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Former A-State Bowler Jordan Richard Wins First Career PWBA Event

MECHANICSBURG, Pa. (6/17/18) – Former Arkansas State bowler Jordan Richard picked up her first career Professional Women’s Bowling Association (PWBA) tour event recently by winning the Greater Harrisburg Open Saturday, June 16 at ABC West Lanes in Mechanicsburg, Pa.

A native of Tecumseh, Mich., Richard just recently completed her collegiate career at A-State, where she won two consecutive National Tenpin Coaches Association Division I Player of the Year awards and three straight NTCA First-Team All-American honors.

Richard finished the two qualifying rounds in eighth with a total pinfall of 3,490 for an average of 218.13 per game. She bowled her way to first after the round of 32 and remained there after the round of 12 with 6,561 total pins for a 218.70 per game average to earn the top seed in the stepladder finals.

She faced off against Shannon O’Keefe in the finals and rolled strikes on three of her first four shots to begin the match. Richard would bowl strikes in the eighth and ninth frames and sealed the 222-194 victory with a strike in the tenth. The win, in just her fourth PWBA event, ensures her a spot in the season-ending PWBA Tour Championship.

“I’m so proud to see Jordan doing well on the PWBA tour,” A-State head women’s bowling coach Justin Kostick said. “For this to be just her fourth event in the PWBA just makes it all the more impressive, but I’m not surprised at all. Jordan is one of the best bowlers in the world and I expect her to claim many more titles.”

The 2018 PWBA Tour season will continue June 23 with the second major of the year, the U.S. Women's Open.

Fans can keep up with the Arkansas State women's bowling team by following the squad on Twitter (@AStateBowling) and by liking the Arkansas State Women's Bowling page on Facebook.