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Jon Winchell Wins 10-Stringer At The Big 20 in Scarborough, ME

Jon Winchell won his first Pro Series event at last month's 10-stringer held at The Big 20 in Scarborough, ME. Jon bowled in the second shift and put up a total of 1328. He passed Nate Nealey's score of 1323, which he bowled in the first shift of the day. Going into the final string, Jon had a total of 1205. He converted two spares in the first five boxes, giving him 64 at the half. At this point, he only needed 55 pins in the last five boxes to win. Finishing with a couple of marks, he made a spare in the eighth box to clinch his first victory.

Jon was fairly consistent all day long. He had five strings in the 120's, one string in the 130's, two strings in the 140's, a high of 171 and a low of 112. This event boosted Jon up into the top ten in point standings. Currently, he sits in eighth place with 505 points, 465 behind the leader – Craig Holbrook.

Ninety-four bowlers came out to compete last month, increasing the turnout for the 10-Stringer tournament by nearly 50 percent. Out of the ninety-four, Jon was one of only two bowlers to eclipse the 1300 mark.

Helping the prize fund was The Big 20, as they contributed to the high single of each shift. A special thanks goes to Rick Jones and the staff who were very accommodating in hosting this event.

Point System: 10-Stringer

The 10-stringer did not have a knockout or playoff round, and thus had significantly less amount of points given away. To make up for some of the difference, 50 points were awarded for the high string in each string. Additionally, points were awarded for the top 10 bowlers in the first five strings, and also in the second five strings. Regardless of finish, bowlers were able to accumulate points if they started or ended the tournament with 5 quality strings. This allowed some bowlers who got off to a slow start, or who were bowling well but did not end well, to collect points for the playoffs.

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- Rich Limone had the high single for the tournament with a 178.
- USA East wins Men's World Team Championship.

10-Stringer Results From The Big 20 at Scarborough, ME.

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Bowler</u>	<u>Total</u>
1	Jon Winchell	1328
2	Nate Nealey	1323
3	Craig Holbrook	1290
4	Marc Carrier	1286
5	Jim Putney	1286
6	Joe Smith	1274
7	Brian Purdy	1269
8	Steve Renaud, Jr.	1262
9	Mark Gregory	1262
10	Dan Allard	1257
11	Brian Feist	1254
12	Skip Easterbrooks	1244
13	Shawn Baker	1235
14	Mark Smith	1231
15	Gary Santora	1222
16	Hawk Halas	1221
17	Jeff Surette	1220
18	Mike Walker	1219
19	Kevin Pagington	1219
20	John Zappi	1213

Point Standings After Three Events

Pos.	Bowler	Points Behind
1	Craig Holbrook	-
2	Skip Easterbrooks	317.5
3	Shawn Morrison	342.5
4	Jim Putney	375
5	Shawn Baker	410
6	Nate Nealey	435
7	Brian Feist	455
8	Jon Winchell	465
9	Jeff Surette	544
10	Scott Lapierre	560
11	Mike Kustak	576.5
12	Jim Ayotte	579.5
13	Brian Crowell	580
14	Joe Smith	600
15	Bob Whitcomb	605
16	Steve Renaud, Jr.	615
17	Chris Sacchetti	622.5
18	Eric Pelletier	640
18	Mark Gregory	640
20	Lou Alberghini	657.5
21	Chris Boisvert	662.5
22	Steve Vadney	665
22	Brian Purdy	665
24	Mark Smith	675

The points shown are not actual points. They are the amount of points behind the leader in the standings for Bowler of the Year. Currently, seven bowlers out of the top twenty-four are new members.

Men's World Team Tournament

It's the week that everyone looks forward to all year. Twenty four teams (12 from the American side, and 12 from the Canadian side) comprised of the best bowlers in the world of Candlepin bowling, come together to compete for the most coveted men's team trophy in the sport.

The week commences with a singles knockout tournament on Monday at 11 A.M. This year, 94 bowlers competed in a 5 string qualifying round, with the top 32 moving on to the knockout. The format is the same as the singles in the Pro Series, with one major difference: bowlers are competing not only for themselves, but also for their country. This year, the cut to make the top 32 was 628. Gary Carrington led the way with a 713 that included back to back strings of 191 and 164. Only two other bowlers cracked 700, Steve Renaud, Jr. and Jeff Surette.

The knockout round saw some very exciting matches that included two ties, and a final match between an American - Steve Renaud, Jr., and a Canadian – Matt McPhee. Peter Pereira and Cody Bourque tied their first round match, and in the one string rematch, Peter Pereira moved on defeating Cody 139-125. This was Cody's first year at the World's Tournament as he turned many heads and made a big impression. The other tie was between Gary Carrington and Chris Sargent. In their one string rematch, Carrington defeated Sargent 144-134. The final match was won by Matt McPhee who defeated Steve Renaud, Jr. by a mere 9 pins, 121-112.

Tuesday morning started the 5 day long tournament that includes 3 matches on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 2 matches on Friday, and the first of 4 playoff matches beginning Friday afternoon. The twenty four teams are separated into two divisions, with the top 5 in each division making the playoffs, and the top team in each division earning a two match bye into the semi-finals.

The top 5 teams in the Holiday Inn division were USA East, Maria's Sub, Vacationland, Rick's Pallets, and Crazy Train (the runner up in last year's tournament). In the Creative Digital division, the top 5 teams were Halifax Fairlanes, Lucky Strike, Total Chaos, MacLaughlin Truck and Trailer, and Big Shot Lanes.

In the first round of the playoffs, Lucky Strike defeated Crazy Train; Total Chaos defeated Rick's Pallets; Vacationland defeated MacLaughlin Truck and Trailer; and Maria's Sub defeated Big Shot Lanes. The Saturday morning matches began the second round with Lucky Strike defeating Total Chaos by 8 pins, and Vacationland defeating Maria's Sub by over 100 pins. After two strings, Lucky Strike was up by 64 pins. In the third string however, with 4 boxes to go, Total Chaos had regained the lead and was up by single digits when Shawn Baker of Lucky Strike rolled a double Strike to retake, and ultimately hold onto, the lead.

The semi-final match between USA East and Vacationland was dominated by Gary Carrington. After sitting out two playoff matches with the bye, team USA East came out on fire, and was led by Carrington's 445. For the first and only time all week, USA East bowled a 2000 series, hitting 2013. Vacationland never gave up in the match, and after having a 707 bowled against them, they stormed back to bowl 681 and put pressure on USA East. The top seeded USA East responded, however, and beat Vacationland in the third string to advance to the finals.

Lucky Strike also advanced to the finals in a match that was also dominated by one bowler, Shawn McKinley. Shawn's 452 pushed Lucky Strike over the top with a 59 pin victory over Halifax. The 59 pin defeat of Halifax is deceiving because the total was within 15 pins with two and a half strings completed. After one string the lead was 3 pins, 578-575. Halifax and Lucky Strike battled in the second string putting up mark after mark as the string finished Lucky Strike 675 and Halifax 671. The final string was controlled by Shawn McKinley and Lucky Strike as they defeated Halifax 639-587 to advance to the finals.

The final match went back and forth for the first two strings. Lucky Strike led after one string with a 22 pin lead, 649-627. Chris Sargent finished the first string with a flurry of marks and never let up. USA East took over the lead after two strings by 23 pins, 1288-1265. In the third string, USA East pulled away and never looked back. The team was led by Shawn Morrison's 423, and Chris Sargent's 414. USA East is comprised of Chris Sargent, Shawn Morrison, Nate Nealey, Gary Carrington, Bobby Bettencourt, Dave Godwin, Brian Mayer, John Bird, and Chuck Desrosiers.

Final Match Men's World Tournament

Lucky Strike

Dave Barber	120	116	118	354
Shawn Baker	132	156	130	418
Dan Allard	160	101	-	261
Eric Pelletier	108	-	-	108
Mike Morgan	-	128	126	254
Shawn McKinley	129	115	121	365
Jim Putney	-	-	99	99
Bill Treeful	-	-	-	-

USA East

Gary Carrington	111	111	150	372
Brian Mayer	-	128	121	249
Nate Nealey	128	120	115	363
Shawn Morrison	145	147	131	423
Chris Sargent	124	155	135	414
Bob Bettencourt	119	-	-	119
Dave Godwin	-	-	-	-
John Bird	-	-	-	-
Chuck Desrosiers	-	-	-	-

Total	649	616	594	1859
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More From the Men's Team Tournament

Shawn Baker of Lucky Strike had the high average for the tournament with 133.85. Shawn had 5 400's with a high of 437. In the playoffs, he averaged 124, with 418 in the final match. Second high average for the tournament was Matt McPhee with 130.85. Matt also had 5 400's, with a high of 432. The high single went to two bowlers from Halifax Fairlanes, Mitch Seary and Nate Leblanc each bowled strings of 182. The high triple went to Brad McDonald of New Brunswick with a 456, and second high triple went to Davey Somerton of Halifax with 444. Maria's Sub had the team high single of the tournament with 733, and the team high triple went to Halifax Fairlanes with 1993. The 1993 was the high for the qualifying rounds only. In the playoffs, USA East beat their score by 20 pins with a 2013 in the semi-finals.

A Look Ahead: The Skins Game

This Sunday, November 21, 2010 at Academy Lanes in Bradford, MA, the next Pro Series event will be held. The tournament is a Skins Game. Members and non-members alike will bowl a 5 string qualifying round with the top 24 advancing to the playoff portion of the tournament. The top 8 bowlers will get an automatic bye into the Skins Game. Seeds 9-24 will bowl a one string match with the winners moving on and into the Skins Game. The remaining sixteen bowlers will be grouped in four groups of four, and will bowl three strings. Each box, or "skin", will be worth a predetermined amount of money. The top bowler in each group will move on to the final skin game, where each skin is worth \$100.

All are welcome to Academy this Sunday to witness some of the best bowlers in the New England Area. The qualifying rounds begin at 11, and the Skins Game should begin around 3.

The Pro Series Newsletter

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