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## Surette Wins Final Skins Game in an Exciting Finish

Jeff Surette threw 596 to barely qualify for the knock-out portion of the Skins Tournament, and from there he never looked back. In the 1 string head to head match, Jeff defeated Peter Flynn 143 to 123. He then went on to dominate in the Skins games. In the first round, he won 10 skins (or boxes), and finished with 3 spares and a double strike in the last 5 boxes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> string, to beat out Mike Morgan, Bob Whitcomb, and Walt Bowden to qualify for the final Skins Game. He then went on to defeat Jim Putney, Dave Hodge, and Devin Laramie in a

1-string skins game worth \$200.00 for total and \$100.00 per box.

The final match turned into a great finish. Jeff started hot with 4 marks in a row, and had a 7 pin lead over Jim Putney. Over the next 4 boxes, however, neither bowler threw a mark and Jeff added to his lead making it 13. Putney threw a strike in the 9<sup>th</sup> box against Jeff's 10 box. Down 13 pins, Putney knocked down 6 pins after his first ball, and needed to convert his spare to defeat Jeff. Jim hit the object pin, but left 1 pin standing, and Jeff converted a 10 box to win by 4 pins.



Devin Laramie, Dave Hodge, Jeff Surette, and Jim Putney

### Special Thanks to Lucky Strike Lanes

The Pro Series would like to thank Jim Barber and the staff at Lucky Strike Lanes for hosting the Skins Game. Lucky Strike is located on Buffum

St. in Lynn, MA and is a host to birthday parties, group events, leagues, and open bowling. To contact Lucky Strike for any of their services, please call 1-781-592-9100.



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### Special points of interest:

- Brian Purdy throws a triple stike for a 180 sting in qualifying round.
- Craig Holbrook leads all qualifying scores for 2<sup>nd</sup> straight tournament.

# Results - Lucky Strike

1	Craig Holbrook	139	130	137	133	142	681
2	Mike Morgan	171	119	118	143	129	680
3	Don Richmond	109	122	123	145	170	669
4	Dave Hodge	135	111	144	152	108	650
5	Brian Purdy	108	125	180	128	100	641
6	Mark Strangio	132	130	118	120	136	636
7	Walt Bowden	115	112	115	128	164	634
8	Gary Santora	146	135	115	102	133	631
9	Dan Allard	98	133	132	128	134	625
10	Peter Flynn	131	142	92	134	124	623
11	Jim Putney	130	121	124	120	128	623
12	Shawn Baker	135	124	112	128	122	621
13	Bob Whitcomb	112	122	102	142	142	620
14	Devin Laramie	115	113	115	131	145	619
15	Jason Sparks	101	137	110	156	110	614
16	Korey Packard	111	121	134	112	135	613
17	Dave Barber	154	97	126	123	112	612
18	Steve Plante	99	132	116	120	141	608
19	Richie Myrick	109	106	116	137	133	601
20	Jeff Lapierre	139	99	118	120	124	600
21	John Zappi	113	109	125	143	109	599
22	Jay Covitz	91	141	138	136	91	597
23	Jeff Surette	102	153	124	111	106	596
24	Peter Pereira	134	122	122	112	105	595

# Leader Board

1	Craig Holbrook	1,728.0
2	Jeff Surette	1,448.0
3	Shawn Baker	1,248.5
4	Stu Bergman	711.0
5	Mike Morgan	709.5
6	Jim Putney	671.0
7	Dan Allard	597.0
8	Jeremy Seaholm	590.0
9	Richie Myrick	547.0
10	Dave Hodge	499.5
11	Peter Pereira	469.0
12	Jason Doucette	461.5
13	Chris Sargent	447.5
14	Jason Sparks	417.0
15	Korey Packard	406.5
16	John Zappi	384.0
17	Mark Strangio	367.5
18	Mark Gregory	347.0
19	Norm Pelletier	342.5
20	Brian Purdy	330.0
21	Steve Renaud, Sr.	329.0
22	Don Richmond	322.0
23	Steve Renaud, Jr.	309.0
24	Devin Laramie	299.0

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## Dave Hodge

Dave Hodge is the Front Desk Manager at the Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel in South Boston, MA. He has worked at the hotel for six years, and it is the place where he met his wife Cristina.

Hodge has made thirty-five TV appearances between WNDS Stars and Strikes, and the Comcast Network. His combined record is 19 – 16. He made the Tournament of

Champions in 2002 on WNDS, and also the Final Show in 2002 on Comcast.

This past year, Dave was on the team that won a tournament in Fredericton, NB, and also finished in second in the Men's World Candlepin Championship back in November. He won the Caliri Doubles Tournament with Mark Ricci in 2008, the Mixed Doubles tournament at All Saints

with Janet Poch in 2007, and the Friday Men's Pro League Regular Season in 2008 and 2009. In his 11 years bowling on the Pro Tour, Dave has finished in the top 10 a total of 6 times.

Dave's high single is 193, high triple is 489, high five is 759 (house record at Roll-A-Way Lanes in Ware, MA) and high ten is 1414.



## Jim Putney

After taking a 16-year hiatus from the game of bowling, Jim Putney returned last year and hasn't missed a beat. He initially left the game because he had three young kids that he wanted to spend time with and watch grow up. For those who don't remember Jim, he was well known for his ability to bowl under pressure. Most of his career personal bests and TV appearances came in the 1980's and early

1990's, as he was on channels 5, 27, and NESN and won 13 matches in a row in 1990. In 1970, he bowled on a mixed doubles kid's show with a young girl who he would eventually marry, although he didn't know it at the time. They didn't meet again until 15 years later while he was bowling on the Pro Tour, and 24 years later the rest is history.

One of his two Pro Tour victories came in

November of 1990, a weekend where he was up for 2 days while his wife gave birth to their first son. He walked into Academy Lanes exhausted, and 2 minutes before the shift was supposed to start, and walked away with his second Tour win. He and his wife Donna have three children, Jen, Brendan, and Ryan.

His high single in 200, high triple is 478, high five is 765, and high ten is 1422.



## Brian Purdy

Brian Purdy is a graduate of the University of Maine in Orono, with a degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology. He has been married for 5 years to his wife Jennifer, and last February they had their first child, Paul. When he is not bowling, Brian is your regular guy spending time with his friends and family, and working around the

house. When he is bowling, however, Brian isn't your average Joe. His high single is 202 (a house record at Lucky Strike Lanes in Gardner, ME), high five is 715, and high ten is 1307.

Last month Brian became the Maine State Scratch Mixed Doubles Champion with his partner Amanda Carroll, an event he was runner-up to last year. He has won

several Maine State Youth Tournament Titles, and has also made two appearances on the Maine TV show Candlepin Action.

In 2006, he joined the Pro Tour and his best finish was 6<sup>th</sup> place at Mohegan Bowl-A-Drome in 2008. This past Pro Series event, he led all high singles with a 180 in the second game of the qualifying round.



## Matt Penkul Rolls 514 at Metro Bowl



When Matt Penkul laced up his shoes on Tuesday December 8, in Peabody, MA, he had no idea the night would turn out as incredible as it did. With strings of 155, 161, and 198, Matt surpassed his previous high triple of 453 by 59 pins, rolling a 514. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> game, Matt had two triple strikes and topped his previous high single of 184. Even though the current world record for a three string total is 514, Matt won't share any of the record because the foul lights weren't on, which means the score won't be recognized. Matt, however, is still deserving of every congratulations he receives for putting up a score that so few have been able to.

Matt was taught to bowl at a young age, when his mother Adele would take him a few times a week. He bowled in a kids league that his mother helped form, at the now closed Post Office Lanes on Western Ave, in Lynn, MA. He works in the parts department at Ira Toyota in Danvers, MA and has been there for eleven years. Every few years he likes to travel, going to Universal Studios, Aruba, or any warm climate. When he's not on the lanes, Matt can be found spending time with his family, or golfing with his brother when the weather gets nice.

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## Pictures From Lucky Strike



## A Look Ahead: Singles Knock-Out at Mason's in Leominster, MA

The next tournament is another Singles Knock-Out and will be held in Leominster, MA. The format will remain the same as the first tournament, with the top 32 qualifying scores will move on to the Knock-Out round. Bowlers will compete in one-string matches with the winner moving on, and the loser being knocked out of the tournament. Our last singles knock-out saw over seventy bowlers compete to be the Knock-Out Champion. So if you're interested in seeing some of the best bowlers from Western Massachusetts to Maine, come down to Mason's in Leominster, MA on January 16, 2010.

## The Pro Series Newsletter

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