

## **KURT PILON WINS MICHIGAN STATE MASTERS AT ASTRO LANES**

Kurt Pilon of Warren won the 2018 Michigan State Masters Tournament at Astro Lanes in Madison Heights by defeating JR Raymond of Clinton Twp. 492-479 in the championship match.

Pilon qualified sixth with a six-game score of 1,285. In match play he defeated Marcus McClain of Lincoln Park 439-357, Justin Neiman of Macomb 434-360, and Kurry Crayton of Pontiac 499-395. Pilon and Raymond tied with 467 in the finals of the winner's bracket and Pilon won the two frame roll-off 60-48. Pilon earned \$2,500 for winning the tournament.

Raymond was the top qualifier with 1,457. In match play Raymond defeated Conner Weber of Wayne 372-357, Perry Crowell of Chesterfield 475-399, and Ronnie Sparks of Redford 436-376 before getting knocked to the loser's bracket by Pilon. Raymond moved back to the winner's bracket by defeating Sparks a second time 400-390. Raymond earned \$1,250 for second place.

Ronnie Sparks, the 2014 and 2015 Michigan State Masters champion, qualified fifth with 1,292. In match play he defeated Cory Hines of Jackson, the 2016 Michigan State Masters champion, 405-347, and Andre Gonzales of Saginaw 436-376 before losing to Raymond 436-376. In the loser's bracket Sparks defeated John Nolen of Waterford 511-481 and Andre Gonzales of Saginaw 414-340 before getting eliminated by Raymond 400-390. Sparks took home \$900 for his third place finish.

Twenty-one year old Andre Gonzales qualified fourth with 1295 and finished fourth for \$750. Gonzales defeated Carl Boldt of Pontiac 369-353 before getting knocked to the Losers bracket by Ronnie Sparks 492-395. He then defeated Nick Cooper of Clarkston 424-363, Terence Haines II of Hamburg 420-360, and Kurry Crayton of Pontiac 491-326 before losing again to Sparks 414-340.

Defending champion John Nolen qualified ninth by tournament rule. In match play he lost to Perry Crowell of Chesterfield 404-365. In the losers bracket he defeated Willie Rushing Jr. of Southfield 430-351 and Carl Boldt 412-320 before losing to Sparks 511-481 Nolen finished fifth for \$600.

The field of 71 bowlers averaged 190.19 during the six games of qualifying. Kurt Pilon had the high game of 279 and JR Raymond bowled a 278.

The top 16 qualifiers averaged 207.9 during match play.

The Michigan State USBC Masters Tournament is a USBC certified event operated by the Michigan State USBC Association.

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MASTERS TOURNAMENT AT ASTRO LANES

PL	NAME	CITY	AVERAGE	WINNINGS
1	Kurt Pilon	Warren	226.00	\$ 2,500.00
2	JR Raymond	Clinton Twp.	227.00	\$ 1,250.00
3	Ronnie Sparks	Redford	215.56	\$ 900.00
4	Andre Gonzales	Saginaw	206.67	\$ 750.00
5	John Nolen	Waterford	206.38	\$ 600.00
6	Kurry Crayton	Pontiac	201.79	\$ 600.00
7	Carl Boldt	Pontiac	201.07	\$ 500.00
8	Terence Haines II	Hamburg	200.57	\$ 500.00
9	Justin Neiman	Macomb	211.33	\$ 425.00
10	Willie Rushing JR	Southfield	204.58	\$ 425.00
11	Nick Cooper	Clarkston	203.00	\$ 425.00
12	Perry Crowell	Chesterfield	202.33	\$ 425.00
13	Jeffrey Austreng	Waterford	207.80	\$ 350.00
14	Cory Hines	Jackson	201.40	\$ 350.00
15	Marcus McClain	Lincoln Park	200.70	\$ 350.00
16	Conner Weber	Wayne	199.50	\$ 350.00

Senior Non-qualifiers

17	Ken Wyatt	Sterling Hgts.	1206	\$170
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