



**Eleanor Callado**

House Pro at The Broken Rack, spent 10/15 & 10/16) playing in the **2009 Pacific Coast Classic**, the Oregon stop on the **Women's Professional Billiards Association** (WPBA) tour. Eleanor played great in this 64-player tournament with a double-elimination format that becomes single-elimination for the top 16, finishing in the 9th—16th bracket.

Eleanor got off to a strong start defeating #12 ranked **Helena Thornfeldt** 9 to 6. Her second match was against Dawn Hopkins, a veteran player who brought a strong game to this event. Dawn knocked Eleanor onto the one-loss side by taking the match 9 to 3. Eleanor next took on **Tamara Rademakers**, a top player from the Northwest Women's Tour with a WPBA ranking of #39, and defeated her 9 to 6. Another 9 to 6 victory over a regional tour player, this time **Rhio Flores** of the J. Pechauer Northeast Women's Tour, got Eleanor into the top 32. But she faced a big obstacle to advancing further—opponent **Yu Ram Cha**, a Korean player, currently ranked #11, who is a rising star in the pool world. In a tough battle where Eleanor pulled slightly ahead only to have Yu Ram Cha come back, Eleanor finally prevailed 9 to 7.

Usually, at that point Eleanor could have gone to bed for a well-deserved

night's rest, but because ESPN is taping the quarter-finals as well as the semi-finals and finals of this event, the field had to be narrowed to 8 instead of 16 by the end of Friday night. So, at 11:30 pm, after a harrowing 16 game match and no break, Eleanor faced off against the WPBA's #2 ranked player, **Xiaoting Pan**. XTP, as she's sometimes called, was simply too much for El on this night and, with a 9 to 3 victory, denied her a place in the final eight and an appearance on ESPN.

Eleanor's growing resume now includes victories over #9 **Jasmine Ouschan**, #11 **Yu Ram Cha** and, twice, #12 **Helena Thornfeldt**. Eleanor is showing that she has the game to compete where she wants to be—at the elite level of women's pool. ***GO ELEANOR.***

There were two other local ladies who competed at the Pacific Coast Classic: **Heather Pulford** and **Bonnie Plowman**. Both highly successful in the OB Cues Ladies 9-Ball Tour in Texas, they have recently moved to the Bay Area and joined the **West Coast Women's Regional 9-Ball Tour**. In Oregon, Heather had the misfortune of drawing **Xiaoting Pan** as her first match opponent. She then won her next two matches—9 to 5 against **Janet Atwell** and 9 to 4 against **Supadra Boonpasool**—before being eliminated by **Helena Thornfeldt** 9 to 4. Bonnie started off with a 9 to 5 win over **Liz Taylor** (the #1 player on the Northeast Women's Tour) before being hit by the Texas Tornado, **Vivian Villareal**, with a 9 to 3 loss. Brittany Bryant of the Canadian Womens' Tour (tied with Liz Taylor for the #27 WPBA ranking) then eliminated Bonnie in a 9 to 3 match.

**Eleanor Callado, Bonnie Plowman and Heather Pulford** are all expected to play in the last stop on the **West Coast Women's Regional 9-Ball Tour: at The Broken Rack on November 21/22**. Also expected are **Michelle Rakin, Mary Rakin**, and players and former players from The Broken Rack 8-Ball League and DVPL (Diablo Valley Pool League) such as: **Dar Domingo, Denise Domingo, Cony Mendoza, Revelina Morales, Tracy Palma, Kacie Ragen and Holly Robinson**. Check it out.