

Manico, Vontobel to represent Switzerland at Bowling World Cup in Malaysia

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Bigi Manico from Zurich and **Larry Vontobel** (pictured left) from Lausanne took different routes to win the Swiss Bowling QubicaAMF Bowling World Cup Qualifier Sunday at bowling center BESECO in Rümikon near Winterthur.

Local favorite Manico, a multiple Swiss Women's champion and a regular participant at Bowling World Cups, used her home advantage at BESECO to win the women's division by 406 pins including bonus.

She led the top six women into the match play finals and won all five matches to finish with 6077 pinfall total and an average of 205.40 over 28 games. **Sabine Chollet** was a distant second with 5671 with **Sabine Leutwiler** in third at 5532.



L-R The top 3 women in the Swiss Bowling World Cup Qualifier, Chollet, Manico and Leutwiler.

Vontobel led the men's qualifying after 12 games with a 219.75 average but fell to second in round robin trailing leader **Daniel Hürlimann** from Zurich by 215 pins heading into the match play portion.

Vontobel was able to narrow the gap by winning three of his first four matches (20 bonus per win) with games of 191, 244, 191 and 218 while Hürlimann had four games between 171 and 199 and one win only.

When both players met in the fifth and final match, Hürlimann still had a 77-pin advantage. Both players showed nerves but while Vontobel was able to manage a solid 193 game, Hürlimann finished with a disastrous 121 to hand the win to Vontobel by 15 pins, 5991 to 5976.



Cédric Regenass secured third place with a 278 final game and 5919 pinfall total.

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Manico and Vontobel will represent Switzerland in the 45th QubicaAMF Bowling World Cup from Nov. 13-20, 2009 at Melaka International Bowling Center in Melaka, Malaysia.