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Mykaela Mitchell (l) is congratulated by MDUSBC President George Bresinski (c) and runner-up Julie Oczepek

MYKAELA MITCHELL WINS WOMEN'S SERIES EVENT AT THUNDERBOWL LANES

Mykaela Mitchell of London, Ontario won the Metro Detroit USBC (MDUSBC) Women's Series event Sunday with a 246-234 triumph over November winner Julie Oczepek of Vassar at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park. Mitchell took home the top prize of \$500, while Oczepek settled for \$250.

Mitchell qualified third in the field of 43, with a four-game total of 853. She started qualifying slowly with 185 before making a ball change, which resulted in 223 and 276 in the second and third games respectively. In match play she defeated Sarah Dorow of Midland 198-161 and last month's winner Valerie Bercier of Spring Lake 246-236 to advance to the finals.

Oczepek was the top qualifier with 888, on games of 201, 213, 197 and 277. She earned a bye in the first round, but once match play started she beat Sekeithia Walters-Wright of Eastpointe 183-151 and Kimberly Williams of Detroit 203-186 on her way to the finals.

Bercier maintained her lead in the season long Cup race by the narrowest of margins with 311 points. Oczepek moved into second place with 310, followed by Sandra Schultz of Macomb with 290.

Complete results are available at www.mdusbc.com under "Tournaments" and Women's Series page.

The Metro Detroit USBC serves nearly 40,000 adult and youth bowlers in the Metropolitan Detroit market and is the largest local association of the United States Bowling Congress.