Finland’s Lintila Wins Super Bowl Mini Eliminator

Team Finland member Lasse Lintila, Lohja, Finland is the 2004 Super Bowl Mini Eliminator Champion. Lintila rolled a beautiful 276 game to win the $30,000 top prize here at the Gold Coast bowling center in Las Vegas Sunday February 8.

Lintila rolls in about 30 European tournaments yearly, but has also done well in the American megabuck events. This was his second megabuck title. Lintila took command in the final game early and never looked back, stringing the front nine strikes in the title game. The first eight were solid pocket hits, and the ninth strike that sealed the victory was a little high, tripping the four and the nine pins.

“I put a little too much on that shot,” he said. “I was fortunate it carried, That’s the one I needed to win.” With the match locked up, Lintila rolled a seven count in the 10th frame to finish with a score of 276. Lintila is married, has two children and ran a small eight lane bowling center in Finland that he sold in January before leaving to bowl in this event.

Lintila’s closest competition came from Ricky Carroll, Louisville, KY. Carroll struck on every shot except two, getting ten strikes for a fine 259 game. He earned $15,000 for second. Finishing third from the 205 and under division was Michael Sparks for $10,000. Sparks, from Henderson, NV rolled a 224.

Steve Lown, Las Vegas, finished fourth for $7,500. Senior champ Sam Carter, Ben Lomond, CA rounded out the top five. Sam had a great week, but struggled in the final game to a 156. He took home $5,000.

The 3rd Annual Super Mini was very successful, drawing a field of 1434 players and 4262 entries. Over $1000 balls were drilled by the Brunswick tech staff during the eight day event, and three of the top five players in the finals were using their new Brunswick Ultimate Inferno balls. With the help of the Brunswick technical staff and great new balls like the Infernos, this was the highest scoring Mini Eliminator ever. Eleven 300 games were recorded.

The top amateur players now have all of the advantages that were exclusive to the pros in the past. Mini Eliminator bowlers used the Brunswick Practice Range and drilling and surfacing room to their full advantage in this event.

“Brunswick and everyone else did a fantastic job making our event a big success. We are looking forward to a long relationship with our sponsors, and we thank all of the bowlers who supported this tournament. The next Mini Eliminator event will be July 3-13 at the Orleans Bowling Center. It will feature a new format where bowlers can choose between the three game qualifying format and a new matchplay format, or bowl in both with a chance to win $75,000. Entry brochures are now available. For more information call the toll free Mini hotline 1-877-900-MINI or visit the website www.minieliminator.com.

Brunswick Product Specialist Ron Bragg with Shootout champion Sean Rash

21-year-old Team USA player Sean Rash, Anchorage, Alaska won the 2004 Super Bowl Mini Eliminator Brunswick Skins Game here at the Gold Coast bowling center Sunday.

Rash, who is also a member of the Wichita State Shockers collegiate bowling team rolled a solid strike in the first sudden death frame to earn $15,000. Rash bowled first, and his strike put the pressure on Layton Peddicord, Greenville, IL representing the 205 and under division in the Shootout. Peddicord tossed his shot a little high, and a nine-count gave Rash the victory.

“This is the biggest thing I’ve ever won. I’ll use the money to finish college and continue to bowl,” he said.

The other players in the match were Dave Guindon, W. Seneca, NY. (39 & under), Rick Hara, Mt. Prospect, IL(40-49), and Rod McLean, N. Las Vegas, NV (senior). Guindon, Hara, McLean and Peddicord earned $1000 each for making the top five even though they didn’t win a skin.

Coast Resorts Dir. of Bowling Mike Monyak presents check to Lintila

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2004 Super Bowl Mini Eliminator Final Results 39 and Under Division

ROUND 7 ($2500 ea)
Haynes, David-Las Vegas, NV - 201; Watson, David-Cary, NC - 210

ROUND 6 ($1500 ea)
Aguiar, Alex - Nar domestics, MA - 170; Ashbaugh, Jay-Pflugerville, TX - 177; Gomez, Andres-Orlando, FL - 189; Guindon, Dave-W. Seneca, NY - 199; Rash, Sean T-Wichita, KS - 196

ROUND 5 ($1250 ea)
Becker, Roy-Hopewell, VA - 184; Humphrey, Tommy-Waverly, NV - 219; Lukins, Chris-Lake Worth, FL - 187; Mannia, Jnr - Port Melbourne, AU - 216; Piner, Dino-Danielson, CA - 218; Turcotte, UT - 178; Pritts, Ted-Gardena, CA - 210; Rowe, Bill-Rochester, NY - 161; Prior, Ken-Piermont, NY - 183; Schaad, Eric-Madisonville, KY - 196; Schumacher, Leo-Cleveland, OH - 181; Davis, Rob-Las Vegas, NV - 177; Denman, Kyle-Montgomery, AL - 175; Ellyn, IL - 152; Wilk, Mike-Temecula, CA - 170

ROUND 4 ($1000 ea)
Fitek, Carl-Eden Prairie, MN - 204; Fong, Holden-Henderson, NV - 213; Frawley, Andrew-Blackout, Australia - 179; Fredricks, Eddie-Indianapolis, IN - 150; Hahn, Stephen-Stirling, WA - 177; Leehan, Rob-Henderson, NV - 138; Lyke, Andy-Statesville, NC - 196; May, Ryan-Sinking Spring, PA - 204; O'Keefe, Bryan-Euclid, OH - 203; Kirsten-Hengstenberg, CA - 202; Rivera, Engelbert-Makati City, Philippines - 186; Wolcott, Ken-Las Vegas, NV - 209

ROUND 3 ($800 ea)
Ballhaus, Tony-Meadow Grove, MN - 204; Castellano, Rohl-in-Saigon, CA - 192; Castillo, Dino-Dallas, TX - 215; Clark, Ed-Ellyn, IL - 152; Clapp, Jeff-Blaine, MN - 180; Harris, Rich-L.-Jacksonville, AR - 192; Michaels Jr, Bill-Vancouver, WA - 185; Schroeder, Steve-Long Beach, CA - 180

ROUND 2 ($650 ea)
Asbawy, Diandra-Colorado Springs, CO - 204; Atkinson, Frazier-Upper Marlboro, MD - 150; Bucker, Dennis-Dayton, NV - 225; Ceraolo, Brad-Mooresville, NC - 201; Gillis, Scott-Rhollin-San Diego, CA - 192; Keegan, Kenneth-Las Vegas, NV - 220; Küster-Atria, Vinnie-Louisville, KY - 220; Painter, Kerry-Henderson, NV - 225; Starks, Jim-Montclair, CA - 234

ROUND 1 ($500 ea)
Anderson, Robert-Gothenburg, Sweden - 179; Berner, David-Darlington, WI; Berner, Remy-Poway, CA; Castelli, David-San Anselmo, CA; Castelli, Tony-Santa Clarita, CA; Chirco, Bruce-Huntington Beach, CA; Dasenbrock, Dave-Portland, OR; Emerson, Gary-Las Vegas, NV; Emmett, Dan-Mount Airy, MD; Fitek, Carl-Eden Prairie, MN; Fong, Holden-Henderson, NV; Frawley, Andrew-Blackout, Australia; Fruendt, Carl-Eden Prairie, MN; Ginner, Tim-Las Vegas, NV; Guindon, Dave-W. Seneca, NY; Guindon, Jean-Fairfax, VA; Hall, Ed(SS)-Braintree, MA; Shaw, Dave-Madison, WI

2005 & Under Division

ROUND 7 ($2500)
Bata, Joseph-Royal Oak, MI - 186; Tomaras, Steve-Victor, MT - 204

ROUND 6 ($1500 ea)
Bautista, Jose-San Diego, CA - 158; Bovoy, John-Moody, ME - 183; Fillers, Michelle-Clarksville, TN - 161; Funk, Craig-Allentown, PA - 176; Ginter, Tom-Greenville, NC - 184; Lema, Eric-Grand Rapids, MI - 196; Minotti, Todd-Oviedo, FL - 189; Penny, Steve-Henderson, NV - 213; Frawley, Andrew-Blackbutt, Australia

ROUND 5 ($1000 ea)
Barwick, Larry-Wauchlula, FL - 211; Braseau, Brian-Local, CA - 177; DeVincent, Street-Pompeo Pines, FL - 208; Goergen, Bo-Sanford, MI - 196; Gunn, Tracey-Salem, OR - 171; Knopp, Peter-Frankfurt, Germany - 205; Marks, Mike-Elmira, NY - 195; Morgan, Nick-San Clemente, CA - 215; Smith, Randy-C.Melbourne, FL - 214; Windigassen, Brian-Salt Lake City, UT - 141

ROUND 4 ($800 ea)
Auerbach, Craig-Sunrise, FL - 216; Chuch, Tony-Madison, WI - 213; Danielsson, Christer-Sweden - 195; Harris, Rickey L-Jacksonville, AR - 192; Michaels Jr, Bill-Vancouver, WA - 185; Schroeder, Steve-Long Beach, CA - 180

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Abour, David-Raynham, MA - 210; Beckman, Henrik-Sweden - 162; Lord-Wittig, April-Lakewood, OH - 177; Cranford, Chris-Harvey, OH - 171; Donohue, Scott-Manchester, NH - 159; Smith, Russ(SS)-Raymond, NH - 184; Tusler, Joe-Brooklyn, NY - 176; Upson, Jim-San Diego, CA - 158

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