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Jason Fitzgerald and Brittni Hamilton Lead Day One Teen Masters National Finals



'B' squad leaders Jason Fitzgerald and Joi Bell

Orlando, FL: After the first six games of qualifying, Jason Fitzgerald, Burgau, NC and Brittni Hamilton, Webster, NY are the early leaders in the 2006 Teen Masters National Finals here at Boardwalk Entertainment Center Orlando.

Hamilton, 16, was the best of 117 girls with a 201.6 average for her first 6 games. She started with steady games of 190, 190 and 180, then turned it up a notch to finish strong with lines of 243, 203 and 204 for a fine 1210 total. "The key was just staying focused. I tried to not leave any difficult spares, get all the spares I did leave, and just

tried to keep my concentration."

Brittni bowled in the 'A' squad Wednesday morning. Today, she will bowl in the afternoon.

Fitzgerald is also 16, and he averaged 220.5 for his six games totaling 1323. Jason bowled in the afternoon 'B' squad. Tomorrow he will bowl early. "I found the line early and used the same ball for all six games," he said. "I make a lot of adjustments,

and when I messed up, I just left it behind and went to the next shot."

Craig Hanson, Orlando, FL was the boys 'A' squad leader, and Joi Bell, Pflugerville, TX led the girls in the afternoon 'B' squad. Hansen rolled a 1314 in the morning squad, and Bell shot 1204 in the afternoon.

Today, the squads are reversed, with 'B' squad bowling six games in the morning and 'A' squad rolling in the afternoon. After 12 games of qualifying, the field will be cut to the top 33% this afternoon.



'A' squad leaders
Craig Hanson and Brittni Hamilton

Ashley Belden Shows Up The Boys By Winning The Teen Masters Chris Barnes Leaders Challenge



Ashley Belden

Before the 2006 Teen Masters National Finals qualifying rounds, a special Chris Barnes Leaders Challenge was held, open only to TM bowlers who won their local qualifiers.

Ashley Belden, Tigras, New Mexico was one of the girls that defeated all the boys in her hometown qualifier, and here in Orlando, she did it again.

Belden rolled a 527 in the score part of the 'Score, Strike and Spare' competition. After her first three games, she made 8 of a possible 20 strike attempts and had six 9-counts, ending with a 495 out of a

possible 600 in that phase of the event.

Then came the toughest test – the spares, and Ashley was superb, missing only two of the twenty spare combinations and scoring a huge 1030. The highest possible total was 1500. Among the tough spares made by Belden were the 5-10, the 1-3-6-7 washout, and the 3-6-7. Her overall total was 2052.

How did she do it? "It was a little skill and a little luck," she said. "I practice my spares a lot, usually for about an hour during my practice sessions. My coach says 'spares win the

game'."

In this very challenging and unique event, Ashley's coach was proven absolutely correct. Ashley earns a \$1000 scholarship award for her outstanding performance.

Second place also went to one of the girls, with Jessica Earnest, Vandalia, Illinois

earning a \$750 scholarship award with her 1934 total. Andrew Koff, Miami won a \$400 award with a 1925.

Professional bowling champion Chris Barnes donated \$5000 for this special scholarship event preceding the Teen Masters National Finals.

Teen Masters Chris Barnes Leaders Challenge

	Score/Strikes/Spares/Total	Award
Ashley Belden-Tijeras, NM	527 495 1030 2052	\$1,000
Jessica Earnest-Vandalia, IL	619 440 875 1934	725
Andrew Koff-Miami, FL	645 425 855 1925	400
Chris Ray-Granite City, IL	563 410 890 1863	350
Ethan Doyle-Pryor, OK	548 455 810 1813	325
Ashly Galante-Palm Harbor, FL	554 480 765 1799	300
Gary Faulkner-Memphis, TN	579 440 770 1789	280
Nathan Shock-Thornton, CO	591 485 710 1786	260
DJ Calvin-Richardson, TX	553 450 775 1778	240
Derek Hartnell-Kenosha, WI	518 435 820 1773	220
Justin King-Fayetteville, NC	498 495 780 1773	200
Brandon Peele-Chesapeake, VA	641 435 695 1771	180
Greg Pilz II-Antigo, WI	576 520 675 1771	160
Joseph May-Palm Harbor, FL	576 455 670 1701	140
Ryan Galli-Binghamton, NY	602 510 550 1662	120
Josh Powers-Portage, MI	625 420 615 1660	100
Shane Higgins-Louisville, KY	515 450 670 1635	
Jordan Nash-Waterloo, IA	577 380 660 1617	
R.J. Keen-Burns, TN	402 435 780 1617	
Darren Andretta-Rocky Point, NY	505 505 605 1615	
Joshua Adams-Boise, ID	535 360 680 1575	
Ryan Appel-Cinnaminson NJ	567 400 585 1552	
Eston Dilworth-Austin, TX	521 455 575 1551	
Brandy Hensley-Harborgreen, PA	458 490 595 1543	
Brian Wagner-Burr Ridge, IL	522 440 570 1532	
Joshua McBride-Wichita, KS	538 455 475 1468	
Megan Warner-Grandville, MI	531 395 540 1466	
Brett Cunningham-Baldwinsville, NY	558 480 420 1458	
Andy Patterson-Tyler, TX	557 495 400 1452	
Sean Ransel-Bellevue NE	528 395 525 1448	
Preston Fukumizu-Los Angeles, CA	516 450 470 1436	
Chris O'Neil-Hoffman Estates, IL	500 435 480 1415	
Katie Thornton-Chesapeake, VA	494 365 550 1409	
Billy Gerber-Grants Pass, OR	531 430 445 1406	
Michael Lurue-Watauga, TX	475 440 475 1390	
Tim Frye-Hackettstown, NJ	554 465 360 1379	
Mike Conn-Crestwood, KY	442 440 450 1332	
Eric Bracken-Brighton, MI	570 360 395 1325	
Richard Novak III-Burnsville, MN	591 460 250 1301	
William Smith Jr.-Winston-Salem, NC	420 450 420 1290	
Ashley Rubin-Brandon, SD	467 450 335 1252	
David Stutz-Portage, MI	470 430 345 1245	
Sara Litteral-Chesterfield, MI	433 385 390 1208	
Spencer Deville-Lafayette, LA	540 425 210 1175	
Joe Del Negro-Spring Hill, FL	437 330 395 1162	
Tiffany Shubrooks-Robeson, PA	417 415 325 1157	
Corey Bernard-Cheektowaga, NY	406 380 330 1116	
Jonathan Crews-Lanett, AL	325 465 325 1115	
Robert Benge-Cambridge Sprgs, PA	544 395 145 1084	
Anthony Myers-Whiteland, IN	476 465 140 1081	