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WPBA PACIFIC COAST CLASSIC THE COMMOTION BY THE OCEAN

The tournament is underway!

October 2st, 2008 – Lincoln, City OR at the Chinook Winds Casino – By Anne Craig

The players are converging upon this coastal city about 2.5 hours north of Portland for this important event. The ranking points earned here will determine (along with the combined total for all 6 events so far) what players will receive invitations into the WPBA Tour Championships in Hollywood, Florida in November.

The tournament started in earnest this morning along with the side-by-side American Poolplayers Association event.

The Day session saw such players as Monica Webb, Yu Ram Cha, Ga Young Kim and Allison Fisher advance in their first round match-ups. Janet Atwell, who has been struggling this year, is having a great tournament so far, advancing into the third round after wins against Debbie Schjodt and Val Finnie. She faces Ga Young Kim tomorrow night at 10:00pm. Veterans' Laura Smith and Aileen Dimmick battled it out in their first round matchup, going hill-hill with Laura emerging victorious. Melissa Herndon had a tough time against Heather Lloyd, also going hill-hill but Melissa prevailed.

The first major upset came in the first round of the Evening session when Japans' Kyoko Sone, the '07 Northwest Women's Pool Associations' points winner, defeated Karen Corr soundly, 9-6. Kyoko took the lead early and never relinquished it, stunning the #2 ranked and seeded player into the 1 loss round. It's been a long time since we've seen Karen get knocked into the one loss side off of a first round match.

The second major upset came when Yu Ram Cha defeated the #1 ranked Kelly Fisher in their 2nd round match. Yu Ram had played well versus Morgan Steinman while Kelly Fisher easily handled Jacoby Great Lakes Regional Tour '07 points winner, Irene Henry. Yu Ram took advantage of Kelly's errors and played well throughout the match, finishing it off with a 5/9 combination in game 16 to win 9-7.

With two of the top 5 players into the one loss side, and two top 10 players not attending the tournament (Jasmin Ouschan, playing in the World 10 Ball Championships and Sarah Ellerby – out for personal reasons), the opportunity for several players to make a giant leap in the rankings is ripe for the picking. Player's such as Jeanette Lee, Vivian Villarreal, newly top 16 Iris Ranola, Monica Webb, Dawn Hopkins to name a few remaining attending top 16 players all have a chance to improve either their current top 10 ranking or make a move into the top 10.

Line Kjorsvik, fresh off of her 3rd place tie finish at the WPBA Carolina Classic two weeks ago, faced off against Kyoko Sone in round 2. Kyoko had the lead at 5-4 but Line jumped ahead a game at 6-5. Line kept the lead and won the match 9-7.

Sarah Rousey, who also played very well in North Carolina, defeated Helena Thornfeldt 9-3 in their 2nd round matchup Sarah will play Anna Kostanian on Friday.

Other's who advanced into the 3rd round include Iris Ranola, Vivian Villarreal, Dawn Hopkins, Gerda Hofstatter, Xiaoting Pan, Ga Young Kim, Monica Webb, Kim Shaw, Dawn Hopkins, Ewa Laurance and Jeanette Lee.

Check out the [tournament brackets](#) and keep refreshing your browser for updates!