

## **VANDERHOEF COOLS THE COMPETITION IN THE K.R. STRIKEFORCE WINTER CHALLENGE!**

On a cold Sunday in late February, some of the best bowling talent both amateur and regional pro came out to compete for the K. R. Strikeforce Winter Challenge title at Pla-Mor Lanes in Statesville, NC. We used the 2010 USBC Open Championship pattern that is being used in Reno this year for the nationals. This 40 foot pattern tested not only the bowlers' skill, but also their metal toughness. This pattern was the lowest scoring of the season and put a demand on shot making and making spares.

Lee Vanderhoef from Greenville, SC was able to master the pattern and the competition by claiming his second LBT title this season. Chris Collins from Savannah, GA led all bowlers in qualifying posting a score of 1127 for 5 games. We cut to the top 13 bowlers and the cut was 982 for 5 games.

Many of the first round matches featured contenders for the B.O.Y. point's race. #4 Dennis Killough from Indian Trails, NC defeated #13 Joey Clinton for Gastonia, NC 190-156. This was Joey's 1<sup>st</sup> match play appearance of the season after a lackluster season; Joey recently received a few tips from Ron Clifton that helped him improve his game. Keep up the hard work Joey!

#5 Will Geter from Huntersville, NC faced off against #12 Randy Weiss from Columbia, SC. These two bowlers are in a tough fight for both the B.O.Y. and R.O.Y. award this season. Geter defeated Weiss 215-164. #6 Jeff Beasley from Raleigh, NC took on former tour veteran #11 Tom Baker from King, NC. This turned out to be the best match of round 1. Baker was able to beat Beasley 254-237. #7 Wes Godwin from Matthews, NC locked horns with the #10 Jeff Himes from Kannapolis, NC. Godwin won the match easily 222-171. #8 Chip Collins from Fayetteville, NC took on the #9 Shawn McKee from Mooresville, NC. McKee defeated Collins 183-150.

Things began to heat up in the round of 8. #1 Chris Collins and Shawn McKee fought to a 186-186 tie. Collins finished the match first. McKee needed to double or spare/strike to win. McKee went 8 spare, then needed a strike to close out Collins' day. McKee missed the headpin right, but got a great break as the pins crumbled from the back leaving only the headpin extending his day. Collins and McKee both opened the first frame of the 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> frame roll-off. Collins was able to double the tenth forcing McKee to also double. McKee left a ten pin and Collins advanced to the round of 4. #2 Vanderhoef defeated #7 Godwin in a close match that went down to the 10<sup>th</sup> frame. Godwin needing a double left the 2-10 split on his second shot. Vanderhoef advanced with a 195-192 win. #3 Brian Dennis from Durham, NC took on Tom Baker, but posed no problem for Baker. Baker won easily 239-171. Will Geter defeated Joey Clinton 212-167.

Round of 4 featured two closely fought matches. Chris Collins faced off against Will Geter. Geter needing a mark in the tenth frame, struck to close out Collins' day 192-182. Vanderhoef was able to hold off Tom Baker 233-222 to advance to the championship match.

The title match was very close as these two proven bowlers duked it out for the title. Vanderhoef was able to beat Will Geter 224-214 to secure his second title of the season.

Laneshark Bowlers Tour would like to thank Chad Estes and the staff of Pla-Mor Lanes for being such a fine host. Thanks again for working us in for this tournament.

Don't forget bowlers next tourney is a Bo's Family Entertainment in Lenior, NC on March 21<sup>st</sup>. This is also the location of the Sharkbowl on May 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. We will be doing a special promotion for our next event. Two lucky bowlers will win entries into the Sharkbowl Sweeper and the main event. We will draw for a free entry for the sweeper and one bowler will have the opportunity of receiveing 1free entry into the Sharkbowl main event by throwing 3 in a row during practice at the Turbo Driven to Bowl March Madness Open. We will give three bowlers a chance to throw 3 strikes, if no one throws 3 strikes, then whomever throws the most will win. Last time this prize was won with one strike. So come out and bowl with the Lanesharks. You can not beat the payout or the experience in any bowling tournament in the Southeast.

TOTAL PRIZE FUND \$3,790

\$3,519 prize fund/\$200 added by KR Strikeforce/\$71 added by LBT

- 1 - \$1,000 Lee Vanderhoef (free entry next tourney)
- 2 - \$500 Will Geter
- 3 - \$320 Chris Collins
- 4 - \$320 Tom Baker
- 5 - \$250 Brian Dennis
- 6 - \$250 Wes Godwin
- 7 - \$250 Shawn McKee
- 8 - \$250 Joey Clinton
- 9 - \$130 Dennis Killough
- 10 - \$130 Jeff Beasley
- 11 - \$130 Chip Collins
- 12 - \$130 Jeff Himes
- 13 - \$130 Randy Weiss

highest senior or lady out of cut – free entry - Tim Cummings

54 total entries/51 paid entries