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Women's Professional Bowlers Tour Crowns New Champion

Virginia bowler earns her first victory star

Dundalk, Maryland – Chris Primozic of Woodbridge, Virginia, emerged as the champion of the WNDA Pro Tour Pinland Bowl tournament held on Labor Day weekend. Primozic has been a member of the Women's National Duckpin Association for several years and put on a spectacular performance over the two days of competition.

Despite Hurricane Earl, the tournament attracted dozens of the best women duckpin bowlers from across the USA and Canada to the 18-lane center in Dundalk, Maryland. Pinland Bowl has hosted the WNDA on Labor Day for the last several years and has supported the duckpin professional tours for nearly 20 years. Karen Brison manages the neighborhood bowling center and says "We are just delighted that the pro tour comes to our center. Our regular bowlers appreciate it too as it helps to show that we are a great place to bowl."

The qualifying rounds took place on Saturday and the bowlers posted some truly great scores; Patty Palmer, of Finksburg, MD, was the high qualifier with a score of 1232 for the 8-game round. Three other bowlers also reached the 1200+ milestone. The score needed to qualify and advance to the semi-finals was 1086. A total of 24 entrants and an alternate received the good news that they were to report back to center on Sunday morning.

The bowlers didn't disappoint on Sunday as there were a number of close matches and high scores. The high game of the tournament was a 199 game posted by Stacey Gaegler of Finksburg, Maryland. At the conclusion of the semi-finals, the winner of each division was placed on a ladder according to their record, and a wild-card was chosen from the best of those who were in the second position in each division.

Primozic, who had a 3-2 record and a pinfall of 744 in the semi-finals, earned the top spot in her division by just 4 pins over Susan Phillips of Preston, Maryland, who was 3-2 with a score of 740. This earned Primozic the 4th position on the ladder, which meant she would bowl in the first match of the up-the-ladder finals against the wild card, Denise Brooks from Brooklyn, Maryland. The game came down to the last two frames and Primozic won, 125 to 117. She then advanced to face Kristin Bull, a rookie from Baltimore, Maryland. This was Bull's second consecutive ladder appearance on the tour, having finished 5th at the previous tournament in Johnston, Rhode Island.

The game was close. Bull finished with two strikes in the last frame, but Primozic answered with a spare and took the game 157 to 143. She moved up the ladder to meet local phenom Kristy Penny. In yet another game that teetered between the two pro bowlers, Primozic again outscored her opponent 156 to 145. The final game was now set and top-seeded Kristen Robustelli of Newington, Connecticut, was more than ready for her game against Primozic. The large crowd of spectators, some from as far away as Canada and Rhode Island, gathered behind the lanes. Each person jockeyed for a place where they could see all the action of the final match.

Robustelli had handily won her division with a 5-0 record and a score of 709. At the start of the game, both bowlers had it rough with several splits appearing to challenge them. But, by the midpoint of the game, Primozic had pulled ahead and held on to her lead for the win, the tournament championship, and the \$1,000 first prize. Primozic immediately added, "I can't believe it! I finally did it and I am so happy my close friends were here to see me do it too!" The WNDA added a new name to its list of tournament winners and Primozic earned the coveted right to wear a star on her uniform.

The next and final event of the WNDA season is the Grand Prix Invitational on October 16-17, 2010 at AMF Towson in Towson, Maryland. For complete results and statistics, visit the WNDA website at www.wndatour.com.

About the WNDA

Founded in 1982, the Women's National Duckpin Association (WNDA) has been promoting the thrill and challenge of duckpin bowling competition for women. To date, we have held more than 150 events with over \$1 Million in prizes and awards.