



Bike's run-and-shoot offense was unstoppable through three-and-a-half matches, including a semifinal drubbing of Alvarado.

first stop in Milwaukee, offered little more. Softened up by tie breakers with Charlie Kalil and Vern Roberts, Monreal's weight made him look even softer in the 21-4, 21-10 drubbing.

Monreal was unable to answer the bell for his third-place playoff with Alvarado, who wasn't exactly anxious to step on the court so soon after his semifinal.

Bike, known for his hot and cold play, was nothing but hot for three-and-a-half matches. Searching for the answer to his mediocre play of late, Bike decided to try the run-and-shoot in Atlanta. With his shooting so accurate, he didn't need much of the run part. Bike opened with a win over the Southeast's rising star, Scott Kelley, 21-9, 21-10, and then man-handled Craig Dehnert, 21-10, 21-8, in the quarters. Then came the showdown with Alvarado. Prior to this stop, most of the pros felt that the road to any win went through Alvarado and Bike. When they met in the semis, Bell knew if...

Both smarting from semifinal losses in Milwaukee, Alvarado and Bike were fighting for this year's title of "most-feared." Fast and furious, they battled point for point from the start. There wasn't the time nor the luxury of feeling the other player out. Finding the groove with the wicked Z-serve to the left, Bike took a slight lead. Realizing the momentum was shifting to his younger opponent, Alvarado went for broke and tried to pick a few off out of the air while looking into the

dark right side wall of glass. It was the type of last-ditch effort that has earned Alvarado the nickname of "Houdini." There was no escape this time and Bike earned a 21-18 decision.

You would have been laughed at if you had correctly predicted the second-game outcome. A determined Alvarado took to the court after the five-minute respite but Bike was in another world. Pumping his fist with each unretrievable blast, Bike never looked back. The big lefty overpowered the game's all-time best by sizzling the small blue sphere as if it were a BB. The run-and-shoot was an impressive sight that afternoon as he handed out the champ's worst defeat in memory, 21-4.

The Atlanta fans were able to stay involved in the pro event as State Commissioner Robert Laarhoven qualified with a win over Lennart DeLaTorre and pushed Alvarado in the first round. Testing the home court of Laarhoven, Alvarado escaped with duplicate 21-18 wins. There was more first-round fireworks as qualifier Charlie Kalil held an 8-6 tie-breaker lead over No. 1 seed Monreal before Poncho managed the win. In the same bracket, qualifier Roberto Meneses of Vancouver pushed Vern Roberts to three games.

There were even a couple of first-round upsets. National Junior champ Octavio Silveyra edged crafty veteran and No. 6 seed Jaime Paredes in the opening round, 11-8 in the tie breaker. Craig Dehnert surprised his regular

Pro Stop Winners: 1973-1991

Naty Alvarado
 Fred Lewis
 Dennis Hofflander
 Stuffy Singer
 Paul Haber
 Terry Muck
 Vern Roberts
 Poncho Monreal
 John Bike
 Jon Kendler
 Jaime Paredes (1)
 Dave Graybill (1)
 Gordy Pfeifer (1)
 Danny Bell (1)

playing partner, Vince Munoz, to earn a spot in the top 12 for the next stop in Dallas with a convincing 21-6, 21-9 win.

Results:

Qualifying Round: Scott Kelley, Signal Mtn., Tenn., d. Larry Haskell, Houston, 21-10, 21-9; Robert Laarhoven, Atlanta, d. Lennart DeLaTorre, San Francisco, 21-12, 21-11; Charlie Kalil, Fall River, Mass., d. Robert Pearse, Memphis, Tenn., 21-4, 21-6; Roberto Meneses, Vancouver, Can., d. Matt Hiber, Memphis, Tenn., 19-21, 21-4, 11-4.

First Round: Poncho Monreal, El Paso, d. Charlie Kalil, 12-21, 21-13, 11-8; Vern Roberts, Tucson, d. Roberto Meneses, 21-5, 17-21, 11-3; Danny Bell, Quebec, Can., d. Dan Armijo, Albuquerque, 21-19, 21-5; Richard Valenzuela, Commerce, d. Jeff Wilson, Vancouver, 21-6, 21-20; Naty Alvarado, Hesperia, d. Robert Laarhoven, 21-18, 21-18; Octavio Silveyra, Commerce, d. Jaime Paredes, San Diego, 21-10, 16-21, 11-8; Craig Dehnert, Commerce, d. Vince Munoz, Commerce, 21-6, 21-9; John Bike, Austin, d. Scott Kelley, 21-9, 21-10.

Quarterfinals: Monreal d. Roberts, 17-21, 21-7, 11-2; Bell d. Valenzuela, 21-12, 21-0; Alvarado d. Silveyra, 21-10, 21-5; Bike d. Dehnert, 21-10, 21-8.

Semifinals: Bell d. Monreal, 21-4, 21-10; Bike d. Alvarado, 21-18, 21-4.

Third Place: Alvarado d. Monreal, default.

Final: Bell d. Bike, 8-21, 21-6, 11-5.

