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Brian Purdy Defeats Mark Ricci to Win His First Pro Series Event

If you did not make it to Leominster on January 16, you missed the biggest turnout for a singles event this year. Eighty-one bowlers competed, with only thirty-two advancing to the knock-out round. The shifts kicked off at noon, and at the end of the day, Brian Purdy was crowned Singles Knock-out Champion. The top seed after five strings was Steve Renaud Jr., who threw 463 in his final three strings of the qualifying round to finish with 683.

Brian was in the middle of the pack after the qualifying round finishing 19th with a score of 609.

When the knock-out round came, and each string became pivotal, Brian turned it on. He defeated Shawn McKinley 119-100, Peter Flynn 132-114, Jeremy Seaholm 144-109, Jim Putney 116-104, and Mark Ricci 133-100. He got the lead in the middle of the final match by throwing strike, spare, strike, and was able to hold on for the victory. Mark Ricci, who started the tournament with 205 for two, finished his last three strings of the qualifying round with a 383 and just barely qualified. He qualified 31st and made the best of

the knock-out round, making it all the way to the finals before falling just short.



Brian Purdy

Special Thanks to Mason's

The Pro Series would like to thank the staff at Mason's Bowling Center in Leominster, MA. This past tournament was our biggest turnout yet

for a singles event, with several of the walk ins being Mason's house bowlers. Mason's Bowling Center hosts parties, group events,

leagues, and open bowling. To contact Mason's for any of their services, call 978-537-7064.

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Special points of interest:

- Bill Treeful led all high singles for the day with a 174.
- Steve Renaud Jr. leads all qualifiers with a score of 683.

Qualifying Results

Pos	Bowler	Total
1	Steve Renaud, Jr.	683
2	Shawn Baker	668
3	Skip Easterbrooks	663
4	Bill Treeful	656
5	Dave Hodge	655
6	Jeff Surette	649
7	Mike MacIntosh	633
8	Evan Mazzaferro	626
9	Devin Laramie	625
10	Dave Godwin	623
11	Mike Morgan	622
12	Joey Hutchinson	620
13	Craig Holbrook	619
14	Shawn McKinley	619
15	Jeremy Seaholm	614
16	Steve Legendre	613
17	Mark Gregory	613
18	Peter Pereira	609
19	Brian Purdy	609
20	Peter Flynn	608
21	Jim Putney	607
22	Brian Florio	606
23	Mark Strangio	605
24	Steve Plante	604
25	Joe Tavernese	602
26	Steve Renaud, Sr.	602
27	Louis Richards	600
28	Brian Mayer	597
29	Eric Pelletier	591
30	Jeff Buggea	589
31	Mark Ricci	588
32	Urbie Kafalas	585

Point Standings

Pos	Bowler	Total
1	Craig Holbrook	1787
2	Jeff Surette	1692
3	Shawn Baker	1607.5
4	Steve Renaud, Jr.	839
5	Jim Putney	831
6	Mike Morgan	768.5
7	Stu Bergman	711
8	Brian Purdy	689
9	Jeremy Seaholm	684
10	Dave Hodge	645
11	Dan Allard	610
12	Richie Myrick	562
13	Peter Pereira	518
14	Skip Easterbrooks	497
15	Jason Doucette	461.5
16	Chris Sargent	447.5
17	Mark Strangio	442.5
18	Jason Sparks	417
19	Mike MacIntosh	412.5
20	Mark Gregory	411
21	Korey Packard	406.5
22	Devin Laramie	498
23	John Zappi	384
24	Mark Ricci	383

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Mark Ricci

Twenty-eight year old Mark Ricci is from Somerville, MA, and started bowling at three years old at Lanes and Games in Cambridge, MA. As a youth, he won five state championships when he started bowling out of Pilgrim Lanes in Haverhill, MA, including the all events when he was 15 and 16. As an adult, Mark bowls in

leagues at the Fairway Sports World in Natick, MA, and at Leda Lanes in Nashua, NH. This past November, Mark was a part of team Crazy Train, the team from Massachusetts that made in to the finals in the Men's World Team Championship.

Mark works at FedEx-Kinko's in Chelmsford, MA, and has worked

there for the past year. He and his girlfriend Melissa have a 1-year-old son named Dominic.

Mark has some pretty impressive personal high stats: his high single is 194, his high triple is 478, his high five is 765, and his high 10 is 1440.

Steve Vadney

Steve Vadney has several New Hampshire and Massachusetts State Tournament titles, and Western New England, Pro Tour victories and Senior Pro Tour victories in his long and successful bowling career. He has been on TV over 100 times, including 5 weeks in a row on Channel 5, 39 wins on Channel 50, a high triple of 488 and high single of 195 on

Channel 12. In 1999-2000 he was the Pro Tour bowler of the year, and in 2002-2003 he was the Senior Pro Tour bowler of the year.

In 1985, Steve bowled head to head against Dan Murphy in a ten-string match to become the New Hampshire All Events winner. At the end of 10 strings, Steve hit the first 1500 ever

bowled with a 1520, and only beat Dan Murphy by 38 pins. The 1520 was a world record until Al Johnson hit 1525 in the 1990's.

In December of 2002, Steve won his first of three consecutive Pro Tour victories with a 692 at Boutwell's Bowl. In January he threw 662 at Bayberry Bowl, and in February he hit 693 at Lakeside Lanes.

Anthony Caron

Anthony Caron has a remarkable achievement in candlepin bowling, he has bowled in over 120 bowling alleys in the U.S. and Canada, and even the most avid bowler can't make that claim. His high single in 195, high triple is 442, high five is 696, and high ten is 1306.

In 1989, he won his first Amateur Candlepin Tour title on his first attempt at Londonderry Bowling Center. He won the Amateur Candlepin Tour Super Bowl title in 1991 at Hub Bowling Center. From 1991 to 2005, he won 30 King of the Hill titles at Mason's Bowling Center; and in 2008, he

won the King of the Hill at Brian's Bowlaway in Gardner, MA. In 1994, he lost his only TV appearance to Jim Mazzaferro on local cable access channel 30.

An incredible feat at Park Place Lanes

On Monday January 25, Dave Godwin threw his second 200 string with an incredible 235 in a mixed league at Park Place Lanes in Windham, NH. Dave's first five boxes were all strikes, and after sitting and waiting for his turn to get back on the lanes, he threw another strike, making it six strikes in a row to start the string. He dropped 7 pins on his next ball and converted the spare, dropped 9 pins and converted another spare, and then filled that with a strike. After 8 complete boxes, Dave had 216 with a strike to fill in the ninth. He dropped 9 pins again, this time missing the single pin for the spare, but making it for a 10 box to finish with a 235.

As if bowling a 235 wasn't enough, Dave followed up the 235 with a 146 string, something that isn't easy to do after having such a big string. Dave also set a personal high five with 784 for the night.

Dave's first 200 string was a 221 two years ago in Halifax, NS at the Men's World Team Championship. The string came when he was only 18 years old and it was his first year bowling in the team tournament.

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Pictures from Mason's Bowling Center in Leominster, MA



A Look Ahead: Doubles Knock-Out at Woburn Bowladrome

The next tournament is another Doubles Knock-Out and will be held in Woburn, MA. The format will remain the same as the first tournament, with the top 24 qualifying scores will move on to the Knock-Out round. Bowlers will compete in one-string matches with the winners moving on, and the losers being knocked out of the tournament. Our last Doubles Knock-out saw fifty-one teams 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 Woburn Bowladrome in Woburn, MA on February 20, 2010.

The Pro Series Newsletter

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