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Nate Nealey Wins Singles Knockout at Sanford Bowl-A-Rama

Nate Nealey wins his second Pro Series singles title (third overall), with a win at Bowl-A-Rama in Sanford, ME. He qualified 12th with a score of 653, with strings of 160, 110, 101, 150 and 132. In the knockout round, Nate defeated Shawn Mckinley 122-114, Mark Strangio 125-98, Eben Hobbs 136-107, Brian Purdy 140-131 and Dave Barber 140-120.

This victory at Sanford propelled Nate from third to first in the point standings, earning 80 points in the qualifying round and 300 points in the knockout round. He passed Jim Ayotte, who moved into the second overall spot at 113 points behind, and Shawn Baker who fell to fifth, trailing now by 234 points. Amazingly, Nate has missed 2 tournaments this year, but still leads all members with 1165 points, mainly because he has won 2 tournaments and finished third in individual qualifying at the Portsmouth Doubles Tournament.

Nate defeated Brian Purdy in the semi-final match, a match that almost never happened. Brian tied for the last spot in the knockout round with Bryan Dykes, and won the one string roll-off 167-127. Brian then got on a roll and won his next three strings with scores of 149, 127, and 185 including a four bagger, before he lost to Nate in the semi-finals.

A Look Ahead: Doubles Knockout

Join us this Saturday February 18, 2012 in Nashua, NH at Leda Lanes for the Doubles Knockout. This event is open to members and non-members alike, and shifts are held at 1PM and 3 PM. In this tournament, participants will bowl a 5 string qualifier with the top 24 doubles advancing to the knockout round. The top 8 doubles receive a bye into the second round. Doubles will bowl one string matches, with the high score advancing to the next round. All are welcome to Nashua, NH to witness some of the best bowlers in the New England Area. The tournament begins at 1PM, and will last until 7:30PM.

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Special points of interest:

- Craig Holbrook begins qualifying round with 173, 169 and 143 for a three string total of 485.
- Mark Ricci had the high single of the tournament with 188.

Singles Knockout Qualifying Results

Pos	Bowler	1	2	3	4	5	Tot
1	Jeff Surette	131	118	159	156	147	711
2	Chris Boisvert	150	154	137	136	132	709
3	Craig Holbrook	173	169	143	101	117	703
4	Eben Hobbs	128	134	138	142	143	685
5	Mark Strangio	147	118	127	155	137	684
6	Aaron Spiller	141	143	144	110	144	682
7	Mark Ricci	93	188	121	139	132	673
8	Dan Allard	124	148	129	177	94	672
9	Shawn Morrison	130	148	115	130	148	671
10	Mike Morgan	108	129	123	178	120	658
11	Dave Barber	124	122	123	134	153	656
12	Nate Nealey	160	110	101	150	132	653
13	Joe Smith	130	124	115	148	135	652
14	Jon Winchell	104	105	141	173	126	649
15	Shawn Baker	145	132	124	131	114	646
16	Jim Ayotte	121	129	142	117	135	644
17	Jon McDonald	120	144	129	110	141	644
18	Marc Carrier	117	124	130	156	108	635
19	Gary Santora	146	91	138	121	137	633
20	Phil Clough	134	93	138	110	155	630
21	Shawn McKinley	122	140	128	125	114	629
22	Dan Gauthier	119	116	140	127	126	628
23	Bob Whitcomb	136	133	111	124	124	628
24	Brian Florio	140	135	128	111	113	627
25	Nick Norcross	118	126	98	143	138	623
26	Scott Lapierre	128	98	115	141	141	623
27	Sam Dagostino	116	118	127	125	130	616
28	Mark Smith	117	122	124	117	135	615
29	Jim Putney	115	142	130	111	117	615
30	Dean Sullivan	112	121	130	130	120	613
31	Mike Kustak	109	144	123	118	118	612
32	Bryan Dykes*	127	102	127	133	118	607
33	Brian Purdy*	140	106	108	121	132	607

*Brian Purdy defeated Bryan Dykes in a one-string roll-off
167-127

Point Standings

Pos.	Bowler	Pts. Behind
1	Nate Nealey	-
2	Jim Ayotte	113
3	Chris Boisvert	215
4	Craig Holbrook	216.67
5	Shawn Baker	233.33
6	Jeff Surette	234.67
7	Dave Barber	293
8	Peter Flynn	380.83
9	Mark Strangio	412
10	Shawn McKinley	463
11	Sam Dagostino	472.5
12	Dave Godwin	501.5
13	Steve Vadney	577
14	Aaron Spiller	595
15	Brian Crowell	607.5
16	Joe Smith	617
17	Mike Morgan	635
18	Scott Lapierre	666.5
19	Shawn Morrison	667.5
20	Hawk Halas	670
21	Dave Richards	672
22	Jon Winchell	700
23	Bob Whitcomb	705
24	Brian Purdy	707.5

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

Full standings and tournament results can be found at www.candlepinproseries.com.

Scott Lapierre Wins Ultimate Ladder With Amazing 207 String!

Scott Lapierre's 207 String Bowled on November 19, 2011

	15
X	35
30	65
30	95
28	123
10	143
18	161
X	171
19	190
17	207

At the Ultimate Ladder Tournament back in November, Scott Lapierre won in very convincing fashion. The Ultimate Ladder was held at New Palace Lanes, in Fitchburg, MA where 75 bowlers came to bowl a three string qualifying round, with the top 25 seeds being placed into 5 separate ladders. The winner of each ladder moved on the Ultimate Ladder.

Scott placed 23rd in the qualifying round with a score of 393, 1 pin above the cut. (The 392 cut (130.6) average is the highest qualifying score to date in any Pro Series event. In the qualifying round, Shawn Baker finished 13th with a 412 with scores of 108, 163 and 141. In the knockout round, he defeated Justin Scali 182-113, Steve Vadney 170-129 and lost to Shawn Mckinley 159-153. Including his qualifying score, Baker bowled 917 for six strings averaging 152.8 for the day). Finishing 23rd meant Scott would be the 5th seed in his ladder, and would need to bowl and win all 4 matches in his ladder to move on to the Ultimate Ladder. In the first round, Scott bowled Stu Bergman and defeated him 137-100. In round 2, Scott defeated John Hendren in a match in which both scores combined for 304, 161-143. In round 3, Scott caught a lucky break and defeated Hawk Halas 108-99. In the final match of his ladder, Scott bowled the red hot Bill Treeful, and defeated him 155-129. His 155 was good to be the 2nd seed in the Ultimate Ladder behind Shawn Mckinley's 159.

In the Ultimate Ladder, 4th seed Sam Dagostino (who's 495 qualifying score was good for not only the top seed in the tournament, but was also a new three string Pro Series record) defeated Jim Ayotte 139-99. Sam moved on to lose to Mark Strangio 134-119, and Mark advanced to bowl Scott Lapierre. In his closest match of the day, Scott defeated Mark 131-128. Scott then moved on to the finals where he set his personal career high single, and missed the Pro Series high single by 4 pins, as he dominated the match against Shawn McKinley 207-130. Scott started out the string missing the head pin for what would be the only time, and after converting a spare in the first box, he filled his mark with 5, leaving the spread eagle without the 7-pin. He then converted the shot by sending the 2 and 4 pin over to take out the 3 and 6 pin before coming forward to take out the head pin. Lapierre followed that amazing shot up with four consecutive strikes in a row, and filled his third strike with 28, and converting the spare in the 7th frame. After hitting the head pin pocket and leaving the 4 and 10 pin split, he sat in the 8th frame with a score of 171, and had yet to leave a pin standing. Getting up for the 9th and 10th frames, Scott needed 29 pins for a 200 string. In the 9th frame, Scott hit the head pin pocket again and left the 6 and 10 pins, and converted them for a spare. His fill ball was again on the headpin as he left the lone five pin standing for a 9-fill, and after converting his final mark in the 10th frame, Scott hit the head pin and left 3 pins standing, for his first ever 200 string, finishing with 207.

Team Tournament

Pro Series Team Tournament Final Match Ficco's Bowladrome

Dave Richards' Team

Dave Richards	113
Jeff Walsh	110
Nick Norcross	136
Peter Pereira	122
Mark Gregory	141

622

Jim Ayotte's Team

Gary Santora	149
Kris Winiarz	115
John Starner	113
Dave Chestercove	98
Jim Ayotte	118

593

At the Team's Tournament held on December 11, 2011, Dave Richards' team defeated Jim Ayotte's team in the finals 622-593. Both teams won their division, each losing only 1 match.

In the right division, Ayotte's team received the bye while the teams led by Dave Godwin and Sam Dagostino battled it out. Godwin's team defeated Dagostino's team 594-570, before moving on and losing to Ayotte's team 668-563.

In the left division, Richards' team received the bye while Craig Holbrook's team defeated Chris Boisvert's team 600-536. Holbrook moved on and lost to Richards' team 546-522.

The final match was close the whole way through until the final two boxes in which Dave Richards' team pulled away and ended up winning.

Marc Carrier led all individual bowlers with a 5 string total of 684. Shawn Baker was second with 662, Aaron Spiller was third with 652, and Matt Penkul was fourth with 644.

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A Look Ahead: Women's Pro Series

The next Women's Pro Series event will be held on March 4th at 10AM at Bowlarama in Portsmouth, NH. The event is a Mixed Doubles, in which participants will bowl 5 strings to qualify for the knockout round. Doubles will bowl one string matches, with the high score advancing to the next round. All are welcome to Portsmouth, NH to witness some of the best bowlers in the New England Area.

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