

## Belzeski, Gilbert Rule NWI Mixed Doubles

**Pair Take #1 Qualifying Seed with Strong Closing Game, then hold off Kraushaar/Gorman for Title**



Lake Central's **Kelly Belzeski** and Wheeler's **Zach Gilbert** (left) claimed the fourth annual Northwest Indiana Mystery Mixed Doubles crown with a nail-biting hard fought 194-185 victory over the second-seeded tandem of Paige Kraushaar (Boone Grove) and Lake Central's Ryan Gorman.

The title match was close throughout with Belzeski-Gilbert taking an early lead on a Kraushaar opening frame miscue coupled with an early double. However, following a Belzeski open in the 7th, the match came down to the 10th frame. Gorman, needing a double for victory, stepped up and tossed a solid shot only to see the 10-pin never flinch. Both teams were solid throughout the match, each with only one open. The title was the first for both Belzeski and Gilbert in this holiday week event hosted by Ray's Lanes in Lake Station.

In the first stepladder match, Kasey Stewart (Merrillville) and Tayler Peters (Highland), seeded fifth, took down the fourth seeds Tim Victor (Hebron) and Nicole Walton (Portage) 199-167. The pair then defeated the third seeded tandem of Carly Larson (Merrillville) and Jerry James (Hobart) 191-175 as Peters became a striking machine. In the semi-finals, Stewart/Peters fell to Kraushaar/Gorman 204-171.

Belzeski-Gilbert earned \$320 for their first place finish while Kraushaar/Gorman banked \$240. In all, \$1,300 was awarded in scholarships to the top 8 teams. Other cashers included Kierstyn Rush (Lake Central) and Johnny Gorches (Chesterton) 6th place, Caitlin Pidgeon (Portage) and Jacob Yankauskas (Chesterton) 7th place, and Laura Levander (Lake Central) and Bobby Kammer (Hobart) 8th place.

In all 134 (78 boys, 56 girls) representing the four Northwest Indiana High School bowling conferences competed in the event held December 27th at Ray's Lanes. All participants bowled 3 individual games of qualifying to determine the top 16 boys and top 16 girls who would then pair up according to qualifying position for 5 games of baker match play. Qualifying pinfall was dropped while bonus pins were added for each baker match victory.

Qualifying leaders on the boys side were Adam Batliner (Highland) 680, Johnny Gorches (Chesterton) 678, Zachary Gilbert (Wheeler) 648, Mark Childress (Chesterton) 648, and Jerry James (Hobart) 643. For the girls, Jackie Rhoda (Portage) led the way with a 615, followed by Kierstyn Rush (Lake Central) 605, Kelly Belzeski (Lake Central) 596, Heidi Tucker (Chesterton) 580, and Carly Larson (Merrillville) 578. Low to qualify for the boy was 588 while 509 secured the finals spot for the girls. The event was bowled on the Kegel Abbey Road pattern.



**Ryan Gorman - Paige Kraushaar**  
Qualified 9th - Finished 2nd



**Kasey Stewart & Tayler Peters**  
Qualified 13th - Finished 3rd



**Carly Larson & Jerry James**  
Qualified 5th - Finished 4th



**Nicole Walton & Tim Victor**  
Qualified 11th - Finished 5th

### OTHER FINALISTS



**Johnny Gorches & Kierstyn Rush**  
Qualified 2nd, Finished 6th



**Jacob Yankauskas & Caitlin Pidgeon**  
Qualified 6th, Finished 7th



**Bobby Kammer & Laura Levander**  
Qualified 14th, Finished 8th



**Tristen Majka & Jacob Riffle**  
Qualified 7th, Finished 9th



**Adam Batliner & Jackie Rhoda**  
Qualified 1st, Finished 10th



**Heidi Tucker & Mark Childress**  
Qualified 4th, Finished 11th



**Jayme Jones & Bobby Eberle**  
Qualified 8th, Finished 12th



**Tyler Trombetta & Allison Sellers**  
Qualified 12th, Finished 13th



**Destiny Millsap & Nathan Maciejewski**  
Qualified 10th, Finished 14th





**Tyler Hansen & Payge Hines**  
 Qualified 16th, Finished 15th



**Paige Chapman & Jake Sturgill**  
 Qualified 15th, Finished 16th

## 2012 Mystery Mixed Doubles

### Ray's Lanes

Seed #	Team	Game 1	Bonus	Game 2	Bonus	Game 3	Bonus	Game 4	Bonus	Game 5	Bonus	Total
1	K Belzeski/ Z Gilbert	158	0	220	20	220	20	183	20	254	20	1115
2	P Krashaar/ R Gorman	179	0	253	20	176	20	172	20	192	20	1052
3	C Larson/ J James	192	20	225	20	205	0	148	0	200	20	1030
4	N Walton/ T Victor	160	20	172	0	182	20	204	20	209	20	1007
5	K Stewart/ T Peters	179	20	213	20	174	0	158	0	204	20	988
6	K Rush/ J Gorches	177	20	178	0	160	20	176	20	202	0	953
7	C Pidgeon/ J Yankauskas	166	20	201	20	146	0	167	20	170	20	930
8	L LeVander/ B Kammer	149	0	176	20	177	20	174	20	182	0	918
9	T Majka/ J Riffle	140	0	211	20	136	0	162	0	213	20	902
10	J Rhoda/ A Batliner	147	20	182	20	177	20	151	0	158	0	875
11	H Tucker/ M Childress	140	0	194	0	149	0	193	20	154	0	850
12	J Jones/ B Eberle	188	20	160	0	139	0	166	0	152	0	825
13	A Sellers/ T Trombetta	176	20	137	0	168	0	168	20	133	0	822
14	D Millsap/ N Maciejewski	164	0	128	0	152	20	140	0	171	20	795
15	P Hines/ T Hansen	129	0	178	0	175	20	151	0	127	0	780
16	P Chapman/ J Stugill	152	0	110	0	164	0	160	0	154	0	740
	Bonus Points		160		160		160		160		160	

