

## THE "O" ZONE

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### LPBT Observations



After observing the recent Ladies Pro Bowlers Tour stop at Fair Lanes Capital Plaza, I have come up with a rating chart for whom I considered the top 10 participants in that event. (See chart below.)

Obviously, some of the categories I used are very subjective, and my opinions

Here are some random comments about these 10 bowlers:

● **Lisa Wagner** — the dominant player on the LPBT ... simply the best

● **Leanne Barrette** — young, up and coming star ... superior arm swing, best



Lisa Wagner



Leila Wagner



Cheryl Daniels

were based on how I perceived their performance at Capital Plaza and/or on other previous performances.

For those of you who've had a chance to watch these lady professionals, see how your opinions compare to mine. The bowlers were rated according to talent in each category—1 (superior) to 5 (poor)—as I perceived their overall performance.

forward roll on the LPBT ... will in a short time probably succeed Lisa Wagner as the tour's dominant player

● **Nikki Gianulias** — seasoned veteran ... rolls strongest ball on the tour, which is probably why she doesn't do better on the LPBT's general lane condition

● **Donna Adamek** — another seasoned veteran ... apparently has a physical prob-

lem with her arm ... probably the most knowledgeable and experienced LPBT member

● **Robin Romeo** — a veteran whose game is simple; she does not make many mistakes ... seems like she is always in or near the championship round

● **Leila Wagner** — former Miss Washington (state) in Miss America contest ... appears to bowl well in streaks ... looks like she sometimes loses her confidence

● **Michelle Mullen** — another young, up and coming star ... nice simple game ... seems to lose her timing occasionally ... strong rolling ball ... lacks confidence and experience

● **Betty Morris** — seasoned veteran ... female bowler of the decade (1970s) ... probably bowls as well now as she ever did ... could use a little more leverage

● **Cheryl Daniels** — up and coming star ... seems to have some timing and

leverage problems ... probably was rolling the ball better last year

● **Stacy Rider** — another rising star ... has excellent leverage despite not having a favorable physical build for bowling

*Larry O'Neill has appeared in the NCABA's Top 10 rankings a record 16 times.*

	Timing	Leverage	Arm Swing	Knowledge	Experience	Confidence
1. Lisa Wagner	2	2	2	2	1	1
2. Leanne Barrette	2	2	1	2	3	2
3. Nikki Gianulias	2	1	2	2	3	2
4. Donna Adamek	2	2	2	1	1	2
5. Robin Romeo	2	3	2	2	2	2
6. Leila Wagner	2	2	2	2	2	3
7. Michelle Mullen	3	2	2	3	3	3
8. Betty Morris	2	3	2	2	2	2
9. Cheryl Daniels	3	2	3	3	3	2
10. Stacy Rider	3	2	2	3	3	4

1—Superior 2—Excellent 3—Very Good 4—Average 5—Poor