

2012 Star City Open Results

The 15th Annual Star City High School Open took place March 17-18, 2012 at Lincoln's Sun Valley Lanes. Thanks to the generosity of the Lincoln Bowling Association and Sun Valley Lanes, this event continues to be one of the largest high school team scholarship tournaments in the country, awarding \$10,000 in total scholarships.

In the Girls division, 14 teams vied for the coveted Star City Open title. After 3 games of qualifying and three games of Baker bowling, the top 50% of teams from each squad advanced to Sunday's double-elimination finals. This format has proven to be both exciting and popular to the teams, as well as the spectators. The top eight teams were (in order) Lincoln Pius, Brandon Valley, Bellevue West, Lincoln North Star, Fremont-Fremont Bergan, Sioux Falls Washington, Lincoln East and Sioux Falls Lincoln. Fremont-Fremont Bergan and Brandon Valley emerged from the first two rounds of the double-elimination undefeated. Brandon Valley however sent the Fremont-Fremont Bergan girls to the loser's bracket, where they were defeated by the same team they sent to the loser's bracket the previous round; Lincoln Pius. The Pius Thunderbolts were definitely "charged up" to win their first Star City High School Open title, as they battled a strong Fremont team to match up against Brandon Valley in the finals. The Pius Thunderbolts were un-relentless, and defeated Brandon Valley twice in order to win this double elimination tournament. Pius received a \$20000 team scholarship as champions, with Brandon Valley collecting \$1500 in scholarships. The Fremont-Fremont Bergan ladies finished 3rd, receiving \$1000 in scholarships.

The Boys division had 18 of the region's best teams from Nebraska and South Dakota battling it out to determine the 2012 SCHSO champion. To make the event even more challenging, all of the competition was conducted on the Kegel Navigation Challenge Pattern "Beaten Path". Although not as difficult as a traditional "sport-certified" lane pattern, these lanes required a premium on shot-making abilities and rewarded those students who repeated shots consistently. "With \$10,000 in scholarships being offered, we didn't want to make this a "crap-shoot" with a high-scoring lane condition, which is why we keep the lanes somewhat challenging" tournament director John Losito stated.

The top 10 teams were (in order) Fremont, Lincoln Southeast, Sioux Falls Washington A, Sioux Falls Roosevelt Burgundy, Lincoln North Star, Sioux Falls O'Gorman, Columbus, Bellevue West, York, Lincoln Pius, Sioux Falls Lincoln and Hastings. After a challenging round of double-elimination play, Sioux Falls O'Gorman battled their way through the winner's bracket to meet a determined Fremont team. Sioux Falls O'Gorman would remain the victor in the winner's bracket, and defeated Fremont in the first best 3 of 5 Baker matches, to win their first Star City High School Open title. Sioux Falls O'Gorman garnered \$2000 in scholarship monies by finishing first, Fremont earned \$1500 by finishing second, Bellevue West \$1000 for third and Sioux Falls Roosevelt Burgundy received \$500 in scholarship for finishing fourth in this year's event.

Bowlers who had the high game or series during qualifying received a \$125 college scholarship compliment of the Lincoln Bowling Association. "We like to help the youth in our community and this is an excellent way to do it", Lincoln Bowling Association board member

Pat Dority stated in reference to the donation of scholarship money. The 16th annual Star City High School Open is scheduled to return on March 16-17, 2013. We hope to see you then!