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Scott Lapierre wins Singles Knockout at Park Place Lanes

Winning a Pro Series event is nothing new to Scott Lapierre. In last year's inaugural season, Scott won the Doubles Knockout Tournament at Metro Bowl with his partner Jeff Lapierre. This time around is a little sweeter because Scott is now a Singles Knockout Tournament champion. In the qualifying round, Scott finished 26th out of 101 bowlers with a score of 641. He was steady in the qualifying round with strings of 134, 113, 132, 137, and 125.

Scott won the tournament in impressive fashion, bowling 692 in the knockout round and cutting through some difficult competition. In the first round, he defeated Jim Putney 135-130, and in the second round he defeated Joe Smith 149-121. In the quarterfinals he defeated Bob Whitcomb 136-131, and

in the semi-finals he defeated Craig Holbrook 146-113. In the final match against Mike Kustak, nerve racking doesn't begin to describe the finish between these two bowlers. The match was close all the way through, and in the last box Mike converted his spare and needed a six fill to tie. With Scott having already completed the string, he could do nothing but sit back and watch. Kustak, putting an end to an excellent day of bowling and a nice run in the knockout round, filled his spare with two and lost the match to Scott, 126-122.

Scott ran through some tough competition in the knock-out round, but with the increased number of members, this will likely be the case for every tournament. With 101 bowlers, the Singles

Knockout Tournament at Park Place Lanes was the biggest tournament to date. As of this writing, the Pro Series currently has 115 members. That is up 32 members from the 83 that signed up last year. Out of the 115 members, 53 of them are new from last year.

The Pro Series committee would like to thank Nick Moschilli and the staff at Park Place Lanes for their hospitality.

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Special points of interest:

- Jim Putney has the high single of the tournament with 180.
- Shawn Morrison leads all qualifiers with 739.

Singles Knockout Results From Park Place Lanes

Singles Knockout Results		
1	Shawn Morrison	739
2	Craig Holbrook	735
3	Jason Doucette	688
4	Joe Smith	686
5	Brian Mayer	686
6	Mark Strangio	685
7	Jim Putney	683
8	Shawn Baker	679
9	Peter Flynn	673
10	Chris Sacchetti	668
11	Walt Bowden	668
12	Dave Godwin	668
13	Skip Easterbrooks	668
14	Brian Purdy	666
15	Bob Whitcomb	661
16	Mike Kustak	657
17	Brian Crowell	654
18	Rich Cocchi	654
19	Jeff Surette	651
20	Joey Hutchinson	649
21	Mike MacIntosh	647
22	Jim Ayotte	646
23	Bob Caliri	646
24	John Zappi	644
25	Mark Gregory	643
26	Scott Lapierre	641
27	Rich Halas	640
28	Shawn McKinley	639
29	Steve Renaud Jr.	639
30	Glennis McKinley	639
31	Steve Renaud Sr.	634
32	Dan Allard	633

Bowler of the Year Standings		
		Points Behind
1	Craig Holbrook	-
2	Scott Lapierre	45
3	Shawn Morrison	50
4	Mike Kustak	114
5	Joe Smith	155
6	Jim Ayotte	162.5
7	Jason Doucette	165
8	Mark Strangio	170
9	Shawn Baker	190
10	Brian Mayer	195
11	Peter Flynn	200
12	Bob Whitcomb	210
13	Jim Putney	220
14	Mike MacIntosh	233
15	Bob Caliri	237.5
16	Glennis McKinley	250
17	Jeff Surette	251
18	Joey Hutchinson	255
19	Chris Sacchetti	257.5
19	Dave Godwin	257.5
19	Skip Easterbrooks	257.5
19	Walt Bowden	257.5
23	Brian Purdy	270
24	Shawn McKinley	275

The points shown above are not actual points. They are the amount of points behind the leader in the standings for Bowler of the Year.

Candlepin Bowling How I See It by John Nugent

A new season is upon us, and for the first time I bring my predictions to The Candlepin Professional. My expertise does not lie with predictions, but my abilities will certainly be put to the test this season. With one tournament in the books, and having accurately predicting the cut, a new tournament is all but here. I've decided to put together a list of what I conclude to be the top 24 in points at the end of the year, the Bowler of the Year, and even the playoff champion (without even knowing who will qualify for the playoffs).

Let's start with the Bowler of the Year from last year, Jeff Surette. Will he repeat? The short answer is no. The long answer is no he won't. It will be too tough for him to repeat simply because of the difficulty of repeating and the increased number of members competing in each tournament. Just like any sports team, it is almost impossible to repeat. Injuries play a big part, as well as the bowler's temperament from tournament to tournament. My favorite, actually favorites cause I have two, are Shawn Baker and Bobby Whitcomb. Bobby is a tough pick this year because he might not bowl in every event, but if he does, watch out!

The following list I comprised of bowlers who I feel will be in the playoffs at Pilgrim Lanes in May. There is no particular order, and there are some no brainers and some surprises.

Craig Holbrook
Peter Flynn
Dan Allard
John Zappi
Richie Myrick
Ed Woodside
Bobby Whitcomb
Mark Gregory
Mark Smith
Dave Hodge
Chris Sargent
John Nugent
Jeff Surette
Dave Barber
Chris Sacchetti
Shawn Baker
Jim Putney
Mike Morgan
Brian Mayer
Gary Carrington
Dave Godwin
Skip Easterbrooks
Mark Ricci
Mark Strangio

In the finals I have Dave Hodge to defeat Jim Putney, and if you read close enough you will notice I have picked myself, John Nugent, to qualify for the playoffs.

A few predictions for Sunday at Alley Kat in Kingston, MA:

The cut will be 1211, and the bubble team will be Mike Regal and Don Richmond with 1207. Your tournament winners will be Bob Whitcomb and Craig Holbrook defeating John Zappi and Jeff Surette.

2009-2010: A Year in Review

Metro Bowl finishes atop the standings in the Friday Pro League for the second straight year. The team consisting of Dave Godwin, Dave Dupuis, Mark Gregory, Chris Sargent, Gary Carrington, and Joe Tavernese outlasted the team from Candlewood, consisting of Jeff Surette, Mike MacIntosh, Eric Pelletier, Dave Hodge and Mark Ricci. Team Candlewood won the playoffs that were held at Metro Bowl in May. Finishing the season with the "Triple Crown" (high single, high triple, and high average), was Jeff Surette with a 204 single, 466 triple, and 129 average.

The Mixed Teams Tournament was held at Park Place Lanes in June, and was won by the team of Kristy Moore, Marion Johnson, Dan Allard, Shawn McKinley, and Shawn Baker. In this two day tournament where 20 teams entered and bowled 19 strings (one string match against every team), Baker's team lost only three strings, and finished with the second highest team average. High average for the men was Jeff Surette with a 138, and for the women was Marion Johnson with 125. Dave Richards had the high single for the men with 192, and Brenda Lamagdeleine had the high single for the women with 159.

Dave Godwin and Kristy Moore won the New Hampshire State Tournament held at Lakeside Lanes. Dave had a total of 2758, with 672 in the singles, 631 in the doubles, 606 in the mixed doubles, 414 in the teams, and 435 in the mixed teams. Kristy had a total of 2562, with 585 in the singles, 624 in the doubles, 614 in the mixed doubles, 337 in the teams, and 402 in the mixed teams.

Jim Putney and Joanne Ruzzanno won the Massachusetts State Tournament held at Metro Bowl. Jim Putney had a total of 2664, and bowled 1318 in the singles, 651 in the doubles, and 695 in the teams. Joanne had a total of 2430, and bowled 1177 in the singles, 630 in the doubles, and 623 in the teams.

Playoff Results From Pilgrim Lanes

In the playoffs last year, Craig Holbrook went on a roll and never stopped. After finishing second in points and sitting out the first round with a bye, Craig defeated Peter Pereira in the second round 284-235, with strings of 154 and 130. He moved on to defeat Jeff Lapierre 243-232, bowling scores of 133 and 110. Against Shawn Baker in the semi-finals, he bowled 149 and 142 for a total of 291, defeating Baker by 47 pins. In the finals, Craig defeated Jeff Surette by a very close 23 pins. The total may have been in double digits, but the match was certainly closer than either one would have hoped for. Craig opened the first string with a 153, and only had a 16 pin lead on Jeff. The second string opened with both bowlers converting what seemed to be spare after spare. After shooting and making 9-drop after 9-drop, Craig finally pulled away in the last couple of boxes finishing with a 151 to Jeff's 144. If you weren't there to see it for yourself, you missed what may have been the best head to head match all year.

A Look Ahead: The Doubles Knockout

Our next tournament is a Doubles Knockout to be held on September 19, 2010. In this tournament, members (and non-members alike), will pair up to compete in a knock-out style format. Members who are participating in this tournament are not required to bowl with other members. Doubles can consist of two members, one member and one non-member, or two non-members.

The format is similar to the Singles Knockout; with the only difference being 24 teams will qualify for the knock-out round, and the top eight seeds will receive a bye into the second round.

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