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CANADA'S SCHMIDT 4th AT BOWLING WORLD CUP

Canada's Michael Schmidt of Winnipeg, Manitoba finished sixth to bowl with the top eight at the 43rd Annual Quibica/AMF Bowling World Cup. Schmidt bowled 1772 for his final eight games. In the quarter finals, he ended up 4th. The USA won the Gold and Australian the women's gold.

The field was cut to the top 8 men and women who bowled a round robin of eight matches on Friday. The final three men and three women determined the match play for the step-ladder final on Saturday. The televised step-ladder final was the best two of three games. Player #2 will met player #3 and winner met the #1 player for the title.

Monique Belanger, Estevan, Saskatchewan bowled her best series - 1195 and finished 41st.

88 countries are participating at the 32 lane centre in the Kontinental Shopping Centre in historic St. Petersburg, Russia. Jason Belmonte of Australia retained his position as high qualifier for the men. Ghislaine van der Tol, Netherlands led the women. Complete results are available at www.qubicaamf.com.

Canada has had seven champions, is tied with the Philippines for the second most Bowling World Cup wins. USA has 15. Schmidt, the 2005 men's champion, is representing Canada for the third time. He finished 3rd at the 2006 event. Other Canadian champions are: Graydon 'Blondie' Robinson, Toronto, On., 1969, Ray Mitchell, White Rock, BC, 1972, Cathy Townsend, Montreal, QC, 1975, Rea Rennox, Toronto, 1977, Jean Gordon, Vancouver, BC., 1980, Kerrie Ryan-Ciach, Mississauga, On. 2003.

The Bowling Proprietors Association of Canada conduct the qualifying for the Quibica/AMF Bowling World Cup and the qualifier is sanctioned by the Canadian Tenpin Federation. BPAC is the trade association for bowling centers in Canada. With 600 members across Canada, they conduct provincial qualifying events for the Bowling World Cup leading to the national event. Schmidt and Belanger earned the right to represent Canada when they overcame the other provincial qualifiers in the national event conducted by the BPAC last March at Gateway Entertainment in Edmonton Alberta.

Sandra Lowe of Lindsay, Ontario is coaching the Canadian representatives. Lowe is one of the head coaches for the Canadian Tenpin Federation and coached Schmidt and Ryan-Ciach to their wins in 2005 and 2003.

The Canadian Tenpin Federation was formed in 1969 to qualify representatives for international competition. . CTF became a full membership organization on August 1, 2004 to deliver membership services to 40,000 plus registered tenpin bowlers in Canada. Membership services had previously been provided by the American Bowling Congress, the Women's International Bowling Congress and the Young American Bowling Alliance who were headquartered in the USA.

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