

MCKINNEY - LARSON ROLL TO VICTORY AT 2011 NWI MYSTERY MIXED DOUBLES
Top Qualifiers rely on 7-bagger in SemiFinals to overcome 40 pin Deficit, then dominate in Finals

Carly Larson (Merrillville) and Tyler McKinney (Chesterton) led the individual qualifying portion of the 2011-12 NWI Mystery Mixed Doubles, then the pair teamed up to snag the second seed in the stepladder championship round. The pair seemed destined for third place, falling well behind the tandem of Brad Fisher (Lake Central) and Jackie Rhoda (Portage) in the semi-finals, but, when you toss the final seven strikes, the deficit of some 40 pins transformed into a 222-201 victory. The duo then advanced to the title match against the 8th-seeded team of Mike Blue (Hobart) and Caroline Dienes of Lake Central. The match never really was in question as Larson/McKinney continued their strike barrage enroute to a 230-159 victory. The pair earned \$150 each for their title. This marks the second consecutive year McKinney has stood on the top level of the podium.



Carly Larson and Tyler McKinney

Dienes / Blue earned \$110 each for their runnerup finish, while Fisher and Rhoda turned their 16th seeded qualifying position into a third place finish and \$90 each in scholarships. The final pair who advanced to the stepladder finals were the 3rd seeded grouping of Emily O'Leary (Hebron) and Frankie Guterrez (Morton). The pair earned \$70 each.

There were 68 boys entries and 52 girls entries during the qualifying segment where each bowler completed three games. The field was then cut to the top 16 boys and 16 girls who were then paired together based on qualifying position. Larson's 671 led the girls followed by Boone Grove's Paige Kraushaar (649) and O'Leary's 638, while McKinney powered his way to a 763 set to lead the boys. Lake Central's Andy Schmied was second with a 720 followed by Gutierrez' 660.

The 16 mixed teams then bowled 6 baker games in a match play format where each victory earned 20 bonus pins. Dienes / Blue compiled a 4-1-1 record on their way to a 1,401 total (235 average) to lead the semi-final round. They entered as the 8th seeded team but quickly showed seed meant very little once baker started.



Mike Blue and Caroline Dienes

Rhoda / Fisher used a monster game six score of 290 (310 with bonus) to jump three teams and qualify third, behind Larson and McKinney, with a 1,352 total. O'Leary/ Gutierrez' fourth place score of 1,277 edged the fifth place finishers Allison Sellers (Lake Central) and Zach Gilbert (Wheeler) who finished with 1,268.

The second seeded pairing of Kraushaar and Schmied tied for sixth with the team of Jessica Dziezak (Highland) and Bobby Eberle (Hobart). The eighth and final cashing position was secured by

Kaitlyn Carpenter and Taylor Peters, both of Highland. In total, \$1,200 was awarded in scholarships.

OTHER FINALISTS



Brad Fisher & Jackie Rhoda



Frankie Gutierrez & Emily O'Leary



Allison Sellers & Zach Gilbert



Andy Schmied & Paige Kraushaar



Bobby Eberle & Jessica Dziezak



Tayler Peters & Kaitlyn Carpentier



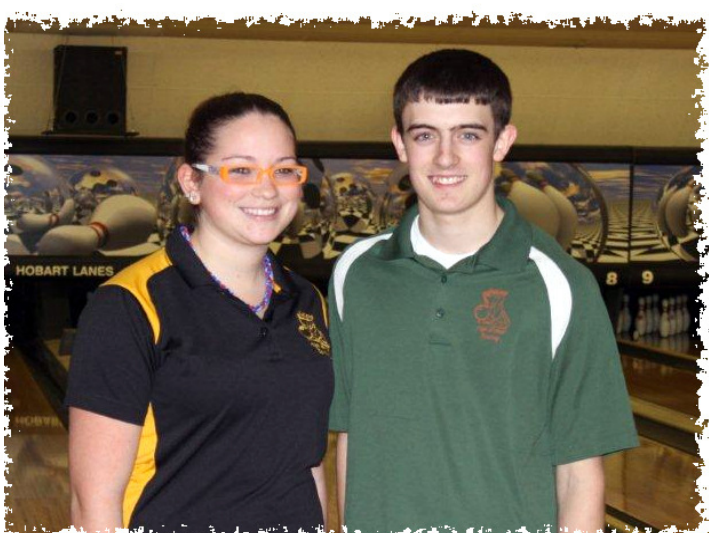
Victoria Hines & Nick Laviollette



Jerry James & Arcadia Shoulders



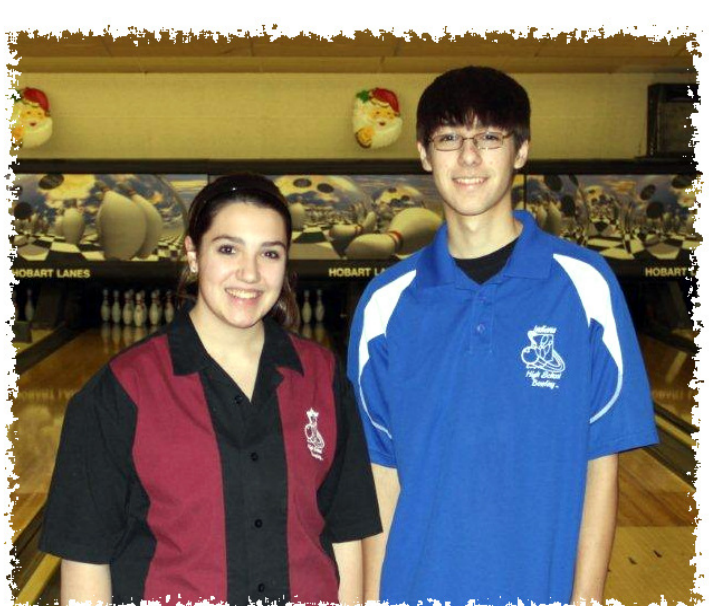
Taylor Sinkiewicz & Jacob Yankauskas



Elizabeth Kras & Jordan Gilbert



Joey Miller & Sam Watson



Emily Klotz & Joey Dorsch



Maggie Cartwright & Jordan Locher



Anna Canchola & Carlos Calderon