

JUSTIN KNOWLES WINS \$2,200 FIRST PRIZE IN MDUSBC MASTERS AT THUNDERBOWL LANES

Justin Knowles of Okemos won the Metro Detroit USBC Masters Tournament at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park Sunday when he defeated Larry Walker of Garden City 49-28 in overtime to win the \$2,200 first prize and the title. Walker settled for the second place check of \$1,100.

Walker entered the finals undefeated and lost the first match to Knowles 505-476 in the two-game match to force a second match. In the second match Walker had a 56 pin lead after one game, but Knowles started striking in the second game before leaving a split in the eighth frame. That opened the door for Walker to seize the match. On Walker's fill ball in the 10th frame he got six pins leaving the bucket, which allowed Knowles to strike out to tie the match, which he did. In the two-frame roll off Walker started with a strike, and then Knowles threw two strikes, nine pins and a spare for 49. The left-handed Walker then left a seven pin giving the match and title to Knowles.

Knowles qualified 14th with a six-game total of 1,337. In match play he remained in the winner's bracket by beating Justin Jeffery of Lincoln Park 477-344, John Tovar of Waterford 514-479, and Kenneth Wyatt of Sterling Heights 527-457 before falling to Walker the first time 469-413 to fall into the loser's bracket. Once in the loser's bracket he beat Michael Lucente of Warren 433-411, Wyatt the second time 474-442 and Andrew Anderson of Holly 516-513 to advance to the final match. Knowles averaged 236.2 for 22 games of competition.

"Winning this is unbelievable with all of the great bowlers in Detroit.", said Knowles who started bowling in Detroit this season. This was his first appearance in the MDUSBC Masters.

Walker, who was also runner-up in 1989 and won the MDUSBC Senior Masters in 2009, qualified second with 1,455. He remained in the winner's bracket with victories over Jerome Penxa of Shelby Township 517-440, Verlin Terry of Clinton Township 459-401, Knowles 469-413 and Anderson 412-406. He then had to wait for a challenger and along came Knowles. Walker averaged 241.1 for 14 games of competition.

Andrew Anderson was seeded ninth as defending champion with 1,311. He stayed in the winner's bracket with triumphs over Troy Stus of South Lyon 418-379, Daniel Pollak of Clinton Township 456-380, Lucente 510-469, John Kelley of Clinton Township 527-493 before falling to Walker 412-406. In the loser's bracket he narrowly lost to Knowles 516-513 to finish third for \$800.

Kenneth Wyatt qualified 11th with 1,350 and averaged 223.5 for 20 games. He beat John Robertson of Waterford 440-399 and Carleton Chambers of Detroit 403-395 before falling to Knowles 527-457. In the loser's bracket he defeated Justin Jeffery 462-432, Verlin Terry 502-409 and John Kelley 505-452 before falling to Knowles the second time 474-442 to get knocked out of the competition. Wyatt cashed for \$700.

John Kelley qualified 13th with 1,337 and took home \$600 for this fifth place finish. Michael Lucente finished sixth for \$600, Ronnie Sparks Jr. seventh for \$500 and Verlin Terry eighth for \$500.

Top qualifier Drew Klingler of Centerline led the field of 95 bowlers with 1,465 with a high game of 278. In match play he lost his first two matches and took home \$350 for his 17th place finish.

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| <u>PL</u> | <u>NAME</u> | <u>CITY</u> | <u>AVERAGE</u> | <u>WINNINGS</u> |
|-----------|---------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Justin Knowles | Okemos | 235.13 | \$2,200 |
| 2 | Larry Walker | Garden City | 238.94 | \$1,100 |
| 3 | Andrew Anderson | Holly | 233.44 | \$800 |
| 4 | Kenneth Wyatt | Sterling Heights | 228.05 | \$700 |
| 5 | John Kelley | Clinton Twp | 223.50 | \$600 |
| 6 | Michael Lucente | Warren | 215.22 | \$600 |
| 7 | Ronnie Sparks Jr | Redford | 217.06 | \$500 |
| 8 | Verlin Terry | Clinton Twp | 215.63 | \$500 |
| 9 | David Rokicki | Warren | 225.43 | \$450 |
| 10 | Aaron Lorincz | Centerline | 224.71 | \$450 |
| 11 | Justin Jeffery | Lincoln Park | 212.07 | \$450 |
| 12 | Jerome Penxa | Shelby Twp | 211.00 | \$450 |
| 13 | Daniel Pollak | Clinton Twp | 219.08 | \$400 |
| 14 | Mason Brantley | Harper Woods | 215.08 | \$400 |
| 15 | Michael Calvin | Warren | 212.58 | \$400 |
| 16 | John Robertson | Waterford | 211.25 | \$400 |
| 17 | Drew Klingler | Centerline | 230.00 | \$350 |
| 18 | John Tovar | Waterford | 228.70 | \$350 |
| 19 | Christopher Nielson | Livonia | 221.60 | \$350 |
| 20 | Frank Snodgrass | Centerline | 217.30 | \$350 |
| 21 | Justin Neiman | Macomb | 213.60 | \$350 |
| 22 | Carleton Chambers | Detroit | 212.90 | \$350 |
| 23 | Raymond Shepherd | Clinton Twp | 208.20 | \$350 |
| 24 | Troy Stus | South Lyon | 202.00 | \$350 |
| 25 | Terence Haines III | Hell | 216.3 | \$200 |
| 26 | David Schumacher | Bloomfield Hills | 216.3 | \$200 |

NON-CASHING SENIORS (50- AND OVER)

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|-----|--------------------|-------------|------|-------|
| 33. | Paul Stokes | Washington | 1279 | \$150 |
| 36. | Jeffery Suma Sr | Clarkson | 1269 | \$150 |
| 42. | Joseph Krajenke | Clinton Twp | 1249 | \$150 |
| 51. | Nazree Browning Jr | Allen Park | 1239 | \$150 |