

## Layman Takes First Win and Points Lead at Forest City!

Rob Layman, from Hickory N.C put forth a strong effort in making a run at the points championship by winning the Lanesharks Bowlers Tour stop in Forest City, N.C. We used a super modified version of the 2007-08 Shark pattern used by the PBA. This pattern was 44 ft. and was applied to a wood surface that had been recently screened and re-coated. Layman led qualifying by posting a 1305 for 5 and the cut to make the top 7 was 1134 for 5 games. Thomas Wall who is the current points leader on the PBA South Region also put up an impressive number by shooting 1279 total with a couple of 300s during his qualifying effort. Layman received a bye for round 1 by virtue of being the leader. The #2 seed Wall locked it up against the #7 seed Chris McSwain From Kings Mtn., N.C. This match featured two of the best players on the tour as they both are currently in the top 10 in the points battle. Wall finished the match first and forced McSwain to strike out to take the match into a sudden death 9th -10th frame roll-off. McSwain showed alot of nerve by drilling the first 2 shots. Only needing one more strike to force a roll-off. Mcswain made another great deliver but the pin gods were not on his side as he left a solid 10 pin, which sent Wall to the semis. Wall won the match 213-212. In other first round matches, Lee Vanderhoeff from Greenville, S.C. took on John Causby from Forest City N.C.

Even though John had the home field advantage he was not able to overcome Vanderhoeff. Vandy won the match easily 269-199. Vandy has been one of the hottest bowlers over the last several months. If you have to lock horns with him you better bring your best game or just leave that ball in your bag! In the other match, Will Geter from Huntersville N.C. took on Brad Ceraolo from Mooresville, N.C. Geter was able to wrestle the win away from Ceraolo in a closely fought match 231-224. During the semis the matches were just as exciting, Layman took on Geter and need to double in the 10th frame to secure the win. Layman was able to make the shots needed to get the win and defeated Geter 216-205. Wall wasn't able to cool off the hot sphere of Vandy and lost the match 269-221. This was sure to set up a great championship match. Both players had a hot hand and this seemed as this could be one of the best finals of the year.

These guys wouldn't disappoint us. This was an exciting match going down to the last frame. Vandy left a solid 10 late in the match giving Layman a chance to seal the deal in the 10th. Layman needed a double to get the win and calmly put 10 in the pit twice to take home the win.

This stop has gotten things close for the points battle with only 175 separating Layman and Kyle Troup. With next month's event being double points who knows what could happen? So come on out and bowl with the sharks! I would like to thank Bob Anderson and his staff at Autumn Lanes for being such a great host and thanks to Bob for working with us on the lane condition. We hope to come back to see you guys next season.

32 entries/ 30 paid entries

Prize Fund - \$2040-

\$90 Added to prize fund by Lanesharks Bowlers Tour

1- Rob Layman	\$800
2- Lee Vanderhoeff	\$400
3- Thomas Wall	\$240
4- Will Geter	\$240
5- Brad Ceraolo	\$120
6- Chris McSwain	\$120
7- John Causby	\$120