

Bowler rolls perfect game at USBC Open Championships

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RENO, Nev. - There were only six perfect games through the first 55 days of the 2010 USBC Open Championships, but there have been three more in the last four days at the National Bowling Stadium.



Tony Woodward of Helena, Mont., rolled the eighth 300 of the year during his team event Sunday night, while Dan Matasek of Villa Park, Ill., tossed the ninth in his final game of doubles 13 hours later. Ron Hosler of Denver had one Friday afternoon.

Two weeks ago, Woodward celebrated 12 years of marriage with his wife, Shannon, and on Sunday, he started his team event with 12 consecutive strikes. He added games of 194 and 214 for a 708 total and helped Sleeping Giant Lanes to a 2,929 team total. Bowlers Edge Pro Shop of Neenah, Wis., leads Regular Team with 3,408.

"It felt really good to bowl 300 here," said Woodward, who bowls regularly at Sleeping Giant Lanes and made his sixth Open Championships appearance. "I have to give a lot of credit to my teammates as well because of the amount of preparation we put in. We came in with a game plan and stuck to it. We also watched a couple of the live streaming events to help with our plan. This is an amazing feeling."

Perfection at the Open Championships is hard to come by, and the 41-year-old right-hander understands the significance of his accomplishment.

"This was much more exciting than if it had been in league," Woodward said. "The Open Championships is a big deal. The last ball was the only ball I was nervous on. I had a couple breaks early, and I ran with them. Plus, my teammates did a great job of helping me stay calm."