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Four Shockers Advance to Intercollegiate Singles Championships

WICHITA, Kan. – Shocker bowlers showed up to win at the Intercollegiate Singles Sectional Qualifier. Junior Jazreel Tan (Singapore) and freshman Francois Lavoie (Quebec City, Canada), each won the top qualifying spot at the Eules, Texas, Singles Sectional tournament, advancing them to the Intercollegiate Singles Championships in Lincoln, Neb.

Tan won the women's division by shooting 1,344 for six games, a 224 average. She led the women's qualifying by 58 pins.

Lavoie captured the men's No. 1 spot by shooting 1,389, resulting in a 231.5 average for the tournament.

"I felt like I was throwing the ball well. I was able to repeat shots," Lavoie said. "Also, I was able to see the moves ahead of time. It felt good to be on top of the moves."

Along with Tan and Lavoie, two additional Shockers – seniors Geoffrey Young (Denton, Texas) and Kevin Tatrow (Bel Aire, Kan.) – will be headed to the Singles Championships. Young finished in second place with a total of 1,371 pins, just 18 pins behind Lavoie. Tatrow rounded out the top six in the men's field by shooting 1,300 for the six-game tournament.

Narrowly missing cut on the men's side were juniors Miguel Lopez (Peoria, Ariz.) and Marcus Berndt (Malmo, Sweden). Lopez finished seventh while Berndt finished eighth.

Sophomores Tannya Roumimper (Bandung, Indonesia) and Holly Harris (Long Prairie, Minn.) barely missed the cut on the women's side, finishing fifth and sixth, respectively.

"It was a nice performance in the singles tournament. We had four players qualify for the national finals; however we were very close to having eight or more make it," Assistant Coach Mark Lewis said. "That was a great start to the weekend."

The Singles Sectional Qualifier was held March 9th, the day prior to the Intercollegiate Team Sectionals qualifier in Euless, Texas; this was one of four qualifying locations. The top six men and top four women at each location qualified to the Singles Championships, which are held in conjunction with the Intercollegiate Team Championships, April 17-21.

The Intercollegiate Singles Championships and Intercollegiate Team Championships will be aired on television throughout a four-week series. Two of the broadcasts will show the men's and women's ITC finals while the other two will show the top four men and top four women competing for the Intercollegiate Singles Championship title. The first of the four-week broadcast is set to air on CBS Sports Network, Channel 12, Friday at 10 p.m. EST, starting May 4. The remaining broadcasts will follow for the next three Fridays.

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