

Marcus Battiest stars in his 1st ABTA Championship at Midtown

All Pots Carry Over

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ABTA Returns to Westminster this weekend

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In our return to Midtown, we had a low turnout of 154 entries this week for the special Handicap event. Cut scores were a +57 for the men and +43 for the women. The Super Seniors added to the board (2 men and 1 woman) were Tom Dahl (+39) and Cleveland Johnson (+30) and no super senior women bowled this week. That would give us 41 bowlers making it to the semi-finals this week.

This week we had two bowlers come close to 300, in the 1 pm squad, William Garrett had the front 10 and would finish with a 287. In the 6 pm squad we would see Marcus Battiest also have the front 10 and finish with a 289, nice bowling by both men. For all qualifying squads our top qualifier for the Men was Marcus Battiest with a +146, and for the women it was Miriam Galluzzo with a +90. Each will get paid entry into a future regular ABTA event. Each week our top seed overall draws the Match Series, and this week it was worth \$266. The top seed drew a 549 and we had no bowlers this week matched that score, so it would be a carry over to next week. Next week at Westminster we will estimate the Match Series at \$750. For the 3-6-9 qualifying this week, we had Demetrius Cash outlasting the field of qualifiers. He missed on the second shot and received a \$50 consolation. We will add another \$100 at Westminster giving us a total of \$1,400.

This week we returned to offer doubles. Finishing in 1st was Leo Silva and Alvin Francisco with a 1455 for \$120. In second place was Minh Dang and Chris Kelly with 1400 for \$100. We had a total of \$750 paid out in doubles with low to cash of 1317.

In the semis this week we saw Alvin Francisco bowl a huge third game to capture the lead with a +112 to sit out and bowl for the title. In second place we had a tie at +97 and they were Beth Borci and Michael Benavides. They would bowl a 9th and 10th frame roll-off to determine who would sit out. Michael threw 4 strikes and Beth could not match, so Michael would sit out the first round and Beth would enter the match play as our 3rd seed. It took a +43 for the men and women to make the top 16.

This week, our top seed in semi-finals had the honor of drawing the match game worth \$3,440 and Alvin would have Annaliza, his cousin, draw for him, she would draw a 279. After a review of all the scores bowled, we had no scores that matched. We will estimate the pot to be \$3,500 at Westminster, with a back up pot being started as the Match Game maxes out at \$3,500. This week we had four new bowlers join us and four members return who have not bowled in over a year. Let us welcome these new bowlers to the club, Arnetta Dunning, Gregory Kelly, Manuel Sequerra, Steven Lee. The returning members were Devis Compton, Manuel Soto, Kenny Saxton, and Ray "Mr Z" Zubiata.

This would bring us to our Match Play finals now. In the first round the seven losers were Carlos Castillo, Mary Huynh, Kelly Bendt, Charles Ha, Tao Yang, Chris Kelly and Patricia Lin, they would receive checks of \$100 each. In the second round, the losers were William Garrett, Lordan Ferguson, Greg Kokanour, and Michael Benavides and each would get checks of \$105. This would get us down to the final four bowlers. At this point, our horses would be paying anywhere from a low of \$45 (Marcus Battiest) to a high of \$117 (Derico Atkins) depending on who would win. In this round we saw Beth Borci (3rd seed) bowling Minh Dang (11th seed). In this match, Beth would get the better of Minh with a 223 to 214 finish. In the other match we saw Derico Atkins (14th seed) bowling Marcus Battiest (7th seed). In this match, Marcus would get the better of Derico. Derico and Minh finished in 4th and 5th getting checks for \$110 each. Our semi-final match was set to be bowled on 7 and 8; we had our 7th and 3rd seeds into the top 16 bowling each other. In our horses this week we would see Marcus paying \$45 and Beth paying \$54 if they win their match. In this match, Both Beth and Marcus would struggle to begin the match. After the third frame both would have only 1 mark, but Beth would maintain a 12 pin lead. That would change quickly as Marcus was the first to find the shot and boy he did, as he would string 7 in a row to finish out with a 236/255 and that would be enough as Beth would finish with a 156/187. That would give Marcus the victory and for those lucky "investors" that had Marcus as a horse, he paid \$45. Beth finished 3rd and received \$200.

The title game is set and bowled on lanes 9 and 10 this week. This was Alvin's third top seed in semi-finals over the past 5 tournaments, he's on a roll. Alvin being the top seed elected to have Marcus begin the match first. Marcus would continue his hot bowling as he would start out with the front seven strikes. But Alvin was not about to let that

bother him, as he would have 4 out of seven strikes in the first seven frames. It was close as Marcus only had a 28 pin lead after the 7th frame. Marcus would leave a 10 pin in the 8th frame and give Alvin a small opening. As Alvin would have strikes in the 8th and 9th frame. But Alvin would leave the 3-6 in the 10th frame and chop the spare. That was all Marcus needed as he would finish with a 257/276 to 224/246, giving him his 1st ABTA title. Marcus would take home \$500 for the win, he was bowling on a reduced entry, and an additional \$850 in Cash and Carry. Alvin would get \$500 for 2nd place.

Champion Marcus Battiest is from Fullerton and used a Brunswick Punisher drilled by Scott Kraye at La Habra Bowl. He is engaged to Jenny Blake and would like to say thank you to Jenny, Joe, Kelley, his mom Starla, and a special thank you to Scott.

Alvin Francisco (2nd Place) is from Long Beach and used a Raw Profit (which he got at our January tournament) drilled at South Point Pro Shop. He is single and would like to say thank you to all his cousins, friends, and ABTA Staff.

Beth Borci (3rd Place) is from Anaheim and used a Raw Profit (she also got the ball at our January tournament) drilled at South Point Pro Shop. She is Married to Anthony and they have a son Mark and daughter Maui. With 1 grandson Garrett. She would like to say thank you to her husband and Minh Dang which gave her a chance to advance.

This week the weekly ball sponsor winner of a 900 Global Ball was Leo Silva, he received the Profit bowling ball.. Each time you bowl, you get a free ticket for this prize given away by our Sponsor, 900 Global. This week the raffle winners of ABTA shirts were Roland Sanchez and Andy Yu, regular ABTA Entry was Manuel Soto, a 900 Global 3 ball tote was Carlos Umana and a 900 Global ball/Profit was Miriam Galluzzo. The rest of the results are in the payoff sheet in this paper.

This week we will be at Westminster, squads at 12 pm, 1 pm, 2:30 pm, 4 pm and final squad at 6 pm. Remember to be early to avoid the long lines that happen at Westminster. See our ad for address and directions, or check our website (www.abta1.com) to link to address for directions.

Its history folks as Marcus Battiest enter the archives as our latest champion. Hope to see you at Westminster! If you have any comments or suggestions, use the contact page on our Website to send comments to us. Thank you for being an ABTA member until then!