



BARBASOL PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS - TOURNAMENT NOTES

VENUE: Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, IN
DATES: Feb. 11-15, 2015
DEFENDING CHAMPION: Jason Belmonte

OIL PATTERN: TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS PATTERN (39 FT.)

DESCRIPTION: This 39-foot pattern features a sport compliant, well balanced condition designed to appeal to varied bowling styles, from the straight player to the high rev rate, power player. Although the pattern allows multiple angles to the pocket it still requires consistency and accuracy to achieve and maintain a good scoring pace.

TV FINALS MATCH UPS

Match #1: No. 5 Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, CA vs. No. 4 Sean Rash, Montgomery, IL
Match #2: Winner of Match #1 vs. No. 3 Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, NY
Match #3: Winner of Match #2 vs. No. 2 Jason Belmonte, Orange, New South Wales, Australia
Title Match: Winner of Match #3 vs. No. 1 Rhino Page, Orlando, FL

BARBASOL PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS – COMPETITION FORMAT

QUALIFYING (24 GAMES):

Entire field of 113 bowled three 8-game blocks of qualifying.

--After 24 games of qualifying, cut to the Top 24 for match play

MATCH PLAY (24 GAMES):

Top 24 bowled three 8-game rounds of round robin match play including one position round game. For match play, qualifying totals were added to with pinfall totals in each match plus 30 pins for each match win and 15 pins for each match play tie.

--Cut to Top 5 for stepladder finals

BARBASOL PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS – BY THE NUMBERS

PRIZE LIST:

1st -- \$50,000
2nd -- \$25,000
3rd -- \$13,000
4th -- \$11,000
5th -- \$10,000

Field Size (113) – All are PBA Tour, PBA50 Tour, Regional Tour or PBA Women's Series champions.

PBA Hall of Famers in the field – 9.

Tom Baker, Parker Bohn III, Norm Duke, Amleto Monacelli, Johnny Petraglia, Carmen Salvino, Brian Voss, Pete Weber & Walter Ray Williams Jr.

Past PBA Tournament of Champions winners in the field – 12

Jason Belmonte (2014), Sean Rash (2012), Mika Koivuniemi (2011), Kelly Kulick (2010), Patrick Allen (2009), Michael Haugen Jr. (2008), Tommy Jones (2007), Chris Barnes (2006), Bryan Goebel (1998), Norm Duke (1994), Pete Weber (2013 & 1987), & Johnny Petraglia (1971).

PBA 50 Greatest Players in the field – 13

Walter Ray Williams Jr. (2); Pete Weber (4); Norm Duke (7); Parker Bohn III (10); Brian Voss (13); Johnny Petraglia (16); Carmen Salvino (17); Amleto Monacelli (21); Chris Barnes (26); Tommy Jones (30); Tom Baker (T-40); Patrick Allen (44) & Mika Koivuniemi (49).

Countries represented – 8

Australia, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, Venezuela, England, Finland & United States.

High International finisher – Jason Belmonte (Australia) qualified second for the TV Finals.

Women in the field – 3

Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, NY (finished 9th); Kelly Kulick, Union, NJ (finished 34th); Clara Guerrero, Colombia (finished 35th) & Diandra Asbaty, Chicago (finished 107th).

FINALISTS TITLES

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Total titles (27)</u>	<u>Majors (6)</u>
Rhino Page	3	0
Jason Belmonte	11	4
Ryan Ciminelli	2	0
Sean Rash	8	2
Scott Norton	3	0

BEST FINISH IN PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

Page:

2nd in 2009, Las Vegas

Belmonte:

1st in 2014, Allen Park, MI

Ciminelli;

2nd in 2012, Las Vegas (lost title match to Rash)

Rash:

1st in 2012, Las Vegas (defeated Ciminelli in the title match)

Norton:

12th in 2014, Allen Park, MI

BEST FINISH IN A MAJOR

Page:

2nd in 2009 PBA Tournament of Champions, Las Vegas

Belmonte:

1st in 2015 USBC Masters, Green Bay, WI

1st in 2014 USBC Masters, North Brunswick, NJ

1st in 2014 PBA Tournament of Champions, Allen Park, MI

1st in 2013 USBC Masters, North Brunswick, NJ.

Ciminelli:

2nd in 2012 PBA Tournament of Champions, Las Vegas

Rash:

1st in 2012 PBA Tournament of Champions, Las Vegas

1st in 2007 USBC Masters, Milwaukee, WI

Norton:

7th in 2014 PBA World Championship, Las Vegas

LEADERS BY ROUND

Qualifying Round 1: Rhino Page

Qualifying Round 2: Rhino Page

Qualifying Round 3: Rhino Page

Match Play Round 1: Rhino Page

Match Play Round 2: Rhino Page

Match Play Round 3: Rhino Page

FINALISTS BY ROUND

	<u>Q1</u>	<u>Q2</u>	<u>Q3</u>	<u>MP1</u>	<u>MP2</u>	<u>MP3</u>
Page	1st	1st	1st	1st	1st	1st
Belmonte	T-21st	5th	6th	3rd	2nd	2nd
Ciminelli	32nd	17th	7th	8th	6th	3rd
Rash	5th	12th	10th	10th	7th	4th
Norton	9th	9th	3rd	2nd	4th	5th

RECORD IN MATCH PLAY BY ROUND

	<u>Rd. 1</u>	<u>Rd. 2</u>	<u>Rd. 3</u>	<u>Overall</u>
Rhino Page	6-2-0	5-2-1	4-4-0	15-8-1
Jason Belmonte	4-4-0	5-3-0	5-2-1	14-9-1
Ryan Ciminelli	4-4-0	3-4-1	5-3-0	12-11-1
Sean Rash	4-4-0	5-3-0	4-4-0	13-11-0
Scott Norton	7-1-0	4-4-0	4-4-0	15-9-0

No. 1 Rhino Page

1st after 24 games of qualifying	
Qualifying average (24 games)	246.50
Match Play record:	15-8-1
Match Play average (24 games):	241.29
Overall Tournament Average (48 games):	243.90
*Position round match – Lost Jason Belmonte, 247-224.	

No. 2 Jason Belmonte

6th after 24 games of qualifying	
Qualifying average (24 games)	240.29
Match Play record:	14-9-1
Match Play average (24 games):	246.87
Overall Tournament Average (48 games):	243.58
*Position round match – Def. Rhino Page, 247-224.	

No. 3 Ryan Ciminelli

7th after 24 games of qualifying	
Qualifying average (24 games)	239.67
Match Play record:	12-11-1
Match Play average (24 games):	242.37
Overall Tournament Average (48 games):	241.02
*Position round match – Def. Sean Rash, 242-225.	

No. 4 Sean Rash

10th after 24 games of qualifying	
Qualifying average (24 games)	237.92
Match Play record:	13-11-0
Match Play average (24 games):	242.12
Overall Tournament Average (48 games):	240.02
*Position round match – Lost to Ryan Ciminelli, 242-225.	

No. 5 Scott Norton

3rd after 24 games of qualifying	
Qualifying average (24 games)	242.83
Match Play record:	15-9-0
Match Play average (24 games):	233.33
Overall Tournament Average (48 games):	238.08
*Position round match – Def. Patrick Allen, 224-222.	

POSITION ROUND NOTES:

- The five players that made the TV Finals were the same five players that entered the position round match. Only two positions changed during the position round match (#3 and #4 seeds), but that doesn't mean the position round wasn't interesting.
- Rhino Page and Jason Belmonte were far enough ahead in first and second respectively that their seeds did not change in the position round (Belmonte def. Page, 247-224, but still finished 45 pins behind Page for the #1 seed).
- Heading into the position round match, Ryan Ciminelli trailed Sean Rash by just 14 pins for the #3 seed. Ciminelli beat Rash, 242-225, to take the #3 seed from Rash, leaving Rash as the #4 seed.
- The battle for the fifth and final seed came down to three players for one spot. Entering the position round, Scott Norton was in fifth place, 13 pins ahead of his position round opponent, Patrick Allen, and 27 pins ahead of Bill O'Neill, who bowled Parker Bohn III in the position round. O'Neill started his match with the first six strikes and converted single-pin spares in the seventh and ninth frames. He left the 3-6 combination in the 10th frame and, despite converting the spare and striking on his fill ball, his 247 game was only good enough to tie Bohn and he had left the door open for Norton. Norton, who finished last in his match against Patrick Allen, got up in the 10th frame needing a double and 9 pins to win the match and secure the #5 seed. Norton struck out for a 224-222 win to earn the #5 seed by 19 pins over O'Neill and 45 pins over Allen.

FINALISTS VS. EACH OTHER IN ROUND ROBIN MATCH PLAY THIS WEEK

PAGE VS.:

Belmonte:

- Won 287-215 in Rd. 1, Gm. 3.
- Lost 247-224 in Position Rd.

Ciminelli:

- Lost 243-234, Rd. 3, Gm. 2.

Rash:

- Lost 243-224 in Rd. 2, Gm. 6.

Norton:

- Won 276-256 in Rd. 2, Gm. 4.

BELMONTE VS.:**Page:**

- Lost 287-215 in Rd. 1, Gm. 3.
- Won 247-224 in Position Rd.

Ciminelli:

- Lost 248-197 in Rd. 1, Gm. 2.

Rash:

- Won 266-214 in Rd. 3, Gm. 6.

Norton:

- Lost 258-217 in Rd. 1, Gm. 4.

CIMINELLI VS.:**Page:**

- Won 243-234 in Rd. 3, Gm. 2.

Belmonte:

- Won 248-197 in Rd. 1, Gm. 2.

Rash:

- Lost 280-268 in Rd. 3, Gm. 1.
- Won 242-225 in Position Rd.

Norton:

- Won 211-197 in Rd. 3, Gm. 3.

RASH VS.:**Page:**

- Won 243-224 in Rd. 2, Gm. 6.

Belmonte:

- Lost 266-214 in Rd. 3, Gm. 6.

Ciminelli:

- Won 280-268 in Rd. 3, Gm. 1.
- Lost 242-225 in Position Rd.

Norton:

- Lost 245-235 in Rd. 2, Gm. 7.

NORTON VS.:**Page:**

- Lost 276-256 in Rd. 2, Gm. 4.

Belmonte:

- Won 258-217 in Rd. 1, Gm. 4.

Ciminelli:

- Lost 211-197 in Rd. 3, Gm. 3.

Rash:

- Won 245-235 in Rd. 2, Gm. 7.

FINALISTS VS. EACH OTHER ON TV (HEAD-TO-HEAD SINGLES MATCHES)

PAGE VS.:

Belmonte, Rash & Norton:

Has not faced any of these three on TV.

Ciminelli:

- 1-0 with a 268.00 avg.; Ciminelli 246.00 avg. against.

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* Def. Ciminelli, 268-246, in the title match of the 2009 PBA Viper Championship, Allen Park, MI.

BELMONTE VS.:

Page:

Has not faced on TV.

Ciminelli:

-1-1 with a 225.00 avg.; Ciminelli 235.50 avg. against.

-0-0 in title matches.

* Def. Ciminelli, 227-214, in the opening match of the 2014 USBC Masters, North Brunswick, NJ.

* Lost to Ciminelli, 257-223, in the semifinal match of the 2012 PBA Tournament of Champions, Las Vegas.

Rash:

-2-0 with a 248.50 avg.; Rash 181.00 avg. against.

-1-0 in title matches with a 268.00 avg., Rash 191.00 avg. against.

* Def. Rash, 229-171, in the semifinal match of the 2013 Barbasol Tournament of Champions, Indianapolis, IN.

* Def. Rash, 268-191, in the title match of the 2011 Chameleon Open, Las Vegas.

Norton:

-0-1 with a 223.00 avg.; Norton 227.00 avg. against.

-0-1 in title matches with a 223.00 avg.; Norton 227.00 avg. against.

* Lost to Norton, 227-223, in the title match of the 2012 Chameleon Championship, Las Vegas.

CIMINELLI VS.:**Page:**

-0-1 with a 246.00 avg.; Page 268.00 avg. against.

-0-1 in title matches with a 246.00 avg.; Page 268.00 avg. against.

* Lost to Page, 268-246, in the title match of the 2009 Viper Championship, Allen Park, MI.

Belmonte:

-1-1 with a 235.50 avg.; Belmonte 225.00 avg. against.

-0-0 in title matches.

* Lost to Belmonte, 227-214, in the opening match of the 2014 USBC Masters, North Brunswick, NJ.

* Def. Belmonte, 257-223, in the semifinal match of the 2012 PBA Tournament of Champions, Las Vegas.

Rash:

-0-1 with a 205.00 avg.; Rash 239.00 avg. against.

-0-1 in title matches with a 205.00 avg.; Rash 239.00 avg. against..

* Lost to Rash, 239-205, in the title match of the 2012 PBA Tournament of Champions, Las Vegas.

Norton:

Has not faced on TV.

RASH VS.:**Page:**

Has not faced on TV.

Belmonte:

-0-2 with a 181.00 avg.; Belmonte 248.50 avg. against.

-0-1 in title matches with a 191.00 avg.; Belmonte 268.00 avg. against.

* Lost to Belmonte, 229-171, in the semifinal match of the 2013 Barbasol Tournament of Champions, Indianapolis, IN.

* Lost to Belmonte, in the title match of the 2011 Chameleon Open, Las Vegas.

Ciminelli:

-1-0 with a 239.00 avg.; Ciminelli 205.00 avg. against.

-1-0 in title matches with a 239.00 avg.; Ciminelli 205.00 avg. against.

* Def. Ciminelli, 239-205, in the title match of the 2012 PBA Tournament of Champions, Las Vegas.

Norton:

-0-2 with a 186.00 avg.; Norton 237.50 avg. against.

-0-2 in title matches with a 186.00 avg.; Norton 237.50 avg. against.

* Lost to Norton, 219-191, in the title match of the 2013 Earl Anthony Players Championship, Allen, Park, MI.

* Lost to Norton, 256-181, in the title match of the 2010 Chameleon Championship, Las Vegas.

NORTON VS.:

Page:

Has not faced on TV.

Belmonte:

-1-0 with a 227.00 avg.; Belmonte 223.00 avg. against.

-1-0 in title matches with a 227.00 avg.; Belmonte 223.00 avg. against.

* Def. Belmonte, 227-223, in the title match of the 2012 Chameleon Championship, Las Vegas.

Ciminelli:

Has not faced on TV.

Rash:

-2-0 with a 237.50 avg.; Rash 186.00 avg. against.

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THIS WEEK IN THE PBA TOUR NOTES

HISTORY OF THE PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

- This is the 50th edition of the PBA Tournament of Champions.
- **This marks the second time Indianapolis has hosted the PBA Tournament of Champions:**
 - **The very first T of C was contested in 1962 at Play Bowl and was won by Joe Joseph.**
 - **The 2013 T of C was contested here at Woodland Bowl and was won by Pete Weber.**
- Following the 1962 event, the event was not contested again until 1965 when it moved to Bowlarama in Akron, OH. PBA Hall of Famer Billy Hardwick won the event. 1965 was also the year that Firestone became the title sponsor of the event. They would remain the event sponsor every year through 1993, creating one of the longest sponsorships in professional sports history.
- The following year, 1966, the event moved to Riviera Lanes in Fairlawn, OH (Akron suburb) where it would remain through 1994.
- 1973 – Jim Godman becomes the first player to win the event twice (1969 & 1973).
- 1984 – Mike Durbin, who lives in the nearby Cleveland suburb of Chagrin Falls, OH, becomes the first player to win the T of C three times (1972, 1982 & 1984).
- 1993 – George Branham III becomes the first (and, thus far, only) African-American to win the T of C. This event is also the last one sponsored by Firestone.
- 1994 – Norm Duke wins the last T of C contested at Riviera Lanes (General Tire is sponsor).
- 1995 – Brunswick picks up sponsorship of the event (they would remain as event sponsor through 2000) and moves it to the Chicago suburb of Lake Zurich, IL, with an arena finals in Palatine, IL. Mike Aulby wins the event to become the first player to complete bowling's "Grand Slam" (wins in the T of C, USBC Masters, PBA National/World Championship and U.S. Open).
- 1997-2000 – The event is moved to Reno (1997), Overland Park, KS (1998 & 1999) and then back to Lake Zurich, IL (2000).
- 2002 – After a one-year hiatus, the event returns and is moved to the Mohegan Sun Arena in Uncasville, CT, where it will remain through 2007. In 2002, Jason Couch becomes the first and only player to win this event three consecutive times (1999, 2000 & 2002).
- 2008 – Event moves to its current home at Red Rock Lanes in Las Vegas, NV.
- 2010 – Kelly Kulick becomes first woman to enter, and win, the event.
- 2011 – Mika Koivuniemi is nearly perfect in the semifinal match as he shoots 299 in defeating Tom Daugherty, who sets a PBA scoring record for lowest score bowled on TV with a 100 game. Koivuniemi goes on to defeat Tom Smallwood, 269-207, to win his first T of C and a PBA record \$250,000 first-place check. Koivuniemi would go to claim PBA Player of the Year honors for the 2010-11 season.
- 2013 – The event returns to its city of origin in Indianapolis, IN, and Pete Weber becomes the oldest player, at age 50, to win the event.
- 2014 – The T of C is contested for the first time in the Detroit area (Allen Park, MI) and Jason Belmonte becomes the first player from Australia to win the event.

WINNERS OF MULTIPLE TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

Jason Couch	3 (1999, 2000 & 2002)
Mike Durbin	3 (1972, 1982 & 1984)
Dave Davis	2 (1968 & 1975)
Jim Godman	2 (1969 & 1973)
Earl Anthony	2 (1974 & 1978)
Marshall Holman	2 (1976 & 1986)
Pete Weber	2 (1987 & 2013)
Mark Williams	2 (1985 & 1988)

DEFENDING CHAMPION

Defending champion Jason Belmonte qualified as the #2 seed for today's TV Finals. He is looking to become just the second player to successfully defend a T of C title (Jason Couch "three-peated" in this event in 1999, 2000 & 2002 (event not contested in 2001).

THE PBA IN INDIANAPOLIS

This event marks the 36th PBA Tour event held in Indianapolis and the 31st held at Woodland Bowl. The first PBA Tour event held in Indianapolis was the Indianapolis Open at Play Bowl which was won by Billy Welu in 1962. Play Bowl also hosted the inaugural PBA Tournament of Champions that same year (won by Joe Joseph). After three events at Play Bowl, one at Raceway Lanes and another at Astro Bowl, the Tour kicked off a run of 20 consecutive seasons at Woodland Bowl from 1981-2001. After a year off, the PBA returned for 10 consecutive seasons (2002-2013). This center has hosted the U. S. Open four times (1990, 1991, 1996 & 2010). In addition to the four U.S. Opens contested here, there have been seven other "major" championships contested at Woodland Bowl: 2015 & 2013 Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions, 2006 & 2008 PBA World Championship and 1992, 1993 & 1994 Touring Players Championship.

PBA MAJORS CONTESTED AT WOODLAND BOWL

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>WINNER</u>
2015	Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions	????
2013	Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions	Pete Weber
2010	U.S. Open	Bill O'Neill
2008	PBA World Championship	Norm Duke
2006	PBA World Championship	Walter Ray Williams Jr.
1996	U.S. Open	Dave Husted
1994	Touring Players Championship	Walter Ray Williams Jr.
1993	Touring Players Championship	Jason Couch
1992	Touring Players Championship	► Pete Weber
1991	U.S. Open	► Pete Weber
1990	U.S. Open	Ron Palombi Jr.

WEBER WITHDRAWS

Two-time T of C champion (and winner of the 2013 T of C in this bowling center) Pete Weber withdrew during the third round of qualifying (after 18 games) due to an injury to his left "sliding" knee that occurred Wednesday night during his second round of qualifying.

PAGE LOOKS FOR REDEMPTION

Rhino Page is hoping he can erase an unpleasant memory today. In the title match of the 2009 PBA Tournament of Champions event, Page got an infamous 4-count on his second shot in the 10th frame that cost him a win against Patrick Allen. Allen would win the match, 267-263, and Page is still after his first win in a major.

WINLESS SINCE 2009

Since winning the 2009 PBA Viper Championship in Allen Park, MI, Rhino Page has made four TV Finals appearances, but has lost his first match each time and has not finished higher than fourth. His average for those four shows is 197.25.

BELMONTE'S "MAJOR" DOMINATION

Including this event, Jason Belmonte has made the TV Finals in 10 of the last 12 "Majors" (finished 1st in the 2015 USBC Masters; finished 1st in 2014 USBC Masters; finished 1st in 2014 Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions; finished 2nd in the 2013 Bowling's U.S. Open; finished 2nd in the 2013 Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions; finished 1st in the 2013 USBC Masters; finished 2nd in the 2012 PBA World Championship, finished 3rd in the 2012 PBA Tournament of Champions & finished 3rd in the 2012 U.S. Open). Since 2010, Belmonte has earned just shy of \$375,000 (\$374,890) in major events alone.

BELMONTE LOOKING FOR MASTERS/T OF C REPEAT OF 2014

For the second consecutive year, Jason Belmonte is trying to win the first two majors in a season. In 2014, Belmonte won both the USBC Masters and the Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions to start the season. Belmonte has already started the 2015 season with a "major" win by capturing the USBC Masters last week. The other two "majors" (U.S. Open and PBA World Championship) are schedule for later this season.

300s ALL AROUND HIM

The last two times Sean Rash has bowled in the TV Finals, he has been involved in a televised 300 game. In the 2014 PBA Wolf Open in Shawnee, OK, Rash rolled a 300 game in the opening match of the telecast and then went on to win the title. Then, in his most recent TV Finals appearance, Rash was on the receiving end of the 300 game as Ronnie Russell shot 300 against Rash and J.R. Raymond in the 3-man semifinal shoot-out match of the 2014 Chameleon Championship in Las Vegas.

SEEKING FIRST MAJORS

In addition to Rhino Page, both Ryan Ciminelli and Scott Norton are after their first win in a "major." Ciminelli came close in the 2012 PBA Tournament of Champions, losing the title match to Sean Rash, 239-205. For Norton, this event marks the first time he has made the TV Finals in a "major."

RHINO PAGE AS NO. 1 SEED IN TV STEPLADDER FINALS

Rhino Page is 1-1 as the No. 1 seed in TV stepladder finals with a 227.00 average and his opponents are averaging 228.00 against him:

- Def. Wes Malott, 197-189, in the 2008 PBA Shark Championship, Baltimore.
- Lost to Parker Bohn III, 267-257, in the 2007 Spartanburg (SC) Classic.

TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS SEEDS IN TITLE MATCHES

The Tournament of Champions has been contested in a stepladder format from 1967-2000 and again for the events in 2008-2014. Here are the results of the various seeds in the title matches covering those events.

Seed	W	L	Win Pct.
No. 1	20	22	.476
No. 2	13	8	.619
No. 3	5	9	.357
No. 4	3	2	.600
No. 5	1	1	.500

--The No. 1 seed won the title match in the first five events in this format (1967-71), but then lost the next six in a row (1972-77).

--The No. 1 seed is 5-2 since the event returned to a stepladder finals format seven seasons ago. Michael Haugen Jr. (2008), Patrick Allen (2009), Sean Rash (2012), Pete Weber (2013) & Jason Belmonte won from the No. 1 seed, while Chris Barnes (2010) and Tom Smallwood (2011) lost from the No. 1 seed.

TOP SEED IN STEPLADDER FINALS (THROUGH 2014 SEASON)

There were only 7 events in the 2014 season featuring a stepladder finals (Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions, USBC Masters, PBA Wolf, Bear, Badger & Oklahoma Opens & PBA World Championship) . In those 7 events, the No. 1 seed went 2-5 in the title match. In the 2012-13 season, there were 21 events with a stepladder finals format and No. 1 seeds went 8-13 in those title matches. No. 1 seeds have not had a winning record in title matches since the 2008-09 season when they went 7-6. Results for the top seed in recent years of stepladder finals is below:

2014 2-5

No. 2 Mike Fagan def. No. 1 Wes Malott to win the PBA World Championship.

No. 5 Jason Belmonte def. No. 1 E.J. Tackett to win the PBA Oklahoma Open.

No. 1 Bill O'Neill def. No. 4 Brian Valenta to win the PBA Badger Open.

No. 3 Ronnie Russell def. No. 1 Tommy Jones to win the PBA Bear Open.

No. 4 Sean Rash def. No. 1 Chris Barnes to win the PBA Wolf Open.

No. 5 Jason Belmonte def. No. 1 E. J. Tackett to win the USBC Masters.

No. 1 Jason Belmonte def. No. 3 Wes Malott to win the Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions.

2012-13 8-13

No. 1 Dom Barrett def. No. 2 Sean Rash to win the PBA World Championship.
No. 2 Tom Smallwood def. No. 1 Marshall Kent to win the PBA Scorpion Championship.
No. 3 Ryan Ciminelli def. No. 1 Dom Barrett to win the PBA Chameleon Championship.
No. 2 Chris Barnes def. No. 1 Ryan Ciminelli to win the PBA Viper Championship.
No. 3 Wes Malott def. No. 1 Parker Bohn III to win the PBA Cheetah Championship.
No. 4 Wes Malott def. No. 1 Jason Belmonte to win the 2013 Bowling's U.S. Open.
No. 1 Chris Barnes def. No. 3 Norm Duke to win the Lucas Oil PBA Milwaukee Open.
No. 1 Jason Belmonte def. No. 2 Chris Barnes to win the Lucas Oil PBA Bear Open.
No. 1 Chris Loschetter def. No. 5 Bill O'Neill to win the Lucas Oil PBA Wolf Open.
No. 2 Jake Peters def. 1 Josh Blanchard to win the Lucas Oil PBA Badger Open.
No. 1 Pete Weber def. No. 2 Jason Belmonte to win the Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions.
No. 2 Scott Norton def. No. 1 Sean Rash to win the PBA Earl Anthony Players Championship.
No. 2 Jason Sterner def. No. 1 Wes Malott to win the PBA Don Carter Classic.
No. 1 Jason Belmonte def. No. 3 Wes Malott to win the USBC Masters.
No. 1 Michael Haugen Jr. def. No. 2 Scott Norton to win the PBA Mark Roth Classic.
No. 2 Andres Gomez def. No. 1 D. J. Archer to win the PBA Carmen Salvino Classic.
No. 5 Parker Bohn III def. No. 1 Jason Belmonte to win the PBA World Championship.
No. 4 Tom Daugherty def. No. 1 Osku Palermaa to win the Bowlers Journal PBA Scorpion Championship.
No. 3 Scott Norton def. No. 1 Jason Belmonte to win the PBA Chameleon Championship.
No. 1 Brad Angelo def. No. 3 Mika Koivuniemi to win the PBA Viper Championship.
No. 4 Bill O'Neill def. No. 1 Mike Wolfe to win the Alka Seltzer Plus Cold Cheetah Championship.

2011-12 2-4

No. 1 Sean Rash def. No. 4 Ryan Ciminelli to win the PBA Tournament of Champions.
No. 2 Norm Duke def. No. 1 Mika Koivuniemi to win the PBA Detroit Open pres. by Track.
No. 4 Pete Weber def. No. 1 Mike Fagan to win the 69th U.S. Open.
No. 3 Scott Newell def. No. 1 Ryan Ciminelli to win the Ricart Ford PBA Open pres. by Columbia 300.
No. 2 Mike Fagan def. No. 1 Chris Barnes to win the USBC Masters.
No. 1 Eugene McCune def. No. 3 Pete Weber to win the PBA Cheetah Open pres. by Ebonite.

2010-11 5-6

No. 1 Jason Couch def. No. Parker Bohn III to win the Mark Roth Plastic Ball Championship.
No. 1 Norm Duke def. No. 3 Mika Koivuniemi to win the 68th Lumber Liquidators U.S. Open.
No. 2 Tom Hess def. No. 1 Jack Jurek to win the Bayer USBC Masters.
No. 1 Ryan Ciminelli def. No. 3 Patrick Allen to win the One A Day Earl Anthony Memorial Classic.
No. 3 Mika Koivuniemi def. No. 1 Tom Smallwood to win the PBA Tournament of Champions.
No. 4 Chris Barnes def. No. 1 Bill O'Neill to win the PBA World Championship.
No. 2 Osku Palermaa def. No. 1 Dan MacLelland to win the GEICO Shark Championship.
No. 4 Yong-Jin Gu def. No. 1 Jun-Yung Kim to win the Scorpion Championship.
No. 1 Scott Norton def. No. 4 Sean Rash to win the Chameleon Championship.
No. 4 Bill O'Neill def. No. 1 Andres Gomez to win the Pepsi Viper Championship.
No. 1 Eugene McCune def. No. 3 Norm Duke to win the Brunswick Pro Bowling Cheetah Championship.

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No. 2 Pete Weber def. No. 1 Mike Scroggins to win the Lumber Liquidators Marathon Open.
 No. 2 Brian Ziesig def. No. 1 Jason Belmonte to win the GEICO Mark Roth Plastic Ball Championship.
 No. 2 Bill O'Neill def. No. 1 Mike Scroggins to win the 67th Lumber Liquidators U.S. Open.
 No. 2 Walter Ray Williams Jr. def. No. 1 Chris Barnes to win the USBC Masters.
 No. 1 Mike Fagan def. No. 2 Walter Ray Williams Jr. to win the One A Day Dick Weber Open.
 No. 2 Kelly Kulick def. No. 1 Chris Barnes to win the PBA Tournament of Champions.
 No. 1 Walter Ray Williams Jr. def. No. 2 Chris Barnes to win the Motor City Open.

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No. 2 Mike Scroggins def. No. 1 Norm Duke to win the 66th Lumber Liquidators U.S. Open
 No. 2 Jason Belmonte def. No. 1 Michael Fagan to win the Bowling Foundation Long Island Classic
 No. 1 Wes Malott def. No. 3 Ronnie Russell to win the Etonic Marathon Championship
 No. 1 John Nolen def. No. 3 Danny Wiseman to win the USBC Masters
 No. 1 Norm Duke def. No. 5 Michael Fagan to win the Denny's Dick Weber Open
 No. 1 Patrick Allen def. No. 2 Rhino Page to win the H&R Block Tournament of Champions
 No. 3 Wes Malott def. No. 1 Tommy Jones to win the Bayer Earl Anthony Medford Classic
 No. 4 Patrick Allen def. No. 1 Walter Ray Williams Jr. to win the NBS Championship
 No. 1 Rhino Page def. No. 2 Wes Malott to win the Lumber Liquidators Shark Championship
 No. 1 Parker Bohn III def. No. 3 Mike Scroggins to win the Cheetah Championship
 No. 1 Wes Malott def. No. 2 Ken Simard to win the CLR Carmen Salvino Scorpion Championship
 No. 5 Mike Machuga def. No. 1 Bill O'Neill to win the Chameleon Championship
 No. 3 Brad Angelo def. No. 1 Chris Loschetter to win the Pepsi Viper Championship

VICTORIES FOR VARIOUS SEEDS IN STEPLADDER FINALS SINCE 2000

	2000	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
1st	8	7	2	2	2	0	3	5	7	2
2nd	3	4	1	1	1	3	3	0	2	5
3rd	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	2	0
4th	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
5th	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0
6th	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7th	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8th	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2014
1st	5	2	8	2
2nd	2	2	6	1
3rd	1	1	3	1
4th	3	1	3	1
5th	0	0	1	2
6th	0	0	0	0
7th	0	0	0	0
8th	0	0	0	0

300 GAMES IN BARBASOL PBA TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS: (21)

Dom Barrett (3)	Qualifying Rd. 1 and 2 in Match Play Rd. 1
Scott Norton (2)	Qualifying Rd. 1 & Rd. 2
Brian Voss	Qualifying Rd. 1
Travis Celmer	Qualifying Rd. 1
Lonnie Waliczek	Qualifying Rd. 1
Kyle Troup	Qualifying Rd. 2
Chad Lusche	Qualifying Rd. 2
Anthony LaCaze	Qualifying Rd. 3
Sean Rash	Qualifying Rd. 3
Stuart Williams	Qualifying Rd. 3
Dennis Horan Jr.	Qualifying Rd. 3
Steven Arehart	Qualifying Rd. 3
Chris Barnes (2)	Qualifying. Rd. 3 & Match Play Rd. 1
D. J. Archer	Match Play Rd. 1
Jason Belmonte	Match Play Rd. 2
Patrick Allen	Match Play Rd. 2
Dan MacLelland	Match Play Rd. 2

300 GAMES IN 2015 SEASON

In the 2015 season (through the USBC Masters and through qualifying and match play in the PBA Players Championship and PBA Tournament of Champions), there have been 33 perfect games for an average of 11.00 per event.

300 GAMES IN 2014 SEASON

Over 11 events in the 2014 season (T of C, USBC Masters, Wolf, Bear, Badger, and Oklahoma Opens and Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon, Scorpion Championships and PBA World Championship), there were 33 perfect games for an average of 3.00 per event.

<u>Season</u>	<u>300 Games</u>	<u># of Tournaments</u>	<u>Avg. per Tournament</u>
2015	33	3	11.00
2014	33	11	3.00
2012-13	94	23	4.08
2011-12	73	15	4.86
2010-11	37	12	3.08
2009-10	87	19	4.57

TELEVISED 300 GAME BONUS

Any finalist rolling a 300 game this week in the championship round will earn a \$10,000 bonus.

TV 300 GAMES IN MAJOR FINALS

With just 24 televised 300 games ever bowled in PBA Tour history, it's well documented how difficult the feat is. What's even rarer is a televised 300 game in a Major final. It's only happened four times in the history of the PBA with two of those four coming in this event:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Event</u>
1.	*Jack Biondolillo	Les Schissler	1967 T of C, Fairlawn, OH
2.	Johnny Petraglia	Walter Ray Williams Jr.	1994 National Champ., Toledo, OH
3.	Jason Queen	Bobby Fleetwood	1997 USBC Masters, Huntsville, AL
4.	Parker Bohn III	Chris Sands	1998 USBC Masters, Reno, NV

*First televised 300 game in Tour history

ALL-TIME PBA 300 GAMES ON TV (PBA TOUR) – 24

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Opponent (score)</u>	<u>Telecast Date</u>	<u>Tournament City</u>
1.	Jack Biondolillo	Les Schissler (216)	April 1, 1967	Akron OH
2.	John Guenther	Don Johnson (189)	Feb. 1, 1969	San Jose, CA
3.	Jim Stefanich	Glenn Carlson (243)	Jan. 5, 1974	Alameda, CA
4.	Pete McCordic	Wayne Webb (249)	Jan. 31, 1987	Torrance, CA
5.	@# Bob Benoit	Mark Roth (255)	Jan. 23, 1988	Grand Prairie, TX
6.	# Michael Aulby	David Ozio (279)	July 31, 1993	Wichita, KS
7.	Johnny Petraglia	W.R. Williams Jr. (194)	March 5, 1994	Toledo, OH
8.	Butch Soper	Bob Benoit (236)	July 12, 1994	Reno, NV
9.	@C.K. Moore	Parker Bohn III (192)	Feb. 2, 1996	Austin, TX
10.	Bob Learn Jr.	Johnny Petraglia (279)	April 6, 1996	Erie, PA
11.	@Jason Queen	Bobby Fleetwood (225)	May 3, 1997	Huntsville, AL
12.	Steve Hoskins	W.R. Williams Jr. (234)	Oct. 15, 1997	Rochester, NY
13.	Parker Bohn III	Chris Sand (246)	May 9, 1998	Reno, NV
		Michael Mullin (191)		
14.	Steve Jaros	Ricky Ward (200)	Feb. 13, 1999	Chattanooga, TN
15.	Mike Miller	Danny Wiseman (266)	June 20, 1999	Reno, NV
		Tim Criss (224)		
16.	Norm Duke	W.R. Williams Jr. (213)	Jan. 5, 2003	Tacoma, WA
17.	Mika Koivuniemi	Jason Couch (248)	Dec. 7, 2003	Windsor Locks, CT
18.	@Tony Reyes	Parker Bohn III (215)	Nov. 5, 2006	Taylor, MI
19.	Ryan Shafer	Jeff Carter (228)	March 18, 2007	Indianapolis, IN
20.	► Rhino Page	Jeong Tae-Hwa (235)	April 25, 2009	Tokyo, Japan
21.	► Jason Belmonte	Mike Fagan (220) &	Jan. 8, 2012	Las Vegas, NV
		Brian Kretzer (231)		
22.	Chris Barnes	► Sean Rash (182) &	March 4, 2012	Las Vegas, NV
		► Jason Belmonte (215)		
23.	► Sean Rash	Chris Loschetter (236)	May 24, 2014	Shawnee, OK
24.	Ronnie Russell	► Sean Rash (265) &	Nov. 1, 2014	Las Vegas, NV
		J.R. Raymond (186)		

- Title match @ - Won first title same show

ALL-TIME PBA TOUR "7-10 SPLIT" CONVERSIONS ON TV – (3)

1. Mark Roth (1980, Alameda, CA)
2. John Mazza (1991, Sunrise, FL)
3. Jess Stayrook (1991, Tucson, AZ)

ALL-TIME PBA TOUR 4-6-7-10 "BIG FOUR" SPLIT CONVERSIONS ON TV – (1)

Walter Ray Williams Jr. (2005, Norcross, GA)

ALL-TIME PBA TOUR CHAMPIONS (through 2015 USBC Masters)

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Titles</u>
1.	Walter Ray Williams Jr.	47
2.	Earl Anthony	43
3.	Norm Duke	37
	Pete Weber	37
5.	Mark Roth	34
6.	Parker Bohn III	33
7.	Dick Weber	30
8.	Mike Aulby	29
9.	Don Johnson	26
10.	Brian Voss	25

ALL-TIME MAJOR TITLES LEADERS (through 2015 USBC Masters)

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Majors Won</u>
1.	Earl Anthony	10	73 NC, 74 NC, 74 TOC, 75 NC, 77 Masters, 78 TOC, 81 NC, 82 NC, 83 NC, 84 Masters
	Pete Weber	10	87 TOC, 88 US, 89 NC, 91 US, 92 TPC, 98 NC, 04 US, 07 US, 12 US, 13 TOC
3.	Mike Aulby	8	79 NC, 85 NC, 89 US, 89 Masters, 95 TOC, 95 Masters, 96 TPC, 98 Masters
	Walter Ray Williams Jr.	8	94 TPC, 98 US, 01 NC, 03 WC, 03 US, 04 Masters, 06 WC, 10 Masters
5.	Norm Duke	7	93 Masters, 94 TOC, 00 NC, 08 WC, 08 US, 08 WC, 11 US

2015 EVENTS

45th Brunswick Ballmaster Open, Helsinki, Finland
DHC PBA Japan Invitational, Tokyo
USBC Masters, Green Bay, WI
Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions, Indianapolis
PBA Players Championship, Wauwatosa, WI & Indianapolis

CHAMPION

Paul Moor
Chris Barnes
► Jason Belmonte
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2014 SEASON - FINAL STATS

2014 EVENTS

*Brunswick Ballmaster Open, Helsinki, Finland
Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions, Allen Park, MI
USBC Masters, North Brunswick, NJ
*H.H. Emir Cup, Doha, Qatar
*11th Kuwait International Open, Kuwait City, Kuwait
PBA Wolf Open, Shawnee, OK
PBA Bear Open, Shawnee, OK
PBA Badger Open, Shawnee, OK
PBA Oklahoma Open, Shawnee, OK
*WBT Thailand, Bangkok, Thailand
PBA Cheetah Championship pres. by PBA Bowling Challenge, Las Vegas
PBA Viper Championship, Las Vegas
PBA Chameleon Championship, Las Vegas
PBA Scorpion Championship, Las Vegas
*Qatar Open, Doha, Qatar
*8th Kingdom International Open, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
PBA World Championship, Las Vegas
*Denotes PBA International Title (World Bowling Tour)
**Denotes first-time champion

CHAMPION

Mika Koivuniemi
► Jason Belmonte
► Jason Belmonte
Chris Barnes
Thomas Larsen
► Sean Rash
Ronnie Russell
Bill O'Neill
► Jason Belmonte
Osku Palermaa
**Anthony Pepe
Mika Koivuniemi
**D. J. Archer
Michael Haugen Jr.
Dom Barrett
**Marshall Kent
Mike Fagan

FINAL 2014 SEASON EARNINGS LEADERS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Earnings</u>
1. ► Jason Belmonte	\$163,778
2. Dom Barrett	\$132,454
3. Mika Koivuniemi	\$117,453
4. Mike Fagan	\$116,273
5. Chris Barnes	\$96,958
6. ► Sean Rash	\$94,884
7. Chris Loschetter	\$87,138
8. Bill O'Neill	\$85,996
9. Wes Malott	\$85,803
10. Ronnie Russell	\$83,776

FINAL 2014 SEASON AVERAGE LEADERS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Average</u>
1. ► Jason Belmonte	226.71
2. Wes Malott	225.15
3. Mike Fagan	223.67
4. Pete Weber	223.04
5. Dom Barrett	222.47
6. Stuart Williams	222.45
7. Ronnie Russell	222.21
8. Bill O'Neill	221.74
9. Chris Loschetter	221.63
10. Mika Koivuniemi	221.52

FINAL 2014 SEASON POINT LEADERS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>
1. ► Jason Belmonte	136,454
2. Mike Fagan	74,479
3. Wes Malott	74,127
4. Ronnie Russell	68,905
5. E. J. Tackett	67,499
6. Dom Barrett	61,193
7. Bill O'Neill	57,773
8. ► Sean Rash	57,259
9. Mika Koivuniemi	48,163
10. Pete Weber	46,279

CAREER EARNINGS LEADERS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Earnings</u>
1. Walter Ray Williams Jr.	\$4,551,944
2. Pete Weber	\$3,778,513
3. Norm Duke	\$3,134,713
4. Parker Bohn III	\$2,943,391
5. Brian Voss	\$2,495,934
6. Amleto Monacelli	\$2,268,939
7. Chris Barnes	\$2,132,451
8. Mike Aulby	\$2,097,520
9. Tom Baker	\$2,079,887
10. Jason Couch	\$1,791,702

MOST CAREER EVENTS BOWLED WITHOUT A TITLE (ACTIVE PLAYERS)

<u>Name</u>	<u>No. of Events</u>
1. Lee Vanderhoef	201
2. Nathan Bohr	177
3. Dino Castillo	149
4. Patrick Girard	98
5. Jesse Buss	93

*Through 2015 Barbasol PBA 2015 PBA Tournament of Champions.