



IN THE DITCH



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SAM "THE ANIMAL" HOWELL STRIKES!

Sam Howell proved that it's never "over until it's over" by putting on a late charge and overtaking David Ozio and Jim King to win his fifth SASBA title. Sam started the finals with games of 212 and 174 and it looked like he was going nowhere and was over 300 pins off the lead. Then Sam found something as he reeled off scores of 240, 268, 266, 268 in winning his next four matches. In the position round, David Ozio had to stay within 21 pins of Jim King to stay in front of him. Sam was in 3rd place 37 pins behind Jim. Dave and Jim struggled with carry while Sam started stringing them again. He finished with 299...ringing a 10 pin in the 12th. Jim struck out for 228, creating a scenario where he could not beat Sam, but had the lead on Ozio. David was forced to get X 9/ for a tie of the game and to win the title. Two strikes would clinch it for sure. Dave flushed the first one, but left the 4-7 in the 11th, thus losing to Jim by 1 pin (227-228) and making Sam the champion. Whew! What a finish. Congratulations Sammy. I have always said you are an animal and you proved it in Kentucky.

2006 BOY, Doug Hayes, led most of the way, but had a big bullseye on his back...with 866 shot against him the last 3 games. John Montgomery bowled awesome to get 5th place.

Thanks to Karen and Don Litten for being gracious hosts. Don is a great ball driller.

Mike Friedman made the finals in his first tournament. Tommy Kemp's first effort was 2 pins short. "The Professor" can't add. Dave beat Doug. Ozbie drove all the way to Bowling Green and announced he is going to a 12 step program for "calcuttaholics". Guppy beat Little Guppy. Kerry Fulford and Kevin Westerfield had the only 300s. Sam had the only 800.

Our next tournament is in Conway, AR at Conway Family Fun Center. Info about the Firecracker on Memorial Day weekend is enclosed.

NEW! NEW! NEW! We started a new event for 2007...**The Ultimate Sweeper**. The top 5 scores from the Friday sweepers will automatically qualify for the finals on Saturday morning of the Annual Team Championship in Monticello, AR. \$1 from each sweeper entry will go into the Ultimate Sweeper Finals. Qualifiers will be posted at each tournament. Ex: If you win the sweeper and are already qualified, we'll take the next highest score that hasn't qualified...and so on.

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Sweeper Winners

1. Doug Hayes 527
2. David Zappitelli 525
3. Dick Dube 507
4. Jim Winston 493
5. David Ozio 493

(Ultimate Sweeper Qualifiers 16-20)

NOTE:

**2007 Dues
are Overdue!!**