

Acosta Wins Fair Lanes Open

Hudson Succumbs 229-189

By Bob Cosgrove

Top-seeded Mal Acosta captured his third Professional Bowlers Association title when he defeated Tommy Hudson, 229-189, in the championship match of the \$110,000 Fair Lanes Open at Capital Plaza.

Acosta, of Hayward, California, was able to overcome an open in the fifth frame, courtesy of a 4-7-10 split. At that point he trailed Hudson by 11 pins. However, the thin, 29-year-old righthander then began with the first of five consecutive strikes which brought him the title when Hudson could muster only one strike the remainder of the game.

Acosta received the champion's trophy and \$15,000 for his victory, while runner-up Hudson of Akron, Ohio collected \$8,000.

In the opening game of the nationally televised finals, Tom Laskow of Commack, New York defeated Kent Wagner of Allentown, Pennsylvania, 213-184, before falling to 1979 Fair Lanes Open champ Larry Laub, 213-162. Second-seeded Hudson then put away Laub, 214-192, to set up the championship encounter.

Laub, of Santa Rosa, California, who just four days earlier felt that he had "no shot" and considered withdrawing, earned \$6,000. Laskow, one of the finest "stokers" currently on tour, collected \$5,000. A \$4,000 check was given to Wagner, who made his first national television appearance.

NOTES: The 1983 Fair Lanes Open will most likely be returning to Woodlawn, according to Pete Santora. . . . Earl Anthony was the only lefthander to cash, finishing 37th and collecting \$860. . . . Despite rumors to the contrary, PBA player services director Larry Lichstein admitted that he has no intention of returning to PBA competition. . . . Hudson and Acosta earned more than \$3,000

apiece in endorsement money during the telecast. The remaining three players picked up slightly more than \$2,000 each. . . . Acosta and Laskow rolled perfect games and Nelson Burton, Jr. shot a 299 (4 pin) during the tournament. . . . Dedicated players such as Tom Baker, Wayne Webb, Charlie Tapp, Jim Miller, Joe Hutchinson, Ken Fernandez and Fred "The Twister from Mar Vista" Conner were observed practicing late Monday evening after the rabbit squads were finished. . . . And last but not least, congratulations to Greg "The Doctor" Goetz, who finished in a tie for 29th place and earned \$935. The Doctor operated very well in the first round when his 1340 for six games put him well up on the board in the fifth position. He ended up missing the match play finals by a mere 13 pins.



Past champions Tommy Hudson (1977) above, and Larry Laub (1979) were not able to capture their second Fair Lanes title. (Photos: James B. Stewart)



PRO-AM WINNERS

1. C. L. Thompson, Jr., Poolesville, Md.	1425	\$1300
2. Robert Jennings, Landover Hills, Md.	1372	650
3. Joseph Miller, Lanham, Md.	1369	325
4. Patricia Robey, La Plata, Md.	1368	275
5. Gary L. Traub, Arlington, Va.	1356	225
6. Wm. J. Cartrell, Jr. Baltimore, Md.	1355	175
7. Jean Ann Leager, Sudersville, Md.	1354	125
8. Fran Oursler, Adelphi, Md.	1354	110
9. Kathy Bauman, Gaithersburg, Md.	1353	95
10. Edward Kulp, Baltimore, Md.	1353	90
11. Robert Shipp, Dale City, Va.	1351	85
12. Wm. Earl Spangler, Hanover, Pa.	1350	80
13. Kevin Myers, Clinton, Md.	1349	75
14. Jeffrey Goode, Glen Burnie, Md.	1348	70
15. Michael O. Petty, Glen Burnie, Md.	1342	65
Low in Money	1275	65

YOUTH PRO-AM WINNERS

GIRLS		Youth	Pros	Hcp.	Total	
AAA	Edwina Roberts	533	694	120	1347	Capital Plaza
AA	Becky Wentz	523	615	168	1306	Bowie
A	Karen Gibson	353	554	321	1228	Laurel
BOYS		Youth	Pros	Hcp.	Total	
AAA	Rusty Osbourne	543	694	147	1384	Capital Plaza
AA	Enoch Roach	539	615	144	1298	Bowie
A	John Smoot	516	623	168	1307	Annapolis