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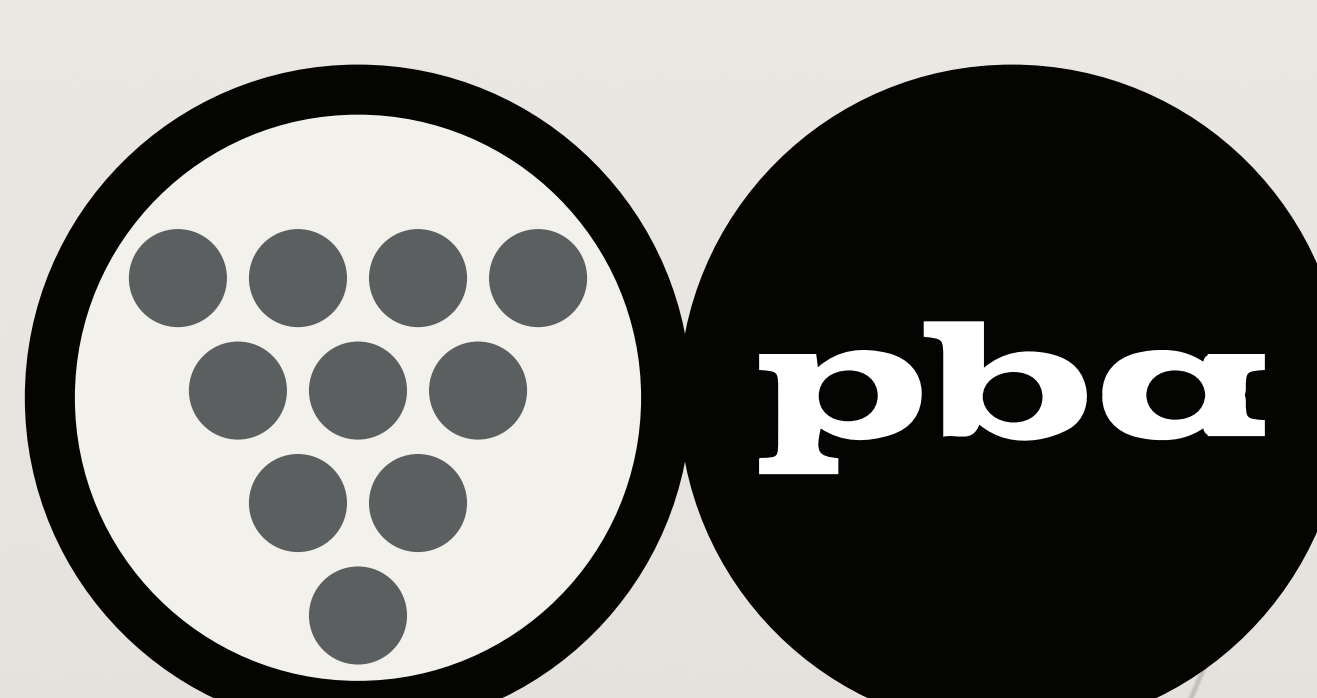
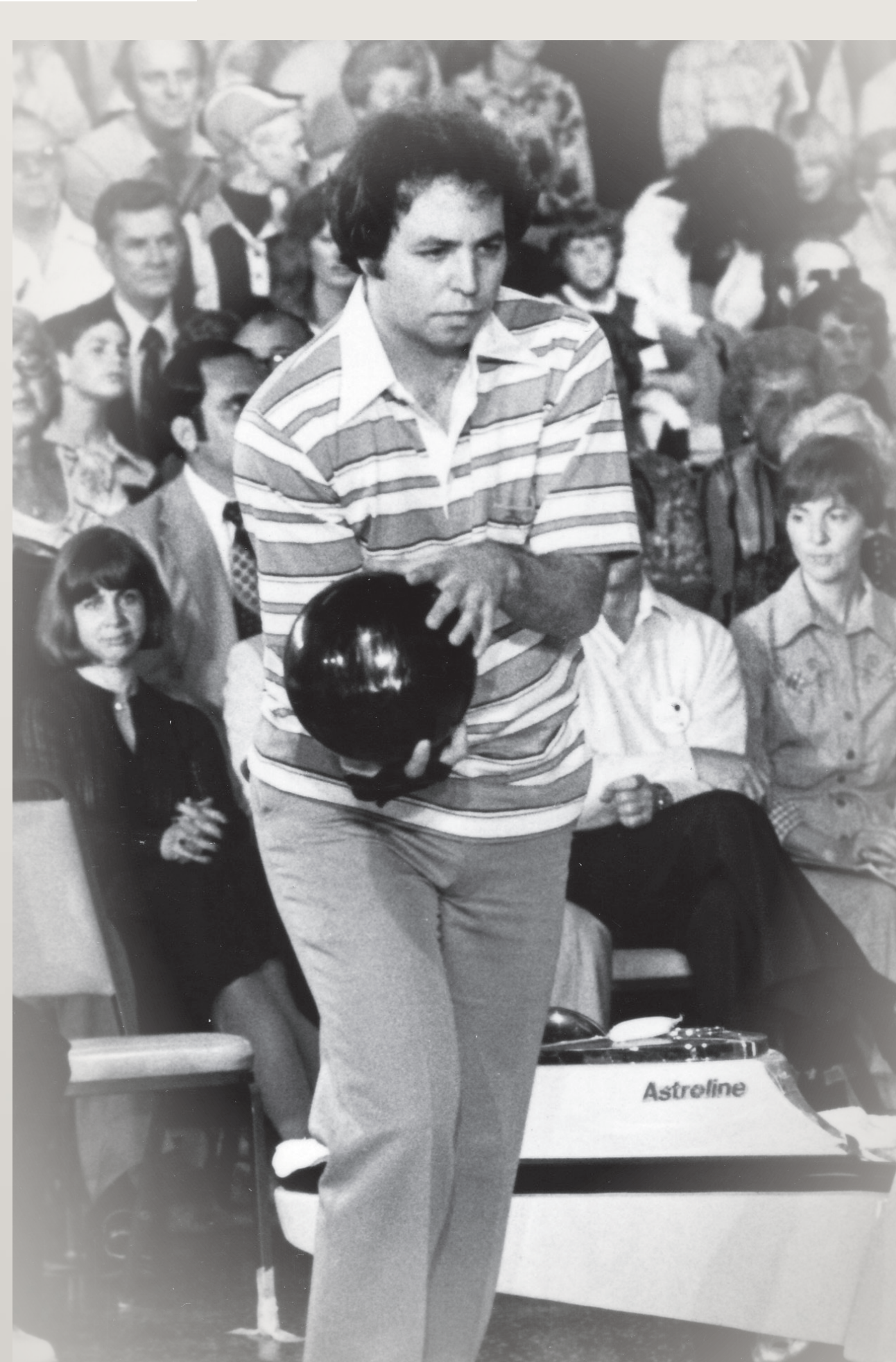
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In the first event of the 1980 season, Mark Roth became the first to convert the 7-10 split on national TV in the ARC Alameda Open in Alameda, Calif. Since Roth's feat, Jess Stayrook and John Mazza also converted bowling's most difficult split on TV.

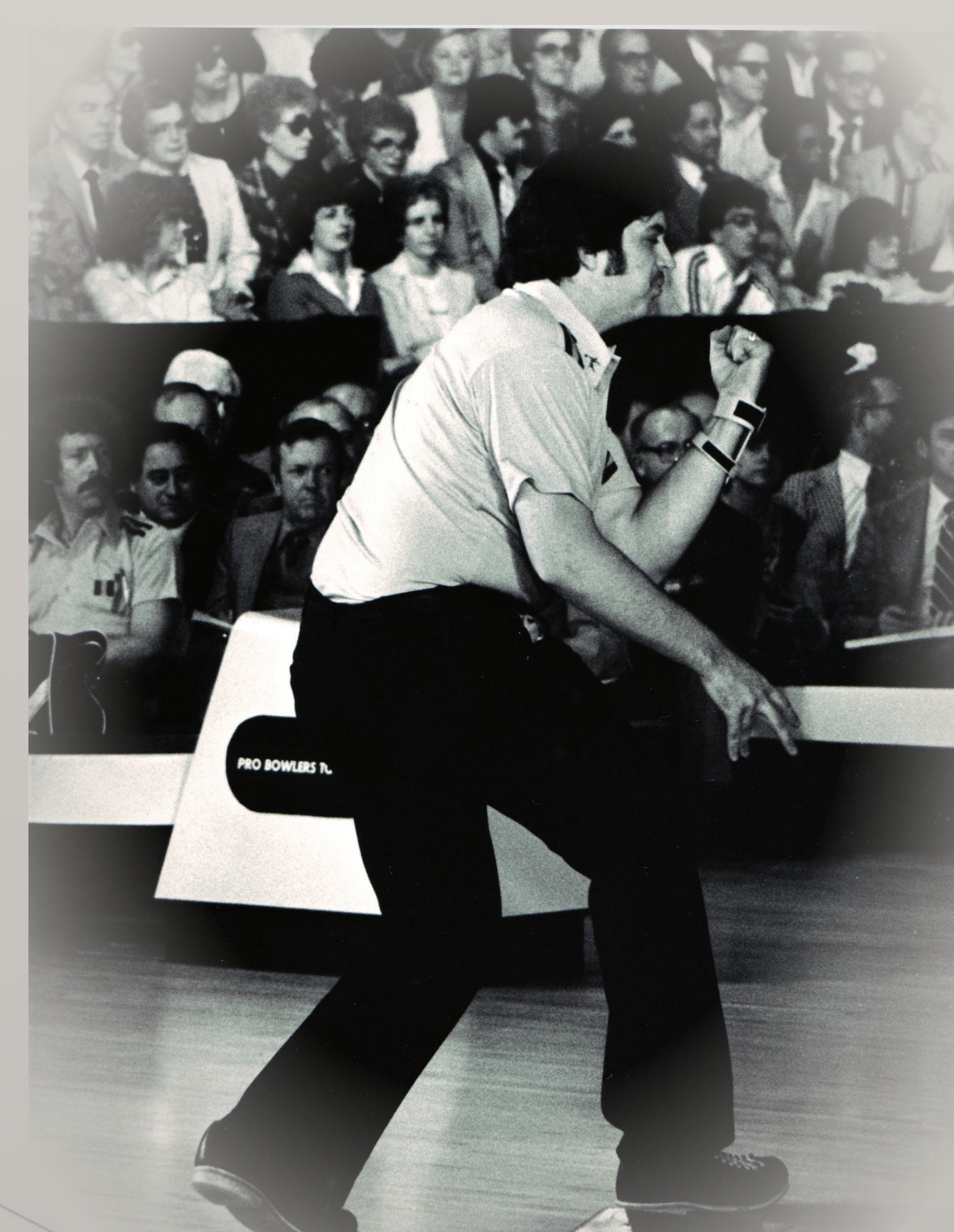


1981

The PBA Senior Tour began and Bill Beach won the inaugural PBA Senior Championship in New Orleans, La., defeating Bill Lillard, 200-191.

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The Firestone PBA Tournament of Champions at Riviera Lanes in Fairlawn, Ohio became an instant classic. After Earl Anthony defeated Mark Roth, 221-192, in the opening match Anthony tied Pete Couture, 205-205, in match no. 2, forcing a two-frame roll-off. The roll-off also ended in a 40-40 tie, forcing the first double roll-off on TV in PBA history. In the second roll-off, Anthony started with a strike but Couture struck in both frames, forcing Anthony to get all three in his 10th frame. Anthony struck with his first shot but then left the 4-6-7-8-10 to give Couture a 60-40 win. Couture then defeated Gary Dickinson to advance to the title match against Steve Cook, who started the match with the front 10. Needing two strikes to become the first player to bowl a 300 on TV in the past seven years, Cook left the 6-7 split on his 11th attempt, but won the title, 287-183.



1982

Earl Anthony won the PBA National Championship for the fifth time to become the first player in PBA history to surpass \$1 million in career earnings. Anthony would finish his career with 43 titles (second on the all-time titles list) and 10 majors (tied with Pete Weber for the most major titles).



1982

The PBA Tour conducted its first event in Europe. Tom Baker won the AMF Grand Prix in Paris.

1984

PBA Hall of Famer Nelson "Bo" Burton Jr. set a then-record 1,050 four-game total during the finals the Angle Open at Dick Weber Lanes in Florissant, Mo. Averaging 262.5, Burton threw games of 278, 279, 257 and 236 to pick up his 17th title.

During the PBA's 25th anniversary season, Norm Duke became the youngest bowler to win a PBA Tour title when he won the Cleveland Open at the age of 18 years, 345 days.



1985

Mike Aulby became the first PBA player to win both Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year (1979) awards.



1984

Mike Durbin became the first bowler to win the Firestone PBA Tournament of Champions three times when he defeated Mike Aulby, 246-163, at Riviera Lanes in Fairlawn, Ohio. Durbin, who also won the event in 1972 and 1982, was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame earlier that week along with PBA great Glenn Allison and PBA Public Relations Director Bud Fisher.



1988

Bob Benoit, in his first game ever on national television, defeated Mark Roth, 300-255, to win the Quaker State Open in Grand Prairie, Texas. Benoit also became the first player to throw a perfect game in a title match on TV.



1987

Pete McCordic earned a \$100,000 bonus from True Value for his televised perfect game against Wayne Webb (300-249) in the Greater Los Angeles Open.

