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**CANADA'S MICHAEL SCHMIDT QUALIFIES FOR THE MASTERS EVENT AT THE
MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Michael Schmidt, Winnipeg, Manitoba bowled 651 for his final three games of team event to finish in 15th place in the All Events and qualify for the masters event at the Men's World Championships.

A record 356 players from 65 countries are competing at the Dream Bowl Palace in Unterföhring, a suburb of Munich, Germany. The 52 lane centre is currently the largest centre in Europe.

Competition in the championships includes singles, doubles, trios, teams and a match play masters event for the high 16 players in the All events.

USA, Finland, Germany and Columbia qualified for the semi and finals in the team event.

USA met Columbia in the #1- #4 semi-final and Finland and Germany met in the #2 - #3 semi

#1 USA beat Columbia 1047 – 970 and Finland went past Germany 996 – 941. . Germany and Columbia earned the bronze medals.

In one of the most exciting team matches of any world championships, Finland took USA to the 10th frame before losing 1073 – 1057. USA won gold and Finland earned silver.

Canada started their final three games of qualifying for the semi-finals in fifth position and had improved to third place after games four and five of the qualifying.

They needed 960 in their final game to move past Columbia who had finished their qualifying in the first shift of the day. They could not put a cap on a great day which saw them bowl 1051 and 1036 in the first two games. They bowled 916 in the final game for a 6074 total and seventh place.

Schmidt, the 2005 World Cup winner, was high for the Canadians in the team event with 1343. Guillaume Nadeau, Quebec City, Quebec bowled 1233, Mark Buffa, Montreal, QC had 1217, Jason Kovack, Windsor, Ontario bowled 1152, Jean Sebastien Lessard, Quebec City, QC 525 and Art Oliver, Jr., Hamilton, ON 604.

Lucien Casagrande, Winnipeg, MB and Frank Buffa, Montreal, QC are coaching the team.

Complete scores are available at www.gotenpinbowling.ca

The masters which is the final event of the competition is played on Saturday.

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