## SWEET THREE-PEET FOR JUSTIN KNOWLES IN THE 2022-23 MICHIGAN STATE MASTERS TOURNAMENT AT M-66 BOWL IN BATTLE CREEK



2-time defending champion Justin Knowles of Okemos west back-to-back as he won the 2022-23 Michigan State USBC Masters Tournament at M-66 Bowl in Battle Creek by defeating Carleton Chambers of Detroit 435-361 in the Championship match and earned the top prize of \$2,000. Knowles also earned paid entry into the 2023 USBC Masters, and paid entry into the 2023 Michigan State USBC Masters.

Knowles qualified fifth with a six-game score of 1259. He plowed his way through the winner's bracket with wins over Nick French of Jackson 506-382, Brandon Gibson of Kalamazoo 434-360, Frank Snodgrass of Centerline 423-381, and Carleton Chambers 435-361. He then had to wait for an opponent from the Loser's bracket.



Chambers qualified second by scoring 1285 for six games. Chambers defeated J R Raymond of Clinton Twp. 439-327, and Mason Brantley Sr of Detroit 406-361 before getting sent to the Loser's bracket by Knowles. In the Loser's bracket, Chambers earned his way back to the Winner's bracket, and a rematch with Knowles, by defeating Raymond 481-447. Chambers earned \$1,000 by finishing second.

J R Raymond finished third and earned \$750. Brantley finished fourth and earned \$500.

Frank Snodgrass of Centerline was the top qualifier with 1382, a 230 average.

The lane pattern for this event was tough. The forty-two bowlers averaged 187 per game. The top twelve, who advanced to match-play, averaged 208. The cut to make it to match-play was 1192 (-8). The average score during match-play was 391 for two games. Knowles averaged 223.23 during match-play.

Fleming Cook of Woodhaven was the top senior non-qualifier with 1082 and earned \$150.