

Bryant Coasts through the Open Season Event!



The first day of the Tiger Products 2009 WPBA Pacific Coast Classic Qualifier event number 5 held on September 4th and 5th in Brossard Quebec would see 16 players vying for the title. This was the second professional spot awarded to the CWPT for the event in Oregon to be held in October. The Tiger Canadian Women's Pool Tour was welcomed with open arms by Tony owner of Le Skcratch. With his generosity of holding a second double WPBA qualifier event with \$1,500.00 added to the tournament. This brought in

many Open players which included tour veterans and open classed players Brittany Bryant, Naomi Williams, Grace Nakamura and Veronique Menard were all present along with Rachael Abbink who dusted off her cues to make her comeback and Joanne Ashton from Calgary who made her debut on the tour.

When the smoked cleared at the end of the first day only four players were brought for the second. Ashton lost her first match to Bryant (7-5) and ran through the B side with wins over Sue Sepp (7-3), Anick Cardorette (7-4), Marie France Blandrette (7-3) and Grace Nakamura (7-5). Abbink also lost her first match with Williams (7-3) but she persevered through Brandy Johnson (7-6), Darlene Gardiner (7-4), Janet Ritcey (7-4) and Veronique Menard (7-4). With this outcome, the four remaining players had already qualified for the Pacific Coast Classic thus 5th/6th finishers Nakamura and Menard had to duel it out for the spot. Menard got out to an early lead of 4-1 putting together her best match of the day. With a few more safeties and not missing a beat, Menard closed it out 7-1.

As the field grew smaller and leading to the finals, the Tiger Canadian Women's Pool Tour was approached by Billiardsquebec.com to have our event broadcasted live over the internet regarding the finals of the WPBA Pacific Coast Qualifier. "Once they heard that there were four wonderful WPBA players coming back to play in the finals there was non-stop outstanding support by multiple spectators both pool players and outside spectators," said Sue Sepp, CEO of the Tiger Canadian Women's Pool Tour. "It was really exciting to see the action on the internet live!"

Looking into the A side semi-final bracket, Bryant got out to a quick start up 4-2 but Bryant scratched on the 7 ball which allowed Williams to finish the rack making the score 4-3. Both players teetered back and forth making the game exciting to see who will stay on the A side finals. In the 12th match, a 9 ball off the break by Williams knotted the score to hill hill. This outcome did not discourage Bryant. In her next match, she welcomed the challenge by whipping up an awesome break making a ball in the

corner and creating an open table for a perfect run out. With a 7-6 score, Bryant takes the hot seat match and Williams is sent to other side of the board!

In the B side quarter matches, Ashton's stroke had definitely arrived from Calgary just in time to play Abbink Sunday morning. The Albertan disposed of her in fine form (7-2) making some beautiful safety shots and touch cuts to make her through to semi B side finals where she is matched up with Williams. In this match, Williams would not settle for anything but a rematch in the final against Bryant. Williams played a strong game pulling out the defensive and making some difficult cut shot against Aston leaving her to win against Ashton 7-5. Ashton settled for 3rd place and Williams once again back on the hot seat train!

This year season outcome has been dominated by Williams and Bryant. Both ladies have met up with each other multiple times in the top 3 and always put out their best performance. In this final match, Williams played tough with many safeties, but Bryant was able to kick shot most of them and even come back with some real tough safeties of her own proven to be fatal for Williams to break out of it. Williams played a solid game against Bryant; however, Williams was unable to take over Bryant's leading score which concluded a 7-3 victory win. Congratulations to both ladies for finishing in the finals. Great shooting!

In this event, the Tiger Canadian Women's Pool Tour has made a generous donation dedicating to Scott Soroko of Shooterville.com who passed away August 14, 2009. The proceeds that were to be spent towards the tour were donated to the Canadian Congenital Heart Association.

Tournament Payouts:

1st Brittany Bryant - \$430

2nd Naomi Williams - \$340

3rd Joanne Ashton - \$250

4th Rachael Abbink - \$180

5th/6th Veronique Menard - \$100 + Pacific Coast Qualifier

5th/6th Grace Nakamura - \$100