Wiley a Masters double winner at Dranesville

Terry Wiley was a double winner at September's Nation's Capital Masters Scratch Tournament at Bowl America Dranesville. He captured the event by 112 pins after losing his lead with only two games remaining.

Following his \$700 victory, the Vienna right-hander converted a 10-pin and then struck on his final ball to edge August champion Brian DeMatte of Alexandria in the King of the Hill match 216-214.

The second win earned Wiley \$200 and a free entry (value: \$60).

Wiley led all qualifiers with 1,222 (267-246-224-269-216). A 300 game by Clinton's David Reed helped move the left-hander into second with 1,188.

In the match-game finals, Wiley maintained his lead after beginning with 214-225-233 and winning twice. However, after losing to Bill Kaelin of Herndon 203-194, Wiley slipped to second, 23 pins behind Stu Ramsey of nearby Ashburn, who opened with 237-227-236-243 and four wins.

Ramsey's hopes all but disappeared in Game 5 when he scored 162 and quickly found himself 103 pins off the pace. Meanwhile, Wiley regained the lead and brought home the title with victories of 258-222 over Larry O'Neill of Alexandria and 232-195 over Ramsey in the position round.

Wiley said afterwards that over the summer he had worked on his timing and increased his practice sessions, so his victory didn't surprise him.

"I was able to constantly keep the ball up through the middle of the lane," he said, noting that disaster awaited any right-hander who got the ball out too far to the dry right side too soon. For 11 games he averaged 234.36. His total pinfall, including bonus pins, was 2,698.

Wiley, an outside sales rep for Duron Paints, admitted that turning 30 and the birth of his second child three years ago have been factors in a maturing process.

"Age has helped me mentally," he said. "I don't get as upset over stupid shots or missed frames. I still get a little upset, but not to the extent I used to."

John Tragert of Gaithersburg (2,586) collected \$500 for second. Next were Stu Ramsey, Ashburn, Va. (2,528), \$300; Larry O'Neill, Alexandria (2,469) \$200; David Reed (2,447), \$150; and Bill Kaelin, Herndon (2,345), \$125.

Other cashers: No. 6, Richard Holmes, Amissville, Va. (1,102 for five games), \$115; 7, Lee Brosius, Odenton (1,091), \$110; 8, Barry Vorholt, Fairfax (1,078), \$105; 9, Tim Pometto, Riverdale (1,065), \$100; 10, Scott Leonard, Herndon (1,062), \$95; 11, Eric Richardson, Fort Washington (1,060), \$90; 12 (tie), Vincent Mullally, Sterling, and Mike Whittington, Richmond (1,057), \$82.50; 14, Kip Roberts, Richmond (1,053), \$75; 15, Rob Jardine, Sterling (1,046), \$70; 16, Jim Lewis, Waldorf (1,046), \$65; 17, Pedro Carrasco, Arlington (1,037), \$60.

High game out-of-the-money: Brian Powell, Falls Church (277), \$50.