

Michiana Bowlers Association Newsletter

December 26, 2025

Dear Members:

Our final regular tournament of 2025 was at Olympia - MC for the Olympia MC Open. We would like to thank Ed Bildhauser and his staff for their great hospitality as always and the new owners of the center for continuing to allow us to have our event!! We had another large turnout for this tournament with 80 bowlers. The tournament was contested on the 2024 PBA Webb pattern which is a 37-foot pattern with an oil ratio of 4:58:1.

Jordan Johnston added another MBA title to his collection defeating William Holmes in the title match 254 - 165. This pattern did yield some high scores for a few but did prove fairly challenging as it took +60 to cash and +109 to make match play. The tournament high game was 277 which was bowled by new MBA member Kevin Kullman.

Qualifying Results:

Place	Name	Hometown	Class	+/-	Cash
1	William Holmes	Elkhart, IN	E	327	
2	Nathaniel Crosbie	Osceola, IN	E	224	
3	Ryan Mauro	Michigan City, IN	H	202	
4	Jordan Johnston	Chesterton, IN	A	191	
5	Damian Banghart	Warsaw, IN	C	165	
6	Tristan Worthington (y)	LaPorte, IN	D	158	
7	AJ Roche	South Bend, IN	A	149	
8	Austin Pavay	Warsaw, IN	E	128	
9	Kai Nitzschke	Northbrook, IL	C	122	
10	Bryson Randol	Howe, IN	E	118	
11	Phil Butzky	LaPorte, IN	D	118	
12	Tedd Dickson	Garrett, IN	D	109	
13	Kevin Kullman	Lockport, IL	A	103	\$155.00
14	Bob Kammer Jr	Crown Point, IN	B	100	147.50
14	Kody Horan	Valparaiso, IN	C	100	147.50
16	Micah Carter	Mishawaka, IN	G	96	140.00
17	Joe Hutchings	Marshall, MI	B	88	135.00
18	Antonio Wilson	South Bend, IN	F	86	130.00
19	Bobby Julian	Osceola, IN	F	78	125.00
20	Chelsea Farrell	Elkhart, IN	B	74	120.00
21	Collin Fisher	LaPorte, IN	D	71	115.00
22	Markis Smiley	South Bend, IN	D	69	107.50
22	Joey Martin	Bremen, IN	A	69	107.50
24	Richie Benninghoff	South Bend, IN	A	68	100.00
25	Colin McDowell	Marshall, MI	F	67	95.00
26	Joey Judyay	Elkhart, IN	B	60	87.50
26	Aaron Phillips	Grand Haven, MI	A	60	87.50
28	William Ewing	South Bend, IN	D	59	
29	Eddie Sheler	South Bend, IN	F	49	
30	Tyler Asbury	Michigan City, IN	H	43	
31	Mike Hartman	South Bend, IN	E	41	
32	Brandon Baker	Osceola, IN	A	39	
33	Jerrod Kauffman	Elkhart, IN	B	33	
34	Jeffrey Wroblewski	Osceola, IN	E	32	
35	Matt Roberts	Mishawaka, IN	F	31	
36	Neill Vitale	Benton Harbor, MI	F	29	
37	Larry Brown	LaPorte, IN	F	24	
38	Zachary Cox	South Bend, IN	E	18	
39	Pete Semf	Ft Wayne, IN	C	13	
40	Jammie Bongiovanni	Mishawaka, IN	G	12	
41	Lucas Claxton (y)	Elkhart, IN	D	11	
42	Alex Weaver	Elkhart, IN	C	5	
43	Matt Thrun	Marshall, MI	G	2	
43	Andrew Gaul	Michigan City, IN	G	2	
45	Steve Tobolt	LaPorte, IN	E	(1)	
46	Scott Gilmore	W Lafayette, IN	B	(4)	
46	Jay Johnston	Chesterton, IN	C	(4)	
48	Jim Artley	Elkhart, IN	E	(5)	
49	Kenneth Smith	Lakeville, IN	H	(6)	

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50	Chris Hartung	Elkhart, IN	A	(9)	
51	David Hochstedler	Granger, IN	D	(10)	
52	Dale McClosky	Elkhart, IN	F	(10)	
53	Jasmine Collins	Michigan City, IN	F	(12)	
54	Billy Hendrixson	Stevensville, MI	C	(14)	
55	Glen Hershberger	Elkhart, IN	G	(20)	
56	Dan Symonds	Berrien Springs, MI	F	(23)	
57	John Riffle	Portage, IN	A	(24)	
58	Tyler Johnston	Union Mills, IN	E	(32)	
59	Corey Fister	St Joseph, MI	E	(35)	
60	Walter Griffin III	Elkhart, IN	D	(36)	
61	Erik Gakle	Walkerton, IN	B	(38)	
62	Nate Fisher	LaPorte, IN	A	(40)	
62	Jalen Taylor	Grand Rapids, MI	D	(40)	
64	Jimmy Hampton	Portage, IN	D	(41)	
65	Shannon Packingham	Valparaiso, IN	H	(45)	
65	Dennis Weatherman	Stevensville, MI	D	(45)	
65	Robert Corvin	Bristol, IN	H	(45)	
68	Paul Bender	Watervliet, MI	B	(46)	
69	Matt Hendrixson	Stevensville, MI	E	(47)	
70	Matthew McQueen	Mishawaka, IN	C	(64)	
71	Taylor Sienicki	Mishawaka, IN	G	(68)	
71	Jake Tucker	Elkhart, IN	B	(68)	
73	Jerry Knowles	Stevensville, MI	D	(93)	
74	Dustin Hochstedler	Granger, IN	F	(100)	
75	Jim Nadolny	Mishawaka, IN	D	(109)	
76	Adam Armstrong	Michigan City, IN	B	(124)	
77	Chad Hannah	Elkhart, IN	D	(140)	
78	Ben Hill	Marshall, MI	B	(143)	
79	Sam Ferrah	Elkhart, IN	D	(150)	
80	Russell Huneryager	Porter, IN	E	(170)	

(y) - Youth

Items of Note:

Kevin Kullman – 279
 Chelsea Farrell – 275
 Aaron Phillips – 268
 Jordan Johnston – 258, 254
 Bryson Randol – 258
 AJ Roche – 257

Tedd Dickson – 277
 Joe Hutchings – 270
 William Holmes – 258, 256
 Austin Pavy – 258
 Tristan Worthington – 258

Re-Rates
 Nathaniel Crosbie – E to D Class; 196 Average
 Collin Fisher – D to C Class; 203 Average
 Walter Griffin III – D to C Class; 202 Average
 Chris Hartung – A to B Class; 188 Average
 Matt Hendrixson – E to F Class; 170 Average
 William Holmes – E to D Class; 202 Average
 Ryan Mauro – H to G Class; 176 Average
 Jacob Tucker – B to C Class; 190 Average
 Neil Vitale – F to G Class; 164 Average
 Dennis Weatherman – D to E Class; 179 Average

Here are the rules regarding re-classification as taken directly from the by-laws. You can review the entire set of MBA By-Laws at www.mba300.com.

New members will be subject to upwards reclassification after their first tournament. Existing members will be subject to upwards reclassification after their first two tournaments. **After meeting the preceding requirement, any member whose season adjusted average (true bowling average plus 1 pin for each \$300 won (money pins)) exceeds the bottom of the next higher class plus three pins will be rerated to that higher class. If their season adjusted average exceeds the bottom plus 3 of the next two (2) higher classes, they may be re-rated 2 classes, subject to a meeting by the board of directors.**

- a. The above ruling on re-rating does not apply if you have not **cashed** any tournament, **since your last re-rate** during the current season.

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- b. If you have bowled three (3) tournaments, **since your last re-rate during the current season**, have not cashed, and your **season adjusted average is below the bottom of the next lower class**, you **will be re-rated down one class**
- c. If you have bowled minimum of three (3) tournaments, **since your last re-rate during the current season**, have not cashed, you can request consideration for a re-rate down one class. This would need to be approved by the board. If granted, the bowler would be eligible for re-rate back up after one (1) event if their average warrants. This will be allowed once per season. The intent of this rule is to give a bowler some relief if they have not come close to cashing and aren't close to earning the automatic re-rate down.

Round 1

Austin Pavy def. Kai Nitzschke (176 + 3) 179 – 175 Phil Butzky def. Tristan Worthington (200 + 6) 206 – 168
Tedd Dickson def. Damian Banghart (195 + 8) 203 – 191 Bryson Randol def. AJ Roche (247 + 11) 258 – 205
Kai, Damian, & AJ each received \$175; Tristan received \$175 SMART

Round 2

Ryan Mauro def. Austin Pavy (193 + 7) 200 – 137 Tedd Dickson def. Phil Butzky 184 – 144
Jordan Johnston def. Bryson Randol 222 – (149 + 11) 160
Austin, Phil & Bryson each received \$200

Quarterfinals

Jordan Johnston def. Ryan Mauro 212 – (133 + 12) 145 Tedd Dickson def. Nathaniel Crosbie (204 + 8) 212 – 170
Ryan and Nathaniel each received \$275

Semifinals

Jordan Johnston def. Tedd Dickson 205 – (177 + 8) 185
Jeremy received \$350

Finals

Jordan Johnston def. William Holmes 254 – 165
Jordan wins his 10th MBA Title, received the championship plaque, and \$850
William qualified for the masters and received \$425

Upcoming Tournaments:

January 11, 2026 – Masters Invitational; Chippewa Bowl, South Bend, IN 9:00 (Open to past champions and runners-up)

January 25, 2026 – Parkway Lanes, Mishawaka, IN; 9:00

February 15, 2026 – Continental Lanes, Kalamazoo, MI 9:00 Eastern

Thank you all,
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