February 2017 Sportsmans Bowl Tournament Wrap-up

Andrew Hall of Westborough, MA defeated Andrew Kopec of Auburn 268 – 212 to win the Capital District Youth Scholarship Tour tournament held at Sportsmans Bowl on Saturday, February 11th.

The stepladder finals began with third-seeded Tom Hankey of Great Barrington, MA defeating fourth-seeded Kenny Livengood of Ravena 202 – 169. Livengood earned a $75 scholarship for finishing fourth. The second-seeded Hall then defeated Hankey 212 - 180 to set up the title match. Hankey earned a $100 scholarship for finishing third.

In the title match, Hall began with four consecutive strikes to take a 28-pin lead. Kopec responded with strikes in the fifth through seventh frames to close to within 8 pins. Following two spares, Hall closed with six consecutive strikes to pull away and complete the highest game of the day. The victory earned him his third career title and a $275 scholarship. In his CDYST debut, Kopec won a $175 scholarship for his runner-up finish.

Competing in a six-game qualifying round on the USBC sport-compliant, College Bowling Long #3 pattern; Rebecca LaBelle of Pattersonville was the leader after Game 1. Kopec vaulted ahead after rolling a 267 in Game 2; and Livengood held the top spot after Game 3. Kopec returned to the lead after Game 4 and would retain it heading into the semifinals. Kopec continued his surge by winning his first two semifinal matches in route to earning the top seed for the finals. Hall won two matches and tied another to become the second seed; and Hankey won two of his three matches to earn the third seed. After Livengood tied his first match and won his second, he was tied for fourth heading into his final match. He rolled five consecutive strikes in the fifth through ninth frames to win the match and earn the fourth seed into the finals.

A total of 48 bowlers (30 boys and 18 girls) competed in the tenth tournament of the season. Billy McGaffin of Amsterdam ($50) in fifth place and Jeh’ron Cherry of Albany ($40) in sixth are the remaining scholarship winners in the Boys Division. LaBelle was the top finisher in the Girls Division (seventh overall) and won a $175 scholarship. Lauren Piotrowski of Schenectady ($125) finished second (eighth overall); Natalya Porcello of Albany ($75) finished third (eleventh overall); and Melanie Lemke of Delmar ($50) was fourth (14th overall). Our talented youth bowlers earned $1,265 in scholarships; bringing the season total to $13,870.

Porcello, Amanda Chrzanowski of Schenectady, Robert Mengel of Albany, and Andrew Marotta of Ballston Spa earned entries into the 2017 USBC Junior Gold Championships to be held in Cleveland.

Our next tournament will begin at 1:00 pm on Saturday February 11th at Kingpin’s Alley in South Glens Falls. It is open to all bowlers and will offer optional Junior Gold qualifying for any 2016 – 2017 CDYST members who have competed in at least three prior tournaments this season.

For more information about the CDYST, please visit their website at [www.cdystbowling.com](http://www.cdystbowling.com), e-mail tournament directors Mark Taylor and Steve Fawcett at CDYSTinfo@aol.com, or call 518-765-0267. The CDYST can also be found on Facebook.

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