W.S.T. titleholder Trent Zabelle, 257-198. In just two rounds of match play, the Philomath right-hander had jumped from tenth to second place.

Tim Myers rebounded from his first round loss, throwing nine strikes in his first ten frames to overpower Tony Ferguson, 267-160. Myers victory moved him to third place and into title contention.

Round two concluded with Jon Tang combining an early double with a four-bagger in frames 4-7 to defeat Terry Johnson, 237-213. In a battle of interstate right-handers, Oregon's Al Ferguson outdistanced Washington's Steve Michaliszyn, 233-185.

Entering round three of match play, Tom Anderson looked to extend a 49 pin lead over challenger Bill McNelly. For McNelly and other bowlers still close enough to have title hopes, a round three defeat of the Bonney Lake southpaw was a must.

Anderson started his game with a three-bagger while McNelly was without a double through the first four frames. But a solid 9-pin in the fourth stopped Anderson's string, while McNelly posted a four-bagger in frames 5-8 to take the lead.

Anderson recovered to double-up in frames 8-9 to put the pressure back on McNelly. The Philomath super senior was up to the task, punching out in the tenth to force Anderson to strike on his first ball in the final frame. The left-handers shot was on the mark, sending a messenger screaming across the pin deck. Unbelievably, the 7-pin remained standing, and with Anderson failing to convert, McNelly's 236-215 victory set the stage for a dramatic final round.

Tim Myers, sitting in third when round three began, seized the moment in his rematch with Washington right-hander Bob Porter. Finishing his game with a seven-bagger, Myers win over Porter, 259-208, elevated the Milwaukie right-hander into first place.

Jon Tang and Stan Lorimor faced off with their title aspirations very much alive. A back-and-forth contest ended as Tang closed out the match with an eleventh frame strike, defeating Lorimor, 256-246.

In a match involving Oregon right-handers, Jon Gustafson's 10-pin in the twelfth resulted in a tie with Al Ferguson, both with a score of 212. Terry Johnson rode the strength of a five-bagger in frames 6-10 to edge Trent Zabelle, 247-233. Round three concluded with Brush Prairie's Tony Ferguson squeaking by fellow Washingtonian Steve Michaliszyn, 208-207.

The tournament championship was still very much in question entering the final game of match play. Tim Myers led his second place opponent, Bill McNelly, by 13 pins, and Tom Anderson by only 15. Sunset Bowl's Jon Tang was a more distant fourth but in a position to make a move should the top three falter.

Myers opened his match versus Bill McNelly with two doubles in the first five frames. McNelly, however, went without strikes through the opening three frames.

The contest between the top two seeds began to turn when McNelly put together a three-bagger in frames 4-6, while Myers attempt to extend his string ended with a 10-pin in the sixth. Myers tried to recover with strikes in frames 7-9, but McNelly extended his run of strikes through to game's end, his nine-bagger sealing a 265-247 win.

Under normal circumstances, McNelly's 249 per game average and undefeated record in the finals would have easily secured his first N.W.S.T. title. But Tom Anderson had started with a five-bagger in his game against Jon Tang.

A flat 7-pin in the sixth frame ended Anderson's string. Now holding a commanding lead of 42 pins over Tang, the 2012 Tour Championship titleholder needed the next four strikes to overtake Bill McNelly.

After posting strikes in frames 7-9, Tom Anderson faced a do-or-die tenth frame. He now needed the first strike in the tenth and a nine-count spare to claim the title by a single pin. With all other matches completed, Anderson was a solitary figure on the approach, waiting to roll his pressure-packed shots.

The lefty's first shot was flush, exploding ten in the pit. Waiting nearly a minute for all the distractions to subside, Anderson regrouped and fired another perfect strike for a 278-214 victory over Jon Tang, capturing the tournament championship by a mere 11 pins over Bill McNelly. With their losses, Tim Myers fell to a third place finish while Jon Tang remained in fourth.

Making his third finals in a row, N.W.S.T. rookie Bob Porter defeated Stan Lorimor, 219-192, to finish in fifth place. The loss dropped Lorimor one spot to seventh.

Jon Gustafson and Terry Johnson traded leads throughout their finals match. Gustafson's three strikes in the tenth, combined with an earlier four-bagger was just enough to edge Johnson, 235-234. Gustafson improved two places with the win to finish in sixth, while Johnson fell back to eighth.

In other final round matches, early and late game doubles allowed Trent Zabelle to defeat Al Ferguson, 189-181. Zabelle held onto his tenth place position with Ferguson dropping to eleventh.

A high-scoring rematch of their round three contest saw Tony Ferguson once again prevail over Steve Michaliszyn, 264-241. The Washington right-hander improved to ninth place with the win, while Michaliszyn remained in twelfth.

The Northwest Senior Tour would like to thank proprietor Dave Palmberg and tournament sponsors Budweiser and Clatsop Distributing for their continued support of this annual event. A well-deserved thank you to Ozzie Osborne and the entire Lower Columbia Bowl staff for their hard work and hospitality.

Our next tournament will be the second annual N.W.S.T.-O.B.A. Doubles, sponsored by Reser's Fine Foods, scheduled for Sunday, November 11, at Hollywood Bowl in Portland, Oregon. The tournament is hosted by the Oregon Bowling Association.

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QUALIFYING

POS	TOTAL	+/-	NAME	LANE	1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	1470	270	Lorimor, Stan	4	250	256	267	256	253	188	
2	1416	216	Anderson, Tom	5	225	227	233	269	237	225	
3	1412	212	Zabelle, Trent	6	215	256	279	208	236	218	
4	1411	211	Johnson, Terry	7	203	246	258	223	257	224	
5	1407	207	Gustafson, Jon SS	11	255	227	269	226	227	203	
6	1395	195	Myers, Tim	6	259	247	255	236	191	207	
7	1391	191	Porter, Bob	1	212	221	236	241	235	246	
8	1386	186	Tang, Jon	2	247	226	235	238	226	214	
9	1369	169	Ferguson, Tony	10	249	248	184	246	266	176	
10	1357	157	McNelly, Bill SS	1	237	247	233	167	259	214	
11	1344	144	Michalyszyn, Steve	1	245	207	227	230	190	245	
12	1329	129	Ferguson, Al	6	204	194	225	224	245	237	Match
13	1326	126	Webb, Dwayne	3	237	239	194	223	217	216	
14	1324	124	Nogle, Mike	2	204	268	199	234	208	211	
15	1317	117	Starnes, Bill SS+	10	261	234	226	202	192	202	
16	1310	110	Kessler, Samantha	7	239	234	197	279	191	170	
17	1310	110	Mieris, John	1	240	196	243	191	204	236	
18	1310	110	Polinsky, Mike	8	183	215	269	228	216	199	Cash
19	1303	103	DeRemer, Frank	7	210	215	257	171	226	224	
20	1301	101	Day, Dennis	10	224	231	179	183	226	258	
21	1301	101	Karch, Mike	4	204	235	203	236	244	179	
22	1297	97	Combs, Danny	3	254	191	226	237	200	189	
23	1288	88	Davidson, Bob	3	210	213	203	202	224	236	
24	1285	85	Burke, Tom	2	170	213	235	201	209	257	
25	1285	85	Sturdevant, Bob SS	11	244	223	228	201	184	205	
26	1271	71	Petit, Greg SS+	9	235	206	213	216	234	167	
27	1269	69	Dean, Tom SS	12	215	206	237	192	204	215	
28	1268	68	Muzzy, Jeff	12	234	267	202	219	172	174	
29	1263	63	Noel, Ronnie	11	180	244	234	191	234	180	
30	1255	55	Barber, Mike	5	222	166	229	201	208	229	
31	1255	55	Knapp, Jeff	12	199	191	201	177	254	233	
32	1238	38	Mruk, Jim	4	191	190	266	190	207	194	
33	1237	37	Miller, Hugh	3	248	159	202	243	224	161	
34	1234	34	Lindberg, Larry SS	6	223	192	204	181	187	247	
35	1229	29	Sanders, Bill	5	162	258	227	179	156	247	
36	1228	28	Hebner, Dean	8	247	208	203	215	172	183	
37	1226	26	Jackson, Gary SS	9	178	234	192	220	225	177	
38	1226	26	Nowlin, Doug SS	11	235	213	190	212	222	154	
39	1217	17	Bills, James	4	204	202	233	162	231	185	
40	1217	17	Dietz, Frank	8	202	193	187	224	214	197	
41	1216	16	Makay, John	12	268	183	238	223	191	113	
42	1200	0	Ford, Steve SS	8	207	203	190	193	219	188	
43	1155	45	Eskew, Lori	5	186	189	202	202	167	209	
44	1141	59	Grenon, Larry SS+	2	234	216	169	210	147	165	
45	1140	60	Ballou, Dale SS+	10	186	225	203	168	177	181	
46	826	374	Dean, Nancy	9	153	129	144	168	106	126	
47	528	672	Hoage, Jeff	9	189	177	162	DNF			

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FINAL RESULTS October 21, 2012

Bowler		QUALIFYING	FINALS	BONUS	TOTAL	PRIZE	
1	Tom Anderson	Bonney Lake, WA	1416	974	90	2480	\$600
2	Bill McNelly SS	Philomath, OR	1357	992	120	2469	\$500
3	Tim Myers	Milwaukie, OR	1395	979	60	2434	\$450
4	Jon Tang	Portland, OR	1386	906	60	2352	\$400
5	Bob Porter	Vancouver, WA	1391	868	90	2349	\$350
6	Jon Gustafson SS	Astoria, OR	1407	848	75	2330	\$300
7	Stan Lorimor	St. Helens, OR	1470	851	0	2321	\$280
8	Terry Johnson	Sherwood, OR	1411	866	30	2307	\$260
9	Tony Ferguson	Brush Prairie, WA	1369	824	90	2283	\$250
10	Trent Zabelle	Portland, OR	1412	832	30	2274	\$240
11	Al Ferguson	Tigard, OR	1329	837	75	2241	\$230
12	Steve Michaliszyn	Vancouver, WA	1344	825	0	2169	\$220
Other Cashers							
13	Dwayne Webb	Olympia, WA	1326				\$200
14	Mike Nogle	Tigard, OR	1324				\$200
15	Bill Starnes SS+	Corvallis, OR	1317				\$200
T16	Samantha Kessler	Beaverton, OR	1310				\$70
T16	John Meiris	Albany, OR	1310				\$70
T16	Mike Polinsky	Oregon City, OR	1310				\$70