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MATUNAS MANUEVERS HIS WAY TO WIN ON "HIGHWAY TO HELL"

JON MATUNAS from Newington, CT won his first title after competing in NEBA for over ten years. In Brockton, the 32 year-old ensured himself a spot in match play by putting together games of 161, 229, 253, 204 and 208 for 1055 on the Sunday morning squad. In most of the tournaments in 2009, this score wouldn't be good enough to be at the bottom of the at-large list but, in our first tournament of the year at Westgate, it was third on the squad of 70 bowlers and eighth overall to give Matunas a bye. He drew one of the toughest groups of match play opponents possible. The righty eliminated four multiple champions in a row to earn his first appearance in the championship match. He defeated 4-time champ RJ Broege (West Hartford, CT) 191-181, 7-time winner Scott Santos (Ledyard, CT) 211-178, Chris Monroy (Worcester, MA) 201-162 with 2 titles and 4-time Bowler of the Year Brian Boghosian (Agawam, MA) 189-169. The scoring pace for the tournament tested everyone's patience and shot making abilities through the final frame. The two left standing made impressive shots hitting the pocket 15 out of 20 shots in the championship match. Autore led by 20 after six clean frames. Matunas threw the first and only double of the match in the eighth to put himself back in the match. Autore's open in the eighth turned the match around. Matunas got up in the ninth and threw a fantastic shot for another strike which meant he only needed a mark in the tenth to lock up the match. After a spare, he celebrated his first win with a 193-175 victory over champion Chad Autore. Matunas won \$1,200 plus a \$100 entry into November's Tournament of Champions and the honor of wearing a white champion's shirt. He averaged 204.0 for his 10 games at Westgate. Matunas has made the cut in four of the five tournaments in 2009, has the highest qualifying block of the year with 1371 which included back-to-back 300's and is presently 13th on the points list.

MATUNAS: X s6-3 9/ X s8-1 9/ X X X 9/8 = 193 AUTORE: 9/ 8/ 9/ 9/ X 9/ 9/ w6-2 9/ 8/8 = 175

CHAD AUTORE from Naugatuck, CT started the day in Brockton slow shooting only one 200 on the morning squad. He was minus after two games on his re-entry then finished strong for 1040 (177, 193, 233, 213, 224) for eighth on the squad. After a one round bye, the 35 year-old defeated rookie Ali Dihmes (Bridgeport, CT) 178-121, champion Jon Van Hees (Newport, RI) 225-197, 7-time reigning Bowler of the Year Bill Webb (Enfield, CT) 222-210 then 9-time champ Russ Michaud (Hudson, NH) 213-187. Autore led for the first part of the championship match but fell victim to Matunas' strong finish. The 35 year-old averaged 196.2 for his 16 games and took home \$750. Autore's first and only title this far was last year at with partner Chris Forry at the June Doubles.

There were 174 entries at which advanced 48 bowlers into match play. The at-large cut was 970. Squad cuts were 1001 on Saturday night (squad leader **Chris Monroy** with 1087), 1004 at 9 a.m. (squad leader **Geoff Wetzler** with 1084) and 1006 at 12:30 p.m. (squad leader **Tony Reynaud** with 1117). The score needed for a one round bye was 1032 (16th place). The senior cut was 991. **Don Fournier** won the extra \$50 senior prize with 956. **Tony Reynaud** was the tournament high qualifier with 1117 on the last squad with games of 214, 259, 205, 233 and 206. Tony was joined by **Jon Van Hees** as the only two bowlers who threw five out of five 200 games in qualifying on the low scoring "Highway to Hell" Kegel pattern. Westgate Lanes intended to put down a shot that was a little higher scoring but the NEBA bowlers rose to the rare challenge. The qualifying field average was a mere 182.2 and match play finalists averaged 194.1 for the six rounds. There were 13 games over 250 shot during the tournament with a lone 250 out of the 84 games in match play by **Bill Webb**. **Matt Janas** had the high game of the tournament with 264. **Jesse Cote** won the high game out of the money prize with 256. Ebonite Playmakers were won by **Ethan Beamenderfer** (Raffle) and **Josh Corum** (964). There were no honor scores.

Champion's Message – Thanks to everyone on the NEBA staff for running a great tournament. To my family (Mom, Dad, Mike, Lara and Jim) for your support over the years and for spending countless hours in a bowling alley or driving to one. To the guys at Buddies Pro Shop for the great equipment. To NEBA's number one fan - George - for all your encouragement. And last but not least to the guys I bowl with for the advice and great tournament crosses. – Jon Matunas

ACCOUNTING

RECEIPTS

ENTRIES	140 @ \$ 80 =	11,200.00
RE-ENTRIES	234 @ \$ 80 =	2,720.00
MEMBERSHIP (RENEWAL)	14 @ \$ 25 =	350.00
MEMBERSHIP (NEW)	10 @ \$ 25 =	250.00
MEMBERSHIP (NON)	2 @ \$ 15 =	30.00
CENTER DONATION FOR TROPHY	=	50.00
TOTAL INCOME	=	11,880.00

DISBURSEMENTS

PRIZE FUND (BREAKDOWN BELOW)	\$	9,985.00
\$9,965 ENTRIES + \$21 NEBA		
LINEAGE	\$	2,390.00
EXPENSES	\$	1,566.00
SHIRTS \$290.00, SALARIES \$1,135.00,		
TELEPHONE \$22.00, TROPHIES \$225.57		
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	13,941.00

Pos	Name	Qual. Score	BOY Pts.	\$ Won	Pos	Name	Qual. Score	BOY Pts.	\$ Won
1.	Jon Matunas	1055	72	\$ 1,200 + ToC entry	21.	Ollie Ellard	1029	22	\$ 175
2.	Chad Autore	1040	60	\$ 750	22.	Mark Shipp	1023	22	\$ 175
3.	Russ Michaud	982	49	\$ 460	23.	R.J. Broege	1004	22	\$ 175
4.	Brian Boghosian	1021	49	\$ 420		Steve Fiume	1067	22	\$ 175
5.	George Tignor	1040	39	\$ 310	25.	Vinnie Furtado	1062	22	\$ 170
6.	Bill Webb	1000	39	\$ 310	26.	Brian Egan	1001	22	\$ 170
7.	Randy Hagemoser	1006	39	\$ 290	27.	Mike Cordeiro	1033	22	\$ 170
8.	Chris Monroy	1087	39	\$ 290	28.	Bob Dickinson	991	22	\$ 170
9.	Rich Brooks	1070	30	\$ 220	29.	Stephen Dale Jr.	992	22	\$ 170
10.	Jon Van Hees	1108	30	\$ 220	30.	Jason Hebert	980	22	\$ 170
11.	David Pomerleau	1027	30	\$ 220	31.	Matthew Brockett	1087	22	\$ 170
12.	Scott Santos	979	30	\$ 220	32.	Ali Dihmes	994	22	\$ 170
13.	Tim Gillick	1032	30	\$ 210	33.	Frankie Calca	1008	15	\$ 150
14.	Tony Bennett	977	30	\$ 210	34.	Mark Mantere	970	15	\$ 150
15.	Scott Widmer	1044	30	\$ 210	35.	Jeffrey Voght	1027	15	\$ 150
16.	Matt Janas	1065	30	\$ 210	36.	Richard Fulton Jr.	977	15	\$ 150
17.	Tony Reynaud	1117	22	\$ 175	37.	Ed Roberts	1025	15	\$ 150
18.	Darrell Guertin	1048	22	\$ 175	38.	Steve Wagoner	1019	15	\$ 150
19.	Geoff Wetzler	1084	22	\$ 175		Dan Furman	977	15	\$ 150
20.	Mike Lichstein	977	22	\$ 175	40.	Bob Hamilton	971	15	\$ 150
High Qualifier - 1117 - Tony Reynaud				5 pts. \$ 75	High Game out of \$ - 256 - Jesse Cote				\$ 50

Optional Jackpot Update

Game 5 - 11X - No Winners - Jackpot starts at \$180 in June

Match Play Finals

ROUND 1 – ELIMINATION (LOSERS FINISH 33 RD – 40 TH)		TOP 2 OF 3 SCORES ON PAIR ADVANCE	
RANDY HAGEMOSER	212	FRANKIE CALCA	203
JASON HEBERT	205		
OLLIE ELLARD	246	MARK MANTERE	184
RUSS MICHAUD	215		
ALI DIHMES	171	ED ROBERTS	167
MIKE LICHSTEIN	226		
BRIAN BOGHOSIAN	193	RICH FULTON	169
BRIAN EGAN	173		
DAVE POMERLEAU	224	BOB HAMILTON	132
BOB DICKINSON	202		
RJ BROEGE	171	STEVE WAGONER	161
SCOTT SANTOS	246		
STEVE DALE JR	229	JEFF VOGHT	170
TONY BENNETT	184		
MARK SHIPP	175	DAN FURMAN	161
BILL WEBB	256		
ROUND 3 (LOSERS FINISH 9 TH - 16 TH)			
BILL WEBB	199	RICH BROOKS	203
SCOTT WIDMER	163	BRIAN BOGHOSIAN	226
CHRIS MONROY	214	MATT JANAS	152
D. POMERLEAU	189	R. HAGEMOSER	196
SCOTT SANTOS	178	CHAD AUTORE	225
JON MATUNAS	211	JON VAN HEES	197
TONY BENNETT	166	RUSS MICHAUD	212
GEORGE TIGNOR	190	TIM GILICK	174

ROUND 2 (LOSERS FINISH 17 TH -32 ND)			
TONY REYNAUD (#1)	202	GEORGE TIGNOR (#14)	216
RUSS MICHAUD	216	STEVE DALE JR	168
GEOFF WETZLER (#3)	197 -24	TIM GILICK (#16)	194
TONY BENNETT	197 -29	OLLIE ELLARD	190
MATT JANAS (#8)	220	D. GUERTIN (#11)	200
JASON HEBERT	163	BRIAN BOGHOSIAN	213
VIN FURTADO (#9)	186	RICH BROOKS (#6)	218
RANDY HAGEMOSER	214	BRIAN EGAN	183
MATT BROCKETT (#5)	140	STEVE FIUME (#7)	188
BILL WEBB	201	SCOTT SANTOS	203
SCOTT WIDMER (#12)	213	JON MATUNAS (#10)	191
MARK SHIPP	189	RJ BROEGE	181
JON VAN HEES (#4)	225	MIKE CORDEIRO (#15)	179
MIKE LICHSTEIN	192	DAVE POMERLEAU	210
CHAD AUTORE (#13)	178	CHRIS MONROY (#2)	203
ALI DIHMES	121	BOB DICKINSON	171
QUARTER-FINALS (LOSERS FINISH 5 TH - 8 TH)			
GEORGE TIGNOR	211	RUSS MICHAUD	187
BRIAN BOGHOSIAN	232	CHAD AUTORE	213
CHRIS MONROY	162	BRIAN BOGHOSIAN	169
JON MATUNAS	201	JON MATUNAS	189
BILL WEBB	210	CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH	
CHAD AUTORE	222		
RANDY HAGEMOSER	172	JON MATUNAS	193
RUSS MICHAUD	189	CHAD AUTORE	175