Eckles - Bransford win 600 Club Winter Doubles Tournament

January 15, 2012 — Rodney Eckles (667 series) and Hugh Bransford (630) of Fairfax, Va., this afternoon combined for a 1,297 team series to win the NCAUSBCA Youth 600 Club Winter Doubles Tournament at Bowl America Fairfax. Eckles and Bransford earned \$100 each in scholarship funds, which will be administered through the USBC SMART program.

Malcolm James (634) and Matt Bailey (619) of Woodbridge, Va., combined for a 1,253 team series to take second-place honors and earn \$50 each in scholarship funds. Xavier Woods (656) of Waldorf, Md., and Keenan Ward (556) of Suitland, Md., scored 1,212 to place third and earn \$35 each in scholarship funds.

Bowlers with the top seven individual series also qualified for the Tournament of Champions, which will be held March 25, 2012 at Bowl America Gaithersburg. These qualifiers are as follows: 1, Eckles*, 667; 2, Woods, 656; 3, Michael Simpson*, Dale City, Va., 646; 4, Jason Eman*, Springfield, Va., 639; 5, James, 634; 6, Bransford*, 630; 7, Bailey, 619; 8, Jordan Joyner*, Leesburg, Va., 618; 9, Andrew Beach, Upper Marlboro, Md., 606; 10, Anthony Canzius, Waldorf, Md., 599; 11, Tyler Adair, Alexandria, Va., 582; 12, Austin Fosmire*, Gainesville, Va., 575; 13, Zahir Holmes*, Beltsville, Md., 574; and 14, Christopher White, Damascus, Md., 571.

* = Qualified for the Tournament of Champions at a previous tournament

High individual games:

- Game 1: Beach, 245.
- Game 2: James, 268; Bailey, 256; Eckles, 243.
- Game 3: Eman, 246.

Any youth bowler who has bowled a certified 600 series in the NCAUSBCA Youth program is eligible for membership in the 600 Club. Any questions should be directed to Tom Dale, NCAUSBCA Youth 600 Club, 10 Hulvey Drive, Stafford, VA 22556-3816 (phone: 703/989-8573).

The next 600 Club tournament will be held February 12 at 2 p.m. at Lord Calvert Bowl. It will be a singles event.