

# Exciting Finishes Highlight 2014 NWIJTPA Harsco Arc Technology Open

## Newham, Sisk Capture First Titles

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Champions of the record breaking 2014 Harsco Arc Technology Open hosted by Plaza Lanes in Highland IN were not decided until the final frames were completed. In dramatic fashion, both the boys and girls division races were decided in the final two frames of the marathon like 10-game format that attracted a record size field of 60 competitors.

On the girls side the Illinois High School Bowling's 3<sup>rd</sup> place State finisher Jordan Newham of Aurora IL, led the 6-game qualifying segment with a score of 1,221 which gave her a 76-pin advantage over the #2 qualifier and Indiana High School Bowling Girls Bowler of the Year, Jackie Rhoda. However, that 76 pin advantage quickly evaporated through games 7 and 8 and saw Rhoda eventually take a 34-pin advantage into game 10 following her 193 ninth game. Following a quick double by Newham the match tightened to less than 10 pins. After trading marks back and forth, Rhoda missed a 3-9 in the ninth opening the door for the Illinois sensation. Newham secured her first NWIJTPA title by converting a 10-pin in the 10<sup>th</sup>, to narrowly sneak past Rhoda 1,941 – 1,937.



*Jordan Newham*

The girls field of 28 competitors averaged 172.3 on the 33-ft WTBA Sydney pattern. Scholarships were awarded to the top 6 finishers. Newham collected \$225 while Rhoda deposited \$150 into her SMART account. Others earning scholarship prizes were Samantha Watson (Lake Central) \$100, Alecia Albanese (Griffith) \$75, Catie Bales (Highland) \$65, and Sarah Voiers (Chesterton) \$50. Voiers recorded the tournament's high game for girls with a 247.



*Jakob Sisk*

The finish on the gentleman's side was equally as dramatic. Top seed and Indiana High School Boys Player of the Year Dustin Zehner (South Bend, IN) entered games 7 – 10 with a 22-pin lead over Rossville, IN youngster Jakob Sisk. Zehner extended that lead to 44 pins when he outgunned Sisk 257-235 during game 7, which effectively eliminated the remainder of the boys qualifiers from title contention. Sisk then chipped away at the lead with solid a solid game 8 (203) and game 9 (189) to trail by only 18 pins entering the final game. An uncharacteristic stretch by Zehner that saw him fail to convert twice, opened the opportunity door for Sisk which he without hesitation walked right through. In the end, Sisk prevailed 1,998 – 1,973 to earn his first NWIJTPA title.

The field of 32 boys averaged 176.6 on the challenging sport condition. Sisk earned \$225 while Zehner was awarded \$150. Other scholarship winners were Kevin McCune (Andean) \$100, Adam Batliner (Highland) \$80, Jake Yankauskas

(Hammond) \$70, and Tyler Hansen (Munster) \$60. In addition, another \$435 was placed into the year end scholarship award fund.

13-year old Christopher Albanese became the youngest bowler to make a cut at an NWIJTPA event when he qualified in the third position with a 1,153. Albanese eventually finished in 8<sup>th</sup> place but looks to be a force in the coming years.

The “Battle of the Sexes” match saw the boys race out to a 189-161 game 1 victory and after last event’s lopsided loss to the girls, this group of guys were having no part of a repeat performance. Game 2 was pretty much over before it started as the girls could not answer the striking frequency or energy level of the guys and ultimately fell 168-200, giving the gentlemen their first victory of the series. The winners were coached by Annalee Sisk.



**Battle of the Sexes Champions**

**Jake Yankauskas, Adam Batliner, Coach Sisk, Jakob Sisk, Kevin McCune, Dustin Zehner**



*Arthur Olvera, Flame Services Senior Manager, Harsco Corporation and NWIJTPA Director Mike Kraushaar prior to the start of the inaugural Harsco Arc Technology Open at Plaza Lanes*