Peters and Galante Lead Teen Masters Qualifying After Two Rounds

After 12 games of qualifying on both a short and long Sport Bowling oil pattern over two days, the qualifying leaders thus far in the Teen Masters National Finals are Jake Peters, Decatur, Illinois and Ashly Galante, Palm Harbor, Florida. Both are 17-year-old high school juniors. Peters attends Hillside Bethel Christian School in Decatur and Galante attends Tarpon Springs High School.

Jake averaged 212.2 to lead the boys two round qualifying at +147. He shot 1210 on Wednesday on the long pattern, with games of 194, 185, 246, 233, 234, and 245. “I got lucky enough today to get a few breaks to keep me going. I threw the ball well, but it helps to get the breaks,” he said.

The girls best player thus far is Ashly Galante, Palm Harbor, Florida. Ashley outdistanced the field and became the only girl to average over 200 for the first two qualifying rounds with a very nice 1298 Thursday to go with her Wednesday score of 1177. Her Thursday games were 249, 200, 195, 218, 235, and 201.

“I just came out today to have fun, bowl well and stay focused,” said Galante. “Yesterday, I was plus going into the last game and had a bad finish. Today was much better. Tomorrow, I’m going to stay optimistic, try to keep having fun.”

Peters posted his score in ‘B’ squad Thursday, and Galante bowled in ‘A’ squad. The other leaders joining them as squad leaders were Josie Earnest and Craig Hanson. Hanson, Orlando, Florida led the ‘A’ squad boys on Thursday with a nice 2525, and Earnest, Vadalia, Illinois shot 2323 to lead the girls ‘B’ squad.

The first cut on Thursday to the top 33% took 65 boys and 39 girls to the next round today. It took a 184.08 average to make the boys cut, and 173.58 to make the girls.

After six more games of qualifying this morning, the field, which started with 309 bowlers, will be down to the top 32 boys and top 16 girls. The boys will then bowl another round, and the top eight in each division will advance to the first round of matchplay tonight on the arena lanes at Universal Studios Orlando.

Saturday, matchplay will continue with ‘best of five’ matches, with the round of eight boys at noon and 2 pm., the round of four girls at 5 pm, and the round of four boys at 7 pm. On Sunday, the top two boys and two girls will bowl for the 2006 Teen Masters National Championship in exciting ESPN2 televised matches to be aired October 19 at 9:30 pm.
Girls leader Ashly Galante right, with ‘A’ squad boys leader Craig Hanson

Boys Cut - top 65 - 12 game totals


Girls Cut - top 39 - 12 game totals


Boys leader Jake Peters left, with ‘B’ squad girls leader Josie Earnest

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