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**WPBA TOUR CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**THE RACE TO THE FINISH LINE**  
**The Tournament Starts**

**November 13th, 2008 – Hollywood, FL Hard Rock Hotel & Casino**

The WPBA's grand finale for 2008 started off with some new and exciting features! For the first time, the WPBA streamed a featured match each round via pay-per-view on the internet for the first two days of this event! Fans can still get in on the action for today, go to [www.wpba.com](http://www.wpba.com) and click the PPV link.

The day sessions' featured webcast matches included Joanne Ashton versus Morgan Steinman, Gerda Hofstatter versus Angel Paglia, Jennifer Chen against Supadra Boonpasook and Sarah Rousey vs. Nicole Keeney. Evening session matches included Kelly Fisher vs. Tiffany Nelson, Helena Thornfeldt vs. Melissa Little and a rematch from this years' WPBA Carolina Classic : Jeanette Lee vs. Line Kjorsvik. Winners of those matches were Joanne, Gerda, Jennifer, Sarah, Kelly, Helena (who won in a long played hill-hill grinder) and Jeanette. Commentators included Melissa Herndon, Dawn Hopkins, Kristi Carter (all WPBA Board Members as well) Kim Shaw, WPBA Hall of Fame Inductee Loree Jon Hasson, Tournament Director Steve Tipton and veteran ESPN Commentator Mitch Laurance to name a few.

Day session upsets were limited but did include a hill-hill defeat by Asia Cycak over Exempt Pro and #31 seeded Debbie Schjodt. There were several hill-hill matches and quite a few bagel matches too! One interesting match was between Val Finnie and Monica Webb (3:15pm round) that had promised to be a tight competition, but Monica pulled ahead and defeated Val 9-4. Monica then went on to defeat newly inducted WPBA Hall of Famer, Ewa Laurance in the 2<sup>nd</sup> winner's bracket match. It was China versus Taiwan when Xiaoting Pan played against Jennifer Chen, with Xiaoting coming out ahead, 9-7.

Two current WPBA Player/Board Members, Melissa Herndon and Dawn Hopkins faced off in their 2<sup>nd</sup> round match and it was a close one throughout but in the end Melissa defeated Dawn 9-7. Seminole Hard Rock sponsored Vivian Villarreal along with Allison Fisher, Ga Young Kim and Karen Corr all are into the 3<sup>rd</sup> round on the winner's side awaiting their matches today. [Check out the tournament brackets](#) (don't forget to refresh your page as the brackets are updated after each round has ended)

Check back later for updates from Friday's sessions!