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Valerie Bercier (r) is congratulated by MDUSBC President George Bresinski (I) and runner-up Ashley Denard

VALERIE BERCIER WINS WOMEN'S SERIES EVENT AT WESTLAND BOWL

Valerie Bercier of Spring Lake won the Metro Detroit USBC (MDUSBC) Women's Series event Sunday with a 216-199 triumph over Ashley Denard of Southfield at Westland Bowl in Westland. Bercier took home the top prize of \$500, while Denard settled for \$250.

Bercier qualified ninth in the field of 38, with a four-game total of 826. She started qualifying slowly in qualifying with 191 and 194 before finishing with 218 and 223. In match play she defeated Brandie Reamy of Livonia 212-206, top qualifier Robin Orlikowski of Grand Rapids 239-228 and Lisa Bishop of Redford 221-198 to advance to the finals.

Denard qualified sixth with 854, including a high game of 234. By virtue of qualifying sixth she earned a bye in the first round, but once match play started she beat Jenna Pollak of Clinton Township 213-201 and Kimberly Sisk of Brownstown 245-231 on her way to the finals.

Orlikowski led qualifying by 66 pins with 935 over Sisk. She then lost her first match against Bercier 239-228 and took home \$75.

Bercier has now taken the lead in the season long Cup race with 213 points, closely followed by Sandra Schultz of Macomb with 203 and last month's winner Julie Oczepek of Vassar with 201.

Complete results are available at www.mdusbc.com under "Tournaments" and Women's Series page.

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