

INDIANAPOLIS' NIK BOWMAN WINS HARSCO OPEN IN ELECTRIFYING FASHION TOSSES FINAL FOUR TO EDGE HAMMOND'S TOMMY RODRIGUEZ 453-450 FOR FIRST TITLE

In one of the tour's most epic championship matches through its first 7 years, Indianapolis' Nik Bowman, fresh off a Indiana High School team state championship, defeated Hammond's Tommy Rodriguez 453-450 in the two game championship match that was dead even heading into game 2's ninth frame. Bowman struck in ninth to tie the match, yielding the lanes to Rodriguez who without hesitation stepped up and punched up strikes in the the ninth, tenth, and eleventh frames before leaving a washout on his final attempt setting the stage for one of the state's top seniors. Bowman, needing a double 7 to win, tossed three perfect 1-3 pocket bombs resulting in two strikes and a wobbly 10 pin, and a 3 pin victory in front of a large jubilant crowd of fellow players and parents. This was Bowman's first NWIJTPA title.

Bowman collected \$550 for the win while Rodriguez was awarded \$375. The two finalists were not assured of spots in the title tilt until the last game was concluded as they were pushed to the limits by third place finishers Ameer Lawrence (Maywood, IL) and Andrew Bowman (Griffith), both falling 21 pins shy of the final qualifying spot.

Other scholarship winners included Connell Kelleher (Chicago, IL), Connor Pula (Evergreen Park, IL), Tyler Balandes (Oak Lawn, IL), Tyler Cook (Hammond, IN), Daniel Brown (Crown Point, IN), Mishawaka IN's Kyle Johnston, and Ian Ridgway (Naperville, IL). Cook defeated Alex Acosta (Illinois High School State runnerup) in a 9th-10th frame roll off for the final match play spot.

Johnston was awarded the lone junior gold spot for the boys by leading the 6 game qualifying block with a 1,200. The boys field averaged 172.8 while an averaged of 192 was required to make the top 12 and advance the the 4-game match play round.

The pattern was a modified Kegel Red Square 40 foot pattern with a 1:1 ratio.



**NIK BOWMAN (center) with Sponsors
Art and Camilla Olvera**

RODRIGUEZ DOWNS DELROSE TO EARN FIRST INDIVIDUAL TITLE

2018 MARYVILLE UNIVERSITY RECRUITS / ROOMMATES DON'T DISAPPOINT LARGE CROWD



MACAILIN RODRIGUEZ (center) with Sponsors

Not to be outperformed by the boys championship match, Maryville University recruits and future roommates Macailin Rodriguez (Kentwood, MI) and Bailey Delrose (Lockport, IL) kept the attention of the enthusiastic spectators. Delrose, the Illinois High Schools State singles third place finisher, was poised to take a double digit lead into game 2 but a rare miscue in the tenth left Rodriguez with a 1-pin advantage (212-211) through the midway point. Rodriguez then raced out with a double - 9 spare - double to build a lead that Delrose was unable to overcome allowing the Michigan High School State Singles Runnerup to capture her second NWIJTPA career title and the \$500 first place scholarship award. Delrose collected \$300 for her runnerup finish.

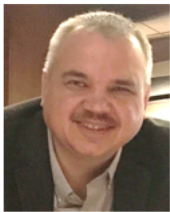
Rodriguez was literally a surprise finalist to many as she overcame a 90-pin deficit to move around the top seed after 9 games, O'fallon's Lauren Tomaszewski, during the final qualifying game. Other scholarship recipients for the girls included Michigan City's Megan Grams who overcame a 87 game 1 to finish 4th, Amelia Kiefer (Jasper, IN), St John's Marissa Metcalfe, Chesterton's Becky Lohse, Portage's Makayla Himden, reigning Indiana High School girls state singles champion Keagan Trexler (Cicero, IN), Dyer's Kaitlyn Yearsich, Chesterton's Heather Waters, and Indianapolis native Baylee Dill.

The girls field of 29 averaged 162 on the difficult sport pattern while an average of 178 was required to advance to match play. The lone junior gold recipient was Isabel Sitkowski (St. John), while the high qualifier award went to Delrose.

Total scholarships awarded - including year end awards - surpassed \$4900 which equated to a 162% prize fund to entry fee ratio. This was a tour record. And was only possible because of the generosity of our multiple event sponsors led by Art and Camilla Olvera, HARSCO Engineering and Industrial Research Group, Ebonite International and Apparel EFX. Special thanks to our host Plaza Lanes. Mari Albanese and her staff at Plaza set the standard for our tour with their outstanding service and facilities. And of course our great volunteers!!

The next event is April 7 (Saturday) at City Lanes in Michigan City.

Pictured below with Mr. Olvera are the tour's most recent collegiate signees, Baylee Dill (Marian Univ), Macailin Rodriguez (Maryville Univ) Ian Ridgway (Mount Mercy), Alex Acosta (St. Xavier), Bailey Delrose (Maryville Univ.), and Heather Waters (St. Francis - Brooklyn).



"It is my pleasure to welcome all of the participants of the NWJTPA to the Harsco Engineering 5th annual youth scholarship bowling tournament at Plaza Lanes. Bowling is a fantastic sport that helps build character and sportsmanship. This tournament provides a platform for bowlers to showcase their talents and be rewarded for their hours of hard work and dedication. I want to thank all of our supporters which include Harsco, Industrial Resource Group (IRG) and the great staff at plaza lanes for putting in the hard work and effort to make this tournament the best in its class. Good Bowling to All Our Participants"

Arthur Olvera – Director Engineering and Project Development at Harsco Metals & Minerals



HARSCO GLOBAL ENGINEERING OPEN

SCHOLARSHIP DISTRIBUTIONS (points)

BOYS - Plus (1) JG spots - **KYLE JOHNSTON**

1ST	110.0	NIK BOWMAN	High Qualifier (Boys)
2ND	75.0	TOMMY RODRIGUEZ	N/A
3RD	52.0	LAWRENCE, AMEER	
3RD	52.0	BOWMAN, ANDREW	
5TH	35.0	KELLEHER, CONNELL	
6TH	25.0	PULA, CONNOR	
7TH	20.0	CROWE, CAMERON	
8TH	20.0	BALANDES, TYLER	
9TH	20.0	COOK, TYLER	
10TH	15.0	BROWN, DANIEL	
11TH	15.0	JOHNSTON, KYLE	
12TH	15.0	RIDGWAY, IAN	
	454.0		

GIRLS - Plus (1) JG Spots - **ISABEL SITKOWSKI**

1ST	100.0	MACAILIN RODRIGUEZ	High Qualifier (Girls)
2ND	60.0	BAILEY DELROSE	BAILEY DELROSE
3RD	50.0	TOMASZEWSKI, LAUREN	HIGH U15 Qualifier
4TH	35.0	GRAMS, MEGAN	N/A
5TH	30.0	KIEFER, AMELIA	
6TH	20.0	METCALFE, MARISSA	
7TH	10.0	LOHSE, BECKY	
8TH	10.0	DILL, BAYLEE	
9TH	10.0	HIMDEN, MAKAYLA	
10TH	10.0	TREXLER, KEAGAN	
11TH	10.0	YEARSICH, KAITLYN	
12TH	10.0	WATERS, HEATHER	
	355.0		

AMOUNT TO TOUR CHAMPIONSHIPS AND YEAR END POINTS RACE

176.6

TOTAL DOLLARS TO SCHOLARSHIPS	\$	4,928.00
TOTAL TO CHAMPIONS AWARDS (BANNERS, TROPHIES, HQ)	\$	185.00
PERCENT STANDARD ENTRY FEE TO SCHOLARSHIP FUND		155.9%
PERCENT STANDARD ENTRY FEE TO SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS FUND		161.8%

