

## PBA Spare Shots

### **BOWLERS JOURNAL HONORS JASON BELMONTE, COLIE EDISON**

Bowlers Journal International magazine has selected Australia's **Jason Belmonte** as its Male Bowler of the Decade for the 2010s and new PBA CEO **Colie Edison** as its 2019 Person of the Year.

In what was arguably the most dominant decade by a bowler in PBA history, Belmonte set a number of records, including winning 11 major championships including four USBC Masters titles (three of those in a row). He won 21 of his 22 career titles in the 2010s, earned PBA Player of the Year honors five times and joined the PBA "Millionaire's Club" in a record-shattering 131 tournaments.

But maybe Belmonte's most impressive feat was establishing the two-handed delivery as a dominant technique that has been mimicked by thousands of young bowlers in the wake of his success.

Edison rose to prominence in the bowling world when Bowlero Corp purchased the PBA in September, and the Bowlero Chief Customer Officer was named PBA CEO. Within two months of becoming the first woman to hold the PBA's top executive position, Edison won the favor of PBA players and fans by announcing the 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour would receive a nearly \$500,000 boost in prize money, including \$100,000 first prize checks for winners of the 2020 PBA Tournament of Champions, PBA World Championship and PBA Playoffs.

### **TOMMY JONES WINS BOWLERO ELITE SERIES FOR \$100,000 PAYDAY**

Nineteen-time PBA Tour champion **Tommy Jones** of Simpsonville, S.C., who will be inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame in Arlington, Texas, on Jan. 18, defeated Bowlero league bowler **Garrett Shovan** of Denver, Colo., 266-200, to win the \$100,000 first prize in the final Bowlero Elite Series tournament of 2019 at Bowlero Jupiter in Florida to conclude the season.

Jones, 41, defeated 2019 PBA Player of the Year **Jason Belmonte**, 279-216, to win the professional side of the pro-am bracket and advance to the championship match where he equaled the largest payday of his career, matching the \$100,000 he collected for winning the 2006 U.S. Open.

Shovan, a pro shop operator and former Saginaw Valley State collegiate bowler, won the right to bowl against Jones by winning the league bowler side of the 16-player invitational field. He defeated Chicago's Luis Gonzalez, 236-202, in the amateur bracket final match. Shovan won \$25,000 as runner-up.

The third event in the Bowlero Elite Series aired Sunday on NBC. Other PBA stars who were invited to participate in the special event were **Marshall Kent** of Yakima, Wash.; **Anthony Simonsen** of Little Elm, Texas; **Kyle Troup** of Taylorsville, N.C.; and **Kyle Sherman** of O'Fallon, Mo. You can watch the competition on PBA's YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/1OV3B0-nij0>.

### **PBA PLAYER'S PERSPECTIVE RETURNS WITH KRIS PRATHER INTERVIEW ON JAN. 7**

The PBA Player's Perspective interview series, featuring PBA title winners reflecting on their victories, will return to YouTube when **Kris Prather** discusses winning his first PBA Tour title in the 2019 PBA Scorpion Championship during World Series of Bowling X. The Prather perspective will debut on Tuesday, Jan. 7.

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scoring” for all PBA Regional events on [pba.com](http://pba.com) (easily accessible for Apple and Android device users using the PBA app).

## QUICK NOTES

- The PBA has learned of the unexpected death Sunday of **Jim Welch**, Bowlero Corp Director of Competitive Bowling and tournament director of the PBA-PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles tournament since 2003. Welch also served as tournament manager for Chicago’s famous Petersen Classic under Bowlero’s ownership. A celebration of life will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 7 at 11 a.m. at Interfaith Peace Chapel at the Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road, in Dallas, Texas.
- **Jason Belmonte** has announced he will donate \$50 for every strike he throws on television in 2019 - \$100 for strikes in championship matches – to Red Cross in Australia in the wake of the catastrophic wildfires affecting his home country. “I intend to strike a lot,” Belmonte noted.

## 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour Season on FOX Sports Begins with PBA Hall of Fame Classic Jan. 13-19 in Arlington, Texas

**ARLINGTON, Texas (Jan. 7, 2020)** – Bill O’Neill, a two-time winner in 2019, will defend his PBA Hall of Fame Classic title when the 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour season begins with the tournament named in honor of the sport’s immortals Jan. 13-19 at bowling’s International Training and Research Center in Arlington, Texas. The FOX Sports finals will air live on FS1 Sunday, Jan. 19 at 1 p.m. EST (noon CST).

The 38-year-old O’Neill kicked off the 2019 season with a 199-194 championship match win over top qualifier Jakob Butturff. It marked O’Neill’s 10th career tour title that appropriately made him title-eligible for inclusion on the 2025 PBA Hall of Fame ballot.

In the PBA Tour’s first visit to the ITRC, the FS1 finals telecast marked the debut of its new multi-year television agreement with FOX Sports.

After convincing wins in the second stepladder match against Jesper Svensson (258-219) and semifinal match against 2019 Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte (269-188), O’Neill overcame a slow start and took advantage of two open frames by Butturff later in the finale to win his first singles title in nearly three years.

Belmonte’s third-place finish in the event was the beginning of his journey to a fifth Player of the Year crown, capping a landmark season in which he won the PBA Tournament of Champions and PBA World Championship for his 10th and 11th major titles, respectively, surpassing Hall of Famers Pete Weber and Earl Anthony for the lead on the all-time PBA Tour major titles list.

For the second consecutive season, the Hall of Fame Classic will be the first competition points event in a 13-tournament series where players will pursue 24 berths in the second PBA Playoffs that will be begin in April and will culminate with the PBA Playoffs finals at Bowlero North Brunswick May 16-17 in New Jersey. Kris Prather won the inaugural PBA Playoffs and the \$100,000 first prize last June at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine.

For the Hall of Fame Classic, players will face the added challenge of competing on a dual lane condition scoring environment with the 45-foot Dick Weber lane condition applied to the left lane and the 38-foot Mike Aulby condition to the right lane throughout the event.

Competition begins with an eight-game Pro Tour Qualifier at 2 p.m. CST Monday, Jan. 13 which will determine seven players who will round out the 56-player field for the first six-game round of qualifying on Wednesday, Jan. 15. Half of the field will bowl at 11 a.m. and the other half will bowl at 5 p.m. Qualifying continues with second-round qualifying on Thursday, Jan. 16 also at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. After 12 qualifying games, the top 14 players will advance to match play rounds at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17. Total pinfall, including match play bonus pins, for 26 games will determine the top five for the stepladder finals live on Sunday.

Tickets for the FS1 telecast are available by visiting <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pba-hall-of-fame-classic-tickets-80579570665>.

All qualifying and match play rounds will be covered live by PBA's online livestreaming partner, FloBowling. For subscription and schedule information visit [www.flobowling.com](http://www.flobowling.com). Results also will be posted as they happen on [pba.com](http://pba.com)'s Live Scoring feature.

As part of the PBA Hall of Fame Classic week, Tommy Jones, a 19-time PBA Tour winner, and former PBA owners Mike Slade and Rob Glaser will be inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame during ceremonies Saturday, Jan. 18 at the Arlington Hilton. FloBowling also will livestream the Hall of Fame inductions.

### **PBA HALL OF FAME CLASSIC SCHEDULE**

#### **(A 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour Event)**

**International Training and Research Center, International Bowling Campus, Arlington, Texas**  
**(All times are Central Standard)**

**PBA Dual Lane Oiling Pattern:** Dick Weber 45 (left lane), Mike Aulby 38 (right lane)

#### **Monday, Jan. 13**

2 p.m. – PTQ (8 games)

#### **Tuesday, Jan. 14**

11 a.m. – Squad A practice session

2 p.m. – Squad B practice session

#### **Wednesday, Jan. 15**

11 a.m. – Squad A, 6 qualifying games

5 p.m. – Squad B, 6 qualifying games

#### **Thursday, Jan. 16**

11 a.m. – Squad B, 6 qualifying games

5 p.m. – Squad A, 6 qualifying games

Top 14 after 12 games advance to match play

#### **Friday, Jan. 17**

11 a.m. – Match play round 1 (7 games)

5 p.m. – Match play round 2 (7 games)

Top 5 after 14 games advance to stepladder finals

#### **Saturday, Jan. 18**

6:30 p.m. - PBA Hall of Fame dinner and induction ceremonies at Arlington Hilton.

#### **Sunday, Jan. 19**

Noon (1 p.m. ET) – Stepladder finals, live on FS1

## **Boston Red Sox Star Mookie Betts to Return to Lanes for PBA Hall of Fame Classic**

*Boston outfielder to make first PBA Tour appearance since 2017 World Series of Bowling*

**CHICAGO (Jan. 8, 2019)** – Boston Red Sox All-Star outfielder Mookie Betts is planning to return to Professional Bowlers Association competition for the first time since bowling a 300 game in the 2017 PBA World Series of Bowling IX when he competes in the PBA Hall of Fame Classic Jan. 13-19 at the International Training and Research Center in Arlington, Texas.

Betts, who also competed in the PBA WSOB VII at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada, was invited to participate in the PBA Hall of Fame Classic on a commissioner's exemption by PBA Commissioner Tom Clark. The HOF Classic is the first event on the 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour schedule. The finals will air live on FS1 at 1 p.m. Eastern on Sunday, Jan. 19, kicking off the PBA's second season of television coverage by FOX Sports.

Betts, who turned 27 in October, has been an enthusiastic and talented bowler most of his life. He was named Tennessee High School Bowler of the Year in 2010 and began developing his relationship with the PBA in 2014 when he made it known he wanted to participate in the annual Chris Paul PBA Celebrity Invitational, an annual fundraiser hosted by the National Basketball Association superstar in partnership with the PBA. Betts has subsequently bowled in the CP3 event three times, winning the doubles title in the 2019 event with PBA partner Tommy Jones who will be inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame during ceremonies on Saturday, Jan. 18, as part of the PBA HOF weekend.

Betts is destined to become one of baseball's all-time great players if his career path remains on track. In 2018 he became the first player in Major Baseball League history to win the Most Valuable Player, Silver Slugger, Gold Glove, batting title and a World Series ring in the same season.

Betts, who has been practicing three to four days a week over the winter, is enthusiastic about his return to the lanes to add another chapter to his bowling resumé.

"Bowling is a sport I've enjoyed with my family since I was a kid," Betts said. "It brings a sense of community that's important in my life."

The PBA Hall of Fame Classic will be contested in the 14-lane International Training and Research Center which is a joint venture between United States Bowling Congress and the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America. It is one of the most innovative and advanced training, research and testing facilities in the sport of bowling, and serves as the training facility for Team USA, among its numerous functions.

Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pennsylvania, is the defending PBA Hall of Fame Classic champion, winning the 2019 title by defeating top qualifier Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz., 199-194, in the final match.

Admission and television show tickets, and pro-am information for the PBA Hall of Fame Classic (and other Go Bowling PBA Tour events) are available online.

Visit: <https://www.pba.com/Tickets>.

All preliminary rounds of the PBA Hall of Fame Classic will be livestreamed by FloBowling. For FloBowling subscription information, visit: <https://www.flobowling.com/>.

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*Top 14 after 12 games advance to round robin match play.*

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### **Sunday, Jan. 19**

Noon – Top 5 stepladder finals (1 p.m. EST; live on FS1).

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### **GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY FOR 2020 GO BOWLING PRO TOUR EVENTS**

Go Bowling PBA Tour fans are advised to order admission tickets early for 2020 television finals seats, based upon the “sold out” success of last year’s schedule.

The best way to watch the Go Bowling PBA Tour finals is inside the specially designed FOX Sports TV set. Each venue offers a variety of seating options and ticket prices for exclusive experiences that fit exactly what you’re looking for during the finals.

In support of the PBA Tour’s record television viewership in 2019, the PBA is again expecting growth in on-site attendance in 2020. Tickets for all tournament finals through the PBA World Series of Bowling XI in Las Vegas can be ordered online at: <https://www.pba.com/Tickets/>.

### **STRIKEFORCE SIGNS MULTI-YEAR PBA PRODUCT REGISTRATION AGREEMENT**

Strikeforce Bowling LLC has announced the signing of a three-year product registration agreement with the PBA, providing all PBA members access to use the extensive line of Strikeforce Bowling bags and accessories in competition.

“Supporting the Professional Bowlers Association is a natural fit for KR Strikeforce,” said Strikeforce President Brad Handelman. “Given the exciting Fox Sports television deal, recent acquisition of the Tour by Bowlero Corp, an expanded schedule, and increased prize funds, the timing was perfect to commit to a multi-year agreement and support the exciting future of our sport at the highest level.”

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- The PBA will again have strong representation on Team USA 2020 based on performances in the 2020 USBC Team USA Trials that concluded Tuesday at Gold Coast Bowling Center in Las Vegas. PBA players who either bowled their way onto the team, or were selected by the National Selection Committee, were **Kyle Sherman** of O'Fallon, Mo.; **Nick Pate** of Inver Grove Heights, Minn.; **Andrew Anderson** of



Holly, Mich.; **AJ Johnson** of Oswego, Ill.; **Kyle Troup** of Taylorsville, N.C.; **Marshall Kent** of Yakima, Wash.; **EJ Tackett** of Bluffton, Ind.; **Kris Prather** of Plainfield, Ill., and **Jakob Butturff** of Tempe, Ariz.

- PBA Tour star **AJ Johnson** has learned he'll be inducted into the Oswego, Ill., High School Hall of Fame on Saturday, Feb. 15. In addition to excelling in bowling in high school, Johnson also was a baseball and football competitor.

- PBA member **Nick Pate** of Inver Grove Heights, Minn., has been elected as an athlete representative to the USBC Board of Directors, fulfilling the three-year term of fellow PBA member **Rhino Page** who stepped down to focus on new business opportunities within the bowling industry. Pate's term will expire on July 31, 2020. **Andrew Anderson**, **Kelly Kulick** and **Josie Barnes** are the other athlete representatives on the USBC Board.

## **PBA Announces 15-Tournament Schedule for 2020 PBA50 Tour Season**

*Now 60, Walter Ray Williams Jr. to defend PBA50 Player of the Year crown,  
continue his assault on PBA record book*

**CHICAGO (Jan. 10, 2020)** – The Professional Bowlers Association today announced its 15-tournament schedule for the 2020 PBA50 Tour season, providing bowlers 50 and older with four major championships and a new year-end bracket elimination event for 24 PBA50 and PBA60 players.

PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. will defend his PBA50 Player of the Year honor (the third of his career) as a 60-year-old when the season kicks off in Florida with the PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open presented by Lucas Magazine & Brunswick at Maple Countryside Lanes in Clearwater, Florida, April 19-22. Williams, the all-time Go Bowling PBA Tour titles leader with 47 wins, also will be trying for his 15th career PBA50 Tour title which will give him sole possession of the all-time titles lead on both PBA national tours. He is currently tied with John Handegard for the PBA50 Tour career titles lead with 14 wins.

Among the newcomers joining the all-star cast of PBA Hall of Famers expected to compete on the PBA50 Tour in 2020 will be PBA Hall of Famer and 13-time PBA Tour winner Jason Couch.

After the season-opening Petraglia BVL Open, the season's first major returns to Spanish Springs Lanes in The Villages for the Florida Blue PBA50 National Championship April 26-30. The PBA50 Tour's newest major will be familiar to Go Bowling PBA Tour fans when South Plains Lanes in Lubbock, Texas hosts the PBA50 Lubbock Sports Cup presented by South Plains Lanes May 16-19.

The season's other two majors will return to Las Vegas for the USBC Senior Masters May 31-June 7 at Sam's Town and the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm June 7-12 at the Suncoast Bowling Center.

The PBA50 Tour will also make return trips to Mooresville, North Carolina; Brentwood, California; Monticello, Minnesota, as well as Indiana stops in Hammond and Anderson before concluding the season in Michigan with visits to Wyoming and Jackson.

Two PBA60 events open exclusively to players 60 and older include the USBC Super Senior Classic May 27-31 at Sam's Town and the season-ending PBA60 Dick Weber Championship in Jackson Aug. 23-25.

New for 2020, 13 events on the schedule conducted by PBA will include a special "bracket" side event competition for both the PBA50 and PBA60 divisions that will pay additional prize money for the first three bracket finishers within each tournament. The bracket program, which requires no additional entry fee, will also have its own year-long points list which will determine the top 24 players from each division for an end-of-season bracket championship. Details on the new PBA50/PBA60 bracket elimination program and season finale will be announced later.

All PBA50/60 events will be covered start to finish by PBA's online streaming partner FloBowling. For subscription and schedule information visit [www.flobowling.com](http://www.flobowling.com).

Players can enter PBA50 Tour events beginning March 9 by downloading an entry form and emailing it to Mary von Krueger at [maryvk@pba.com](mailto:maryvk@pba.com).

### **2020 PBA50 TOUR SCHEDULE**

April 19-22 - PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open presented by Lucas Magazine & Brunswick, Maple Countryside Lanes  
April 26-30 - Florida Blue Medicare PBA50 National Championship, Spanish Springs Lanes, The Villages, Fla. (Major)  
May 3-6 - PBA50 Mooresville Open presented by Mooresville CVB & Storm, Victory Lanes Family Entertainment Center, Mooresville, N.C.  
May 16-19 - PBA50 Lubbock Sports Cup presented by South Plains Lanes, Lubbock, Texas (Major)  
May 23-26 - PBA50 Northern California Classic, Harvest Park Bowl, Brentwood, Calif.  
May 27-31 - USBC Super Senior Classic, Sam's Town, Las Vegas  
May 31-June 7 - USBC Senior Masters, Sam's Town, Las Vegas (Major)  
June 7-12 - Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open, Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas (Major)  
June 14-17 - PBA50 Fountain Valley Open, Fountain Bowl, Fountain Valley, Calif.  
July 27-30 - PBA50 River City Extreme Open, River City Extreme, Monticello, Minn.  
Aug. 3-6 - PBA50 South Shore Open, Olympia Lanes, Hammond, Ind.  
Aug. 8-11 - PBA50 David Small's Championship Lanes Classic, Anderson, Ind.  
Aug. 14-17 - PBA50 Spectrum Lanes Open, Spectrum Lanes, Wyoming, Mich.  
Aug. 19-22 - PBA50 David Small's Jax 60 Lanes Open, Jackson, Mich.  
Aug. 23-25 - PBA60 Dick Weber Classic, Jackson, Mich.

## **Wichita's Hanrahan Tops Seven Players in PTQ Earning Berths in PBA Hall of Fame Classic**

**ARLINGTON, Texas (Jan. 13, 2020)** — Left-handed two-hander Patrick Hanrahan of Wichita, Kansas, averaged 229 for the eight-game pre-tournament qualifier Monday at the International Training and Research Center to lead seven players who earned berths in the PBA Hall of Fame Classic. The seven players completed the field of 56 players who will begin the first tournament of the 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour season with Wednesday's first-round qualifying.

The 24-year-old former Wichita State University player, in his second season on tour, bowled games of 205, 224, 299, 226, 208, 222, 223 and 229 for an 1,836 pinfall total, qualifying first in the 35-player PTQ field. Deo Benard of Henderson, Nevada was second with 1,823.

Wesley Low Jr. of Palmdale, California, another former Wichita State player who uses a two-handed delivery from the left side and Canadian Patrick Girard tied for sixth with a 1,759 pinfall to take the final two spots in the tournament field.

After Tuesday's practice sessions, half of the 56-player field will bowl first-round qualifying Wednesday at 11 a.m. CT and the other half will bowl at 5 p.m. Qualifying continues with second-round qualifying on Thursday also at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

After 12 qualifying games, the top 14 players will advance to match play rounds at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Friday. Total pinfall, including match play bonus pins, for 26 games will determine the top five for the stepladder finals live on FS1 Sunday at 1 p.m. ET (noon CT).

All qualifying and match play rounds leading up to the finals will be live-streamed by PBA's online streaming partner, FloBowling. For subscription and schedule information, visit FloBowling.com.

## **PBA HALL OF FAME CLASSIC**

### **Pre-Tournament Qualifier Results**

**International Training and Research Center, Arlington, Texas, Monday  
(after eight games; top seven advance to Wednesday's first-round qualifying)**

- 1, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 1,836.
- 2, Deo Benard, Henderson, Nev., 1,823.
- 3, Brent Boho, Colgate, Wis., 1,785.
- 4, Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1,777.
- 5, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 1,768.
- 6 (tie), Wesley Low Jr., Palmdale, Calif., and Patrick Girard, Canada, 1,759.

### **Did not advance:**

- 8, Greg Ostrander, Brick, N.J., 1,748.
- 9, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,747.
- 10, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 1,732.
- 11, (tie) Arturo Quintero, Mexico, and Alex Martin, Kennesaw, Ga., 1,730.
- 13, Jim Pratt, Avondale, Ariz., 1,728.
- 14, (tie) Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C., and Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill., 1,726.
- 16, Sam Cooley, Australia, 1,724.
- 17, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,691.
- 18, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 1,679.
- 19, Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, 1,670.
- 20, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 1,664.
- 21, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 1,633.
- 22, Russ Oviatt, Sioux Falls, S.D., 1,630.
- 23, (tie) Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., and Zachray Wilkins, Canada, 1,615.
- 25, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 1,610.
- 26, Gaetan Mouveroux, France, 1,602.
- 27, Andrew Silverman, Akron, Ohio, 1,594.
- 28, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 1,591.
- 29, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 1,581.
- 30, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 1,554.
- 31, Ryan Burks, Kansas City, Mo., 1,550.
- 32, Justin Wyman, Fairport, N.Y., 1,494.
- 33, Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,492.
- 34, Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 1,468.
- 35, Carl Hay, Redondo Beach, Calif., 1,338.

## **Veterans Dick Allen, Brian Kretzer Headline 2019 PBA Regional Awards**

**CHICAGO (Jan. 14, 2020)** – Veteran PBA Regional competitors Dick Allen of Lexington, S.C., and Brian Kretzer of Kettering, Ohio, were repeat winners in 2019 PBA Regional awards categories, but otherwise, it was a year dominated by newcomers and first-time award recipients.

Allen, who won his first PBA South Region Player of the Year award during the 2004-05 season, won back to back honors in 2018 and '19 while Kretzer captured Senior Player of the Year for the third time in four years in the PBA's Central Region while also winning the same honor in the PBA Midwest. Kretzer had previously won both Senior POY honors in 2017.

Another familiar winner was PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., who was named South Region Senior Player of the Year for the third time in the past four years.

Those accomplishments in 2019 were among the highlights of the PBA Regional awards program that annually honors a Player of the Year, Rookie of the Year and Pat Patterson Award winner. The recipients were announced today by Director of the PBA Regional and PBA50 Tours John Weber for each of the seven domestic regions.

The Pat Patterson Award recipients are recognized for contributions to the regional program. Award winners were selected by the PBA's regional managers: Russ Mills, East Region; Sam Zurich, South Region; Bobby Jakel, Central and Midwest Regions; Pete McCordic, Southwest Region, and Gary Mage, West and Northwest Regions.

Here's a summary of the 2019 PBA Regional Award winners:

**EAST** – Keith Laing of Oakdale, Conn., won two titles in seven tournaments and led his region in earnings to capture Player of the Year honors for the first time. Rookie of the Year was Baltimore's Zachary Dudley who cashed in three of his five events, qualifying for match play in one of them. Sammy Ventura of Syracuse, N.Y., Senior Player of the Year after winning two titles in eight tries and added three additional top five finishes to win the PBA50 honor for the third time. Don Herrington of Ballston Lake, N.Y., was recipient of the East Region's Pat Patterson Award.

**SOUTH** – PBA Tour veteran Dick Allen of Lexington, S.C., repeated as PBA South Region Player of the Year and his third overall after initially winning the 2004-05 honor. Allen bowled in eight events and won four of them, earning nearly \$12,000 in the process. Lithuania's Kristijonas Sergejevas, a former Webber International collegiate star, entered seven tournaments, cashed in four and had a second-place finish to win Rookie of the Year honors. Ageless PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., bowled in eight events and finished in third place or higher (winning once) to capture South Region Senior Player of the Year honors for the third time in the last four seasons. Rich Kosto of Tavares, Fla., was recipient of the region's Pat Patterson Award.

**CENTRAL** – Central Region veteran Patrick Dombrowski of Parma, Ohio, failed to win a title, but he finished among the top four in eight of 10 tournaments he entered, finishing second three times, to end Graham Fach's two-year run as Player of the Year. It was Dombrowski's first POY selection. David Harold II of Columbus, Ohio, captured Rookie of the Year honors after cashing in eight of 15 tournaments and recording a fourth-place finish. Brian Kretzer of Kettering, Ohio regained the Senior Player of the Year he held in 2016 and '17, winning six times in 15 tournaments and recording four additional top five finishes. Bruce VanMetre of Delphos, Ohio, was recipient of the region's Pat Patterson Award.

**MIDWEST** – Brady Stearns of St. Augusta, Minn., was one of the rare players to win both PBA Midwest Region Player and Rookie of the Year awards after winning his first title and finishing second in two other events. Brian Kretzer of Kettering, Ohio, repeated his 2017 double-header feat by winning Senior Player

of the Year honors in the Midwest and Central Regions after posting seven top-five finishes in eight events in the Midwest, including one title. The 2018 Midwest Senior Player of the Year, Jeff Johnson of Freeport, Ill., earned another honor as the Midwest's Pat Patterson Award recipient.

**SOUTHWEST** – After contending for the honor for a few years, Anthony Lavery-Spahr of Pasadena, Texas, had a breakout year to win the Southwest Region's top honor. Lavery-Spahr was selected as the region's Player of the Year after winning one title and finishing second and third twice each. Thomas Rash of Longview, Texas, earned Rookie of the Year honors after posting two top-five finishes in the nine tournaments he entered. Paul Fleming of Fort Worth, Texas, was the Southwest Region's Senior Player of the Year after recording second- and third-place finishes in four tries. Scott Dodson of Waxahachie, Texas, was awarded the Southwest Region Pat Patterson Award.

**WEST** – West Region veteran PJ Haggerty of Roseville, Calif., won Player of the Year honors for the first time, notching first-, second-, fourth- and fifth-place finishes in seven tournaments. Taylor Jacob of Auburn, Calif., was selected as Rookie of the Year after cashing in four of six events. Bob Rosenau of Redding, Calif., was a first-time West Region Senior Player of the Year after two runner-up and a fifth-place finish in four events. Ty Dawson of Sunnyvale, Calif., was named the Pat Patterson Award recipient.

**NORTHWEST** – Christopher Tuholski of Gresham, Ore., had one finish in each of the top five positions – including a title – in the seven tournaments he entered to end Jakob Butturff's three-year reign as Northwest Player of the Year while Zack Stone of Kelso, Wash., cashed in three of his four tournaments with a best finish of third place to earn Rookie of the Year honors. John Gould of Yuba City, Calif., captured his first Senior Player of the Year nod after one win and two other top-five finishes in five events. Don Marquart of Klamath Falls, Ore., was selected as the Pat Patterson Award recipient.

The PBA's regional program, founded in 1970, provides bowlers with a proving ground to develop their skills in high-level competition against some of the sport's established stars. The PBA Regional program annually conducts roughly 150 events across the nation and in its Japan Region.

## **Anthony Lavery-Spahr Averages 242 to Lead PBA Hall of Fame Classic Qualifying After First Round**

**ARLINGTON, Texas (Jan. 15, 2020)** – Anthony Lavery-Spahr, a 29-year-old right-hander from Pasadena, Texas, beginning his third full season on the Go Bowling PBA Tour, averaged 242 for six games Wednesday to take the first-round lead in the PBA Hall of Fame Classic at the International Training and Research Center.

In the first tournament of the 2020 season, Lavery-Spahr, who is trying for his first career PBA Tour title, bowled games of 269, 226, 217, 235, 242 and 263 for a 1,452 pinfall total holding an 18-pin lead over Darren Tang of Las Vegas in second with 1,434.

"I'm getting a lot better at putting myself in a position to succeed regardless of the lane condition," said Lavery-Spahr whose best tour finish was third in the 2019 PBA Roth-Holman Doubles Classic with Sam Cooley. "With a six-game block you hope you can keep your adjustments simple and fortunately I could rely mainly on speed control on all the pairs (of lanes) to make the adjustments I needed. I had a little bit of a concern about the shorter lane condition but I really had good touch all day."

For the Hall of Fame Classic, players are facing the added challenge of competing on a dual lane condition scoring environment with PBA's 45-foot Dick Weber lane condition applied to the left lane and the 38-foot Mike Aulby condition to the right lane throughout the event.

Competition continues with the field of 56 players, which includes 40 PBA Tour Champions, bowling second-round qualifying Thursday with six-game blocks at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT. After 12 qualifying games, the top 14 players will advance to match play rounds Friday at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Total pinfall, including match play bonus pins, for 26 games will determine the top five for the stepladder finals live on FS1 Sunday at 1 p.m. ET (noon CT).

Among other notables after the first round, defending champion Bill O'Neill finished 27th with 1,259; five-time and reigning PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte of Australia, who finished third in last season's Hall of Fame Classic, in 11th with 1,325 and PBA Hall of Famer Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, in a tie for third with Ryan Ciminelli with 1,412. Boston Red Sox star Mookie Betts, who is making his first PBA Tour appearance since the 2017 PBA World Series of Bowling, finished the first round in 45th with 1,187 for six games.

All preliminary rounds of the Hall of Fame Classic are live-streamed by PBA's online streaming partner FloBowling. For subscription and schedule information visit [www.flobowling.com](http://www.flobowling.com).

## **PBA HALL OF FAME CLASSIC**

**(a 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour event)**

**International Training and Research Center, Arlington, Texas, Wednesday**

### **First Round Standings (after six games)**

- 1, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,452.
- 2, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 1,434.
- 3, (tie) Ryan Ciminelli, Lancaster, S.C., and Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,412.
- 5, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 1,339.
- 6, (tie) Deo Benard, Henderson, Nev., and Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 1,329.
- 8, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,328.
- 9, (tie) Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., and Nick Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 1,327.
- 11, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,325.
- 12, (tie) Patrick Girard, Canada, and Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,316.
- 14, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 1,310.
- 15, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,306.
- 16, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,301.
- 17, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 1,295.
- 18, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 1,293.
- 19, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 1,290.
- 20, (tie) Tom Hess, Granger, Iowa, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., and Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 1,287.
- 23, Mitch Hupe, Wichita, Kan., 1,284.
- 24, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 1,276.
- 25, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 1,274.
- 26, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 1,271.
- 27, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,259.

- 28, Stuart Williams, England, 1,256.
- 29, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 1,253.
- 30, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,248.
- 31, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,247.
- 32, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 1,245.
- 33, Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 1,244.
- 34, Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 1,241.
- 35, (tie) Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., and Matt Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 1,239.
- 37, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 1,234.
- 38, (tie) Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., and Richard Teece, England, 1,232.
- 40, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 1,221.
- 41, Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1,220.
- 42, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 1,219.
- 43, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 1,216.
- 44, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 1,211.
- 45, Mookie Betts, Studio City, Calif., 1,187.
- 46, (tie) Dom Barrett, England, and Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 1,184.
- 48, Wesley Low Jr., Palmdale, Calif., 1,176.
- 49, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,170.
- 50, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 1,167.
- 51, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 1,165.
- 52, Brent Boho, Colgate, Wis., 1,156.
- 53, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 1,154.
- 54, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 1,145.
- 55, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,123.
- 56, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 1,022.

### **Jakob Butturff Tops PBA Hall of Fame Classic Qualifying After Big Second Round**

*Field cut to 14 players for Friday's match play rounds*

**ARLINGTON, Texas (Jan. 16, 2020)** – Finishing 18th after the first round of qualifying, seven-time Go Bowling PBA Tour winner Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona, had better success navigating the challenging PBA Hall of Fame Classic dual lane conditions Thursday averaging 252 in the second round to emerge as the top qualifier for the opening event of the 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour season and leading 14 players who advanced to match play.

Bowling on PBA's 45-foot Dick Weber lane condition on the left lane and 38-foot Mike Aulby condition on the right lane at the International Training and Research Center, the 25-year-old Butturff, finished Wednesday's first round with a 1,293 six-game pinfall total but roared back with 1,516 in the second round to lead the field with a 2,809 overall pinfall for 12 games. The left-hander had games of 280, 226, 238, 225, 268 and 279 in the second round.



"It was difficult to repeat shots yesterday because I'm nursing a slight muscle tear on my right thigh," said Butturff, who also topped qualifying in the 2019 Hall of Fame Classic and eventually finished second losing to winner Bill O'Neill 199-194 in the title match. "Today it was a combination of the leg feeling much better and making the right equipment choices from the start. I was feeling much more comfortable which made it easier to repeat the good shots I needed to make."

Anthony Lavery-Spahr of Pasadena, Texas, who led qualifying after the first round, appeared to be on his way to the qualifying lead after starting the second round with games 239, 259, 258 but then struggled in the second half of the round finishing with games of 183, 212 and 183. Lavery-Spahr finished qualifying in second 23 pins behind Butturff with a 2,786.

Rounding out the top five heading into match play were Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 2,759; Ryan Ciminelli, Lancaster, South Carolina, 2,741 and Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Michigan and PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke, Clermont, Florida, tying for fifth with 2,740.

Five-time and reigning PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte of Australia, tied for 12th with fellow two-hander Jesper Svensson of Sweden, to advance with a 2,656 pinfall. Belmonte finished third in 2019 and Svensson finished fourth.

PBA Hall of Famer Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, finished 10th with 2,659 and Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, South Carolina, who will be inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame this Saturday took the final match play spot finishing 14th with 2,650.

O'Neill failed to advance after finishing in a tie for 30th with 2,539. Boston Red Sox star Mookie Betts finished qualifying in 48th with 2,383.

The 14 players who made the cut will bowl two seven-game match play rounds Friday at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT. Total pinfall, including match play bonus pins for 26 games will determine the top five for the live stepladder finals on FS1 Sunday at 1 p.m. ET (noon CT).

Friday's match play will be streamed live by PBA's live streaming partner FloBowling. For subscription information visit [www.flobowling.com](http://www.flobowling.com).

## **PBA HALL OF FAME CLASSIC**

**(a 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour event)**

**International Training and Research Center, Arlington, Texas, Thursday**

**Final Qualifying Standings (after 12 games, top 14 players advance to Friday's round-robin match play )**

- 1, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 2,809.
- 2, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2,786.
- 3, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 2,759.
- 4, Ryan Ciminelli, Lancaster, S.C., 2,741.
- 5, (tie) Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., and Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 2,740.
- 7, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 2,705.
- 8, Patrick Girard, Canada, 2,672.
- 9, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 2,660.
- 10, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2,659.
- 11, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 2,658.

- 12, (tie) Jason Belmonte, Australia, and Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 2,656.  
14, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 2,650.

**Did not advance:**

- 15, Tom Hess, Granger, Iowa, 2,637, \$2,500.  
16, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 2,623, \$2,300.  
17, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 2,617, \$2,100.  
18, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 2,614, \$2,000.  
19, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 2,605.  
20, Stuart Williams, England, 2,597.  
21, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 2,594.  
22, Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 2,584.  
23, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 2,576.  
24, Matt Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 2,568.  
25, Deo Benard, Henderson, Nev., 2,558.  
26, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 2,557.  
27, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 2,552.  
28, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 2,544.  
29, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 2,543.  
30, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 2,539.  
30, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2,539.  
32, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 2,528.  
33, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 2,526.  
34, Mitch Hupe, Wichita, Kan., 2,515.  
35, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 2,508.  
36, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 2,494.  
37, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 2,489.  
38, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 2,482.  
39, Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 2,476.  
40, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 2,473.  
41, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 2,472.  
42, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 2,465.  
43, Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 2,460.  
44, Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 2,418.  
45, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,414.  
46, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 2,410.  
47, Dom Barrett, England, 2,387.  
48, Mookie Betts, Studio City, Calif., 2,383.  
49, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 2,382.  
50, Richard Teece, England, 2,369.  
51, (tie) Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., and Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 2,360.  
53, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 2,350.  
54, Brent Boho, Colgate, Wis., 2,347.  
55, Wesley Low Jr., Palmdale, Calif., 2,319.  
56, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 2,257.

## PBA Spare Shots

### MOOKIE BETTS CONTINUES TO IMPRESS IN RETURN TO PBA TOUR COMPETITION

Boston Red Sox star **Mookie Betts**, in his first appearance in PBA Tour competition since the 2017 PBA World Series of Bowling, continued to impress his fellow competitors with his promise as a bowling talent.

A feature story by Fort Worth Star-Telegram writer **Jeff Wilson** (<https://www.star-telegram.com/sports/article239305808.html>) includes high praise for Betts' bowling skills while competing at the highest level of the sport in this week's PBA Hall of Fame Classic in Arlington, Texas. The first tournament of the 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour season gave Betts a chance to bowl at an elite level before reporting to spring training with the Red Sox.

Bowling on a PBA Commissioner's Exemption, Betts had no expectation of winning the tournament against a field of 55 PBA members, 40 of whom are PBA Tour champions.

"The No. 1 thing is don't come in last," Betts said. "After that, it's still competition and making sure you enjoy yourself. Obviously, I'll do a lot of learning, so when I go back home I can take these things and apply them."

Bowling on a challenging scoring environment involving different lane conditions applied to the right and left lanes across the bowling center, Betts hoped to finish "even," which is bowling parlance means a 200 average for his 12 qualifying games. He just missed, averaging 198.58, but he accomplished goal No. 1, finishing in 48th place in the field of 56 – outscoring six PBA title winners.

For additional insight into Betts' competition in Arlington, watch **Lucas Wiseman's** interview on FloBowling: <https://www.flobowling.com/video/6650445-mookie-having-fun-enjoys-dream-cross-at-hof-classic>.

### FLOBOWLING TO LIVESTREAM PBA HALL OF FAME CEREMONIES SATURDAY

FloBowling.com will livestream Saturday's PBA Hall of Fame induction ceremonies and 2019 awards presentations, beginning at 7:30 p.m. EST. Former PBA co-owners **Rob Glaser** and **Mike Slade** will join former partner **Chris Peters** in the hall while **Tommy Jones** will be inducted as the newest superior performance inductee. The ceremonies at the

### KRIS PRATHER RANKS SECOND IN PBA TELEVISION WINNING PERCENTAGE

As the 2020 PBA Tour closes in on its first television final (PBA Hall of Fame Classic Sunday at 1 p.m. EST on FS1), it's a good time to review a couple of the PBA's most notable television records: winning percentage and scoring average.

In the aftermath of the 2019 season, when he won his first two PBA Tour titles (PBA Scorpion Championship and PBA Playoffs), **Kris Prather** of Plainfield, Ill., moved into second place in winning percentage among PBA Players who have made at least 10 television appearances in singles events. Prather, who has now bowled on television 12 times, has won 13 matches and lost only five times for a 72.22 winning percentage. He trails only **Jim Pencak** who posted a remarkable 22-8 record in his 12 TV appearances back in the 1989-90 era (73.33 percent success rate).

Currently in the top 10 among active players are **Dick Allen** (tied for seventh with **Steve Martin** with a 13-7 record in 14 appearances for a 65.00 winning percentage) and **Jesper Svensson** in ninth place (21-12, 63.63 per cent in 21 appearances).

It's also interesting to note that in the history of PBA televised matches, only 25 qualifying players have won at least 60 per cent of their TV matches.

In the scoring category, five active players are among the top 10 in career averages for at least 10 singles events, led by **Ryan Ciminelli** with a 232.05 average for 31 games in 19 appearances and No. 2 **Jakob Butturff** who has averaged 230.14 for 15 games in 13 appearances. Svensson is eighth on the list with a 226.23 average for 33 games in 21 appearances.

But most impressive on the list – are two superstars with more than 100 games on television: PBA Hall of Famers **Norm Duke**, who ranks fourth on the all-time list with a 228.88 average for 189 games in 118 appearances, and **Walter Ray Williams Jr.** who is right behind Duke, scoring at a 228.21 pace for his record 228 games bowled in 177 TV appearances.

## **PBA, PWBA TO TEAM UP FOR SPECIAL MIXED DOUBLES EVENT AT BOWL EXPO**

The PBA and PWBA will team up for a mixed doubles special event featuring four teams representing the sport's biggest brand names that will be held in conjunction with International Bowl Expo, the bowling industry's largest annual gathering, will host a special made-for-TV event featuring the biggest names on the sport's professional tours.

The made-for-TV event will be held at the Gaylord Rockies Resort and Convention Center in Denver, Colo., and televised live on FS1 on Sunday, July 5, at 7 p.m. Eastern. The two-hour show will include Bill O'Neill and Shannon O'Keefe, representing Hammer; Dom Barrett and Dasha Kovalova as Brunswick teammates; Jason Belmonte and Danielle McEwan, bowling for Storm, and EJ Tackett and Maria José Rodriguez, competing for Team MOTIV.

Worth noting, the pairings will re-unite O'Neill and O'Keefe who are three-time winners of the PBA-PWBA Storm Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles championship (2013, '15 and '16), held annually in Houston.

The PWBA/PBA Mixed Doubles will have two one-game Baker format semifinal matches, with matchups determined by blind draw. The winning teams will bowl for the title. The television show, organized in cooperation with the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America and the United States Bowling Congress, also will include a special one-ball roll-off between the 2020 Intercollegiate Singles Championships men's and women's winners will be held between the PBA-PWBA semifinals and title matches.

International Bowl Expo will take place July 2-6 with the TV show taking place following the first day of the event's trade show on July 5. Bowl Expo is the annual industry event hosted by BPAA, featuring educational seminars, trade show, national speakers, entertainment and more. Visit [BPAA.com/BowlExpo](http://BPAA.com/BowlExpo) to learn more.

#### **PBA PLAYER'S PERSPECTIVE: JAKOB BUTTURFF RE-VISITS 2019 OKLAHOMA OPEN WIN**

The newest edition of the PBA Player's Perspective interview series features **Jakob Butturff** sharing insight into his victory in the 2019 PBA Oklahoma Open. The episode debuts on Tuesday, Jan. 21, as Butturff prepares to defend his title in the 2020 Oklahoma Open in Shawnee, Okla.

To view all of the PBA Player's Perspective episodes, visit the PBA's YouTube channel and click on the PBA Player's Perspective play list. The weekly series will add a new perspective every Tuesday. The following players will provide personal play-by-play reflections in the weeks ahead:

- Jan. 28 – **Sean Rash** will take a look into his past, revealing what he experienced in winning the 2012 PBA Tournament of Champions in Las Vegas.

Player's Perspectives currently in the archives on YouTube include:

- **Norm Duke's** stunning 2011 U.S. Open win (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pQ0cGzRfnBk>).
- **Kris Prather's** historic PBA Playoffs victory (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hISjw3KmGCK>).
- **Anthony Simonsen's** win in the 2019 Bear Open. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tt2k25WKNzQ>).
- **Sean Rash's** 2019 Wolf Open title (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2GNxO2WdaZo>).
- **EJ Tackett's** Barbasol PBA Tour Finals victory (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wVuLOuU8btQ>).
- **Bill O'Neill's** 2019 Harry O'Neale Chesapeake Open win (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xSwE3YYFjso>).
- **Jason Belmonte's** historic 11th major title victory in the 2019 PBA World Championship (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q4QgbkRPirM>).
- **Jakob Butturff's** 2019 USBC Masters win (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-cuYcXfXXs>).
- **EJ Tackett's** 2017 DHC PBA Japan Invitational victory. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=91yoFd7nd8q>).
- **Kris Prather's** 2019 PBA Scorpion Championship win ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-aVe\\_n8uCOM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-aVe_n8uCOM)).

- **Bill O'Neill's** 2019 PBA Hall of Fame Classic victory that made him title-eligible for future PBA HOF consideration (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OeHXCyXWH4o>).

Fans can follow all of the latest video clips and more by enrolling as a subscriber to PBA's YouTube channel. It's easy and it's free. Visit [YouTube.com/PBABowling](https://www.youtube.com/PBABowling) and click on the "subscribe" button.

### **PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: 2020 SEASON BEGINS WITH TWO EVENTS JAN. 17-19**

The 2020 PBA Regional season gets underway over the Jan. 17-19 weekend with tournaments in North Carolina and California for PBA50 competitors. Westview Lanes in Wilson, N.C., will host the PBA50 Richie's Automotive South Open and Tracy Bowl in Tracy, Calif., will host the PBA50 Patton Amusement West Regional.

- For complete PBA Regional schedules including rules and entry information, visit [pba.com](https://pba.com), open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area. Whether you are a competitor or a fan, you can follow "live scoring" for all PBA Regional events on [pba.com](https://pba.com) (easily accessible for Apple and Android device users using the PBA app).

### **QUICK NOTES**

- The dates for the PBA50 River City Extreme Open at River City Extreme in Monticello, Minn., have been changed to July 28-31, rather than the June dates previously announced.

### **Darren Tang Earns Top Seed for PBA Hall of Fame Classic Finals; Jones Earns No. 2 Seed in Same Weekend of Hall of Fame Induction**

*2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour season kicks off on FOX Sports with live  
finals telecast Sunday at 1 p.m. ET on FS1*

**ARLINGTON, Texas (Jan. 17, 2020)** – Darren Tang of Las Vegas rode a 10-4 match play record, including two match wins with 300 games Friday, on his way to earning the top seed for Sunday's live FS1 finals telecast of the PBA Hall of Fame Classic, the first tournament of the 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour season.

The 26-year-old Tang, who is trying for his first PBA Tour title, beat reigning PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte 300-191 in the second match of the final match play round and Anthony Lavery-Spahr 300-247 in the sixth match. A 246-202 win over Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona in the position round match vaulted him to the top spot finishing with a 6,299 26-game pinfall total including bonus pins. As the top seed, he will only have to win one match on Sunday's telecast from the International Training and Research Center which gets underway at 1 p.m. ET (noon CT).

"I didn't let the bad games get me discouraged," said Tang, who owns two PBA Tour runner-up finishes. "I just stayed focused, stuck to my process and didn't think about what else was going on around me. I've always been a believer that anything's possible in this game and when it's your day, it's your day."

In what is turning out to be a dream weekend for Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, South Carolina, who will be inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame Saturday, the former PBA Player of the Year and 19-time PBA Tour winner, qualified for the 14th and final match play position Thursday, but posted an 11-3 record Friday, that included a 300-240 win over Ryan Ciminelli in Friday's first match play round, to earn the No. 2 seed. He finished 15 pins behind Tang with a 6,284 pinfall.

"This has made a special weekend even more special, but what's offsetting that is I can't help thinking about a lot of single pin spares I missed in the tournament," the 41-year-old right-hander said. "With all the excitement of this weekend I'm trying to approach everything the same as I would for any other tournament. For the most part I've been successful doing that but I'll need to make sure that something like missing easy spares doesn't ruin the party."

Three other players have made a TV final in the same weekend that they were inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame: Earl Anthony in 1981, Mike Durbin, who won his third PBA Tournament of Champions in 1984, and Mark Roth in 1997.

Five-time PBA Tour winner Osku Palermaa of Finland will be trying for his first title since the 2015 World Open in Tokyo and his first win on TV since the 2011 PBA World Championship. The 36-year-old two-hander entered match play in 11th and despite a 7-7 record was still able to climb to the No. 3 seed finishing with a 6,264 pinfall.

Sunday's stepladder will begin with Butturff, who earned the No. 4 seed, taking on No. 5 seed hometown favorite PBA Hall of Famer Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas.

The 25-year-old Butturff, a seven-time tour winner who finished second in the 2019 Hall of Fame Classic, finished the day with an 8-6 match play record and 6,237 pinfall while the 49-year-old Barnes, also a 19-time tour winner, went 8-6 in match play and finished with a 6,198 pinfall to take the final stepladder slot.

## **PBA HALL OF FAME CLASSIC**

**(a 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour event)**

**International Training and Research Center, Arlington, Texas, Friday**

### **Final Match Play Standings**

**(after 26 games, including match play record, total pinfall including bonus pins and money earned. Top five players advance to Sunday's live finals on FS1 at 1 p.m. ET)**

- 1, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 10-4, 6,299.
- 2, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 11-3, 6,284.
- 3, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 7-7, 6,264.
- 4, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 8-6, 6,237.
- 5, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 8-6, 6,198.
- 6, Ryan Ciminelli, Lancaster, S.C., 8-6, 6,154, \$4,800.
- 7, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 7-7, 6,127, \$4,400.
- 8, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 6-8, 6,061, \$4,100.
- 9, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 4-9-1, 5,980, \$3,800.
- 10, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 6-8, 5,975, \$3,600.
- 11, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 5-9, 5,921, \$3,400.
- 12, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 3-10-1, 5,853, \$3,200.
- 13, Patrick Girard, Canada, 5-9, 5,834, \$3,100.
- 14, X-Tom Hess, Granger, Iowa, 3-1, 5,626, \$2,750.
- 15, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 7-4, 5,206, \$2,750.

x-Hess replaced Duke who withdrew because of injury after third match in the final round



**300 game – Darren Tang (2), Osku Palermaa**

### **Third Round Standings**

**(after 19 games. Including match play record, total pinfall including bonus pins.**

**All players advance to final match play round)**

- 1, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 4-3, 4,525.
- 2, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 5-2, 4,477.
- 3, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 4-3, 4,471.
- 4, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 4-3, 4,466.
- 5, Ryan Ciminelli, Lancaster, S.C., 4-3, 4,465.
- 6, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 4-3, 4,438.
- 7, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 4-3, 4,432.
- 8, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 3-4, 4,375.
- 9, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 2-4-1, 4,327.
- 10, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 5-2, 4,320.
- 11, Anthony Lavery-Spah, Pasadena, Texas, 2-5, 4,315.
- 12, Patrick Girard, Canada, 3-4, 4,300.
- 13, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 3-4, 4,292.
- 14, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1-5-1, 4,257.

**300 games – Tommy Jones**

### **PBA Star Tommy Jones, Former Ownership Partners Mike Slade, Rob Glaser Inducted Into PBA Hall of Fame**

**ARLINGTON, Texas (Jan. 18, 2020)** – Nineteen-time Professional Bowlers Association title winner Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, South Carolina, and former PBA ownership partners Mike Slade and Rob Glaser were inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame during ceremonies at the Arlington Hilton Saturday as part of the PBA Hall of Fame Classic tournament week.

Jones was unanimously elected for superior performance by an elite panel of veteran bowling writers and PBA Hall of Famers. Slade and Glaser were elected for meritorious service by the PBA Hall of Fame Board.

Jones is one of five PBA players to win both PBA Rookie (2001-02) and Player of the Year (2005-06) honors. During his 20-year career, Jones won 17 standard PBA Tour titles plus two majors: the 2006 U.S. Open and 2007 PBA Tournament of Champions. He has finished in the top 10 in annual PBA Tour earnings nine times and has finished in the top five in 47 of the 326 PBA Tour tournaments he entered, cashing in a remarkable 80.3 percent of those events.

Jones also has been on winning teams in PBA League Elias Cup competition three times and was the recipient of the PBA League Mark Roth Most Valuable Player Award in 2017.

"Even though it's been a couple of months since I received the news that I was elected I knew it was going to be very emotional to receive this honor here," Jones said, "It's still going to take some time for it to sink in.

"Getting paid to throw a bowling ball was my dream and I have to thank everyone who has supported me during my career that made it possible for me to be here today," he added. "I consider myself to be very fortunate to be a Hall of Famer and still be competitive but I have a job to do. I want to get 25 titles."

The 41-year-old power player hopes to add to his list of career milestones when he tries for his 20th career tour win as the No. 2 seed for the PBA Hall of Fame Classic finals which will air Sunday at 1 p.m. ET on FS1.

Jones counted his major titles and selection to the top 50 players in PBA history as defining moments in his career.

"The U.S. Open title was big and being selected No. 30 among the top 50 players in PBA history (in 2009) as the youngest one (age 30) also was pretty cool for me," Jones said. "The U.S. Open was defining because I bowled so bad the previous year. The Tournament of Champions also was a great win because that's the one title every PBA member wants to win."

Slade and Glaser joined their original PBA ownership partner, Chris Peters, in the PBA Hall of Fame. All three were former Microsoft executives who combined resources to purchase the PBA in 2000, pulling the organization back from the brink of bankruptcy, and providing the organization with leadership from their board of directors positions and the financial support necessary to remain viable until its recent sale to Bowlero Corp.

Slade's creativity and contacts at ESPN and with leaders in sports media were key assets in advancing the PBA brand and opening doors with new partners including FOX Sports.

Slade began his career at Microsoft in 1983 and spent seven years there in a variety of product marketing roles. In 1993 he was hired as CEO of Starwave, Paul Allen's trailblazing venture into the Internet and multimedia where he launched ESPN.com, NBA.com, NFL.com, NASCAR.com, ABCNews.com and the Go.com network. He retired as Chairman and CEO of Starwave following its sale to the Walt Disney Corp. in 1998.

After later serving as strategic advisor for Apple Computer CEO Steve Jobs, and as a strategic consultant for ESPN, NBA.com, NFL.com, Starbucks, Real Networks, Disney, and various Paul Allen companies, Slade co-founded the venture capital firm Second Avenue Partners in 2000 and became a co-owner and board member of the PBA.

"When you're around people who are the best it's really inspiring," Slade said during his acceptance speech. "It's an honor to be around the best as we celebrate excellence here tonight and I'm so grateful and humbled by this honor."

"Some things we did went well and others didn't," Slade continued. "We learned a lot and had good people helping us get it done. When you're an underdog you have to be scrappy and try things and that's what we did."

Glaser, a New York City native, was the PBA's principle investor financially, largely funding the early 2000's efforts to boost prize funds, regulate TV exposure and further explore arena settings. After a 10-year career in a variety of positions with Microsoft, Glaser founded [RealNetworks](#) in 1994, a company that produces [RealAudio](#), [RealVideo](#), [RealPlayer](#), and [Helix](#), among other products and services. A Yale graduate with degrees in Computer Science and Economics, Glaser has also been a major donor supporting a wide range of humanitarian causes throughout his career.

"I believe the most rewarding part of our involvement with PBA was getting it to a point where it could stand on its own, build on the success we were able to achieve and then pass it on to a new generation," Glaser said. "Twenty years after we started it is stunning to me that I'm here to receive this honor.

"My good friend Chris Peters got me involved in what he called an effort to save the PBA," Glaser added. "I got involved in bowling at a young age, became a lifelong bowler and the love of bowling never left me so I was happy to get involved."

Also recognized during the ceremonies were 2019 award winners including Australia's Jason Belmonte, who earned his fifth Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year award; Harry Golden Rookie of the Year Mykel Holliman of Collierville, Tennessee; Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award winner Martin Larsen of Sweden, who became the first international player to win the award twice, and Tony Reyes Community Service Award winner Chuck Gardner of Charlotte, North Carolina.

### **Tommy Jones Caps Fairytale Week with Historic Championship Match Win in PBA Hall of Fame Classic**

*In first tournament of the season, Jones beats Darren Tang 300-237  
in title match for 20th career Go Bowling PBA Tour title*

**ARLINGTON, Texas (Jan. 19, 2020)** – After his induction into the Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Fame Saturday evening, Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, South Carolina, didn't need any further validation of his place in bowling history, but the 41-year-old right-hander effectively put an exclamation point on that honor with a historic title match win in the PBA Hall of Fame Classic Sunday at the International Training and Research Center.

As the No. 2 seed for the stepladder finals televised live on FS1, Jones won the first tournament of the 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour season for his 20th career PBA Tour title by beating top seed Darren Tang of Las Vegas, 300-237, in the championship match.

It was the 27th televised perfect game bowled in PBA Tour history and only the third in a title match. Bob Benoit and Mike Aulby were the others to bowl 300 games in a televised title match. Benoit beat Mark Roth 300-225 to win the 1988 PBA Quaker State Open and Aulby beat David Ozio 300-279 to win the 1993 PBA Wichita Open.

"I don't even know what to think right now – it's been a crazy week and an even crazier day," said Jones, whose last tour win came in the 2019 PBA Bowlerstore.com Classic. "I don't think I'll ever be able to top this.

"When I got the strike in the ninth frame, it actually took some pressure off for the 10th frame because I had already won the match," he added. "At that point I felt like I was in good shape to take a victory lap."

Jones also joined three other PBA greats who made a tour telecast in the same week that they were inducted into the Hall of Fame: Earl Anthony in 1981, Mike Durbin, who won his third PBA Tournament of Champions in 1984, and Mark Roth in 1987.

For everyone, including Jones, his 300 game was certainly unexpected after grinding out a 190-169 semifinal match win against No. 5 seed fellow Hall of Famer Chris Barnes of nearby Double Oak, Texas, who also was trying for his 20th career win.

“We both had trouble with the (lane condition) transition and it was just a matter of who could get to the finish line first,” said Jones. “If you would have told me that I could have bowled 225 after that, it would have been a stretch.

“I used the same ball on the left lane but with a little more surface and changed to a ball that would hook earlier on the right lane,” Jones added. “I felt very comfortable with that change but still never could have predicted a 300.”

All competition during the tournament was conducted on a dual lane condition – PBA’s 45-foot Dick Weber condition on the left lane and 39-foot Mike Aulby condition on the right lane.

For the 26-year-old Tang, a three-time All-American at San Jose State in his fourth season on tour, it was his third runner-up finish.

In the opening stepladder match Barnes, who was also trying for his 20th career title, defeated 2019 Hall of Fame Classic runner-up seven-time tour winner Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona, 258-223.

In the second match Barnes beat five-time PBA Tour winner two-hander Osku Palermaa of Finland, who was trying for his first tour win in almost five years, 254-249, to advance to the semifinal against Jones.

The Go Bowling PBA Tour travels to Shawnee, Oklahoma, for the second stop of the season, the PBA Oklahoma Open at the FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Jan. 20-26. FloBowling will provide live-streaming of all qualifying and match play rounds. The finals of the Oklahoma Open will air live on FS1 Sunday, Jan. 26, at 1 p.m. ET.

## **PBA HALL OF FAME CLASSIC**

**(a 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour event)**

**International Training and Research Center, Arlington, Texas, Sunday**

### **Final Standings**

- 1, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., \$30,000
- 2, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, \$15,000
- 3, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, \$9,000
- 4, Osku Palermaa, Finland, \$7,000
- 5, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., \$5,000

Jones also earned a \$10,000 bonus for bowling a televised perfect game.

### **Playoff Results:**

Match One: Barnes def. Butturff, 258-223.

Match Two: Barnes def. Palermaa, 254-249.

Semifinal Match: Jones def. Barnes, 190-169.

Championship: Jones def. Tang, 300-237.

## **PBA Stars Again Descend on Shawnee for PBA Oklahoma Open**

*Second stop of 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour season returns to FireLake Bowling Center;  
live FS1 finals set for Sunday at 1 p.m. CST*

**SHAWNEE, Okla. (Jan. 20, 2020)** – The 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour season got off to a record-breaking start Sunday when newly-inducted PBA Hall of Famer threw a perfect game to win the PBA Hall of Fame Classic, but the dust will barely had time to settle before the stars of the PBA began chasing the second title of the season in the PBA Oklahoma Open at FireLake Bowling Center.

The Oklahoma Open got underway Monday with a pre-tournament qualifier where a field of non-exempt players bowled a 10-game preliminary event in pursuit of eight berths in the tournament proper, beginning Wednesday. The tournament will conclude with a five-player stepladder final airing live on FS1 on Sunday at 1 p.m. CST.

A capacity field of 88 players from around the world will compete for the Oklahoma Open title, currently held by 2019 winner Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona. In addition to the Oklahoma Open title, players will earn competition points toward 24 berths in the second PBA Playoffs later in the spring.

Among the players competing in Shawnee will be five-time PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte of Australia; 2019 PBA Rookie of the Year Mykel Holliman of Collierville, Tennessee, and PBA Hall of Famers Chris Barnes, Walter Ray Williams Jr. and Jones, who bowled the 27th nationally-televised perfect game in defeating top qualifier Darren Tang, 300-237, for his 20th career title in the PBA Hall of Fame Classic title.

The Oklahoma Open field will bowl their first six-game qualifying games at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Wednesday. A and B squads will return for another six games at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Thursday. After 12 qualifying games, the top 16 players will bowl two eight-game match play rounds at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Friday to decide Sunday's five stepladder finalists.

The tournament will be a dual pattern event, with 45-foot PBA Dragon 45 lane conditioning pattern applied to the left lane and the 32-foot Wolf 32 pattern applied to the lane for each round. The Oklahoma Open is a Tier 2 event in the PBA's competition points structure.

Tickets for the Oklahoma Open finals are available at [www.pba.com/tickets](http://www.pba.com/tickets) or at the door.

### **PBA OKLAHOMA OPEN SCHEDULE**

**(A 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour event)**

**FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Okla. (all times are Central)**

#### **Monday, Jan. 20**

10 a.m. – Pre-Tournament Qualifier (PTQ), 5 games

2 p.m. – Pre-Tournament Qualifier (PTQ), 5 games

Top 8 after 10 games advance to tournament proper

#### **Tuesday, Jan. 21**

1 p.m. – A Squad official practice session

5 p.m. – B Squad official practice session

#### **Wednesday, Jan. 22**

11 a.m. – A Squad, 6 qualifying games

5 p.m. – B Squad, 6 qualifying games

**Thursday, Jan. 23**

11 a.m. – B Squad, 6 qualifying games

5 p.m. – A Squad, 6 qualifying games

Top 16 after 12 games advance to round-robin match play

**Friday, Jan. 24**

11 a.m. – Top 16 Match Play, 8 games

5 p.m. – Top 16 Match Play, 8 games

Top 5 after 28 games advance to stepladder finals

**Saturday, Jan. 25**

4 p.m. – Pro-Am squad

**Sunday, Jan. 26**

1 p.m. – Top 5 stepladder finals (live, FS1)

**SHAWNEE, OKLA.** – PBA rookie Wesley Low Jr. of Palmdale, Calif., averaged 244.1 to lead top the scoring in Monday's PBA event. Low will advance from the PTQ into the tournament proper beginning Wednesday.

PBA fans are invited to watch Oklahoma Open qualifying and match play on FloBowling Wednesday through Friday, and the PBA Tour on FloBowling Saturday.

**PBA OKLAHOMA OPEN**

**(A 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour Tier 2 event)**

**FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Okla.**

**Final Pre-Tournament Qualifier Standings**

**(After 10 games; top 8 advance to tournament proper)**

- 1, Wesley Low Jr., Palmdale, Calif., 2,441.
- 2, Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C., 2,309.
- 3, Matt Russo, Fairview Heights, Ill., 2,285.
- 4, Jaroslav Lorenc, Czech Republic, 2,271.
- 5, Deo Benard, Henderson, Nev., 2,253.
- 6, Corey Umbrello, Westminister, Mass., 2,216.
- 7, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 2,205.
- 8, Ryan Burks, Kansas City, Mo., 2,174.

**Failed to advance:**

- 9, Russ Oviatt, Sioux Falls, S.D., 2,166.
- 10, Kyle Duster, Scottsdale, Ariz., 2,140.
- 11, Gaetan Mouveroux, France, 2,118.
- 12, Kenneth Bland, San Antonio, Texas, 2,112.
- 13, Isaac Rose, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2,104.
- 14, Victor Cortez, Waukegan, Ill., 2,081.
- 15, Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 2,052.
- 16, Michael Ruben, Selden, N.Y., 2,042.

- 17, Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 2,036.
- 18, Blake Demore, Springfield, Mo., 2,024.
- 18, Stephen Hahn, Sterling, Va., 2,024.
- 20, Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 2,023.
- 21, Brent Boho, Colgate, Wis., 1,989.
- 22, Alex Martin, Kennesaw, Ga., 1,984.
- 23, Jeff Atkins, Hot Springs Village, Ark., 1,972.
- 24, Karl Wahlgren, Sweden, 1,885.
- 25, Johnathan Norman, Houston, Texas, 1,859.
- 26, George Duke, Vidor, Texas, 1,851.
- 27, Elijah Felling, Norman, Okla., 1,749.
- 28, Colby North, Wagoner, Okla., 1,610.
- 29, Andrew Marks, Conway, Ark., 1,559.
- 30, Andrew Silverman, Akron, Ohio, 179.

## **Ron Profitt Wins PBA50 Richie's Automotive Wilson South Open**

**Wilson, N.C. (Jan. 19, 2020)** – Ron Profitt of Brookville, Ohio, defeated Chris Johnson of Nashville, North Carolina, 269-209, to win the inaugural PBA50 Richie's Automotive Wilson South Open at Westview Lanes Sunday, kicking off the 2020 PBA Regional season.

Profitt, who won \$2,000 along with his fifth career regional title, never trailed after starting the title match with a spare followed by eight consecutive strikes. Johnson, who earned \$1,000, rolled the only 300 game of the tournament in qualifying for the finals, started the title match with a spare but then opened and could never catch up.

Profitt made it interesting in the semifinal round against Chris Collins of Myrtle Beach, S.C. when he left a 7-10 split in the 10th to force a roll-off, but he prevailed, 29-28 to advance to the championship match. In the other semifinal round, Johnson defeated No. 1 qualifier Joe Scarborough of Charlotte, N.C., 231-223.

The tournament drew 65 50-and-older players. The PBA South Region's next tournament will be the PBA/PBA50 Break Point Alley Doubles Challenge on Feb. 7 in Tavares, Fla. Challenge events are open to players who have never won a PBA event.

### **PBA50 RICHIE'S AUTOMOTIVE WILSON SOUTH OPEN Westview Lanes, Wilson, N.C., Sunday**

#### **Championship:**

Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio (\$2,000) def. Chris Johnson, Nashville, N.C. (\$1,000), 269-209.

#### **Semifinal Round (losers earned \$850):**

Profitt def. Chris Collins, Myrtle Beach, S.C., 170-170, 29-28 in roll-off.

C. Johnson def. Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 231-223.



**Round of 8 (three games total pinfall, losers eliminated and earned \$700 each):**

Scarborough def. Tony Todd, Myrtle Beach, S.C., 725-662.  
C. Johnson def. Todd Haney, Boiling Springs, S.C., 722-625.  
Profitt def. Greg Wilson, Warrenton, Va., 695-678.  
Collins def. Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 748-625.

**Round of 12 (total pinfall three games, losers eliminated and earned \$600 each):**

Todd def. Jeff Campbell, Newport News, Va., 703-604.  
Haney def. Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 655-615.  
Wilson def. Tom Baker, King, N.C., 768-636.  
Auerbach def. Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 668-599.

**Round of 16 (total pinfall three games, losers eliminated and earned \$550 each):**

Todd def. Jeff Schrum, Cherryville, N.C., 674-667.  
Haney def. Dave Johnson, Ashtabula, Ohio, 639-618.  
T. Baker def. S. Baker, Canton, Ga., 694-636.  
Auerbach def. n-Leon Lamm, Wilson, N.C., 740-632.

300 Game: Chris Johnson.

n-denotes non-PBA member.

**Australia's Sam Cooley Takes PBA Oklahoma Open First Round Lead**

*Defending champion Jakob Butturff sits in 22nd place heading into Wednesday's final qualifying round*

**SHAWNEE, Okla. (Jan. 22, 2020)** – Australia's Sam Cooley, a sixth-year PBA member trying for his first title, averaged 239.1 Wednesday to take the first round qualifying lead in the PBA Oklahoma Open at FireLake Bowling Center.

Cooley, 28, rolled games of 247, 255, 259, 194, 234 and 246 for a 1,435 pinfall total for the six-game round to take a 28-pin lead over Ryan Ciminelli of Lancaster, South Carolina. Kris Prather of Plainfield, Illinois, was third with 1,390 pins followed by last week's PBA Hall of Fame Classics runner-up Darren Tang of Las Vegas with a 1,367 total and Kyle Sherman of O'Fallon, Missouri, with 1,362 pins.

Defending Oklahoma Open champion Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona, was in 22nd place with a 1,321 total.

"I matched up pretty well on both lanes with my equipment and I minimized the damage on the bad pair I hit," Cooley said. "Overall I just bowled pretty well. Last week I didn't make it out of the PTQ (pre-tournament qualifier) so this is definitely a step in the right direction."

Cooley, who has three third-place finishes in his first five years of PBA Tour competition, but he isn't thinking about a title at this point.

"It's only a matter of time, but I'm not looking that far ahead," he said. "When you start doing that, you're just giving yourself more chances for things to get in the way."

The Oklahoma Open field, divided into two squads, will bowl its final six-game qualifying round at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Thursday. After 12 qualifying games, the top 16 players will advance to two eight-game head-

to-head match play rounds at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Friday to decide the five stepladder finalists. The tournament will conclude with the stepladder finals airing live on FS1 on Sunday at 1 p.m. CST.

The tournament is being contested on a dual pattern scoring environment with 45-foot PBA Dragon 45 lane conditioning pattern applied to the left lane and the 32-foot Wolf 32 pattern applied to the right lane throughout the competition.

The Oklahoma Open is the second tournament of the 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour season and a Tier 2 event in the PBA's competition points structure. Points earned throughout the PBA World Series of Bowling XI in April will be used to qualify the 24 players who will compete in the PBA Playoffs in April and early May.

All qualifying and match play rounds are being livestreamed by FloBowling, the PBA's online livestreaming partner. For subscription information, visit FloBowling.com. Game by game results also are available by clicking on the PBA.com Live Scoring link.

**PBA OKLAHOMA OPEN**  
**(A 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour Tier 2 event)**  
**FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Okla.**

**First Round Qualifying Standings (after six games)**

- 1, Sam Cooley, Australia, 1,435.
- 2, Ryan Ciminelli, Lancaster, S.C., 1,407.
- 3, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 1,390.
- 4, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 1,367.
- 5, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 1,362.
- 6, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 1,360.
- 7, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,359.
- 8, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 1,352.
- 9, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 1,350.
- 10, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,347.
- 11, Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, 1,345.
- 12, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 1,343.
- 13, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 1,342.
- 14, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 1,341.
- 15, Patrick Girard, Canada, 1,334.
- 16, Matt Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 1,331.
- 17, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 1,329.
- 18 (tie), Jason Belmonte, Australia, and Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,325.
- 20 (tie), AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, and Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 1,324.
- 22, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 1,321.
- 23, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 1,320.
- 24, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 1,318.
- 25, Jaroslav Lorenc, Czech Republic, 1,313.
- 26 (tie), Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., and Mitch Hupe, Wichita, Kan., 1,310.
- 28 (tie), Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., and Michael Martell, Brooklyn, N.Y., 1,309.
- 30, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 1,300.
- 31, Greg Ostrander, Brick, N.J., 1,292.
- 32, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 1,288.
- 33, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,280.
- 34, Dom Barrett, England, 1,278.
- 35, Jim Pratt, Avondale, Ariz., 1,275.
- 36 (tie), Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, and Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., 1,274.

38, Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 1,273.  
39 (tie), Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., and Stuart Williams, England, 1,262.  
41, Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1,260.  
42 (tie), Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., and Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 1,259.  
44, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 1,256.  
45 (tie), Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela; Russ Oviatt, Sioux Falls, S.D., and Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,255.  
48, Wesley Low Jr., Palmdale, Calif., 1,254.  
49, Tom Hess, Granger, Iowa, 1,253.  
50, Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,243.  
51, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 1,238.  
52, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 1,234.  
53, Kim Bolleby, Sweden, 1,233.  
54, Richard Teece, England, 1,229.  
55, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 1,228.  
56, Matt Russo, Fairview Heights, Ill., 1,227.  
57, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,226.  
58, Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 1,224.  
59, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 1,220.  
60, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,219.  
61, Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 1,217.  
62, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,210.  
63 (tie), Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, and David Krol, Nixa, Mo., 1,207.  
65, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,206.  
66, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 1,200.  
67, Kyle Duster, Phoenix, Ariz., 1,199.  
68, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 1,195.  
69, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 1,191.  
70, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 1,188.  
71, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 1,185.  
72 (tie), Kenneth Ryan, Farmingdale, N.J., and Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C., 1,181.  
74, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,177.  
75, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 1,173.  
76, Ryan Burks, Kansas City, Mo., 1,165.  
77, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 1,156.  
78 (tie), Corey Umbrello, Westminister, Mass., and Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,154.  
80 (tie), Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, and Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 1,146.  
82, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 1,139.  
83, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,107.  
84, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill., 1,095.  
85, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 1,074.  
86, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 1,067.  
87, Deo Benard, Henderson, Nev., 1,046.  
88, Justin Wyman, Fairport, N.Y., 975.

## **England's Dom Barrett Advances from 34th into PBA Oklahoma Open Lead**

*Eight-time PBA Tour title winner averages 247 in second round to make big move*

**SHAWNEE, Okla. (Jan. 23, 2020)** – Behind a torrid second round, England's Dom Barrett advanced from 34th place into the lead in the PBA Oklahoma Open Thursday at FireLake Bowling Center, topping the field of 16 players who advanced to Friday's match play competition.

Barrett, an eight-time PBA Tour title winner, averaged 247 for Thursday's second qualifying round, rolling games of 232, 269, 279, 233, 203 and 266 after averaging 213 for his first six qualifying games Wednesday. His 12-game pinfall total of 2,760 was good for an 11-pin lead over Kyle Sherman of O'Fallon, Missouri.

"I felt I bowled well during the first round, but the scores didn't show it," Barrett said after his big second round. "I just trusted that if I kept doing what I was doing and was smart with my adjustments the scores would eventually come.

"Except for the fifth game where I ran into a tricky pair of lanes, everything came together like I hoped it would. Coming back with the 266 in the last game reassured me that my game was still where it needed to be and that I had a good handle on both conditions."

The tournament is being contested on a challenging dual pattern scoring environment with 45-foot PBA Dragon 45 lane conditioning pattern applied to the left lane and the shorter 32-foot Wolf 32 pattern applied to the right lane throughout the competition.

Sherman, who won his only PBA title with partner Amanda Greene in last year's PBA-PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles Championship, posted a 2,749 total for his 12 games. Rounding out the top five qualifiers were Patrick Hanrahan, a two-handed second-year PBA member from Wichita, Kansas, with a 2,739 total; first round leader Sam Cooley of Australia with 2,730 pins and Kris Prather of Plainfield, Illinois, with a 2,713 total.

Defending Oklahoma Open champion Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona, failed to advance to match play, finishing in 52nd place.

The top 16 players will bowl two eight-game head-to-head match play rounds at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Friday to decide the five stepladder finalists. The tournament will conclude with the stepladder finals airing live on FS1 on Sunday at 1 p.m. CST.

The Oklahoma Open is a Tier 2 event in the PBA's competition points structure. Points will be awarded in all Go Bowling PBA Tour events through the PBA World Series of Bowling XI in April. The 24 points leaders will earn berths in the PBA Playoffs in April and early May.

Friday's match play rounds will be livestreamed by FloBowling, the PBA's online livestreaming partner. For subscription information, visit FloBowling.com. Sunday's stepladder finals also will be livestreamed to FloBowling's international subscribers. Game by game results also will be posted on the PBA.com Live Scoring link.

**PBA OKLAHOMA OPEN**  
**(A 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour Tier 2 event)**  
**FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Okla.**

**Final Qualifying Standings (after 12 games)**  
1, Dom Barrett, England, 2,760.  
2, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 2,749.  
3, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 2,739.  
4, Sam Cooley, Australia, 2,730.

- 5, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 2,713.
- 6, Nick Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 2,711.
- 7, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 2,709.
- 8, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 2,702.
- 9, Ryan Ciminelli, Lancaster, S.C., 2,691.
- 10, Mitch Hupe, Wichita, Kan., 2,686.
- 11, Patrick Girard, Canada, 2,671.
- 12, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 2,664.
- 13, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 2,649.
- 14, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 2,639.
- 15, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,635.
- 16, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 2,633.

**Other cashers after 12 games:**

- 17, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 2,620, \$2,000.
- 18, Jaroslav Lorenc, Czech Republic, 2,617, \$1,900.
- 19, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 2,606, \$1,850.
- 20, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 2,600, \$1,800.
- 21, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 2,596, \$1,750.
- 22, Russ Oviatt, Sioux Falls, S.D., 2,594, \$1,700.
- 23, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2,593, \$1,650.
- 24, Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 2,586, \$1,600.
- 25, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 2,585, \$1,550.
- 26, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 2,575, \$1,530.
- 27, Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, 2,572, \$1,520.
- 28, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2,568, \$1,505.
- 28, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 2,568, \$1,505.

**Failed to cash:**

- 30, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 2,563.
- 31, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 2,557.
- 32 (tie), Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, and Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 2,554.
- 34, Matt Russo, Fairview Heights, Ill., 2,552.
- 35, Jim Pratt, Avondale, Ariz., 2,547.
- 36 (tie), Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., and Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 2,541.
- 38, Stuart Williams, England, 2,530.
- 39, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 2,524.
- 40, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 2,521.
- 41, Kim Bolleby, Sweden, 2,517.
- 42, Richard Teece, England, 2,513.
- 43, Matt Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 2,508.
- 44, Wesley Low Jr., Palmdale, Calif., 2,506.
- 45, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 2,496.
- 46, Tom Hess, Granger, Iowa, 2,494.
- 47, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 2,482.
- 48 (tie), Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, and Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 2,478.
- 50, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 2,475.
- 50, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 2,475.
- 52, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 2,474.
- 53, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 2,473.
- 54 (tie), Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., and Greg Ostrander, Brick, N.J., 2,469.
- 56, Michael Martell, Brooklyn, N.Y., 2,468.
- 57, Kenneth Ryan, Farmingdale, N.J., 2,465.

58, Kyle Duster, Phoenix, Ariz., 2,459.  
 59, Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C., 2,457.  
 60, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 2,453.  
 61 (tie), Corey Umbrello, Westminster, Mass., and Matt Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 2,448.  
 63, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2,444.  
 64, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 2,436.  
 65, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 2,434.  
 66, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2,432.  
 67, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 2,431.  
 68, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 2,425.  
 69, Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 2,411.  
 70, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 2,404.  
 71, David Krol, Nixa, Mo., 2,394.  
 72 (tie), AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., and Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 2,392.  
 74, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 2,388.  
 75, Deo Benard, Henderson, Nev., 2,386.  
 76, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 2,383.  
 77, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 2,381.  
 78, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 2,376.  
 79, Ryan Burks, Kansas City, Mo., 2,372.  
 80, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 2,363.  
 81, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 2,350.  
 82, Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 2,339.  
 83, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 2,315.  
 84, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 2,279.  
 85, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 2,265.  
 86, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill., 2,262.  
 87, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 2,149.  
 88, Justin Wyman, Fairport, N.Y., 2,046.

**300 Games:** Nick Pate.

## PBA Spare Shots

### **TOMMY JONES' PBA HALL OF FAME CLASSIC 300 GAME: ONE OF A KIND**

Fourteen hours after his induction into the PBA Hall of Fame in Arlington, Texas, **Tommy Jones** of Simpsonville, S.C., rolled the 27th nationally-televised perfect game in PBA history in the title match of the PBA Hall of Fame Classic at the International Training and Research Center, a part of the International Bowling Campus, on Sunday.

It was a one-of-a-kind nationally televised 300 game on a number of levels:

- It was Jones' first 300 on TV.
- It was the first televised 300 under the PBA's television partnership with FOX.
- It was the first bowled on TV on a dual lane condition (Dick Weber 45 pattern on the left lane, Mike Aulby 39 pattern on the right lane).

- It was the first bowled in the title match of a season-opening telecast (**Jim Stefanich** bowled a 300 in the second match of the 1974 Midas Open, the first ABC-TV telecast of 1974).

- It was the first in the title match by a player who was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame the same week.

- It was the first in a televised title match in 27 years. **Mike Aulby** (who was on hand to watch Jones bowl his 300 in Arlington) defeated **David Ozio**, 300-279, to win the 1993 Wichita Open. The first 300 bowled in a title match was by **Bob Benoit** in the 1988 Quaker State Open.

Jones' perfect game also triggered the 2020 version of the "Go Bowling Free America" offer, whereby PBA fans can register to receive a free game of bowling coupon if a PBA bowler bowls a 300 game on any televised event on Fox or FS1 during the 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour Schedule. To enroll, click on this link: <https://woobox.com/2oyvhz>. Make sure you review the terms and conditions related to the promotion.

### **TOMMY JONES TAKES EARLY 2020 PBA PLAYOFFS POINTS LEAD**

With his victory in the PBA Hall of Fame Classic, the first tournament of the 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour season, **Tommy Jones** took the early lead in the competition points race that will eventually determine the 24 players who will qualify to compete for the second annual PBA Playoffs title in April and May.

Points are awarded to all players in each PBA Tour tournament according to how the event is ranked in a three-tier points structure. The PBA Hall of Fame Classic was a Tier 1 tournament, where first place was worth 2,500 points with each additional place awarded points in a declining manner. Tier 2 tournaments award 5,000 points to the winner and Tier 3 tournaments begin with 7,500 points to the winner.

Tier 1 tournaments are limited field and/or restricted format events. Tier 2 tournaments are standard PBA Tour events. Tier 3 events are major championships. Below are the top 24 standings after one event:

### **2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour Competition Points Standings (Top 24 after one event)**

- 1, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 2,500
- 2, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 1,500
- 3, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,150
- 4, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 950
- 5, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 850
- 6, Ryan Ciminelli, Lancaster, S.C., 775
- 7, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 745
- 8, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 715
- 9, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 685
- 10, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 655
- 11, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 625
- 12, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 595
- 13, Patrick Girard, Canada, 565
- 14, Tom Hess, Granger, Iowa, 535
- 15, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 505
- 16, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 475
- 17, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 445
- 18, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 425
- 19, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 405



20, Stuart Williams, England, 385  
21, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 365  
22, Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 345  
23, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 325  
24, Matt Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 305

### **TOM CLARK, TIM MACK TO RECEIVE BPAA AWARDS**

PBA Commissioner **Tom Clark** and PBA League manager **Tim Mack** have been selected as 2020 Bowling Industry Service Award recipients by the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America. Award winners will be honored on July 4 during 2020 International Bowl at the Gaylord Rockies Resort and Convention Center in Denver, Colo.

Clark will receive the 2020 Media Award. As PBA Commissioner, he has developed media products such as PBA's Xtra Frame livestreaming service, but most significantly in 2019 secured the PBA on FOX Sports television deal, resulting in an 85 percent increase in television viewership its first year.

Mack will be recognized with the Dick Weber Bowling Ambassador Award, named after the legendary bowling icon, recognizing his many contributions to the game and sport of bowling, both on and off the lanes. After years of bowling internationally, Mack became a player services representative and international ambassador for Storm Products and has served as a PBA League team manager since the program's inception in 2013.

### **CARMEN SALVINO TO IMPROVE HIS "OLDEST PBA TOUR COMPETITOR" RECORD**

PBA legend **Carmen Salvino** plans to make it an even 30 when the 86-year-old PBA Hall of Famer rolls his first ball in the 2020 PBA Tournament of Champions Feb. 3-9 at AMF Riviera Lanes in Fairlawn, Ohio, extending his record as the oldest player to compete in a Go Bowling PBA Tour event.

While he doesn't plan on officially retiring from the sport, he does plan to make it his final appearance in PBA's signature event that requires a player to have won a PBA title to be eligible to compete.

"I'm working out and getting a lot of practice in, but I'll admit I'm a little sore," the Chicago native said. "That just means I've got more muscles than I realized."

"Last year I had the honor of presenting Jason Belmonte with the TOC trophy for his record-tying 10th major win, but this year I'll look forward to him giving it to me."

Salvino has bowled in 733 PBA Tour events since competing in the first PBA tournament ever held – the 1959 Empire State Open at Schade's Academy in Albany, N.Y. He is a member of numerous Halls of Fame including the National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame headquartered in the Chicago area and was ranked 17th on PBA's 2009 list of 50 greatest players in PBA history.

PBA's most famous showman is one of the few remaining links to the storied tournament's origin dating back to the inaugural event in 1962. The 1962 TOC was held at Play Bowl in Indianapolis and was actually billed as the Indianapolis 500 Festival Tournament of Champions, according to the Indianapolis Star's coverage of the tournament. It's an often-overlooked event because the tournament would not be held

again for three years. In 1965, when Firestone began its landmark sponsorship, the classic moved to Bowlarama in Akron and then to AMF Riviera Lanes the following year where it remained for 29 years.

The first TOC was a two-day event featuring 25 PBA Tour champions: everyone who had won a title since the PBA's formation four years earlier. It was conducted immediately after the Indianapolis PBA Open, the final regular event of the 1965 Tour season, which also was held at Play Bowl. Salvino finished third in the inaugural tournament (his best finish in the classic). **Joe Joseph** won with a two-game total of 480 pins followed by fellow Michigan star **Billy Golembiewski** with 413 pins and Salvino with a 409 total.

#### **PBA PLAYER'S PERSPECTIVE: SEAN RASH RE-VISITS 2012 TOC VICTORY**

The next edition of the PBA Player's Perspective interview series features **Sean Rash** revealing what he experienced in winning the 2012 PBA Tournament of Champions in Las Vegas. Rash's perspective will make its debut on Tuesday, Jan. 28.

Future Player's Perspectives on the schedule for introduction on Tuesdays include:

- Feb. 4 - **Jason Belmonte** discussing his historic victory in the 2019 PBA Tournament of Champions.
- Feb. 11 - **Anthony Simonsen** providing insights into his win in the 2019 PBA Players Championship.
- Feb. 18 - **Norm Duke** talks about winning his 39th career title in the 2019 Go Bowling Indianapolis Open.
- Feb. 25 - **Jason Belmonte** and **Bill O'Neill** share insider thoughts about winning the 2018 Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship.

To view the entire series of PBA Player's Perspective episodes, visit the PBA's YouTube channel and click on the PBA Player's Perspective play list. Player's Perspectives currently in the archives on YouTube include:

- **Norm Duke's** stunning 2011 U.S. Open win  
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pQ0cGzRfnBk>).
- **Kris Prather's** historic PBA Playoffs victory  
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hISjw3KmGCK>).
- **Anthony Simonsen's** win in the 2019 Bear Open.  
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tt2k25WKNzQ>).
- **Sean Rash's** 2019 Wolf Open title  
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2GNxO2WdaZo>)

## **Ryan Ciminelli Qualifies No. 1 for Sunday's PBA Oklahoma Open Finals**

*Brad Miller, Jesper Svensson, Patrick Hanrahan, Sean Rash round out Sunday's stepladder field*

**SHAWNEE, Okla. (Jan. 24, 2020)** – Ryan Ciminelli of Lancaster, South Carolina, won nine of his 16 matches Friday and posted a 28-game total of 6,645 pins to earn the No. 1 berth for Sunday's PBA Oklahoma Open stepladder finals at FireLake Bowling Center.

The finals of the second tournament of the 2020 Go Bowling Pro Tour season will be televised live on FS1 at 2 p.m. EST on Sunday.

Ciminelli, a 33-year-old lefthander, entered Friday's match play competition in ninth place. After rolling a 300 game in Friday's early round and starting the final round with back-to-back games of 279 and 289, he maintained a steady pace to take the lead and stay there, out-scoring No. 2 qualifier Brad Miller of Lee's Summit, Missouri, by 36 pins. On Sunday, Ciminelli will need to win one more match to claim his ninth career PBA Tour title.

"I like the fresh condition," Ciminelli said of his fast starts. "My first game average for all four rounds had to be over 250. But all around my look deteriorated as the rounds went on and I wound up holding on for dear life."

Ciminelli also said he made some significant mental adjustments over the winter layoff that appear to be paying early dividends, finishing sixth in last week's PBA Hall of Fame Classic and then reaching the television finals in week two.

"I guess you could say I have a little different mindset for this year," he said. "I'm more content in my own skin, my own life and I'm taking things as they come. It's paid off very quickly, with a strong tournament last week and making a show this fast, and especially in this building. I've never even gotten a check in Shawnee before."

In addition to Miller, who finished with 6,609 pins, the stepladder finals field will include Sweden's Jesper Svensson with a 6,597 total; Patrick Hanrahan of Wichita, Kansas, with 6,554 pins, and 14-time PBA Tour title winner Sean Rash of Montgomery, Illinois, with a total of 6,467 pins. Miller and Hanrahan are both trying for their first PBA title. Svensson, 24, is an eight-time PBA titlist.

The tournament is being contested on a demanding scoring environment with 45-foot PBA Dragon 45 oiling pattern on the left lane and the Wolf 32 pattern applied to the right lane for all rounds of the competition.

The Oklahoma Open is a Tier 2 event in the PBA's competition points structure. Points earned in all Go Bowling PBA Tour events through the PBA World Series of Bowling XI in April will qualify the top 24 players who will compete in the PBA Playoffs in April and May.

Sunday's stepladder finals will be livestreamed to FloBowling's international subscribers. Fans who miss Sunday's live telecast can watch re-airs on FS1 next week (check your local listings for days and times).

### **PBA OKLAHOMA OPEN**

**(A 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour Tier 2 event)**

**FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Okla.**

**Final Match Play Standings (after 28 games, including match play bonus pins; top five advance to stepladder finals Sunday at 2 p.m. EST live on FS1)**

1, Ryan Ciminelli, Lancaster, S.C., 9-7, 6,645.

2, Brad Miller, Lee's Summit, Mo., 12-4, 6,609.

- 3, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 13-3, 6,597.
- 4, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 9-7, 6,554.
- 5, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 10-6, 6,467.

**Other Cashers:**

- 6, Dom Barrett, England, 10-6, 6,437, \$4,800.
- 7, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 6-10, 6,338, \$4,400.
- 8, Mitch Hupe, Wichita, Kan., 9-7, 6,325, \$4,100.
- 9, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 6-10, 6,307, \$3,800.
- 10, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 8-8, 6,221, \$3,600.
- 11, Sam Cooley, Australia, 7-9, 6,220, \$3,400.
- 12, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 6-10, 6,208, \$3,200.
- 13, Nick Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 7-9, 6,133, \$3,000.
- 14, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 6-10, 6,075, \$2,800.
- 15, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 6-10, 6,063, \$2,600.
- 16, Patrick Girard, Canada, 4-12, 5,936, \$2,500.

**300 Games:** Ryan Ciminelli.

## **Defending Champ Norm Duke Out as PBA Stars Return to Jonesboro**

*Injury forces PBA Hall of Famer to withdraw from third event of 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour season*

**JONESBORO, Ark. (Jan. 25, 2020)** – An all-star field of 60 Professional Bowlers Association players from around the world will head back to Hixson Jan. 27-Feb. 1 for the third event on the 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour schedule. Unfortunately, defending champion Norm Duke won't be among them.

The finals of the 2020 event will be televised live on FOX Sports' FS1 channel on Saturday, Feb. 1, at 3:30 p.m. CST (4:30 p.m. EST).

In 2019, Duke, a PBA Hall of Famer from Clermont, Florida, became the third bowler in PBA history to win 40 titles when he defeated then 22-year-old Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas, 212-171, to win the Jonesboro Open. But Duke sustained an upper left injury during last week's PBA Hall of Fame Classic, forcing him to withdraw despite being in contention for a berth in the stepladder finals. He is still rehabbing that injury in hopes of being able to compete in the string of three PBA major championships that will take place following Jonesboro.

With or without Duke, competition in Jonesboro will be an intense test for the field of 60. The 2019 tournament was contested on what the PBA calls a "dual pattern" lane conditioning challenge where the PBA's 36-foot Viper and the 48-foot Shark lane oiling patterns were applied to the left and right right lanes, respectively, requiring players to deal with lane conditions on each lane that were dramatically different. The 2020 field will face the same type of scoring challenge.

The Jonesboro tournament is another important leg on the road to the second annual PBA Playoffs. The third tournament of the 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour season will award points as a Tier 2 tournament in the PBA competition points system that will help determine the 24 players who will compete for a \$100,000 first prize in the Playoffs in April and May.

The Jonesboro Open gets underway on Monday, Jan. 27, when a group of more than 30 players will bowl two five-game rounds in a pre-tournament qualifier (PTQ) to try to qualify for eight berths in the tournament proper. Tuesday is reserved for an official practice session. The full field will then bowl two

seven-game qualifying rounds on Wednesday. The top 16 after 14 games will advance to match play where they will bowl 16 head-to-head matches on the "mixed" Viper/Shark conditions on Thursday.

PBA players will participate in a pair of pro-am squads with Jonesboro area grassroots men, women, senior and youth bowlers on Friday before the top five qualifiers based on 30-game pinfall totals will bowl for the title in the live nationally televised on FS1 at 3:30 p.m. CST on Saturday.

All 30 games of qualifying and match play will be live streamed by PBA's online streaming partner, FloBowling. For FloBowling subscription information, visit FloBowling.com. FloBowling also will livestream Saturday's finals live to its international subscribers.

The tournament promises another classic battle between established stars and young players who are trying for their first title or to build Rookie of the Year resumes. Among the players entered are PBA Hall of Famers Chris Barnes, Tommy Jones and Walter Ray Williams Jr.; reigning PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte and 2019 Rookie of the Year Mykel Holliman, and international players from Australia, England, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Canada, Ireland and England.

**PBA JONESBORO OPEN**  
**(A 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour Tier 2 event)**  
**Hijinx, Jonesboro, Ark., Jan. 27-Feb. 1 (all times CST)**

**Monday, Jan. 27**

8 a.m. – Pre-Tournament Qualifier (PTQ), five games

2 p.m. – Pre-Tournament Qualifier (PTQ), five games

Top 8 after 10 games will advance to tournament proper

**Tuesday, Jan. 28**

Noon – Official practice session

**Wednesday, Jan. 29**

10 a.m. – Qualifying, 7 games

4:30 p.m. – Qualifying, 7 games

Top 16 after 14 games advance to match play

**Thursday, Jan. 30**

11 a.m. – Round robin match play, 8 games

5 p.m. – Round robin match play, 8 games

Top 5 after 30 games advance to stepladder finals

**Friday, Jan. 31**

5:30 and 8:30 p.m. – Pro-Am squads

**Saturday, Feb. 1**

3:30 p.m. – Top five stepladder finals, live on FS1 (Shark 48 on left lane, Viper 36 on right lane)

**Editor's Note: for a complete roster of players entered in the Jonesboro tournament, click here: <https://www.pba.com/Rosters/Details/3086>.**

## **PBA Announces FloBowling Summer Tour, USBC Cup Schedule**

*Seven tournament series to include incentive bonuses, berths in 2020 PBA China Tiger Cup*

**ARLINGTON, Texas (Jan. 24, 2020)** – The Professional Bowlers Association today announced a seven-tournament PBA FloBowling Summer Tour tournament series that will include USBC Cup bonus incentives and berths to participate in the 2020 PBA China Tiger Cup.

The summer series, which will be covered exclusively from start to finish by the PBA's online livestreaming partner, FloBowling, begins June 26-28 in Lubbock, Texas, and concludes Aug. 28-30 in Chesapeake, Virginia. In between the series will visit Lakewood, Colorado; Houston, Texas; Coldwater, Ohio; Middletown, Delaware, and Wilmington, North Carolina, expanding the 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour from 13 to 20 events.

All seven tournaments will award competition points toward the USBC Cup, sponsored by the United States Bowling Congress, which will award a total of \$40,000 in bonus prize money for the top five players based upon how they perform across the tournament series. The top eight players in Summer Tour points also will qualify for the end-of-season PBA China Tiger Cup.

In 2019, Sean Rash of Montgomery, Illinois, took advantage of the summer series by winning the USBC Cup points title and he converted his berth in the PBA China Tiger Cup into another big win.

Six of the seven 2020 events were part of the inaugural FloBowling Summer Tour and USBC Cup program in 2019, when FloBowling introduced multi-lane coverage of all rounds of each tournament, allowing PBA fans to follow their favorite players throughout the competition. The new stop is the Lakewood Open in Colorado.

Last year's tournament winners included Jakob Butturff, Lubbock; Kyle Sherman (with Amanda Greene), PBA-PWBA Mixed Doubles; Tommy Jones, Clearwater; Ryan Ciminelli, Middletown; BJ Moore, Wilmington; Bill O'Neill, Chesapeake, and Rash as both the USBC Cup and PBA China Tiger Cup champ.

FloBowling is a subscription-based online streaming service operated by Austin, Texas-based FloSports. For subscription information, schedules and the numerous other benefits available as part of a FloBowling subscription, visit [flobowling.com](https://flobowling.com).

### **2020 PBA FLOBOWLING SUMMER TOUR**

June 26-28 – PBA Lubbock Sports Open, South Plains Lanes, Lubbock, Texas.

July 7-9 – PBA Lakewood Open, Holiday Lanes, Lakewood, Colo.

July 30-Aug. 2 – Storm PBA-PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles, Copperfield Bowl, Houston, Texas.

Aug. 7-9 – PBA Bowlerstore.com Moxy's Xtra Pair Open, Pla-Mor Lanes, Coldwater, Ohio.

Aug. 14-16 – PBA Mid-County Lanes Open, Mid-County Lanes, Middletown, Del.

Aug. 21-23 – PBA Wilmington Open, Ten Pin Alley Family Fun Center, Wilmington, N.C.

Aug. 28-30 – PBA Chesapeake Open, AMF Western Branch Lanes, Chesapeake, Va.

TBA – PBA China Tiger Cup.

## **Sean Rash Wins PBA Oklahoma Open for 15th Career Title**

*No. 5 qualifier wins four straight matches, finishing with two near-perfect games for the title*

**SHAWNEE, Okla. (Jan. 26, 2020)** – No. 5 qualifier Sean Rash of Montgomery, Illinois, won four consecutive matches, defeating top qualifier Ryan Ciminelli of Lancaster, South Carolina, in the finale, 289-234, to win the PBA Oklahoma Open Sunday at FireLake Bowling Center for his 15th career title.

The finals of the second tournament of the 2020 Go Bowling Pro Tour season aired live on FS1.

Rash, who made educated adjustments and executed flawlessly through four matches, started the championship match by converting a 10 pin and then threw 10 consecutive strikes for back-to-back near-perfect games. The 37-year-old righthander flirted with the gutter on the shorter oiling pattern on the right lane and played a near-flawless inside line on the left throughout the finals.

"A couple of times on that right lane, I said things to myself that I couldn't repeat on television," Rash said, "but I was able to execute and carry the strikes. You can't worry about the ball going in the gutter. You live and die with it. Trust the process and let things happen. I'm going to keep living on the edge.

"Physically I feel great. I saw the lanes perfectly all week. I kept my angles in front of me. It was a hell of a show," he continued. "It's another step in the milestone.

"I love Shawnee," he added of his history of successful appearances at FireLake. "Chris Skillings (FireLake's Director of Bowling Operations) asked me to move to Shawnee, but that isn't going to happen."

Rash, who was joined by wife Sara in the closing ceremonies, also revealed the couple is expecting their third child in July.

"We were trying to figure out a good time to announce it," Rash said. "This seemed like as good a time as any."

The championship round, like the rest of the tournament, was contested on a demanding dual pattern scoring environment with the PBA's shortest and second-longest oiling patterns applied to opposing lanes: the 45-foot PBA Dragon pattern on the left lane and the 32-foot Wolf on the right.

In the opening match of Sunday's finals, Patrick Hanrahan of Wichita, Kansas, a two-handed lefthander who was making his PBA television debut, left the 2-4-6-10 split in the third frame and failed to convert. He then missed a 6 pin in the fourth frame, helping Rash to an early 33-pin lead that he never relinquished in posting a 226-202 victory.

In match two, Rash left the 3-4-6-7 in his opening frame and missed. Sweden's Jesper Svensson, also a two-handed lefthander, took advantage, starting with three strikes for an early 32-pin lead. After back-to-back single-pin spares and a four-strike rally by Rash, Svensson threw three more strikes before leaving the 2-4-6-7 and failing to convert in the ninth frame. That opening allowed Rash to lock up the match with three strikes and a nine-count, 235-220.

The semifinal match began as a spare-shooting contest before Rash struck first in the third frame. He then ran off a string of 10 strikes for an easy 279-189 victory. No. 2 qualifier Brad Miller of Lee's Summit, Missouri, didn't get his first strikes until the fifth and sixth frames, and by the seventh frame, Miller's hope for his first title was out of reach.

The Oklahoma Open was a Tier 2 event in the PBA's competition points structure, with 5,000 points awarded to the winner and diminishing points to the rest of the field. Points earned in all Go Bowling PBA Tour events through the PBA World Series of Bowling XI in April will determine the 24 players who will earn berths in the PBA Playoffs in April and May.

The next stop on the 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour is the PBA Jonesboro Open at Hijinx in Jonesboro, Arkansas, beginning with a pre-tournament qualifier on Tuesday. The Jonesboro finals will air live on FS1 Saturday at 4:30 p.m. EST. All preliminary rounds will be livestreamed by FloBowling.com beginning Wednesday.

**PBA OKLAHOMA OPEN**  
**(A 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour Tier 2 event)**  
**FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Okla.**

**Final Standings**

- 1, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., \$30,000.
- 2, Ryan Ciminelli, Lancaster, S.C., \$15,000.
- 3, Brad Miller, Lee's Summit, Mo., \$9,000.
- 4, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, \$7,000.
- 5, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., \$5,000.

**Playoff Results:**

Match One: Rash def. Hanrahan, 226-202.  
Match Two: Rash def. Svensson, 235-220.  
Semifinal Match: Rash def. Miller, 279-189.  
Championship: Rash def. Ciminelli, 289-234.

**Pontus Andersson Tops Eight Players Earning Berths  
in PBA Jonesboro Open after PTQ**

**JONESBORO, Ark. (Jan. 27, 2020)** – Sweden's Pontus Andersson averaged 228.5 to top Monday's PBA Jonesboro Open Pre-Tournament Qualifier (PTQ) at Hijinx leading eight players who advanced from the PTQ into the tournament that will begin with Wednesday's first round of qualifying at 10 a.m. CST.

PBA fans can watch Jonesboro Open qualifying and match play on FloBowling Wednesday through Friday, and the live stepladder finals live on FS1 Saturday at 4:30 p.m. EST (3:30 p.m. CST).

**PBA JONESBORO OPEN**  
**(A 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour Tier 2 event)**  
**Hijinx, Jonesboro, Ark., Monday**

**Final Pre-Tournament Qualifier Standings**  
**(After 10 games; top 8 advance to tournament proper)**

- 1, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 2,285.
- 2, Kyle Duster, Scottsdale, Ariz., 2,253.
- 3, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 2,175.
- 4, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 2,157.
- 5, Stephen Hahn, Sterling, Va., 2,140.
- 6, Jim Pratt, Avondale, Ariz., 2,130.
- 7, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 2,127.
- 8, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 2,124.



**Failed to advance:**

- 9, Alex Martin, Kennesaw, Ga., 2,122.
- 10, Kenneth Ryan, Farmingdale, N.J., 2,114.
- 11, Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 2,107.
- 12, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 2,100.
- 13, Michael Ruben, Selden, N.Y., 2,097.
- 14, Russ Oviatt, Sioux Falls, S.D., 2,084.
- 15, Michael Martell, Brooklyn, N.Y., 2,077.
- 16, Michael Schlabach, Goshen, Ind., 2,070.
- 17, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 2,059.
- 18, Dwight Adams, Eden, N.C., 2,058.
- 19, Mattt Russo, Fariview Heights, Ill., 2,057.
- 20, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 2,042.
- 21, Karl Wahlgren, Sweden, 2,021.
- 22, Kim Bolleby, Sweden, 2,014.
- 23, Chase Valenzuela, Little Rock, Ark., 2,004.
- 24, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 1,997.
- 25, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 1,991.
- 26, Brent Boho, Colgate, Wis., 1,988.
- 27, Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 1,943.
- 28, Jaroslav Lorenc, Czech Republic, 1,909.
- 29, Wesley Low Jr., Palmdale, Calif., 1,904.
- 30, Justin Wyman, Fairport, N.Y., 1,889.
- 31, Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,846.
- 32, Michael (Howard) Robbins, Leighton, Ala., 1,845.
- 33, Brad Brooks, Maumelle, Ark., 1,836.
- 34, Jeff Atkins, Hot Springs Village, Ark., 1,815.
- 35, Andrew Marks, Conway, Ark., 1,813.
- 36, Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C., 1,788.
- 37, Andrew Silverman, Akron, Ohio, 1,784.
- 38, Jason VanBelkum, Waynesville, Mo., 1,746.
- 39, Robert Miller, Martin, Tenn., 1,715.
- 40, Okito Kemp, Beaufort, S.C., 1,693.
- 41, Kenneth Bland Jr., San Antonio, Texas, 1,672.
- 42, Timothy Miller, Bowling Green, Ky., 1,649.
- 43, Elijah Felling, Norman, Okla., 1,591.
- 44, Robert Miller II, Cabot, Ark., 1,520.

### **Jason Belmonte's Bid for 12th Major, Fourth TOC Title Among PBA Tournament of Champions Storylines**

*PBA's signature tournament will be the first of three consecutive  
majors on the 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour*

**FAIRLAWN, Ohio (Jan. 28, 2020)** — AMF Riviera Lanes was the site of another milestone in Professional Bowlers Association history in 2019 when Australian Jason Belmonte took another step to becoming the all-time PBA majors title leader. By winning a record-tying third PBA Tournament of Champions title, the win gave him his 10th career major title and a share of the all-time major titles lead.

Belmonte defeated EJ Tackett, 225-196, in the title match to tie PBA Hall of Famers Earl Anthony and Pete Weber for the lead on the all-time majors list.

The two-hander, who now owns 22 career PBA Tour titles, took sole possession of the career major titles lead when he won the PBA World Championship six weeks later. His two major titles provided the impetus for his fifth Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year honor.

As host of the PBA Tournament of Champions from 1966 to 1994, and continuing with its return in 2018, AMF Riviera Lanes has been the scene of some of the most memorable moments in PBA history. That tradition will no doubt continue when AMF Riviera Lanes hosts the first major of the 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour season Feb. 3-9. PBA's signature tournament will culminate with the live stepladder finals on FOX at 5 p.m. ET on Sunday, Feb. 9.

All preliminary rounds will be streamed live via the PBA's online bowling channel FloBowling, and international subscribers will be able to watch the live FOX telecast of all PBA Tour finals as they air on FOX Sports' channels. For FloBowling subscription and schedule information visit [www.flobowling.com](http://www.flobowling.com).

Here's a look at some of the storylines for the 2020 PBA Tournament of Champions:

**TOC stepladder finals will be televised live on FOX:** The first major championship of the 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour season will culminate with a live FOX stepladder finals telecast on Sunday, Feb. 9 at 5 p.m. ET.

**Winner will earn \$100,000:** The Tournament of Champions is one of three events this season that will offer the winner a \$100,000 first prize. The others offering a \$100,000 first prize this season are the PBA World Championship and PBA Playoffs.

**\$1 million 300 game bonus:** While Tommy Jones received a \$10,000 bonus for his historic 300 game in the championship match of the season-opening PBA Hall of Fame Classic, the bonus increases to \$1 million, courtesy of FOX, if a player can accomplish the same feat in the championship match of the PBA Tournament of Champions, PBA Players Championship, Go Bowling Indianapolis Open or PBA World Championship.

**"Go Bowling Free America" promotion:** The "Go Bowling Free America" promotion once again rewards PBA fans, league and casual bowlers across America who pre-register on GoBowling.com with a free game offer if any player bowls a perfect game during any FOX or FS1 nationally-televised PBA Tour finals during the 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour season.

**TOC is a tournament for champions only:** The 2020 Tournament of Champions will include an exclusive field of PBA champions. In order to be eligible, a player must be a PBA member who has won a PBA Tour, PBA Regional, PBA50 Tour, PBA50 Regional, or PBA Women's Series title.

**Five-time PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte will try again for additional milestones:** Jason Belmonte, the Australian two-hander and defending TOC champion, will set his sights on a record fourth TOC title in 2020. He is currently tied with three-time TOC winners Mike Durbin and Jason Couch, both PBA Hall of Famers. With another TOC title, the 36-year-old Belmonte also would improve upon his current record total of 11 major titles.

**Other two-handers in the field:** While Jason Belmonte brought the two-handed delivery to prominence in his rookie season in 2009, among the other players using the two-handed technique in the field will be: 2016 TOC champion Jesper Svensson of Sweden; five-time tour winner Osku Palermaa of Finland; seven-time tour champion Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas; three-time tour winner Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, North Carolina, and one-time PBA Tour winner Matt Ogle of Louisville, Kentucky.

**PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber tries for 11th major:** While Jason Belmonte has garnered most of the attention regarding PBA major milestones in recent seasons, PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber will also have an opportunity to win his 11th career major to regain a tie with Belmonte for the all-time majors record. Weber won his 10<sup>th</sup> major in the 2013 TOC to tie Earl Anthony for most PBA major titles at that time. In doing so, Weber became the only player to win PBA's Triple Crown (Tournament of Champions, U.S. Open and World Championship) twice and, at age 50, he became the oldest player to win a PBA major. Now 56, Weber, a 37-time tour winner, would also join Belmonte, Mike Durbin and Jason Couch as three-time TOC titlists with a win.

**TOC past winners entered:** Past TOC champions entered include EJ Tackett (2017), Jesper Svensson (2016), Jason Belmonte (2014, 2015, 2019), Matt O'Grady (2018), Sean Rash (2012), and PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber (1987, 2013), Norm Duke (1994), Chris Barnes (2006) and Tommy Jones (2007).

**Walter Ray Williams Jr. still trying for a TOC title:** Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. has accomplished nearly everything there is to accomplish in PBA competition except winning the Tournament of Champions. A TOC title would make the all-time titles leader (47) the seventh player to complete the PBA Triple Crown (titles in the U.S. Open, PBA World Championship and TOC), and the third player in history to complete the PBA "Grand Slam" (titles in the U.S. Open, PBA World Championship, TOC and USBC Masters). Mike Aulby and Norm Duke are the only players who have completed the Grand Slam.

**Bowling legend Carmen Salvino to compete:** The ageless bowling legend Carmen Salvino will compete in his 30th Tournament of Champions at age 86. The 17-time PBA Tour winner, who is the oldest to compete in a PBA Tour event, has a best finish of third which he accomplished in the very first TOC in 1962.

**International field:** Eight countries are represented in the TOC field – Australia, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, England, Finland, Sweden and the U.S.

**TOC first of three consecutive majors:** The Tournament of Champions will be the first of three consecutive PBA Tour majors. Following the TOC will be the PBA Players Championship at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl (Feb. 9-15) and the U.S. Open in Lincoln, Nebraska (Feb. 16-23).

**TOC began in Indianapolis in 1962:** Joe Joseph won the inaugural TOC at Play Bowl in Indianapolis with a two-game 480 pinfall total in 1962. Billy Golembiewski was second with 416 pins and Hall of Famer Carmen Salvino finished third with 409 in the two-game total pinfall championship round.

**TOC admission and pro-am information:** Limited tickets for the stepladder finals are available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tournament-of-champions-tickets-tickets-67045004413>.

Tickets for qualifying and match play rounds will be available at the door. Contact AMF Riviera Lanes at (330) 836-7985 for additional information.

## **55th PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS SCHEDULE** **AMF Riviera Lanes, Fairlawn, Ohio (all times Eastern)**

### **Monday, Feb. 3**

2 p.m. – PTQ Round 1 (5 games)  
6:30 p.m. – PTQ Round 2 (5 games)

### **Tuesday, Feb. 4**

2-4 p.m. – Practice session  
6-8 p.m. – Youth clinic

**Wednesday, Feb. 5**

11 a.m. - Qualifying Round 1 (6 games)

6 p.m. - Qualifying Round 2 (6 games)

**Thursday, Feb. 6**

11 a.m. - Qualifying Round 3 (6 games)

*Top 24 players advance to Round Robin Match Play*

6 p.m. - Match Play Round 1 (8 games)

**Friday, Feb. 7**

11 a.m. - Match Play Round 2 (8 games)

6 p.m. - Match Play Round 3 (8 games)

*Top 5 players advance to stepladder finals*

**Saturday, Feb. 8**

Pro-ams - 9 a.m., noon, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

**Sunday, Feb. 9**

5 p.m. ET - Live stepladder finals on FOX

**PBA Expands League Lineup in 2020 with Milwaukee and Las Vegas Teams**

*PBA Hall of Famers Marshall Holman and Amleto Monacelli to manage expansion teams*

**CHICAGO (Jan. 29, 2020)** – The Professional Bowlers Association announced today a major expansion of its PBA League, increasing the number of teams from eight to 10 in 2020 by adding teams that will represent the cities of Milwaukee and Las Vegas when the league's Elias Cup competition returns to Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, in July.

As part of the expansion, the PBA has named Hall of Fame Bowlers Marshall Holman and Amleto Monacelli as managers for the Milwaukee and Las Vegas teams, respectively. The "High Rollers" is the league's newest team name, representing the Las Vegas franchise. The Milwaukee team has yet to be officially named, but this month the PBA will give its fans the chance to be a part of PBA history and help select a name for the team by participating in a social media contest starting Monday, Feb. 3.

Fans are invited to submit their original franchise names for Milwaukee between 10 a.m. EST on February 3 and 10 a.m. EST on February 5 via the PBA's dedicated Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram posts. The top three names will be released on PBA's social pages by 1 p.m. EST on February 5, and fans will be invited to vote for their favorite. The winning team name will be chosen by the PBA and publicly announced at the PBA League draft. The person who submits the winning name will receive a customized bowling ball and pin autographed by the Milwaukee team after the draft.

The PBA League, which introduced a unique team competition to the PBA in 2013, will return in 2020 with its eight original teams and managers: the 2019 Elias Cup Champion Portland Lumberjacks (manager Tim Mack); Silver Lake Atom Splitters (Mark Baker); L.A. X (Andrew Cain); Motown Muscle (Del Ballard); Brooklyn StYles (Johnny Petraglia); Dallas Strikers (Norm Duke); Philadelphia Hitmen (Jason Couch) and NYC Kingpins (Carolyn Dorin-Ballard).

With the addition of Milwaukee and Las Vegas, the League will be divided into two five-team divisions: the Carter Division (Dallas, Philadelphia, Brooklyn, Silver Lake and Las Vegas) and the Anthony Division (New York City, Motown, Portland, L.A. and Milwaukee).

A player draft will be held during the PBA World Series of Bowling XI in Las Vegas on March 15. The eight existing teams can protect up to three players from their 2019 rosters and will draft in the reverse order of how they finished in 2019. Any remaining player not protected will go into the draft pool.

All 10 teams will round out their five-player rosters with players whose draft eligibility may be earned up until this year's WSOB. Player eligibility for the draft will be based on the top 75 players in combined competition points earned during the 2019 and 2020 seasons through WSOB XI.

The eighth annual PBA League Elias Cup competition will be conducted over three consecutive nights of live television coverage on FS1.

## **2020 PBA LEAGUE BASICS**

### **2020 PBA League Elias Cup Competition**

Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine, July 20-23

### **2019 PBA League Final Standings (with team rosters):**

- 1, Portland Lumberjacks (Ryan Ciminelli, Wes Malott, Kyle Troup, Kris Prather, Mitch Hupé).
- 2, L.A. X (Jason Belmonte, Stuart Williams, Jakob Butturff, Dick Allen, Anthony Lavery-Spahr).
- 3, Dallas Strikers (Norm Duke, Tommy Jones, Bill O'Neill, Andrew Anderson, Brad Miller).
- 4, NYC KingPins (Pete Weber, Marshall Kent, BJ Moore, Kyle Sherman, Darren Tang).
- 5, Silver Lake Atom Splitters (Chris Barnes, Jesper Svensson, Tom Daugherty, DJ Archer, AJ Johnson).
- 6, Motown Muscle (EJ Tackett, Anthony Simonsen, Josh Blanchard, AJ Chapman, Mykel Holliman).
- 7, Brooklyn Styles (Walter Ray Williams Jr., Sean Rash, Rhino Page, Andres Gomez, Brad Angelo).
- 8, Philadelphia Hitmen (Dom Barrett, Tom Smallwood, Matt Sanders, Patrick Girard, x-Shawn Maldonado, x-Jake Peters (Peters replaced Maldonado due to injury)).

### **2020 PBA League Draft**

**Where:** PBA World Series of Bowling XI, South Point Bowling Plaza, Las Vegas

**When:** Sunday, March 15, 5 p.m. EST (2 p.m. PST; following the live Go Bowling PBA Cheetah Championship telecast on FS1, live at 1:30 p.m. EST/10:30 a.m. PST).

## **Mexico's Arturo Quintero Leads PBA Jonesboro Open Top 16 into Match Play**

*Previous 2020 winners Tommy Jones, Sean Rash advance in fourth and sixth places, respectively*

**JONESBORO, Ark. (Jan. 29, 2020)** – Mexico's Arturo Quintero, a 41-year-old veteran of PBA competition dating back 17 years, averaged 234 for 14 games Wednesday to top the 16 qualifiers who will advance to match play in the PBA Jonesboro Open at HiJinx Family Entertainment Center Thursday.

Quintero, who has bowled in 45 previous PBA Tour events without winning a title, rolled two games in the 190s in Wednesday's early round and nothing below 212 in the evening round for 3,235 pins and a 24-pin lead over another non-titlist, AJ Johnson of Oswego, Illinois, who had a 3,211 total. Also advancing to Thursday's round robin match play competition will be Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, South Carolina, winner of the PBA Hall of Fame Classic to kick off the 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour season, and

Sean Rash of Montgomery, Illinois, who won Sunday's Oklahoma Open. Jones qualified fourth and Rash sixth.

After two eight-game match play rounds Thursday, the top five players after 30 games will advance to Saturday's stepladder finals that will air live on FS1 at 4:30 p.m. EST (3:30 p.m. CST).

Quintero, whose best career finish was sixth in the 2017 PBA Scorpion Championship, was pleased with his performance on the "dual pattern" event, where different oiling patterns are applied to the left and right lanes on every pair.

"I'm really happy right now," Quintero said. "The dual patterns make it really, really hard. You have to make good shots, keep your timing right, make good decisions. It takes a lot of concentration. It makes you work on every shot, but I'm really enjoying it. I've prepared really hard to get here. Now I'm trying to relax and enjoy the game."

For the third Go Bowling PBA Tour tournament of the 2020 season, competition is being contested on a dual pattern scoring environment, this week featuring the longest of all PBA lane conditioning patterns, the Shark 48 applied to the left lane and the shorter Viper 36 on the right lane throughout the competition. The dramatically different oil patterns not only challenge the PBA players to adapt with different angles of attack and use different bowling balls on each lane, but they also must make additional adjustments as bowling traffic moves the oil around with each game.

"I started playing outside on the right lane, very straight with urethane equipment," Quintero said. "After two games, I moved left and kept moving left. On the left lane, I started playing an angle around (the 20 board) to start and kept moving left."

Winning his first title isn't on his mind.

"I don't want to think about it," he said. "I just want to keep making good shots and whatever happens, I'll be happy with that."

The Jonesboro Open is the third tournament of the 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour season and is rated a Tier 2 event in the PBA's competition points structure. The winner will earn 5,000 points with all other players earning points of declining value based upon where they finish.

All 30 games of qualifying and match play are being live streamed by PBA's online streaming partner, FloBowling. For FloBowling subscription information, visit FloBowling.com. FloBowling also will livestream Saturday's finals live to its international subscribers. Fans also can follow game by game results in real time by clicking on the PBA.com Live Scoring link.

**PBA JONESBORO OPEN**  
**(A 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour Tier 2 event)**  
**HiJinx Family Entertainment Center, Jonesboro, Ark., Wednesday**

**Final Qualifying Standings (after 14 games)**

- 1, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 3,235.
- 2, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 3,211.
- 3, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 3,180.
- 4, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 3,167.

- 5, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 3,162.
- 6, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 3,156.
- 7, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 3,152.
- 8, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 3,092.
- 9, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 3,066.
- 10, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 3,048.
- 11, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 3,042.
- 12, Mitch Hupé, Wichita, Kan., 3,039.
- 13 (tie), Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., and Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 3,032.
- 15, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 3,019.
- 16, x-Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 3,011.

**Failed to Advance (after 14 games):**

- 17, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 3,011, \$1,900.
- 18, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 3,006, \$1,850.
- 19 (tie), Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., and Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 2,986, \$900.
- 21, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 2,985.
- 22, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 2,979.
- 23, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 2,978.
- 24, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 2,975.
- 25, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 2,969.
- 26, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 2,967.
- 27, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 2,945.
- 28, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 2,937.
- 29, Sam Cooley, Australia, 2,934.
- 30, Richard Teece, England, 2,933.
- 31 (tie), Nick Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., and Ryan Ciminelli, Lancaster, S.C., 2,930.
- 33, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 2,927.
- 34, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 2,924.
- 35, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 2,923.
- 36 (tie), Alex Martin, Kennesaw, Ga., and Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 2,897.
- 38, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 2,888.
- 39, Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 2,881.
- 40, Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, 2,880.
- 41, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 2,867.
- 42, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 2,853.
- 43, Jim Pratt, Avondale, Ariz., 2,845.
- 44, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 2,841.
- 45, Greg Ostrander, Brick, N.J., 2,818.
- 46, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2,802.
- 47, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 2,796.
- 48, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 2,791.
- 49, Kyle Duster, Phoenix, Ariz., 2,788.
- 50, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 2,780.

51, Tom Hess, Granger, Iowa, 2,775.  
52, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 2,771.  
53, Stephen Hahn, Sterling, Va., 2,758.  
54, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 2,734.  
55, Matt Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 2,732.  
56, Stuart Williams, England, 2,717.  
57, Brad Miller, Lee's Summit, Mo., 2,696.  
58, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 2,629.  
59, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2,578.  
60, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 2,545.  
x- Larsen defeated Archer, 212-133, in a one-game roll-off to break a tie for 16th place.  
**300 Games:** none.

## **Two-Hander Kyle Troup Qualifies No. 1 for PBA Jonesboro Open Finals**

*All-star finals include two PBA Hall of Famers, a five-time Player of the Year and an eager challenger*

**JONESBORO, Ark. (Jan. 30, 2020)** – Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, North Carolina, won 13 of his 16 matches Thursday on his way to earning the top berth in Saturday's stepladder finals of the PBA Jonesboro Open at HiJinx Family Entertainment Center. The finals will air live on FS1 at 4:30 p.m. EST.

Troup, a three-time PBA Tour title winner, will face the survivor of an all-star battle that will begin with No. 5 qualifier Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, South Carolina, winner of the PBA Hall of Fame Classic to kick off the 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour season, bowling against No. 4 Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, Jones' close friend and long-time doubles partner in a duel of PBA Hall of Famers. That winner will face Australia's Jason Belmonte, a five-time PBA Player of the Year and 23-time PBA Tour title winner who will make his first television appearance of the 2020 season.

The winner of the Belmonte match advances to the semifinal contest against AJ Johnson, a 27-year-old sixth-year PBA member who has been flirting with winning his first title ever since finishing second in the 2015 USBC Masters as an amateur bowler.

Troup, a righthanded two-handed player and the son of PBA Tour champion Guppy Troup, led qualifying with a 30-game total of 7,203 pins, beating Johnson by a comfortable 102-pin margin to earn the top berth in the stepladder finals. His previous titles include the 2015 PBA Wolf Open in Shawnee, Oklahoma, and the 2018 Storm Lucky Larsen Masters in Malmo, Sweden. He also partnered with Sweden's Jesper Svensson to win the Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship in Portland, Maine, in 2017.

The Jonesboro Open has been contested on a dual pattern scoring environment that included the 48-foot Shark 48 oiling pattern on the left lane and the Viper 36 on the right. The third tournament of the 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour season is a Tier 2 event in the PBA's competition points structure. The winner will earn 5,000 points with all other players earning points of declining value based upon their finishing positions.



FloBowling, the PBA's online streaming partner, will livestream Saturday's finals live to its international subscribers. For subscription information, visit [flobowling.com](http://flobowling.com).

### **PBA JONESBORO OPEN**

**(A 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour Tier 2 event)**

**HiJinx Family Entertainment Center, Jonesboro, Ark., Thursday**

**Final Match Play Standings (after 30 games, including match play bonus pins; top five advance to Saturday's stepladder finals live on FS1 at 4:30 p.m. EST)**

- 1, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 13-3, 7,203.
- 2, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 11-5, 7,101.
- 3, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 9-7, 7,079.
- 4, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 10-6, 7,063.
- 5, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 9-7, 6,963.
- 6, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 7-9, 6,900, \$4,800.
- 7, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 9-7, 6,861, \$4,400.
- 8, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 7-9, 6,819, \$4,100.
- 9, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 9-7, 6,808, \$3,800.
- 10, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 8-8, 6,779, \$3,600.
- 11, Mitch Hupé, Wichita, Kan., 7-9, 6,778, \$3,400.
- 12, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 7-9, 6,692, \$3,200.
- 13, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 8-8, 6,636, \$3,000.
- 14, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 5-11, 6,521, \$2,800.
- 15, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 4-12, 6,394, \$2,600.
- 16, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 5-11, 6,319, \$2,500.

**300 Games:** none.

### **PBA Spare Shots**

#### **PBA SOUTHWEST REGION ROOKIE OF THE YEAR PUTS HIS CAREER ON HEROIC HOLD**

**Thomas (Gid) Rash**, the PBA Southwest Region's 2019 Rookie of the Year, is putting his bowling career on hold while he recovers from surgery to donate a kidney to a friend.

According to a story reported by KLTV's **Jamey Boyum** in Longview, Texas, the 35-year-old Rash (no relation to PBA Tour champion Sean) found out a school friend – **Clay Copeland** of Weatherford, Texas – was in dire straits.

"One of my friends has end-stage renal failure. His kidney function is nine percent, and he's on dialysis every night," Rash told Boyum. "He's got a wife and five kids. I have no kids, and honestly he needs it more than I do. I have had people make it be a big deal, and for me it's not. It's just something that I feel like if it were the other way around he'd do the same thing."

Rash has been bowling for “about 16 years” and finally got to the stage where he felt he could compete at the PBA level. He had dabbled in regional competition in three previous years, but in 2019 bowled in 11 PBA Southwest Region events, cashed in four and had a pair of top five finishes. He was prepared for more. But, as Boyum wrote, Rash had no qualms about postponing his PBA activities.

According to his wife Brianna, the surgery is scheduled for Feb. 12 in Fort Worth. Rash said he thinks it will take about a year to recover and get his bowling back to where it needs to be to compete again. He plans on going back to pro bowling full force in 2021.

To view Boyum’s full account, click here: <https://www.kltv.com/2020/01/28/east-texas-pro-bowler-puts-career-hold-donate-kidney/>

## **OKLAHOMA OPEN WIN HELPS SEAN RASH TAKE PBA PLAYOFFS POINTS LEAD**

**Sean Rash** has jumped into the 2020 PBA Playoffs points lead after winning the PBA Oklahoma Open, a Tier 2 event in the PBA’s competition points structure, Sunday in Shawnee, Okla. Rash earned 5,000 points for his win for a two-tournament total of 5,145 points. He earned his other points in the season-opening PBA Hall of Fame Classic, a Tier 3 (limited entry and/or restricted format) tournament.

Points are awarded to all players in each PBA Tour tournament according to how the event is ranked in a three-tier points structure. The PBA Hall of Fame Classic was a Tier 3 tournament, where first place was worth 2,500 points with each additional place awarded points in a declining manner. Tier 2 tournaments award 5,000 points to the winner and Tier 1 (major championship) tournaments reward winners with 7,500 points. Below are the top 24 standings after two events:

### **2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour Competition Points Standings (Top 24 after two events)**

- 1, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 5,145
- 2, Ryan Ciminelli, Lancaster, S.C., 3,775
- 3, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 2,745
- 4, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 2,690
- 5, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 2,590
- 6, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 2,555
- 7, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 2,445
- 8, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 2,025
- 9, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 1,695
- 10, Dom Barrett, England, 1,685
- 11, Mitch Hupé, Canada, 1,630
- 12, Kyle Sherman, O’Fallon, Mo., 1,565
- 13, Nick Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 1,535
- 14, Patrick Girard, Canada, 1,515
- 15, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,495
- 16, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,420
- 17, Sam Cooley, Australia, 1,250
- 18, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,240
- 19, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 1,195
- 20, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,125

- 21, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 1,070
- 22, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 1,045
- 23, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 1,025
- 24, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 1,010

## **SECOND EDITION OF “MILLION DOLLAR 300 BONUS” BEGINS WITH TOC FINALS ON FOX**

The second edition of the “\$1 Million 300 Game Bonus” incentive begins next week with the live FOX coverage of the PBA Tournament of Champions from AMF Riviera Lanes in Fairlawn, Ohio. Under the incentive program introduced in 2019, a \$1 million bonus prize is again being offered to any player bowling a 300 game in the championship match of one of the following PBA on FOX live telecasts: the PBA Tournament of Champions, PBA Players Championship, Go Bowling Indianapolis Open and PBA World Championship, the crown jewel of the PBA World Series of Bowling XI.

Only three perfect games have ever been bowled in the championship match of any nationally-televised PBA Tour event, but no one has been bowled a 300 game in the title match of a PBA major championship. The first two players to take a shot at the bonus will appear in the TOC finals, live on FOX on Sunday, Feb. 9, at 5 p.m. EST.

## **PBA, BOWLERO CORP CONTRIBUTE \$10,000 TO JASON BELMONTE’S AUSTRALIAN FUND**

The PBA and its parent company, Bowlero Corp, have each donated \$5,000 to **Jason Belmonte’s** 2HandsHelpingAustralia fundraiser in the wake of the devastating wildfires that have hit the country. The funds will be split evenly between Wires Australian Wildlife Rescue, NSW Rural Fire Services, and the Red Cross AU.

“The situation in Australia is terrifying and our thoughts go out to all of the country’s residents and especially to the victims of these catastrophic wildfires,” said Colie Edison, Chief Customer Officer for Bowlero Corp and Chief Executive Officer of the PBA. “With this donation, we hope to support affected members of the community, help with the rescue of the area’s endangered wildlife, and provide some measure of relief to a region that’s experiencing unimaginable devastation.”

Belmonte also has personally pledged a donation of \$50 for each strike he throws when he appears in a 2020 television final, increased to \$100 per strike thrown in championship matches.

## **FLOBOWLING TO LIVESTREAM “BATTLE OF THE GOATS”**

FloBowling will livestream a special “Battle of the GOATS” presented by Granville Financial on May 7 at 3 p.m. EDT from Sandhills Bowling Center in Pinehurst, N.C., a made-for-FloBowling competition involving the three living “Greatest of All-Time” bowlers – PBA Hall of Famers **Walter Ray Williams Jr., Norm Duke** and **Pete Weber**.

Williams, owner of a record 47 PBA Tour titles; Duke, a 40-time winner in PBA Tour competition, and Weber, a 37-time champion, are ranked first, third and fourth on the all-time PBA Tour titles list. They will compete for \$25,000, \$15,000 and \$10,000 prizes in the Battle of the GOATS, the brainchild of long-time bowler and PBA fan Blanchard Granville who also is funding the event through his financial firm.

“I have been following these bowlers their whole careers,” Granville said. “As I was watching bowling on tv, I started noticing how Walter Ray, Pete and Norm still showed up from time to time – and of course

to the enjoyment of all who watched. It amazed me along with everyone else how they were still winning after all these years.”

So Granville came up with a showcase event that will involve a three-game qualifying round to determine seeding positions for a stepladder final. The entire competition will be streamed live, exclusively on FloBowling.

#### **PBA PLAYER’S PERSPECTIVE: JASON BELMONTE DISCUSSES HIS 2019 TOC VICTORY**

As Australia’s **Jason Belmonte** launches his bid for a 12th career PBA major championship, the PBA’s continuing series of Player’s Perspectives on YouTube takes you back a year to hear Belmonte discuss his historic victory in the 2019 PBA Tournament of Champions. That episode will debut on the PBA’s YouTube channel on Tuesday, Feb. 4.

Future Player’s Perspectives on the schedule for introduction on Tuesdays include:

- Feb. 11 - **Anthony Simonsen** providing insights into his win in the 2019 PBA Players Championship.
- Feb. 18 - **Norm Duke** talks about winning his 39th career title in the 2019 Go Bowling Indianapolis Open.
- Feb. 25 - **Jason Belmonte** and **Bill O’Neill** share insider thoughts about winning the 2018 Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship.

To view the entire series of PBA Player’s Perspective episodes, visit the PBA’s YouTube channel and click on the PBA Player’s Perspective play list. A wide range of Player’s Perspectives currently reside in the archives on YouTube. Among the most recent are:

- **Jakob Butturff**’s 2019 USBC Masters win (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-cuYcXxfXXs>).
- **EJ Tackett**’s 2017 DHC PBA Japan Invitational victory. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=91yoFd7nd8g>).
- **Kris Prather**’s 2019 PBA Scorpion Championship win ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-aVe\\_n8uCOM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-aVe_n8uCOM)).
- **Bill O’Neill**’s 2019 PBA Hall of Fame Classic victory that made him title-eligible for future PBA HOF consideration (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OeHXCyXWH4o>).
- **Jakob Butturff**’s 2019 PBA Oklahoma Open win (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JOsC36SxxxA&list=>).
- **Sean Rash**’s 2012 PBA TOC victory (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tkzuCw4Cpgs>).

Fans can follow all of the latest video clips and more by enrolling as a subscriber to PBA’s YouTube channel. It’s easy and it’s free. Visit [YouTube.com/PBABowling](https://www.youtube.com/PBABowling) and click on the “subscribe” button.

#### **PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: REGIONAL ACTIVITY HEATS UP IN FEBRUARY**

PBA Regional competition begins to heat up in February, beginning with the PBA-PBA50 Don Vay Memorial Central Doubles Classic at Legend Lanes in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, this weekend.

- The Feb. 7-9 PBA Regional weekend schedule includes two Break Point Alley Challenge events for non-title winners in Tavares, Fla., a PBA South Region doubleheader that will include separate tournaments for standard players and a PBA50 Challenge for “senior” players.

## **Kyle Troup Wins PBA Jonesboro Open for Fourth Career Title**

*Colorful two-hander dedicates near-perfect victory to his ailing mother*

**JONESBORO, Ark. (Feb. 1, 2020)** – Colorful two-handed bowler Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, North Carolina, threw 11 consecutive strikes to defeat Hall of Famer Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, 290-269, to win the PBA Jonesboro Open at Hijinx Family Entertainment Center Saturday for his fourth career PBA Tour title.

The Jonesboro finals aired live on FS1. The finals, as well as the rest of the tournament, was contested on a dual oiling pattern featuring the 48-foot Shark lane condition on the left lane and the 36-foot Viper pattern on the right lane.

Troup started the title match on the shorter-oil lane, leaving a 3-6-7-10 split that he converted before striking out. Barnes, who had missed the pocket only one time in three previous games, left two single pins, converted both, but that’s all the margin Troup needed.

“I thought I made a really good shot in the first frame, but after that, I moved my feet and that was it,” Troup said. “I knew I needed to throw the 10 best shots of my life to beat Chris and I did it.

“I wasn’t really too bothered. I was really lined up on the left lane all week and today it played to my liking,” he added. “I was little nervous about finding my zone quickly. I’ve never been the No. 1 seed before today, so I’ve always had a game to adjust. But I told myself when I woke up this morning, I had to have my killer mentality. (Storm ball rep) Tim Mack told me one time to expect to win, don’t hope to win.”

The flamboyant Troup, known for his “afro” hair style and colorful clothing, wore purple-and-gold pants and jersey as a tribute to his favorite basketball player, Kobe Bryant. He also dedicated his win to his mother, Sherri, who is battling bone cancer.

“She’s been struggling,” Troup said. “She has her bad days and her good days. This was kind of special for me because I know how happy it’ll make her.”

In the opening match between a pair of PBA Hall of Famers, Barnes eliminated No. 5 qualifier Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, South Carolina, 226-220, to avenge his loss to Jones two weeks earlier in the PBA Hall of Fame Classic that Jones then won with a 300 game in the title match. Both players started with three strikes before Jones left the 3-6-9-10 in fourth frame and converted. Barnes then left and converted back-to-back 10 pins followed by a double that gave him an 11-pin lead that he never gave up.

Australia’s Jason Belmonte, in his 2020 television debut, left the 2-10 split on his first shot and failed to convert. He rebounded quickly with three strikes, but Barnes ran off his own string of five strikes to build a 35-pin lead. Belmonte nearly took himself out of the match when he left the 2-4-8-10 in the sixth frame. The five-time PBA Player of the Year converted that split, but an even worse break – a pocket 7-10 in the eighth frame – put an end to his hopes as Barnes completed an error-free 259-207 win.

AJ Johnson of Oswego, Illinois, started the semifinal match with four strikes, converted a 10 pin and threw three more strikes. But Barnes, a 19-time PBA Tour titlist who is less than a month away from his

50th birthday, was nearly perfect, throwing strikes on nine of his first 10 attempts to end the 27-year-old Johnson's hopes for his first PBA Tour title, 267-256.

The fourth tournament of the 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour' season and the first of three consecutive majors gets underway Monday with a pre-tournament qualifier (PTQ) for the PBA Tournament of Champions at AMF Riviera Lanes in Fairlawn, Ohio. The TOC's first two qualifying rounds will be held at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. EST Wednesday. All preliminary rounds will be livestreamed by FloBowling leading up to the live stepladder finals on FOX on Sunday, Feb. 9 at 5 p.m. Eastern.

### **PBA JONESBORO OPEN**

**(A 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour Tier 2 event)**

**Hijinx Family Entertainment Center, Jonesboro, Ark., Saturday**

#### **Final Standings**

- 1, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., \$30,000.
- 2, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, \$15,000.
- 3, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., \$9,000.
- 4, Jason Belmonte, Australia, \$7,000.
- 5, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., \$5,000.

#### **Playoff Results:**

Match One: Barnes def. Jones, 226-220.

Match Two: Barnes def. Belmonte, 259-207.

Semifinal Match: Barnes def. Johnson, 267-256.

Championship: Troup def. Barnes, 290-269.

## **Canada's Mitch Hupe Tops Six PTQ Qualifiers Advancing to PBA TOC**

**FAIRLAWN, Ohio (Feb. 3, 2020)** – Mitch Hupé, a Winnipeg, Manitoba native and former Wichita State University collegiate star, averaged 222.6 Monday to top the Pre-Tournament Qualifier (PTQ) at AMF Riviera Lanes, joining five other players who will advance into PBA Tournament of Champions competition beginning with Wednesday's first two rounds of qualifying at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. EST.

PBA fans can watch all preliminary round of the TOC on FloBowling Wednesday through Friday, or follow game by game scoring in real time on [pba.com](http://pba.com)'s Live Scoring feature. The stepladder finals will air live on FOX on Sunday at 5 p.m. EST. FloBowling will also livestream the finals to international subscribers.

### **PBA Tournament of Champions**

**(A 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour Tier 1 event)**

**AMF Riviera Lanes, Fairlawn, Ohio, Monday**

#### **Final Pre-Tournament Qualifier Standings**

**(After 10 games; top 6 advance to tournament proper)**

- 1, Mitch Hupé, Canada, 2,226.
- 2, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 2,189.
- 3, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 2,090.
- 4, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 2,083.
- 5, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 2,081.
- 6, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 2,066.

**Failed to advance:**

- 7, Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 2,058.
- 8, Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 2,049.
- 9, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 2,045.
- 10, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 2,037.
- 11, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 2,035.
- 12, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 2,024.
- 13, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2,023.
- 14, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 2,020.
- 15, JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 2,008.
- 16, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 1,957.
- 17, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 1,946.
- 18, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,931.
- 19, Greg Ostrander, Brick, N.J., 1,901.
- 20, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 860.
- 21, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 1,853.
- 22, Joe Bailey, Doylestown, Ohio, 1,846.
- 23, Pete DiChiara, Ardsley, N.Y., 1,817.
- 24, Jay Davis, Silver Spring, Md., 1,803.
- 25, Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C., 1,798.
- 26, Russ Oviatt, Sioux Falls, S.D., 1,792.
- 27, Justin Knowles, Okemos, Mich., 1,777.
- 28, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill., 1,773.
- 29, Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 1,661.

**Go Bowling PBA Tour Majors Stretch Continues with  
PBA Players Championship Feb. 9-15**

*Anthony Simonsen to defend Players Championship title in season's second major*

**COLUMBUS, Ohio (Feb. 4, 2020)** – While Australian two-hander Jason Belmonte etched his name in Go Bowling PBA Tour history in 2019 by winning the PBA World Championship for a record 11th PBA major title, PBA Players Championship winner and fellow two-hander Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas, was carving out his own place in PBA majors history.

Both players will be among an expected field of 92 entrants who will return to Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl for the second major of the 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour season Feb. 9-15. In addition to a major title and the \$75,000 first prize, the \$1 million perfect game bonus will again be in effect for the Players Championship if the winning player bowls a perfect game in the title match of the live finals on FS1 on Saturday, Feb. 15 at 5:30 p.m. ET.

Already in the young 2020 season, the Players Championship is part of a grueling stretch as the second of three consecutive majors in as many weeks. The PBA Tournament of Champions is currently underway at AMF Riviera Lanes in Fairlawn, Ohio and immediately following the Players Championship the tour travels to Lincoln, Nebraska for the U.S. Open Feb. 16-23.

At age 22 Simonsen, the No. 2 seed, won the 2019 Players Championship to become the youngest player to win two PBA majors, defeating No. 1 seed Belmonte 232-212 in the title match at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl.

In 2019, Belmonte, who won the PBA Tournament of Champions the week before, held a three-pin lead in the fifth frame of the title match when he left a 4-6-7-9-10 split. Both players then threw strikes from the sixth through the ninth frames but Belmonte left the door open for Simonsen when he left a pocket 7-10 split on the first shot of the 10th frame.

"To have a second major at this point in my career, I'm speechless," said Simonsen, who won the 2016 USBC Masters at age 19 to become the youngest to win a major. "Jason is the guy everyone is gunning for and as a fellow two-handed player, he's an inspiration."

The Players Championship gets underway Sunday, Feb. 9 with two five-game Pre-Tournament Qualifier (PTQ) rounds at 3:30 and 7 p.m. EST. Monday, Feb. 10 will feature a practice session, 2-5 p.m.; Pro Meet and Greet/Buffer, 6-7 p.m., and pro-am at 7 p.m.

Competition begins Tuesday, Feb. 11 with six-game qualifying rounds at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Qualifying continues with the third round Wednesday, Feb. 12 at 11 a.m. after which the top 24 players will advance to the first eight-game match play round at 6 p.m. After the second and third match play rounds at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, the top five based on 42-game pinfall totals will be determined for the stepladder finals on Feb. 15.

Tommy Jones capped a storybook week in the season-opener in January when, after his induction into the PBA Hall of Fame the night before, he won the PBA Hall of Fame Classic with a dramatic 300-237 victory over Darren Tang in the title match for his 20th career title. While the Hall of Fame Classic was not part of the \$1 million bonus lineup of tournaments, he did receive \$10,000 for that remarkable accomplishment.

The \$1 million title match bonus is in effect for the Tournament of Champions, Players Championship, Go Bowling PBA Indianapolis Open and PBA World Championship.

All qualifying and match play rounds will be livestreamed by FloBowling. To subscribe, visit [flobowling.com](http://flobowling.com). FloBowling also will livestream the FS1 finals to its international subscribers.

To purchase tickets for the live FS1 finals click on <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pba-players-championship-tickets-82216280107>. Additional admission and pro-am entry information is also available by calling Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl at (614) 491-7155.

**PBA Players Championship Schedule**  
**Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl, Columbus, Ohio**  
**(All times Eastern)**

**Sunday, Feb. 9**

3:30 p.m.- PTQ Round 1 (5 games)

7 p.m. - PTQ Round 2 (5 games)

**Monday, Feb. 10**

2-5 p.m. - Practice session

6-7 p.m. - Pro Meet and Greet/Buffer

7-9 p.m. - Pro-am



**Tuesday, Feb. 11**

11 a.m. - Qualifying Round 1 (6 games)

6 p.m. - Qualifying Round 2 (6 games)

**Wednesday, Feb. 12**

11 a.m. - Qualifying Round 3 (6 games)

*Top 24 players advance to match play*

6 p.m. - Match Play Round 1 (8 games)

**Thursday, Feb. 13**

11 a.m. - Match Play Round 2 (8 games)

6 p.m. - Match Play Round 3 (8 games)

*Top five advance to stepladder finals*

**Friday, February 14**

7 p.m. - Pro-am

**Saturday, February 15**

Noon - Pro-am

5:30 p.m. – Live stepladder finals on FS1

## **Anthony Simonsen Averages 226 After Two Rounds to Lead PBA Tournament of Champions**

**FAIRLAWN, Ohio (Feb. 5, 2020)** – Seven-time Go Bowling PBA Tour winner Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas, averaged 226 for 12 games Wednesday at AMF Riviera Lanes to lead the PBA Tournament of Champions after two rounds.

In the first major of the season, the 23-year-old two-hander led the 62-player field with a 2,715 12-game pinfall total. He surged from 14th after the first round bowling a 1,281 for six games but came back with 1,434 in the second round with games of 246, 258, 217, 257, 190 and 266.

Already in his young career, Simonsen is trying for his third PBA major title. He won the PBA Players Championship in 2019 at age 22 to become the youngest player to win two majors.

"In the first round I was still trying to feel my way around but in the second round everything seemed to be going right for me," said Simonsen who won the 2016 USBC Masters at age 19 to become the youngest player to win a major. In the second round I had the right ball, was playing the right part of the lane and got some breaks. I had that 190 in the fifth game but I learned from it and was able to finish strong."

Heading into Thursday's third and final qualifying round Simonsen holds a 43-pin lead over Cristian Azcona of Puerto Rico in second who finished with a 2,672 pinfall for 12 games. Azcona won the 2018 PBA Wilmington Open for his first tour title.

Rounding out the top five after two rounds were first round leader 2019 PBA Playoffs winner Kris Prather, Plainfield, Illinois, 2,627; last week's PBA Jonesboro Open winner Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, North Carolina, 2613, and two-time tour winner Stuart Williams of England, 2,611.

In pursuit of a record fourth Tournament of Champions title, defending champion Jason Belmonte of Australia finished the day in 23rd with 2,511. After finishing the first round in fourth with 1,351, the five-time and reigning PBA Player of the Year, found the going much tougher in the second round managing only 1,160.

Belmonte's win in last season's TOC was his 10th career major title which tied him for the all-time lead with PBA Hall of Famers Pete Weber and Earl Anthony. Just a few weeks later he won the PBA World Championship for his 11th major title taking sole possession of the top spot on the all-time major win list.

The 62-player field returns for third-round qualifying Thursday morning at 11 a.m. ET which will determine the top 24 players who will advance to the first eight-game match play round Thursday evening at 6 p.m. After the final two rounds of match play Friday at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., the top five will be determined for Sunday's stepladder finals which will be televised live at 5 p.m. ET on FOX. The winner will earn a \$100,000 first prize and a \$1 million bonus will be paid if the winner bowls a 300 game in the title match.

All qualifying and match play rounds are livestreamed by FloBowling which is also livestreaming the finals to international subscribers.

**PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS**  
**(a 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour Tier 1 event)**  
**AMF Riviera Lanes, Fairlawn, Ohio, Wednesday**

**Second Round Standings (after 12 games)**

- 1, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 2,715.
- 2, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 2,672.
- 3, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 2,627.
- 4, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 2,613.
- 5, Stuart Williams, England, 2,611.
- 6, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 2,606.
- 7, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 2,583.
- 8, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 2,579.
- 9, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 2,571.
- 10, Dom Barrett, England, 2,566.
- 11, (tie) Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., and Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 2,562.
- 13, Mitch Hupe, Canada, 2,560.
- 14, Richard Teece, England, 2,558.
- 15, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 2,556.
- 16, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2,544.
- 17, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 2,535.
- 18, (tie) Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., and Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 2,534.
- 20, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 2,525.
- 21, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 2,521.
- 22, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 2,517.
- 23, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 2,511.
- 24, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 2,508.
- 25, Tom Hess, Granger, Iowa, 2,501.
- 26, Jon Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I., 2,494.
- 27, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 2,481.

- 28, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 2,479.
- 29, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 2,471.
- 30, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 2,464.
- 31, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 2,462.
- 32, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 2,461.
- 33, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 2,452.
- 34, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 2,449.
- 35, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 2,446.
- 36, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 2,439.
- 37, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 2,433.
- 38, Chris Collins, Myrtle Beach, S.C., 2,430.
- 39, Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 2,411.
- 40, (tie) Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., and Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 2,407.
- 42, Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 2,404.
- 43, Matt Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 2,397.
- 44, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 2,395.
- 45, (tie) Rhino Page, Spokane, Wash., and Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 2,394.
- 47, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 2,376.
- 48, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 2,365.
- 49, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 2,361.
- 50, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 2,357.
- 51, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2,355.
- 52, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 2,323.
- 53, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 2,320.
- 54, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 2,304.
- 55, Anthony Pepe, Long Island City, N.Y., 2,296.
- 56, Ryan Ciminelli, Lancaster, S.C., 2,280.
- 57, Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 2,268.
- 58, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 2,248.
- 59, Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 2,218.
- 60, Graham Fach, Canada, 2,208.
- 61, Carmen Salvino, Schaumburg, Ill., 1,795.
- 62, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 1,249.

#### **First Round Standings (after six games)**

- 1, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 1,444.
- 2, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 1,370.
- 3, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 1,361.
- 4, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,351.
- 5, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,345.
- 6, Jon Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I., 1,335.
- 7, Dom Barrett, England, 1,334.
- 8, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,328.
- 9, (tie) Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., and Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,300.
- 11, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 1,299.
- 12, Stuart Williams, England, 1,292.
- 13, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 1,287.
- 14, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 1,281.

- 15, (tie) Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., and Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 1,279.
- 17, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 1,278.
- 18, (tie) Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., and Francois Lavoie, Canada, 1,275.
- 20, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 1,270.
- 21, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,268.
- 22, (tie) Tom Hess, Granger, Iowa, and Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 1,262.
- 24, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,260.
- 25, Matt Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 1,255.
- 26, (tie) Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., and Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 1,249.
- 28, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 1,248.
- 29, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 1,243.
- 30, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 1,242.
- 31, Richard Teece, England, 1,233.
- 32, Mitch Hupe, Wichita, Kan., 1,230.
- 33, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 1,228.
- 34, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 1,227.
- 35, (tie) Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., and Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 1,226.
- 37, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,224.
- 38, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,217.
- 39, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 1,216.
- 40, (tie) Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., and Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1,200.
- 42, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 1,183.
- 43, Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 1,180.
- 44, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,177.
- 45, Ryan Ciminelli, Lancaster, S.C., 1,174.
- 46, (tie) Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., and Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,173.
- 48, (tie) Chris Collins, Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Rhino Page, Spokane, Wash., 1,171.
- 50, Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 1,165.
- 51, Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 1,159.
- 52, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 1,154.
- 53, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 1,148.
- 54, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,141.
- 55, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,127.
- 56, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 1,121.
- 57, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,120.
- 58, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 1,106.
- 59, Anthony Pepe, Long Island City, N.Y., 1,105.
- 60, Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 1,077.
- 61, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 1,064.
- 62, Carmen Salvino, Schaumburg, Ill., 920.

**300 games** – Jason Belmonte, Cristian Azcona

## **Tearful Carmen Salvino Competes in 30th and Final PBA Tournament of Champions**

*Anthony Simonsen takes top qualifier honors heading into match play;  
defending champion Jason Belmonte takes 24th and final match play spot*

**FAIRLAWN, Ohio (Feb. 6, 2020)** -- PBA legend Carmen Salvino was overcome with emotion as he threw his final shots in qualifying for his 30th and final PBA Tournament of Champions Thursday.

In front of a huge crowd at AMF Riviera Lanes, the 86-year-old Hall of Famer and 17-time Go Bowling PBA Tour winner extended his record as the oldest player to compete in a PBA Tour event.

PBA's most famous showman is one of the few remaining links to the storied tournament's origin dating back to the inaugural event in 1962. The 1962 TOC was held at Play Bowl in Indianapolis and was actually billed as the Indianapolis 500 Festival Tournament of Champions. It's an often-overlooked event because the tournament would not be held again for three years.

In 1965, when Firestone began its landmark sponsorship, the classic moved to Bowlarama in Akron and then to AMF Riviera Lanes the following year where it remained for 29 years. PBA's signature event made its return to AMF Riviera Lanes in 2018 after a 24-year absence.

"I never won the Tournament of Champions but it was always my favorite tournament," said Salvino. "The biggest reason I kept coming back was the fans – they always made me feel special.

"Every athlete should be thankful for the fans because without the fans we can't compete," the Chicago native added. "If we don't have the fans you don't have a paycheck. The way the fans treated me here made the last 30 years all worthwhile whether I bowled good or bad."

Salvino's best TOC finish was third in the inaugural tournament. Joe Joseph won with a two-game total of 480 pins followed by fellow Michigan star Billy Golembiewski with 413 pins and Salvino with a 409 total.

"I knew it was going to be emotional for me but I was able to keep it under control until about the middle of the last game," said Salvino as he bowled his final frames. "Then I started thinking that this was going to be the last time and that's when it really got to me."

It was Salvino's 734th PBA Tour event since competing in the first PBA tournament ever held – the 1959 Empire State Open at Schade's Academy in Albany, N.Y. He is a member of numerous Halls of Fame including the National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame headquartered in the Chicago area and was ranked 17th on PBA's 2009 list of 50 greatest players in PBA history.

Seven-time PBA Tour winner Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas took top-qualifier honors with a 4,011 18-game pinfall total (222.8 average) heading into Thursday evening's first eight-game match play round which begins at 6 p.m. ET. The 23-year-old Simonsen is trying for his third PBA major title.

Defending champion Jason Belmonte of Australia narrowly made the match play field by taking the 24th and final position by one pin. The five-time and reigning PBA Player of the Year who is trying for a record fourth Tournament of Champions title, finished with a 3,753 pinfall, one pin ahead of Jon Van Hees of Charlestown, Rhode Island, who finished 25th with 3,752.

## **PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS**

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**AMF Riviera Lanes, Fairlawn, Ohio, Thursday**

**Third Round Standings (after 18 games. Top 24 players advance to first round of match play)**

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- 2, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 3,954.
- 3, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 3,951.
- 4, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 3,932.
- 5, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 3,922.
- 6, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 3,908.
- 7, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 3,904.
- 8, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 3,898.
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- 10, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 3,870.
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- 12, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 3,848.
- 13, Stuart Williams, England, 3,831.
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- 15, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 3,823.
- 16, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 3,822.
- 17, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 3,819.
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- 19, Mitch Hupe, Canada, 3,784.
- 20, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 3,782.
- 21, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 3,776.
- 22, Dom Barrett, England, 3,766.
- 23, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 3,764.
- 24, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 3,753.

### **Failed to advance:**

- 25, Jon Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I., 3,752, \$2,500.
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- 27, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 3,715.
- 28, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 3,710.
- 29, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 3,696.
- 30, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 3,692.
- 31, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 3,689.
- 32, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,686.
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- 34, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 3,663.
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- 39, Rhino Page, Spokane, Wash., 3,616.

- 40, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 3,614.
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- 41, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 3,606.
- 43, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 3,591.
- 44, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 3,573.
- 45, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,550.
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- 58, Graham Fach, Canada, 3,338.
- 59, Carmen Salvino, Schaumburg, Ill., 2,714.

### **Simonsen Retains Lead While Belmonte Makes Run in PBA Tournament of Champions After First Round of Match Play**

**FAIRLAWN, Ohio (Feb. 6, 2020)** — Despite a 4-4 record, seven-time PBA Tour titlist Anthony Simonsen was able to retain his lead in the PBA Tournament of Champions after the first round of match play at AMF Riviera Lanes Thursday but defending champion and fellow two-hander Jason Belmonte made a run to finish the day in eighth.

After earning top qualifier honors earlier in the day to lead 24 players advancing to match play, Simonsen ended the day with a 5,869 pinfall total including 30 bonus pins for each match win. He won matches with games of 226, 235, 238 and 213 and lost with games of 202, 182, 207 and 235.

"It seemed like the lanes just played difficult in general and adjusting pair to pair was tricky," said the 23-year-old Simonsen. "I felt like I had the pocket under control but it seemed like if I wasn't striking I was getting splits which made it hard to keep any momentum going."

Simonsen became the youngest player to win two majors when he defeated Belmonte 232-212 in the title match to win 2019 PBA Players Championship at age 22. He won the 2016 USBC Masters at age 19 to become the youngest to win a major.

In pursuit of a record fourth Tournament of Champions title, Belmonte narrowly made it into match play taking the 24th and final spot by just one pin earlier in the day. After losing his first two matches with

games of 197 and 191, he won the next six matches with games of 232, 214, 255, 222, 242 and 247 posting a 6-2 record and finishing the day with a 5,733 pinfall.

It was reminiscent of 2018, when Belmonte took the last match play spot with a seven-pin cushion and proceeded to make a steady climb through the standings to qualify third for the stepladder finals eventually finishing fourth after losing the second stepladder match to eventual winner Matt O'Grady 229-225.

"You just have to remember that once qualifying ends you're not even halfway through the tournament so there's time to make a move," said the five-time and reigning PBA Player of the Year. "I started using a urethane ball to start the round but that wasn't working so we tried some things and a couple different balls. Fortunately, I found one that I felt comfortable with and started striking."

Belmonte's win in the 2019 Tournament of Champions was his 10th major title which tied Pete Weber and Earl Anthony for first on the all-time list. He won the PBA World Championship for his 11th major win a few weeks later to take sole possession of first on the all-time majors win list.

Rounding out the top five after Thursday's first match play round were Andrew Anderson, 5,861 (6-2); Bill O'Neill, 5,850 (6-2); Tom Daugherty, 5,786 (4-4) and Dom Barrett, 5,763 (6-1-1).

After the final two rounds of match play Friday at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. ET, the top five will be determined for Sunday's stepladder finals which will be televised live at 5 p.m. ET on FOX. The winner will earn \$100,000 first prize and a \$1 million bonus will be paid if the winner bowls a 300 game in the title match.

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**Fourth Round Standings (Includes total pinfall for 26 games including match play bonus pins. All 24 players return for the second round of match play Friday morning at 11 a.m. ET)**

- 1, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 4-4, 5,869.
- 2, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 6-2, 5,861.
- 3, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 6-2, 5,850.
- 4, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 4-4, 5,786.
- 5, Dom Barrett, England, 6-1-1, 5,763.
- 6, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 4-4, 5,751.
- 7, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 5-3, 5,735.
- 8, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 6-2, 5,733, \$100.
- 9, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 4-4, 5,727.
- 10, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 5-3, 5,721.
- 11, Stuart Williams, England, 4-4, 5,715.
- 12, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 3-5, 5,705.
- 13, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 4-4, 5,697.
- 14, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 3-5, 5,696.
- 15, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 2-6, 5,685.



- 16, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 3-5, 5,660.
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- 19, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 5-3, 5,597.
- 20, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 2-6, 5,564.
- 21, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 5-3, 5,558.
- 22, Richard Teece, England, 3-4-1, 5,513.
- 23, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 2-6, 5,465.
- 24, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 0-8, 5,188.

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## **PBA Spare Shots**

### **TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS KICKS OFF "MILLION DOLLAR 300 BONUS" SERIES**

The two players who will bowl for the \$100,000 first prize in Sunday's finals of the PBA Tournament of Champions also will be the first two players to try for the "\$1 Million 300 Game Bonus" incentive. Live FOX coverage of the TOC finals from AMF Riviera Lanes in Fairlawn, Ohio, will begin at 5 p.m. EST

This week's finals will be special because the competition will take place on lanes 27-28, the same pair of lanes where **Don Johnson** came the closest of any player ever to record a nationally-televised perfect game in the title match of a PBA major championship. When Johnson left a 10 pin in his iconic 299-268 victory over **Dick Ritger**, he fell face-first on the approach and Akron Beacon Journal photographer **Don Roese** froze the moment in time on film. Roese's photo was later re-created by artist **Marc Moon** for the cover of the 1971 PBA souvenir program book, and Johnson's historic image was later celebrated as the No. 1 most memorable moment in the PBA's first 60 years.

Under the million-dollar incentive program, a \$1 million bonus prize is again being offered to any player bowling a 300 game in the championship match of one of the following PBA on FOX/FS1 live telecasts:

the TOC; PBA Players Championship at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl in Columbus Ohio (Saturday, Feb. 15 at 5:30 p.m. EST on FS1); the Go Bowling PBA Indianapolis Open at Royal Pin Woodland (Saturday, Feb. 29 at 8:30 p.m. EST on FS1) and PBA World Championship at South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas (Wednesday, March 18 at 8 p.m. EST on FS1).

Only three perfect games have ever been bowled in the championship match of any nationally-televvised PBA Tour event (including **Tommy Jones'** 300 in the title match of the PBA Hall of Fame Classic to kick off the 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour season), but no one has ever bowled a 300 to win a PBA major championship.

If you'd like to re-visit Johnson's epic victory, click here for the YouTube clip on the title match: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BLQ\\_WLrqlZI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BLQ_WLrqlZI).

## **SEAN RASH RETAINS PBA PLAYOFFS POINTS LEAD; KYLE TROUP ADVANCES TO SECOND**

PBA Oklahoma Open winner **Sean Rash**, with a seventh-place finish in the PBA Jonesboro Open, retained his lead in the 2020 PBA Playoffs points after the first three tournaments of the 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour season while PBA Jonesboro Open titlist **Kyle Troup** picked up 5,000 points in the Tier 2 event to advance from 31st place to second. **Tommy Jones**, who collected 2,500 points for his PBA Hall of Fame Classic victory (a Tier 3 limited entry and/or restricted format) tournament, was in third place heading into this week's Tournament of Champions.

Fans can expect a major shakeup in the points race after this week's Tournament of Champions, the first Tier 1 event of the season. Points are awarded to all players in each PBA Tour tournament according to how the event is classified in the three-tier points structure. Tier 1 (major championship) tournaments reward winners with 7,500 points. Tier 2 (standard PBA Tour) tournaments award 5,000 points to the winner. A Tier 3 tournament (limited field and/or restricted format) awards 2,500 points to the winner. Points also are awarded to all other players in each tournament in a declining manner based upon where they finish.

The top 24 in 2020 competition points will qualify to bowl in the PBA Playoffs in April and May. Points standings will be finalized at the conclusion of the USBC Masters on March 29 in Reno, Nev. Below are the top 30 points standings after three events:

### **2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour Competition Points Standings (Top 24 after three events)**

- 1, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 6,635
- 2, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 5,805
- 3, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 4,290
- 4, Chris Barnes Double Oak, Texas, 4,240
- 5, Ryan Ciminelli, Lancaster, S.C., 4,215
- 6, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 4,000
- 7, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 2,755
- 8, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 3,395
- 9, Brad Miller, Lee's Summit, Mo., 2,915
- 10, Mitch Hupe, Canada, 2,880
- 11, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 2,745
- 12, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 2,575
- 13, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 2,555
- 14, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 2,485

- 15, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 2,375
- 16, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 2,295
- 17, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 2,180
- 18, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 2,155
- 19, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 2,140
- 20, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 2,085
- 21, Nick Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 1,975
- 22, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 1,860
- 23, Sam Cooley, Australia, 1,740
- 24, Dom Barrett, England, 1,685
- 25, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,680
- 26, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,670
- 27 (tie), Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 1,615  
Francois Lavoie, Canada, 1,615
- 29, Patrick Girard, Canada, 1,515
- 30, Dick Allen Lexington, S.C., 1,513

#### **PBA PLAYER'S PERSPECTIVE: ANTHONY SIMONSEN'S 2019 PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP**

The youngest player in PBA history to win two major titles is the topic of **Anthony Simonsen's** PBA Player's Perspectives on YouTube, re-living his win in the 2019 PBA Players Championship. That episode will debut on the PBA's YouTube channel on Tuesday, Feb. 11, as Simonsen begins his title defense at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl in Columbus, Ohio.

Future Player's Perspectives on the schedule for introduction on Tuesdays include:

- Feb. 18 - **Norm Duke** talks about winning his 39th career title in the 2019 Go Bowling Indianapolis Open.
- Feb. 25 - **Jason Belmonte** and **Bill O'Neill** share insider thoughts about winning the 2018 Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship.

To view the entire series of PBA Player's Perspective episodes, visit the PBA's YouTube channel and click on the PBA Player's Perspective play list. A wide range of Player's Perspectives currently reside in the archives on YouTube. Among the most recent are:

- **Jakob Butturff's** 2019 USBC Masters win (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-cuYcXxfXXs>).
- **EJ Tackett's** 2017 DHC PBA Japan Invitational victory. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=91yoFd7nd8g>).
- **Kris Prather's** 2019 PBA Scorpion Championship win ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aVe\\_n8uCOM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aVe_n8uCOM)).
- **Bill O'Neill's** 2019 PBA Hall of Fame Classic victory that made him title-eligible for future PBA HOF consideration (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OeHXCyXWH4o>).
- **Jakob Butturff's** 2019 PBA Oklahoma Open win (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JOsC36SxxxA&list=>).
- **Sean Rash's** 2012 PBA TOC victory (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tkzuCw4Cpgs>).

- **Jason Belmonte's** record-tying 10th PBA major championship in the 2019 PBA Tournament of Champions (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Si3d6oPhBo>).

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## **PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: BRAD ANGELO, THOMAS LARSEN WIN PBA/PBA50 DOUBLES TITLE**

**Brad Angelo** of Lockport, N.Y., in his first tournament as a PBA50 competitor, teamed up with **Thomas Larsen** of Denmark to defeat PBA Hall of Famer **Walter Ray Williams Jr.** of Oxford, Fla. and team mate **Nate Garcia** of Port St. Lucie, Fla., 2-0, in a best-of-three-game title match to win the PBA/PBA50 Don Vay Memorial Central Doubles Classic title at Legend Lanes Sunday.

Teams in the PBA Central Region's first tournament of 2020 included one bowler age 50 or older, and one bowler under the age of 50. The title was Angelo's fourth overall in PBA Regional competition and Larsen's first. They also split a \$3,950 first prize.

In the semifinal round, Angelo, who turned 50 on December 23, and Larsen blanked **Doug Kent** of Newark, N.Y. and **Tim Pfeifer** of Oakdale, Pa., 2-0, while Williams and Garcia shut out **Tom Adcock** of Decatur, Ill. and **Jake Peters** of Las Vegas, 2-0, in the best-of-three semifinal round.

- The Feb. 7-9 PBA Regional weekend schedule includes two Break Point Alley Challenge events for non-title winners in Tavares, Fla. The PBA South Region doubleheader will include separate tournaments for standard players and a PBA50 Challenge for "senior" players.
- Regional competition over the Feb. 21-23 weekend includes the PBA50 Dave Edwards Toyota South Open at Paradise Lanes in Spartanburg, S.C., and a pair of tournaments at South Point in Las Vegas – the Southpoint West Challenge for non-titlists and a Southpoint Member/Non-Member Doubles Tournament.
- Closing out the February regional calendar over the Feb. 28-March 1 "leap year" weekend will be the PBA Plaza Lanes Central/Midwest Open in Crawfordsville, Ind.
- For complete PBA Regional schedules including rules and entry information, visit [pba.com](https://pba.com), open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area. Whether you are a competitor or a fan, you can follow "live scoring" for all PBA Regional events on [pba.com](https://pba.com) (easily accessible for Apple and Android device users using the PBA app).

## **Bill O'Neill Captures Top Seed for PBA Tournament of Champions Finals**

*Simonsen, Belmonte, Prather and Rash join O'Neill in Sunday's live FOX telecast that will pay a \$1 million bonus if the winner bowls a 300 game in the title match*

**FAIRLAWN, Ohio (Feb. 7, 2020)** – As the top seed for the stepladder finals of the 55th PBA Tournament of Champions, 11-time Go Bowling PBA Tour winner Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pennsylvania, will need to win one match for his second major title, while defending champion Jason Belmonte will try for a record fourth win in PBA's signature tournament as the No. 3 seed.

The finals telecast for the season's first major will air Sunday on FOX at 5 p.m. ET from AMF Riviera Lanes. In addition to the \$100,000 first prize, a \$1 million bonus will be paid if the winner bowls a 300 game in the title match.

O'Neill earned the top seed with a 9,717 42-game pinfall total including bonus pins, which was boosted by a 19-5 record in match play.

"I've been working hard on improving my physical and mental game over the past couple years which has enabled me to make more of a commitment to the adjustments I have to make," said the 38-year-old O'Neill who won the 2010 U.S. Open for his lone major title. "If I have a bad game or run into trouble, I have much more confidence that I can dig myself out of it."

"I bowled consistently well the whole tournament and really was never in a situation where I felt I was losing momentum," he added. "Now it's time to work on a game plan for Sunday, commit to it and go out there and figure out a way to win."

Qualifying second for the finals was 23-year-old two-hander Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas, who finished with a 9,674 pinfall and 14-10 record in match play.

Looking to make some more major tournament history of his own, the seven-time tour winner became the youngest player to win two majors when he defeated Belmonte 232-212 in the title match to win 2019 PBA Players Championship at age 22. He won the 2016 USBC Masters at age 19 to become the youngest to win a major.

For the second time in three years, the 36-year-old Belmonte who is the all-time major titles leader with 11 wins, narrowly made the cut to match play taking the 24th and final match play spot but worked his way up the standings during match play to qualify third for the finals.

After making the cut to match play by one pin, the five-time and reigning PBA Player of the Year earned the No. 3 seed with a 9,594 pinfall and 17-7 match play record.

In 2018 the Australian two-hander took the last match play spot by just seven pins and made a steady climb through three rounds of match play to qualify third for the stepladder finals finishing fourth in the tournament after losing the second stepladder match to eventual winner Matt O'Grady, 229-225.

Belmonte's win in the 2019 Tournament of Champions was his 10th major title which tied Pete Weber and Earl Anthony for first on the all-time list. He won the PBA World Championship for his 11th major win a few weeks later to take sole possession of first on the all-time list.

Sunday's stepladder finals will open with a match between two players from suburban Chicago.

Two-time tour winner Kris Prather of Plainfield, Illinois, who won the inaugural PBA Playoffs in 2019, earned the No. 4 seed for the finals with a 13-11 match play record and 9,393 pinfall. He will meet 15-time tour titlist and 2012 Tournament of Champions winner Sean Rash of Montgomery, Illinois, who earned the fifth seed with a 12-12 match play record and 9,371 pinfall.

**PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS**  
**(a 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour Tier 1 event)**  
**AMF Riviera Lanes, Fairlawn, Ohio, Friday**

**SIXTH ROUND RESULTS**  
**(after 42 games. Top five advance to Sunday's stepladder finals. Includes match play record and total pinfall including bonus pins)**

- 1, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 19-5, 9,717.
- 2, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 14-10, 9,674.
- 3, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 17-7, 9,594
- 4, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 13-11, 9,393
- 5, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 12-12, 9,371.
- 6, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 15-8-1, 9,368, \$8,000.
- 7, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 13-11, 9,353, \$7,000.
- 8, Stuart Williams, England, 14-10, 9,290, \$6,000.
- 9, Dom Barrett, England, 12-11-1, 9,279, \$5,500.
- 10, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 10-14, 9,272, \$5,000.
- 11, Mitch Hupe, Canada, 12-11-1, 9,268, \$4,800.
- 12, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 12-12, 9,207, \$4,600.
- 13, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 12-12, 9,193, \$4,400.
- 14, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 12-12, 9,192, \$4,200.
- 15, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 10-14, 9,183, \$4,000.
- 16, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 15-9, 9,119, \$3,800.
- 17, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 10-14, 9,053, \$3,700.
- 18, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 10-14, 9,033, \$3,600.
- 19, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 11-13, 9,023, \$3,500.
- 20, Richard Teece, England, 10-13-1, 8,992, \$3,400.
- 21, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 8-16, 8,958, \$3,400.
- 22, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 11-12-1, 8,861, \$3,200.
- 23, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 10-13-1, 8,751, \$3,200.
- 24, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 3-21, 8,241, \$3,000.

#### **FIFTH ROUND RESULTS**

**(after 34 games. Includes match play record and total pinfall including bonus pins. All players advanced to final match play round)**

- 1, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 14-2, 7,858.
- 2, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 12-4, 7,774.
- 3, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 8-8, 7,721.
- 4, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 10-6, 7,670.
- 5, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 8-8, 7,615.
- 6, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 9-7, 7,613.
- 7, Dom Barrett, England, 9-6-1, 7,570.
- 8, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 7-9, 7,556.
- 9, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 9-7, 7,537.
- 10, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 9-7, 7,536.
- 11, Mitch Hupe, Canada, 8-7-1, 7,475.
- 12, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 10-6, 7,467.
- 13, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 11-5, 7,439.
- 14, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 8-8, 7,417.
- 15, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 9-7, 7,393.
- 16, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 7-9, 7,385.
- 17, Stuart Williams, England, 7-9, 7,364.
- 18, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 5-11, 7,358.
- 19, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 6-10, 7,346.
- 20, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 7-8-1, 7,245.
- 21, Richard Teece, England, 5-10-1, 7,149.
- 22, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 4-12, 7,148.
- 23, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 7-9, 7,093.
- 24, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 1-15, 6,654.

## **Kris Prather Takes All Four Stepladder Matches to Win 55th PBA Tournament of Champions for First Major Title**

*As No. 4 seed, Prather defeated top seed Bill O'Neill 280-205 for third career Go Bowling PBA Tour win*

**FAIRLAWN, Ohio (Feb. 9, 2020)** – Coming off a 2019 season in which he captured his first two Go Bowling PBA Tour wins including the inaugural PBA Playoffs, Kris Prather of Plainfield, Illinois, won all four stepladder matches to win the 55th PBA Tournament of Champions Sunday at AMF Riviera Lanes for his first major title.

Prather, the No. 4 seed for the finals beat top seed Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pennsylvania, 280-205, in the title match to also win his third career tour title. O'Neill, an 11-time tour winner making his first Tournament of Champions telecast, was trying for his second major title.

"To just be able to compete in this tournament is incredible," said the 28-year-old Prather. "To win it by beating four of the best players on the planet is just unbelievable."

The Tournament of Champions, televised live on FOX, offered a \$1 million bonus if the winner bowled a 300 game in the title match. Prather struck in the first frame of the title match, left a solid 10 pin in the second frame, converted the spare, and then struck on the next 10 shots for his 280 game.

"Leaving that 10 pin in the second frame actually took some of the pressure off and I was able to just stay loose and focus solely on winning the match," Prather said. "If bowling for the \$1 million would have come down to the last frame or even the last few frames, I don't know that I would have even been able to get to the line."

Prather began his run through the finals by beating No. 5 seed, 15-time tour winner Sean Rash of Montgomery, Illinois, 187-164, in an opening match where both players struggled after getting off to a strong start.

Rash, who won the recent PBA Oklahoma Open, was trying for his second Tournament of Champions title and third major, had splits in the next two frames which enabled Prather to take command in the match.

"It took some time for the lanes to develop to the point where I could get a handle on the lane condition transition," Prather said. "Once that match was over, everything seemed to get easier for me and I could concentrate better on repeating good shots."

In the second match Prather beat defending champion Australian two-hander Jason Belmonte 252-179 to advance to the semifinal. Belmonte, who struggled from the start of the match, was trying for a record fourth Tournament of Champions title.

Belmonte, who leads the all-time majors titles list with 11 wins, qualified for the 24th and final position for match play Friday by one pin before climbing the standings through three rounds to earn the No. 3 seed. He took a similar path to the finals in 2018 making match play by just seven pins eventually earning the No. 3 seed before losing the second stepladder match to eventual winner Matt O'Grady to finish fourth.

In the semifinal match, Prather beat seven-time tour winner Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas, 226-203, to advance to the title match. The 23-year-old Simonsen was trying to become the youngest player to win three PBA majors. The two-hander won the 2019 PBA Players Championship to become the youngest player to win two major titles and won the 2016 USBC Masters at 19 to become the youngest to win a tour major.



The Tournament of Champions is the first of three consecutive majors this season on the Go Bowling PBA Tour. The tour travels to Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl for the PBA Players Championship which begins with first round qualifying Tuesday. The stepladder finals will air live on FS1 Saturday, Feb. 15 at 5:30 p.m. ET.

The \$1 million championship match bonus will be in effect once again if the winning player bowls a 300 game in the title match. After the Players Championship, the tour heads to Sun Valley Lanes in Lincoln, Nebraska for the U.S. Open Feb. 16-23.

**PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS  
(a 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour Tier 1 event)  
AMF Riviera Lanes, Fairlawn, Ohio, Sunday**

**Final Standings:**

- 1, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., \$100,000.
- 2, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., \$50,000.
- 3, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, \$25,000.
- 4, Jason Belmonte, Australia, \$12,000.
- 5, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., \$10,000.

**Playoff Results:**

Match One: Prather def. Rash, 187-164.  
Match Two: Prather def. Belmonte, 252-179.  
Semifinal: Prather def. Simonsen, 226-203.  
Championship: Prather def. O'Neill, 280-205.

## **Rookie Matt Russo Tops PBA Players Championship PTQ**

**COLUMBUS, Ohio (Feb. 10, 2020)** – PBA rookie Matt Russo, a 23-year-old lefthanded two-hander and the 2020 USBC Team USA Trials winner, averaged 239.3 Sunday to top the PBA Players Championship Pre-Tournament Qualifier (PTQ) at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl, joining nine other players who will advance into the PBA Players Championship field beginning with Tuesday's first two rounds of qualifying at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. EST.

PBA fans can watch all preliminary round of the Players Championship on FloBowling Tuesday through Thursday, or follow game by game scoring in real time on [pba.com](http://pba.com)'s Live Scoring feature. The stepladder finals will air live on FS1 on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. EST (FloBowling will livestream the finals to its international subscribers).

**PBA Players Champions  
(A 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour Tier 1 event)  
Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl, Columbus, Ohio, Sunday**

### **Final Pre-Tournament Qualifier Standings**

**(After 10 games; top 6 advance to tournament proper)**

- 1, Matt Russo, Fairview Heights, Ill., 2,393.
- 2, Dwight Adams, Greensboro, N.C., 2,189.
- 3, Michael Schlabach, Goshen, Ind., 2,164.
- 4, Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 2,154.
- 5, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 2,142.
- 6, Samuel DeWitt III, Moon Township, Pa., 2,107.
- 7, Alex Martin, Kennesaw, Ga., 2,105.
- 8, Corey Umbrello, Westminister, Mass., 2,086.
- 9 (tie), Wesley Low Jr., Palmdale, Calif., and Jean Perez, Puerto Rico, 2,070.

### **Failed to advance:**

- 11, Dakota Vostry, Romeoville, Ill., 2,069.
- 12, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 2,024.
- 13, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 2,008.
- 14, Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C., 1,998.
- 15, Tristan Butler, Fort Wayne, Ind., 1,962.
- 16, Ryan Graywacz, Canastota, N.Y., 1,951.
- 17, John Furey, Howell, N.J., 1,947.
- 18, Joshua Weiner, Hilliard, Ohio, 1,944.
- 19, Ryan Lakota, Shorewood, Ill., 1,929.
- 20, Brent Boho, Colgate, Wis., 1,928.
- 21 (tie), Russ Oviatt, Sioux Falls, S.D., and Victor Cortez, Waukegan, Ill., 1,923.
- 23, Kevin Walter, Noblesville, Ind., 1,902.
- 24, Michael Mossbarger, Westerville, Ohio, 1,895.
- 25, Michael Markis, Scranton, Pa., 1,855.
- 26, David Krol, Nixa, Mo., 1,842.
- 27, Dave Johnson, Ashtabula, Ohio, 1,824.
- 28, Zach Doty, Campbellsville, Ky., 1,813.
- 29, Nate Wilson, Donnelsville, Ohio, 1,812.
- 30, Dominic Boysaw, Columbus, Ohio, 1,810.
- 31, Michael Ruben, Selden, N.Y., 1,798.
- 32, Zachary Grove, Columbus, Ohio, 1,753.
- 33, Tony Franz, Mount Vernon, Ohio, 1,740.
- 34, Tim Cagle II, Hercules, Calif., 1,720.
- 35, David Harold II, Columbus, Ohio, 1,701.
- 36, Scott McIntire Jr., Parma, Ohio, 1,673.
- 37, Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 1,666.
- 38, Charles Yancey, Marion, Ohio, 1,660.
- 39, Derek Engeln, Springboro, Ohio, 1,185.

## **Marino, Nairn Win PBA, PBA50 Break Point Alley Challenge Events in Tavares**

**Tavares, Fla. (Feb. 9, 2020)** – New PBA member Anthony Marino of Henrico, Va., defeated Matt Gasn of Clarksville, Tenn., 435-398, in a two-game match to win the PBA Break Point Alley Challenge for his first PBA title Sunday.

In the PBA50 portion of the PBA South Region doubleheader, amateur Doug Nairn of DeBary, Fla., defeated Joe Scarborough of Charlotte, N.C., 424-335, in the final match.

Marino earned \$2,000 and Nairn's win earned him \$1,500, but only Marino earned credit for a PBA title because Nairn was not a PBA member at the time he won.

Gasn earned \$1,250 for second place in the standard event while Scarborough earned \$900 for his second-place finish in the PBA50 tournament.

The PBA South Region's next event will be the PBA50 Dave Edwards Toyota Spartanburg South Open for bowlers 50 and older in Spartanburg, S.C., Feb. 21-23.

### **PBA BREAKPOINT ALLEY CHALLENGE** **Break Point Alley, Tavares, Fla., Sunday**

#### **Championship (two games total pinfall):**

Anthony Marino, Henrico, Va. (\$2,000) def. Matt Gasn, Clarksville, Tenn. (\$1,250), 435-398.

#### **Semifinal Round (two games total pinfall, losers earned \$1,050):**

Marino def. Zachary Seals, Kingsland, Ga., 391-387.

Gasn def. Trevor Roberts, Crystal River, Fla. 425-372.

#### **Round of 8 (three games total pinfall, losers earned \$800):**

Marino def. Shane Holt, Lake Wales, Fla., 681-600.

Gasn def. Charles Clifford, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., 766-607.

Seals def. Colin Champion, Spring Hill, Fla., 618-582.

Roberts def. n-Carlos Granados, Orlando, Fla., 590-537.

#### **Round of 16 (total pinfall four games, losers eliminated and earned \$575 each):**

Holt def. Cody McCowin, Daytona Beach, Fla., 862-720.

Marino def. Zachary Dwyer, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., 887-767.

Seals def. Leon Platt, Summerville, S.C., 804-759.

Champion def. Russell Housman, Inverness, Fla., 930-832.

Roberts def. n-Christopher Russ, Deltona, Fla., 759-714.

n-Granados def. Joe Grago, Hampstead, N.C., 797-704.

Clifford def. Josh Lewis, Asheville, N.C., 810-739.

Gasn def. Sean Connolly, Apopka, Fla. 896-813.

n- denotes non-PBA member.

### **PBA50 BREAKPOINT ALLEY CHALLENGE** **Breakpoint Alley, Tavares, Fla., Sunday**

#### **Championship (two games total pinfall):**

n-Doug Nairn, DeBary, Fla. (\$1,500) def. Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., (\$900), 424-335.

#### **Semifinal Round (two games total pinfall, losers earned \$700):**

Scarborough def. Chuck Richardson, The Villages, Fla., 447-348.

n-Nairn def. Todd Haney, Boiling Springs, S.C., 381-361.

#### **Round of 8 (three games total pinfall, losers earned \$600):**

n-Nairn def. Dick Gran, Hartville, Ohio, 611-551.  
Haney def. Bill Vannoy, Lexington, S.C., 557-511.  
Richardson def. Steve Putnam, Warner Robbins, Ga., 584-564.  
Scarborough def. Lee Rautenberg, Boynton Beach, Fla., 622-460.

**Other Cashers (after 11 games):**

9, David Sanders, Blythewood, S.C., 2,153, \$450.  
10, Harry Alchin II, Madeira Beach, Fla., 2,147, \$430.  
11, Charlie Reier, Burlington, N.C., 2,129, \$420.  
12, n-ss-Andre Larrivee, Quebec, 2,099, \$410.  
13, Jay Hess, Gotha, Fla., 2,068, \$410.

n-denotes non-PBA member, ss-denotes PBA60 player.

## **Belmonte Has Big Second Round to Take PBA Players Championship Lead**

**COLUMBUS, Ohio (Feb. 11, 2020)** – Sitting in 13th after the first round, Australian two-hander Jason Belmonte averaged 246 in Tuesday's second round to emerge as the PBA Players Championship leader after two rounds.

After bowling 1,371 for six games in the first round of the 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour season's second major, the two-time Players Championship winner came back with a 1,478 six-game pinfall in the second round on games of 268, 210, 205, 279, 258 and 258 at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl to finish the day with a 2,849 pinfall (237 average).

"It was a combination of using all of your experience and making some good guesses with your adjustments," said the 36-year-old Belmonte, who earned his fifth PBA Player of the Year crown in 2019. "After the third game the lanes can be really tricky. I started playing right, had to move left and then moved right again so finishing with those 258 games was big."

The all-time leader on the PBA major titles list with 11 wins, was the runner-up in last year's Players Championship, losing to fellow two-hander defending champion Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas 232-212 in the title match.

Belmonte holds a 26-pin lead over Canadian Zach Wilkins who finished the day in second with a 2,823 pinfall heading into Wednesday's third qualifying round.

Wilkins, who is trying for his first tour win, also had a big second round bowling 1,472 with games of 224, 248, 245, 219, 259 and 277 to make his run up the leaderboard.

Four-time tour winner Marshall Kent of Yakima, Washington, was third after two rounds, one pin behind Wilkins with 2,822. Four-time tour winner – which includes two U.S. Open titles – Francois Lavoie of Canada is in fourth with 2,820.

PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke made a surge of his own going from 10th after the first round to fifth finishing with 2,811. The 55-year-old 40-time tour winner – which includes seven major wins – bowled 1,436 in his second round with games of 223, 224, 278, 206, 257 and 248.

Simonsen got off to a disappointing start finishing the day in 72nd with 2,434. Sunday's PBA Tournament of Champions winner Kris Prather finished 11th after two rounds with 2,771.

The 92-player field will bowl the final six-game qualifying round Wednesday at 11 a.m. ET after which the top 24 players will advance to the first eight-game match play round at 6 p.m.

After Thursday's second and third match play rounds at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., the top five based on 42-game pinfall totals will advance to Saturday's live stepladder finals on FS1 at 5:30 p.m. ET. A \$1 million bonus will be paid if the winning player bowls a 300 game in the title match.

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**PBA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**(a 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour Tier 1 event)**  
**Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl, Columbus, Ohio, Tuesday**

**Second Round Standings (after 12 games. Field returns for third qualifying round Wednesday morning at 11 a.m. ET)**

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 2,849.
- 2, Zach Wilkins, Canada, 2,823.
- 3, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 2,822.
- 4, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 2,820.
- 5, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 2,811.
- 6, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 2,795.
- 7, (tie) Shawn Maldonado, Houston, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., and Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2,783.
- 10, Stuart Williams, England, 2,777.
- 11, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 2,771.
- 12, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 2,758.
- 13, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 2,756.
- 14, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 2,743.
- 15, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 2,735.
- 16, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 2,731.
- 17, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 2,717.
- 18, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 2,709.
- 19, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2,679.
- 20, (tie) Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., and Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 2,672.
- 22, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 2,664.
- 23, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 2,661.
- 24, Dom Barrett, England, 2,656.
- 25, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 2,652.
- 26, (tie) Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, and Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 2,650.
- 28, (tie) Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., and Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 2,643.
- 30, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,641.
- 31, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 2,633.
- 32, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 2,630.
- 33, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 2,629.
- 34, Patrick Girard, Canada, 2,618.

35, Alex Martin, Kennesaw, Ga., 2,615.  
36, Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 2,614.  
37, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 2,606.  
38, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 2,604.  
39, JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 2,597.  
40, Ryan Ciminelli, Lancaster, S.C., 2,584.  
41, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 2,582.  
42, (tie) Tim Pfeifer, Oakdale, Pa., and AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 2,577.  
44, Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 2,573.  
45, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 2,572.  
46, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 2,569.  
47, (tie) Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., and Osku Palermmaa, Finland, 2,567.  
49, Greg Ostrander, Brick, N.J., 2,561.  
50, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 2,559.  
51, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 2,556.  
51, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 2,556.  
53, Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 2,552.  
54, (tie) Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., and Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 2,548.  
56, Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., 2,547.  
57, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 2,546.  
58, Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, 2,544.  
59, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 2,540.  
60, Dwight Adams, Greensboro, N.C., 2,537.  
61, Richard Teece, England, 2,513.  
62, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 2,504.  
63, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 2,496.  
64, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 2,495.  
65, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 2,492.  
66, (tie) Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., and Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 2,466.  
68, Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 2,465.  
69, Michael Martell, Brooklyn, N.Y., 2,463.  
70, Tom Hess, Granger, Iowa, 2,451.  
71, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 2,440.  
72, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 2,434.  
73, Dakota Vostry, Romeoville, Ill., 2,416.  
74, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 2,412.  
75, (tie) Michael Schlabach, Goshen, Ind., and Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 2,403.  
77, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2,387.  
78, Matt Russo, Fariview Heights, Ill., 2,386.  
79, Wesley Low Jr., Palmdale, Calif., 2,368.  
80, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 2,367.  
81, Kim Bolleby, Sweden, 2,360.  
82, Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 2,355.  
83, Corey Umbrello, Westminster, Mass., 2,353.  
84, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 2,333.  
85, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 2,326.

- 86, Kenneth Ryan, Farmingdale, N.J., 2,308.
- 87, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 2,306.
- 88, Samuel DeWitt III, Moon Township, Pa., 2,278.
- 89, Jean Perez, Puerto Rico, 2,253.
- 89, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 2,253.
- 91, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 2,238.
- 92, Matt Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 2,221.

**First Round Standings (after six games. All players advance to second round)**

- 1, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 1,481.
- 2, Matt Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 1,435.
- 3, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,420.
- 4, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 1,401.
- 5, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 1,395.
- 6, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,387.
- 7, (tie) Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., and Stuart Williams, England, 1,380.
- 9, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 1,377.
- 10, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,375.
- 11, Alex Martin, Kennesaw, Ga., 1,374.
- 12, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,372.
- 13, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,371.
- 14, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 1,370.
- 15, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 1,352.
- 16, (tie) Martin Larsen, Sweden, and Zach Wilkins, Canada, 1,351.
- 18, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 1,349.
- 19, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 1,347.
- 20, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 1,343.
- 21, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,341.
- 22, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,337.
- 23, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 1,330.
- 24, Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, 1,326.
- 25, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,323.
- 26, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 1,321.
- 27, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 1,318.
- 28, Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 1,316.
- 29, Ryan Ciminelli, Lancaster, S.C., 1,315.
- 30, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 1,314.
- 31, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 1,313.
- 32, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 1,310.
- 33, Dom Barrett, England, 1,306.
- 34, Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 1,304.
- 35, Patrick Girard, Canada, 1,302.
- 36, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 1,299.
- 37, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,298.
- 38, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 1,296.
- 39, Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 1,295.

40, (tie) AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, and BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 1,293.  
42, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 1,290.  
43, (tie) AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., and Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 1,289.  
45, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,283.  
46, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,276.  
47, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,271.  
48, Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 1,263.  
49, Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,260.  
50, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 1,258.  
51, Greg Ostrander, Brick, N.J., 1,253.  
52, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 1,252.  
53, (tie) Greg Young, Viera, Fla., and Corey Umbrello, Westminster, Mass., 1,251.  
55, JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 1,250.  
56, Dakota Vostry, Romeoville, Ill., 1,249.  
57, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 1,248.  
58, Richard Teece, England, 1,247.  
59, (tie) Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., and Tim Pfeifer, Oakdale, Pa., 1,245.  
61, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,243.  
62, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 1,242.  
63, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 1,241.  
64, (tie) Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., and Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 1,238.  
66, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 1,236.  
67, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 1,233.  
68, Dwight Adams, Greensboro, N.C., 1,228.  
69, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 1,227.  
70, (tie) Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., and Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,220.  
72, (tie) Kenneth Ryan, Farmingdale, N.J., and Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 1,215.  
74, (tie) Arturo Quintero, Mexico, and Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,214.  
76, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 1,212.  
77, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 1,211.  
78, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 1,209.  
79, Michael Martell, Brooklyn, N.Y., 1,205.  
80, (tie) Michael Schlabach, Goshen, Ind., and Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 1,190.  
82, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 1,185.  
83, Kim Bolleby, Sweden, 1,180.  
84, Wesley Low Jr., Palmdale, Calif., 1,167.  
85, (tie) Matt Russo, Fariview Heights, Ill., and Tom Hess, Granger, Iowa, 1,159.  
87, Samuel DeWitt III, Moon Township, Pa., 1,155.  
88, Matt Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 1,133.  
89, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,124.  
90, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,116.  
91, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 1,110.  
92, Jean Perez, Puerto Rico, 1,084.



**300 games** – Matt Ogle, Brad Miller, Francois Lavoie

## **Belmonte Retakes PBA Players Championship Lead After First Match Play Round**

*Qualifying leader PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke in second heading into Thursday's match play*

**COLUMBUS, Ohio (Feb. 12, 2020)** – Australian two-hander Jason Belmonte averaged 232 and posted a 3-4-1 record in the first round of match play Wednesday at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl but it was good enough to retake the lead in the PBA Players Championship.

Leading with a 6,184 26-game pinfall total including match play bonus pins, the two-time Players Championship winner bowled games of 218, 235, 226, 223, 279, 212, 235 and 233 in match play to edge past 55-year-old PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke who posted a 4-4 record and finished the day just six pins back in second with 6,178.

Belmonte, who earned his fifth PBA Player of the Year crown in 2019, owns 22 Go Bowling PBA Tour titles including a record 11 majors.

Duke, who earned top qualifier honors after the third round earlier in the day with a 4,245 18-game pinfall, ranks third on the all-time PBA Tour titles list with 40 wins including seven majors and continues to be a competitive force on tour.

In 2019, just shy of his 55th birthday, Duke won the Go Bowling Indianapolis Open and Go Bowling Jonesboro Open back-to-back to become the oldest player to accomplish the feat.

In pursuit of yet another milestone in his more than three-decade career, the Players Championship is the only major he hasn't won. With a Players Championship win he would join fellow Hall of Famer Mike Aulby as the only player to win all of the tour majors, which include the PBA Tournament of Champions, U.S. Open, PBA World Championship, USBC Masters and Players Championship.

"It's the only one (major) I don't have," Duke said. "Training and staying in shape becomes more of a priority as I battle father time but it's the motivation to win this tournament that really drives me."

EJ Tackett of Huntington, Indiana, a 13-time tour winner with two major titles, went 6-2 in match play and finished the day in third with a 6,147 pinfall.

Two-time tour winner Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Florida, also posted a 6-2 record to finish the day in fourth with 6,146, while two-time winner Stuart Williams of England compiled a 7-1 record finishing with a 6,128 pinfall to round out the top five.

After Thursday's second and third match play rounds at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. ET, the top five based on 42-game pinfall totals will advance to Saturday's live stepladder finals on FS1 at 5:30 p.m. ET. A \$1 million bonus will be paid if the winning player bowls a 300 game in the title match.

Thursday's match play action will be livestreamed on FloBowling. For subscription information visit [www.flobowling.com](http://www.flobowling.com).

## **PBA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP**

**(a 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour Tier 1 event)**

**Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl, Columbus, Ohio, Wednesday**

### **Fourth Round Standings**

**(after 26 games. Includes total pinfall including match play bonus pins. All players advance to Thursday's fifth match play round)**

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 3-4-1, 6,184.
- 2, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 4-4, 6,178.
- 3, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 6-2, 6,147.
- 4, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 6-2, 6,146.
- 5, Stuart Williams, England, 7-1, 6,128.
- 6, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 3-4-1, 6,107.
- 7, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 4-2-2, 6,083.
- 8, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 4-4, 6,018.
- 9, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 2-5-1, 5,997.
- 10, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 5-3, 5,976.
- 11, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 4-4, 5,946.
- 12, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 5-3, 5,941.
- 13, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 5-3, 5,929.
- 14, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 4-3-1, 5,901.
- 15, Zach Wilkins, Canada, 5-3, 5,899.
- 16, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 4-4, 5,872.
- 17, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 3-5, 5,870.
- 18, Greg Ostrander, Brick, N.J., 3-5, 5,852.
- 19, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 2-6, 5,846.
- 20, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 4-4, 5,825.
- 21, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 2-6, 5,817.
- 22, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 2-6, 5,807.
- 23, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 4-4, 5,784.
- 24, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2-6, 5,778.

### **Tackett Outduels Belmonte to Take Top Seed For PBA Players Championship Finals**

*O'Neill, Kent and TOC winner Prather round out lineup for finals  
of second major of the season to be televised live by FS1 Saturday at 5:30 p.m. ET*

**COLUMBUS, Ohio (Feb. 13, 2020)** – Thirteen-time Go Bowling PBA Tour winner EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Indiana, compiled a 13-3 match play record and averaged 231 in Thursday's final two match play rounds to earn the top seed for Saturday's PBA Players Championship stepladder finals as he tries for his third major title.

After posting a 6-2 record in Wednesday's first match play round, Tackett finished with a 19-5 overall record in match play and 10,242 42-game pinfall total including match play bonus pins to earn the top

spot. He defeated Australian two-hander Jason Belmonte 213-201 in the final position round match to clinch the top seed.

"It feels good to get back to the finals especially in a major," said the 27-year-old Tackett, whose previous major wins came in the 2016 PBA World Championship and 2017 PBA Tournament of Champions. "The season has been kind of a progression to this point bowling a little better each week. I'll prepare the best I can for Saturday night and hopefully it will be enough to bowl a great game for the title."

The stepladder finals for the season's second major will be televised live on FS1 Saturday at 5:30 p.m. ET. Having to bowl one match for the title, Tackett and his opponent in the title match will bowl for a \$1 million bonus if the winner of the match bowls a 300 game.

Belmonte, who finished fourth in last week's PBA Tournament of Champions, posted a mediocre 12-11-1 overall match play record but was boosted by a 6-2 record and 229 average in Thursday's final match play round on his way to the No. 2 seed for the finals. He finished 58 pins behind Tackett with a 10,184 pinfall for 42 games.

The 36-year-old Belmonte, who earned his fifth PBA Player of the Year award in 2019, will be trying for his third Players Championship and 12th career major title. The all-time majors leader with 11 wins previously won the Players Championship in 2011 and 2017. He finished second in the 2019 Players Championship losing to Anthony Simonsen 232-212 in the title match.

Entering the finals as the No. 3 seed, last week's Tournament of Champions runner-up Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pennsylvania, posted a 13-8-3 overall match play record and 9,889 pinfall for 42 games. The 11-time tour winner will again try for his second major title with his first major win coming in the 2010 U.S. Open.

Four-time PBA Tour winner Marshall Kent of Yakima, Washington will be trying for his first major title from the No. 4 seed after posting a 12-11-1 overall match play record and 9,865 pinfall total.

As the No. 5 seed, Tournament of Champions winner Kris Prather of Plainfield, Illinois, will once again have to win four stepladder matches to win a second consecutive major title and will face Kent in the opening match.

Prather, who was the No. 4 seed for the Tournament of Champions finals and won all four matches including his 280-205 title match win against O'Neill, also posted a 12-11-1 match play record and finished with a 9,857 pinfall.

## **PBA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP** **(a 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour Tier 1 event)** **Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl, Columbus, Ohio, Thursday**

### **Sixth Round Standings** **(after 42 games. Includes match play record and total pinfall including bonus pins. Top five players advance to Saturday's stepladder finals live on FS1 at 5:30 p.m ET)**

- 1, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 19-5, 10,242.
- 2, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 12-11-1, 10,184.
- 3, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 13-8-3, 9,889.
- 4, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 12-11-1, 9,865.

- 5, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 12-11-1, 9,857.
- 6, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 13-11, 9,739, \$8,000.
- 7, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 12-12, 9,703, \$7,000.
- 8, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 12-12, 9,693, \$6,000.
- 9, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 13-11, 9,682, \$5,500.
- 10, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 13-10-1, 9,662, \$5,000.
- 11, Stuart Williams, England, 12-12, 9,634, \$4,800.
- 12, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 13-11, 9,604, \$4,600.
- 13, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 12-12, 9,600, \$4,400.
- 14, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 14-10, 9,593, \$4,200.
- 15, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 11-13, 9,589, \$4,000.
- 16, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 13-11, 9,550, \$3,800.
- 17, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 13-11, 9,516, \$3,700.
- 18, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 11-13, 9,514, \$3,600.
- 19, Sean Lavery-Spah, Pasadena, Texas, 10-14, 9,462, \$3,500.
- 20, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 10-13-1, 9,358, \$3,400.
- 21, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 7-17, 9,308, \$3,300.
- 22, Greg Ostrander, Brick, N.J., 9-15, 9,293, \$3,200.
- 23, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 9-15, 9,245, \$3,100.
- 24, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 9-15, 9,241, \$3,000.

### **PBA Spare Shots**

#### **WILL THE PBA'S "MILLION DOLLAR 300 BONUS" BE COLLECTED IN COLUMBUS?**

After the highest-scoring title match streak in PBA history through the first four tournaments of the 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour season, the natural question is, is the "Million Dollar 300 Bonus" the next milestone on the horizon? Will that historic incentive be collected in Saturday's final match of the PBA Players Championship, airing live on FS1 from Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl at 5:30 p.m. EST?

It's a question worth pondering after four consecutive championship matches in which the LOWEST winning score has been 280, bowled by **Kris Prather** in winning last Sunday's PBA Tournament of Champions, live on FOX, in which his only flaw was leaving a 10 pin in the second frame of his 280-205 win over top seed **Bill O'Neill**.

Prior to Prather's near-perfect winning score, **Kyle Troup** left the 3-6-7-10 split in the first frame of his 290-269 win over **Chris Barnes** in the PBA Jonesboro Open title match, and **Sean Rash** converted a 10 pin in the first frame and threw 10 consecutive before leaving another 10 pin on his final shot in his 289-234 win over top qualifier **Ryan Ciminelli** in the Oklahoma Open finale.

Of course, **Tommy Jones** set the season precedent, throwing a 300 game to win the season-opening PBA Hall of Fame Classic.

That means the average score to win a title thus far in 2020 is 289.75.

The million-dollar incentive program, offering a \$1 million bonus prize to any player bowling a 300 game in the championship match of one of the following PBA on FOX/FS1 live telecasts, resumes Saturday. On the horizon are the Go Bowling PBA Indianapolis Open at Royal Pin Woodland (Saturday, Feb. 29 at 8:30 p.m. EST on FS1) and PBA World Championship at South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas (Wednesday, March 18 at 8 p.m. EST on FS1).

### **PBA TOC TELECAST ON FOX REACHES NEARLY 1.5 MILLION VIEWERS**

FOX Sports has announced Sunday's live coverage of the PBA Tournament of Champions finals on FOX was the most-watched non-NFL adjacent telecast since 2010 with 1,464,000 viewers. The "non-NFL adjacent" reference means a standalone telecast that neither preceded or followed an NFL game on FOX.

With that exceptional audience, FOX Sports telecasts (FOX and FS1) are up 29 percent over 2019 and through five events, including the PBA Clash to kick off the season, viewership is up 45 percent over the 2019 season which also were the highest in years.

### **KRIS PRATHER BECOMES MOST SUCCESSFUL TELEVISION PLAYER IN PBA HISTORY**

With his four match wins in the PBA Tournament of Champions stepladder finals, **Kris Prather** became the most successful player in PBA history in terms of winning percentage for a minimum of 10 television appearances. His TOC performance improved his match record to 17-5 in 13 television appearances for a 77.27 percent success rate, surpassing **Jim Pencak** who won 73.33% of his TV matches (22-8 in 12 appearances) dating back to the late 1980s.

**Tommy Jones**, with two wins and one loss in his three matches on TV in 2020, has advanced from 15th on the list to 12th with a 62.20 success percentage in 82 matches bowled in 48 TV appearances (51 wins, 31 losses).

### **KRIS PRATHER CLAIMS PBA PLAYOFFS POINTS LEAD AFTER TOC WIN**

**Kris Prather** of Plainfield, Ill., the winner of the inaugural PBA Playoffs in 2019, jumped into the 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour points lead after winning the PBA Tournament of Champions Sunday in Fairlawn, Ohio. The TOC was the first major championship of the 2020 season, and a Tier 1 tournament in the PBA's classification system, awarding 7,500 points to the winner.

With his big win in the fourth of 13 tournaments in the 2020 PBA Playoffs points race, Prather moved past PBA Oklahoma Open winner **Sean Rash** who led the points standings after the season's first three tournaments. PBA Jonesboro Open titlist **Kyle Troup** dropped one spot to third.

Fans can expect another shakeup in the points race after this week's PBA Players Championship, the second Tier 1 event of the season. Points are awarded according to each tournament is classified in the three-tier points structure. Tier 1 (major championship) tournaments reward winners with 7,500 points. Tier 2 (standard PBA Tour) tournaments award 5,000 points to the winner. A Tier 3 tournament (limited field and/or restricted format) awards 2,500 points to the winner. Points also are awarded to all other players in a declining scale based upon where they finish.

The top 24 in 2020 competition points will qualify to bowl in the PBA Playoffs in April and May. Points standings will be finalized at the conclusion of the USBC Masters on March 29 in Reno, Nev. Below are the top 30 points standings after three events:

**2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour Competition Points Standings  
(Top 30 after four of 13 events)**

- 1, Kris Prather, 9,985
- 2, Sean Rash, 9,185
- 3, Kyle Troup, 8,130
- 4, Jason Belmonte, 6,245
- 5, Bill O'Neill, 6,170
- 6, Tommy Jones, 5,625
- 7, Anthony Simonsen, 5,605
- 8, Mitch Hupe, 4,755
- 9, Chris Barnes, 4,690
- 10, Darren Tang, 4,675
- 11, EJ Tackett, 4,415
- 12, Kyle Sherman, 4,260
- 13, Tom Daugherty, 4,160
- 14, Ryan Ciminelli, 4,135
- 15, AJ Johnson, 3,850
- 16, Dom Barrett, 3,740
- 17, Tom Smallwood, 3,310
- 18, Brad Miller, 3,265
- 19, Josh Blanchard, 3,220
- 20, Stuart Williams, 3,070
- 21, Jesper Svensson, 3,020
- 22, Andrew Anderson, 2,975
- 23, Dick Allen, 2,937
- 24, DJ Archer, 2,880
- 25, Patrick Hanrahan, 2,745
- 26, AJ Chapman, 2,530
- 27, Marshall Kent, 2,430
- 28, Jakob Butturff, 2,395
- 29, Osku Palermaa, 2,295
- 30, Francois Lavoie, 2,102

**MATCHROOM SPORT, PBA TEAM UP AGAIN FOR 2020 WEBER CUP**

Matchroom Sport and the PBA will again team up for the 2020 BetVictor Weber Cup, a Ryder Cup-style competition that will pit five American PBA stars against five European PBA members in a team, doubles and singles competition for bragging rights and shares of a \$75,000 prize fund.

The competition, which was held in the U.S. for the first time in 2019, returns to England in 2020 where it will be contested in Morningside Arena in Leicester, June 5-7.

Team Europe and Team USA will each line-up with five players for the 2020 BetVictor Weber Cup with two members of each team to earn automatic selection via the PBA Tour Points List. New to the program in 2020 will be a competition points qualifying system for two berths on each team using the PBA's points system for 10 tournaments ending with the USBC Masters in March.

PBA Hall of Famer **Chris Barnes** will return as captain of the U.S. team while England's **Dom Barrett** will again captain the European squad. The captains will select the final two members of their respective teams. The American team won the 2019 Cup at Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas, 18-14.

"We're thrilled to be partnering with the BetVictor Weber Cup for a second consecutive year and to be giving our PBA players the kind of international exposure they deserve," said PBA Chief Executive Officer Colie Edison. "The BetVictor Weber Cup—much like the Ryder Cup in golf—is a transatlantic rivalry that ups the ante for the sport and gives our fans even more reason to root for their favorite players."

Fans can follow Weber Cup developments, including the 2020 points race, at [www.webercup.com](http://www.webercup.com) and at Weber Cup on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

## **PBA PLAYER'S PERSPECTIVE: NORM DUKE REFLECTS ON WINNING TITLE NO. 39**

PBA Hall of Famer **Norm Duke** etched his name in PBA history in 2019, becoming the third player in PBA Tour history to win 40 career titles. He began his trek to that milestone with victory No. 39 in the Go Bowling Indianapolis Open. That's the topic of his PBA Player's Perspective that will be available on the PBA's YouTube channel on Tuesday, Feb. 18.

Next up on the Player's Perspectives schedule for introduction on Tuesdays includes:

- Feb. 25 - **Jason Belmonte** and **Bill O'Neill** share insider thoughts about winning the 2018 Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship.

To view the entire series of PBA Player's Perspective episodes, visit the PBA's YouTube channel and click on the PBA Player's Perspective play list. A wide range of Player's Perspectives currently reside in the archives on YouTube. Among the most recent are:

- **Jakob Butturff**'s 2019 USBC Masters win (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-cuYcXxfXXs>).

- **EJ Tackett's** 2017 DHC PBA Japan Invitational victory. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=91yoFd7nd8g>).
- **Kris Prather's** 2019 PBA Scorpion Championship win ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-aVe\\_n8uCOM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-aVe_n8uCOM)).
- **Bill O'Neill's** 2019 PBA Hall of Fame Classic victory that made him title-eligible for future PBA HOF consideration (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OeHXCyXWH4o>).
- **Jakob Butturff's** 2019 PBA Oklahoma Open win (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JOsC36SxxxA&list=>).
- **Sean Rash's** 2012 PBA TOC victory (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tkzuCw4Cpgs>).
- **Jason Belmonte's** record-tying 10th PBA major championship in the 2019 PBA Tournament of Champions (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Si3d6oPhBo>).
- **Anthony Simonsen's** 2019 PBA Players Championship victory ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nGLBRvb\\_T24](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nGLBRvb_T24)).

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### **PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: ROOKIE WINS FIRST TITLE IN FLORIDA**

New PBA member **Anthony Marino** of Henrico, Va., defeated **Matt Gasn** of Clarksville, Tenn., 435-398, in a two-game match to win the PBA Break Point Alley Challenge in Tavares, Fla., for his first PBA title and a \$2,000 first prize Sunday.

In the PBA50 portion of the PBA South Region doubleheader, non-member **Doug Nairn** of DeBary, Fla., defeated **Joe Scarborough** of Charlotte, N.C., 424-335, in the final match to collect the \$1,500 top prize. Nairn's win doesn't include a title, however, because he was not a PBA member at the time he won.

- Regional competition over the Feb. 21-23 weekend includes the PBA50 Dave Edwards Toyota South Open at Paradise Lanes in Spartanburg, S.C., and a pair of tournaments at South Point in Las Vegas – the Southpoint West Challenge for non-titlists and a Southpoint Member/Non-Member Doubles Tournament.
- Closing out the February regional calendar over the Feb. 28-March 1 "leap year" weekend will be the PBA Plaza Lanes Central/Midwest Open in Crawfordsville, Ind.
- For complete PBA Regional schedules including rules and entry information, visit [pba.com](http://pba.com), open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area. Whether you are a competitor or a fan, you can follow "live scoring" for all PBA Regional events on [pba.com](http://pba.com) (easily accessible for Apple and Android device users using the PBA app).

### **QUICK NOTES**

- **Sherri Herndon Troup**, wife of PBA Tour champion **Guppy Troup** and mother of PBA Tour titlist **Kyle Troup**, died on Sunday, Feb. 9, at the family's home in Taylorsville,



N.C., after a lengthy battle with bone cancer. She was 56. She is survived by her husband of 29 years, sons Kyle and Tyler, her father Frank Herndon, and brother **Bryan Herndon** and his wife, Cindy.

A Celebration of Life service was held on Friday at the Taylorsville Presbyterian Church. Memorials may be made to Taylorsville Presbyterian Church, PO Box 507, Taylorsville, NC 28681. Condolences may be sent to [www.adamsfunerals.com](http://www.adamsfunerals.com).

- PBA Southwest Region competitor **Thomas (Gid) Rash** reports that his surgery to donate a kidney to childhood friend **Clay Copeland** Wednesday in Fort Worth, Texas, was a success. Both parties are now on the road to recovery.
- The PBA has learned of the death of retired Ebonite Vice President of Marketing **Bob Reid**, who would have turned 70 in March. No further details were immediately available.
- In his second television appearance of the 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour season Sunday in the PBA Tournament of Champions, Australia's **Jason Belmonte** threw six strikes in a 252-179 loss to **Kris Prather**. Adding to his pledge to donate \$50 per strike to his "2HandsHelpingAustralia" fundraiser in the wake of his home country's devastating wildfires, Belmonte has now donated was for \$650 for 13 strikes in two TV matches this season.

### **Bill O'Neill Wins PBA Players Championship After Clutch Performance in 10th Frame of Title Match**

*O'Neill throws two strikes and nine in 10th to defeat top seed EJ Tackett 233-232 for second career major title*

**COLUMBUS, Ohio (Feb. 15, 2020)** – A clutch performance in the 10th frame of the championship match gave Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pennsylvania, a thrilling 233-232 victory over top seed EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Indiana, to win the PBA Players Championship Saturday at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl for his second career major title.

The 38-year-old O'Neill threw the first two strikes and a nine count in the 10th frame, leaving a four pin on the final shot, which was enough to also win his first title of the 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour season and 12th of his career.

"To double in the 10th frame for a win in a major is why we do what we do," said O'Neill. "The first two strikes were perfect, but the fill ball wasn't as good as the first two but still good enough to win.

"My heart rate was really up and I needed to take a breath and slow things down so I took a rerack before that last shot in the 10th," O'Neill added. "I pulled up on the shot a little and thought it was either going to push through or not, so I kind of felt fortunate to get what I needed."

His win came nearly 10 years exactly after winning the U.S. Open for his first major title on Feb. 28, 2010.

"When I left the four pin on the final shot I didn't know what to think," said O'Neill who was the beneficiary of a crossover strike in the seventh frame. "I've made the top five in the last four of five

majors and I felt if I just kept putting myself in a position to win eventually things would go my way and it did today."

Tackett, who was trying for his third major and 14th career tour title got off to an early lead starting with five consecutive strikes but ran into trouble in the sixth frame when he left the 3-4-6-7 split which he failed to convert. Tackett left a 10 pin in the ninth frame and a seven pin on the first shot of the 10th frame, converted the spares, before striking on his last shot of the 10th frame but that still left the door open for O'Neill.

"I did think here we go again, somebody is going to throw a big game at me in the championship match," said O'Neill, who lost to Kris Prather of Plainfield, Illinois, 280-205 in the title match of last week's PBA Tournament of Champions. "He (Tackett) left that split in the sixth frame and I thought to myself the ball is in your hand, now go do it."

O'Neill, the No. 3 seed for the finals defeated No. 2 seed Australian two-hander Jason Belmonte 236-185 in the semifinal who continued his recent struggles to win matches on TV.

Belmonte, the all-time leader on the PBA major titles list with 11 wins was trying to become the first three-time winner of the Players Championship having previously won it in 2011 and 2017. As the top seed, he finished second in 2019 after losing to winner Anthony Simonsen 232-212 in the title match.

The finals started with Prather, the No. 5 seed, trying for back-to-back major titles after his Tournament of Champions win, beating No. 4 seed four-time tour winner Marshall Kent of Yakima, Washington, 187-184, in the opening match who was trying for his first major win.

O'Neill, then beat Prather 215-194 in the second match to advance to the semifinal against Belmonte.

The Go Bowling PBA Tour travels to Lincoln, Nebraska, for the third major in as many weeks when Sun Valley Lanes hosts the U.S. Open Feb. 16-23. The stepladder finals will air Sunday, Feb. 23 at 1 p.m. ET on FOX. U.S. Open preliminary rounds will be carried by PBA's livestreaming partner FloBowling and the finals will be available for viewing for FloBowling international subscribers. For subscription and schedule information visit [www.flobowling.com](http://www.flobowling.com).

**PBA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**(a 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour Tier 1 event)**  
**Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl, Columbus, Ohio, Saturday**

**Final Standings:**

- 1, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., \$75,000.
- 2, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., \$38,000.
- 3, Jason Belmonte, Australia, \$19,000.
- 4, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., \$11,000.
- 5, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., \$10,000.

**Playoff Results:**

Match One: Prather def. Kent, 187-184.  
Match Two: O'Neill def. Prather, 215-194.  
Semifinal: O'Neill def. Belmonte, 236-185.  
Championship: O'Neill def. Tackett, 233-232.

## **Canada's Francois Lavoie Set to Defend Title as U.S. Open Begins Competition Tuesday in Lincoln, Nebraska**

by Bill Vint | Monday, February 17, 8:40 AM

### **By Matt Cannizzaro, IBC Communications**

**LINCOLN, Neb.** - Every time Francois Lavoie returns home from an event on the PBA Tour, regardless of how he fared on the lanes that week, he'll be reminded about the fact that he's living his dream.

The 26-year-old right-hander recently purchased a home in Wichita, Kan., offering him a tangible representation of his success as a professional bowler, in a community he describes as rejuvenating and refreshing.

Though Lavoie hails from Canada and proudly represents his home country in international competition, Wichita has provided him with important skills he's used in both winning prize money and spending it wisely, along with confidence in the path he has chosen.

When his journey takes him to Sun Valley Lanes in Lincoln, Neb., as the defending champion for the upcoming U.S. Open, no one would blame him if all of those things were on his mind, potentially adding pressure.

However, as a fifth-year veteran of the PBA Tour, Lavoie is confident the things he has experienced and learned since his rookie campaign in 2016 will help him stay focused against the rest of the talented 108-player field.

The event kicked off Sunday with a pre-tournament qualifier to fill any remaining spots in the field, and official qualifying will start Tuesday at 9 a.m. Eastern. Michael Martell of Brooklyn, N.Y., posted an eight-game total of 1,831 pins to lead the group of 20 players who advanced from the PTQ into the tournament of field.

"I was pretty unsatisfied with my 2019 season as a whole, so to be able to finish the way I did by winning the U.S. Open in October, made it so special and such a turnaround," said Lavoie, a four-time PBA Tour champion. "Early in the year, I was trying to change my game too much and mimic everyone else, rather than matching my own game to what I was seeing on the lanes. At the U.S. Open, I focused more on my own strengths, and that made all the difference."

Each player at the 2020 U.S. Open will bowl 24 games over three days (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, eight games each day) on three different oil patterns, with the top 36 performers bowling eight more games Friday on a fourth lane condition, to determine the 24 bowlers for round-robin match play Friday and Saturday. All rounds of qualifying and match play will be livestreamed by FloBowling.com, and the event will conclude with a five-player stepladder, live on FOX on Sunday at 1 p.m. Eastern.

As one of 12 bowlers in history to win the U.S. Open on multiple occasions - he also won in 2016 on the way to being named PBA Rookie of the Year - Lavoie knows what it's like to put the prestigious title on the line, but this year will be a little different.

Last time, Lavoie had almost a year to let the accomplishment sink in, and he had just as much time to practice for the event, which is known for featuring some of the toughest lane conditions. Schedule-wise, the 2017 U.S. Open essentially was a standalone piece of the PBA Tour schedule.

Preparing for the U.S. Open meant bowling on flatter oil patterns and practicing special skills, such as speed control and different hand positions or ball rolls.

The tournament's move to February in 2020 means Lavoie only had a few months to prepare, and because it comes during a very busy time on the PBA Tour schedule, his preparation has been more generalized.

The 2020 PBA Tour season began in mid-January, and the U.S. Open will be the sixth event. February alone includes three of the season's five majors.

"Because we're in the middle of the season this time, my practice has been more about being sharp in general, rather than focusing on the traditional challenges of the U.S. Open," Lavoie said. "I like to make sure I bowl often, but not too much. There has to be a balance between practice and rest because it's a long season. The amount of time I spend practicing also depends on how each week goes, since we have official practice, qualifying and, hopefully, match play."

Through four events in 2020, Lavoie has a best finish of 20th, which came at the PBA Oklahoma Open, and while he's still searching for a breakout performance, he's also very focused on being patient and looking at the season as a whole.

These are viewpoints that have come with experience and maturity.

"Patience is a big thing this year that will keep me more level-headed and so I'm not living and dying with every event," Lavoie said. "I'm gaining more and more experience and getting more comfortable each time I find myself in different situations. I'm not as focused on the final results as I am with the steps and the process. Doing those things is the best way to get the results I'm hoping for."

Lavoie's recent decision to establish roots in Wichita only formalized a relationship that has been an integral part of his development as a competitor.

His time as a student-athlete in Wichita not only ended with a pair of collegiate national championships and a business degree, it also allowed him to build countless friendships in a centrally located city known for its bowling prowess.

Going home to a warm and familiar place allows him to recharge after an event, while the friends, coaches and other bowling resources help him stay motivated and sharp. That includes the opportunity to practice at the eight-lane Rhatigan Student Center under the watchful and talented eyes of the Wichita State coaching staff.

"Wichita is such a good place for bowling, it's where I went to school and it's where I learned a lot about the sport," said Lavoie, who was a champion at the Intercollegiate Singles Championships in 2014 and Intercollegiate Team Championships in 2015. "I have a really strong circle there, and it's an incredible environment to be in because you're constantly surrounded by people who know so much about bowling. Remaining in that environment has been incredibly helpful."

As Lavoie continues to live his dream of being a professional bowler, he can look back and appreciate each success. As a two-time U.S. Open winner, each victory resonates differently.

His win in Las Vegas in 2016 was the first of his four PBA Tour titles. He entered the five-player championship stepladder as the second seed and advanced to the title match by becoming the first bowler in history to roll a perfect game on a U.S. Open television show.

He again earned the No. 2 spot for the TV finals in 2019, and the win was an unforgettable redemption for a season filled with struggles.

The march to the trophy included a masterful navigation of four oil patterns ranging from 37 to 45 feet, and the \$30,000 top prize accounted for the majority of the \$42,300 he earned in 19 national events. He defeated top seed Sean Rash in the final, 221-172.

Heading into the 2020 event, Lavoie is looking to become the fifth bowler to win the U.S. Open three or more times. Only hall of famers Pete Weber (5), Dick Weber (4), Don Carter (4) and Dave Husted (3) have done so.

Only four bowlers - Andy Varipapa, Carter, Dick Weber and Husted have successfully defended their U.S. Open titles. Husted was the last to accomplish the feat, doing so in 1996.

## **2020 U.S. OPEN SCHEDULE**

### **Sun Valley Lanes, Lincoln, Neb. (all times Central)**

#### **Tuesday, Feb. 18**

8 a.m. – Squad A, 8 qualifying games

1 p.m. – Squad B, 8 qualifying games

6 p.m. – Squad C, 8 qualifying games

#### **Wednesday, Feb. 19**

8 a.m. – Squad B, 8 qualifying games

1 p.m. – Squad C, 8 qualifying games

6 p.m. – Squad A, 8 qualifying games

#### **Thursday, Feb. 20**

8 a.m. – Squad C, 8 qualifying games

1 p.m. – Squad A, 8 qualifying games

6 p.m. – Squad B, 8 qualifying games

Top 36 after 24 games advance

#### **Friday, Feb. 21**

10 a.m. – Top 36, 8 qualifying games

*Top 24 after 32 games advance to match play*

5 p.m. – Top 24, 8 games match play

#### **Saturday, Feb. 22**

10 a.m. – Top 24, 8 games match play

5 p.m. Top 24, 8 games match play

*Top five after 56 games advance to stepladder finals*

#### **Sunday, Feb. 23**

Noon (1 p.m. Eastern) – Top five stepladder finals (live, FOX)

## **U.S. OPEN PRE-TOURNAMENT QUALIFIER**

### **Sun Valley Lanes, Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 16**

#### **Final Standings (after 8 games; top 20 advanced to the tournament proper)**

1, Michael Martell, Brooklyn, N.Y., 1,831.

2, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 1,775.

3, Gabriel Garcia, Riverview, Fla., 1,727.

4, Stephen Hahn, Ashburn, Va., 1,721.

5, Trey Brand, Clever, Mo., 1,704.

6, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 1,673.

7, Cameron Hurwitz, Rochester, N.Y., 1,672.

8, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,669.

9, Michael Ruben, Selden, N.Y., 1,650.

- 10, Russ Oviatt, Chandler, Ariz., 1,640.
- 11, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 1,635.
- 12, Spencer Robarge, Springfield, Mo., 1,634.
- 13, Blake Earnest, Wood River, Neb., 1,632.
- 14, Maria Jose Rodriguez, Colombia, 1,628.
- 15, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 1,622.
- 16, Brent Boho, Colgate, Wis., 1,612.
- 17, Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., 1,594.
- 18, Kris Yadao, Fremont, Neb., 1,585.
- 19, Matt Russo, Fairview Heights, Ill., 1,569.
- 20, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 1,567.

## **AJ JOHNSON LEADS HIGH-SCORING DAY AT 2020 U.S. OPEN**

**LINCOLN, Neb.** - The high-scoring opening day of the 2020 U.S. Open featured four perfect games and concluded with opening-squad leader AJ Johnson of Oswego, Illinois, remaining at the top of the 108-player standings.

Johnson averaged nearly 236 over eight games on Tuesday's 39-foot oil pattern at Sun Valley Lanes for a 1,885 pinfall total.

The 27-year-old right-hander was followed by recent Professional Bowlers Association Tournament of Champions winner Kristopher Prather of Plainfield, Illinois (1,878), two-time PBA Tour major winner Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas (1,875), defending U.S. Open champion Francois Lavoie of Canada (1,862) and Brad Miller of Raytown, Missouri (1,861).

Simonsen, Prather and Miller each rolled perfect games Tuesday, and Anthony Lavery-Spahr, also from Little Elm, tossed the fourth. He finished the day in 16th place with a 1,798 total.

"I knew in practice this one was going to be a little more gettable than what we've seen in the past, so I wanted to make sure my arsenal was set, and I was ready for how I was going to have to move through the balls as the lanes changed," Johnson said. "I expected some big scores out there, and that's what happened. I'm just glad I was one of those guys and was able to start the long week so strong."

Johnson, a six-time member of Team USA, has a handful of runner-up finishes in PBA Tour competition, both as a PBA member and as a non-member, but still is searching for his first official PBA Tour title.

He proved late last year that he's more than just a threat when he defeated Chris Barnes to win the 2019 Korea Professional Bowlers Association DSD Samho Cup, and even though it did not count as a PBA Tour title, it offered a huge boost for his confidence.

Johnson got closer to another win in November 2019 at the non-PBA Tour title invitation-only PBA China Tiger Cup Invitational, where he fell to Sean Rash in the championship match.

Parlaying that momentum into 2020, Johnson again earned a spot on Team USA, but the weeks since have been a bit of a roller coaster.

"The first couple tournaments this year were a little rough, and I didn't know if I was seeing things right or matching up like I should be," Johnson said. "I talked it out with the guys and put in some work, and it paid off quickly. Making the show in Jonesboro (PBA Jonesboro Open) was huge for my confidence, especially with that tournament leading into February and three of this year's majors."

The next challenge for the U.S. Open competitors will be a 44-foot oil pattern. Competition will resume Wednesday at 9 a.m. Eastern with the first of three squads.

Each round of the 2020 U.S. Open, leading up to the championship round, will be broadcast live at [BowITV.com](http://BowITV.com) and simulcast on FloBowling.

FOX will have live coverage of the stepladder finals on Sunday, Feb. 23 at 1 p.m. Eastern. The winner will take home the coveted green jacket and a \$30,000 top prize.

Johnson knows there's still a lot of bowling left in the week, and he's not going to think too far ahead. Instead, he'll focus on the steps he's been taking to get his game back on track and be aware of when he's doing the things that led to any previous struggles.

"I've gotten into match play recently, but I haven't finished where I wanted to," Johnson said. "My goal this week was to get off to a good start, continue doing the things I've been doing well and make sure to carry that forward throughout the entire event by staying focused until the end."

The majority of the competitors this week earned direct entry into the event based on their on-lane performances throughout 2019, while 20 bowlers advanced through this week's pre-tournament qualifier.

Everyone will bowl 24 games of qualifying over three days, eight games each day,

before the field is cut to the top 36 for an eight-game cashers' round on a fourth oil pattern.

Total pinfall for 32 games will determine the 24 players for the round-robin portion of the event, and their 56-game total, including 30 bonus pins for each win in match play, will decide the five players for the championship stepladder.

Lavoie is a two-time U.S. Open champion, also winning the 2016 event for his first PBA Tour title. He is one of 12 bowlers in history to win the U.S. Open on multiple occasions.

Only four bowlers – Andy Varipapa, Don Carter, Dick Weber and Dave Husted have successfully defended their U.S. Open titles. Husted was the last to accomplish the feat, doing so in 1996.

For more information on the U.S. Open, visit [BOWL.com/USOpen](http://BOWL.com/USOpen).

**2020 U.S. Open**  
**At Sun Valley Lanes, Lincoln, Neb.**  
**Tuesday's results**

**ROUND 1 QUALIFYING**  
**(Eight games)**

1, Adam Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,885. 2, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 1,878. 3, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 1,875. 4, Francois Lavoie, Wichita, Kan., 1,862. 5, Brad Miller, Raytown, Mo., 1,861. 6, Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., 1,834.

7, Matt Russo, Fairview Heights, Ill., 1,830. 8, Patrick Girard, Canada, 1,825. 9, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1,821. 10, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,819. 11, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,817. 12, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 1,816.

13, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 1,812. 14, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 1,810. 15, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 1,800. 16, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Little Elm, Texas, 1,798. 17, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,794. 18, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,791.

19, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,790. 20, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 1,782. 21, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 1,781. 22, Perry Crowell IV (a), Hoquiam, Wash., 1,774. 23, Thomas Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,769. 24, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 1,763.

25, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 1,758. 26, Michael Martell, Brooklyn, N.Y., 1,750. 27, Gabriel Garcia, Riverview, Fla., 1,735. 28(tie), AJ Chapman, South St. Paul, Minn., and Spencer Robarge (a), Springfield, Mo., 1,734. 30(tie), Gregory Young Jr., Viera, Fla., and Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,728.

32, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,723. 33, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 1,719. 34, Alexander Hoskins (a), Perry, Utah, 1,717. 35, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,714. 36, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 1,713.

37(tie), Darren Tang, San Francisco, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, and Walter Ray Williams Jr, Oxford, Fla., 1,712. 40, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 1,707. 41, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,706. 42(tie), Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., and Jonathan Simoneau (a), Canada, 1,705.

44, Cameron Hurwitz (a), Rochester, N.Y., 1,702. 45, Zach Wilkins, Canada, 1,699. 46, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 1,697. 47, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 1,694. 48, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 1,692.

49, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,691. 50, Kristopher Yadao (a), Fremont, Neb., 1,690. 51, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 1,688. 52, Stuart Williams, Phoenix, 1,680. 53, DJ Archer, Houston, 1,679. 54, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 1,675.

55, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,674. 56, Ryan Ciminelli, Lancaster, S.C., 1,673. 57, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 1,671. 58(tie), Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, and Anthony Neuer (a), Lewisburg, Pa., and Dominic Barrett, England, 1,666.

61, Solomon Salama (a), Beverly Hills, Calif., 1,665. 62(tie), Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., Michael Tang, San Francisco, and Graham Fach, Canada, 1,659. 65, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 1,657. 66(tie), Richard Teece, England, and Adam Zimmerman (a), Deer Park, N.Y., 1,653.

68, Trey Brand (a), Clever, Mo., 1,651. 69(tie), Justin O'Shaughnessy (a), Jackson, Mich., and Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 1,640. 71(tie), Kenneth Ryan, Farmingdale, N.J., and Matthew Sanders (a), Evansville, Ind., 1,639.

73(tie), Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, and Mitch Hupé, Towanda, Kan., 1,636. 75, Matt Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 1,628. 76, Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., 1,627. 77, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 1,624. 78, Alec Keplinger (a), Coldwater, Mich., 1,618.

79, Sean Wilcox, Altamonte Springs, Fla., 1,616. 80, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 1,608. 81(tie), Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., and Martin Larsen, Sweden, 1,607. 83(tie), Michael Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., and Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 1,605.

85(tie), Tom Hankey (a), Great Barrington, Mass., and Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 1,598. 87, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,597. 88, Richard Benard (a), Rio Rancho, N.M., 1,596. 89, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 1,595. 90, Victor Florie, Henrico, Va., 1,576.

91, Maria José Rodriguez, Colombia, 1,573. 92, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 1,570. 93(tie), Chad Stephen (a), Flint, Mich., and Russ Oviatt, Sioux Falls, S.D., 1,566. 95, Wesley Low, Palmdale, Calif., 1,564. 96, Stephen Hahn, Ashburn, Va., 1,563.

97, Brent Boho, Colgate, Wis., 1,559. 98, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,558. 99, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,547. 100, Blake Earnest (a), Wood River, Neb., 1,541. 101, Ryan Burton (a), Los Altos, Calif., 1,540. 102, Andres Gomez, Hollywood, Fla., 1,527.

103, Matthew Kuba, Tinley Park, Ill., 1,516. 104, Michael Ruben (a), Selden, N.Y., 1,511. 105, Michael Kristofik (a), Naperville, Ill., 1,505. 106, Roy Turner, O'Fallon, Mo., 1,443. 107, Duane Kilts (a), Marion, Iowa, 1,426. 108, Mike Thompson, Sarasota, Fla., 1,419.



## **PRATHER SETS PACE THROUGH TWO ROUNDS AT 2020 U.S. OPEN**

**LINCOLN, Neb.** - While many eyes were on Canada's Zach Wilkins and the amazing performance he put on Wednesday at the 2020 U.S. Open, two of the sport's brightest stars - Kristopher Prather of Plainfield, Illinois, and Jason Belmonte of Australia - quietly were securing their own places at the top of the second-round standings.

Wilkins posted the highest score of the day at Sun Valley Lanes, a 1,996 effort that included one of the day's four 300s, while Prather's consistency over the first two rounds of the event earned him the overall lead with a 3,772 two-day total, a 235.75 average.

Prather posted a 1,878 total on Tuesday's 39-foot oil pattern and added 1,894 on Wednesday's 44-foot pattern.

"I'm feeling pretty confident so far this week, but there's still a lot more bowling and two more oil patterns ahead of us," Prather said. "I knew the two patterns we saw first would be the better ones for me, and tomorrow's probably going to be more of a grind because it's a flatter pattern. So much will depend on the people you follow, so quickly seeing the differences from pair to pair will be important."

Prather is followed in the standings by Belmonte, the reigning PBA Player of the Year (3,697), Wilkins (3,695), two-time major champion Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas (3,652), and Swedish left-hander Jesper Svensson (3,633).

Perry Crowell IV of Chesterfield, Michigan, Adam Zimmerman of Deer Park, New York, and Matthew Kuba of Tinley Park, Illinois, also shot 300 on Wednesday, bringing the total for the week to eight.

Belmonte's 1,880 set Wednesday was the third-highest on his squad behind Wilkins and Prather, and the fifth-highest among all 108 participants. He has won a record 11 major titles on the PBA Tour, with the U.S. Open being the one that has eluded him. The 36-year-old finished fourth at the event in 2019 and has a best finish of second (2013).

Minutes before Wilkins' run at perfection during the fourth game Wednesday, Prather made his own bid for 300, which would've been his second in as many days. He left a 10 pin on his final offering to finish with 299.

Prather, a 28-year-old right-hander, is in the midst of a hot streak that includes making the championship round in this month's first two majors. He won the Professional Bowlers Association Tournament of Champions to start the month and finished fourth in last week's PBA Players Championship.

"I think maintaining this momentum is about constantly being in the right frame of mind, which for me, means being in a good mood," Prather said. "We have a lot of positivity in

the house between all of us who stay together, and we're always laughing and having a good time. It's really easy for me to transfer that positive energy onto the lanes and use it as a way to get the day going."

Being relaxed when taking the lanes has made it easier for Prather to focus, see the lanes transition and make the proper choices along the way.

The group Prather spends his off time with while on the PBA Tour ranges from four to a dozen people, who he says serve as a great support system on the road, while his wife and family offer much-needed support and reassurance from afar.

One of the most successful players on the PBA Tour in recent months, Prather certainly has peaked at the right time. Because of the limited time between events, especially February's three consecutive majors, the fact that he's now a major champion hasn't really had a chance to sink in.

"I think because the breaks between the tournaments have been so short, it hasn't really sunk in yet that I won a major," said Prather, who owns three PBA Tour titles overall and has earned more than \$100,000 for the second consecutive season. "I mean, I know I am, because I have the trophy, but I haven't had a chance to think too much about it.

"Ultimately, I'm just in a very good spot mentally and physically, as far as how I'm seeing everything and reacting to everything that's going on out on the lanes, and that's allowing me to be more confident overall."

Prather and the rest of the 108-player field will return to the lanes Thursday for their third round of qualifying, and they'll be facing a 37-foot oil pattern. Squads will take place at 9 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Eastern.

At the conclusion of Thursday's round, the top 36 bowlers will advance to Friday's eight-game Cashers' Round, based on their 24-game pinfall totals, and a fourth oil pattern will be introduced.

Following the Cashers' Round, 32-game pinfall totals will determine the 24 players for the round-robin portion of the event, and their 56-game totals, including 30 bonus pins for each win in match play, will decide the five players for the championship stepladder.

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Through two rounds this week, Lavoie is 11th with a 3,560 total.

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**2020 U.S. Open**  
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**Wednesday's results**

**ROUND 2 QUALIFYING**  
**(16 games)**

1, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 3,772. 2, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 3,697. 3, Zach Wilkins, Canada, 3,695. 4, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 3,652. 5, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 3,633. 6, Adam (AJ) Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 3,632.

7, Patrick Girard, Canada, 3,628. 8, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 3,615. 9, Brad Miller, Raytown, Mo., 3,581. 10, Thomas Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 3,575. 11, Francois Lavoie, Wichita, Kan., 3,560. 12, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Little Elm, Texas, 3,558.

13, AJ Chapman, South St. Paul, Minn., 3,551. 14(tie), Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., and Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 3,544. 16, Rhino Page, Spokane, Wash., 3,539. 17, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 3,535. 18, Matt Russo, Fairview Heights, Ill., 3,530.

19, Matthew Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 3,527. 20(tie), Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., and Perry Crowell IV (a), Hoquiam, Wash., 3,519. 22, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 3,506. 23, Alexander Hoskins (a), Perry, Utah, 3,505. 24, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 3,494.

25(tie), Gabriel Garcia, Riverview, Fla., and Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, and Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., 3,492. 28, Gregory Young Jr., Viera, Fla., 3,491. 29, Michael Martell, Brooklyn, N.Y., 3,489. 30, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 3,487.

31, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 3,485. 32(tie), Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, and Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 3,475. 34, Michael Tang, San Francisco, 3,469. 35, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 3,466. 36, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 3,465.

37(tie), Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., and Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 3,464. 39(tie), Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., and Matt Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 3,459. 41, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 3,452. 42, Dominic Barrett, England, 3,448.

43, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 3,442. 44, Mitch Hupé, Towanda, Kan., 3,441. 45, Walter Ray Williams Jr, Oxford, Fla., 3,428. 46, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita,

Kan., 3,426. 47, Andres Gomez, Hollywood, Fla., 3,420. 48, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 3,419.

49, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 3,416. 50, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 3,407. 51, Adam Zimmerman (a), Deer Park, N.Y., 3,405. 52, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 3,403. 53, Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 3,399. 54, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 3,393.

55, Ryan Ciminelli, Lancaster, S.C., 3,392. 56, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 3,391. 57, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 3,381. 58, Stuart Williams, Phoenix, 3,380. 59, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 3,376. 60, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 3,372.

61, Graham Fach, Canada, 3,370. 62, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 3,359. 63(tie), Jonathan Simoneau (a), Canada, and Spencer Robarge (a), Springfield, Mo., 3,358. 65(tie), Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., and Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 3,351.

67, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 3,349. 68, Sean Wilcox, Altamonte Springs, Fla., 3,345. 69(tie), Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., and Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 3,330. 71, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,329. 72(tie), Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., and DJ Archer, Houston, 3,326.

74, Anthony Neuer (a), Lewisburg, Pa., 3,307. 75, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 3,302. 76, Russ Oviatt, Sioux Falls, S.D., 3,301. 77(tie), Matthew T Kuba, Tinley Park, Ill., and Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 3,295.

79, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 3,293. 80, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 3,290. 81, Maria José Rodriguez, Colombia, 3,276. 82, Solomon Salama (a), Beverly Hills, Calif., 3,269. 83, Victor Florie, Henrico, Va., 3,238. 84, Michael Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 3,237.

85, Richard Teece, England, 3,233. 86, Tom Hankey (a), Great Barrington, Mass., 3,231. 87, Cameron Hurwitz (a), Rochester, N.Y., 3,230. 88, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 3,217. 89, Michael Ruben (a), Selden, N.Y., 3,209. 90, Kristopher Yadao (a), Fremont, Neb., 3,208.

91, Trey Brand (a), Clever, Mo., 3,207. 92, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 3,202. 93, Kenneth Ryan, Farmingdale, N.J., 3,192. 94, Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., 3,184. 95, Ryan Burton (a), Los Altos, Calif., 3,171. 96, Alec Keplinger (a), Coldwater, Mich., 3,142.

97(tie), Stephen Hahn, Ashburn, Va., and Richard Benard (a), Rio Rancho, N.M., 3,141. 99, Justin O'Shaughnessy (a), Jackson, Mich., 3,140. 100, Brent Boho, Colgate, Wis., 3,096. 101, Blake Earnest (a), Wood River, Neb., 3,081. 102, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 3,064.

103, Wesley Low, Palmdale, Calif., 3,019. 104, Michael Kristofik (a), Naperville, Ill., 3,015. 105, Chad Stephen (a), Flint, Mich., 2,960. 106, Roy Turner, O'Fallon, Mo., 2,939. 107, Duane Kilts (a), Marion, Iowa, 2,888. 108, Mike Thompson, Sarasota, Fla., 2,800.

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**WILKINS LEADS TOP 36 INTO NEXT ROUND AT 2020 U.S. OPEN**

**LINCOLN, Neb.** - During the third day of qualifying at the 2020 U.S. Open, patience and mental toughness turned out to be the biggest keys to success.

The challenging 37-foot oil pattern the competitors faced Thursday at Sun Valley Lanes was the final test for the 108-player field, which has been narrowed to just 36 contenders, who now are one step closer to the coveted green jacket and \$30,000 top prize.

Canada's Zach Wilkins was among the top performers for the second consecutive day, and the fact that he accomplished that with an eight-game score that was 360 pins lower than Wednesday's second round, perfectly illustrates what a test of versatility the U.S. Open really is.

"The lanes were incredibly hard today, and you had to be very mentally stable, so you didn't end up with your emotions all over the place," Wilkins said. "Being able to grind out the 190s, or even 180s, by making your spares, really kept you in it today."

Wilkins finished the 24 games of qualifying with a 5,331 total, a 222.13 average across three lane conditions ranging from 37 to 44 feet. He had blocks of 1,699, 1,996 and 1,636.

The 27-year-old two-hander improved from 45th place to third place to the overall lead after three days, relying on his own experience, both in his career and this week at Sun Valley Lanes, along with some sage advice from his mother.

"Today took a lot more patience, but the way I was able to stay in the moment yesterday, even though I was striking a lot more, helped me come into today with the same focus on every shot," Wilkins said. "I've really just got to thank my mom for teaching me how to stay composed, whether I'm striking a lot or struggling. It's about finding an emotional plateau and just staying at that level."

Wilkins was followed in the 24-game standings by reigning Professional Bowlers Association Player of the Year Jason Belmonte of Australia and recent PBA Tournament of Champions winner Kristopher Prather of Plainfield, Illinois, who tied for second place with 5,255.

Two-time PBA major champion Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas, was fourth with 5,244, and United States Bowling Congress and PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Florida, rounded out the top five with 5,220.

The final spot in the Cashers' Round went to former Team USA member Perry Crowell IV of Chesterfield, Michigan, who defeated two-time U.S. Open champion Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Florida, 184-151, in a one-game roll-off after the two tied for 36th place with 5,003, a 208.46 average.

Each round of the 2020 U.S. Open, leading up to the championship round, is being broadcast live at [BowlTV.com](http://BowlTV.com) and simulcast on FloBowling.

All 108 competitors this week bowled 24 games of qualifying over the three days, eight games each day, before Thursday's initial cut.

The eight-game Cashers' Round will introduce the week's fourth oil pattern and get underway Friday at 11 a.m. Eastern. The players will have a chance to practice on the 41-foot pattern Thursday night and again Friday morning before the start of competition.

"My hand was a little sore Monday after three practice sessions and a lot of games the week before, so I didn't get a chance to practice on the fourth oil pattern, but I'm going to take a look at it and bowl on it tonight," Wilkins said. "I'll come up with a game plan and make sure to include what has been helping me all week, which is staying mentally tough."

Following the Cashers' Round, the 32-game pinfall totals will determine the 24 players for the round-robin portion of the event, and their 56-game totals, including 30 bonus pins for each win in match play, will decide the five players for the championship stepladder.

Matches will take place over three blocks, with eight games Friday night and 16 games throughout the day Saturday.

FOX will have live coverage of the stepladder finals Sunday at 1 p.m. Eastern.

Canada's Francois Lavoie is the defending champion at the U.S. Open, an event he also won in 2016 for his first PBA Tour title. He is one of 12 bowlers in history to win the U.S. Open on multiple occasions.

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Lavoie cruised into the next round in sixth place with a 5,210 pinfall total.

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**Thursday's results**

**ROUND 3 QUALIFYING**  
**(24 games)**

1, Zach Wilkins, Canada, 5,331. 2(tie), Jason Belmonte, Australia, and Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 5,255. 4, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 5,244. 5, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 5,220. 6, Francois Lavoie, Wichita, Kan., 5,210.

7, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 5,205. 8, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 5,193. 9, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 5,190. 10(tie), Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., Thomas Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., and Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 5,158.

13, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 5,142. 14, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 5,111. 15, Rhino Page, Spokane, Wash., 5,100. 16, Patrick Girard, Canada, 5,089. 17, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 5,077. 18, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 5,066.

19, Brad Miller, Raytown, Mo., 5,065. 20, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 5,064. 21, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 5,060. 22, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 5,051. 23, Michael Martell, Brooklyn, N.Y., 5,049. 24, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Little Elm, Texas, 5,047.

25(tie), Dominic Barrett, England, and Osku Palermaa, Finland, 5,039. 27, Gregory Young Jr., Viera, Fla., 5,030. 28, Mitch Hupé, Towanda, Kan., 5,025. 29(tie), Matt Ogle, Louisville, Ky., and Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 5,019.

31, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 5,012. 32, Andres Gomez, Hollywood, Fla., 5,007. 33(tie), Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, and Matt Russo, Fairview Heights, Ill., 5,005. 35, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 5,004. 36, Perry Crowell IV\* (a), Chesterfield, Mich., 5,003.

\*Crowell def. Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 184-151, in a one-game roll-off.

**Did not advance:**

36, Williams, 5,003. 38, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 5,000. 39, Matthew Sanders (a), Evansville, Ind., 4,993. 40, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 4,986. 41, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 4,983. 42, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 4,982.

43, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 4,981. 44, Alexander Hoskins (a), Perry, Utah, 4,977. 45, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 4,968. 46, Spencer Robarge (a), Springfield, Mo., 4,965. 47, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 4,963. 48, AJ Chapman, South St. Paul, Minn., 4,962.

49, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 4,959. 50, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 4,942. 51, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 4,933. 52, Graham Fach, Canada, 4,932. 53, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 4,931. 54, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 4,923.

55, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 4,912. 56, Michael Tang, San Francisco, 4,911. 57, Anthony Neuer (a), Lewisburg, Pa., 4,903. 58, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 4,896. 59, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 4,895. 60, Nate Garcia, Riverview, Fla., 4,885.

61, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 4,882. 62, Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 4,878.

63, Ryan Ciminelli, Lancaster, S.C., 4,877. 64, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 4,865. 65, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 4,864. 66, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 4,850.

67(tie), Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, and Jonathan Simoneau (a), Canada, 4,834.

69, Victor Florie, Henrico, Va., 4,828. 70, Russ Oviatt, Sioux Falls, S.D., 4,827. 71, Stuart Williams, Phoenix, 4,811. 72, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 4,801.

73, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 4,798. 74, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 4,787. 75, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 4,774. 76, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 4,763. 77, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 4,745. 78, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 4,732.

79, Adam Zimmerman (a), Deer Park, N.Y., 4,731. 80, Tom Hankey (a), Great Barrington, Mass., 4,727. 81, DJ Archer, Houston, 4,722. 82, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 4,719. 83, Maria José Rodriguez, Colombia, 4,718. 84, Richard Teece, England, 4,717.

85, Michael Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 4,703. 86, Michael Ruben (a), Selden, N.Y., 4,702. 87, Sean Wilcox (a), Altamonte Springs, Fla., 4,699. 88, Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., 4,686. 89, Solomon Salama (a), Beverly Hills, Calif., 4,676. 90, Kenneth Ryan, Farmingdale, N.J., 4,674.

91, Kristopher Yadao (a), Fremont, Neb., 4,673. 92, Ryan Burton (a), Los Altos, Calif., 4,670. 93, Matthew Kuba, Tinley Park, Ill., 4,658. 94, Trey Brand (a), Clever, Mo., 4,638. 95, Richard Benard (a), Rio Rancho, N.M., 4,623. 96, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 4,622.

97, Brent Boho, Colgate, Wis., 4,617. 98, Alec Keplinger (a), Coldwater, Mich., 4,591. 99, Blake Earnest (a), Wood River, Neb., 4,563. 100, Michael Kristofik (a), Naperville, Ill., 4,551. 101, Wesley Low, Palmdale, Calif., 4,538. 102, Chad Stephen (a), Flint, Mich., 4,502.

103, Cameron Hurwitz (a), Rochester, N.Y., 4,469. 104, Justin O'Shaughnessy (a), Jackson, Mich., 4,458. 105, Roy Turner, O'Fallon, Mo., 4,425. 106, Stephen Hahn, Ashburn, Va., 4,405. 107, Duane Kilts (a), Marion, Iowa, 4,364. 108, Mike Thompson, Sarasota, Fla., 4,146.

## **SIMONSEN LEADS AFTER FIRST ROUND OF MATCH PLAY AT 2020 U.S. OPEN**

**LINCOLN, Neb.** - Not long ago, Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas, was wondering if it was the right time for him to join the Professional Bowlers Association and embark on a full-time bowling journey.

He was only 17 years old and not yet able to drive himself to the tournaments, but he was confident in his abilities.

In the years since, the world has watched him grow up in the spotlight, and he already has enjoyed enough success on the PBA Tour to meet the performance requirements for the PBA Hall of Fame.



He'll have to wait until 2034 to reach the 20 years of PBA membership required for election, however, so there's plenty of time to add to his already impressive resume.

This week, the 23-year-old two-hander is looking to become the youngest bowler in history with three major titles, and he's the leader after 40 games of competition at the 2020 U.S. Open.

Simonsen has been among the top four in the standings all week at Sun Valley Lanes, and he took hold of the top spot during the 36-player Cashers' Round on Friday morning.

He carried that momentum into the first round of match play Friday night and won six of his eight matches to maintain the lead with a 9,101 total, which includes 30 bonus pins for each victory.

"I've had past success in this building (at the 2016 World Bowling Youth Championships), and I think that definitely helped me feel more comfortable right from the start this week," Simonsen said. "I'm in a great position right now, but I still need to take it one shot and one game at a time. I don't want to get too far ahead of myself."

Reigning PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte of Australia is 126 pins behind Simonsen with an 8,975 total. The 22-time titlist owns a record 11 PBA major titles, with the U.S. Open being the one that has eluded him.

Dick Allen of Columbia, South Carolina, finished the day in third place with an 8,930 total and was followed by Kristopher Prather of Plainfield, Illinois (8,874), and Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pennsylvania (8,815).

Prather and O'Neill won the year's first two majors - the PBA Tournament of Champions and PBA Players Championships, respectively - earlier this month.

Competition at Sun Valley Lanes will resume Saturday at 11 a.m. Eastern with another eight games of match play, followed by the final round at 6 p.m. EST.

Five players will advance to the championship round based on their 56-game totals, including 30 bonus pins for each win in match play.

FOX will have live coverage of the stepladder finals on Sunday at 1 p.m. Eastern. The winner will take home the coveted green jacket and a \$30,000 top prize.

In six previous appearances at the U.S. Open, Simonsen has finished in the top eight four times, with a best finish of third at last year's event in Mooresville, North Carolina.

He hopes the things he experienced and learned will help him improve his finish in 2020.

"I think I now understand how important it is to stay in the moment and maintain the process, especially since we still have 16 games of match play left, where that may not have been the case a few years ago," Simonsen said. "I think I'm a little more mature and knowledgeable, and I've learned a lot from watching the guys who are out here week in and week out. I've been trying to understand how and why they succeed, so I can apply it to my own routine."

In all, Simonsen owns seven PBA Tour titles - five standard victories and two major titles.

In his breakout win with Conner Pickford at the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman Doubles event in January 2016, Simonsen missed becoming the youngest champion in PBA Tour history by just two days.

A month later, he claimed his place in the record book by winning the United States Bowling Congress Masters to become the youngest bowler in PBA history to win a major (19 years and 39 days).

In 2019, he added a win at the PBA Players Championship, becoming the youngest in history to win two majors.

Ultimately, nearly every time he claims another trophy on the PBA Tour, Simonsen is rewriting the record book, but he has learned not to think about it.

"The U.S. Open is one of the special ones, and I honestly don't know what it would mean to have this one and a third major overall," Simonsen said. "Of course, it would be sweet to be 23 and have three majors, but it's still so far away and way too soon to even be thinking about it. We'll take it one shot at a time and see where it goes."

Each round of the 2020 U.S. Open, leading up to the championship round, is being broadcast live at [BowITV.com](http://BowITV.com) and simulcast on FloBowling.

The week started with 108 competitors, who bowled 24 games of qualifying over three days, on three different oil patterns, before the field was cut to the top 36 for Friday's eight-game Cashers' Round on a fourth oil pattern.

Total pinfall for 32 games determined the 24 players who advanced to the round-robin portion of the event.

The 41-foot oil pattern introduced for the Cashers' Round will be used for the remainder of the event.

Canada's Francois Lavoie is the defending champion at the U.S. Open, an event he also won in 2016 for his first PBA Tour title. He is one of 12 bowlers in history to win the U.S. Open on multiple occasions.

Only four bowlers - Andy Varipapa, Don Carter, Dick Weber and Dave Husted have successfully defended their U.S. Open titles. Husted was the last to accomplish the feat, doing so in 1996.

After 40 games and one round of match play at Sun Valley Lanes, Lavoie is in ninth place with an 8,723 total. He is 92 pins behind O'Neill.

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**Friday's results**

**MATCH PLAY**  
**(40 games, 30 bonus pins for a win, 15 bonus pins for a tie)**

1, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 6-2-0, 9,101. 2, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 4-4-0, 8,975. 3, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 6-1-1, 8,930. 4, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 5-3-0, 8,874. 5, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 5-3-0, 8,815. 6, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 4-3-1, 8,792.

7, Zach Wilkins, Canada, 5-3-0, 8,754. 8, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 4-4-0, 8,735. 9, Francois Lavoie, Wichita, Kan., 2-5-1, 8,723. 10, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 5-3-0, 8,716. 11, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 5-2-1, 8,708. 12, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 4-4-0, 8,698.

13, Patrick Girard, Canada, 5-3-0, 8,684. 14, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 5-3-0, 8,683. 15, Dominic Barrett, England, 5-3-0, 8,657. 16, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 4-4-0, 8,635. 17, Perry Crowell IV (a), Chesterfield, Mich., 4-4-0, 8,597. 18, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 4-4-0, 8,587.

19, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 2-6-0, 8,541. 20, Rhino Page, Spokane, Wash., 1-7-0, 8,518. 21(tie), Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., 3-5-0, and Michael Martell, Brooklyn, N.Y., 2-5-1, 8,465. 23, Thomas Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1-6-1, 8,451. 24, Brad Miller, Raytown, Mo., 2-6-0, 8,430.

**CASHERS' ROUND**  
**(32 games)**

1, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 7,067. 2, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 7,023. 3, Zach Wilkins, Canada, 7,008. 4, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 6,992. 5, Francois Lavoie, Wichita, Kan., 6,982. 6, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 6,929.

7, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 6,908. 8, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 6,886. 9(tie), Jesper Svensson, Sweden, and AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 6,877. 11, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 6,856. 12, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 6,848.

13, Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., 6,839. 14, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 6,837. 15, Rhino Page, Spokane, Wash., 6,823. 16, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 6,804. 17, Patrick Girard, Canada, 6,798. 18, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 6,793.

19, Michael Martell, Brooklyn, N.Y., 6,787. 20, Perry Crowell IV (a), Chesterfield,

Mich., 6,780. 21, Thomas Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 6,778. 22, Dominic Barrett, England, 6,775. 23, Brad Miller, Raytown, Mo., 6,765. 24, EJ Tackett\*, Huntington, Ind., 6,759.

\*Tackett def. Osku Palermaa, Finland, 225-204, in a one-game roll-off.

#### **Did not advance:**

24, Palermaa, 6,759, \$1,700. 26, Matt Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 6,700, \$1,600. 27, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 6,694, \$1,525. 28, Matt Russo, Fairview Heights, Ill., 6,693, \$1,475. 29, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 6,677, \$1,425.

30, Greg Young Jr., Viera, Fla., 6,672, \$1,395. 31, Andres Gomez, Hollywood, Fla., 6,668, \$1,370. 32, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Little Elm, Texas, 6,657, \$1,350. 33, Mitch Hupé, Towanda, Kan., 6,631, \$1,330. 34, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 6,592, \$1,320. 35, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 6,585, \$1,310.

36, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 6,435, \$1,300.

### **SIMONSEN EARNS TOP SEED FOR CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND AT 2020 U.S. OPEN**

**LINCOLN, Neb.** - Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas, is one win away from becoming the youngest bowler in the history of the Professional Bowlers Association Tour to win three major titles.

The 23-year-old two-hander, known for his amazing versatility, outlasted a field of 108 of the sport's most talented bowlers to earn the top seed for the championship round of the 2020 U.S. Open, which will air live on FOX on Sunday at 1 p.m. Eastern.

The stepladder will include a trio of PBA Tour champions who have combined for 36 titles, including 13 major victories, a young player looking for a breakout performance in his first television appearance on American soil and the first amateur to make a U.S. Open show since 2004.

Simonsen will be joined under the TV lights by No. 2 seed and reigning PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte of Australia, No. 3 Dick Allen of Columbia, South Carolina, No. 4 Chris Via of Springfield, Ohio, and No. 5 Perry Crowell IV of Chesterfield, Michigan.

The winner of the 2020 U.S. Open will take home the coveted green jacket and a \$30,000 top prize.

"It's kind of surreal to be back in this center for the second time and have success again, at least in getting to the show, but the job obviously isn't done," said Simonsen,

who first visited Sun Valley Lanes for the 2016 World Bowling Youth Championships. "It's pretty crazy to be 23 and have a chance to win my third major. It doesn't even sound possible, to be honest. But, if I was able to pull it off, it would be pretty incredible."

On the way to the TV show, Simonsen and his fellow competitors had to navigate four challenging oil patterns, ranging from 37 to 44 feet, over five days and 56 games.

The seven-time PBA Tour champion took the lead Friday during the eight-game Cashers' Round and was able to extend the margin to more than 150 pins going into the final round of match play Saturday night.

He started the last block with a 289 game and carried that momentum through seven wins and a tie in his final eight matches. He finished with a 19-4-1 overall record and a 56-game pinfall total of 13,186, which included 30 bonus pins for each victory in match play.

Belmonte is a 22-time PBA Tour champion and the record holder for the most major titles with 11, but the U.S. Open has eluded him. The 36-year-old two-hander finished this week's marathon event with a 12,824 total.

Simonsen and Belmonte both made the U.S. Open television show in 2019, finishing third and fourth, respectively. It was Simonsen's best finish at the event, while Belmonte collected a runner-up finish to Wes Malott in 2013.

Allen, a 41-year-old right-hander, is a seven-time PBA Tour champion looking for his first major title. He has wins in each of the last three seasons and earned the No. 3 spot this week with a 12,682 total.

Via is a former collegiate standout and veteran of the Team USA program with a lot of international experience. He joined the PBA in 2017 and has competed on television overseas, but will be bowling on TV stateside for the first time in PBA competition.

The 27-year-old two-hander secured his spot on the show with a 234-203 position-round win over Allen and finished with a 12,515 total.

Crowell, a former Team USA member and a past standout at nearby Midland University, is the first amateur to make the U.S. Open stepladder since Finland's Osku Palermaa accomplished the feat in 2004.

If the 28-year-old right-hander can win four matches and claim the title, he'd be the first amateur since the creation of the PBA in the late 1950s to wear the green jacket.

The storybook week for Crowell included one of the event's eight perfect games and a roll-off win against United States Bowling Congress and PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray

Williams Jr. of Oxford, Florida, to earn the final spot in the 36-player Cashers' Round, before making his memorable ascent up the standings.

Crowell entered the final round of match play in 14th place and more than 200 pins out of the show, but he averaged nearly 233 on the way to a 6-1-1 mark. He locked up the final spot on the show with a 256-224 win over red-hot Kristopher Prather of Plainfield, Illinois, who won the 2020 PBA Tournament of Champions earlier this month.

"Coming into this week, I was just trying to make the Cashers' Round, especially against these guys, who are so talented and so sharp," said Crowell, a member of Team USA in 2019. "Never in my wildest dreams did I think I'd make a run like I did in the last eight games and end up making the TV show.

"Just bowling on TV is a childhood dream. It's something I've always wanted to experience. It hasn't quite set in, and I don't know what to feel, but I definitely feel some kind of way."

Crowell and Via will meet in the opening match Sunday on FOX, with the winner advancing to face Allen. The winner of the second match will advance to the semifinal against Belmonte, with a chance to meet Simonsen on the line.

Four years ago, Simonsen was the No. 1 seed for the 2016 USBC Masters, where he defeated Canada's Dan MacLelland to become the youngest bowler in PBA Tour history to win a major (19 years, 39 days).

In 2019, he added a win at the PBA Players Championship, becoming the youngest in history to win two majors.

Only 29 bowlers own three or more major titles, with the youngest to date being 18-time PBA Tour champion Dave Davis, who won the third of his four majors at 25 years and 43 days old.

The 2020 U.S. Open marks Simonsen's seventh appearance at the prestigious event. He made the TV show on two previous occasions, and his best finish came at the 2019 tournament in Mooresville, North Carolina.

Each round of the 2020 U.S. Open, leading up to the championship round, was broadcast live at BowlTV.com and simulcast on FloBowling.

All 108 competitors bowled 24 games of qualifying over three days (eight games each day), before the field was cut to the top 36 for the eight-game Cashers' Round. Each day of qualifying featured a different oil pattern, and a fourth condition was introduced for the Cashers' Round, match play and the TV show.

Total pinfall for 32 games determined the 24 players for the round-robin portion of the event, and their 56-game totals, including bonus pins, decided the five players for the championship stepladder.

Canada's Francois Lavoie was the defending champion at the U.S. Open, an event he also won in 2016 for his first PBA Tour title. He is one of 12 bowlers in history to win the U.S. Open on multiple occasions.

Only four bowlers - Andy Varipapa, Don Carter, Dick Weber and Dave Husted have successfully defended their U.S. Open titles. Husted was the last to accomplish the feat, doing so in 1996.

Lavoie finished 10th this week, falling 204 pins short of the stepladder.

For more information on the U.S. Open, visit [BOWL.com/USOpen](http://BOWL.com/USOpen).

**2020 U.S. Open**  
**At Sun Valley Lanes, Lincoln, Neb.**  
**Saturday's results**

**MATCH PLAY**  
**(56 games, 30 bonus pins for a win, 15 bonus pins for a tie)**

1, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 19-4-1, 13,186. 2, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 15-9-0, 12,824. 3, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 15-8-1, 12,682. 4, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 15-9-0, 12,515. 5, Perry Crowell IV (a), Chesterfield, Mich., 14-9-1, 12,497.

**TELEVISED STEPLADDER FINALS**  
**(Will be live Sunday on FOX at 1 p.m. Eastern)**

**Match No. 1:** Via vs. Crowell

**Match No. 2:** Allen vs. Match No. 1 winner

**Semifinal:** Belmonte vs. Match No. 2 winner

**Final:** Simonsen vs. semifinal winner

**Did not advance:**

6, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 14-10-0, 12,418, \$6,500. 7, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 11-13-0, 12,403, \$6,000. 8, Zach Wilkins, Canada, 14-10-0, 12,372, \$5,500. 9, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 12-11-1, 12,360, \$5,200. 10, Francois Lavoie, Wichita, Kan., 10-13-1, 12,293, \$4,900. 11, Rhino Page, Spokane, Wash., 11-13-0, 12,235, \$4,600. 12, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 10-13-1, 12,229, \$4,300. 13, Patrick Girard, Canada, 12-12-0, 12,180, \$4,000. 14, Tommy Jones,

Simpsonville, S.C., 11-11-2, 12,153, \$3,900. 15, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 12-11-1, 12,146, \$3,800. 16, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 11-12-1, 12,138, \$3,700. 17, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 12-12-0, 12,135, \$3,600. 18, Thomas Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 11-12-1, 12,080, \$3,500.

19, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 8-15-1, 12,077, \$3,400. 20, Michael Martell, Brooklyn, N.Y., 13-10-1, 12,067, \$3,300. 21, Dominic Barrett, England, 8-15-1, 11,999, \$3,200. 22, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 8-16-0, 11,896, \$3,100. 23, Brad Miller, Raytown, Mo., 8-16-0, 11,811, \$3,050. 24, Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., 7-17-0, 11,695, \$3,000.

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## **BELMONTE WINS 2020 U.S. OPEN, COMPIETES SUPER SLAM**

**LINCOLN, Neb.** - Australia's Jason Belmonte no longer will have to answer questions about when he's going to win the [U.S. Open](#) or what it would mean to have the iconic green jacket as part of his wardrobe.

The 36-year-old two-hander finally was able to add a U.S. Open title to his resume Sunday at Sun Valley Lanes with a 226-201 win against top seed Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas.

The championship round of the prestigious event was broadcast live on FOX, and, in addition to the coveted outerwear, Belmonte took home a \$30,000 top prize.

He secured his latest place in the record book in dramatic fashion, converting the difficult 3-6-9-10 spare to shut out Simonsen.

Belmonte, the five-time and reigning Professional Bowlers Association Player of the Year, previously made the stepladder at the U.S. Open on three occasions, finishing third in 2012, second in 2013 and fourth in 2019.

The meeting Sunday was a rematch of the title tilt at the 2019 PBA Players Championship, where Simonsen defeated Belmonte to become the youngest competitor with two major titles. At the same time, he denied Belmonte his record 11th major win, which came a month later at the PBA World Championship.

The two also met in the stepladder at the 2019 U.S. Open, where Simonsen defeated Belmonte on the way to a third-place finish.

This time, Simonsen, 23, was looking to become the youngest bowler in PBA Tour history with three major victories.

"My first thought was, I just wanted to let all the air out of my lungs and yell," Belmonte said. "It's an incredible feeling. I feel for Anthony. In 2013, I lost the U.S. Open title in the exact same way. I led by hundreds and hundreds of pins and lost to Wes Malott. We will talk later, and I'll tell him, 'Hey, mine came seven years later, you'll get yours.'"



The record-extending 12th major title Sunday was Belmonte's 23rd career victory on the PBA Tour and helped him join United States Bowling Congress and PBA Hall of Famer Mike Aulby as the only players in history to complete the Super Slam, which includes the U.S. Open, USBC Masters, PBA Tournament of Champions, PBA World Championship and PBA Players Championship.

The win came after some recent struggles on TV, including a career-low 148 game in the stepladder of the 2019 U.S. Open in Mooresville, North Carolina.

"I don't think I was bothered by it, because I don't even think I was aware of it," Belmonte said of the struggles on TV. "When something is going wrong, it's so much better to understand why, and try and fix it. Once I had a better idea of what was happening, I was able to work on it. I'm really proud of myself for not hiding behind the thought that it was just a couple of bad weeks."

Strikes in five of the first six frames, including four consecutive starting in the third frame, gave Belmonte a lead of more than 20 pins halfway through the final.

Simonsen missed the headpin in the sixth frame after two strikes of his own, leaving the 1-2-8 combination. He converted the spare and doubled again, before a 10 pin slowed the momentum. It wasn't enough to take the lead, but it did put pressure on Belmonte.

Belmonte entered his final frame with a chance to shut out Simonsen, a seven-time PBA Tour champion. He struck on his first shot, but his second offering drifted high, setting up the exciting finish.

"I know that if I shot it (the 3-6-9-10) with resin, I would have a higher chance of making it, but I would also have a higher chance of taking off the 3-9, which would've given Anthony a chance to win by one," Belmonte said. "But, I knew if I used plastic, I would definitely get three, and it all worked out."

As the event ended, Simonsen showed that he's mature beyond his 23 years, offering a heartfelt congratulations to Belmonte, who has been a pioneer using the two-handed style Simonsen also employs.

"I told him I was happy for him, and that he has given me something to shoot for," said Simonsen, who won the 2016 Masters at 19 years old for his first major title. "I bowled a pretty good last game, and there is only one shot I would want back, so, it is what it is."

Belmonte has been in Simonsen's position and reiterated that he knows the young star eventually will hoist the trophy at the U.S. Open.

"He is such a good kid," Belmonte said. "He was congratulatory, and he told me he wants me to set a number he can chase. It's an amazing thing to hear from him. He's someone I've kind of taken under my wing. We've had many great conversations about bowling and about us as human beings. He's such a good guy. He'll get his."

To earn the opportunity to take on Simonsen in the title match, Belmonte again delivered in the clutch, striking on the first shot of his final frame to shut out seven-time PBA Tour champion Dick Allen of Columbia, South Carolina, who was searching for his first major title. Belmonte advanced by a score of 215-187.

Belmonte had fallen behind early in the semifinal when Allen started the match with a double, but the 41-year-old right-hander wasn't able to strike again until his fill ball, when the game already was out of reach.

Strikes in the sixth and seventh frames gave Belmonte the lead for the first time, and that increased when Allen left, and failed to convert, the 4-6-7-10 split in the eighth frame.

On the way to the semifinal against Belmonte, Allen stayed clean, including one double, to outdistance former Team USA member Perry Crowell IV of Chesterfield, Michigan, 205-181.

Crowell, a 28-year-old right-hander and former standout at nearby Midland University, was the first amateur to make the U.S. Open stepladder since Finland's Osku Palermaa accomplished the feat in 2004.

He was looking to become the first amateur since the creation of the PBA in the late 1950s to earn the green jacket.

In the day's first match, Crowell cruised to a 241-203 win against 27-year-old two-hander and former Team USA member Chris Via of Springfield, Ohio, tossing six consecutive strikes after an opening-frame spare.

The two previously met in the televised semifinals of the 2014 Intercollegiate Singles Championships, where Crowell defeated Via and then lost to now two-time U.S. Open champion Francois Lavoie of Canada in the final.

Lavoie entered this week as the defending champion. He finished 10th, falling 204 pins short of the stepladder.

The majority of the bowlers at the 2020 U.S. Open earned direct entry into the event based on their on-lane performances throughout 2019, while 20 bowlers advanced through the 64-entrant pre-tournament qualifier.

All 108 competitors bowled 24 games of qualifying over three days (eight games each day), before the field was cut to the top 36 for the eight-game Cashers' Round.

Each day of qualifying featured a different oil pattern, and a fourth condition was introduced for the Cashers' Round, match play and the TV show. The patterns ranged from 37 to 44 feet.

Total pinfall for 32 games determined the 24 players for the round-robin portion of the event,

and their 56-game totals, including bonus pins, decided the five players for the championship stepladder.

## **2020 PBA Playoffs Points Race Takes Center Stage as PBA Returns to Royal Pin Woodland in Indianapolis for "Doubleheader"**

*Go Bowling Indianapolis Open, Roth-Holman Doubles Championship take place this week in Indy*

**INDIANAPOLIS (Feb. 24, 2020)** – The 2020 Professional Bowlers Association Playoffs will be a focal point this week when the 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour returns to Royal Pin Woodland for an important "doubleheader" – a two tournament program including the Go Bowling PBA Indianapolis Open and the Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship.

Royal Pin Woodland, the only bowling center to host every PBA major championship at least once over a span of 39 years, will host two events in one week for the second time. In 2015, Australia's Jason Belmonte won the PBA Tournament of Champions while Norm Duke and Wes Malott teamed up to win the Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship.

Duke also is the defending Indianapolis Open champion, winning his 39th career title in 2019 when he upset Belmonte, the top qualifier, 237-219, in the title match.

Belmonte also will return on the heels of his historic victory in the U.S. Open Sunday in Lincoln, Nebraska. That title made the Australian two-hander the second player in PBA history to complete the PBA Triple Crown, Grand Slam and so-called "Super Slam," joining Indy native Mike Aulby as winners of the U.S. Open, PBA World Championship, PBA Tournament of Champions, USBC Masters and PBA Players Championship.

The 2020 stop will be similar to 2015 with qualifying rounds for the Go Bowling PBA Indianapolis Open set for Tuesday and Wednesday and concluding with the live stepladder finals airing on FS1 on Saturday at 8:30 p.m. EST. The Indianapolis Open is the only non-major championship included in the 2020 "million dollar 300 bonus" incentive that will reward the tournament champion with \$1 million if he bowls a 300 game in the championship match.

Following qualifying for the Indianapolis Open, the Roth-Holman PBA Doubles Championship field will bowl qualifying and match play rounds Thursday and Friday to decide the five teams that will compete for the title. The doubles finals will be taped at 4:30 p.m. for airing on FS1 on Sunday, March 8, at noon.

A capacity field of 120 of the world's premier bowlers is entered. For a complete Indianapolis Open roster, click here: <https://www.pba.com/Rosters/Details/3090>. That field also will include 60 doubles teams. Pairings will be announced later, but it's a good bet that the teams will include defending champions Matt Ogle with Sean Rash, 2018 champs Jason Belmonte and Bill O'Neill, and 2015 Indianapolis winners Norm Duke with Wes Malott.

Both tournaments will include some common features:

- Both will be contested entirely on a "mixed or dual lane condition" scoring environment in which every round of qualifying, match play and even the stepladder finals will be contested, fittingly, with the Mark Roth 42 oiling pattern applied to the left lane and the Marshall Holman 37 oiling pattern applied to the right lane (the number indicates the length in feet oil is applied to the lanes).
- All qualifying and match play rounds of the tournament will be livestreamed by FloBowling (subscriptions are available at FloBowling.com). The Indianapolis Open qualifying and match play rounds will be contested on Feb. 25 and 26.

- All players in both tournaments will earn competition points toward the 2020 PBA Playoffs, which will be contested in April and May. The tournaments will be the seventh and eighth of 13 events leading up to the Playoffs. The Indianapolis Open is classified as a Tier 2 (standard PBA Tour) event in the points system that will qualify 24 players for the Playoffs; the Roth-Holman Doubles is a Tier 3 (limited field/restricted format) tournament. The winner of the PBA Playoffs will earn \$100,000. Fans can follow the points race on [pba.com](https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/Points/152) (<https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/Points/152>).

- In addition to the Million Dollar 300 Game Bonus incentive, if any player in the Indianapolis Open stepladder finals rolls a 300 game, title-sponsor Go Bowling (the online destination for bowling fans and enthusiasts seeking news and information about one of America's favorite pastimes and the nation's number one participatory sport) will award a free game of bowling coupon to every fan who pre-registers using this online link: [www.gobowling.com/BowlFreeAmerica](http://www.gobowling.com/BowlFreeAmerica).

Continuing a PBA tournament tradition at Woodland Bowl, grassroots league bowlers are invited to bowl with PBA partners in a pro-am tournament. Pro-am squads are scheduled for Saturday at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. To enter, call Woodland Bowl: (317) 844-4099.

### **GO BOWLING PBA INDIANAPOLIS OPEN SCHEDULE (a 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour Tier 2 event)**

**Royal Pin Woodland, Indianapolis, Feb. 25-29**

*(All rounds will be contested on mixed lane oiling patterns: the 42-foot Mark Roth 42 oiling pattern will be applied to the left lane, the 37-foot Marshall Holman 37 pattern will be applied to the right lane)*

#### **Tuesday, Feb. 25**

10 a.m. – Qualifying Round One, 7 games

5 p.m. – Qualifying Round Two, 7 games

Top 16 after 14 games advance to match play

#### **Wednesday, Feb. 26**

11 a.m. – Top 16, 8 games round robin match play

5 p.m. – Top 16, 8 games round robin match play

Top five advance to FS1 stepladder finals

#### **Saturday, Feb. 29**

10 a.m. and 1 p.m. – Pro-Am squads

8:30 p.m. – Go Bowling PBA Indianapolis Open stepladder finals (live on FS1)

### **MARK ROTH-MARSHALL HOLMAN PBA DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE (a 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour Tier 3 event)**

#### **Thursday, Feb. 27**

9 a.m. – Qualifying Round One, 7 games

5 p.m. – Qualifying Round Two, 7 games

Top 16 after 14 combined team games (28 individual games) advance to match play

#### **Friday, Feb. 28**

Noon – Baker Format Match Play, Round One, 8 games

6 p.m. – Baker Format Match Play, Round Two, 8 games

Top five after 30 team games advance to stepladder finals

#### **Saturday, Feb. 29**

4:30 p.m. – Roth-Holman PBA Doubles Championship Baker Format stepladder finals, taped to air on FS1 on Sunday, March 8, noon EST.

## **Nevada's Gary Morgan Wins PBA50 Spartanburg South Open**

**SPARTANBURG, S.C. (Feb. 23, 2020)** – Gary Morgan of Henderson, Nev., defeated PBA Hall of Famer Tom Baker of King, N.C., 237-204, in the final match to take the first prize in the PBA50 Dave Edwards Toyota South Open at Paradise Lanes Sunday, improving his all-time PBA titles record to 16.

Morgan qualified in the number three position for the four-man stepladder finals with an 6-2 match play record and a 16-game total of 3,650 pins, including match play bonus pins. He then won three consecutive matches to earn the \$2,000 first prize. Tom Baker, a four-time PBA50 Player of the Year who is still competing at age 65, posted a 6-2 match play record and had 3,752 pins to qualify first, 41 pins ahead of Stoney Baker (no relation) of Canton, Ga., but had to settle for the \$1,000 second prize.

In the first stepladder match, Morgan defeated non-PBA member Joseph Boothe of Belvedere, S.C., 226-203. Morgan then disposed of Stoney Baker, 226-198, in the semifinal match.

The PBA South Region's next tournament will be the PBA50 Fayetteville South Open in Fayetteville, N.C., March 6-8.

### **PBA50 DAVE EDWARDS TOYOTA SPARTANBURG SOUTH OPEN Paradise Lanes, Spartanburg, S.C., Sunday**

**Final Standings:** 1, Gary Morgan, Henderson, Nev., \$2,000. 2, Tom Baker, King, N.C., \$1,000. 3, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., \$900. 4, n-Joseph Boothe, Belvedere, S.C., \$800.

**Stepladder Results:** Match One – Morgan def. n-Boothe, 226- 203. Semifinal Match – Morgan def. S. Baker, 226-198. Championship – Morgan def. T. Baker, 237-204.

#### **Final Match Play Standings (after 16 games)**

- 1, T. Baker, 6-2, 3,752.
- 2, S. Baker, 7-1, 3,711.
- 3, Morgan, 6-4, 3,650.
- 4, n-Boothe, 6-2, 3,648.
- 5, Greg McMahan, Dandridge, Tenn., 6-2, 3,620, \$700.
- 6, Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 4-4, 3,596, \$650.
- 7, n-Tommy Farmer, Florence, S.C., 5-3, 3,576, \$625.
- 8, Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 2-6, 3,508, \$600.
- 9, Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 4-4, 3,491, \$570.
- 10, Joe Firpo, Tucker, Ga., 4-4, 3,489, \$560.
- 11, Jeff Bellinger, Columbia, S.C., 1-7, 3,414, \$550.
- 12, Dale Csuhata, Wadsworth, Ohio, 4-4, 3,370, \$540.
- 13, Dave Han, Birmingham, Ala., 3-5, 3,308, \$530.
- 14, Dick Gran, Hartville, Ohio, 2-6, 3,281, \$520.
- 15, Chuck Walker, Rutledge, Tenn., 2-6, 3,256, \$510.
- 16, Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 2-6, 3,241, \$500.

**300 Games:** Joe Firpo

## **Anthony Simonsen Paces Go Bowling Indianapolis Open Qualifying**

*Trio of two-handed bowlers lead field of 16 into Wednesday's match play rounds*

**INDIANAPOLIS (Feb. 25, 2020)** – Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas, was denied the U.S. Open title by Australian star Jason Belmonte, but the 23-year-old Texas two-handed bowler continued his torrid scoring pace to lead Go Bowling PBA Indianapolis Open qualifying Tuesday at Royal Pin Woodland.

Simonsen, the top qualifier for the U.S. Open, lost to Belmonte in Sunday's title match in Lincoln, Nebraska, 226-201, but averaged 238.64 for 14 games Tuesday to again take the lead, this time by 51 pins over another two-hander, Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, North Carolina. Simonsen posted a 3,341 pinfall total, Troup had 3,290 pins and Simonsen's Sunday nemesis, Belmonte, rounded out the trio of two-handed leaders with 3,278 pins.

Rounding out the leaders were Nick Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota, in fourth place with a 3,271 total and Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Florida and EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Indiana, in a tie for fifth place with 3,269 pins. Defending Indianapolis Open champion Norm Duke of Clermont, Florida, was eliminated after losing a one-game roll-off against Greg Ostrander of Brick, New Jersey, 179-167, after they tied for the 16th spot in match play.

The top 16 qualifiers in the Go Bowling PBA Indianapolis Open advance to two eight-game match play rounds Wednesday. After 30 games, the top five will advance to the live stepladder finals airing on FS1 on Saturday at 8:30 p.m. EST. The Indianapolis Open is the only non-major championship included in the 2020 "million dollar 300 bonus" incentive that offers the tournament champion \$1 million if he bowls a 300 game in Saturday's championship match.

Following match play in the Indianapolis Open, the Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship field will bowl qualifying and match play rounds Thursday and Friday to decide the five teams that will compete for the title Saturday at 4:30 p.m. The doubles finals will air on FS1 on Sunday, March 8, at noon.

Both tournaments will be contested entirely on a "dual lane condition" scoring environment in which the 42-foot Mark Roth oiling pattern is being applied to the left lane and the Marshall Holman 37 pattern to the right lane. All qualifying and match play rounds of both tournaments are being livestreamed by FloBowling (subscriptions are available at FloBowling.com).

**GO BOWLING PBA INDIANAPOLIS OPEN  
(a 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour Tier 2 event)  
Royal Pin Woodland, Indianapolis, Tuesday**

**Final Qualifying Standings (after 14 games; top 16 advance to match play)**

- 1, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 3,341.
- 2, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 3,290.
- 3, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 3,278.
- 4, Nick Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 3,271.
- 5 (tie), Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., and EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 3,269.
- 7, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 3,266.
- 8, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 3,255.
- 9, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 3,238.
- 10, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 3,230.
- 11 (tie), Matt Russo, Fairview Heights, Ill., and Francois Lavoie, Canada, 3,228.
- 13, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 3,225.

- 14, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 3,220.
- 15, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,216.
- 16, x-Greg Ostrander, Brick, N.J., 3,213.

**Failed to advance:**

- 17, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3,213, \$1,750.
- 18, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 3,211, \$1,810.
- 18, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,211, \$1,710.
- 20, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 3,176, \$1,690.
- 21 (tie), Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., and Aaron Lorincz, Center Line, Mich., 3,171, \$1,675.
- 23, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 3,170, \$1,660.
- 24, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 3,168, \$1,650.
- 25 (tie), Kim Bolleby, Sweden, and Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 3,164, \$1,735.
- 27, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 3,154, \$1,620.
- 28, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 3,149, \$1,610.
- 29, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 3,128, \$1,600.
- 30, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 3,126, \$1,590.
- 31 (tie), Andrew Cain, Phoenix, and Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 3,125, \$1,575.
- 33, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 3,123, \$1,560.
- 34, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 3,121, \$1,550.
- 35, Sam Cooley, Australia, 3,114, \$1,540.
- 36, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 3,113, \$1,630.
- 37, Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 3,109, \$1,520.
- 38 (tie), Tom Hess, Granger, Iowa, and Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, 3,108, \$1,505.
- 40, Michael Martell, Brooklyn, N.Y., 3,104.
- 41, Anthony Pepe, Long Island City, N.Y., 3,098.
- 42, Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 3,096.
- 43, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 3,095.
- 44, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 3,094.
- 45, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 3,089.
- 46, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 3,083.
- 47, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 3,078.
- 48, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 3,075.
- 49, Matt Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 3,074.
- 50, Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 3,068.
- 51, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill., 3,064.
- 52, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 3,063.
- 53, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 3,058.
- 54, Dom Barrett, England, 3,048.
- 55, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 3,047.
- 56, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 3,040.
- 57, Ryan Ciminelli, Lancaster, S.C., 3,035.
- 58, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 3,033.
- 59, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,030.
- 60, Jim Pratt, Avondale, Ariz., 3,029.
- 61, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 3,027.
- 62, Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., 3,025.
- 62, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 3,025.
- 64, Michael Schlabach, Goshen, Ind., 3,023.
- 65, Jean Perez, Puerto Rico, 3,014.
- 66, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 3,009.
- 67, Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 3,008.
- 68, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 3,005.
- 69, Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 3,001.

70 (tie), Patrick Girard, Canada, and Andres Gomez, Colombia, 2,998.  
72, Wesley Low Jr., Palmdale, Calif., 2,997.  
73, Rhino Page, Spokane, Wash., 2,992.  
74, Richard Teece, England, 2,987.  
75, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 2,984.  
76 (tie), Kenneth Ryan, Farmingdale, N.J., and DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 2,975.  
78, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,963.  
79, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 2,959.  
80 (tie), Stuart Williams, England, and Dakota Vostry, Romeoville, Ill., 2,953.  
82, Tim Pfeifer, Oakdale, Pa., 2,948.  
83, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 2,947.  
84, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 2,943.  
85, Gaetan Mouveroux, France, 2,939.  
86 (tie), Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky., and Osku Palermaa, Finland, 2,934.  
88, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 2,932.  
89, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 2,928.  
90, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 2,927.  
91, JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 2,926.  
92, Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C., 2,914.  
93, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 2,913.  
94, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 2,909.  
95, Stephen Hahn, Sterling, Va., 2,902.  
96, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 2,893.  
97, Raul Ayala Salazar, Ecuador, 2,884.  
98, Zach Doty, Campbellsville, Ky., 2,882.  
99, Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 2,863.  
100, Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., 2,852.  
101, Ryan Burks, Kansas City, Mo., 2,842.  
102, Matthew McNiell, Minneapolis, 2,835.  
103, Ryan Lakota, Shorewood, Ill., 2,824.  
104, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 2,817.  
105, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 2,805.  
106, Michael Ruben, Selden, N.Y., 2,804.  
107, Norman Felmler, Butler, Pa., 2,788.  
108, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 2,783.  
109, Brian Buehler, Alliance, Ohio, 2,778.  
110, Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 2,773.  
111, Tristan Butler, Fort Wayne, Ind., 2,767.  
112, Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 2,763.  
113, Aaron McCormick, Brookston, Ind., 2,752.  
114, Alex Martin, Kennesaw, Ga., 2,723.  
115, Victor Cortez, Waukegan, Ill., 2,676.  
116, Nicholas Vanderwende, Ephrata, Pa., 2,670.  
117, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 2,669.  
118, Kevin Walter, Noblesville, Ind., 2,664.  
119, Brent Boho, Colgate, Wis., 2,609.  
120, Richard Stoffer, Jr., Alliance, Ohio, 2,388.  
x-Ostrander def. Duke, 179-167, in a one-game roll-off to break a tie for 16th place.

### **Jesper Svensson Earns Top Berth for Go Bowling Indianapolis Open Finals**



**INDIANAPOLIS (Feb. 26, 2020)** – Sweden's Jesper Svensson, a 25-year-old lefthanded two-hander, averaged 238.77 while winning 11 of his 16 matches Wednesday to earn the top berth for Saturday's stepladder finals in the Go Bowling PBA Indianapolis Open at Royal Pin Woodland by 24 pins over Shawn Maldonado of Houston, Texas.

Svensson, who will be bowling for his eighth career title, posted a 30-game total of 7,493 pins to top a field of five finalists that includes two players vying for their first title: Maldonado and Nick Pate of Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota. Qualifying third was Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas, and claiming the fifth berth in the finals was 42-year-old Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Michigan, who fired a 287 final game to advance from 10th place into the championship round.

Saturday's stepladder finals will air live on FS1 at 8:30 p.m. EST. The Indianapolis Open is included in the 2020 "million dollar 300 bonus" incentive program that will pay the tournament champion a \$1 million bonus if he bowls a 300 game in Saturday's championship match.

Competition in Indianapolis continues Thursday with two seven-game qualifying rounds in the Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship at 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. The top 16 teams will advance to two Baker format match play rounds Friday at noon and 6 p.m. to decide the five teams that will compete for the title Saturday at 4:30 p.m. The doubles finals will be taped to air on FS1 on Sunday, March 8, at noon.

Both tournaments are being contested on a "dual lane condition" scoring environment in which the 42-foot Mark Roth oiling pattern is applied to the left lane and the Marshall Holman 37 pattern to the right lane. All qualifying and match play rounds of both tournaments are being livestreamed by FloBowling (subscriptions are available at FloBowling.com).

**GO BOWLING PBA INDIANAPOLIS OPEN**  
**(a 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour Tier 2 event)**  
**Royal Pin Woodland, Indianapolis, Wednesday**

**Final Match Play Standings (after 30 games; top five advance to stepladder finals live on FS1 Saturday at 8:30 p.m. EST)**

- 1, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 11-5, 7,493.
- 2, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 11-5, 7,469.
- 3, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 10-6, 7,350.
- 4, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 9-6-1, 7,288.
- 5, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 8-8, 7,192.
- 6, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 11-5, 7,143, \$5,000.
- 7, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 7-8-1, 7,142, \$4,500.
- 8, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 6-10, 7,099, \$4,100.
- 9, Matt Russo, Fairview Heights, Ill., 8-8, 7,094, \$3,700.
- 10, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 7-9, 7,087, \$3,500.
- 11, Greg Ostrander, Brick, N.J., 8-8, 7,064, \$3,300.
- 12, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 6-10, 7,027, \$3,100.
- 13, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 7-8-1, 6,973, \$3,000.
- 14, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 4-11-1, 6,934, \$2,700.
- 15, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 6-10, 6,924, \$2,600.
- 16, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 7-9, 6,876, \$2,500.

**300 Games:** Nick Pate, Matt Russo.

## **O'Neill, Belmonte Team Up to Pace Roth-Holman PBA Doubles Qualifying**

*2018 champions top field of 16 teams advancing to Friday's round robin match play*

**INDIANAPOLIS (Feb. 27, 2020)** – Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pennsylvania, and Australian partner Jason Belmonte, averaged 239 as a team Thursday to lead qualifying in the Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship at Royal Pin Woodland by 15 pins over Sweden's Jesper Svensson and Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, North Carolina.

O'Neill and Belmonte, the 2018 Roth-Holman doubles champions, have arguably been the most successful doubles team over the past five years, have finished no lower than fifth place during that span. Svensson and Troup won the title in 2017.

O'Neill and Belmonte took the lead in the final game, posted a 14 team game/28 individual game total of 6,692 pins. Svensson and Troup had 6,677 pins. Rounding out the top five teams were Kris Prather of Plainfield, Illinois and Andrew Anderson of Holly, Michigan with a 6,490 total; Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona and Osku Palermaa of Finland with 6,435 pins, and Tim Foy Jr. of Seaford, Delaware and Patrick Hanrahan of Wichita, Kansas with a 6,407 total.

Defending champions Matt Ogle of Louisville, Kentucky and Sean Rash of Montgomery, Illinois finished 29th and failed to advance.

Competition continues Friday with two eight-game Baker format match play rounds at noon and 6 p.m. to decide the five teams that will compete for the title Saturday at 4:30 p.m. The doubles finals will be taped to air on FS1 on Sunday, March 8, at noon.

The doubles tournament is being contested on a "dual lane condition" scoring environment in which the 42-foot Mark Roth oiling pattern is applied to the left lane and the Marshall Holman 37 pattern to the right lane. Friday's match play rounds will be livestreamed by FloBowling (subscriptions are available at FloBowling.com).

### **MARK ROTH-MARSHALL HOLMAN PBA DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP**

**(a 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour Tier 3 event)**

**Royal Pin Woodland, Indianapolis, Thursday**

#### **Final Qualifying Standings (after 14 team/28 individual games; top 16 teams advance to Baker format match play Friday)**

- 1, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa./Jason Belmonte, Australia, 6,692.
- 2, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C./Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 6,677.
- 3, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill./Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 6,490.
- 4, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz./Osku Palermaa, Finland, 6,435.
- 5, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del./Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 6,407.
- 6, Matt McNiel, Minneapolis/Anthony Pepe, Long Island City, N.Y., 6,405.
- 7, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash./EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 6,391.
- 8, Zach Wilkins, Canada/Patrick Girard, Canada, 6,376.
- 9, Nick Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn./Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 6,357.
- 10, Andrew Cain, Phoenix/Wesley Low Jr., Palmdale, Calif., 6,314.
- 11, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas/Dom Barrett, England, 6,297.
- 12, Brad Miller, Lee's Summit, Mo./Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 6,295.
- 13, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas/Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 6,257.
- 14, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio/Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill., 6,255.

- 15, Arturo Quintero, Mexico/Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 6,254.
  - 16, Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind./Stephen Hahn, Sterling, Va., 6,229.
  - 17, Sam Cooley, Australia/Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 6,218, \$3,100.
  - 18, Darren Tang, Las Vegas/Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, 6,209, \$3,060.
  - 19, Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla./Matt Russo, Fairview Heights, Ill., 6,194, \$3,020.
  - 20, Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn./Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., 6,183, \$3,000.
  - 21, Kim Bolleby-Pontus Andersson, 6,170.
  - 21, Andres Gomez-Josh Blanchard, 6,170.
  - 23, Michael Martell-Kenneth Ryan, 6,153.
  - 24, Nick Kruml-Brandon Novak, 6,134.
  - 25, Rhino Page-Ryan Ciminelli, 6,132.
  - 26, Thomas Larsen-Brad Angelo, 6,114.
  - 27, Tim Pfeifer-Ronnie Russell, 6,070.
  - 28, Jean Perez-Amleto Monacelli, 6,064.
  - 29, Graham Fach-Matt Sanders, 6,060.
  - 30, Matt Ogle-Sean Rash, 6,056.
  - 31, Jake Peters-Richard Teece, 6,050.
  - 32, Tom Daugherty-BJ Moore, 6,049.
  - 33, Norm Duke-Wes Malott, 6,044.
  - 34, Gaetan Mouveroux-Alex Martin, 6,025.
  - 35, Michael Schalbach-Matthew Staninger, 6,007.
  - 36, Francois Lavoie-Stuart Williams, 5,999.
  - 37, David Haynes-Tom Hess, 5,981.
  - 38, Martin Larsen-AJ Chapman, 5,979.
  - 39, DJ Archer-Shawn Maldonado, 5,967.
  - 40, Tommy Jones-Chris Barnes, 5,965.
  - 41, Dick Allen-Zeke Bayt, 5,929.
  - 42, Connor Pickford-Mike Coffey, 5,921.
  - 43, Tim Mack-Chris Via, 5,848.
  - 44, AJ Johnson- Greg Ostrander, 5,825.
  - 45, Brian LeClair-Ryan Shafer, 5,803.
  - 46, Parker Bohn III-Walter Ray Williams Jr., 5,789.
  - 47, Ryan Burks-Brent Boho, 5,778.
  - 48, Jason Sterner-Tom Smallwood, 5,766.
  - 49, Aaron Lorincz-Brian Robinson, 5,721.
  - 50, Kamron Doyle-Greg Young, 5,717.
  - 51, Darryl Bower-Johnathan Bower, 5,716.
  - 52, Nicholas Vanderwende-Michael Ruben, 5,655.
  - 53, Zach Doty-Ryan Lakota, 5,545.
  - 54, Jake Rollins-Andrew Suscreba, 5,517.
  - 55, Noel Vega-Keven Walter, 5,490.
  - 56, Jason VanBelkum-James Johnson, 5,003.
- 300 Games:** Jesper Svensson, Kris Prather, EJ Tackett.

### **PBA Spare Shots**

**THURSDAY IS KEY DAY IN SETTING UP 2020 PBA LEAGUE DRAFT POOL**

While PBA players continue to earn as many competition points as possible during this week's Go Bowling Indianapolis Open and Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship, the 2020 PBA League Draft also is looming with next Thursday being a key day in setting up this year's league draft pool.

Players hoping to become eligible for the 2020 PBA League Draft have this week in Indy and the qualifying rounds of the PBA World Series of Bowling XI to compile points, but Thursday, March 5, is the deadline for the eight existing PBA League managers to decide which of their 2019 rostered players they want to "protect" for 2020. Each manager can retain up to three players from last season's roster.

The players not protected will be returned to the PBAL draft pool. Assuming each team returns two players to the draft, that will mean 16 spots available to join teams this year. And thanks to the expansion of the PBA League from eight to 10 teams, another 10 players will get a chance to participate when the league's Elias Cup competition returns to Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, July 20-23.

After Thursday's protected players are announced, the draft picture will be a lot clearer. The PBAL Draft will take place on Sunday, March 15 at 4:30 p.m. Eastern/1:30 p.m. Pacific at South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas, the host center for PBA World Series of Bowling XI. The list of eligible players will be published on March 13. Here are the 2019 teams and rosters:

**2019 PBA League Final Standings (with team rosters):**

- 1, Portland Lumberjacks (manager Tim Mack; rostered players are Ryan Ciminelli, Wes Malott, Kyle Troup, Kris Prather, Mitch Hupé).
- 2, L.A. X (manager Andrew Cain; rostered players are Jason Belmonte, Stuart Williams, Jakob Butturff, Dick Allen, Anthony Lavery-Spahr).
- 3, Dallas Strikers (player-manager is Norm Duke; rostered players are Tommy Jones, Bill O'Neill, Andrew Anderson, Brad Miller).
- 4, NYC KingPins (manager is Carolyn Dorin-Ballard; rostered players are Pete Weber, Marshall Kent, BJ Moore, Kyle Sherman, Darren Tang).
- 5, Silver Lake Atom Splitters (manager is Mark Baker; rostered players are Chris Barnes, Jesper Svensson, Tom Daugherty, DJ Archer, AJ Johnson).
- 6, Motown Muscle (manager is Del Ballard Jr.; rostered players are EJ Tackett, Anthony Simonsen, Josh Blanchard, AJ Chapman, Mykel Holliman).
- 7, Brooklyn Styles (manager is Johnny Petraglia; rostered players are Walter Ray Williams Jr., Sean Rash, Rhino Page, Andres Gomez, Brad Angelo).
- 8, Philadelphia Hitmen (manager is Jason Couch; rostered players are Dom Barrett, Tom Smallwood, Matt Sanders, Patrick Girard, x-Shawn Maldonado, x-Jake Peters (Peters replaced Maldonado due to injury)).

**ALMOST 2 MILLION FOX VIEWERS WATCHED BELMO'S HISTORIC U.S. OPEN WIN**

FOX Sports has confirmed that Sunday's live U.S. Open telecast was watched by an average of 1,146,000 viewers over the two hours of coverage, an impressive 17 percent increase over the February 2019 audience average for FOX Sports/PBA telecasts.

In addition, viewership spiked to 1.97 million during the finals when Australia's **Jason Belmonte** made PBA history, defeating top qualifier **Anthony Simonsen**, 226-201, for his record 12th major championship as well as completing the PBA Triple Crown, Grand Slam and Super Slam.

### **NO SURPRISE: BELMO JUMPS INTO 2020 PBA PLAYOFFS POINTS LEAD**

After top-five finishes in each of the past three tournaments – all Tier 1 major championships in the PBA competition points structure – **Jason Belmonte** has assumed the lead in the 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour points race as it heads toward the second annual PBA Playoffs.

Belmonte picked up 7,500 points for his historic U.S. Open win, following a third-place finish in the PBA Players Championship and a fourth-place finish in the PBA Tournament of Champions, to boost his total for the year to 17,195 points, overtaking previous leader **Bill O'Neill** of Langhorne, Pa. Defending PBA Playoffs champion **Kris Prather** slipped to third place after six of 13 events.

Belmonte was the points leader for the inaugural PBA Playoffs in 2019, but was eliminated in the “race to two points” quarterfinal round by Prather, 197-165, 224-214.

This week in Indianapolis, a “doubleheader” program will award points in both the Go Bowling Indianapolis Open (a Tier 2 “standard PBA Tour event”) and the Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship (a Tier 3 limited field/restricted format event). Tier 1 (major championships) award 7,500 points to the winner, Tier 2 events award 5,000 points for first place and Tier 3 events award 2,500 points to the winner(s). All other players in each event get points on of declining value based upon where they finish.

The race to finish within the top 24 in 2020 points will be finalized at the conclusion of the USBC Masters on March 29 in Reno, Nev. The PBA Playoffs will begin on April 6 in Norco, Calif. Below are the top 30 points standings after six of 13 events:

### **2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour Competition Points Standings (Top 30 after six of 13 events)**

- 1, Jason Belmonte, 17,195
- 2, Bill O'Neill, 15,455
- 3, Kris Prather, 15,070
- 4, Anthony Simonsen, 10,405
- 5 (tie), EJ Tackett, and Sean Rash, 10,340
- 7, Kyle Troup, 8,415
- 8, Tommy Jones, 7,815
- 9, Darren Tang, 6,940
- 10, Dick Allen, 6,523
- 11, Tom Daugherty, 6,470
- 12, Francois Lavoie, 6,303

13, Tom Smallwood, 6,100  
14, AJ Johnson, 6,040  
15, Chris Barnes, 5,950  
16, Brad Miller, 5,945  
17, Dom Barrett, 5,690  
18, Marshall Kent, 5,445  
19, Kyle Sherman, 5,430  
20, Mitch Hupe, 5,370  
21, Norm Duke, 5,268  
22, Stuart Williams, 5,080  
23, Ryan Ciminelli, 4,883  
24, Nicholas Pate, 4,435  
25, Jesper Svensson, 4,370  
26, Wes Malott, 4,280  
27, Zacharay Wilkins, 4,250  
28, Josh Blanchard, 4,060  
29, Thomas Larsen, 3,840  
30, Patrick Girard, 3,750

## **PBA PLAYER'S PERSPECTIVE: BELMONTE & O'NEILL TALK ABOUT DOUBLES 2018 TITLE**

In 2018, **Jason Belmonte** and **Bill O'Neill** won the Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship. Their victory on their fourth try to win the PBA doubles title is the topic of their joint PBA Player's Perspective that became the PBA's YouTube channel on Tuesday (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mJDxB7EtVdU>)

To view the entire series of PBA Player's Perspective episodes, visit the PBA's YouTube channel and click on the PBA Player's Perspective play list. A wide range of Player's Perspectives currently reside in the archives on YouTube. Among the most recent are:

- **Jakob Butturff's** 2019 USBC Masters win (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-cuYcXxfXXs>).
- **EJ Tackett's** 2017 DHC PBA Japan Invitational victory. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=91yoFd7nd8g>).
- **Kris Prather's** 2019 PBA Scorpion Championship win ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-aVe\\_n8uCOM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-aVe_n8uCOM)).
- **Bill O'Neill's** 2019 PBA Hall of Fame Classic victory that made him title-eligible for future PBA HOF consideration (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OeHXCyXWH4o>).
- **Jakob Butturff's** 2019 PBA Oklahoma Open win (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JOsC36SxxxA&list=>).
- **Sean Rash's** 2012 PBA TOC victory (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tkzuCw4Cpqs>).
- **Jason Belmonte's** record-tying 10th PBA major championship in the 2019 PBA Tournament of Champions (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Si3d6oPhBo>).

- **Anthony Simonsen's** 2019 PBA Players Championship victory ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nGLBRvb\\_T24](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nGLBRvb_T24)).
- **Norm Duke's** 39th career title in the 2019 Go Bowling Indianapolis Open (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o02VZegoziY\>).

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#### **PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: GARY MORGAN WINS IN SPARTANBURG**

**Gary Morgan** of Henderson, Nev., defeated PBA Hall of Famer **Tom Baker** of King, N.C., 237-204, in the final match to take the first prize in the PBA50 Dave Edwards Toyota South Open at Paradise Lanes in Spartanburg, S.C., Sunday, improving his all-time PBA titles record to 16.

Morgan qualified in the number three position for the four-man stepladder finals with an 6-2 match play record and a 16-game total of 3,650 pins, including match play bonus pins. He then won three consecutive matches to earn the \$2,000 first prize. Tom Baker, a four-time PBA50 Player of the Year who is still competing at age 65, posted a 6-2 match play record and had 3,752 pins to qualify first, 41 pins ahead of **Stoney Baker** (no relation) of Canton, Ga., but had to settle for the \$1,000 second prize.

In the first stepladder match, Morgan defeated non-PBA member **Joseph Boothe** of Belvedere, S.C., 226-203. Morgan then disposed of Stoney Baker, 226-198, in the semifinal match.

- **Kyle Duster** from Scottsdale, Ariz. and amateur partner **Matthew Zweig** from Phoenix, Ariz., teamed up to win Sunday's PBA South Point Member/Non-Member Doubles title at South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas after PBA member **Derek Acuff** of Phoenix, Ariz., won the South Point West Challenge portion of the PBA West Region doubleheader on Friday for his first PBA title.

In the preliminary singles event for players who have never won a PBA event, Acuff defeated 16-year-old two-hander **Deo Benard** of Henderson, Nev., 266-246, in to earn the \$2,300 first prize. Acuff knocked out non-member **Jimmy Schmitzer** of Las Vegas, 258-249, in the semifinal round while Benard eliminated non-member **Michael Hartter** of Henderson, Nev., 278-246, to set up the championship match.

In Sunday's doubles title match, Duster and Zweig defeated Hartter and PBA50 Hall of Famer **Ron Mohr** of Las Vegas, 556-464, to claim the \$4,000 first prize. Duster and Zweig advanced to the title match by eliminating **Gary Estep Jr.** of Peoria, Ariz. and **Brett Wolfe** of Mesa, Ariz., 462-443, while Hartter and Mohr ousted **Cortez Schenck** of Phoenix, Ariz., and **Eric Hatchett** of Henderson, Nev., 523-435, in the other semifinal match.

- Closing out the February regional calendar over the Feb. 28-March 1 “leap year” weekend will be the PBA Plaza Lanes Central/Midwest Open in Crawfordsville, Ind.

- For complete PBA Regional schedules including rules and entry information, visit [pba.com](http://pba.com), open the “schedules” tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area. Whether you are a competitor or a fan, you can follow “live scoring” for all PBA Regional events on [pba.com](http://pba.com) (easily accessible for Apple and Android device users using the PBA app).

## QUICK NOTES

- Australia’s **Sam Cooley** has returned to PBA Tour competition to fulfill a promise he made to his mother, **Donna Cooley**, who died of cancer on February 18 in New South Wales. Cooley wrote on Facebook that he is returning to the U.S. to finish the PBA Tour winter schedule, noting “I will be devoting my focus solely on that as I had promised her. Once I return home preparations will resume for her life celebration.” A South Coast Open regional event to be held at Shellharbour Bowl (Cooley’s home center) in late May will include the renaming of the tournament’s adult division “The Donna Cooley Memorial Open” in his mother’s honor.

- In his fourth television appearance of the 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour season in the U.S. Open, Australia’s **Jason Belmonte** added 12 strikes to his ongoing pledge make a donation for each strike thrown on television to his “2HandsHelpingAustralia” fundraiser. His latest donation included \$300 for six strikes at \$50 each in the semifinal match of the U.S. Open and \$100 for six strikes in the title match. Belmonte has now donated \$1,800 for 30 strikes in his TV matches this season.

- PBA Hall of Famer **Chris Barnes** of Double Oak, Texas, became PBA50 eligible on Tuesday, Feb. 25, his 50th birthday. Also reaching PBA50 eligibility in 2020 are fellow PBA Hall of Famer **Jason Couch** of Clermont, Fla., and PBA Tour title winners **Tom Hess** of Granger, Iowa, and **Brad Angelo** of Lockport, N.Y.

## **Svensson, Troup Qualify No. 1 for Roth-Holman PBA Doubles Finals**

*Four other teams survive intense final round of matches to advance to stepladder finals*

**INDIANAPOLIS (Feb. 28, 2020)** – Sweden’s Jesper Svensson and Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, North Carolina, ran away with the No. 1 berth for Saturday’s finals in the Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship at Royal Pin Woodland Friday but the rest of the finalists had to survive an intense final round of matches to advance.

Svensson and Troup, a pair of two-handed bowlers who won the Roth-Holman Doubles title in 2017, won 13 of their 16 Baker format matches and posted a 44-game total of 11,090 pins to lead runners-up Marshall Kent of Yakima, Washington and EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Indiana by 582 pins.

Svensson, an eight-time PBA Tour title winner, is in position to win two titles in Indianapolis. He also qualified No. 1 for Saturday’s finals of the Go Bowling Indianapolis Open that will air live on FS1 at 8:30 p.m. EST.

Rounding out the field of five teams that will compete for the doubles title Saturday at 4:30 p.m. are Kris Prather of Plainfield, Illinois and Andrew Anderson of Holly, Michigan with 10,393 pins; Jakob Butturff of



Tempe, Arizona and Finland's Osku Palermaa with a 10,378 total and Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas and England's Dom Barrett at 10,350.

Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pennsylvania and Jason Belmonte of Australia missed the finals for the first time in five years as partners by four pins. Four other teams finished within 82 pins of qualifying for the television finals that will be taped to air on FS1 on Sunday, March 8, at noon.

FloBowling will livestream the finals to its international subscribers as the show airs on FS1 in the U.S.

The doubles tournament was contested on a "dual lane condition" environment in which the 42-foot Mark Roth oiling pattern was applied to the left lane and the Marshall Holman 37 pattern to the right lane.

**MARK ROTH-MARSHALL HOLMAN PBA DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**(a 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour Tier 3 event)**  
**Royal Pin Woodland, Indianapolis, Friday**

**Final Match Play Standings (after 28 individual and 16 Baker format doubles games; top five teams advance to Baker format stepladder finals Saturday at 4:30 p.m. FS1 will air the finals on Sunday, March 8, at noon Eastern)**

- 1, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C./Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 13-3, 11,080.
- 2, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash./EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 10-6, 10,498.
- 3, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill./Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 8-8, 10,393.
- 4, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz./Osku Palermaa, Finland, 8-8, 10,378.
- 5, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas/Dom Barrett, England, 8-7-1, 10,350.
- 6, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa./Jason Belmonte, Australia, 7-9, 10,346, \$8,500.
- 7, Andrew Cain, Phoenix/Wesley Low Jr., Palmdale, Calif., 10-6, 10,329, \$7,500.
- 8, Zach Wilkins, Canada/Patrick Girard, Canada, 10-5-1, 10,295, \$6,500.
- 9, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del./Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., V8-7-1, 10,279, \$5,500.
- 10, Nick Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn./Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 7-9, 10,268, \$4,600.
- 11, Brad Miller, Lee's Summit, Mo./Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 8-8, 10,151, \$4,000.
- 12, Matt McNiel, Minneapolis/Anthony Pepe, Long Island City, N.Y., 4-11-1, 10,133, \$3,600.
- 13, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas/Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 7-8-1, 10,016, \$3,500.
- 14, Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind./Stephen Hahn, Sterling, Va., 6-9-1, 9,866, \$3,400.
- 15, Arturo Quintero, Mexico/Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 6-10, 9,794, \$3,300.
- 16, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio/Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill., 5-11, 9,659, \$3,200.

**Baker Format 300 Games:** Jesper Svensson/Kyle Troup, Nick Pate/Christopher Sloan.

**Sweden's Jesper Svensson Wins**  
**Go Bowling PBA Indianapolis Open for Ninth Career Tour Title**  
*In battle between two-handers, Svensson beats Shawn Maldonado 245-226 in title match*

**INDIANAPOLIS (Feb. 29, 2020)** – Top seed Jesper Svensson of Sweden beat No. 2 seed Shawn Maldonado of Houston, 245-226, in the title match Saturday night to win the Go Bowling PBA Indianapolis Open at Royal Pin Woodland for his first win of the season and ninth of his career.

Down by one pin in the fourth frame, the 25-year-old Svensson was able to take command in the match when he threw five consecutive strikes from the fifth through ninth frames. On his first ball of the 10th frame he left the 2-4-5 but made the spare to clinch the match.

"You'd rather get a strike for the win, but I'll take the spare," Svensson said. "I didn't have any splits and didn't miss any spares so overall it was a good game to win."

It was Svensson's first win since the 2019 PBA/WBT Thailand Open and his first win on television since the 2017 PBA Cheetah Championship. The Indianapolis Open was televised live on FS1.

"I've been bowling well but just feel like I haven't been rewarded for it," said Svensson, who won the 2016 PBA Tournament of Champions at age 20 to become the youngest to win that major. "I'm constantly working on my game and sometimes it's the small things that can make the biggest differences."

"I'm working hard to improve my game to be a more versatile player so when there's a week when you can play to your strength you can take advantage of that opportunity," he added. "It takes more than being good at one thing and that's especially true when you're bowling on the dual (lane condition) patterns."

Competition for the entire Indianapolis Open, including the stepladder finals, was conducted on a dual lane condition with the PBA 42-foot Mark Roth lane condition on the left lane and 37-foot Marshall Holman lane pattern on the right lane.

Maldonado advanced to the title match with a 246-230 semifinal win over No. 4 seed Nick Pate of Inver Grove, Minnesota, who was trying for his first PBA Tour title in his first telecast appearance.

The 33-year-old Maldonado was also trying for his first tour win with his career-best tour finish being second-place in the 2016 PBA Lubbock Sports Southwest Open.

In the opening stepladder match, the 25-year-old Pate, who finished sixth in the recent PBA Players Championship, beat No. 5 seed, three-time tour winner Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Michigan, 227-164, to advance to the second stepladder match against No. 3 seed seven-time tour winner two-hander Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas.

In the match against Simonsen, Pate survived a missed four pin in the eighth frame and a pocket 7-10 split on his second shot in the 10th frame to beat Simonsen 226-213 to advance to the semifinal match against Maldonado.

The next Go Bowling PBA Tour telecast on FS1 will be the Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship which will air Sunday, March 8 at noon ET.

**GO BOWLING PBA INDIANAPOLIS OPEN  
(a 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour Tier 2 event)  
Royal Pin Woodland, Indianapolis, Saturday**

**Final Standings**

- 1, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, \$30,000.
- 2, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, \$15,000.
- 3, Nick Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., \$10,000.
- 4, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, \$8,000.
- 5, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., \$7,000.

**Playoff Results:**

Match One: Pate def. Smallwood, 227-164.  
Match Two: Pate def. Simonsen, 226-213.  
Semifinal: Maldonado def. Pate, 246-230.  
Championship: Svensson def. Maldonado, 245-226.

**Tom Adcock Wins PBA50 Plaza Lanes Central/Midwest Open**

**Crawfordsville, Ind. (March 1, 2020)** – Tom Adcock of Decatur, Ill. defeated defending champion Brian Kretzer from Dayton, Ohio, 279-209, to win the PBA50 Plaza Lanes Central/Midwest Open at Plaza Lanes Sunday.

The title was Adcock's first as a PBA50 member. The 57-year-old righthander, a long-time amateur competitor who rejoined the PBA in mid-2019, earned \$1,500 along with his title.

Kretzer defeated John Marsala of St. Louis, 279-214, to advance to the championship match. In the opening match, Eddie Graham of Kettering, Ohio defeated PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., 257-248, before falling to Marsala in the second match, 259-209.

Kretzer earned \$1,000 for second place, Marsala won \$850 for third, Graham \$750 for fourth and Williams \$700 for fifth.

The next PBA Central Region event will be in Canton, Ohio, March 6-8.

**PBA50 PLAZA LANES CENTRAL/MIDWEST OPEN  
Plaza Lanes, Crawfordsville, Ind., Sunday****Final Standings:**

- 1, Tom Adcock, Decatur, Ill., \$1,500.
- 2, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, \$1,000.
- 3, John Marsala, St. Louis, \$850.
- 4, Eddie Graham, Kettering, Ohio, \$750.
- 5, Walter Ray Williams, Jr., Oxford, Fla., \$700.

**Stepladder Results:**

Match One – Graham def. Williams, Jr., 257-248. Match Two – Marsala def. Graham, 259-209. Semifinal Match – Kretzer def. Marsala, 279-214. Championship – Adcock def. Kretzer, 279-209.

**Final Match Play Standings (after 20 games, including match play records):**

- 1, Tom Adcock, Decatur, Ill., 10-2, 5,120.
- 2, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 8-4, 5,072.
- 3, John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo., 8-4, 5,015.
- 4, ss-Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 8-4, 4,969.
- 5, Eddie Graham, Kettering, Ohio, 7-5, 4,891.
- 6, n-Jeffery Rampart, Trevor, Wis., 6-6, 4,850, \$650.
- 7, Lennie Boesch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 7-5, 4,845, \$625.
- 8, Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 7-5, 4,807, \$600.
- 9, ss-Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 6-6, 4,764, \$575.
- 10, Tom Hess, Granger, Iowa, 5-7, 4,753, \$550.
- 11, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 6-6, 4,741, \$525.
- 12, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 6-6, 4,652, \$520.
- 13, Michael Lisch, Zionsville, Ind., 4-8, 4,584, \$515.
- 14, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 3-9, 4,510, \$510.
- 15, ss-James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., 3-9, 4,396, \$505.
- 16, ss-James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 2-10, 4,387, \$500.

ss-denotes PBA60 player; n-denotes non-PBA member.

## **THE PBA & KR STRIKEFORCE INK ENDORSEMENT DEAL**

*KR Strikeforce to sponsor PBA.com's "In the Bag" web presence*

**New York, NY., March 5, 2020** – The Professional Bowlers Association announced today the start of a multi-year sponsorship agreement between the organization and KR Strikeforce, a leading supplier and seller of bowling equipment for more than 50 years.

As part of the deal, KR Strikeforce will sponsor the ongoing "In the Bag" feature on PBA.com which highlights the gear used by the pros in each of the tournaments held throughout the 2020 PBA season. The series has been a fixture of the PBA website and a regular favorite among bowling fans across the US and around the world.

"We are very pleased to embark upon this new partnership, giving our devoted fans insight into the equipment trusted and preferred by their favorite PBA Tour stars," said Colie Edison, Chief Executive Officer of the PBA and Chief Customer Officer of Bowlero Corp. "KR Strikeforce has a long history of providing gear to bowlers of all levels and we look forward to developing this ongoing partnership in the months to come."

"There are so many exciting changes happening right now with the PBA and we are thrilled to grow our presence," said Brad Handelman, President of Strikeforce Bowling LLC. "Sponsoring 'In The Bag' is a natural fit. Our heritage spans 50 years and we take pride in earning the reputation of delivering the best, most durable bags in the bowling industry. We look forward to our expanded role in supporting the PBA with this new partnership."

To check out the "KR Strikeforce In the Bag" webpage and search by tournament or by season for all the gear used by the pros during their televised stepladder finals, please visit [pba.com/Bowlers/InTheBag](https://pba.com/Bowlers/InTheBag).

To learn more about PBA and Strikeforce Bowling , please visit [www.pba.com](https://www.pba.com) and [www.krstrikeforce.com](https://www.krstrikeforce.com).

### **PBA Spare Shots**

### **TEN BERTHS AT STAKE IN FRIDAY'S WSOB XI PRE-TOURNAMENT QUALIFIER**

Ten berths in the PBA World Series of Bowling XI field will be at stake Friday during the Pre-Tournament Qualifier (PTQ) at South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas.

A field of nearly 50 PBA members will bowl two five-game qualifying rounds Friday at 1 and 5:30 p.m. PST to fill the 10 berths that will complete the 120-player field for the sold-out WSOB XI. For a complete WSOB XI roster, click here: <https://www.pba.com/Rosters/Details/3092>

Following a full day of practice Saturday on the PBA Cheetah, Chameleon, Scorpion and Earl Anthony (PBA World Championship) lane conditions, WSOB XI competition officially gets underway Sunday with two five-game Go Bowling PBA Cheetah Championship qualifying rounds at 3 and 8:30 p.m. EDT (noon and 5:30 p.m. PST). FloBowling will begin its extensive livestreaming coverage of the World Series with Cheetah qualifying Sunday.

### **EX-ROOKIE OF THE YEAR TOBY CONTRERAS IS NEW PBA MIDWEST REGION MANAGER**

**Toby Contreras**, the PBA Rookie of the Year in 1983 when he won his only PBA Tour title, has been named PBA Midwest Region Manager, succeeding **Rich Weber** who retired in 2018 and **Bobby Jakel**, PBA's Central Region Manager who had filled the Midwest role on an interim basis.

Contreras, 62, lives in Raytown, Mo. He has bowled competitively on the PBA and PBA50 Tour, as well as in the regional program, off-and-on since his rookie year.

### **PBA HEAD OF EVENTS JANAY HAGGERTY RESIGNS**

**Janay Haggerty**, PBA Head of Events, has resigned after a 16-year career with the PBA in order to spend more time with her family (husband and reigning PBA West Region Player of the Year PJ Haggerty plus their five-year-old twins) in Roseville, Calif.

Haggerty, who earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in communications at Washington State University, worked two years as associate director of media relations at the University of Kansas before joining the PBA as media relations coordinator in 2003. She was promoted to director of events and community relations in 2008 and became Vice President of Marketing in 2017, a position she held until becoming Head of Events when Bowlero Corp purchased the PBA in 2019.

### **PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: VETERAN AMATEUR TOM ADCOCK WINS FIRST PBA50 TITLE**

**Tom Adcock** of Decatur, Ill., defeated defending champion **Brian Kretzer** from Dayton, Ohio, 279-209, to win the PBA50 Plaza Lanes Central/Midwest Open at Plaza Lanes in Crawfordsville, Ind., Sunday.

The title was Adcock's first as a PBA50 member and first since winning his only previous regional title in 1989. The 57-year-old righthander has bowled in several PBA

Regionals over the ensuing years, winning twice as a non-member before re-joining in mid-2019. He earned \$1,500 along with his title.

In the stepladder finals, Kretzer defeated **John Marsala** of St. Louis, 279-214, to advance to the championship match. In the opening match, **Eddie Graham** of Kettering, Ohio defeated PBA Hall of Famer **Walter Ray Williams Jr.** of Oxford, Fla., 257-248, before falling to Marsala in the second match, 259-209.

- PBA Regional activity begins to heat up over the March 6-8 weekend with events including the PBA50 Strike Zone Lanes Central Classic in Canton, Ohio, and the PBA50 Fayetteville South Open at Lafayette Lanes in Fayetteville, N.C.
- The March 20-22 weekend features a heavy schedule of PBA Regional tournaments including the PBA50 Allstate/Showtime Lanes Midwest/Central Open in Virden, Ill.; the PBA50 Ultra Star Multi-Tainment Center South Open at Harrah's Cherokee Casino in Cherokee, N.C., and the PBA and PBA50 Caveman Bowl Northwest/West Open doubleheader in Grants Pass, Ore.
- Closing the March PBA Regional calendar over the March 27-29 weekend will be the PBA50 Rossi Lanes Open in Elmira, N.Y., and the PBA50 Allstate Monte Skeels Midwest/Central Open at Liberty Lanes in Carpentersville, Ill.
- For complete PBA Regional schedules including rules and entry information, visit [pba.com](http://pba.com), open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area. Whether you are a competitor or a fan, you can follow "live scoring" for all PBA Regional events on [pba.com](http://pba.com) (easily accessible for Apple and Android device users using the PBA app).

## QUICK NOTES

- U.S. Open finalist **Perry Crowell IV** of Chesterfield, Mich., joined a very short list of amateur bowlers who have advanced to the championship round since the modern tournament began in 1971. Crowell, who finished fourth in the 2020 U.S. Open, was the first non-PBA member to reach the finals since Finland's **Osku Palermaa** finished fifth in 2004. The other three non-PBA members who finished in the top five in previous U.S. Opens were **George Brooks**, second in 1996; **Ron Bell**, fifth in 1978, and **Dick Ciprich**, fourth in 1971.
- Footnote on the above item, when **Osku Palermaa** bowled in the 2004 U.S. Open finals, he was a 20-year-old amateur and the first two-handed bowler ever to appear in a televised PBA championship round. Palermaa finished fifth, losing to PBA Hall of Famer **Walter Ray Williams Jr.**, 228-198, in the opening match.
- PBA fans are reminded that if you miss a live telecast on FOX or FS1, check your local listings for re-broadcasts on FS1 or FS2. Many of PBA's finals aired by FOX Sports in 2020 are being re-aired.

## **PBA World Series XI is Final Qualifying Step for 2020 PBA League Draft**

*Top 75 players in combined 2019-20 competition points will vie for 26 roster spots*

**LAS VEGAS (March 6, 2020)** – Professional Bowlers Association members hoping to become eligible for the 2020 PBA League draft will make their last-ditch bids to earn qualifying points when the PBA World Series of Bowling XI gets underway at South Point Bowling Plaza Sunday.

In the meantime, the opportunities to join 2020 PBA League rosters became clearer with the announcement of “protected players” from last year’s rosters by the PBAL’s eight existing team managers, including three stars who helped the hometown Portland Lumberjacks, managed by Tim Mack, earn their first Elias Cup in 2019: Mark Roth PBA League MVP Wes Malott, two-hander Kyle Troup and 2019 PBA Playoffs champ Kris Prather.

With two vacated roster spots available for each team plus the expansion of the PBA League from eight to 10 teams in 2020, more players than ever will get a chance to participate when the league’s Elias Cup competition returns to Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, July 20-23. The trick is to get into the top 75 in composite PBA competition points for the 2019 and 2020 seasons. The last chance to earn points happens during WSOB XI with the PBA Cheetah, Chameleon and Scorpion Championships plus the PBA World Championship that compose the World Series.

At the conclusion of the PBA World Championship, the top 75 players in combined points over the past two seasons will be announced on March 13. The 2020 PBAL draft will then take place on Sunday, March 15 at South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas, the host center for PBA World Series of Bowling XI. The draft will be covered live by FloBowling on March 15 at 5 p.m. Eastern/2 p.m. Pacific following the live FS1 telecast of the Go Bowling Cheetah Championship finals.

On Thursday, the eight existing PBAL team managers announced the players they wanted to retain from their 2019 rosters. Each manager was allowed to protect up to three players. The players not protected were returned to the 2020 draft pool. With at least 16 spots vacated from 2019 rosters, plus the 10 more spots available thanks to the addition of new franchises in Las Vegas and Milwaukee.

Roster announcements released Friday indicate the 2020 PBAL “Protected Players” and those returned to the draft pool. Teams are listed in order of finish in 2019:

**1, Portland Lumberjacks (manager Tim Mack).** Protected players are Wes Malott, Kyle Troup, Kris Prather. Returned to 2020 draft pool: Ryan Ciminelli, Mitch Hupé.

**2, L.A. X (manager Andrew Cain).** Protected players are Jason Belmonte, Stuart Williams, Jakob Butturff. Returned to 2020 draft pool: Dick Allen, Anthony Lavery-Spahr.

**3, Dallas Strikers (player-manager Norm Duke).** Protected players are Duke, Tommy Jones, Bill O’Neill. Returned to 2020 draft pool: Andrew Anderson, Brad Miller.

**4, NYC KingPins (manager Carolyn Dorin-Ballard).** Protected players are Pete Weber, Marshall Kent, Kyle Sherman. Returned to 2020 draft pool: BJ Moore, Darren Tang.

**5, Silver Lake Atom Splitters (manager Mark Baker).** Protected players are Chris Barnes, Jesper Svensson, Tom Daugherty. Returned to 2020 draft pool: DJ Archer, AJ Johnson.

**6, Motown Muscle (manager Del Ballard Jr.).** Protected players are EJ Tackett, Anthony Simonsen, Josh Blanchard. Returned to 2020 draft pool: AJ Chapman, Mykel Holliman.

**7, Brooklyn Styles (manager Johnny Petraglia).** Protected players are Walter Ray Williams Jr., Rhino Page, Brad Angelo. Returned to 2020 draft pool are: Sean Rash, Andres Gomez.

**8, Philadelphia Hitmen (manager Jason Couch).** Protected players are Dom Barrett, Tom Smallwood, Shawn Maldonado. Returned to 2020 draft pool: Matt Sanders, Patrick Girard, Jake Peters.

**9 and 10, Las Vegas High Rollers (manager Amleto Monacelli), Milwaukee (to be named later; manager Marshall Holman).**

The current list of draft eligible players includes the following (\* indicates PBA Tour title winner): \*Sean Rash, \*Ryan Ciminelli, Mitch Hupé, \*Dick Allen, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, \*Andrew Anderson, Brad Miller, \*BJ Moore, Darren Tang, \*DJ Archer, AJ Johnson, AJ Chapman, Mykel Holliman, \*Andres Gomez, \*Matt Sanders, Patrick Girard, \*Jake Peters, Nick Pate, \*Thomas Larsen, Zach Wilkins, \*Jason Sterner and \*Osku Palermaa among others.

The 2020 draft will include five rounds in reverse order of the 2019 standings, plus the two new teams will get first picks for the first three rounds. The draft order for expansion teams Milwaukee and Las Vegas will be decided by a coin flip:

Round 1: 1, Las Vegas or Milwaukee. 2, Milwaukee or Las Vegas.

Round 2: 1, Milwaukee or Las Vegas. 2, Las Vegas or Milwaukee.

Round 3: 1, Las Vegas or Milwaukee. 2, Milwaukee or Las Vegas. 3, Philadelphia. 4, Brooklyn. 5, Motown. 6, Silver Lake. 7, NYC. 8, Dallas. 9, L.A. 10, Portland.

Round 4: 1, Portland. 2, L.A. 3, Dallas. 4, NYC. 5, Silver Lake. 6, Motown. 7, Brooklyn. 8, Philadelphia. 9, Milwaukee or Las Vegas. 10, Las Vegas or Milwaukee.

Round 5: 1, Las Vegas or Milwaukee. 2, Milwaukee or Las Vegas.

## **Danielle McEwan Tops Field of 10 PBA WSOB XI Pre-Tournament Qualifiers**

**LAS VEGAS** – Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York, averaged 228 for 10 games Friday to top a field of 10 Professional Bowlers Association members who advanced to the PBA World Series of Bowling XI through the pre-tournament qualifier that precedes Sunday's official start of the multi-event competition at South Point Bowling Plaza.

McEwan, a five-time Professional Women's Bowlers Association titlist and a sixth-year PBA member, rolled consecutive games of 277 and 300 in Friday's second five-game qualifying round and finished with a 237 game to overtake Iceland's Arnar Jonsson for the PTQ lead. Jonsson will be the second player from Iceland to bowl in the World Series. Also advancing out of the PTQ are three players from Sweden (Adam Andersson, Robin Persson and Rasmus Edvall) and 16-year-old two-hander Deo Benard of Henderson, Nevada, a PBA rookie who won the 10th spot in the WSOB by six pins over another PWBA champion, Maria Jose Rodriguez of Auston, Texas.

WSOB XI begins Sunday with two five-game qualifying rounds in the Go Bowling PBA Cheetah Championship. FloBowling, the PBA's official subscription-based online streaming service, will also begin its exclusive coverage of all WSOB qualifying and match play rounds with Monday's Cheetah rounds at 3 and 8:30 p.m. Eastern (noon and 5:30 p.m. Pacific). For subscription information, schedules and the numerous other benefits available as part of a FloBowling subscription, visit [flobowling.com](https://flobowling.com).

## **PBA WORLD SERIES OF BOWLING XI South Point Bowling Plaza, Las Vegas, Friday**

### **Final Pre-Tournament Qualifier Standings (after 10 games; top 10 advance to WSOB XI)**

1, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 2,280.

2, Arnar Jonsson, Iceland, 2,277.

3, Adam Andersson, Sweden, 2,236.

4, Robin Persson, Sweden, 2,235.

5, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 2,209.



- 6, Chad Lusche, Parker, Colo., 2,198.
- 7, Toby Sambueno, Henderson, Nev., 2,167.
- 8, Rasmus Edvall, Sweden, 2,142.
- 9, Michael Martell, Brooklyn, N.Y., 2,141.
- 10, Deo Benard, Henderson, Nev., 2,134.

**Failed to advance:**

- 11, Maria Rodriguez, Austin, Texas, 2,128.
- 12, Kyle Duster, Scottsdale, Ariz., 2,123.
- 13, Wesley Low Jr., Palmdale, Calif., 2,119.
- 14, Karl Wahlgren, Sweden, 2,113.
- 15, Hiroki Takada, Osaka, Japan, 2,107.
- 16, Dan Poulsen, Denmark, 2,094.
- 17, Matt Russo, Fairview Heights, Ill., 2,064.
- 18, Ryan Burks, Kansas City, Mo., 2,062.
- 19, William Svensson, Sweden, 2,030.
- 20, Ryan Geary, Dunlap, Tenn., 2,028.
- 20, Tim Cagle II, Hercules, Calif., 2,028.
- 22, Kenneth Bland Jr., San Antonio, Texas, 1,985.
- 23, Alex Martin, Kennesaw, Ga., 1,982.
- 24, Allan Smith, Killeen, Texas, 1,968.
- 25, Michael Ruben, Selden, N.Y., 1,967.
- 26, Corey Umbrello, Westminister, Mass., 1,963.
- 27, Jordan Jung, Canada, 1,961.
- 28, Diante Fields, Middletown, Del., 1,919.
- 29, James Cantere, Norman, Okla., 1,911.
- 30, JT Jackson, Sherman Oaks, Calif., 1,898.
- 31, Ricardo Mendoza, Hemet, Calif., 1,879.
- 32, Brent Boho, Colgate, Wis., 1,874.
- 33, Michael Duran, Banning, Calif., 1,871.
- 34, Isaac Rose, Colorado Springs, Colo., 1,855.
- 35, Derek Handy, Redmond, Wash., 1,851.
- 36, Brandon Kraye, LaHabra, Calif., 1,850.
- 37, Yeung Wai Ki, Hong Kong, 1,823.
- 38, Will Smith, Spokane, Wash., 1,747.

**Jesper Svensson, Kyle Troup Win  
Second Roth-Holman PBA Doubles Championship Title**

*Tenth career title makes Svensson the first Swedish bowler to become title-eligible for PBA Hall of Fame*

**INDIANAPOLIS (March 8, 2020)** — Sweden's Jesper Svensson and fellow two-hander Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, North Carolina, defeated EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Indiana and Marshall Kent of Yakima, Washington, 234-205, in the Baker format title match to win the Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship which aired Sunday on FS1 from Royal Pin Woodland.

For both Svensson and Troup it was their second title of the 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour season, but for the 25-year-old Svensson, his 10th career title made him title-eligible for eventual election to the PBA Hall of Fame. He is the third youngest player to achieve that feat, behind Anthony Simonsen and Tackett who reached the PBA Hall of Fame minimum titles eligibility criteria at ages 22 and 24, respectively. All three have a lengthy wait ahead in reaching the 20-year PBA membership criteria, however. Tackett will be

eligible for the Hall of Fame ballot for induction in 2032, Simonsen in 2033 and Svensson, the first Swedish player to earn HOF eligibility, in 2034.

Svensson won the Go Bowling PBA Indianapolis Open for back-to-back titles while Troup earned his fifth career title after winning the Jonesboro Open earlier this season.

The 2017 Roth-Holman Doubles champions held an eight-pin lead in the eighth frame of the title match but Tackett and Kent, working on a double, could have put the pressure on with at least one more strike in the 10th. Kent couldn't take advantage of the opportunity, however, pulling his shot slightly, leaving the 3-10 split and failing to convert the spare. Svensson kept it interesting when he left the difficult 2-4-7-8 in the ninth frame, but he converted the spare and Troup then struck on the first ball of the 10th frame to secure the win.

"I suppose it was only fair that I did the work this time," said the 28-year-old Troup, who is the son of eight-time PBA Tour winner Guppy Troup. "For the rest of the tournament I was just trying to keep up with Jesper because he was striking so much."

"I think we're one of the strongest doubles teams out here," Svensson added. "We established pretty early on that we were going to be the ones to beat. As one of the best teams out here, the other guys know they are going to have to bowl their best to beat us."

Svensson and Troup dominated the Baker match play rounds, earning the top seed for the finals with a 13-3 record and 11,080 pinfall total for a whopping 582-pin lead over No. 2 qualifiers Tackett and Kent.

The same two teams met in the 2017 title match when Svensson and Troup defeated Tackett and Kent, 279-195, in Portland, Maine.

"I told Jesper after we won in 2017 that we were going to be doubles partners for 25 years and now we have 21 to go," Troup said. "We've been looking forward to this tournament for a long time because we know going in we're going to be tough to beat."

Both players stressed the importance of team chemistry in being successful competing in the Baker format competition that requires each player to bowl alternate frames to combine for one score.

"It's hard to put into words how proud I am of what we did as a unit," Svensson said. "A match on TV goes by so fast when you bowl 10 frames by yourself, but then when you only have five frames it can be over before you know it, so you have to make the most of the five shots you have to bowl."

In the semifinal match, Tackett and Kent defeated No. 5 qualifiers Dom Barrett of England and Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas, 263-190, to advance to the title match. The FS1 telecast opened with Simonsen and Barrett beating No. 4 qualifiers Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona and Finland's Osku Palermaa, 237-236, in the first match when Simonsen converted a 10 pin on his second shot in the 10th frame. Barrett and Simonsen then beat No. 3 qualifiers Kris Prather of Plainfield, Illinois and Andrew Anderson of Holly, Michigan in the second match, 226-190, to advance to the semifinal match.

The 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour season continues with the PBA World Series of Bowling which began Sunday at the South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas. The finals of all four PBA Tour title events that are part of WSOB XI will air live on FS1 – the Go Bowling PBA Cheetah Championship, March 15 (1:30 p.m. ET); Chameleon Championship, March 16 (8 p.m. ET), Scorpion Championship, March 17 (8 p.m. ET), PBA World Championship, March 18 (8 p.m. ET). The USA vs. The World special team event will conclude the World Series on March 19 (8 p.m. ET).

**MARK ROTH-MARSHALL HOLMAN PBA DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**(a 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour Tier 3 event)**  
**Royal Pin Woodland, Indianapolis (aired Sunday on FS1)**

**Final Standings:**

- 1, Jesper Svensson, Sweden/Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., \$30,000.
- 2, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind./Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., \$15,000.
- 3, Dom Barrett, England/Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, \$13,000
- 4, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich./Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., \$12,000.
- 5, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz./Osku Palermmaa, Finland, \$11,000.

**Stepladder Results:**

Match One – Barrett/Simonsen def. Butturff/Palermmaa, 237-236.  
Match Two – Barrett/Simonsen def. Anderson/Prather, 226-190.  
Semifinal Match – Tackett/Kent def. Barrett/Simonsen, 263-190.  
Championship – Svensson/Troup def. Tackett/Kent, 234-205.

**Matt McNiel Paces Go Bowling Cheetah Championship Qualifying  
as Storm PBA World Series of Bowling XI gets underway**

**LAS VEGAS** – Matt McNiel, a 34-year-old part-time PBA Tour competitor from Minneapolis, Minnesota, posted a 10-game total of 2,424 pins Sunday to lead qualifying in the Go Bowling PBA Cheetah Championship as the Storm PBA World Series of Bowling XI got underway at South Point Bowling Plaza.

McNiel, the only bowler to win the United States Bowling Congress Open Championships all-events title three times, didn't have a game below 208 and finished Sunday's two five-game qualifying rounds with a 290 game to overtake EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Indiana by 23 pins for the Cheetah Championship lead.

The Cheetah Championship is the first of three so-called animal pattern stages of WSOB XI that also involve qualifying for the PBA World Championship, the 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour's fourth major championship. The top 16 Cheetah qualifiers will advance to best-of-five-game, single-elimination match play on Saturday, March 14, to narrow the field to four finalists who will compete for the Cheetah title live on FS1 on Sunday, March 15, at 1:30 p.m. Eastern (10:30 a.m. Pacific).

Next up on the WSOB XI schedule is qualifying for the PBA Chameleon Championship Monday. Two five-game qualifying rounds will begin at 3 p.m. Eastern/noon Pacific and 8:30 Eastern/5:30 p.m. Pacific. The top 16 qualifiers will advance to the Chameleon final rounds on March 16.

Thirty-game combined qualifying pinfall totals for the Cheetah, Chameleon and Tuesday's Scorpion Championship rounds will determine the 40 players who will advance to Wednesday's PBA World Championship cashers round. Each World Series event is being contested on a different lane oiling pattern: the 33-foot Cheetah, 39-foot Chameleon and 42-foot Scorpion patterns plus the 43-foot Earl Anthony pattern for the World Championship. Competition points earned in each event also will be important in qualifying for the upcoming PBA Playoffs and the annual PBA League draft.

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**GO BOWLING PBA CHEETAH CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**(A Storm PBA World Series of Bowling XI/2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour Tier 3 event)**  
**South Point Bowling Plaza, Las Vegas, Friday**

**Final Go Bowling PBA Cheetah Championship Qualifying Standings (after 10 games; top 16 advance to best-of-five-game single-elimination match play on Saturday, March 14)**

- 1, Matt McNeil, Minneapolis, 2,424.
- 2, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 2,401.
- 3, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 2,359.
- 4, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 2,315.
- 5, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 2,311.
- 6, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 2,304.
- 7, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 2,284.
- 8, Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 2,280.
- 9, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 2,277.
- 10, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 2,268.
- 11, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 2,267.
- 12, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 2,259.
- 13, Patrick Girard, Canada, 2,258.
- 14 (tie), Jesper Svensson, Sweden, and Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2,257.
- 16, x-Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,242.

**Failed to advance:**

- 17, Ryan Ciminelli, Lancaster, S.C., 2,242.
- 18, Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, 2,237.
- 19, Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., 2,236.
- 20, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 2,231.
- 21, Michael Martell, Brooklyn, N.Y., 2,230.
- 22, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 2,226.
- 23, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 2,224.
- 24, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 2,217.
- 25, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 2,216.
- 26, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 2,213.
- 27, Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 2,204.
- 28, Nick Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 2,203.
- 29, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 2,202.
- 30, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 2,200.
- 31, Kenneth Ryan, Farmingdale, N.J., 2,199.
- 32, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2,195.
- 33, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 2,193.
- 34 (tie), Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., and Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2,192.
- 36, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 2,188.
- 37, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 2,183.
- 38, Sam Cooley, Australia, 2,176.
- 39, JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 2,172.
- 40, Carsten Hansen, Denmark, 2,171.
- 41, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 2,169.
- 42, Dom Barrett, England, 2,167.
- 43, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 2,165.
- 44, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 2,164.

45, John Furey, Howell, N.J., 2,163.  
46, Matt Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 2,160.  
47, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 2,153.  
48, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 2,149.  
49 (tie), Jean Perez, Puerto Rico, and AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 2,147.  
51, Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C., 2,145.  
52, Rhino Page, Spokane, Wash., 2,139.  
53, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 2,138.  
54 (tie), Tom Hess, Granger, Iowa, and Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 2,135.  
56, Adam Andersson, Sweden, 2,134.  
57, Mitch Hupe, Wichita, Kan., 2,125.  
58, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 2,113.  
59, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 2,112.  
60, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 2,111.  
61, Cristian Azcona, Clermont, Fla., 2,104.  
62, Richard Teece, England, 2,103.  
63, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 2,102.  
64 (tie), Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., and Stephen Hahn, Sterling, Va., 2,099.  
66, Jim Pratt, Avondale, Ariz., 2,092.  
67, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 2,089.  
68, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 2,088.  
69, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 2,087.  
70, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 2,079.  
71, Deo Benard, Henderson, Nev., 2,071.  
72, Tim Pfeifer, Oakdale, Pa., 2,067.  
73, Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 2,064.  
74, Russ Oviatt, Sioux Falls, S.D., 2,063.  
75, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 2,060.  
76, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 2,054.  
77, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 2,053.  
78, Stuart Williams, England, 2,047.  
79, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 2,037.  
80 (tie), Arnar Jonsson, Iceland, and David Haynes, Las Vegas, 2,031.  
82, Pascal Winternheimer, Germany, 2,030.  
83 (tie), Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, and Zach Wilkins, Canada, 2,025.  
85, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 2,024.  
86 (tie), Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., and Toby Sambueno, Henderson, Nev., 2,023.  
88, Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 2,021.  
89, David Krol, Nixa, Mo., 2,019.  
90, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 2,013.  
91, Dakota Vostry, Romeoville, Ill., 2,011.  
92, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 2,010.  
93, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 2,002.  
94, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 1,996.  
95 (tie), Andrew Cain, Phoenix, and Rasmus Edvall, Sweden, 1,995.  
97, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 1,993.  
98, Gaetan Mouveroux, France, 1,992.  
99 (tie), Thomas Larsen, Denmark, and Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 1,990.  
101, Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 1,989.  
102, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,987.  
103 (tie), Robin Persson, Sweden, and Maria Rodriguez, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,984.  
105, Chad Lusche, Arvada, Colo., 1,982.  
106, Kim Bolleby, Sweden, 1,977.

107, Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 1,971.  
108, Kyle Duster, Scottsdale, Ariz., 1,951.  
109, Cody Shoemaker, Hanover, Pa., 1,948.  
110, Tobias Boerding, Germany, 1,937.  
111, Wesley Low Jr., Palmdale, Calif., 1,935.  
112, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,934.  
113 (tie), Tristan Butler, Fort Wayne, Ind., and Greg Ostrander, Brick, N.J., 1,908.  
115, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 1,905.  
116, Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., 1,881.  
116, Ryan Graywacz, Canastota, N.Y., 1,881.  
118, Eduardo Astiazaran, Mexico, 1,849.  
119, Matt Kuba, Tinley Park, Ill., 1,814.  
120, Blake Demore, Springfield, Mo., 1,812.  
x-Rash def. Ciminelli, 243-178, in a one-game roll-off to break a tie for 16th place.  
**300 Games:** Michael Martell (2).

## **Chris Collins Wins PBA50 Fayetteville South Open**

**FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. (Mar. 8, 2020)** – Chris Collins of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, defeated Chris Johnson of Nashville, North Carolina, 217-180, in the final match to take the first prize in the PBA50 Fayetteville South Open at Lafayette Lanes Sunday, improving his all-time PBA titles record to 15.

Collins opened up a 26-pin lead by the seventh frame and never looked back.

Collins, who qualified in the number one position for the four-man stepladder finals with a 7-1 match play record and a 16-game total of 3,906 pins, including match play bonus pins, had one of two perfect games in the event. Brett Caramagno of Goose Creek, South Carolina, had the other.

In the first stepladder match Johnson defeated Jimmy Jean of Kathleen, Georgia, 172-155. Johnson then defeated Craig Auerbach of Sunrise, Florida, 203-194, to set up the championship match.

Collins received \$2,000 for his win, Johnson \$1,000 for second place, Auerbach \$900 for third and Jean earned \$800 for his fourth-place finish.

The PBA South Region's next tournament will be the PBA50 Cherokee UltraStar at Harrah's Casino South Open in Cherokee, N.C., March 20-22.

### **PBA50 FAYETTEVILLE SOUTH OPEN Lafayette Lanes, Fayetteville, N.C., Sunday**

**Final Standings:** 1, Chris Collins, Myrtle Beach, S.C., \$2,000. 2, Chris Johnson, Nashville, N.C., \$1,000. 3, Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., \$900. 4, Jimmy Jean, Kathleen, Ga., \$800.

**Stepladder Results:** Match One – Johnson def. Jean, 172-155. Semifinal Match – Johnson def. Auerbach, 203-194. Championship – Collins def. Johnson, 217-180.

### **Final Match Play Standings (after 16 games)**

1, Collins, 7-1, 3,906.  
2, Auerbach, 4-4, 3,864.

- 3, Johnson, 8-0, 3,845.
- 4, Jean, 5-3, 3,582.
5. Bill Vannoy, Lexington, S.C., 4-4, 3,579, \$700.
- 6, Greg McMahan, Dandridge, Tenn., 5-3, 3,568, \$675.
- 7, James Campbell, Clearwater, Fla., 4-4, 3,536, \$650.
- 8, Todd Haney, Boiling Springs, S.C., 4-4, 3,491, \$625.
- 9, Brett Caramagno, Goose Creek, S.C., 4-4, 3,459, \$575.
- 10, n-Chip Collins, Fayetteville, N.C., 4-4, 3,455, \$560.
- 11, Scott Fiorillo, Alexandria, Va., 3-5, 3,447, \$550.
- 12, Charlie Toney, Oak Hill, W. Va., 4-4, 3,299, \$540.
- 13, Jeffrey Campbell, Newport News, Va., 4-4, 3,291, \$530.
- 14, Troy McKinney, Yorktown, Va., 1-7, 3,249, \$520.
- 15, Allen Hall, Fieldale, Va., 2-6, 3,247, \$510.
- 16, Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 1-7, 3,110, \$500.

**300 Games:** Chris Collins, Brett Caramagno.

### **Jakob Butturff Tops Storm WSOB XI Chameleon Qualifying**

*EJ Tackett leads PBA World Championship standings after 20 games; Scorpion round is next*

**LAS VEGAS** – Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona, rolled one of two 300 games recorded Monday to pace qualifying in the PBA Chameleon Championship, the second animal pattern leg of the Storm PBA World Series of Bowling XI at South Point Bowling Plaza.

Butturff, a 25-year-old seven-time PBA Tour title winner, tossed his perfect game midway through Monday's second five-game qualifying round and finished with a 10-game total of 2,385 pins to lead two-hander Chris Via of Springfield, Ohio, who had the other Chameleon 300 game to start the day, by two pins.

The Chameleon Championship is the second of three qualifying stages of the PBA World Championship, the 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour's fourth major championship. The top 16 Chameleon qualifiers will advance to best-of-five-game, single-elimination match play on Monday, March 16, to narrow the field to four finalists who will compete for the Chameleon title live on FS1 Monday at 8 p.m. Eastern (5 p.m. Pacific).

After 20 games, EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Indiana led World Championship qualifying with 4,763 pins, 19 ahead of Butturff. Tackett was second in Cheetah qualifying and fourth in the Chameleon round; Butturff was third and first, respectively.

Next up on the WSOB XI schedule is qualifying for the PBA Scorpion Championship Tuesday. Like the Cheetah and Chameleon Championships, the Scorpion Championship will include two five-game qualifying rounds will begin at 3 p.m. Eastern/noon Pacific and 8:30 Eastern/5:30 p.m. Pacific. The top 16 qualifiers will advance to the Scorpion final rounds on March 17.

Thirty-game combined pinfall totals for the Cheetah, Chameleon and Scorpion Championship qualifying rounds will determine the 40 players who will advance to Wednesday's 10-game PBA World Championship cashers round. Each World Series event is being contested on a different lane oiling

pattern: the 33-foot Cheetah, 39-foot Chameleon and 42-foot Scorpion patterns plus the 43-foot Earl Anthony pattern for the World Championship. Competition points earned in each event also will be important in qualifying for the upcoming PBA Playoffs and the annual PBA League draft.

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**PBA CHAMELEON CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**(A Storm PBA World Series of Bowling XI/2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour Tier 3 event)**  
**South Point Bowling Plaza, Las Vegas, Monday**

**Final Qualifying Standings (after 10 games; top 16 advance to best-of-five-game single-elimination match play on Monday, March 16)**

- 1, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 2,385.
- 2, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 2,383.
- 3, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 2,366.
- 4, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 2,362.
- 5, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 2,338.
- 6, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 2,272.
- 7, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 2,265.
- 8, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2,260.
- 9, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 2,249.
- 10, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 2,238.
- 11, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 2,235.
- 12, Stuart Williams, England, 2,234.
- 13, Carsten Hansen, Denmark, 2,232.
- 14, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 2,226.
- 15, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 2,225.
- 16, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 2,222.

**Failed to advance:**

- 17, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 2,220.
- 18 (tie), Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., and BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 2,212.
- 20, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 2,209.
- 21, Rasmus Edvall, Sweden, 2,207.
- 22, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 2,201.
- 23, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 2,200.
- 24 (tie), Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., and Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 2,196.
- 26, Dom Barrett, England, 2,195.
- 27, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 2,190.
- 28, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 2,179.
- 29, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 2,176.
- 30, Blake Demore, Springfield, Mo., 2,174.
- 31, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 2,167.
- 32, Kenneth Ryan, Farmingdale, N.J., 2,160.
- 33 (tie), Darren Tang, Las Vegas, and Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 2,159.
- 35 (tie), AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, and Maria Rodriguez, Pflugerville, Texas, 2,157.
- 37, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 2,152.
- 38, Zach Wilkins, Canada, 2,146.
- 39 (tie), Cody Shoemaker, Hanover, Pa.; Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, and Richard Teece, England, 2,138.
- 42, Patrick Girard, Canada, 2,136.
- 43, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 2,128.



44, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 2,119.  
45, Chad Lusche, Arvada, Colo., 2,114.  
46, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 2,109.  
47, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 2,108.  
48, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2,103.  
49, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 2,102.  
50, Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, 2,099.  
51, Russ Oviatt, Sioux Falls, S.D., 2,095.  
52, Mitch Hupe, Wichita, Kan., 2,094.  
53, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 2,093.  
54, Cristian Azcona, Clermont, Fla., 2,091.  
55 (tie), Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., and Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 2,090.  
57 (tie), Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., and Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., 2,086.  
59 (tie), Jim Pratt, Avondale, Ariz., and Matt Kuba, Tinley Park, Ill., 2,085.  
61 (tie), Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, and Ryan Ciminelli, Lancaster, S.C., 2,084.  
63, Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 2,083.  
64, Tom Hess, Granger, Iowa, 2,081.  
65, Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 2,079.  
66, Matt Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 2,077.  
67, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 2,075.  
68, Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 2,072.  
69, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 2,068.  
70 (tie), Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., and Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., 2,065.  
72, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 2,064.  
73, Dakota Vostry, Romeoville, Ill., 2,063.  
74 (tie), Greg Ostrander, Brick, N.J., and Gaetan Mouveroux, France, 2,062.  
76 (tie), Nick Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn.; Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., and David Haynes, Las Vegas, 2,061.  
79, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 2,058.  
80, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 2,055.  
81 (tie), Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., and Kyle Duster, Scottsdale, Ariz., 2,051.  
83, Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 2,050.  
84, Matt McNiel, Minneapolis, 2,049.  
85, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 2,047.  
86, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 2,043.  
87, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2,042.  
88, Kim Bolleby, Sweden, 2,039.  
89 (tie), Sam Cooley, Australia, and Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,035.  
91, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 2,031.  
92, Arnar Jonsson, Iceland, 2,028.  
93, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 2,025.  
94, Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C., 2,023.  
95, Tobias Boerding, Germany, 2,015.  
96, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 2,009.  
97, JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 2,008.  
98 (tie), Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind., and DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 2,005.  
100, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 2,002.  
101, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 2,000.  
102, Tristan Butler, Fort Wayne, Ind., 1,996.  
103, David Krol, Nixa, Mo., 1,990.  
104, Wesley Low Jr., Palmdale, Calif., 1,989.  
105, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 1,984.  
106, Deo Benard, Henderson, Nev., 1,967.

- 107, Tim Pfeifer, Oakdale, Pa., 1,963.
- 108, Toby Sambueno, Henderson, Nev., 1,961.
- 109, Stephen Hahn, Sterling, Va., 1,949.
- 110, John Furey, Howell, N.J., 1,947.
- 111, Rhino Page, Spokane, Wash., 1,945.
- 112, Adam Andersson, Sweden, 1,941.
- 113, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 1,928.
- 114, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,926.
- 115, Pascal Winterheimer, Germany, 1,903.
- 116, Ryan Graywacz, Canastota, N.Y., 1,892.
- 117, Michael Martell, Brooklyn, N.Y., 1,866.
- 118, Eduardo Astiazaran, Mexico, 1,799.
- 119, Robin Persson, Sweden, 1,771.
- 120, Jean Perez, Puerto Rico, 1,725.

**300 Games:** Chris Via, Jakob Butturff.

### **PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING**

**(After 20 qualifying games in Cheetah and Chameleon Championships; top 40 after 30 games will advance to cashers round on Wednesday)**

- 1, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 4,763.
- 2, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 4,744.
- 3, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 4,650.
- 4, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 4,623.
- 5, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 4,537.
- 6, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 4,517.
- 7, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 4,474.
- 8 (tie), Matt McNeil, Minneapolis, and Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 4,473.
- 10, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 4,468.
- 11, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 4,466.
- 12, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 4,443.
- 13, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 4,425.
- 14, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 4,422.
- 15, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 4,413.
- 16 (tie), Carsten Hansen, Denmark, and AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 4,403.
- 18, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 4,400.
- 19, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 4,398.
- 20, Patrick Girard, Canada, 4,394.
- 21, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 4,393.
- 22, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 4,391.
- 23, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 4,389.
- 24, Dom Barrett, England, 4,362.
- 25, Kenneth Ryan, Farmingdale, N.J., 4,359.
- 26, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 4,352.
- 27 (tie), Jason Belmonte, Australia, and Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 4,351.
- 29, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 4,350.
- 30, Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, 4,336.
- 31, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 4,333.
- 32, Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 4,330.
- 33, Ryan Ciminelli, Lancaster, S.C., 4,326.
- 34, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 4,314.
- 35, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 4,304.
- 36, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 4,303.
- 37, Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., 4,301.

38, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 4,295.  
39, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 4,288.  
40, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 4,287.  
41, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 4,284.  
42, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 4,282.  
43, Stuart Williams, England, 4,281.  
44 (tie), Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., and Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 4,277.  
46, Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 4,276.  
47, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 4,272.  
48, Nick Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 4,264.  
49 (tie), Thomas Larsen, Denmark, and Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 4,255.  
51, Richard Teece, England, 4,241.  
52, Matt Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 4,237.  
53, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 4,234.  
54, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 4,220.  
55, Mitch Hupe, Wichita, Kan., 4,219.  
56, Tom Hess, Granger, Iowa, 4,216.  
57, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 4,214.  
58 (tie), Martin Larsen, Sweden, and Sam Cooley, Australia, 4,211.  
60, Rasmus Edvall, Sweden, 4,202.  
61, Cristian Azcona, Clermont, Fla., 4,195.  
62, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 4,193.  
63 (tie), Shawn Maldonado, Houston, and JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 4,180.  
65, Jim Pratt, Avondale, Ariz., 4,177.  
66, Zach Wilkins, Canada, 4,171.  
67, Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C., 4,168.  
68, Russ Oviatt, Sioux Falls, S.D., 4,158.  
69, Maria Rodriguez, Pflugerville, Texas, 4,141.  
70, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 4,124.  
71 (tie), Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, and Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 4,118.  
73, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 4,114.  
74, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 4,113.  
75, John Furey, Howell, N.J., 4,110.  
76, Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 4,100.  
77 (tie), Chad Lusche, Arvada, Colo., and Michael Martell, Brooklyn, N.Y., 4,096.  
79, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 4,092.  
80, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 4,091.  
81, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 4,089.  
82, Cody Shoemaker, Hanover, Pa., 4,086.  
83, Rhino Page, Spokane, Wash., 4,084.  
84, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 4,081.  
85, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 4,077.  
86, Adam Andersson, Sweden, 4,075.  
87, Dakota Vostry, Romeoville, Ill., 4,074.  
88, Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 4,072.  
89, Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 4,069.  
90, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 4,067.  
91, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 4,063.  
92, Arnar Jonsson, Iceland, 4,059.  
93, Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 4,055.  
94, Gaetan Mouveroux, France, 4,054.  
95, Stephen Hahn, Sterling, Va., 4,048.  
96, Deo Benard, Henderson, Nev., 4,038.

- 97, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 4,034.
- 98, Tim Pfeifer, Oakdale, Pa., 4,030.
- 99, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 4,029.
- 100, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 4,021.
- 101, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 4,020.
- 102, Kim Bolleby, Sweden, 4,016.
- 103, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 4,014.
- 104, David Krol, Nixa, Mo., 4,009.
- 105, Kyle Duster, Scottsdale, Ariz., 4,002.
- 106, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 3,998.
- 107, Blake Demore, Springfield, Mo., 3,986.
- 108, Toby Sambueno, Henderson, Nev., 3,984.
- 109 (tie), Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., and Greg Ostrander, Brick, N.J., 3,970.
- 111, Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., 3,967.
- 112, Tobias Boerding, Germany, 3,952.
- 113, Pascal Winterheimer, Germany, 3,933.
- 114, Wesley Low Jr., Palmdale, Calif., 3,924.
- 115, Tristan Butler, Fort Wayne, Ind., 3,904.
- 116, Matt Kuba, Tinley Park, Ill., 3,899.
- 117, Jean Perez, Puerto Rico, 3,872.
- 118, Ryan Graywacz, Canastota, N.Y., 3,773.
- 119, Robin Persson, Sweden, 3,755.
- 120, Eduardo Astiazaran, Mexico, 3,648.

## **Jason Belmonte Leads Storm WSOB XI Scorpion Qualifying**

*Jakob Butturff heads 40 qualifiers into PBA World Championship cashers round*

**LAS VEGAS** — Australia's Jason Belmonte led off the second round in the PBA Scorpion Championship with a 279 game Tuesday, averaging 244.4 for his final five games, top qualifying in the final animal pattern event of the Storm PBA World Series of Bowling XI at South Point Bowling Plaza.

A second-place finish in the Scorpion leg also moved Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona into the lead in PBA World Championship qualifying. The Scorpion Championship was the third and final qualifying stages of the PBA World Championship, the 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour's fourth major championship. Butturff qualified third in the Go Bowling PBA Cheetah Championship qualifying to kick off WSOB XI and he then led the Chameleon Championship round.

Belmonte, with a 10-game total of 2,324 pins, led the top 16 Scorpion qualifiers advancing to best-of-five-game, single-elimination match play on Tuesday, March 17. At the end of the day, four finalists will compete for the Scorpion title live on FS1 Tuesday at 8 p.m. Eastern (5 p.m. Pacific) as part of five consecutive days of WSOB XI telecasts.

Butturff completed PBA World Championship qualifying with a 30-game total of 7,030 pins for the combined Cheetah, Chameleon and Scorpion qualifying rounds, finishing 45 pins ahead of 2016 PBA World Champion EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Indiana, who slipped to a tie for 14th in the Scorpion round to finish with a 6,985 total. Sweden's Jesper Svensson, coming off back-to-back PBA Tour titles in the Go Bowling Indianapolis Open and the Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship, is third with 6,908 pins.

The top 40 World Championship qualifiers advanced to Wednesday's cashers round that consists of two five-game blocks at 6 and 8:30 p.m. Eastern (3 and 5:30 p.m. Pacific). After 40 games, pinfall totals will determine the top 16 players who will advance to round robin match play on Thursday. After 56 games, the five leading scorers will advance to the PBA World Championship stepladder finals live on FS1 on Wednesday, March 18, at 8 p.m. Eastern/5 p.m. Pacific.

Following qualifying rounds on the 33-foot Cheetah, 39-foot Chameleon and 42-foot Scorpion lane oiling patterns, the World Championship will be contested on the 43-foot Earl Anthony pattern, completing a multi-event competition that challenged players to adapt to a variety of scoring environments. In addition, competition points are being awarded in each event toward qualifying for the upcoming PBA Playoffs and the annual PBA League draft.

FloBowling, the PBA's official subscription-based online streaming service, is providing exclusive coverage of all WSOB qualifying and match play rounds. For subscription information, visit [flobowling.com](http://flobowling.com). Fans also can follow the World Series in real time on [pba.com](http://pba.com)'s Live Scoring feature.

### **PBA SCORPION CHAMPIONSHIP**

**(A Storm PBA World Series of Bowling XI/2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour Tier 3 event)**

**South Point Bowling Plaza, Las Vegas, Tuesday**

#### **Final Qualifying Standings (after 10 games; top 16 advance to best-of-five-game single-elimination match play on Tuesday, March 17)**

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 2,324.
- 2, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 2,286.
- 3, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 2,285.
- 4, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 2,279.
- 5, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 2,275.
- 6, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 2,270.
- 7, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 2,269.
- 8, Kenneth Ryan, Farmingdale, N.J., 2,267.
- 9, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 2,254.
- 10 (tie), Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., and Carsten Hansen, Denmark, 2,243, \$100.
- 12, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 2,238.
- 13, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 2,236.
- 14 (tie), Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., and EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 2,222.
- 16, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 2,218.

Failed to advance:

- 17 (tie), Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., and Greg Ostrander, Brick, N.J., 2,214.
- 19, Richard Teece, England, 2,213.
- 20, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 2,206.
- 21, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 2,205.
- 22, Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 2,202.
- 23 (tie), Rasmus Edvall, Sweden, and Andres Gomez, Colombia, 2,200.
- 25, Rhino Page, Spokane, Wash., 2,192.
- 26 (tie), Ryan Ciminelli, Lancaster, S.C., and Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 2,191.
- 28, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2,188.
- 29, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 2,187.
- 30, Dom Barrett, England, 2,185.
- 31, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 2,184.
- 32, Matt Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 2,183.
- 33, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 2,175.
- 34, Kim Bolleby, Sweden, 2,169.
- 35, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 2,166.

36, Kyle Duster, Scottsdale, Ariz., 2,164.  
37 (tie), John Furey, Howell, N.J., and Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2,163.  
39, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 2,157.  
40, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 2,153.  
41, Matt McNiel, Minneapolis, 2,149.  
42, Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 2,148.  
42, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 2,148.  
44, Deo Benard, Henderson, Nev., 2,145.  
45, Russ Oviatt, Sioux Falls, S.D., 2,141.  
45, Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, 2,141.  
47, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 2,136.  
48, Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C., 2,135.  
49, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 2,132.  
50, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 2,129.  
51, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 2,128.  
52, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 2,120.  
53, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 2,119.  
54 (tie), Toby Sambueno, Henderson, Nev., and Mitch Hupe, Wichita, Kan., 2,118.  
56, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 2,116.  
57, Gaetan Mouveroux, France, 2,112.  
58, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2,103.  
59, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 2,099.  
60, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2,094.  
61, Wesley Low Jr., Palmdale, Calif., 2,093.  
62 (tie), Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., and AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 2,091.  
64, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 2,090.  
65, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 2,089.  
66, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,087.  
67, Cody Shoemaker, Hanover, Pa., 2,076.  
68, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 2,071.  
69 (tie), Blake Demore, Springfield, Mo.; Arturo Quintero, Mexico, and Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 2,067.  
72, Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., 2,066.  
73, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 2,065.  
74, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 2,057.  
75, Michael Martell, Brooklyn, N.Y., 2,056.  
76, Pascal Winterheimer, Germany, 2,052.  
77, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 2,050.  
78, Stuart Williams, England, 2,049.  
79, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 2,048.  
80, Arnar Jonsson, Iceland, 2,037.  
81, Robin Persson, Sweden, 2,033.  
82, Tobias Boerding, Germany, 2,030.  
83, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 2,029.  
84, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 2,028.  
85, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 2,027.  
86, Adam Andersson, Sweden, 2,024.  
87, Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 2,022.  
88, Tim Pfeifer, Oakdale, Pa., 2,021.  
89 (tie), Matt Kuba, Tinley Park, Ill., and Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 2,019.  
91, Ryan Graywacz, Canastota, N.Y., 2,011.  
92, Tom Hess, Granger, Iowa, 2,005.  
93, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 2,002.

- 94, Patrick Girard, Canada, 2,001.
- 95, Nick Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 2,000.
- 96, Stephen Hahn, Sterling, Va., 1,996.
- 97, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 1,989.
- 98, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,978.
- 99 (tie), Jean Perez, Puerto Rico, and Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., 1,964.
- 101 (tie), Thomas Larsen, Denmark, and Chad Lusche, Arvada, Colo., 1,958.
- 103, JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 1,956.
- 104, Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1,936.
- 105, Jim Pratt, Avondale, Ariz., 1,934.
- 106, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,932.
- 107, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 1,929.
- 108, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 1,925.
- 109 (tie), Christopher Sloan, Ireland, and Maria Rodriguez, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,911.
- 111, Eduardo Astiazaran, Mexico, 1,910.
- 112, Sam Cooley, Australia, 1,907.
- 113, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 1,900.
- 114, Cristian Azcona, Clermont, Fla., 1,893.
- 115, Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 1,884.
- 116, Dakota Vostry, Romeoville, Ill., 1,871.
- 117, Tristan Butler, Fort Wayne, Ind., 1,818.
- 118, David Krol, Nixa, Mo., 1,800.
- 119, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 1,772.
- 120, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., withdrew.
- 300 Games:** Kyle Duster, Carsten Hansen.

## **PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

**(A Storm PBA World Series of Bowling XI/2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour Tier 1 event)**

### **Final Qualifying Standings (after 30 qualifying games in Cheetah, Chameleon and Scorpion Championships; top 40 advance to Wednesday's cashers round)**

- 1, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 7,030.
- 2, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 6,985.
- 3, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 6,908.
- 4, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 6,888.
- 5, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 6,773.
- 6, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 6,728.
- 7, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 6,680.
- 8, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 6,679.
- 9, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 6,675.
- 10, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 6,673.
- 11 (tie), Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., and Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 6,664.
- 13, Carsten Hansen, Denmark, 6,646.
- 14, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 6,641.
- 15, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 6,640.
- 16, Kenneth Ryan, Farmingdale, N.J., 6,626.
- 17, Matt McNiel, Minneapolis, 6,622.
- 18, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 6,613.
- 19, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 6,607.
- 20, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 6,549.
- 21, Dom Barrett, England, 6,547.
- 22, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 6,521.
- 23, Ryan Ciminelli, Lancaster, S.C., 6,517.

24 (tie), Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., and Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 6,516.  
26, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 6,500.  
27, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 6,494.  
28, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 6,489.  
29, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 6,487.  
30, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 6,478.  
31, Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, 6,477.  
32, Richard Teece, England, 6,454.  
33, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 6,435.  
34, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 6,433.  
35, Matt Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 6,420.  
36, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 6,419.  
37, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 6,414.  
38, Rasmus Edvall, Sweden, 6,402.  
39, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 6,401.  
40, Patrick Girard, Canada, 6,395.

**Failed to advance:**

41, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 6,389.  
42, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 6,370.  
43, Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., 6,367.  
44, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 6,364.  
45, Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 6,352.  
46, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 6,348.  
47, Mitch Hupe, Wichita, Kan., 6,337.  
48, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 6,333.  
49, Stuart Williams, England, 6,330.  
50, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 6,327.  
51, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 6,314.  
52, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 6,303.  
52, Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C., 6,303.  
54, Russ Oviatt, Sioux Falls, S.D., 6,299.  
55, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 6,290.  
56, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 6,284.  
57, Rhino Page, Spokane, Wash., 6,276.  
58, John Furey, Howell, N.J., 6,273.  
59, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 6,267.  
60, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 6,266.  
61, Nick Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 6,264.  
62, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 6,262.  
63, Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 6,257.  
64, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 6,246.  
65, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 6,245.  
66, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 6,238.  
67, Tom Hess, Granger, Iowa, 6,221.  
68, Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 6,220.  
69, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 6,215.  
70, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 6,213.  
71, Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 6,212.  
72, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 6,209.  
73, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 6,208.  
74, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 6,199.  
75, Kim Bolleby, Sweden, 6,185.  
76, Greg Ostrander, Brick, N.J., 6,184.



- 77, Deo Benard, Henderson, Nev., 6,183.
- 78, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 6,181.
- 79 (tie), Gaetan Mouveroux, France, and Kyle Duster, Scottsdale, Ariz., 6,166.
- 81, Cody Shoemaker, Hanover, Pa., 6,162.
- 82, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 6,159.
- 83, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 6,155.
- 84, Michael Martell, Brooklyn, N.Y., 6,152.
- 85 (tie), Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind., and JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 6,136.
- 87, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 6,132.
- 88, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 6,129.
- 89, Sam Cooley, Australia, 6,118.
- 90, Jim Pratt, Avondale, Ariz., 6,111.
- 91 (tie), Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, and Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 6,104.
- 93, Toby Sambueno, Henderson, Nev., 6,102.
- 94, Adam Andersson, Sweden, 6,099.
- 95, Arnar Jonsson, Iceland, 6,096.
- 96, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 6,091.
- 97, Cristian Azcona, Clermont, Fla., 6,088.
- 98, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 6,069.
- 99, Chad Lusche, Arvada, Colo., 6,054.
- 100, Blake Demore, Springfield, Mo., 6,053.
- 101, Maria Rodriguez, Pflugerville, Texas, 6,052.
- 102, Tim Pfeifer, Oakdale, Pa., 6,051.
- 103, Stephen Hahn, Sterling, Va., 6,044.
- 104, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 5,043.
- 105, Wesley Low Jr., Palmdale, Calif., 6,017.
- 106, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 6,013.
- 107, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 6,006.
- 108, Pascal Winterheimer, Germany, 5,985.
- 109, Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 5,984.
- 110, Tobias Boerding, Germany, 5,982.
- 111, Dakota Vostry, Romeoville, Ill., 5,945.
- 112, Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., 5,931.
- 113, Matt Kuba, Tinley Park, Ill., 5,918.
- 114, Jean Perez, Puerto Rico, 5,836.
- 115, David Krol, Nixa, Mo., 5,809.
- 116, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 5,793.
- 117, Robin Persson, Sweden, 5,788.
- 118, Ryan Graywacz, Canastota, N.Y., 5,784.
- 119, Tristan Butler, Fort Wayne, Ind., 5,722.
- 120, Eduardo Astiazaran, Mexico, 5,558.

## **EJ Tackett Leads PBA World Championship Field into Match Play**

*Top 40 Storm World Series of Bowling XI qualifiers trimmed to 16*

**LAS VEGAS** – After a combined 40 games bowled on four different lane conditions, the field of 40 PBA World Championship cashers was trimmed to 16 during Wednesday's cashers round at the Storm PBA World Series of Bowling XI at South Point Bowling Plaza. And the leader of the pack heading into match play Thursday is EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Indiana, who raced away to a 246-pin lead during the cashers round.

Tackett, the 2013 PBA World Champion, completed the fourth round of qualifying with a 40-game total of 9,482 pins, averaging 237.05 pins to build a significant lead over Australia's Jason Belmonte who posted a 9,236 total. Sweden's Jesper Svensson, who came into the World Series on the heels of back-to-back victories in the Go Bowling Indianapolis Open and Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship, was in third place, 14 pins behind Belmonte.

The top 16 World Championship qualifiers advance to round robin match play on Thursday. After a total of 56 games, including bonus pins earned in match play, the five leading scorers will advance to the PBA World Championship stepladder finals that will air live on FS1 on Wednesday, March 18, at 8 p.m. Eastern/5 p.m. Pacific.

The multi-event PBA World Series is being contested on 33-foot Cheetah, 39-foot Chameleon, 42-foot Scorpion and 43-foot Earl Anthony lane oiling patterns, forcing the starting field of 120 players from around the world to adapt to a variety of scoring challenges. All players also are working to earn competition points in each event toward qualifying for the upcoming PBA Playoffs and the annual PBA League draft.

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## **PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

**(A Storm PBA World Series of Bowling XI/2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour Tier 1 event)  
South Point Bowling Plaza, Las Vegas, Wednesday**

### **Final Cashers Round Standings (after 40 qualifying games; top 16 advance to round robin match play Thursday)**

- 1, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 9,482.
- 2, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 9,236.
- 3, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 9,222.
- 4, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 9,146.
- 5, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 9,140.
- 6, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 9,134.
- 7, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 9,129.
- 8, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 9,123.
- 9, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 9,107.
- 10, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 9,106.
- 11, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 9,087.
- 12, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 9,030.
- 13, Dom Barrett, England, 9,018.
- 14, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 9,014.
- 15, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 9,010.
- 16, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 8,966.

### **Failed to advance:**

- 17, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 8,938, \$5,200.
- 18, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 8,927, \$5,000.
- 19, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 8,925, \$4,800.

20, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 8,911, \$4,600.  
21, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 8,907, \$4,400.  
22, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 8,892, \$4,200.  
23, Carsten Hansen, Denmark, 8,879, \$4,100.  
24, Richard Teece, England, 8,859, \$4,000.  
25, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 8,854, \$3,750.  
26, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 8,823, \$3,650.  
27, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 8,811, \$3,550.  
28, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 8,801, \$3,450.  
29, Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, 8,798, \$3,350.  
30, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 8,790, \$3,250.  
31, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 8,766, \$3,100.  
32, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 8,749, \$3,000.  
33, Patrick Girard, Canada, 8,745, \$2,900.  
34, Matt McNiel, Minneapolis, 8,704, \$2,800.  
35, Rasmus Edvall, Sweden, 8,690, \$2,750.  
36, Kenneth Ryan, Farmingdale, N.J., 8,626, \$2,700.  
37, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 8,617, \$2,650.  
38, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 8,540, \$2,600.  
39, Ryan Ciminelli, Lancaster, S.C., 8,514, \$2,550.  
40, Matt Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 8,458, \$2,500.  
**300 Games:** Jason Belmonte (2), Richard Teece (2), Bill O'Neill, AJ Johnson.

### **PBA To Limit WSOB XI Televised Finals to Players, Families, and Officials**

**New York, NY** – In accordance with the latest guidance from federal health organizations, the Professional Bowlers Association has decided the Storm World Series of Bowling XI will go on without spectators present during the tournament.

PBA CEO Colie Edison addressed the PBA's position on dealing with the coronavirus outbreak that has created complex issues around the world, "It is with an abundance of caution and in cooperation with South Point that the PBA has decided the Storm WSOB XI televised finals will go on without spectators present during the tournaments. Attendance will be limited to competitors, players' families and those in an official capacity only.

"We are thankful all of our loyal fans will be able to watch the finals of all WSOB XI events on FS1 and, internationally, on FloBowling's livestreams."

Please refer to [pba.com](http://pba.com) for future updates.

### **Jason Belmonte Qualifies No. 1 for PBA World Championship Finals**

*PBA to conduct live major championship telecast on FS1 without spectators*

**LAS VEGAS** – Australia's Jason Belmonte out-bowled a field of 120 Storm PBA World Series of Bowling XI competitors over 56 games on four different lane conditions to earn the top berth for the PBA World Championship stepladder finals at South Point Bowling Plaza Thursday.

The PBA World Championship will be decided live on FS1 on Wednesday, March 18, at 8 p.m. Eastern/5 p.m. Pacific before an audience consisting only of PBA players, family members and tournament officials in the wake of the PBA's decision to close the event to the public in response to coronavirus concerns.

Belmonte, who owns 2017 and 2019 PBA World Championships among his record 12 PBA major titles, overcame EJ Tackett's 246-pin lead heading into the final 16 games of round robin match play Thursday, winning 11 of his 16 matches to post a 56-game total of 13,546 pins and qualifying No. 1 for the stepladder finals by six pins over Tackett.

Rounding out the finals field will be Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, with a 13,390 total, two-time U.S. Open winner Francois Lavoie, Canada, 13,283, and Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 13,236. Simonsen, 23, is trying to become the youngest bowler in PBA history to win three major titles. He won the USBC Masters at 19 and upset Belmonte to win the PBA Players Championship a year ago at age 22. Via is trying for his first PBA Tour title.

The multi-event PBA World Series has been contested on 33-foot Cheetah, 39-foot Chameleon, 42-foot Scorpion and 43-foot Earl Anthony lane oiling patterns, forcing the entire field of players from around the world to adapt to a variety of scoring challenges. All players also have been working to earn competition points in each event toward qualifying for the upcoming PBA Playoffs and the annual PBA League draft that will be held Sunday at 5 p.m. Eastern.

Prior to the World Championship finals, the top 16 qualifiers in the Go Bowling PBA Cheetah Championship, Chameleon Championship and Scorpion Championship will bowl five-game, single-elimination match play rounds to narrow each group of 16 to four finalists. The Cheetah elimination rounds will take place Saturday at 3 and 6 p.m. Eastern and the finals will air live on FS1 on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Eastern. The Chameleon and Scorpion match play rounds will be held at noon and 3 p.m. Eastern with finals live on FS1 Monday and Tuesday, respectively, at 8 p.m. Eastern.

The WSOB XI will conclude with a special USA vs. The World team event that will air on FS1 on Thursday at 8 p.m. Eastern.

FloBowling, the PBA's official subscription-based online streaming service, is providing exclusive coverage of all WSOB qualifying and match play rounds, plus the PBA League Draft. For subscription information, visit [flobowling.com](https://flobowling.com). Fans also can follow the World Series in real time on [pba.com](https://pba.com)'s Live Scoring feature.

## **PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

### **(A Storm PBA World Series of Bowling XI/2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour Tier 1 event)**

#### **Final Match Play Standings (after 56 qualifying games, including match play bonus pins; top five advance to live FS1 stepladder finals Wednesday at 8 p.m. Eastern/5 p.m. Pacific)**

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 11-5, 13,546.
- 2, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 7-7-2, 13,540.
- 3, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 10-6, 13,390.
- 4, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 10-6, 13,283.
- 5, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 10-6, 13,236.
- 6, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 10-6, 13,166, \$12,000.
- 7, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 7-9, 13,146, \$10,000.
- 8, Dom Barrett, England, 10-5-1, 13,137, \$9,500.
- 9, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 7-9, 13,080, \$9,000.
- 10, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 6-8-2, 13,058, \$8,500.
- 11, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 9-7, 13,022, \$8,000.
- 12, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 7-9, 12,842, \$7,500.
- 13, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 4-11-1, 12,841, \$7,000.

14, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 7-9, 12,825, \$6,500.  
15, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 5-11, 12,804, \$6,000.  
16, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 5-11, 12,707, \$5,500.  
**300 Games:** Kyle Troup.

## **Perfect Game Helps Danny Clark Win PBA50 Strike Zone Lanes Central Classic**

**Canton, Ohio (March 8, 2020)** – Danny Clark of New Palestine, Ohio fired a 300 game in the position round match play finale as he defeated Dave Johnson of Ashtabula, Ohio by 207 pins to win the PBA50 Strike Zone Lanes Central Classic for his first PBA50 Regional title Sunday at Strike Zone Lanes.

Clark finished with an 11-1 match play record and a total of 5,120 pins for 20 games, including match play bonus pins. Along with his first PBA50 Regional title, he also earned \$2,100.

The PBA Central Region's next event will be the [PBA50 Sherry Bodkins Memorial Central Open](#) at Victory Lanes in Galion, Ohio, April 3-5.

### **PBA50 STRIKE ZONE LANES CENTRAL CLASSIC Strike Zone Lanes, Canton, Ohio, Sunday**

#### **Final Match Play Standings (after 20 games, including match play bonus pins):**

1, Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 11-1, 5,120, \$2,100. 2, Dave Johnson, Ashtabula, Ohio, 9-3, 4,913, \$1,100. 3, Eddie Graham, Kettering, Ohio, 8-4, 4,806, \$900. 4, Tom Adcock, Decatur, Ill., 8-4, 4,786, \$800. 5, Bill Watson, Monroe, Ohio, 7-5, 4,670, \$775. 6, Dean Billings, Rootstown, Ohio, 7-5, 4,664, \$750. 7, Steve Kenyon, Grosse Ile., Mich., 4-8, 4,597, \$725. 8, Jay Davis Jr., Silver Spring, Md., 5-7, 4,580, \$700.  
9, ss-Dale Csuhta, Wadsworth, Ohio, 6-6, 4,573, \$675. 10, n-Jerry Jelinek, Northfield, Ohio, 5-7, 4,532, \$660. 11, ss-Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 5-7, 4,495, \$650. 12, Larry Verble, Mason, Mich., 6-6, 4,476, \$640. 13, Gary Schluchter, Fremont, Ohio, 6-6, 4,465, \$630. 14, ss-Jeff Zaffino, Warren, Pa., 5-7, 4,425, \$620. 15, ss-Bill Burns, Pittsburgh, 3-9, 4,362, \$610. 16, Brian Buehler, Alliance, Ohio, 1-11, 4,205, \$600.

ss-denotes PBA60 player; n-denotes non-member

## **PBA Modifies Storm WSOB XI Finals Schedule Due to Coronavirus Pandemic**

*PBA World Championship moves to Sunday with enhanced prize money; Animal pattern finals postponed*

**LAS VEGAS (March 13, 2020)** - The PBA has modified plans for Storm World Series of Bowling XI finals in response to the coronavirus pandemic, enhancing the prize fund for the live PBA World Championship telecast on FS1 Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Eastern (10:30 a.m. Pacific), but postponing all additional competition in the three animal pattern championships.

The last-minute changes have been made out of an abundance of caution to ensure the safety of players, family members and tournament officials. International travel restrictions that may impact a number of World Series competitors also played a role in PBA's decisions.

The changes include the following:

1. The match play eliminations and finals of the Go Bowling PBA Cheetah Championship, Chameleon Championship and Scorpion Championship will be postponed indefinitely. Details regarding completion of those events will be announced later.
2. The live PBA World Championship finals will include enhanced prize money of \$150,000 to the winner, \$70,000 for second place, \$40,000 for third, \$30,000 for fourth and \$20,000 for fifth place. The finalists, from first to fifth seeds, respectively, are Jason Belmonte, EJ Tackett, Anthony Simonsen, Francois Lavoie and Chris Via. The finals will still be conducted with an audience limited to fellow players, family members and tournament officials.
3. FS1 will air the finals live on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Eastern (10:30 a.m. Pacific) instead of next Wednesday, as originally planned.
4. A decision on the PBA's 2020 competition points race, affecting the field of player who will qualify for the PBA Playoffs, will be announced later.
5. The PBA League Draft, scheduled for Sunday afternoon, also has been postponed and will be conducted at a later date.

The PBA announcement Friday comes on the heels of USBC's announcement Thursday that the USBC Masters, originally scheduled for March 23-29 in Reno, has been postponed indefinitely.

### **Belmonte Beats Simonsen to Win Third Consecutive PBA World Championship Title**

*Belmonte tops Simonsen 213-190 in title match of rescheduled  
FS1 Finals telecast for 13th major title*

**LAS VEGAS (March 15, 2020)** – In a match-up between two of the Go Bowling PBA Tour's premier two-handed players, Australian Jason Belmonte defeated Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas, 213-190, in the title match Sunday at the South Point Bowling Plaza to win his third consecutive PBA World Championship title while extending his all-time career-leading major win total to 13.

Bowling in front of an on-site finals audience that consisted of mainly PBA players, their family members and tournament officials held three days earlier than originally scheduled, Belmonte also notched his 24th career PBA Tour title to take home the \$150,000 first prize.

The PBA modified plans for all of the Storm PBA World Series of Bowling XI finals telecasts in response to the coronavirus pandemic, moving the live FS1 World Championship telecast to Sunday from its original Wednesday (March 18) slot while also postponing all additional competition in the three animal pattern (lane condition) championships. However, the players were able to complete all 56 games of qualifying and match play for the World Championship last week to advance to the finals.

As the top seed for the finals, Belmonte also added to his ever-growing list of accomplishments in PBA majors joining Hall of Famer Earl Anthony as the only players to win three consecutive World Championship titles. Anthony did it twice when the event was called the PBA National Championship ('73,

'74, '75 and '81, '82 and 83). Belmonte, the five-time and reigning PBA Player of the Year, was also making a record fifth consecutive major telecast appearance and eight of the last nine.

What made the win extra special for Belmonte was that he won in front of his entire family for the first time.

"It was everything to have my family here to see this," said the 36-year-old Australian, whose wife Kimberly, son Hugo, and daughters Sylvie and Aria were in attendance to witness the victory. "They were a calming influence when I wasn't doing well and a great support structure overall. It was a dream to have them here to see this."

It was also Belmonte's second consecutive major title this season after winning the U.S. Open on Feb. 23 to join PBA Hall of Famer Mike Aulby as the only players to complete the PBA Tour's Super Slam, which is a title in all five PBA majors (PBA Tournament of Champions, U.S. Open, PBA Players Championship, USBC Masters and PBA World Championship). It was in the 2019 World Championship that Belmonte won his 11th major to surpass Hall of Famers Pete Weber and Earl Anthony on the all-time major titles list.

In the title match, the 23-year-old Simonsen, trying to become the youngest player to win three majors, got off to a bad start with two opens after leaving difficult splits. Belmonte was able to take advantage by stringing strikes from the third through seventh frames which gave him enough of a cushion to win the match.

"Going into the match it was all going to be about speed control," Belmonte said. "Keeping it slow and getting a good consistent release was the key. Anytime you can keep striking, keep a big lead and your opponent believes he has to strike out to win, that's when you can really keep the pressure on."

The World Championship was the fourth and final event of the season that offered a \$1 million bonus if the winning player bowled a 300 game in the title match.

"Obviously you can't ignore the money in a tournament like this but it's never been the motivating factor for me," said Belmonte. "It's always about the title because that's what people will remember when the history is written."

In the semifinal match, Simonsen, a seven-time tour winner beat No. 2 seed EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Indiana, 215-177, to advance to the title match. Tackett, the 2016 World Championship winner and PBA Player of the Year, was trying for his third major and 14th career tour title.

In the second match, Simonsen defeated Canadian Francois Lavoie 224-204 to advance to the semifinal match. Lavoie, a four-time tour winner that includes two U.S. Open titles, was trying for his third major win.

The finals started with Lavoie, the No. 4 seed, beating three-time Team USA member and former National Amateur Champion No. 5 seed Chris Via of Springfield, Ohio, 269-258 to advance to the second match against Simonsen. Via, a two-time PBA Tour runner-up, finished fifth to match his best finish in a major which came in the recent U.S. Open.

**PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**(A Storm PBA World Series of Bowling XI/2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour Tier 1 event)**  
**South Point Bowling Plaza, Las Vegas, Sunday**

### **Final Standings**

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia \$150,000.
- 2, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, \$70,000.
- 3, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., \$40,000.
- 4, Francois Lavoie, Canada, \$30,000.
- 5, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, \$20,000.

### **Playoff Results**

Match one – Lavoie def. Via, 269-258.  
Match two – Simonsen def. Lavoie, 224-204.  
Semifinal – Simonsen def. Tackett, 215-177.  
Championship – Belmonte def. Simonsen, 213-190.

## **PBA Puts All Tournament Activity on Hiatus Due to Coronavirus Pandemic**

*PBA Tour, PBA50 Tour, PBA Regionals postponed; events to be re-evaluated in early April*

**CHICAGO (March 17, 2020)** - The Professional Bowlers Association has placed all tournament activities at all levels on hiatus indefinitely due to coronavirus concerns, PBA CEO Colie Edison announced today. Included in the postponements is the start of the 2020 PBA Playoffs which were scheduled to start on April 6.

The announcement, made out of an abundance of preventative caution, means all PBA Tour, PBA50 Tour and PBA Regional tournaments currently scheduled will be put on hiatus as the PBA complies with decisions made nationally and locally in a concerted effort to help avoid “community spread” of the COVID-19 virus. All scheduled events will be re-evaluated in early April.

The PBA postponed the final match play elimination rounds and television finals of the Storm PBA World Series of Bowling XI animal pattern championships (Go Bowling Cheetah, Chameleon and Scorpion Championships) that were scheduled to take place at South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, allowing all competitors including several international bowlers to return home before federal airline restrictions took effect.

The PBA World Championship finals were conducted Sunday instead of Wednesday, as originally planned, because the five finalists were on hand in Las Vegas and wanted to complete the 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour’s fourth major championship. Australia’s Jason Belmonte won the event before an audience consisting only of a handful of PBA players, tournament officials, and his own family including wife Kimberly, daughters Aria and Sylvie, and son Hugo who had flown in from Australia to watch. The finals aired live on FS1 and was the network’s most-watched telecast last week.

In addition to PBA’s decision, the United States Bowling Congress indefinitely postponed the USBC Masters that was scheduled for March 23-29 as well as the start of the 2020 USBC Open Championships, a traditional tournament for all USBC members including a number of PBA members who planned to participate.

“This is a completely unforeseen, unprecedented issue of global concern,” Edison said. “The PBA greatly appreciates the understanding and cooperation of its players, business partners, tournament hosts and all other parties impacted as we try to do our part in keeping everyone as safe as we can.”

As circumstances dictate, the PBA will make further announcements regarding the completion of the animal pattern championships, competition points races impacting the postponed PBA League Draft and



qualifiers for the 2020 PBA Playoffs. The start of the PBA Playoffs, scheduled for April 6, also will be postponed.

In the interim, fans can stay engaged with the PBA through its social media outlets (PBA on Facebook, PBA Tour on Twitter, PBA on Instagram and PBA on YouTube); by using the PBA App for mobile devices; the PBA Pro Bowling console game, and PBA.com.

FOX Sports also is planning multiple re-broadcasts of the PBA World Championship, PBA Tournament of Champions and Roth-Holman PBA Doubles Championship finals on its FS1 and FS2. Check your local listings for dates and times.

## **PBA Spare Shots/Storm WSOB XI Notebook**

### **ENJOY PBA BOWLING ACTION IN YOUR LIVING ROOM**

PBA competition may be suspended at the moment, but you can still enjoy the spirit of competition in the comfort of your living room by playing one of the most popular mobile device games in the world – PBA Bowling Challenge for mobile devices – or the new PBA Pro Bowling game for consoles and mobile devices.

Concrete Software's PBA Bowling Challenge for mobile devices can be downloaded at no cost at Google Play or the App Store. Millions of users currently enjoy the challenges of bowling in a variety of tournaments, making equipment choices and competing in a wide range of venues.

PBA Pro Bowling is a newer virtual game, offering players multi-player and tournament options. PBA Pro Bowling is offered for XboxOne, PS4, Nintendo Switch and Steam platforms for \$19.99. To learn more, visit: <http://probowling.com/>.

### **LEFTOVER NEWS FROM THE STORM PBA WORLD SERIES OF BOWLING**

Bowling fans around the world are aware of mass postponements and cancellations of bowling activities at all levels in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, including the premature ending of the Storm PBA World Series of Bowling XI.

Left in suspended animation as the PBA – along with thousands of other sporting events – rapidly shut down activities in the interest of complying with urgent safety standards intended to keep players, fans, staff and others as insulated as possible from exposure to the virus were a few news items of interest. Among them:

- The joint announcement by PBA and Storm Products that Storm had become titled sponsor of the Storm PBA World Series of Bowling XI.
- The USA vs. The World team event that was scheduled to conclude WSOB XI was subsequently cancelled. Before the cancellation, however, three-time PBA Tour titlist **Bob Learn Jr.** was named captain of the United States team, and the players who had qualified for his team were **Jakob Butturff, EJ Tackett, Chris Via, Darren**

**Tang** and **Bill O'Neill**, the five highest-finishing American players in PBA World Championship qualifying. The World team, captained by England's **Stuart Williams**, would have included Sweden's **Jesper Svensson**, Canada's **Francois Lavoie**, Australia's **Jason Belmonte**, Denmark's **Carsten Hansen** and England's **Dom Barrett**.

- WSOB XI was full of stories, but one of the most unusual was the extreme case of “lost-and-found” involving second-year PBA Tour competitor **Michael Martell** of Brooklyn, N.Y. Martell averaged 178.2 with a high game of 196 for his first five games in Go Bowling Cheetah Championship qualifying, finishing the round with a 891 total and sitting in 117th place in the 120-player field. Then, in an historical reversal, the 22-year-old lefthander averaged 267.8 for his next five games, including rolling back-to-back 300 games (the only perfect games among 1,200 games bowled by the entire field in Cheetah qualifying) for a 1,339 block, moving up 96 places to finish 21st – 12 pins shy of making the cut to 16 finalists for Cheetah match play.

- PWBA titlist **Danielle McEwan** was one of two women in the World Series field, qualifying out of the Pre-Tournament Qualifier, and the only woman to qualify for the match play elimination rounds. McEwan qualified sixth in the Scorpion Championship round, but what happens next remains unresolved as all three of the animal pattern championships were postponed. The domino effect of WSOB postponements also meant PBA competition points races affecting the 2020 PBA Playoffs and PBA League Draft eligibility also remain unresolved. **Marie Jose Rodriguez**, also a PWBA champion and wife of PBA competitor **Nathan Bohr**, also made it into the WSOB field, advancing out of the PTQ as “first alternate” but earning a spot in the field when a previously entered player withdrew.

- All PBA tournament activity at all levels (PBA Tour, PBA50 Tour and Regional) have been suspended indefinitely because of the coronavirus. Partly because of the PBA's extensive participation internationally, all parties affected should expect the hiatus to continue until global leaders are certain the virus pandemic is under control. Please watch for official news from the PBA through direct communications, [pba.com](http://pba.com) and the PBA's official social media outlets.

- The United States Bowling Congress has also suspended all tournament activities, including postponements of several events directly impacting PBA members: the USBC Masters, USBC Open Championships, USBC Senior Masters and USBC Super Senior Classic.

## **PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: PERFECT GAME HELPS DANNY CLARK WIN FIRST PBA TITLE**

- Prior to the suspension of PBA Regional competition, **Danny Clark** of New Palestine, Ohio fired a 300 game in the position round match play finale as he defeated **Dave Johnson** of Ashtabula, Ohio by 207 pins to win the PBA50 Strike Zone Lanes Central Classic for his first PBA50 Regional title in Canton, Ohio on Sunday, March 8.

Clark finished with an 11-1 match play record and a total of 5,120 pins for 20 games, including match play bonus pins. Along with his first PBA50 Regional title, he also earned \$2,100.

- **Chris Collins** of Myrtle Beach, S.C., defeated **Chris Johnson** of Nashville, N.C., 217-180, to take the \$2,000 first prize in the PBA50 Fayetteville South Open at Lafayette Lanes in Fayetteville, N.C., on Sunday, March 8, improving his all-time PBA Regional titles record to 15.

Collins, who qualified No. 1 for the four-man stepladder finals with a 7-1 match play record and a 16-game total of 3,906 pins, had one of two perfect games in the event. **Brett Caramagno** of Goose Creek, S.C., had the other.

In the first stepladder match Johnson defeated **Jimmy Jean** of Kathleen, Ga., 172-155. Johnson then defeated **Craig Auerbach** of Sunrise, Fla., 203-194, to set up the championship match.

- For an update on PBA Regional activity when it resumes, visit [pba.com](http://pba.com) and open the “schedules” tab periodically to check on PBA Regional Tours.

## QUICK NOTES

- **Thomas (Gid) Rash** and childhood friend **Clay Copeland** gave “thumbs up” signs in late February after Rash donated a kidney to Copeland in Fort Worth, Texas. Rash was the PBA Southwest Region’s 2019 Rookie of the Year.

## Juanita Weber, Matriarch of PBA’s Most Famous Family, Dies at Age 89

**ST. LOUIS, Mo. (April 14, 2020)** – Juanita Weber, wife of the late Professional Bowlers Association legend Dick Weber and matriarch of the PBA’s most famous family, died at a St. Louis assisted living center late Monday night. She was 89.

Juanita Weber, born on August 28, 1930k, had been in declining health for some time. She was the mother of long-time PBA Midwest Region manager Rich Weber, daughter Paula Darmon, Director of PBA50 and PBA Regional Tours John Weber and 37-time PBA Tour champion and Hall of Famer Pete.

Juanita and Dick Weber had met in a bowling center when both were teenagers. According to the story she later told her children, Juanita went to the bowling center with a girl friend to watch a guy named Curt Heady bowl league. Her father, she had said, didn’t want her going to the “bowling alley” back then because “nice girls don’t hang out in bowling alleys.”

According to her story, her future husband approached her and said, “Don’t I know you?” That inconspicuous beginning grew into something much more serious after Dick bowled in the American Bowling Congress Championships Tournament, won some money and returned to Indianapolis with marriage on his mind. They were too young to be married without parental consent but got permission and were married in Indianapolis on Dick’s birthday, December 23, 1948.

Dick and Juanita moved to St. Louis shortly thereafter, where Dick joined the famous Budweisers of St. Louis and launched one of the most successful careers in bowling history.

Juanita also bowled. "I never bowled a 300 game, but I did win a state title," she had said.

But her greatest claim to fame was her behind-the-scenes role as advisor and manager one of the most decorated families in bowling history. The legacy she leaves behind includes son Richard (Sue) Weber, Jr., daughter Paula (Jeff) Darmon, son John (Chris) Weber and son Peter (Renee) Weber; grandchildren Lisa, Brian, Nicole, Ashley-Marie, Nick, Ryan, Joshua, and Stacy; great-grandchildren Avery, Austin, Isla, Kaisen, Kamila, Leo, Hattie and Eli; and sister-in-law Sharon (Jim) Nizzola.

In keeping with family tradition and her wishes, Juanita Weber will be cremated. No funeral services will be held. The family asks that any memorials in her honor be donated to the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame, 621 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX 76011.

#### PBA League Draft Announcement

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#### PBA League Draft Announcement

The 2020 PBA League Draft will be held Sunday, May 17, at 7 pm ET, and presented virtually, live on FloBowling, the PBA announced today. The draft will be conducted remotely for the first time, with team managers making their selections from their home locations due to COVID-19.

The PBA League, established in 2013 by the Professional Bowlers Association, features 5-player teams of the top bowlers in the world. Competition is slated for July 20-23 in Portland, ME, at Bayside Bowl, with live coverage of the seeding round on FloBowling, July 20, and finals on FS1, July 21-23.

The League will be adding two expansion clubs this season, the Las Vegas High Rollers and the Brew City (Milwaukee) Ballers, bringing the the number of teams to 10.

The High Rollers, managed by PBA Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli and Ballers, managed by fellow PBA Hall of Famer Marshall Holman, own the first selections (based on coin toss) and will fill out their full 5-player rosters at the draft.

The other eight teams, including defending champion Portland Lumberjacks, will make two selections during the serpentine draft to fill out their five player rosters. Each of the eight original teams (Portland, L.A. X, Dallas Strikers, NYC KingPins, Silver Lake Atom Splitters, Motown Muscle, Brooklyn Styles and Philadelphia Hitmen) have previously protected three players from their 2019 rosters (listed below).

Lumberjacks manager Tim Mack, by virtue of his team's Elias Cup winning performance in 2019, will select 10th in third round, and first in the 4th round.

To be eligible for the draft, players must be ranked in the top 75 from a rolling PBA points list of 2019 and 2020 events. Headlining the list of eligible players are PBA champions Sean Rash, Francois Lavoie, Dick Allen, Andrew Anderson, BJ Moore, Jake Peters, Thomas Larsen, Jason Sterner, Ryan Ciminelli, DJ Archer, Osku Palermaa, Andres Gomez, Richard Teece, Ronnie Russell, Matt Ogle, Matt Sanders, Graham Fach, Ryan Shafer and Chris Loschetter. (Full draft eligible list below).

The 2020 Draft was originally slated for March 15 at the site of the PBA World Series of Bowling in Las Vegas, but was postponed due to COVID-19.

PBA CEO Colie Edison and PBA Tour Commissioner Tom Clark made the announcement of the virtual draft today on FloBowling.

Draft order:

First pick, for expansion teams Brew City or Las Vegas decided by coin toss to launch draft. Then, those two expansion teams will get first two rounds: For example (in scenario Las Vegas wins coin toss):

Round 1: 1. Las Vegas (if win coin toss). 2. Brew City.

Round 2: 1. Brew City. 2. Las Vegas.

Then, other teams join snake draft, in reverse order of finish in 2019, with expansion teams first.

Two rounds of full league draft will finalize existing team rosters.

Round 3: 1. Las Vegas. 2. Milwaukee. 3. Philadelphia. 4. Brooklyn. 5. Motown. 6. Silver Lake. 7. NYC. 8. Dallas. 9. L.A. 10. Portland

Round 4: 1. Portland. 2. L.A. 3. Dallas. 4. NYC. 5. Silver Lake. 6. Motown. 7. Brooklyn. 8. Philadelphia. 9. Milwaukee. 10. Las Vegas.

Round 5 (expansion teams only, to complete rosters): 1. Las Vegas. 2. Milwaukee.

Draft complete.

Draft eligible players (listed in order by PBA points 2019-2020):

- 5 Sean Rash Montgomery, Ill. 41,360.00
- 13 Francois Lavoie, Canada 28,660.50
- 17 Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C. 24,622.50
- 19 AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill. 24,165.50
- 20 Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo. 23,990.00
- 22 Darren Tang, Las Vegas 22,138.00
- 25 Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn. 18,440.00
- 27 Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich. 17,838.00
- 30 AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa 16,887.50
- 31 BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa. 16,378.00
- 32 Mitch Hupe, Canada 16,185.50
- 33 Jake Peters Henderson, Nev. 15,325.00
- 34 Thomas Larsen, Denmark 15,288.00
- 35 Jason Sterner, Rochester, NY 15,278.00
- 36 Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas 14,672.50
- 37 Ryan Ciminelli Lancaster, S.C. 14,500.50
- 38 DJ Archer Friendswood, Texas 14,290.00
- 39 Chris Via Springfield, Ohio 14,115.00
- 40 Zacharay Wilkins, Canada 14,090.50
- 41 Osku Palermaa, Finland 13,615.00

42 Patrick Girard, Canada 13,455.00  
43 Andres Gomez, Colombia 12,080.00  
44 Sam Cooley, Australia 11,723.00  
45 Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn. 11,320.00  
46 Michael Tang, San Francisco 11,065.00  
47 Richard Teece, England 10,620.00  
49 Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan. 10,440.00  
50 Christopher Sloan, Ireland 10,415.00  
51 Martin Larsen, Sweden 10,390.00  
52 Greg Ostrander, Brick, N.J. 9,588.00  
53 Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind. 9,337.50  
54 Arturo Quintero, Mexico 8,628.00  
55 Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas 8,562.50  
56 Greg Young Viera, Fla. 8,490.00  
57 Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky. 8,447.50  
58 Matthew McNiel, Minneapolis, Minn. 8,300.00  
59 Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill. 8,183.00  
60 Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela 7,752.50  
61 Matt Sanders, Indianapolis 7,340.00  
62 Kenneth Ryan, Farmingdale, NJ 7,235.00  
63 Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas 6,915.00  
65 Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn. 6,623.00  
66 Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio 6,445.00  
67 Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio 6,358.00  
68 Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va. 6,332.50  
69 Graham Fach, Canada 6,152.50  
70 Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y. 5,872.50

71 Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio 5,770.00

72 Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J. 5,758.00

73 Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio 5,733.00

74 Michael Martell, Brooklyn, N.Y. 5,628.00

75 Pontus Andersson, Sweden 5,455.00

Current PBA League team rosters (three protected players from 2019):

**Motown Muscle:**

Manager: Del Ballard

EJ Tackett

Anthony Simonsen

Josh Blanchard

**Philadelphia Hitmen:**

Manager: Jason Couch

Dom Barrett

Tom Smallwood

Shawn Maldonado

**Brooklyn Styles:**

Manager: Johnny Petraglia

Walter Ray Williams Jr.

Brad Angelo

Rhino Page

**Dallas Strikers:**

Manager: Norm Duke

Norm Duke

Tommy Jones

Bill O'Neill



**L.A. X:**

Manager: Andrew Cain

Jason Belmonte

Jakob Butturff

Stu Williams

**Portland Lumberjacks:**

Manager: Tim Mack

Wes Malott

Kyle Troup

Kris Prather

**Silver Lake Atom Splitters:**

Manager: Mark Baker

Chris Barnes

Jesper Svensson

Tom Daugherty

**NYC KingPins:**

Manager: Carolyn Dorin-Ballard

Pete Weber

Marshall Kent

Kyle Sherman

**Expansion teams:****Las Vegas High Rollers:**

Manager: Amleto Monacelli

**Brew City Ballers:**

Manager: Marshall Holman

## **BetVictor Weber Cup Rescheduled for October 23-25**

BetVictor Weber Cup Rescheduled for October 23-25

The 2020 BetVictor Weber Cup has been rescheduled, subject to government policy, to take place from Friday, October 23 until Sunday, October 25, at Morningside Arena, Leicester.

Bowling's annual transatlantic tenpin tussle was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, having originally been scheduled for June. News on player selection will be announced shortly.

Tickets purchased for the event will automatically be transferred to be valid for the equivalent session(s) of the re-arranged dates. However, should ticket holders wish to obtain a refund for their tickets they can do so via their point of purchase. Ticket sales for the Weber Cup will resume on Tuesday, May 26 via WeberCup.com.

Matchroom Multi Sport will continue to monitor the situation to ensure the event can be staged in a manner which is safe for players, spectators and staff.

The thoughts of everybody at Matchroom Multi Sport remain with those around the world affected by the coronavirus pandemic.

## **PBA League Draft Results**

(May 18, 2020) - The expansion Las Vegas High Rollers selected two-time US Open champion Francois Lavoie with the first pick of the PBA League Draft powered by BowlerX Sunday, which was conducted virtually, live on FloBowling.

The Draft, originally scheduled for March 15 in Las Vegas at the PBA WSOB, was postponed due to COVID-19.

A highlight of the Draft was the complete 5-player construction of two expansion teams, the High Rollers and Brew City Ballers.

In all, 26 players were drafted to the 10 League teams, as eight of the original clubs were able to protect three players from their 2019 rosters. Fifty-two players were eligible to be drafted based on their points standing in PBA Tour competition over the past two years.

Of note, nine of the 26 players selected during Tuesday's Draft are international PBA players, increasing the number to 13 of the 50 players on 2020 rosters.

All 10 PBA League team managers made their selections remotely to the FloBowling audience, with PBA League Commissioner Tom Clark presiding over the draft from his home in Wisconsin. Most players selected appeared via Zoom to comment on being chosen.

The defending champion Portland Lumberjacks manager Tim Mack filled his roster with Sweden's Martin Larsen and two-handed lefty Packy Hanrahan, joining Kyle Troup, Kris Prather and 2019 Mark Roth MVP Award winner Wes Malott.

The PBA League Elias Cup tournament, originally scheduled for July at Bayside Bowl in Portland, ME, was postponed due to COVID-19 and will be rescheduled back in Maine, for later this year.

Below is order selected, followed by 2020 full rosters:

2020 PBA League Draft selections in order

1. Francois Lavoie, Las Vegas
2. Sean Rash, Brew City
3. Ryan Ciminelli, Brew City
4. Andrew Anderson, Las Vegas
5. AJ Johnson, Las Vegas
6. Dick Allen, Brew City
7. Jason Sterner, Philadelphia

8. BJ Moore, Brooklyn
9. Mitch Hupe, Motown
10. Chris Via, Silver Lake
11. Darren Tang, NYC
12. Brad Miller, Dallas
13. Patrick Girard, L.A.
14. Martin Larsen, Portland
15. Packy Hanrahan, Portland
16. Anthony Lavery-Spahr, L.A.
17. Nick Pate, Dallas
18. Osku Palermaa, NYC
19. AJ Chapman, Silver Lake
20. Matt McNiel, Motown
21. Thomas Larsen, Brooklyn
22. Matt Ogle, Philadelphia
23. Christopher Sloan, Brew City
24. Richie Teece, Las Vegas
25. Ildemaro Ruiz, Las Vegas
26. Zeke Bayt, Brew City

2020 PBA League Rosters

Las Vegas High Rollers

Manager: Amleto Monacelli

Francois Lavoie

Andrew Anderson

AJ Johnson

Richie Teece

Ildemaro Ruiz

Brew City Ballers

Manager: Marshall Holman

Sean Rash

Ryan Ciminelli

Dick Allen

Christopher Sloan

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Wes Malott

Kyle Troup

Kris Prather

Martin Larsen

Packy Hanrahan

## **PBA Bowling is Back! June 6 marks return to live bowling on FOX for first annual PBA Strike Derby**

*Exciting series of events on tap for the Professional Bowlers Association on FOX Sports*

**(May 20, 2020)** - The Professional Bowlers Association will be back live on FOX, Saturday, June 6, from 7-9 pm ET, with the first-ever PBA Strike Derby, beginning a series of exciting special events over the next two months featuring the greatest bowlers in the world.

Go Bowling! PBA Tour stars Tommy Jones, Kyle Troup, Sean Rash, EJ Tackett, Kris Prather, Shawn Maldonado, Anthony Simonsen and Bill O'Neill will be getting back on the lanes in compelling bowling formats involving 2020 individual event top finishers, satisfying fans craving for action and serving notice: Bowling is back!

All of the competition will be held at Bowlero Jupiter in Florida, without fans in attendance and an abundance of caution towards the safety of the players, officials and TV production crew.

"We are so excited to be one of the first properties bringing live sports back to broadcast television," PBA CEO Colie Edison said. "This dynamic series of events will showcase the immense talent of our elite bowlers to a wide audience and we look forward to welcoming new fans to the Professional Bowlers Association."

First up is the inaugural "PBA Strike Derby," live on FOX, from 7-9 pm ET, Saturday, June 6, in what will surely be the greatest display of strikes ever on TV. The eight players will compete in a timed competition with each player getting 2 minutes to record as many strikes as they can. They will then be placed into an elimination bracket where the Strike Derby will continue until the first champion is named.

The following Saturday, June 13, also on FOX, from 6-8 pm ET, the "PBA Summer Clash" takes to the lanes in the popular one-ball elimination format that has twice garnered the highest TV ratings in more than a decade. As an added twist, the top two PWBA Tour players in points, Shannon O'Keefe and Danielle McEwan, will join the 8 PBA stars at the starting gate to begin round one, with the low score eliminated. That process continues round-by-round until one player will be left standing as champion. Next up in July and featuring more players to be named, will be a four-night, live, "PBA King of the Lanes" series on FS1, with dates to be announced. The format will begin by deciding the "King" of the lanes, who will then defend the crown against a different challenger in a one-game match. The winner will be the King and returns the next night to face new challengers, with that process continuing each night.

Regularly scheduled PBA Tour events on FOX Sports that were postponed due to COVID-19, such as PBA World Series of Bowling animal pattern championships, the USBC Masters, PBA Playoffs and PBA League team competition, are being rescheduled for the fall and winter.

Viewers can live stream the PBA shows on the FOX Sports and FOX NOW apps or at FOXSports.com. Select highlights will be available on @FOXSports social handles across Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

### **PBA Strike Derby**

**Where:** Bowlero Jupiter, FL

**When:** Saturday, June 6, 7-9 pm ET

**TV:** FOX

### **Competing, and how they qualified, by 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour event:**

1. Tommy Jones, PBA Hall of Fame Classic champion
2. Sean Rash, PBA Oklahoma Open champion
3. Kyle Troup, PBA Jonesboro Open champion
4. Kris Prather, PBA Tournament of Champions champion
5. Bill O'Neill, PBA Players Championship champion
6. Anthony Simonsen, US Open runner-up (champion Jason Belmonte of Australia unable to attend).
7. Shawn Maldonado, PBA Indianapolis Open runner-up (champion Jesper Svensson of Sweden unable to attend).
8. E.J. Tackett, PBA World Championship third place (champion Belmonte, second place was Simonsen already in).



**PBA Summer Clash****Where:** Bowlero Jupiter, FL**When:** Saturday, June 13, 6-8 pm ET**TV:** FOX**Competing:**

Same eight PBA players from Strike Derby (Tommy Jones, Sean Rash, Kyle Troup, Kris Prather, Bill O'Neill, Anthony Simonsen, Shawn Maldonado, E.J. Tackett); Joined by top two in 2019 PWBA competition points:

1. Shannon O'Keefe
2. Danielle McEwan

**PBA King of the Lanes****Where:** Bowlero Jupiter, FL**When:** July, dates and times TBA**TV:** FS1**Competing:** Players to be named**A Letter from PBA CEO Colie Edison**

As we work with PBA host facilities and reopening dates are confirmed, tournament information will be made available on PBA.com as quickly as possible. Social distancing guidelines in each state will affect tournament formats, the number of entries allowed, and how each tournament will operate moving forward. Because of these changes, PBA members will need to reenter tournaments as they become available.

Please see the below note from PBA CEO Colie Edison

To Our Dedicated Fans,

The past few weeks have been an unusual time in the history of the PBA Tour, presenting unprecedented challenges as we respond to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

When we made the decision in March to postpone the rest of the regular season, we did so out of an abundance of caution for the safety and well-being of our players, our staff, and our fans. We continue to make this our #1 priority as we determine the best way to move forward with the tour's remaining competitions in a manner that is safe and enjoyable for everyone.

Like many other professional sports leagues, the PBA has had to be nimble and make adjustments both for the good of our sport and that of our country—and your support through it all reminds us that our fans are what make the PBA truly great.

Please know that we are working with our players, partners, and tournament hosts to accommodate changes to our current season and will return better than ever when conditions allow us to do so.

In the meantime, I'd encourage you to continue your own personal enjoyment of the sport. Whether that's following the PBA on social and joining the conversation or bowling at home with our PBA Pro Bowling console game and PBA Bowling Challenge mobile game.

We thank you for keeping the sport in your heart, and we look forward to more thrilling PBA competition in the months ahead. Stay safe out there.

Sincerely,

Colie Edison

Chief Executive Officer,

Professional Bowlers Association

## **Kris Prather Wins the Inaugural PBA Strike Derby on FOX**

**JUPITER, Fla. (JUNE 7, 2020)** - Kris Prather won the inaugural PBA Strike Derby on FOX Saturday night at Bowlero Jupiter, defeating Anthony Simonsen, 7-6, in the championship match.

The special event, which featured a unique, timed competition for eight PBA stars trying to strike as many times as they could in 2-minute rounds, signaled the PBA's return to the lanes after a pause due to COVID-19.

Prather, who earned his berth into the event by winning the PBA Tournament of Champions this February, was seeded No. 4 after his total of 10 strikes in the seeding round. He proceeded to knock off PBA Players Championship winner Bill O'Neill in the quarterfinals and PBA Oklahoma Open champion Sean Rash in the semifinals before facing Simonsen.

The most strikes recorded in any one round was by top qualifier Rash, who tallied 14 in his two minutes during the seeding round.

In the night's most exciting match, Simonsen edged Kyle Troup, 13-12, in the semifinals to earn his place in the final.

In all, there were 213 strikes by the eight players in the live event.

Final results:

Champion: Kris Prather, \$25,000

2nd: Anthony Simonsen, \$10,000

3rd and 4th: Sean Rash and Kyle Troup, \$5,000 each

5th - 8th: Tommy Jones, Shawn Maldonado, EJ Tackett and Bill O'Neill, \$2,000 each.

## **The PBA Summer Clash on FOX**

**JUPITER, FL (June 10, 2020)** - Who will be the lone survivor when 10 of the greatest bowlers in the world take to the lanes in the PBA Summer Clash this Saturday, June 13, 6-8 pm ET, on FOX?

The PBA Summer Clash special event is the second of consecutive weeks of Go Bowling! PBA Tour action from Bowlero Jupiter in Florida on FOX.

Kris Prather won the inaugural PBA Strike Derby last Saturday as pro bowling marked its return from a pause for COVID-19 with a barrage of 213 total strikes on the live 2-hour telecast.

Prather returns this week for the Summer Clash along with the other seven highest finishers in 2020 Go Bowling! PBA Tour events, joined for the first time by the top two women pros on the PWBA points list, Shannon O'Keefe and Danielle McEwan.

The PBA Summer Clash features the popular, sudden-death one-ball elimination format that has twice garnered the highest bowling TV ratings in more than a decade on FOX. All 10 players in the field begin round one bowling a 10th frame, with the low score eliminated. That process then becomes a one-ball count for the survivors each round and continues on until one player is left standing as the winner-take-all champion.

The players competing and how they qualified for the Summer Clash, in the order they will roll each round:

Tommy Jones, PBA Hall of Fame Classic champion.  
Sean Rash, PBA Oklahoma Open champion.  
Kyle Troup, PBA Jonesboro Open champion.  
Kris Prather, PBA Tournament of Champions champion.  
Bill O'Neill, PBA Players Championship champion.  
Shannon O'Keefe, No. 1 in 2019 PWBA points.  
Danielle McEwan, No. 2 in 2019 PWBA points.  
Anthony Simonsen, US Open runner-up (champion Jason Belmonte of Australia unable to attend).  
Shawn Maldonado, PBA Indianapolis Open runner-up (champion Jesper Svensson of Sweden unable to attend).  
E.J. Tackett, PBA World Championship third place (champion Belmonte, second place was Simonsen already in).  
Viewers can live stream the PBA Summer Clash on the FOX Sports and FOX NOW apps or at FOXSports.com. Select highlights will be available on @FOXSports social handles across Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

International fans can watch on FloBowling.com.

### **PBA Summer Clash Results**

#### **PBA Summer Clash Results**

JUPITER, Fla. (June 13, 2020) – Sean Rash emerged as the 2020 PBA Summer Clash champion by outlasting nine other pro bowling stars in the special event at Bowlero Jupiter broadcast by FOX on Saturday.

Rash, a 15-time Go Bowling! PBA Tour titleist, downed longtime rival and fellow future PBA Hall of Famer Bill O'Neill in the final round to capture the winner-take-all \$20,000 prize.

The event, with its unique low ball elimination format featuring sudden death pressure every round for surviving players, began with 10 of pro bowling's finest. At the starting gates were the eight available high finishers from 2020 Go Bowling! PBA Tour events, joined for the first time by the top two points getters on the 2019 PWBA Tour, Shannon O'Keefe and Danielle McEwan.

In the first round, O'Keefe was the first eliminated. Then Rash, who earned his berth into the event as the 2020 PBA Oklahoma Open champion, tied for low ball with Shawn Maldonado in the second round, forcing a rolloff between the two that lasted eight frames. Rash finally advanced when Maldonado left a 10-pin after a Rash strike.

That clutch win in a memorable duel propelled Rash to the overall victory.

Stealing the show for the first eight rounds was Anthony Simonsen, a two-hand right-handed star who employed a two-handed backup-ball delivery throughout the competition, giving his ball a left-handed motion. The only player to ever win a PBA title using a reverse hook, Simonsen owned the left side of the lane and nearly used the compelling strategy to win the Summer Clash, finishing third.

In all, 77 strikes were thrown at the Summer Clash. When combined with the barrage of 213 strikes at the June 6 PBA Strike Derby won by Kris Prather, bowling fans witnessed 290 strikes the past two Saturdays on FOX as the PBA signaled the return of bowling on TV after being on pause for COVID-19.

2020 PBA Summer Clash final finishing order:

Sean Rash, \$20,000  
Bill O'Neill (eliminated in championship round)0  
Anthony Simonsen (eliminated in eighth round)0  
EJ Tackett (eliminated in seventh round)0  
Kyle Troup (eliminated in sixth round)0  
Danielle McEwan (eliminated in fifth round)0  
Tommy Jones (eliminated in fourth round)0  
Kris Prather (eliminated in third round)0  
Shaun Maldonado (eliminated in second round)0  
Shannon O'Keefe (eliminated in first round)0

## **2020 PBA Tour Returns With Official Event in July**

Fourth-Annual PBA Tour Finals Features 9 Hours of Live Coverage on CBS Sports Network From Florida

JUPITER, FL (June 11, 2020) – The Go Bowling! Professional Bowlers Association Tour returns to championship event competition as eight of the Tour's top performers based on competition points earned over a two-year span – including defending champion E.J. Tackett – will take center stage July 18 and 19 for the PBA Tour Finals at Bowlero Jupiter, FL. The event will be televised live, in its entirety, on CBS Sports Network.

Tackett, who defeated Jakob Butturff for the 2019 Barbasol PBA Tour Finals presented by Red Rock Lanes in Las Vegas, and also won the inaugural event in 2017 in Orlando, qualified third for this year's Tour Finals by accumulating 44,950 points in PBA Tour competition over the last two seasons ending with the PBA World Championship in March when play was placed on pause due to COVID-19.

Jason Belmonte is the Tour Finals points leader with 61,485, but the 2018 PBA Tour Finals champion will not be able to travel from his home in Australia for this year's event due to travel restrictions. Norm Duke, as the 9th place finisher on the points list with 31,132.50, will move up to take his place in the field as the 8th seed.

Also qualifying for the 2020 PBA Tour Finals are 2019 PBA Players Championship winner Anthony Simonsen (47,085); 2020 PBA Players Championship winner Bill O'Neill (42,504); 2020 PBA Oklahoma Open champion Sean Rash (41,360); 2019 USBC Masters champion Jakob Butturff (38,175); 2020 PBA Tournament of Champions winner Kris Prather (37,280), and 2020 Jonesboro Open champion Kyle Troup (31,755).

CBS Sports Network will air back-to-back live two-hour shows on Saturday, July 18 followed by five consecutive hours of coverage culminating with the one-hour finale on Sunday, July 19. This will be the second-consecutive year that CBS Sports Network has carried the entire competition live over one weekend.

The PBA Tour Finals will incorporate the same format as the past two years, with the eight-player field divided into two four-player groups. The field will bowl four games of qualifying in their respective groups. The four-game pinfall totals for each player will be used to determine the seeding for a separate stepladder finals in each group. The final match of each group's stepladder will be a Race to Two Points match with each game worth one point and, if the two games are split, the final point is awarded via a 9th and 10th frame roll off. The two group winners will then meet in another Race to Two Points

championship match that will also use a 9th and 10th frame roll-off should there be a tie after two games.

The four total pinfall seeding rounds will air Saturday, July 18, at noon and 2 p.m. ET and will determine the order for the Group 1 stepladder matches at noon ET on Sunday, July 19, and the Group 2 stepladder at 2 p.m. ET. The winners of each group stepladder will the face off in the championship match Sunday, July 19, at 4 p.m. ET.

#### PBA TOUR FINALS

TV: CBS Sports Network

Where: Bowlero Jupiter, FL

When: Saturday, July 18

Noon (ET) – Group 1 total pinfall round (four games)

2 p.m. (ET) – Group 2 total pinfall round (four games)

Sunday, July 19

Noon (ET) – Group 1 Stepladder Finals

2 p.m. (ET) – Group 2 Stepladder Finals

4 p.m. (ET) – Championship Match

Qualifiers (Top 8 in PBA Tour points for 2019 and 2020 seasons combined, through March 15)

\*Jason Belmonte, Australia 61,485.00 (unable to attend)

Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas 47,085.00

EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind. 44,950.00

Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa. 42,507.50

Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill. 41,360.00

Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz. 38,175.00

Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill. 37,280.00

Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C. 31,755.00

Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla. 31,132.50 (moves up to take 8th position with Belmonte unable to attend)

**PBA50 Tour Announces Multi-event WSOB Set for August at The Villages**  
**THE VILLAGES, Fla. (June 16, 2020)** - The World Series of Bowling concept has come to the PBA50 Tour. The Professional Bowlers Association has announced the first-ever Florida Blue Medicare PBA50 WSOB, slated for August 8-15 at Spanish Springs Lanes at The Villages, Fl.

The multi-faceted event will feature three PBA50 title tournaments on different Legend oil patterns (PBA Roth 42, PBA Ballard 34 and PBA Petraglia 46), plus the main event PBA50 Florida Blue Medicare National Championship as the focal point PBA50 major on PBA Holman 37.

A full field of 192 of the greatest bowlers more than 50 years of age is expected for the \$224,000 PBA50 WSOB event, including many PBA Hall of Famers such as Walter Ray Williams Jr., Norm Duke, Pete Weber, Parker Bohn, Johnny Petraglia and Amleto Monacelli. PBA50 newcomers and Hall of Famers Chris Barnes and Jason Couch are also expected to compete.

FloBowling will have exclusive coverage of all rounds of the competition, including four different match play rounds and all of the finals.

Faced with the global pandemic threatening the cancelation of the entire 2020 PBA50 Tour, the PBA and longtime partner Larry Ducat at The Villages worked together to create this event, in the mold of the Go

Bowling! PBA Tour WSOB and its multiple opportunities for players in one location with one entry fee, which celebrated its 11th year earlier in 2020.

As in the PBA WSOB, the PBA50 WSOB qualifying games in the PBA Mark Roth Championship, PBA Del Ballard Championship, and PBA Johnny Petraglia Championship will count towards the main event PBA National Championship.

Health and safety measures will be paramount at the event at The Villages, considering state and local guidelines. Among other things, there will be three squads of qualifying to ensure social distancing during play.

The rest of the previously scheduled 2020 PBA50 Tour has been canceled, meaning the following events: Johnny Petraglia BVL Open, Mooresville Open, Lubbock Sports Cup, Suncoast US Senior Open, Fountain Valley Open, River City Extreme Open, South Shore Open, Championship Lanes Classic, Spectrum Lanes Open, Jax 60 Open, and the PBA60 Dick Weber Classic.

The PBA expresses thanks to all the previously scheduled 2020 PBA50 Tour hosts and hopes to be back in 2021 to all the great partner venues.

One \$750 entry fee enters each player into all four events. The PBA50 National Championship will have a first place prize of \$15,000 and pay ratio of 1:3, plus eight Super Senior cash spots. The top 24 in each of the three Legend Pattern events plus four Super Senior will cash, with the winners of all three Legend Pattern events earning \$3,500. Entry information is at [pba.com](http://pba.com).

Florida Blue Medicare PBA50 World Series of Bowling  
August 8-15, 2020  
Spanish Springs Lanes, The Villages, FL  
All times EST.

Saturday, August 8

A Squad Practice: 8:30 – 10 a.m.

Re-oil

B Squad Practice: 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Re-oil

C Squad Practice: 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.

\*Pro-am: 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 9

The PBA50 Mark Roth Championship

A Squad: 8 a.m. – Noon

Re-oil

B Squad: 1 – 5 p.m.

Re-oil

C Squad: 6 – 10 p.m.

(6 games of qualifying on PBA Roth 42)

Top 24 advance to PBA Roth 42 bracket match play based on 128 entries.

Monday, August 10

PBA Roth 42 Bracket Match Play Round of 24: 10 – 11 a.m.

(qualifiers 9-24, bowl best of three games, single elimination)

PBA Roth 42 Bracket Match Play Round of 16: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

(qualifiers 1-8 and 8 winners from the Round of 24, bowl best of three games, single elimination)

\*Pro-am: 2 -4 p.m.

(bowlers eliminated from Bracket Match Play Rounds of 24 and 16 will be scheduled for the pro-am)

PBA Roth 42 Bracket Match Play Round of 8: 5 – 6 p.m.

(winners from the Round of 16, bowl best of three games single elimination)

PBA Roth 42 Bracket Match Play Semifinals: 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.

(winners from Round of 8, bowl single game elimination semifinal matches)

PBA Roth 42 Championship Match: 7:15 – 7:45 p.m.

(winners of the semifinal matches bowl for the PBA50 Roth Championship)

Tuesday, August 11

PBA50 Del Ballard Championship

B Squad: 8 a.m. – Noon

Re-oil

C Squad: 1 – 5 p.m.

Re-oil

A Squad: 6 – 10 p.m.

(6 games of qualifying on PBA Ballard 34)

Top 24 advance to PBA Ballard 34 bracket match play based on 128 entries.

Wednesday, August 12

PBA Ballard 34 Bracket Match Play Round of 24: 10 – 11 a.m.

(qualifiers 9-24, bowl best of three games, single elimination)

PBA Ballard 34 Bracket Match Play Round of 16: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

(qualifiers 1-8 and 8 winners from the Round of 24, bowl best of three games, single elimination)

\*Pro-am: 2 -4 p.m.

(bowlers eliminated from Bracket Match Play Rounds of 24 and 16 will be scheduled for the pro-am)

PBA Ballard 34 Bracket Match Play Round of 8: 5 – 6 p.m.

(winners from the Round of 16, bowl best of three games single elimination)

PBA Ballard 34 Bracket Match Play Semifinals: 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.

(winners from Round of 8, bowl single game elimination semifinal matches)

PBA Ballard 34 Bracket Match Play Championship Match: 7:15 – 7:45 p.m.

(winners of the semifinal matches bowl for the PBA50 Del Ballard Championship)

Thursday, August 13

PBA Johnny Petraglia Championship

C Squad: 8 a.m. – Noon

Re-oil

A Squad: 1 – 5 p.m.

Re-oil

B Squad: 6 – 10 p.m.

(6 games of qualifying on PBA Petraglia 46)

Top 24 advance to PBA Petraglia 46 bracket match play based on 128 entries.

\*The top 32 bowlers after 18 games of PBA50 Legend patterns qualifying advance to PBA50 Florida Blue Medicare National Championship match play Saturday, August 15 based on 128 entries.

Friday, August 14

PBA Petraglia 46 Bracket Match Play Round of 24: 1 – 2 p.m.  
(qualifiers 9-24, bowl best of three games, single elimination)

PBA Petraglia Bracket Match Play Round of 16: 2:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
(qualifiers 1-8 and 8 winners from the Round of 24, bowl best of three games, single elimination)

Reoil

PBA Petraglia 46 Bracket Match Play Round of 8: 5 – 6 p.m.  
(winners from the Round of 16, bowl best of three games single elimination)

PBA Petraglia 46 Bracket Match Play Semifinals: 6:30 – 7:15 p.m. (winners from Round of 8, bowl single game elimination semifinal matches)

PBA Petraglia 46 Bracket Match Play Championship Match: 7:15 – 7:45 p.m. (winners of the semifinal matches bowl for the PBA50 Johnny Petraglia Championship)

Saturday, August 15

PBA50 Florida Blue Medicare National Championship  
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Match Play Round 1: 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
(6 games)

No re-oil

Match Play Round 2: 2 – 6 p.m.  
(6 games)

Top five advance to the stepladder finals

Re-oil

5 Player Stepladder Practice: 6:45 – 7 p.m.

5 Player Stepladder Finals: 7 – 8:30 p.m.



**New PBA King of the Lanes series will be live on FS1 in July  
Former PBA Player of the Year Wes Malott to defend crown as first King**

JUPITER, Fla. (June 18, 2020) - Professional bowling royalty will take to the lanes for a new six-episode PBA King of the Lanes series live from Bowlero Jupiter in prime time on FS1, this July 20-22.

On each telecast, top players from the Go Bowling! PBA Tour, PBA50 Tour and PWBA Tour will vie for the chance at capturing the crown as King of the Lanes, and hold on to it as long as they can.

Wes Malott, who had an unforgettable 5-day run as the undefeated "PBA King of Bowling" in 2009 that included two televised 300 games, and subsequently defended his crown in three different iterations of the King series, will return as the first King of the Lanes on Monday, July 20. Malott will face the winner of the first contenders match, between PBA Hall of Famers Norm Duke and Walter Ray Williams Jr.

The winner of the first King match between Malott and the Duke/Williams survivor will return for the second show wearing the crown. The same competition format, of two new contenders facing off in a traditional 10-frame bowling match for the right to face the reigning King (or Queen) in a 10-frame game, will continue throughout the run of shows.

PBA stars having earned a spot in the PBA Tour Finals as top PBA points earners over the past two seasons, Anthony Simonsen, EJ Tackett, Bill O'Neill, Sean Rash, Jakob Butturff, Kris Prather and Kyle Troup are slated to compete. Australia's Jason Belmonte, the top points earner, will not be able to attend due to travel restrictions.

Joining the Go Bowling! PBA Tour stars as contenders along with Duke and Williams Jr., are Hall of Famer Pete Weber and PWBA players Clara Guerrero and Gazmine Mason.

International fans can watch live on FloBowling.com.

Viewers can live stream the PBA shows on the FOX Sports and FOX NOW apps or at FOXSports.com. Select highlights will be available on @FOXSports social handles across Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

**PBA King of the Lanes**

FS1 broadcast schedule and players:

Monday, July 20, 8-9 pm ET

King of the Lanes 1

Contenders match: Norm Duke vs. Walter Ray Williams Jr.

King match 1: King Wes Malott vs. contenders match winner

Monday, July 20, 9-10 pm ET

King of the Lanes 2

Contenders match: Anthony Simonsen vs. EJ Tackett

King match 2: Winner from King 1 match vs. contenders match winner

Tuesday, July 21, 7-8 pm ET

King of the Lanes 3

Contenders match: Bill O'Neill vs. Sean Rash

King match 3: Winner from King 2 match vs. contenders match winner

Tuesday, July 21, 8-9 pm ET

King of the Lanes 4

Contenders match: Jakob Butturff vs. Clara Guerrero

King match 4: Winner from King 3 match vs. contenders match winner

Wednesday, July 22, 8-9 pm ET

King of the Lanes 5

Contenders match: Kris Prather vs. Gazmine Mason

King match 5: Winner from King 4 match vs. contenders match winner

Wednesday, July 22, 9-10 pm ET

King of the Lanes 6

Contenders match: Kyle Troup vs. Pete Weber

King match 6: Winner from King 5 match vs. contenders match winner

### **Two Women's Professional Bowling Teams Join the 2020 PBA League Elias Cup**

(JUNE 23, 2020) - Today, the Professional Bowlers Association announces that two new, all-women's professional bowling teams will join the race for the 2020 PBA League Elias Cup, increasing the number of teams in this year's event to twelve.

The Phoenix Fury, managed by PWBA champion Kim Terrell-Kearney, and Miami Waves, managed by PBA champion Bob Learn Jr., will be the first all-women's teams in the PBA League's history, since its founding in 2013. While female pros Kelly Kulick (NYC KingPins), Liz Johnson (Portland Lumberjacks) and Danielle McEwan (Motown Muscle) have been on previous team rosters in past years, this is the first time the PBA will include all-women team rosters. No women are currently on any of the other 10 team PBA League rosters.

A special draft between the two new clubs will take place on Tuesday, July 7, at 4 pm ET on FloBowling. The top 35 players on the 2019 PWBA Points List will be eligible to be drafted onto the new teams 5-player rosters.

The 2020 PBA League Elias Cup tournament, to be broadcast live on FS1, is being rescheduled due to COVID-19 health and safety precautions, for this coming fall at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine. An announcement on scheduling will be made soon.

Two expansion clubs had already been added to the PBA League for 2020. The Brew City Ballers and Las Vegas High Rollers joined the League and took part in the annual player draft in May. All of the other team rosters are set.

The new divisional lineups with the addition of the two new women's teams:

Carter Division

Dallas Strikers (Manager Norm Duke)

Philadelphia Hitmen (Manager Jason Couch)

Brooklyn Styles (Manager Johnny Petraglia)  
Silver Lake Atom Splitters (Manager Mark Baker)  
Las Vegas High Rollers (Manager Amleto Monacelli)  
Phoenix Fury (Manager Kim Terrell-Kearney)

Anthony Division  
NYC KingPins (Manager Carolyn Dorin-Ballard)  
Motown Muscle (Manager Del Ballard)  
Portland Lumberjacks (Manager Tim Mack)  
L.A. X (Manager Andrew Cain)  
Brew City Ballers (Manager Marshall Holman)  
Miami Waves (Manager Bob Learn Jr.)

The Portland Lumberjacks are defending Elias Cup champions.

The top 35 players from the 2019 PWBA Points list, eligible to be drafted by the Phoenix Fury and Miami Waves:

1	Shannon O'Keefe	148,125
2	Danielle McEwan	117,085
3	Dasha Kovalova	109,970
4	Liz Johnson	84,325
5	Clara Guerrero	83,190
6	Jordan Richard	80,795
7	Missy Parkin	78,512.5
8	Liz Kuhlkin	77,650
9	Stefanie Johnson	74,945
10	Maria José Rodriguez	70,170
11	Bryanna Côté	69,135
12	Shannon Pluhowsky	67,480
13	Cherie Tan	66,875
14	Josie Barnes	62,310
15	Tannya Roumimper	60,780
16	Birgit Poppler	55,905
17	Diana Zavjalova	55,047.5
18	Valerie Bercier	52,162.5
19	Kelly Kulick	50,420
20	Sydney Brummett	50,325
21	Verity Crawley	48,815
22	Giselle Poss	44,000
3	Sandra Gongora	43,402.5
24	Shayna Ng	42,550
25	Julia Bond	40,970
26	Erin McCarthy	37,300
27	Rocio Restrepo	36,065
28	Ashly Galante	33,680
29	Jen Higgins	32,705
30	Gazmine Mason	32,570
31	Lindsay Boomershine	31,370
32	Daria Pajak	30,845
33	Jodi Woessner	29,395
34	Katelyn Simpson	29,235
35	Daphne Tan	27,105

## **PBA League Rescheduled for September 26-28; Miami Waves and Phoenix Fury Teams Drafted**

New York, NY – The Professional Bowlers Association has completed its roster of twelve teams to compete in the 2020 PBA League Elias Cup with the addition of 10 of the world's best female bowlers to the Miami Waves and Phoenix Fury.

The twelve teams now split into two divisions, Carter and Anthony, will take to the lanes at \*Bayside Bowl in Portland, ME, on September 26-28, with hometown team Portland Lumberjacks, looking to defend the prestigious Elias Cup. Bowling's most thrilling team event was postponed due to Covid-19 health and safety precautions.

The seeding round will take place on September 26, followed by eight hours of live competition broadcasted on FS1 in four telecasts on consecutive days as follows:

PBA Elias Cup: Quarterfinals – Sunday, September 27, 12 p.m. ET on FS1

PBA Elias Cup: Quarterfinals – Sunday, September 27, 7 p.m. ET on FS1

PBA Elias Cup: Semifinals – Monday, September 28, 7 p.m. ET on FS1

PBA Elias Cup: Finals – Monday, September 28, 9 p.m. ET on FS1

After winning the coin toss, Phoenix Fury selected two-time, reigning PWBA Player of the Year Shannon O'Keefe as the first pick of the special PBA League Draft, followed by 5-time PWBA Champion Danielle McEwan to the Miami Waves. The draft was conducted virtually live on FloBowling with 35 eligible players based on 2019 PWBA Points. The two new 5-player rosters were selected in order (listed below), followed by 2020 full rosters.

Shannon O'Keefe, Phoenix Fury

Danielle McEwan, Miami Waves

Liz Johnson, Phoenix Fury

Dasha Kovalova, Miami Waves

Jordan Richard, Phoenix Fury

Clara Guerrero, Miami Waves

Stefanie Johnson, Phoenix Fury

Liz Kuhlkin, Miami Waves

Maria José Rodriguez, Phoenix Fury

Missy Parkin, Miami Waves

2020 PBA League Division Line-Ups and Rosters

Carter Division:

### **Dallas Strikers**

Manager: Norm Duke

Norm Duke

Tommy Jones

Bill O'Neill

Brad Miller

Nick Pate

### **Philadelphia Hitmen**

Manager: Jason Couch

Dom Barrett

Tom Smallwood

Shawn Maldonado  
Jason Sterner  
Matt Ogle

**Brooklyn Styles**

Manager: Johnny Petraglia  
Walter Ray Williams Jr.  
Brad Angelo  
Rhino Page  
BJ Moore  
Thomas Larsen

**Silver Lake Atom Splitters**

Manager: Mark Baker  
Chris Barnes  
Jesper Svensson  
Tom Daugherty  
Chris Via  
AJ Chapman

**Las Vegas High Rollers**

Manager: Amleto Monacelli  
Francois Lavoie  
Andrew Anderson  
AJ Johnson  
Richie Teece  
Ildemaro Ruiz

**Phoenix Fury**

Manager: Kim Terrell-Kearney  
Shannon O'Keefe  
Liz Johnson  
Jordan Richard  
Stefanie Johnson  
Maria José Rodriguez

Anthony Division:

**NYC KingPins**

Manager: Carolyn Dorin-Ballard  
Pete Weber  
Marshall Kent  
Kyle Sherman  
Darren Tang  
Osku Palermaa

**Motown Muscle**

Manager: Del Ballard  
EJ Tackett  
Anthony Simonsen  
Josh Blanchard  
Mitch Hupe  
Matt McNiel

**Portland Lumberjacks**

Manager: Tim Mack  
Wes Malott  
Kyle Troup  
Kris Prather  
Martin Larsen  
Packy Hanrahan

**L.A. X**

Manager: Andrew Cain  
Jason Belmonte  
Jakob Butturff  
Stu Williams  
Patrick Girard  
Anthony Lavery-Spahr

**Brew City Ballers**

Manager: Marshall Holman  
Sean Rash  
Ryan Ciminelli  
Dick Allen  
Christopher Sloan  
Zeke Bayt

**Miami Waves**

Manager: Bob Learn Jr.  
Danielle McEwan  
Dasha Kovalova  
Clara Guerrero  
Liz Kuhlkin  
Missy Parkin

\*Location subject to change due to local government restrictions.

**PBA50 Tour Postpones World Series of Bowling**

**New York, NY** – The Professional Bowlers Association has postponed the Florida Blue Medicare PBA50 World Series of Bowling, slated for August 8-15 at Spanish Spring Lanes at the Villages, FL., out of an abundance of caution due to growing COVID-19 public health concerns around the country.

The PBA and longtime partner Larry Ducat, proprietor of Spanish Spring Lanes are deeply disappointed to share this news, but considered many factors in making the decision to postpone this Senior event.

"The health and safety of our athletes, staff, and host center employees is the number one priority right now" said Colie Edison, CEO of the PBA. "We are very excited to bring the World Series of Bowling format to the PBA50 Tour and look forward to the opportunity to host this event when conditions allow."

The PBA50 World Series of Bowling will be rescheduled and announced at a later date.

**PBA Announces Inaugural PBA Junior National Championship Regional and National Competition for Youth Bowlers to Take Place at Bowlero Locations Around the Country with \$38,000 Guaranteed in SMART Scholarships**

**New York, NY** – The Professional Bowlers Association is proud to introduce the inaugural PBA Jr. National Championship. A first of its kind event by the PBA which will showcase the best youth bowlers from around the country as they compete for SMART scholarships, totaling over \$38,000 in prize funds.

The PBA Jr. National Championship will be a two-fold competition starting with bowlers receiving direct entry into four regional tournaments at Bowlero centers around the country on September 5, 2020.

Each regional tournament will guarantee a first place \$2,000 SMART Scholarship. SMART scholarships will also be awarded to one out of every six (1:6) entries in each division.

Regional tournaments will take place at the following Bowlero locations:

Midwest Region  
Bowlero Wauwatosa  
11737 W Burleigh St, Wauwatosa, WI 53222

South Region  
Bowlero Marietta  
2749 Delk Rd, Marietta, GA 30067

Southwest Region  
Bowlero Euless  
1901 W Airport Fwy, Euless, TX 76040

West Region  
Bowlero Christown  
1919 W Bethany Home Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85015

The top two male and female finishers in each regional will then advance to the National Championship to compete for a \$7,500 SMART Scholarship. The National Championship date will be held in conjunction with a PBA National Tour stop, to be named at a later date.

"The PBA is committed to advancing the sport of bowling AT EVERY LEVEL and launching the PBA Jr. National Championship is an important step in developing the next generation of top bowlers," said Colie Edison, CEO of the PBA. "There is so much raw talent at the youth level and I can't wait to see these great bowlers compete in the inaugural event."

Bowlers who are interested in competing must be ages 18 and under as of August 1, 2020.

For additional information, registration fees, and to sign up, please visit [www.pba.com/junior](http://www.pba.com/junior).

## The PBA Returns with 5 Back-to-Back Action-Packed Days of LIVE Competition Starting on Saturday

New York, NY – The Professional Bowlers Association returns to the lanes this weekend as the world's best bowlers compete in two special events live from Bowlero Jupiter in Jupiter, FL. – the 2020 PBA Tour Finals on CBS Sports Network and the six-part PBA King of the Lanes series on Fox Sports' FS1.

First up is the PBA Tour Finals, where eight of the tour's top performers, based on competition points earned over a two-year-span, will take to the lanes on July 18 and July 19 to compete for a Go Bowling PBA Tour national title, the first since March.

All eyes will be on defending champion E.J. Tackett, as he looks to take home his first title of the 2020 season. Points leader Jason Belmonte will be missing as he's unable to participate due to COVID-19 travel restrictions from Australia. In his place will be Hall of Famer Norm Duke, as the 9th place finisher in points. Anthony Simonsen, Bill O'Neill, Sean Rash, Jakob Butturff, Kris Prather, and Kyle Troup are also set to compete.

CBS Sports Network will present nine total hours of coverage over the weekend. Starting with two back-to-back live shows on Saturday, July 18 starting at 12 PM ET, followed by five consecutive hours of coverage on Sunday, July 19 beginning at 12 PM ET. International fans can watch live on FloBowling.com.

Saturday, July 18

12 PM ET – Qualifying Group 1: Simonsen, Rash, Butturff, Duke

2 PM ET – Qualifying Group 2: Tackett, O'Neill, Prather, Troup

Sunday, July 19

12 PM ET – Stepladder Finals Group 1

2PM ET – Stepladder Finals Group 2

4 PM ET – Championship Match

The following week, bowling royalty will take to the lanes in a new six-part series on FS1, with PBA Tour, PBA50, and PWBA bowlers looking to capture the coveted title as PBA King of the Lanes.

Head to head matches will determine a King of each show, who will try to defend their crown for as long as they can throughout the series. At the end of the six episodes, there can only be one King (or Queen).

The undefeated King from 2009, Wes Malott, will return as the first King and face competition from the eight PBA Tour Finals bowlers. PBA Hall of Famers Walter Ray Williams Jr. and Pete Weber, plus PWBA's Clara Guerrero and Gazmine Mason are also set to compete and vie for the crown.

Viewers can live stream the King of the Lanes series on the FOX Sports and FOX NOW apps or at FOXSports.com. Select highlights will be available on @FOXSports social handles across Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube. International fans can watch live on FloBowling.com.

FS1 will air the six-part series live in prime time.

Monday, July 20 – 8-9 PM ET

Contenders Match: Norm Duke vs. Walter Ray Williams



King Match 1: Wes Malott vs. Contender Winner  
Monday, July 20 – 9-10 PM ET

Contenders Match: Anthony Simonsen vs. EJ Tackett  
King Match 2: Winner from King 1 vs. Contenders Winner  
Tuesday, July 21 – 7-8 PM ET

Contenders Match: Bill O'Neill vs. Sean Rash  
King Match 3: Winner from King 2 vs. Contenders Winner  
Tuesday, July 21 – 8-9 PM ET

Contenders Match: Jakob Butturff vs. Clara Guerrero  
King Match 4: Winner from King 3 vs. Contenders Winner  
Wednesday, July 22 – 8-9 PM ET

Contenders Match: Kris Prather vs. Gazmine Mason  
King Match 5: Winner from King 4 vs. Contenders Winner  
Wednesday, July 22 – 9-10 PM ET

Contenders Match: Kyle Troup vs. Pete Weber  
King Match 6: Winner from King 5 vs. Contenders Winner

With health and safety top of mind, the PBA is following local and federal guidelines on COVID-19. The PBA is significantly modifying event procedures as well as taking all necessary precautions to reduce health risks for players and staff during competition. For a complete list of standards, please visit [pba.com](http://pba.com).

## **Kyle Troup Wins His First PBA Tour Finals for 6th Career PBA Tour Title**

Jupiter, Fla. – Kyle Troup prevailed in back-to-back matches on Sunday to win his first PBA Tour Finals and sixth Go Bowling! PBA Tour title of his career defeating Anthony Simonsen 2-1, in a “race-to-2-points” format title match.

The 23-year-old Simonsen, who was trying for his first win of the season, got off to an early lead with a 223-204 win in the first game of the title match, but Troup, rebounded in game two winning 237-210 to force a 9th and 10th frame roll-off for the deciding point.

In the roll-off, Simonsen posted a total of 39 pins, leaving a four pin in the ninth and a 10 pin in the 10th, giving Troup the opportunity to clinch the win.

Troup delivered with a strike in the ninth frame, followed by a spare knocking down the 4-pin, and a final strike that buried the pocket for a 40-39 win.

“It was a quick turnaround from the time I bowled Kris Prather to Simonsen so I was trying to stay calm and present,” said Troup. “You don’t expect a guy like Simonsen to miss and I knew I had to throw four really good shots to put up a score of 60 in the roll-off.”

Troup, who won the PBA Jonesboro Open and the PBA Doubles Championship with Jesper Svensson earlier this year, is the first player to win three titles this season and is well in contention for 2020 PBA Player of the Year honors.

"I'm still trying to make a run at Player of the Year," said Troup. "My mindset is that I have to win everything that I bowl, but I know now I have a pretty good chance if I stay focused."

The PBA Tour Finals, which featured nine hours of live coverage on CBS Sports Network over a two-day span at Bowlero Jupiter was filled with non-stop action and incredible moments. During the qualifying round of competition, seven-time tour winner Jakob Butturff bowled a perfect 300-game, the 28th televised 300 game in PBA history.

"First word – amazing," said Butturff about his perfect game. "I never thought I would do it so early in my career, let alone ever. It was definitely nerve-racking but incredible to be added to the PBA history books."

The PBA Tour Finals featured the top eight PBA Tour players in points over a two-year span ending with the 2020 PBA World Championship. Points leader Jason Belmonte was unable to participate due to COVID-19 travel restrictions from Australia. Norm Duke as the 9th place finisher in points moved up to take his place in the field as the 8th seed. The eight finalists were split into two four-player groups with competition consisting of two rounds of total pinfall positioning rounds Saturday, followed by Sunday's semifinal round for each group. The winner of each semifinal stepladder advanced to the title match. The final match of each stepladder also used the race-to-2-points format.

In the Group 1 semifinal stepladder round, Simonsen advanced to the championship match by defeating Jakob Butturff, 2-0 in the race-to-2-points final match, winning the first game 245-200 and the second game 237-184.

Troup advanced to the title match by beating three-time tour winner, Kris Prather in the Group 2 semifinal stepladder final 2-1. Prather won the first game 227-213, but Troup rallied in game 2 winning 257-232 to force a 9th and 10th frame roll-off which was won by Troup, 60-49.

In the Group 1 opening stepladder match, 15-time title winner Sean Rash defeated PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke 246-236, to meet Butturff in the second match. Butturff then beat Rash 232-226 in the second match to face Simonsen in the Group 1 final.

In the Group 2 opening stepladder match, 12-time title winner Bill O'Neill beat 13-time title winner EJ Tackett 255-213 to advance to the second match against Kris Prather. Prather beat O'Neill in the second match 221-211 to advance to the Group 2 final against Butturff.

## PBA Tour Finals Results

### Group 1 Stepladder Results

Match One – Sean Rash def. Norm Duke (\$3,000) 246-236

Match Two – Jakob Butturff def. Sean Rash (\$3,000) 232-226

Final Match (race-to-2-points format) – Simonsen def. Jakob Butturff (\$7,500), 2-1

Game 1 – Simonsen def. Butturff 245-200

Game 2 – Simonsen def. Butturff 237-184

Simonsen advanced to championship match against Kyle Troup.

### Group 2 Stepladder Results

Match One – Bill O'Neill def. EJ Tackett (\$3,000) 255-213  
Match Two – Kris Prather def. Bill O'Neill (\$3,000) 221-211  
Final Match (race-to-2-points format) – Troup def. Kris Prather (\$7,500), 2-1  
Game 1 – Prather def. Troup 221-213  
Game 2 – Troup def. Prather 257-232  
Troup won 9th and 10th frame roll-off 60 to 49 to advance to championship match against Anthony Simonsen.

Championship Match (race-to-2 points format)  
Kyle Troup (\$30,000) def. Anthony Simonsen (\$18,000), 2-1

Game 1 – Simonsen def. Troup 223-204  
Game 2 – Troup def. Simonsen 237-210  
Troup won 9th and 10th frame roll-off 40-39.

History of PBA Tour Finals Winners  
2017 - EJ Tackett  
2018 - Jason Belmonte  
2019 - EJ Tackett  
2020 - Kyle Troup

## **Six-Part PBA King of the Lanes Series Begins Tonight on FS1**

New York, NY – Professional bowling royalty will take to the lanes starting tonight at 8 PM ET for an action-packed six-episode PBA King of the Lanes series live from Bowlero Jupiter in prime time on FS1 with a new twist – sports betting.

Top players from the Go Bowling! PBA Tour, PBA50 Tour, and PWBA Tour will vie for the chance at capturing the crown as King of the Lanes, and hold on to it as long as they can.

While fans will not be in attendance, spectators will be able to participate in the action with online wagering through FOX Bet Sportsbook. During PBA King of the Lanes, the PBA and FOX Bet Sportsbook will present a market to wager on all six Contenders Matches and place their bets on who will go up against King. Odds are now live on FOX Bet Sportsbook and available in Colorado and Pennsylvania, and are presented for entertainment purposes in all other states.

10-time title winner Wes Malott, the undefeated King from the 2009 version of the series, returns as the first King and will face competition from the winner of the first contenders match between two of the all time greatest bowlers – 40-time title winner and PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke and 47-time title winner, who holds the record for most PBA Tour titles, Walter Ray Williams Jr.

The winner of the first King Match between Malott and the Duke/Williams Contenders Match will return for the second show wearing the crown. The same competition format, of two contenders facing off in a traditional 10-frame bowling match for the right to face the reigning King, will continue throughout the series until the ultimate King is crowned.

PBA stars having earned a spot in the PBA Tour Finals as top PBA points earners over the past two seasons - Anthony Simonsen, EJ Tackett, Bill O'Neill, Sean Rash, Jakob Butturff, Kris Prather and Kyle

Troup are slated to compete. Australia's Jason Belmonte, the top points earner, will not be able to attend due to travel restrictions.

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## **Norm Duke Dethrones Wes Malott to Capture the PBA King of Lanes Crown on Night One**

Norm Duke Dethrones Wes Malott to Capture the PBA King of Lanes Crown on Night One of the Series Jupiter, Fla. – Bowling royalty hit the lanes for an exciting night at Bowlero Jupiter in Florida where PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke captured the King of the Lanes crown on night one of the the six-part series airing on FS1. Duke defeated defending King Wes Malott and was able to hold off contender Anthony Simonsen and retain the throne.

40-time title winner and PBA Hall of Famer, Norm Duke started the night off strong in a battle of the greatest bowlers of all time, defeating 47-time title winner and PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. 266-211 in the first Contenders Match. As the winner, Duke went on to bowl 10-time title winner Wes Malott for the crown and won the King Match, 248-219.

With Duke residing on the throne, two of the PBA Tour's youngest stars contended for the crown – 13-time title winner EJ Tackett and seven-time title winner Anthony Simonsen. Both players struggled to get comfortable on the lanes, with Simonsen emerging victorious, 217-193, by favoring his unique backup-ball style for most of the Contenders Match. Then in the first defense of his crown, Duke displayed his versatility and spare-making talent, converting a washout in the 8th frame to down Simonsen, 198-185.

The PBA King of the Lanes series' Golden Strike promotion, sponsored by Go Bowling!, got off to a great start, with multiple Golden Strikes thrown by Williams Jr. (two), Duke (two), and Simonsen. With four Golden Strikes thrown (a strike when the head pin is gold) fans can now get four free games of bowling at participating centers, redeemable at GoBowling.com/FreeAmerica.

Duke lives to see another night as the King, but will he hold onto the crown? He'll face competition from the winner of the first Contenders Match between two Go Bowling! PBA Tour stars – 12-time title winner Bill O'Neill and 15-time title winner Sean Rash.

Viewers can live stream the King of the Lanes series on the FOX Sports and FOX NOW apps or at FOXSports.com. Select highlights will be available on @FOXSports social handles across Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube. International fans can watch live on FloBowling.com.

FS1 will telecast the rest of the series live in prime time.

Tuesday, July 21 – 7-8 PM ET  
Contenders Match: Bill O'Neill vs. Sean Rash  
King Match 3: Winner from King 2 vs. Contenders Winner  
Tuesday, July 21 – 8-9 PM ET  
Contenders Match: Jakob Butturff vs. Clara Guerrero  
King Match 4: Winner from King 3 vs. Contenders Winner  
Wednesday, July 22 – 8-9 PM ET  
Contenders Match: Kris Prather vs. Gazmine Mason  
King Match 5: Winner from King 4 vs. Contenders Winner  
Wednesday, July 22 – 9-10 PM ET  
Contenders Match: Kyle Troup vs. Pete Weber  
King Match 6: Winner from King 5 vs. Contenders Winner  
Results Night 1

Contenders Match 1  
Norm Duke def. Walter Ray Williams Jr., 266-211

King Match 1  
Duke def. Wes Malott, 248-219. Duke is the new King.

Contenders Match 2  
Anthony Simonsen def. EJ Tackett, 217-193

King Match 2  
Simonsen vs. Duke, 198-185. Duke remains King.

## **Sean Rash Takes the Crown from Norm Duke as the New PBA King of the Lanes on Night Two of the Series**

Jupiter, Fla. – All hail the new PBA King of the Lanes – Sean Rash! On night two of the six-part series airing on FS1, Sean Rash knocked off reigning King Norm Duke and then bowled a nearly perfect game to retain the crown from contender Clara Guerrero.

15-time title winner and 2020 PBA Summer Clash Winner Sean Rash took full advantage of favorable lane conditions in all of his matches starting with a 256-227 win against 12-time title winner Bill O'Neill in the first Contenders Match. As the winner, Rash went on to bowl PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke for the crown. Needing a double and four pins in the 10th, Rash struck out to defeat Duke, 262-255 to become the new King.

With a new King residing on the throne, two new contenders took to the lanes – seven-time title winner Jakob Butturff, who bowled a perfect 300 televised game on Saturday and the first female competitor, PWBA's Clara Guerrero. Guerrero consistently led the Contenders Match and secured the win, 204-195.

In the final King Match of the night, Rash put up a nearly perfect game, just missing the four pin in the 10th frame to end a run at his 31st career PBA 300 game. Rash's dominance was too much for Guerrero and he successfully defended the crown with a 289-237 win.

The PBA King of the Lanes series' Golden Strike promotion, sponsored by Go Bowling!, continued to roll on with two more Golden Strikes thrown (a strike when the head pin is gold) thrown by Rash and

Guerrero. With four strikes thrown on Monday and two Tuesday, fans can get six free games of bowling at participating centers, redeemable at [GoBowling.com/FreeAmerica](http://GoBowling.com/FreeAmerica).

Rash moves on to the final night as the King, but will face competition from the winner of the next Contenders Match between – three-time PBA Tour title winner Kris Prather and PWBA's Gazmine Mason, followed by six-time title winner Kyle Troup and 37-title winner Pete Weber.

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King Match 5: Winner from King 4 vs. Contenders Winner

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King Match 6: Winner from King 5 vs. Contenders Winner

Results Night 1

Contenders Match 1

Norm Duke def. Walter Ray Williams Jr., 266-211

King Match 1

Duke def. Wes Malott, 248-219. Duke is the new King.

Contenders Match 2

Anthony Simonsen def. EJ Tackett, 217-193

King Match 2

Simonsen vs. Duke, 198-185. Duke remains King.

Results Night 2

Contenders Match 3

Sean Rash def. Bill O'Neill, 256-227

King Match 3

Rash def. Norm Duke, 262-255. Rash is the new King.

Contenders Match 4

Clara Guerrero def. Jakob Butturff, 204-195

King Match 4

Rash def. Guerrero, 289-237. Rash remains King.

## **Kris Prather Reigns Supreme as the New PBA King of the Lanes on the Final Night of the Six-Part Series**

Kris Prather Reigns Supreme as the New PBA King of the Lanes on the Final Night of the Six-Part Series  
Jupiter, Fla. – The King of the Lanes six-part series on FS1 came down to an exciting finish with Kris Prather's reign as King just getting started. Prather outlasted King Sean Rash and battled for the crown in the final contenders match against Pete Weber.

Three-time title winner and 2020 PBA Strike Derby Champion Kris Prather began his night by defeating PWBA's Gazmine Mason, 230-194 in the first Contenders Match. Mason led the match leading up to the ninth frame, but missed a single spare conversion in the 10th which ultimately cost her. Prather took advantage and struck out during his last four shots for the win. Prather moved on to bowl 15-time title winner Sean Rash and captured the crown by defeating Rash, 243-213.

With a new King on the throne for the third time of the series, two new contenders took to the lanes for the ultimate royal battle – 37-time title winner and PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber and six-time title winner Kyle Troup, who won his last title at the 2020 PBA Tour Finals on Sunday. Weber, known for his showmanship on the lanes, had fun with his young opponent, copying his signature style and donning an afro wig as soon as the match got underway. Weber then started off shaky with a 3-4-6-7-10 split, but rebounded with six strikes in a row to defeat Troup, 235-227.

With the final King match set, Prather and Weber took to the lanes and did not disappoint. After seven frames, the match was even, but Weber caught a tough break in the eighth frame leaving a seven-pin. With an opportunity to take the lead, Prather responded with a strike in the ninth frame and secured the win, 279-226.

"It's an honor just to bowl against Pete on TV," said Prather about bowling Weber. "For him to have such high praise for me, it just feels incredible. I never thought that someone of his caliber would have such high regard for me as a bowler."

12 worthy contenders and 4 Kings later, the 2020 PBA King of the Lanes three-night event ends with Prather's reign.

"As far as winning goes, it's going to be so much fun getting on all my friends nerves having them call me King," said Prather.

The PBA King of the Lanes series' Golden Strike promotion, sponsored by Go Bowling!, added one final Golden Strike (a strike when the head pin is gold) thrown by Weber. With seven strikes thrown throughout the series, fans can get seven free games of bowling at participating centers, redeemable at [GoBowling.com/FreeAmerica](http://GoBowling.com/FreeAmerica).

### **Results Night 1**

#### **Contenders Match 1**

Norm Duke def. Walter Ray Williams Jr., 266-211

#### **King Match 1**

Duke def. Wes Malott, 248-219. Duke is the new King.

#### **Contenders Match 2**

Anthony Simonsen def. EJ Tackett, 217-193

King Match 2

Simonsen vs. Duke, 198-185. Duke remains King.

Results Night 2

Contenders Match 3

Sean Rash def. Bill O'Neill, 256-227

King Match 3

Rash def. Norm Duke, 262-255. Rash is the new King.

Contenders Match 4

Clara Guerrero def. Jakob Butturff, 204-195

King Match 4

Rash def. Guerrero, 289-237. Rash remains King.

Results Night 3

Contenders Match 5

Kris Prather def. Gazmine Mason, 230-194

King Match 5

Prather def. Sean Rash, 243-213. Prather is the new king.

Contenders Match 6

Pete Weber def. Kyle Troup, 235-227

King Match 6

Prather def. Weber, 279-226. Prather remains king.

## **Storm PBA and PWBA Pros to Host PBA Jr. National Championship Regional Clinics**

New York, NY – The Professional Bowlers Association and Storm are excited to announce that eight of the top PBA and PWBA bowlers will join the PBA Jr. National Championships and host clinics at each of the regional events in September.

The instructional clinics will be a great opportunity for the registered youth bowlers to get hands on experience and advice from the top professionals prior to competition.

The Storm players hosting the clinics are PBA's three-time title winner Kris Prather and Lennie Boresch Jr. in the Midwest, PBA six-time title winner Kyle Troup in the South, PWBA's three-time title winner Stefanie Johnson, four-time title winner Diana Zavjalova, and 20-time title winner Carolyn Dorin-Ballard in the Southwest, and PBA four-time title winner Marshall Kent and PWBA title winner Bryanna Coté in the West.



"Storm is a proud supporter of the PBA and professional bowling in all capacities," Gary Hulsenberg, Storm's VP of Business Development said. "We're very excited to join forces with the PBA in their PBA Jr. National Championship events to continue to inspire the next generation of competitive athletes."

The PBA Jr. National Championship will be a two-fold competition starting with bowlers receiving direct entry into one of four regional tournaments at Bowlero centers around the country on September 4 and 5, 2020.

Each regional tournament will guarantee a first place \$2,000 SMART Scholarship. SMART scholarships will also be awarded to one out of every six (1:6) entries in each division.

Regional tournaments will take place at the following Bowlero locations with a 1-hour clinic hosted by professional bowlers prior to the start of competition on Friday.

Midwest Region

Bowlero Wauwatosa

11737 W Burleigh St, Wauwatosa, WI 53222

Clinic hosted by Kris Prather and Lennie Boresch

South Region

Bowlero Marietta

2749 Delk Rd, Marietta, GA 30067

Clinic hosted by Kyle Troup

Southwest Region

Bowlero Euless

1901 W Airport Fwy, Euless, TX 76040

Clinic hosted by Stefanie Johnson, Diana Zavjalova, Carolyn Dorin-Ballard

West Region

Bowlero Christown

1919 W Bethany Home Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85015

Clinic hosted by Marshall Kent and Bryanna Côté

The top two male and female finishers in each regional will then advance to the National Championship to compete for a \$7,500 first place SMART Scholarship. The National Championship date will be held in conjunction with a PBA National Tour stop, to be named at a later date.

Bowlers who are interested in competing must be ages 17 and under as of August 1, 2020.

For additional information, registration fees, and to sign up, please visit [pba.com/junior](http://pba.com/junior).

With health and safety top of mind, the PBA is following local and federal guidelines on COVID-19. The PBA is significantly modifying event procedures as well as taking all necessary precautions to reduce health risks for players and staff during competition. For a complete list of standards, please visit [pba.com](http://pba.com).

## **Mykel Holliman Wins PBA FireLake/Grand Casino Resort Southwest Open**

**Shawnee, Okla.** – Mykel Holliman, from Collierville, Tenn., won his second PBA Regional Tour title in the ninth annual PBA FireLake/Grand Casino Resort Southwest Open on Sunday. Holliman, the 2019 Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year, won his first PBA title last December when he partnered with PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber at the PBA50/PBA Houston Emerald Doubles.

Holliman, climbed into the lead in the eight-game modified round robin finals by opening with games of 248, 279 and 257. He then shot his first 300 game in PBA competition to build a near 200 pin lead. Qualifying leader PBA Tour Professional Shawn Maldonado, from Houston, Texas, cut into Holliman's lead with a perfect 300 in game six.

Heading into game seven neck and neck, Maldonado threw three strikes in the tenth frame to edge Holliman, 238-237 and narrowed the lead to 62 pins. With 30 bonus pins on the line for each winning match, Maldonado needed to win the final game in the position round by 33 pins. Holliman answered back and defeated Maldonado, 279-231, to claim the win and a first-place prize of \$4,500.

PBA Hall of Famer Chris Barnes, of Double Oak, Texas, threw the tournament's fourth 300 game in the position round to move from ninth place up to fourth.

The PBA Southwest Region visits Houston's emerald Bowl August 14-16 for the PBA Houston Emerald Bowl Southwest Challenge, presented by Bowling Dynamix, a non-champions event, before returning to Oklahoma, August 28-30, for the PBA Fort Sill Southwest Open at Twin Oaks Lanes.

## **PBA FIRELAKE GRAND CASINO RESORT SOUTHWEST OPEN** **FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Okla., Sunday**

### **FINAL STANDINGS (21 Games)**

- 1, Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 6-2, 5,337, \$4,500.
- 2, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 4-4, 5,197, \$2,500.
- 3, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 5-3, 4,938, \$1,600.
- 4, s-Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 5-3, 4,924, \$1,300.
- 5, Beau Peterson, Newton, Kan., 6-2, 4,919, \$1,050.
- 6, Stuart Williams, England, 6-2, 4,905, \$950.
- 7, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 4-4, 4,881, \$875.
- 8, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 5-3, 4,832, \$800.
- 9, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 4-4, 4,812, \$775.
- 10, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2-6, 4,810, \$750.
- 11, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1-7, 4,790, \$725.
- 12, n-Noah Gallegos, Golden, Colo., 5-3, 4,769, \$700.
- 13, Myles Duty, Modesto, Calif., 4-4, 4,728, \$675.
- 14, Tom Hess, Granger, Iowa, 3-5, 4,718, \$650.
- 15, Austin Boulds, Creal Springs, Ill., 1-7, 4,666, \$625.
- 16, Wesley Low Jr., Palmdale, Calif., 3-5- 4,645, \$610.

300 games: Alex George, Mykel Holliman, Shawn Maldonado, Chris Barnes

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## **Parker Bohn III Scholarship Tournament to Serve as Qualifier for PBA Jr. National Championship**

Parker Bohn III Scholarship Tournament to Serve as Qualifier for PBA Jr. National Championship  
New York, NY – The Professional Bowlers Association is pleased to announce that the Parker Bohn III Scholarship Tournament (PB3) will serve as a qualifier for the East Region in the PBA Jr. National Championships.

Youth bowlers competing in the PB3 event can opt-in in advance or onsite for an additional \$40 to have their scores count towards qualifying into the National Championship event.

The top two male and female finisher in the PB3 event will then advance to the National Championship to compete for a \$7,500 first place SMART Scholarship. The National Championship date will be held in conjunction with a PBA National Tour stop, to be named at a later date.

"As a PBA member for the past 35 years, I am extremely honored and excited to be a part of the inaugural PBA Jr. National Championship," said PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III. "It's a great opportunity for the youth bowlers to have a chance to compete on the biggest stage in bowling, the PBA."

The 21st annual PB3 Scholarship Tournament will be held at Howell Lanes in Howell, NJ from September 2 – September 7.

For additional information on the PB3 event, qualifying for the PBA Jr. National Championship, and to sign up, please visit <https://parkerbohn3.com> or email [Pb3tournament@gmail.com](mailto:Pb3tournament@gmail.com).

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## **Anthony Pepe Wins PBA AMF Perry Hall Lanes Open for Seventh Career Win**

**BALTIMORE MD. (August 15, 2020)** – Anthony Pepe of Long Island City, N.Y., compiled a 6-2 match play record and a 15-game total of 3,532 pins to win the PBA AMF Perry Hall Lanes Open at AMF Perry Hall Lanes on Saturday.

Pepe led qualifying with a 232 average and never lost the top spot. Early in the final position round match, Pepe found himself struggling with his ball reaction and his opponent, Michael Markis of Scranton, Pa., put the pressure on. Markis was within 10 pins of Pepe, until he failed to strike out and Pepe regained his form in the final two frames to clinch the win.

Pepe's win on Saturday is his fifth PBA Regional title and seventh overall, two coming before he was a PBA member. Pepe earned \$2,100 while Markis, who matched his career best finish, earned \$1,175 as the runner-up.

The PBA East Region travels to Croydon, Pennsylvania next Saturday for the PBA50 AMF Bristol Pike Lanes Open. The event is open to bowlers aged 50 and above. The following weekend, another full-field event will be held at AMF Woodlawn Lanes in Baltimore on Sunday, August 30.

### **PBA AMF PERRY HALL LANES OPEN AMF Perry Hall Lanes, Baltimore, Md., Saturday**

#### **Final Match Play Standings (after 15 games, including match play bonus pins)**

- 1, Anthony Pepe, Long Island City, N.Y., 6-2, 3,532, \$2,100.
- 2, Michael Marcis, Scranton, Pa., 6-2, 3,432, \$1,175.
- 3, Keith Laing, Oakdale, Conn., 5-3, 3,400, \$1,000.
- 4, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 5-3, 3,356, \$825.
- 5, Matt Wozney, Claymont, Del., 5-3, 3,328, \$675.
- 6, Tim Foy, Jr., Seaford, Del., 4-4, 3,205, \$600.
- 7, Nicholas Vanderwende, Ephrata, Pa., 4-4, 3,193, \$550.
- 8, n-Philip Drumm, Binghamton, N.Y., 3-4-1, 3,174, \$540.
- 9, Stephen Hahn, Sterling, Va., 3-5, 3,145, \$530.
- 10, Darryl Carreon, Woodbridge, Va., 2-6, 3,085, \$520.
- 11, Tommy Gollick, Oberlin, Pa., 1-5-2, 3,063, \$510.
- 12, John Furey, Howell, N.J., 2-5-1, 3,041, \$500.

300 Games: Keith Laing, Matt Wozney  
n-designates non-PBA member

### **Ryan Ciminelli Wins 14<sup>th</sup> PBA Regional Title in PBA AMF Chesapeake South Open**

**Chesapeake, Va.** – Ryan Ciminelli of Lancaster, S.C. notched his fourteenth PBA South Regional title with a 103-pin victory over Brandon Curtis of Manson, N.C at AMF Western Branch Lanes on Saturday.

Heading into the final position round, Ciminelli had a 64-pin lead and easily prevailed in his final match, 207-194 to secure the win.

Ciminelli who recently moved to South Carolina from Buffalo, N.Y. and announced his retirement from full-time competition on the PBA Tour earned \$2400 for the win with a 5-1 match play record, while Brandon Curtis, posted a 4-2 match play record and \$1200 for finishing second.

The PBA South Region's next tournament will be the PBA50 AMF Woodstock South Open at AMF Woodstock Lanes in Woodstock, Ga., Aug. 29, 2020.

**PBA AMF UNIVERSITY LANES TAMPA SOUTH OPEN**  
**AMF University Lanes, Tampa, Fl., Sunday**

**Final Match Play Standings (after 12 games)**

- 1, Ryan Ciminelli, Lancaster, S.C., 5-1, 2,951, \$2400.
- 2, Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C., 4-2, 2,878, \$1200.
- 3, Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 4-2, 2,681, \$1000.
- 4, Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., 2,582, 3-3, \$900.
- 5, Joey Dineen, Virginia Beach, Va., 6-0, 2,440, \$800.
- 6, Colin Champion, Spring Hill, Fla., 3-3, 2,528, \$675.
- 7, Anthony Marino, Henrico, Va., 3-3, 2,500, \$565.
- 8, n-Tyler Michel, Chesapeake, Va., 3-3, 2,464, \$540 (Smart).
- 9, Christopher McSwain, Kings Mountain, N.C., 2-4, 2,414, \$530.
- 10, Mathew Woodall, Norfolk, Va., 0-6, 2,318, \$520.
- 11, Roscoe Pretlow, Chesapeake, Va., 2-4, 2,215, \$510.
- 12, Chris Barry, Black Mountain, N.C., 1-5, 2,182, \$500.

\*n-denotes non-PBA member

**PBA realigns media relations services**

The Professional Bowlers Association is realigning its news media relations services, effective September 1.

The news media relations services, handled by Sleeping Dogs Communications since 2009, will be managed by Jill Laufer, PBA Senior Manager, Public Relations (email: [jlaufer@pba.com](mailto:jlaufer@pba.com); Office Phone: 212-777-2214 x5259).

Bill Vint and Jerry Schneider, co-owners of Sleeping Dogs Communications, have announced their retirements effective August 31, and will close the Sleeping Dogs office. For those interested in their personal contact information, Vint can be reached by email at: [billvint@sleepingdogscommunications.com](mailto:billvint@sleepingdogscommunications.com) (cell: 414-339-0404). Schneider can be reached by email at: [jerrys@sleepingdogscommunications.com](mailto:jerrys@sleepingdogscommunications.com) (cell: 262-366-2157).

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## **Fox Sports Increases PBA League Coverage to Six Two-Hour LIVE Telecasts**

New York, NY – The 2020 PBA League officially returns to the lanes in September with 60 of the world's best male, female, and international athletes competing for the prestigious Elias Cup.

This year, the PBA League is making history with 12 teams, including four expansion franchises and two all-women's teams. This year's telecast will also feature four additional hours of live coverage on FS1.

The twelve teams now split into two divisions, Carter and Anthony, will take to the lanes on Friday September 26th with the Portland Lumberjacks looking to defend their title.

The PBA League will also have a new home in 2020 – Bowlero Centreville in Centreville, VA, just outside of Washington, DC.

After months of consideration, the Professional Bowlers Association, in conjunction with the original host center, Bayside Bowl in Portland Maine, made the decision to move the event due to current statewide COVID 19 related restrictions.

The new host location in Centreville, VA will allow the PBA League players to compete in a safe environment - limited to athletes, managers, and essential staff only, with no fans on site.

"This was an extremely tough decision given the inextricable link between the PBA League and Bayside Bowl, and the strong desire for things to feel normal," said Charlie Mitchell, proprietor of Bayside Bowl. "We tried to come up with a safe way to host the event, but given safety concerns, social distancing guidelines and occupancy limits, there is no way to recreate the BoPo atmosphere with fans this year."

A silver lining for fans – the PBA League will return to Bayside Bowl in 2021.

General admission ticket holders will receive an email from Bayside Bowl with information to receive a full refund or have their tickets roll over to 2021.

The race to capture the prestigious Elias Cup will begin with a seeding round on September 26 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., streamed exclusively on FloBowling, followed by twelve hours of live competition on FS1. The TV schedule is as follows:

PBA Elias Cup: Anthony Division Quarterfinals – Sunday, September 27, 12 p.m. ET on FS1  
PBA Elias Cup: Carter Division Quarterfinals – Sunday, September 27, 7 p.m. ET on FS1  
PBA Elias Cup: Anthony Division Semifinals – Monday, September 28, 7 p.m. ET on FS1  
PBA Elias Cup: Carter Division Semifinals – Monday, September 28, 9 p.m. ET on FS1

PBA Elias Cup: Division Finals – Tuesday, September 29, 7 p.m. ET on FS1  
PBA Elias Cup: Championship Finals – Wednesday September 30, 7 p.m. ET on FS1

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### **Mike Taylor Defeats John DiSantis to Win PBA50 AMF Bristol Pike Lanes Open**

**Croydon, Pa.** – Former member Mike Taylor of Havertown, Pa., defeated John DiSantis of Wilmington, Del. on Saturday in the PBA50 AMF Bristol Pike Lanes Open in Croydon, Pa.

Taylor compiled a 5-1 match play record and a 13-game total of 3,051 pins to score a six-pin victory over DiSantis at AMF Bristol Pike Lanes.

Heading into the position round, Taylor trailed DiSantis by 29 pins. With the final match set to determine the winner, Taylor finished first with a double in the tenth, putting the pressure on DiSantis. Needing two strikes to claim victory, DiSantis fell short failing to throw the second strike.

With a final score of 238-233, plus 30 bonus pins for the win, Taylor secured the first-place prize of \$1,500.

Taylor, who competed on the PBA Tour, won 14 PBA West Region titles as a PBA member. His win on Saturday does not count as an official title, but does count for his 17<sup>th</sup> overall regional win. DiSantis, who was looking for his third career PBA Regional title, earned \$1,000 as the runner-up.

The PBA East Region travels to Baltimore next for the PBA AMF Woodlawn Lanes Open on Sunday, August 30.

### **PBA50 AMF BRISTOL PIKE LANES OPEN AMF Bristol Pike Lanes, Croydon, Pa., Saturday**

#### **Final Match Play Standings (after 13 games, including match play bonus pins)**

1. n-Mike Taylor, Havertown, Pa., 5-1, 3,051, \$1,500.
2. John DiSantis, Wilmington, Del., 3-3, 3,045, \$1,000.
3. Glenn Smith, New York, 4-2, 2,961, \$825.
4. Jay Davis Jr., Silver Spring, Md., 4-2, 2,958, \$700.
5. Robert Leonard Sr., Lockwood, N.Y., 4-2, 2,945, \$650.
6. Michael Tryniski, Fulton, N.Y., 2-4, 2,918, \$600.
7. Richard Strath, Schenectady, N.Y., 1-4-1, 2,895, \$580.
8. Rick Graham, Elizabethtown, Pa., 2-4, 2,885, \$560.
9. Greg Hess Sr., Hamilton, N.J., 3-3, 2,849, \$540.
10. Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1-4-1, 2,797, \$520.
11. Timothy Martin, Harrisville, R.I., 4-2, 2,781, \$510.

12, Robert Mockenhaupt, Succasunna, N.J., 2-4, 2,726, \$500.

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### **Jakob Butturff Leads PBA Fort Sill Southwest Open Title**

**Fort Sill, Okla., (August 31, 2020)** – Jakob Butturff from Tempe, Ariz., took the lead in the eight games of qualifying, increased it in the five game Cashier's Round, and lead throughout the eight game finals to win his 23<sup>rd</sup> PBA regional title Sunday at the 11<sup>th</sup> annual PBA Fort Sill Southwest Open, Sunday at Twin Oaks Bowling Center.

Butturff did have to watch his comfortable cushion start to dwindle as the match play progressed, as Travis Tribolet, from San Angelo, Texas, who qualified in 10<sup>th</sup> place, started the final eight games with a 265, 256, and 289, added another 289 in game five, and scores of 251 and 247 in the two games prior to the final game position round. Butturff still held a 93 pin lead which was plenty as Tribolet won his eighth match, 227-211, but fell short of catching Butturff who dominated the field with a 240.9 average for the tournament.

The win was worth \$3,000 to Butturff, as Tribolet's \$1,800 second place check was his best finish. Reigning PBA Southwest Region Player of the Year, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, of Pasadena, Texas, earned \$1,300 for third place, and Amarillo, Texas' Mason Edmondson collected \$1,100 for fourth place.

The Southwest Region's next event is the PBA Liberal, KS, Southwest Open, September 18-20, at Ayr's Lanes. That event will pay at least \$4,000 for first place. Hilltop Lanes in Waxahachie, Texas, will host a PBA50 regional event September 25-27.

### **PBA FORT SILL SOUTHWEST OPEN Twin Oaks Lanes, Fort Sill, Okla., Sunday**

#### **Final Standings (after 21 games, including match play bonus pins):**

1, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 5-3, 5,209, \$3,000. 2, Travis Tribolet, San Angelo, Texas, 8-0, 5,162, \$1,800. 3, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 4-4, 4,954, \$1,300. 4, n-Mason Edmondson, Amarillo, Texas, 3-5, 4,871, \$1,100. 5, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 5-3, 4,850, \$925. 6, Austin Boulds, Creal Springs, Ill., 3-5, 4,840, \$825. 7, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 4-4, 4,799, \$750. 8, Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 5-3, 4,772, \$700. 9, Wesley Low Jr., Palmdale, Calif., 2-6, 4,673, \$650. 10, Kyle Duster, Scottsdale, Ariz., 5-3, 4,664, \$600. 11, n-Anthony Desko, Parkville, MO, 3-5, 4,548, \$575. 12, n-Brian Lake, Irving, Texas, 1-7, 4,508, \$550.

300 game: Tribolet

n- denotes non-PBA member



## **PBA Hall of Famer and Bowling Instructor Dick Ritger Dies at 81**

Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer, and one of the sport's top instructors, Dick Ritger of River Falls, Wisconsin, died Aug. 27 at his home at the age of 81.

Inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame in 1978, Ritger, who used a smooth classic delivery favored by many greats of his era, won 20 PBA Tour titles in a 16-year tour career that began in 1965. Only 12 players have won more tour titles.

He was selected as the 14th greatest player of all-time on the list of the 50 greatest players in PBA history, as part of the organization's 50th anniversary in 2009.

More recently, as part of PBA's 60th anniversary celebration in 2019 a panel of historians, bowling writers and veteran tour competitors, Ritger played a role in the No. 1 moment in PBA Tour history when he finished second in the 1970 Firestone Tournament of Champions losing 299-268 to Don Johnson in the title match.

In addition to being one of the sport's top players he was also one of the most popular, having twice won PBA's Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award (1970, 1973). Ritger was also a two-time titlist at the USBC Open Championships, winning Classic Team in 1967 and Classic All-Events in 1977, and was elected to the USBC Hall of Fame in 1984 in the Superior Performance category.

When he was nine years old, Ritger was already competing in adult leagues at his family's 10-lane bowling center in Hartford, Wisconsin, eventually competing in up to seven leagues a week.

While attending the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse (1960), where he double-majored in physical education and recreation, that training, in addition to his standout ability as a competitor, would serve as the foundation to eventually becoming one of the sport's most accomplished and recognizable coaches.

After his tour career, he turned to coaching and the creation of the Dick Ritger Bowling Camps where his revolutionary Ritger Method has helped tens of thousands of bowlers over more than four decades.

As an instructor for AMF and his own Dick Ritger Bowling Camps he had conducted more than 500 clinics in more than two dozen countries. He also produced several highly-respected videos including a video series called "The Perfect Feelings of Bowling," which was distributed globally and is still the basis of the curriculum at the Dick Ritger Bowling Camps.

His lifetime of competition and service to the sport also earned him a variety of industry awards, including the World Bowling Writers Distinguished Service Award (1995), John Martino Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Sport of Bowling (1998) and the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America/Dick Weber Ambassador Award (2006).

In 2008, Ritger became the first inductee into the newly-created Bowling Coaches Hall of Fame.

Ritger is survived by his wife of 60 years, Judy; three children, Scott (Amy), Shari (Joe) Hammer and Cyndi; 13 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; brothers Dave (Shirley) and John (Laura), sister-in-law Kathy and their respective families.

A private family memorial mass will be held Sunday, Aug. 30 at 2 p.m. (Central) at St. Bridget Catholic Church in River Falls.

In honor of Ritger's life, the family requests that any memorial gifts be given to St. Bridget's Catholic Church or the River Falls Food Pantry.

### **PBA Jr. National Championship Regional Results**

*20 youth bowlers, top 4 from each regional qualifier to advance to PBA Jr. National Championship*

**New York, NY** – Over 500 of the best youth bowlers, ages seven to 17, from around the country took to the lanes to begin their journey to become the first ever PBA Jr. National Champion.

The fierce competition kicked off on September 4<sup>th</sup> with the regional portion of the inaugural event split into four qualifying tournaments at Bowlero locations across the country. Each regional had the same format – two squads of six-game qualifying rounds followed by two semi-final qualifying games for the top 50 percent of players. After eight qualifying games, the top 20 players advanced to match play for six final games.

The long-running Parker Bohn III Scholarship Tournament (PB3) served as an additional qualifier for the East Region. The top two boys and girls in the PB3 event automatically secured a spot in the PBA Jr. National Championship.

The youth bowlers brought their A-game, including three perfect 300-games, but only the top two boys and girls secured spots to advance to the National Championship.

#### **Midwest Region – Bowlero Wauwatosa**

##### **Top Boys**

1. Nate Purches, Marlborough, Mass. 3,077
2. Blake Martin, Oakdale, Minn., 3,017

##### **Top Girls**

1. Jillian Martin, Stow, Ohio, 2,705
2. Hailey Triske, Minnetonka, Minn., 2,643

#### **South Region – Bowlero Marietta**

##### **Top Boys**

1. James Bennett, Huntingtown, Md, 2,920
2. Joshua Collins, Fortson, Ga., 2,831

##### **Top Girls**

1. Annalise O'Bryant, Ball Ground, Ga., 2,860
2. Aliyah Alleyne, Sanford, N.C., 2,614

**Southwest Region – Bowlero Euless**

**Top Boys**

1. Spencer Robarge, Springfield, Miss., 3,045
2. Julian Michael Salinas, Richmond, Texas, 2,858

**Top Girls**

1. Lara Kurt, Leland, N.C., 2,626
2. Jaelle Hamman, Jarrell, Texas, 2,548

**West Region – Bowlero Christown**

**Top Boys**

1. Hunter Mayes, Gold Canyon, Ariz., 2,982
2. Zach Greim, Poway, California, 2,895

**Top Girls**

1. Katelyn Abigania, San Diego, Cali., 2,649
2. Emily Cheesman, Hemet, Cali., 2,388

**East Region – Howell Lanes**

**Top Boys**

1. Randal Dubar, Milford, Mass.
2. Parker Laubach, Bethlehem, Pa.

**Top Girls**

1. Paige Peters, Toms River, N.J.
2. Victoria Varano, Stony Point, N.Y.

**300 games:** Julian Salinas, Nolan Blessing, Cincinnati, Ohio; Silas Lira, Tampa, Fla.

Each regional tournament guaranteed a first place \$2,000 SMART Scholarship. SMART scholarships were also awarded to one out of every six (1:6) entries in each division.

The top two boy and girl finishers from each regional will move on to the National Championship to compete for a \$7,500 SMART Scholarship. The National Championship date will be held in conjunction with a PBA National Tour stop, to be named at a later date.

The PBA is committed to advancing the sport of bowling at every level and the PBA Jr. National Championship is one of many opportunities for youth bowlers to enjoy when they join PBA Jr., a new club exclusively for ages 17 and under, set to launch mid-September.

For additional information and to learn more about the PBA Jr. Club, visit [pba.com/junior](https://pba.com/junior).

With health and safety top of mind, the PBA is following local and federal guidelines on COVID-19. The PBA is significantly modifying event procedures as well as taking all necessary precautions to reduce health risks for players and staff during competition. For a complete list of standards, please visit [pba.com](https://pba.com).

### **PBA Junior Club Rolls Out Today for Youth Bowlers**

*All-New Junior Club Available for Girls and Boys Under Age 17  
with Dreams of Competing in the PBA*

**New York, NY** – The Professional Bowlers Association is proud to announce the launch of PBA Jr., a new club exclusively for youth bowlers that will encourage and support their participation in the sport as they begin their journey to become a professional.

Youth bowlers under age 17 can sign up today for the PBA Jr. Club in one of two tiers - PBA Jr. Basic Tier or PBA Jr. Premium Tier. Each tier offers discounted entry fees into PBA Jr. regional tournaments, early access to PBA Tour events, merchandise, and much more.

#### **PBA Jr. Basic Tier - \$39.95 annual fee**

- Discounted entry fees into PBA Jr. regional tournaments
- Official PBA Jr. Bag Tag
- Exclusive PBA Jr. merchandise kit including official PBA bowling towel, water bottle and hat
- Early access to PBA Tour event tickets and free upgrades on tickets purchased
- \*BowlerX.com discounts: 10% off orders with free shipping
- 20% discount to annual FloBowling subscription for new subscribers
- Annual free game voucher at any Bowlero Corp center

#### **PBA Jr. Club Premium Tier - \$89.98 annual fee**

- Official PBA Jr. High 5 customized jersey
- Discounted entry fees into PBA Jr. regional tournaments
- Official PBA Jr. Bag Tag
- Exclusive PBA Jr. merchandise kit including official PBA bowling towel, water bottle and hat
- Early access to PBA Tour event tickets and free upgrades on tickets purchased

- \*BowlerX.com discounts: 10% off orders with free shipping
- Free download of PBA Pro Bowling console game (available for Xbox One, Steam, Nintendo Switch or PS4)
- 20% discount to annual FloBowling subscription for new subscribers
- Annual free game voucher at any Bowlero Corp center

The PBA Jr. Club will also offer youth bowlers the opportunity to compete like a professional in PBA Jr. tournaments while bowling for a chance to win SMART scholarships. Tournaments, including the PBA Jr. National Championship, will be announced at a later date.

With the success of the inaugural PBA Jr. National Championship Regionals and efforts to advance the sport of bowling at every level, the PBA Jr. Club is one of many opportunities for youth bowlers to get a head start before entering PBA Tour level competition.

For additional information and to sign up for the PBA Jr. Club, visit [pba.com/junior](http://pba.com/junior).

\*BowlerX.com discounts – some exclusions apply. No discount allowed on items protected by manufacturer pricing policies and on existing sale items.

### **Chris Barnes Wins PBA Liberal Kansas Southwest Open**

**Liberal, Kan., (Sept. 22, 2020)** – Chris Barnes from Double Oak, Texas won the fourth annual Liberal Kansas Southwest Open on Sunday at Ayr Lanes to capture his 29<sup>th</sup> PBA Regional title.

Barnes won his first five matches in the modified eight-game round robin match play finals to overtake previous leaders, Canadian Francois Lavoie and A.J. Chapman, from Manchester, Iowa. Barnes sealed the victory with a decisive win in the final game position round and earned \$4,000 for first place.

Barnes completed the finals with a 7-1 record and 4,790 total pins. Lavoie finished runner up for the second year in a row with 4,657 pins and collected \$2,400. Houston's Shawn Maldonado finished in third place followed by Kyle Duster, from Scottsdale, Ariz. in fourth place.

The third annual PBA50 Waxahachie Southwest Open will be September 25-27 at Hilltop Lanes. The Southwest Region's next open event is the PBA Oklahoma City Southwest Open.

**PBA LIBERAL KANSAS SOUTHWEST OPEN, presented by French Construction  
Ayr Lanes, Liberal, Kan., Sunday**

**Final Standings (after 21 games, including match play bonus pins):**

1. Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 7-1, 4,790, \$4,000.

2. Francois Lavoie, Canada, 4-4, 4,657, \$2,500.
3. Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 6-2, 4,651, \$1,800.
4. Kyle Duster, Scottsdale, Ariz., 5-3, 4,620, \$1,400.
5. AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 4-4, 4,597, \$1,100.
6. Kris Koeltzow, Wheat Ridge, Colo., 5-3, 4,488, \$850.
7. Alex George, Wichita, Kan., 3-4-1, 4,426, \$750.
8. n-Connor Egan, Farmingdale, N.Y., 2-6, 4,419, \$700.
9. Dimitri Cruz, Denton, Texas, 5-3-0, 4,402, \$675.
10. Nathan Pope, Arvada, Colo., 2-5-1, 4,351, \$650.
11. ss-Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 2-6, 4,311, \$625.
12. Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 2-6, 4,204, \$600

n-denotes non-PBA member

## **Blanchard Announces Retirement From PBA Tour**

Sep 23, 2020

Josh Blanchard, a three-time PBA Tour champion and 2011-12 PBA Rookie of the Year, announced Wednesday he will retire from the PBA Tour after this season.

A full-time player on the tour since joining the PBA in 2011, Blanchard's most recent title came at the PBA Xtra Frame Reality Check Classic in March 2017.

Blanchard, 33, also won two titles in 2015, including the PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout and the Brunswick Euro Challenge.

"I'm announcing my retirement from professional bowling," Blanchard wrote in a Facebook post. "After next week, I will be moving on from being a full-time PBA player and starting a new venture."

Blanchard will compete for the Motown Muscle in the PBA League, which begins Saturday with the seeding round live on FloBowling.

So far this season, Blanchard has one top-10 finish, which came at the 2020 PBA Jonesboro Open where he finished ninth. Last season, he made the show at the 2019 PBA Tournament of Champions, finishing in fourth place.

"To all the fans who have followed me over the past decade, thank you," Blanchard wrote. "I never got more joy in career than hearing those claps and cheers in the background after a strike. I may have not acknowledged you one on one, but I heard every one of those claps and cheers."

Blanchard becomes the second player in recent months to retire from full-time participation on the PBA Tour. Lefty Ryan Ciminelli made a similar announcement in July

## **PBA League Begins on Sunday with Four Days of Back-to-Back Live Competition on FS1**

*2019 PBA League Champion Portland Lumberjacks Looking to Defend Elias Cup*

**Centreville, Va.** – After much anticipation, the 2020 PBA League begins this weekend with defending champion Portland Lumberjacks looking to hold onto the prestigious Elias Cup. The competition will air on Fox Sports' FS1 in six two-hour live telecasts on Sunday, Sept. 27 – Wednesday, Sept. 30.

The Portland Lumberjacks will be led by last year's Mark Roth MVP Wes Malott and returning players Kyle Troup and Kris Prather. PBA Tour veteran Martin Larsen and Packy Hanrahan, making his first appearance at the PBA League, join the Lumberjacks managed by Tim Mack.

The Lumberjacks will have plenty of competition from 11 other teams, complete with the best male, female, and international athletes which are split into two new divisions, Carter and Anthony.

\*Complete team rosters noted below. Of the 12 teams, four are expansion teams, including two all-women's teams, the Miami Waves and the Phoenix Fury, which feature 10 of the top PWBA bowlers.

The PBA League will be contested for the first time at Bowlero Centerville in Centerville, Va., just outside of Washington, D.C. The change was made in conjunction with original host center, Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, due to the statewide COVID-19 related restrictions.

While the atmosphere will be different with no fans in attendance, the competition will only be more thrilling for viewers who get to see international players return to the lanes for the first time since March.

Australia's Jason Belmonte will also be returning to PBA competition for the first time since he was last seen winning his 13<sup>th</sup> major title at the PBA World Championship. Belmonte is in his 8<sup>th</sup> year as a member of the L. A. X, which has never won the Elias Cup. Will this be their year?

The PBA League kicks off on Saturday, Sept. 26 with the 12 teams competing in their divisions to determine seeds for each divisional elimination bracket, followed by 12 hours of live competition on FS1. The TV schedule is as follows:

PBA League Elias Cup: Anthony Division Quarterfinals – Sunday, Sept. 27, 12 p.m. ET on FS1

PBA League Elias Cup: Carter Division Quarterfinals – Sunday, Sept. 27, 7 p.m. ET on FS1

PBA League Elias Cup: Anthony Division Semifinals – Monday, Sept. 28, 7 p.m. ET on FS1

PBA League Elias Cup: Carter Division Semifinals – Monday, Sept. 28, 9 p.m. ET on FS1

PBA League Elias Cup: Division Finals – Tuesday, Sept. 29, 7 p.m. ET on FS1

PBA League Elias Cup: Championship Finals – Wednesday, Sept. 30, 7 p.m. ET on FS1

After the Elias Cup is awarded, the PBA continues its competition with the Storm PBA World Series of Bowling XI Animal Pattern events, previously scheduled for March. The World Series of Bowling Go Bowling! Cheetah Championship, Chameleon Championship and Scorpion Championship will air on FS1. The TV schedule is as follows:

PBA Go Bowling! Cheetah Championship – Sunday, Oct. 4, 5:30 p.m. ET on FS1

PBA Chameleon Championship – Sunday, Oct. 4, 7:30 p.m. ET on FS1

PBA Scorpion Championship – Monday, Oct. 5, 9 p.m. ET on FS1

Viewers can live stream the PBA on the FOX Sports and FOX NOW apps or at [FOXSports.com](https://www.foxsports.com). Select highlights will be available on @FOXSports social handles across Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube. International fans can watch live on [FloBowling.com](https://www.flobowling.com).

During this uncertain time, the PBA's main priority is the health and safety of its players and staff, and has significantly modified event procedures for the PBA League. The PBA is taking all necessary precautions and following local and federal COVID-19 guidelines to reduce risks. For a complete list of the PBA's COVID-19 related standards and procedures, please visit [PBA.com](https://www.pba.com).

### **\*2020 PBA League Division Line-Ups and Rosters**

#### **Carter Division:**

##### **Dallas Strikers**

Manager: Norm Duke  
Norm Duke  
Tommy Jones  
Bill O'Neill  
Brad Miller  
Nick Pate

##### **Philadelphia Hitmen**

Manager: Jason Couch  
Dom Barrett  
Tom Smallwood  
Shawn Maldonado  
Jason Sterner  
Matt Ogle

##### **Brooklyn Styles**

Manager: Johnny Petraglia  
Walter Ray Williams Jr.  
Brad Angelo  
Rhino Page  
BJ Moore  
Thomas Larsen

##### **Silver Lake Atom Splitters**

Manager: Mark Baker  
Chris Barnes  
Jesper Svensson  
Tom Daugherty  
Chris Via  
AJ Chapman

##### **Las Vegas High Rollers**

Manager: Amleto Monacelli  
Francois Lavoie



Andrew Anderson  
AJ Johnson  
Richie Teece  
Ildemaro Ruiz

**Phoenix Fury**

Manager: Kim Terrell-Kearney  
Shannon O'Keefe  
Liz Johnson  
Jordan Richard  
Stefanie Johnson  
Maria José Rodriguez

**Anthony Division:**

**NYC KingPins**

Manager: Carolyn Dorin-Ballard  
Pete Weber  
Marshall Kent  
Kyle Sherman  
Darren Tang  
Osku Palermaa

**Motown Muscle**

Manager: Del Ballard  
EJ Tackett  
Anthony Simonsen  
Josh Blanchard  
Mitch Hupe  
Matt McNiel

**Portland Lumberjacks**

Manager: Tim Mack  
Wes Malott  
Kyle Troup  
Kris Prather  
Martin Larsen  
Packy Hanrahan

**L.A. X**

Manager: Andrew Cain  
Jason Belmonte  
Jakob Butturff  
Stu Williams  
Patrick Girard  
Anthony Lavery-Spahr

**Brew City Ballers**

Manager: Marshall Holman  
Sean Rash  
Ryan Ciminelli  
Dick Allen  
Christopher Sloan  
Zeke Bayt

### **Miami Waves**

Manager: Bob Learn Jr.  
Danielle McEwan  
Dasha Kovalova  
Clara Guerrero  
Liz Kuhlkin  
Missy Parkin

### **History of PBA League Elias Cup Champions**

2013: NYC KingPins  
2014: Silver Lake Atom Splitters  
2015: Silver Lake Atom Splitters  
2016: Dallas Strikers  
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2018: Silver Lake Atom Splitters  
2019: Portland Lumberjacks

### **Guaranteed Rate Becomes Official National Sponsor of the 2020 PBA Tour Fall Swing on FOX**

**New York, NY** – The Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) announced today that [Guaranteed Rate](#), one of the largest retail mortgage lenders in the country, has signed on as an official sponsor of the 2020 Go Bowling! PBA Tour Fall Swing when it returns to FOX Sports this Sunday, Sept. 27. The completion of the 2020 PBA Tour will feature the PBA League Elias Cup, the Storm PBA World Series of Bowling XI animal pattern events, and the marquee PBA Playoffs.

“2020 has been a year like no other, and we are so excited to get back on the lanes and complete our PBA Tour season with the support of our valued partners at Guaranteed Rate,” said Colie Edison, Chief Executive Officer of the PBA. “Guaranteed Rate has established itself as an industry leader and we thank them for the support of the PBA and our players.”

The PBA Tour Fall Swing kicks off Sunday, Sept. 27 with the PBA League Elias Cup, professional bowling’s most thrilling team competition featuring 60 of the world’s best male, female, and international athletes in 12-teams of five, representing franchise cities across the United States. The teams will compete for the prestigious Elias Cup in six two-hour live telecasts on FOX Sport’s FS1.

“Guaranteed Rate is thrilled to be part of the action as the PBA heads into the fall season,” said Guaranteed Rate Chief Marketing Officer Steve Moffat. “As America’s #1 participation sport, bowling represents camaraderie, competition, and fun for all ages. This partnership demonstrates our commitment to the sport’s top competitive athletes as they return to the lanes.”

The full PBA League TV schedule to begin the Fall Swing is as follows:

PBA League Elias Cup: Anthony Division Quarterfinals – Sunday, Sept. 27, 12 p.m. ET on FS1

PBA League Elias Cup: Carter Division Quarterfinals – Sunday, Sept. 27, 7 p.m. ET on FS1

PBA League Elias Cup: Anthony Division Semifinals – Monday, Sept. 28, 7 p.m. ET on FS1

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PBA Scorpion Championship – Monday, Oct. 5, 9 p.m. ET on FS1

Finally, the PBA Tour returns to FOX Broadcast Channel with its premier event of the season, the PBA Playoffs, live on Saturday, Oct. 10 at 8 p.m. ET. The bracket style, single-elimination competition features the Tour's top 24 players battling head to head for a \$100,000 grand prize. Additional PBA Playoffs telecast dates to be announced.

Viewers can live stream the PBA on the FOX Sports and FOX NOW apps or at FOXSports.com. Select highlights will be available on @FOXSports social handles across Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube. International fans can watch live on [FloBowling.com](https://www.flobowling.com).

### **PBA League Anthony Division Seeding Round Results**

After 12 games, Motown Muscle earned the top seed in the Anthony Division seeding round to begin the 2020 PBA League quest for the Elias Cup.

Results after 12 of 12 games, with the top two teams earning a bye in the bracket.

Motown Muscle – 3326

Portland Lumberjacks – 3247

L. A. X – 3084

Brew City Ballers – 2912

Miami Waves – 2886

NYC Kingpins – 2720

With the seeding round complete, the Anthony Division is set for live tv matches starting tomorrow at 12 p.m. ET on FS1.

Sunday, Noon ET:

#### Anthony Division quarterfinals

##### Match 1

No. 3 L.A. X

vs.

No. 6 NYC KingPins

##### Match 2

No. 4 Brew City Ballers

vs.

No. 5 Miami Waves

On Monday at 7 pm ET:

#### Anthony Division semifinals

##### Match 1

LAX/NYC Winner

vs

No. 2 Portland Lumberjacks

##### Match 2

Brew City/Miami winner

vs.

No. 1 Motown Muscle

### **PBA League Carter Division Seeding Round Results**

#### PBA League Carter Division Seeding Round Results

After 12 games, Philadelphia Hitmen earned the top seed in the Carter Division seeding round to continue the 2020 PBA League quest for the Elias Cup.

Results after 12 of 12 games, with the top two teams earning a bye in the bracket.

Philadelphia Hitmen – 3200

Dallas Strikers – 3050

Silver Lake Atom Splitters – 3034

Las Vegas High Rollers - 3000

Brooklyn Styles – 2915

Phoenix Fury – 2905

With the seeding round complete, the Carter Division is set for live TV matches starting tomorrow night at 7 p.m ET on FS1.

Sunday, 7 pm ET:

#### Carter Division quarterfinals

##### Match 1

No. 3 Silver Lake Atom Splitters

vs.

No. 6 Phoenix Fury

##### Match 2

No. 4 Las Vegas High Rollers

vs.

No. 5 Brooklyn Styles

On Monday at 9 pm ET:  
Carter Division semifinals

Match 1

Silver Lake/Phoenix Winner  
vs  
No. 2 Dallas Strikers

Match 2

Las Vegas/Brooklyn winner  
vs.  
No. 1 Philadelphia Hitmen

### **Phoenix Fury Make History in PBA League to Advance to Carter Division Semi-Finals**

Centreville, Va. – All eyes were on the Phoenix Fury who made PBA history as the first all-women's team to win a match in the PBA League and will advance to Monday's Carter Division semi-finals to take on the No. 2 seeded Dallas Strikers.

Phoenix, the No. 6 seeded team in the Carter Division defeated No. 3 seeded Go Bowling! Silver Lake Atom Splitters, 2-1. Phoenix won their first game, 243-214, but lost their second game, 212-216, due to a critical error from Liz Johnson in the last frame. Johnson failed to convert the 3-6 spare and forced a sudden-death roll-off. Maria Jose Rodriguez secured the win with a strike after Chris Via left a ten pin.

In the second quarterfinal match, the No. 4 seeded Las Vegas High Rollers, one of four expansion teams, defeated No. 5 Brooklyn Styles, 2-0, in games of 243-214 and 267-248. Lead bowler AJ Johnson's first strike to start the game, fired up Las Vegas, who never backed down. Las Vegas moves on to play the No. 1 seeded Philadelphia Hitmen.

In the Anthony Division quarterfinals earlier in the day, L.A. X, the No. 3 seeded team defeated the No. 6 seeded NYC KingPins, 2-0. NYC had a strong look to start, but L.A strung a series of strikes in the second half of the game to win, 246-224. L.A dominated NYC in game two, 277-237 to advance to the Anthony Division semi-finals and will meet defending champion Portland Lumberjacks in a rematch of last year's Elias Cup finals.

"We took out the defending champions last year and have experience in this arena," said L.A. X team manager Andrew Cain. "Hopefully this is our time. Every team hopes its their time and I think this year it might just be it."

In the second quarterfinal match between two expansion teams in the Anthony Division, the No. 4 seeded Brew City Ballers defeated the No. 6 seeded Miami Waves, 2-1. In game one, Brew City capitalized on Miami's three open frames to win 234-182.

Miami rebounded in game two with a 234-219 victory to force the first sudden death roll-off. Brew City's Sean Rash struck out first and Miami's Danielle McEwan failed to respond leaving a 4-pin count.

Brew City advances to the Anthony Division semi-finals against the No. 1 seeded Motown Muscle.

The competition for the PBA League Elias Cup continues this week live on FS1.

PBA League Elias Cup: Anthony Division Semifinals – Monday, Sept. 28, 7 p.m. ET on FS1

Match 1: L.A. X vs. Portland Lumberjacks

Match 2: Brew City vs. Motown Muscle

PBA League Elias Cup: Carter Division Semifinals – Monday, Sept. 28, 9 p.m. ET on FS1

Match 1: Phoenix Fury vs. Dallas Strikers

Match 2: Las Vegas vs. Philadelphia Hitmen

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Matches to be determined after Division Semifinals

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#### PBA League Elias Cup Quarterfinal Round Results

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L.A. X advances to semifinals against Portland Lumberjacks

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#### Final Four Teams Locked to Compete in PBA League Division Finals

Centreville, Va. – The final four teams to compete for the Elias Cup have been determined after Monday night's back-to-back PBA League division semifinals. Of the four teams, two new expansion franchises took down the number one seeds in their respective divisions and will compete in the division finals tonight on FS1 at 7 p.m. ET.

In the Carter Division, No. 4 seeded Las Vegas Rollers defeated No. 1 seeded Philadelphia Hitmen 2-0 in games of 218-190 and 248-182. Las Vegas, one of two expansion teams who will advance to the division finals, easily swept Philadelphia, who struggled to strike in both games.

In the other Carter Division semifinal match, No. 2 seeded Dallas Strikers swept the No. 4 seeded Phoenix Fury, 2-0 in games of 267-188, 258-239. Phoenix, the all-women's team who made history last night advancing to their division semifinals, never got comfortable on the lanes in the first game. Phoenix rallied in the second half of game two stringing together five strikes, but it wasn't enough to hold off Dallas.

Dallas will face Las Vegas in the divisional final Monday night.

In the Anthony Division, Brew City Ballers, the second of two expansion teams took down No. 1 seeded Motown Muscle, 2-1. Motown came out strong in game one, winning 269-230, but Brew City fought back to win game two, 235-227, and forced a sudden death roll-off. Brew City's anchor player Sean Rash stepped up for the second time in competition and struck after EJ Tackett left a four pin.

In a rematch of last year's PBA League finals, defending champion, Portland Lumberjacks, swept L.A.X 2-0 in games of 227-174 and 206-193. L.A. just could not get comfortable and left open frames in both games. Portland capitalized on their mistakes and advances to meet Brew City in the Anthony Division finals.

The competition for the PBA League Elias Cup continues through Wednesday night on FS1.

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### **Las Vegas High Rollers and Portland Lumberjacks to Compete for PBA League Elias Cup**

**Centreville, Va.** — The Las Vegas High Rollers had luck on their side defeating the Dallas Strikers in a sudden-death roll-off on Tuesday's PBA League divisional finals. Las Vegas will meet the defending champion Portland Lumberjacks in the Elias Cup finals on Wednesday at 7 p.m. ET on FS1.

Las Vegas, the No. 4 seeded expansion team in the Carter Division defeated the No. 2 seeded Dallas, 2-1. Las Vegas won the first game, 224-196, and lost the second, 217-225 to force the tie-breaker.

In the roll-off, Dallas' Bill O'Neill and Las Vegas' Francois Lavoie stepped up for their respective teams and both struck. Dallas' player/manager Norm Duke selected rookie player Nick Pate next for his team who had the best ball reaction of the night. Despite throwing a good shot, Pate left a 7-pin, giving Las Vegas an opening. Andrew Anderson responded with a strike to advance his team to Elias Cup finals.

In the Anthony Division finals, the Portland Lumberjacks took down the other expansion team to advance, Brew City Ballers 2-0. Brew City had an early lead in game one, but Portland delivered in the second half, which led to a back and forth match up until the final frame. Brew City's Sean Rash failed to strike in his second shot in the tenth frame which cost his team to lose by one pin, 247-246.

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## **Rick Benard Wins the PBA50 Waxahachie Southwest Open Title**

**Waxahachie, Texas - (September 28, 2020)** – Non-member, Rick Benard, of Keller, won his second PBA50 Southwest Region event of the year at Hilltop Lanes in the PBA50 Waxahachie Southwest Open Sunday.

Benard, who finished 13 games of qualifying in 15<sup>th</sup> place, marched to the top of the leaderboard by winning all eight of his matches in the modified round robin finals. Benard had a 300 game in game three of the finals and added a 289 victory in game seven to hold a 73-pin lead over amateur, Kevin Love, from Athens, Texas.

Love was bowling in his first ever PBA or PBA50 event. Benard left no room for error for Love as he won the deciding game 290-265. Benard earned \$2,000 for first place, while Love collected \$1,300 for second place, and Keith Lesko, from Prosper, Texas, took home \$900 for third place.

The PBA Southwest Region's next tournament will be the PBA Oklahoma City Southwest Open at Planet Bowl, October 2-4. The PBA Odessa Super Open at Diamond Lanes follows October 16-18. The Odessa event will offer a projected first place prize of \$5,000.

### **PBA50 WAXAHACHIE SOUTHWEST OPEN Hilltop Bowl, Waxahachie, Texas, Sunday**

#### **Final Standings (after 21 games, including match play bonus pins):**

- 1, n-Rick Benard, Keller, Texas, 8-0, 5,353, \$2,000
- 2, n-Kevin Love, Athens, Texas, 5-3, 5,225, \$1,300
- 3, Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 5-3, 5,192, \$900
- 4, s-n-Derek Williams, Groves, Texas, 7-1, 5,171, \$770
- 5, John Austin Jr., League City, Texas, 4-4, 5,116, \$700
- 6, s-Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 3-5, 5,102, \$650
- 7, Mike Bailey, Irving, Texas, 3-5- 5,101, \$625
- 8, ss-Rick Lawrence, Waxahachie, Texas, 3-5, 5,097, \$600
- 9, ss-Rick Minier, Houston, 3-5, 5,087, \$580
- 10, Pat Nolan, Albuquerque, N.M., 5-3, 5,058, \$560
- 11, ss-Steve Wright, Cypress, Texas, 5-3, 5,050, \$550
- 12, n-Joe LeCroy, Bedford, Texas, 3-5, 5,008, \$540
- 13, Jon DeLaney, McKinney, Texas, 3-5, 4,962, \$530
- 14, ss-Thomas Young, Houston, 4-4, 4,943, \$520
- 15, James Watson, Austin, Texas, 2-6, 4,891, \$510
- 16, Tony Lanning, Yukon, Okla., 1-7, 4,828, \$500

n-denotes non-PBA member

ss- denotes PBA60 player (ages 60 or older)

300 games: Brad Hunte, Rick Lawrence, Mike Bailey, Rick Benard

## **Portland Lumberjacks Win 2020 PBA League Elias Cup**

**Centreville, Va.** — The Portland Lumberjacks defeated the Las Vegas High Rollers to win back-to-back PBA League Elias Cup championships on Wednesday at Bowlero Centreville.

Portland successfully defended their title defeating the expansion Las Vegas franchise, 3-2, in a best-of-five championship match series.

In game one, Las Vegas took an early lead, winning 252-197, but Portland made necessary adjustments rebounding to win games two and three with scores of 278-218 and 235-210.

Las Vegas made a line-up change in game four winning 235-220 to tie up the match forcing a must win game five for the championship.

Portland's Kris Prather sealed the win in the ninth frame with a strike to secure the team's back-to-back win and final score of 257-197.

Wes Malott, Portland's anchor player, won back-to-back MVP honors, making history winning the title twice in a row. Malott helped bring home the Elias Cup last year and can't wait to defend the 2020 Elias Cup at Bayside Bowl in 2021.

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**PBA League Elias Cup Championship Results****Best of five**

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**History of PBA League Elias Cup Champions**

2013: NYC KingPins  
2014: Silver Lake Atom Splitters  
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2016: Dallas Strikers  
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2018: Silver Lake Atom Splitters  
2019: Portland Lumberjacks  
2020: Portland Lumberjacks

**Mark Roth MVP Award Winners**

2014 Chris Barnes, Silver Lake Atom Splitters  
2015 Dick Allen, Silver Lake Atom Splitters  
2016 Tommy Jones, Dallas Strikers  
2017 Norm Duke, Dallas Strikers  
2018 Chris Barnes, Silver Lake Atom Splitters  
2019 Wes Malott, Portland Lumberjacks  
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**The Storm PBA World Series of Bowling XI Animal Pattern Events Resume Competition**

**Centerville, Va.** – The 2020 Storm PBA World Series of Bowling XI resumes competition today at Bowlero Centerville completing the three animal pattern events that were scheduled in March. The Go Bowling! Cheetah Championship, Chameleon Championship and Scorpion Championship will air on Fox Sports' FS1 in three two-hour telecasts on Sunday, Oct. 4 – Monday, Oct. 5. The animal pattern events will pick up where they left off in March with the Round of 16 and Round of 8 before the WSOB was paused amidst the pandemic. Players previously competed in two rounds, five games each, of qualifying competition per animal pattern to advance to match play. Each round of competition features a single elimination best-of-five matches where the final four players will advance to the televised finals.

The Cheetah Championship Round of 16 and Round of 8 concluded Thursday afternoon with Sean Rash, Darren Tang, Patrick Hanrahan and EJ Tackett advancing to the championship on Sunday, Oct. 4, 5:30 p.m. ET on FS1.

**PBA Cheetah Championship – Round of 16**

#1 Matt McNeil vs. #16 Sean Rash, Rash advances 3-2  
#9 Kyle Troup vs. #8 Mykel Holliman, Troup advances 3-2  
#12 Arturo Quintero vs. #5 Francois Lavoie, Lavoie advances 3-0  
#13 Patrick Girard vs. #4 Darren Tang, Tang advances 3-2  
#11 Chris Via vs. #6 Patrick Hanrahan, Hanrahan advances 3-2  
#3 Jakob Butturff vs. 14 Jesper Svensson, Butturff advances 3-1  
#7 Wes Malott vs. #10 Kyle Sherman, Malott advances 3-0  
#15 Bill O'Neill vs. #2 EJ Tackett, Tackett advances 3-1

**PBA Cheetah Champion – Round of 8**

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Wes Malott vs. EJ Tackett, Tackett advances 3-0

The Chameleon and Scorpion Championship Round of 16 and Round of 8 will be streamed live on FloBowling with the remaining match-ups. FS1 will telecast the PBA Chameleon Championship on Sunday, Oct. 4, 7:30 p.m. ET and the PBA Scorpion Championship on Monday, Oct. 5, 9 p.m. ET on FS1.

**PBA Chameleon Championship – Round of 16**

Time: Thursday, Oct. 1 – 5 p.m. ET  
#1 Jakob Butturff vs. #16 Anthony Simonsen  
#9 Tom Smallwood vs. #8 Bill O'Neill  
#12 Stuart Williams vs. #5 Kris Prather  
#13 Carsten Hansen vs. #4 EJ Tackett  
#7 Josh Blanchard vs. #6 Jason Belmonte  
#3 Jesper Svensson vs. 14 Francois Lavoie  
#7 Thomas Larsen vs. #10 Pontus Andersson  
#15 Brad Miller vs. #2 Chris Via

**PBA Chameleon Championship – Round of 8**

Time: Thursday, Oct. 1 – 8 p.m. ET  
Butturff/Simonsen winner vs. Smallwood/O'Neill winner  
Williams/Prather winner vs. Hansen/Tackett winner  
Blanchard/Belmonte winner vs. Svensson/Lavoie winner  
Larsen/Andersson winner vs. Miller/Via winner

**PBA Scorpion Championship – Round of 16** Time: Friday, Oct. 2 – 11 a.m. ET

#1 Jason Belmonte vs. #16 Anthony Simonsen  
#9 Darren Tang vs. #8 Kenneth Ryan  
#12 Chris Via vs. #5 Brad Miller  
#13 Francois Lavoie vs. #4 BJ Moore  
#11 Carsten Hansen vs. #6 Danielle McEwan  
#3 Jesper Svensson vs. #14 Kris Prather  
#7 Dino Castillo vs. #10 Marshall Kent  
#15 EJ Tackett vs. #2 Jakob Butturff

**PBA Scorpion Championship – Round of 8**

Time: Friday, Oct. 2 – 2 p.m. ET  
Via/Miller winner vs. Lavoie/Moore winner  
Hansen/McEwan winner vs. Svensson/Prather winner  
Castillo/Kent winner vs. Tackett/Butturff winner

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Jakob Butturff led Chameleon Championship qualifying back in March at World Series of Bowling XI at South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas, before the COVID-19 pandemic shut sports down.

The Cheetah Rounds of 16 and 8 were earlier Thursday, and the Scorpion Championship Rounds of 16 and 8 will be Friday at 10 a.m. Central time.

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Miller beat Chris Via 208-216, 232-165, 226-200, 177-166 in the Round of 16 and recovered to defeat Pontus Andersson 125-162, 224-155, 228-194, 259-215.

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The 2-handed Australian started with urethane and later switched to reactive resin.

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### GO BOWLING PBA CHEETAH CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND OF 8

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2.	Belmonte	232	238	212	247	3
1.	Tackett	190	201	214	215	3
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1.	Butturff	175	202	196	220	1
2.	Simonsen	192	214	178	279	3

1.	Via	216	165	200	166	1
2.	Miller	208	232	226	177	3

1.	Svensson	185	233	197	228	3
2.	Lavoie	197	178	174	202	1

1.	Tackett	215	213	185	246	3
2.	Hansen	201	214	169	169	1

1.	Prather	179	244	215		3
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2.	Williams	165	134	179			0
1.	Belmonte	254	244	201			3
2.	Blanchard	209	166	192			0
1.	Larsen	189	200	147	157		1
2.	Andersson	194	173	169	196		3
1.	O'Neill	214	190	186	237	192	2
2.	Smallwood	189	203	219	171	192	3

### 2020 PBA Scorpion Championship

Darren Tang gave himself a second chance to win a first PBA Tour title in the finishes of the animal pattern tournaments this week at Bowlero Centreville in the Washington DC suburbs.

Tang on Thursday won a stunning match over Francois Lavoie to make 2020 Go Bowling PBA Cheetah Championship TV finals, joining E.J. Tackett, Sean Rash, Packy Hanrahan on that show.

In the Round of 8 of Friday's 2020 PBA Scorpion Championship bracket match play rounds, Tang beat World No. 1 Jason Belmonte, who also was seeking his second TV finals of the week: Belmonte on Thursday joined Brad Miller, E.J. Tackett and Anthony Simonsen on the 2020 PBA Chameleon Championship show.

Miller also made the Scorpion Round of 8, giving him a chance to join Tang and Tackett as multiple TV finalists in the conclusion of World Series of Bowling XI. (Belmonte won the PBA World Championship at the conclusion of March's portion of the World Series before the COVID-19 pandemic shut down sports.) But B.J. Moore edged Miller, joining Tang, Jakob Butturff, and Denmark's Carsten Hansen in the TV finals of the Scorpion Championship.

Moore defeated Lavoie 194-173, 183-235, 201-176, 222-171 in the Round of 16, and survived Miller 244-150, 214-186, 221-227, 181-205, 258-224.

Miller and Chris Via might have made PBA history in the Round of 16 with perhaps the lowest scoring match ever, won by Miller 184-161, 155-154, 177-175.

Moore told FloBowling a key was an "old goodie" Storm MATCH UP PEARL he brought back after going home Wednesday night after his PBA League competition was done.

"I was out in the garage walking around, waiting for something to speak to me and I saw that one sticking out of a bag," Moore said. "I was able to get my feet under me and kind of see something that I like to see."

Tang swept left-hander Kenny Ryan in the Round of 16 213-194, 259-196, 245-209, then edged Belmonte 234-213, 193-257, 181-232, 232-162, 235-226.

Tang hooked by a 1-2 in the ninth frame of the final game against Belmonte, but when Belmonte failed to close him out, Tang doubled to take the match.

"I threw probably two of the best shots I've ever thrown in my life, and second show of the week," Tang told Flo Bowling.

Like so many, the "process" was the key, he told Flo.

Butturff did not lose a game on Friday, sweeping Tackett 222-213, 193-169, 221-176 and Marshall Kent 197-193, 207-169, 232-155, as Kent fell one match shy of making the TV finals just days after his dad died.

Butturff made all three animal pattern cuts, but failed to make both shows on Thursday.

"I think yesterday I just put a lot of pressure on myself," Butturff told FloBowling. "Today I just kind of changed my game plan mentally. ... I just needed to see what I needed to see, make my spares, catch a strike here and there and hopefully it would pay off for a TV show."

It did, and notably the left-hander with quirky corkscrew release did it using reactive resin, rather than his trusty plain urethane.

"With how the lanes were, I definitely had to figure out something that would make myself feel more comfortable, and shocker for everybody I was throwing reactive," he told FloBowling.

Hansen, an impressive young right-hander from Denmark, made his first PBA Tour TV finals by downing Danielle McEwan 226-247, 222-175, 228-204, 246-175, and then knocking off superstar Jesper Svensson 204-183, 220-232, 234-221, 223-230, 217-169.

Hansen told FloBowling he was comfortable in both matches with McEwan going straight and Svensson being a left-hander.

"I had some good opponents for me," said Hansen, who has bowled in the World Series in the past and won a PBA Regional during one of those trips.

"Right now I'm not nervous but that will probably come tomorrow," said Hansen, who also talked about how he decided to make the trip from overseas.

Belmonte led 2020 PBA Scorpion Championship qualifying back in Las Vegas in March, and Butturff joined Svensson, Tackett, Via, and Lavoie as the only players to make all three cuts to the top 16 for bracket match play in the animal pattern championships.

The Cheetah, Chameleon and Scorpion shows will be taped Friday night and Saturday for airing Sunday and Monday on FS1, with the Cheetah first at 4:30 p.m. Central time on Sunday, followed by the Chameleon at 6:30 p.m. Central and the Scorpion at 8 p.m. Central on Monday. The format for the 2-hour shows is all four players bowling a game to seed a stepladder finals.

Frame-by-frame scoring is available at live scoring at PBA.com.

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#### GO BOWLING PBA SCORPION CHAMPIONSHIP

##### ROUND OF 8

1.	Belmonte	213	257	232	162	226	2
2.	Tang	234	193	181	232	235	3
1.	Moore	244	214	221	181	258	3
2.	Miller	150	186	227	205	224	2
1.	Svensson	183	232	221	230	169	2
2.	Hansen	204	220	234	223	217	3
1.	Butturff	197	207	232			3
2.	Kent	193	169	155			0

##### ROUND OF 16

1.	Belmonte	224	213	203	191	3
2.	Simonsen	213	185	227	177	1
1.	Butturff	222	193	221		3
2.	Tackett	213	169	176		0
1.	Svensson	192	176	237	256	3
2.	Prather	173	189	181	194	1

1.	Moore	194	183	201	222	3
2.	Lavoie	173	235	176	171	1
1.	Miller	184	155	177		3
2.	Via	161	154	175		0
1.	McEwan	247	175	204	175	1
2.	Hansen	226	222	228	246	3
1.	Castillo	168	141	155		0
2.	Kent	194	243	217		3
1.	Ryan	194	196	209		0
2.	Tang	213	259	245		3

### **Sean Rash Captures First PBA WSOB Title After Years of High Finishes**

**Centreville, Va.** – Finally. Sean Rash is a PBA World Series of Bowling champion.

Rash of Montgomery, Ill., defeated fellow future Hall-of-Famer EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Ind., 229-215, to win the Go Bowling! PBA Cheetah Championship at Bowlero Centreville, one of four title events at the Storm WSOB XI. The finals aired Sunday on FS1.

It was Rash's 16th Go Bowling PBA Tour title overall, moving him into a tie for 24th all-time, but the 38-year-old's first WSOB title after many close calls in World Series competition.

"This one felt good," said Rash, originally from Anchorage, Alaska. "Getting to check off that (WSOB) box on my career, to beat the best of the best in the world. That is one I have wanted for a long time."

Rash, the 2011-12 PBA Player of the Year, has been one of the World Series' most prominent star players throughout the 11-year history of the PBA's annual international showcase. He previously qualified for 15 WSOB TV finals without a win, finishing runner-up four times in different events.

"The depth of the field at the World Series, with the best from so many countries taking part, is why winning means so much," said Rash, who advanced to six finals telecasts at WSOB III.

The triumph in the Cheetah Championship was Rash's second title of the PBA Tour 2020 season, following his PBA Oklahoma Open win in January. The 2,500 competition points he earned with the Cheetah victory also solidified the important 8th place position in the 2020 PBA Playoffs, which assures Rash a first-round bye in the upcoming season culminating event for the top 24 in 2020 points.

Rash also won the non-title PBA Summer Clash event in June and reigned for a time as PBA King of the Lanes in July.

His elusive first WSOB title did not come easy. He went the extreme long way in capturing the trophy during these unprecedented times in sports.

First, the event's qualifying round began when originally scheduled in March, across the country at South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas. Rash barely made the cut there on the Cheetah 33-foot oil pattern, finishing in a tie for the 16th and final spot with Ryan Ciminelli. Rash advanced to match play in a one-game roll-off.

Then the WSOB was interrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic that halted sports around the world.

The PBA picked up World Series animal pattern elimination best-of-5 match play this week in Virginia, and again Rash pushed things to the limit. He needed all five games to edge Matt McNiel in the round of 16. Next, to earn his spot in the TV finals, Rash defeated Kyle Troup in the round of 8 again in the fifth and deciding game.

"This is the longest event we have ever had," Rash said of the seven-month gap between the qualifying and match play. "I was just trying to survive round-by-round. I was supposed to be wiped out by now but found a way to stay alive."

On the Cheetah finals telecast, Rash joined a final four that included Tackett, who has 13 PBA titles in his young career, and two players looking for their first win, Darren Tang of San Francisco, and Packy Hanrahan of Greenwich, Conn.

The four faced off in a seeding round match to decide the stepladder, with Tackett emerging No.1 after a 247, Hanrahan earning the second seed with 225, Rash third with 207 and Tang, 202. Which again meant Rash would have to do it the hard way, by running the stepladder to win.

In the opening match, Rash disposed of Tang, 268-189. In the semifinals, Rash survived a gutter ball in the third frame to advance past fellow Wichita State alum Hanrahan, 218-191.

"I was living on the edge," Rash said of his extreme outside line to the pocket. "I had to trust it, but that one went in (the channel). Fortunately, I made the spare."

In the title match with Tackett, Rash fell behind early before a four-bagger that included a ball change in the sixth frame gave him the lead. Meanwhile, Tackett thrilled the TV audience with two big impressive spare conversions, first on a washout 1-2-4-10 in the fourth frame and then the 2-4-10 in the 8th.

"You expect him to make those spares," Rash said.

Rash said he used a full arsenal of six different bowling balls through the finals, battling the differences in lanes and the transition. "First time I've ever done that," he said.

Finally, after Tackett left an 8-pin in the 10th frame, Rash struck on his first ball in the 10th to clinch the victory. And so, in his 57th WSOB event in 11 years, Rash had another trophy and accomplishment to add to his storied career.

"This is the first time I have won a tournament stateside without a family member present," Rash said. "It's tough. I was emotional and it was hard to not be able to look in the stands and see Sara, or my mom and dad or my kids and share that moment with them."

Rash will now make a quick trip home to Illinois to celebrate with Sara and his three daughters before returning to Virginia for the Playoffs.

The Storm WSOB XI rolls on with the finals of the Chameleon Championship and Scorpion Championship Sunday and Monday on FS1.

**PBA Go Bowling! CHEETAH CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**Storm WSOB XI**  
**Bowlero Centreville**

**Final Standings**

1. Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., \$25,000
2. EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., \$13,000
3. Packy Hanrahan, Greenwich, Conn., \$7,000
4. Darren Tang, San Francisco, \$6,000

### **Playoff Results**

Seeding Round – Tackett, 247; Hanrahan, 225; Rash, 207; Tang, 205

Match 1 - Rash def. Tang, 268-189

Semifinal - Rash def. Hanrahan, 218-191

Championship – Rash def. Tackett, 229-215

### **Jason Belmonte Captures Milestone 25th Career PBA Title**

**Centreville Va.** – The legend of Jason Belmonte continues to grow.

In winning his second consecutive PBA Chameleon Championship by stopping upset-minded Brad Miller, 232-202, in the title match seen Sunday on FS1, the Australian won his 25th Go Bowling PBA Tour title, now tied for 10th all time with Hall of Famer Brian Voss.

"Twenty-five means a lot, considering 11 years ago was my debut. To have won 10 years ago, it's surreal to reach a milestone like that," said Belmonte, now 37-years-old. "I don't look at it as being ranked 10th all time in wins. Right now, with my drive and motivation this is just a peg along the way, another steppingstone. The stats and rankings are things I'll reflect on at the end when I am retired."

Clearly, Belmonte is at the height of his powers and those numbers will not stop adding up any time soon.

The Chameleon win, coming as part of the Storm PBA World Series of Bowling XI, was his third PBA title of 2020, including the US Open and PBA World Championship. The US Open win in Nebraska in February completed a career Super Slam (joining his previous PBA Players Championship, PBA Tournament of Champions, USBC Masters and PBA World Championship). The World Championship victory back in March in Las Vegas, also part of WSOB XI, added to his record 13 major championships.

Belmonte is locked in as the No. 1 seed for the upcoming 2020 PBA Playoffs as the PBA points leader, has the highest average on Tour and advanced to the TV finals in both the 2020 PBA Players Championship and PBA Tournament of Champions.

In other words, a sixth Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year award seems a lock for 2020. Belmonte, who previously won the Player of the Year award in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017 and 2019, would join the legendary Earl Anthony with six, which ranks second all-time to Walter Ray Williams Jr.'s seven.

Indeed, Player of the Year was on Belmonte's mind this week.

"Coming into these WSOB events, if someone was to win three animal patterns and win the Playoffs, it was in back of your mind that a player could get on a roll like that (and become a major factor in the Player of the Year race)," Belmonte said. "So, heading into today's show and before the final shot against Brad, I told myself, 'Give it your best shot and get as many points and titles as you can.' My case for Player of the Year will be very strong to deny."

The win also added to Belmonte's lore in World Series of Bowling competition. He is the undisputed king of the event, now with eight WSOB titles including three main event World Championships in the 11 years

of the PBA's international bowling spectacular. He has advanced to a record 20 TV finals at the World Series alone, in his career.

"The biggest thing for me about the World Series is there is a lot of bowling, even though the pattern events are in a shorter format," Belmonte said. "At the end of the day, you're playing the World Series to win the World Championship, every single day. I feel like I normally start slow on the Cheetah and progressively get better. I pride myself on my versatility, and you combine that with the motivation to catch people after a slow start. Then, when it's time for match-play, I've become smarter following my own transition, becoming more difficult to beat in that environment. Put it all together and I have success at the World Series."

In the Chameleon TV finals on the 39-foot pattern, he was part of an all-star cast in the final four along with EJ Tackett, Anthony Simonsen and Brad Miller. Tackett and Simonsen being Belmonte's closest competitors for the past five years on Tour, and Miller looking for his first win but well-known for his popular YouTube channel "Brad & Kyle (Sherman)," chronicling the life of a pro bowler.

The seeding game came down to the three Goliaths of the foursome, as Tackett, Simonsen and Belmonte each entered the 10th frame with a chance to earn the top seed. When the dust cleared it was Belmonte (225) who emerged on top for the stepladder, with Tackett (223) grabbing the second spot. Simonsen (203), would face Miller (171) in game 1.

Miller escaped the stepladder's first match with a 203-197 victory when Simonsen left a stone 9 pin in the 10th frame. Miller continued his march up the stepladder of superstars by striking in his fill ball to edge Tackett by one pin, 248-247. Next up was Belmonte. If Miller could continue this run it would be one of the great upsets for a first title in PBA history.

Miller started with an open in the first frame of the title match, but Belmonte let the challenger back in when he whiffed a 10-pin spare in the second frame.

"I've bowled on TV so many times, yet still can forget some basic things, like remembering that every single shot is critical," Belmonte said. "You can't get up and think this is easy spare and move on. You've got to make it."

But Belmonte reapplied the pressure and did not let up. When the right-handed Miller missed the 3-6-9-10 in the 6th frame, Belmonte took a lead he would not relinquish.

Belmonte was playing the outside part of the lane this time on the tricky pattern. He said the tournament moving to Virginia after the pause of the World Series back in March at South Point Bowling Plaza meant a new strategy to attack the lanes.

"At South Point, with the newer surface the fronts didn't blow up as quickly, so you could create shape and move left," Belmonte said. "But because of the hook in the fronts here, and it being tight down-lane, you had to play up the lane fairly straight. I was playing from 12-6 on one lane and 10-7 on the other, firing it up the lane with two different urethane balls."

Not even a global pandemic can stop the leader of the two-hand revolution in bowling. Belmonte returned to the USA from Australia for the first time since the pause in PBA Tour action, and made the most of it.

"The last thing I said to my wife when I left was that I'll throw every ball like it's my last," Belmonte said. "I didn't want to come all the way over here, and know the requirements for quarantining going back home, to be for nothing. From ball one, I felt very sharp and in tune with my game. I'm very happy and grateful to take this win."



**PBA CHAMELEON CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**Storm WSOB XI**  
**Bowlero Centreville**

**Final Standings**

1. Jason Belmonte, Australia, \$25,000
2. Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., \$13,000
3. EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., \$7,000
4. Anthony Simonsen, Las Vegas, \$6,000

**Playoff Results**

Seeding Round – Belmonte, 225; Tackett 223; Simonsen 203; Miller 171  
Match 1 - Miller def. Simonsen, 203-197  
Semifinal - Miller def. Tackett, 248-247  
Championship – Belmonte def. Miller, 232-202

**Carsten Hansen Becomes Next European to Have Break Out Performance at PBA World Series of Bowling**

*Denmark player defeats Pennsylvania's BJ Moore to win PBA Scorpion Championship*

**Centreville, Va.** – Denmark's Carsten Hansen defeated BJ Moore, 216-193, in the PBA Scorpion Championship to win the final event of Storm World Series of Bowling XI, which started in March in Las Vegas and concluded at Bowlero Centreville on FS1 Monday night.

It wasn't Hansen's first Go Bowling PBA Tour title. That win came a year ago in Sweden at the PBA International-World Bowling Tour Storm Lucky Larsen Masters. But this Scorpion victory, coming in his first appearance on American national television, was as special, perhaps more so.

"It was my childhood dream to win on this stage I saw on TV as a kid," Hansen, 27, said. "That was what I wanted to try and do, and now to have done it, it is just amazing."

With his win on the 42-foot Scorpion pattern, Hansen joined a veritable 'who's who' of European Professional Bowlers Association players who have made a name for themselves at the PBA World Series of Bowling.

Starting with Finland's Osku Palermaa in 2010 at WSOB II, a strong group of Europeans have become PBA stars after bursting on the scene to win their first PBA title on American TV at the World Series. England's Stuart Williams and Dom Barrett each won in 2011 at WSOB III. Jesper Svensson of Sweden did it in 2015 at WSOB VII, and Richie Teece of England in 2017 was the latest at WSOB IX.

"It's what I have been fighting for my whole life. All the long hours in the bowling center or the gym. Trying to understand bowling balls or lanes," said Hansen. "Now, knowing all that hard work wasn't all for nothing, is just amazing."

Hansen was joined in the Scorpion finals seeding round by a final four headlined by 26-year-old, 7-time PBA champ Jakob Butturff, one-time champion BJ Moore and Darren Tang, still searching for his first win after failing to cash in on a Cheetah Championship finals appearance earlier this week.

Hansen won the top seed in the stepladder with a 224, but the drama was for the No. 2 seed as Moore and Tang tied at 217. Moore won the one-ball roll-off, 10-9, to secure the top seed.

Tang disposed of Butturff in the first match, 214-160, as Butturff missed two spares during the match before also missing a meaningless third spare in the 10th.

In the semifinal match, Moore finished by stringing the last nine strikes to eliminate Tang, 255-213.

But Moore's run of strikes ended in the final. He could not muster a double, as Hansen marched to victory with a workmanlike clean game. Three 10-pin leaves were all that stood between him and the first seven strikes.

The longest WSOB ever is now complete. Jason Belmonte won the main event PBA World Championship at the event's original host, South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas, back in March before the event was halted due to COVID-19. The animal pattern events were picked up in Virginia with strict safety guidelines including no fans on site. Sean Rash won the PBA Cheetah Championship, Belmonte the PBA Chameleon Championship and Hansen in the Scorpion.

Hansen, a right-hander, has been a PBA member since 2012, competing primarily in World Series PBA events because of the opportunities the WSOB presents with multiple events at one location. He won a PBA regional doubles title with Palermmaa at the World Series in 2013, but this win on TV against a field as deep and strong as the 120 that entered WSOB XI could signal a new star.

"I think this is going to change a lot for me mentally, knowing I can do this," Hansen said.

Hansen did not earn enough PBA points in 2020 to qualify for the PBA Playoffs, the season-culminating event featuring the top 24 in season points which begins its exciting six-show run of survive-and-advance single-elimination matches this Saturday at 8 pm ET on FOX.

**PBA SCORPION CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**Storm WSOB XI**

## **Bowlero Centreville**

### **Final Standings**

- 1, Carsten Hansen, Denmark, \$25,000
- 2, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., \$13,000
- 3, Darren Tang, San Francisco, \$7,000
- 4, Jakob Butturff, Temp, Az., \$6,000

### **Playoff Results**

Seeding Round – Hansen, 224; Moore, 217 (10); Tang, 217 (9); Butturff, 191.

Match 1 - Tang def. Butturff, 214-160.

Semifinal - Moore def. Tang, 255-213.

Championship – Hansen def. Moore, 216-193.

### ***PBA Playoffs Competition Begins on Saturday with Six Two-Hour Telecasts on FOX***

*The PBA Tour's Top 24 bowlers compete for first place prize of \$100,000 in season-culminating event*

**Centreville, Va.** – Big money bowling returns to FOX on Saturday, Oct. 10 at 8 p.m. with the PBA Tour's grand finale event of the season – the PBA Playoffs. A \$100,000 first place prize and the last title of the year are on the line as the Tour's top 24 players compete head-to-head in the bracket style, single elimination tournament.

First Round action kicks off Saturday with Hall of Fame veterans battling it out against the Tour's rising stars in a win or lose go home format. In this sudden death tournament, anything can happen!

The top 24 players earned points all year towards a spot in the playoffs, with the top eight receiving a first-round bye to advance to the Round of 16.

Those top eight players represent the Tour's best talent including breakout star, Kris Prather, who won the inaugural PBA Playoffs last year to solidly himself as an elite PBA performer. The 2019 champion upset the world's best bowler, Jason Belmonte, to win a spot in the final four and subsequently took down established stars Anthony Simonsen and Bill O'Neill to win the title.

Prather, Belmonte, Simonsen, and O'Neill are joined by PBA stars EJ Tackett, Jesper Svensson, Kyle Troup, and Sean Rash to round out the top eight.

The PBA Playoffs will take place at Bowlero Centreville, just outside of Washington, D.C. No fans will be in attendance and access to the venue is limited to ensure the health and safety of players, crew and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Fans can catch all the action of the PBA Playoffs on FOX and Fox Sports' FS1, and live stream the PBA on the FOX Sports and FOX NOW apps or at FOXSports.com. Select highlights will be available on @FOXSports social handles across Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube. International fans can watch live on [FloBowling.com](https://www.flobowling.com).

The complete TV schedule for the playoffs is as follows:

**PBA Playoffs: ROUND OF 24 – Saturday, Oct. 10, 8 p.m. ET on FOX**

No. 16 Tommy Jones vs. No. 17 Jakob Butturff  
No. 9 Francois Lavoie vs. No. 24 Norm Duke  
No. 13 Dom Barrett vs. No. 20 Dick Allen  
No. 12 Marshall Kent vs. No. 21 Chris Via

**PBA Playoffs: ROUND OF 24 – Saturday, Oct. 17, 6 p.m. ET on FOX**

No. 15 Kyle Sherman vs. No. 18 AJ Johnson  
No. 10 Darren Tang vs. No. 23 Nicholas Pate  
No. 14 Tom Smallwood vs. No. 19 Chris Barnes  
No. 11 Brad Miller vs. No. 22 Tom Daugherty

**PBA Playoffs: ROUND OF 16 – Sunday, Oct. 25, 5 p.m. ET on FS1**

Jones/Butturff vs. No. 1 Jason Belmonte  
Lavoie/Duke vs. No. 8 Sean Rash  
Barrett/Allen vs. No. 4 Anthony Simonsen  
Kent/Via vs. No. 5 Kris Prather

**PBA Playoffs: ROUND OF 16 – Sunday, Nov. 1, 7:30 p.m. ET on FS1**

Sherman/Johnson vs. No. 2 Bill O'Neill  
Tang/Pate vs. No. 7 Kyle Troup  
Smallwood/Barnes vs. No. 3 EJ Tackett  
Miller/Daugherty vs. No. 6 Jesper Svensson

**PBA Playoffs: QUARTERFINALS – Sunday, Nov. 8, 1:30 p.m. ET on FS1**

\*Matches TBD after Round of 16

## **PBA Playoffs: SEMIFINALS & FINALS – Sunday, Nov. 8, 3:30 p.m. ET on FS1**

\*Matches TBD after Quarterfinals

The 2020 PBA Playoffs point standings are as follows:

1. Jason Belmonte - 30,295.0
2. Bill O'Neill - 20,387.5
3. EJ Tackett - 19,965.0
4. Anthony Simonsen - 19,795.0
5. Kristopher Prather - 19,470.0
6. Jesper Svensson - 15,995.0
7. Kyle Troup - 15,155.0
8. Sean Rash - 13,705.0
9. Francois Lavoie - 12,497.5
10. Darren Tang - 11,992.5
11. Brad Miller - 11,460.0
12. Marshall Kent - 10,395.0
13. Dom Barrett - 9,855.0
14. Tom Smallwood - 9,740.0
15. Kyle Sherman - 9,685.0
16. Tommy Jones - 9,410.0
17. Jakob Butturff - 8,855.0
18. AJ Johnson - 8,332.5
19. Chris Barnes - 8,185.0
20. Dick Allen - 8,177.5
21. Chris Via - 8,020.0
22. Tom Daugherty - 7,980.0
23. Nicholas Pate - 7,930.0
24. Norm Duke - 7,792.5

## **Brandon Curtis Wins PBA Regional Title in PBA AMF Woodstock South Open**

**Woodstock, Ga.** – Brandon Curtis of Manson, N.C. won his fifth PBA South Regional title with a 30-pin victory over PBA Hall Of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., at AMF Woodstock Lanes on Saturday.

Curtis had a 63-pin lead heading into the final position round, which was enough of a lead to claim the title, despite losing the match to Williams Jr., 255-258.

Curtis who recently won the East Region PBA AMF Towson Lanes Open September 13, made this back to back wins and his overall 5<sup>th</sup> PBA Regional Title. Curtis earned \$2700 for the win with a 3-3 match play record, while Williams Jr., posted a 5-1 match play record and \$1400 for finishing second.

The PBA South Region's next tournament will be the PBA50 Canton Open at Cherokee Lanes in Canton, Ga., Oct. 9, 2020.

### **PBA AMF WOODSTOCK SOUTH OPEN**

**AMF Woodstock Lanes, Woodstock, Ga., Saturday**

#### **Final Match Play Standings (after 12 games)**

- 1, Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C., 3-3, 2,766, \$2700.
- 2, Walter Ray Williams, Oxford, Fla., 5-1, 2,676, \$1400.
- 3, n-Ryan Lane, Powder Springs, Ga., 4-2, 2,558, \$1250.
- 4, n-Charles Peavy, Lillian, Ala., 4-2, 2,543, \$1150.
- 5, n-James Magennis, Charlotte, N.C., 3-3, 2,553, \$1075.
- 6, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 2-4, 2,577, \$1000.
- 7, Nick Christy, Newport, N.C., 4-2, 2,507, \$875.
- 8, Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 4-2, 2,469, \$775.
- 9, Trevor Roberts, Crystal River, Fla., 2-4, 2,512, \$725.
- 10, n-Bryan Hahlen, Greenwood, S.C., 2-4, 2,495, \$675.
- 11, n-Ryan Lopano, Little River, S.C., 2-4, 2,476, \$650.
- 12, Cristian Azcona, Clermont, Fla., 3-3, 2,432, \$625.
- 13, n-Eli Simmons, Anderson, S.C., 2-4, 2,413, \$605.
- 14, Christopher McSwain, Kings Mountain, N.C., 4-2, 2,337, \$595.
- 15, Hannah Brookins, Ocala, Fla., 2-4, 2,371, \$585.
16. n-Josh Rondino, Lilburn, Ga., 2-4, 2,246, \$575.

\*n-denotes non-PBA member

### **Eric Jones Wins in PBA Planet Bowl Oklahoma City Southwest Open**

Oklahoma City, Okla. (October 5 2020) – High School sophomore Eric Jones from Edmond, Okla., outperformed all the challengers to win the PBA Oklahoma City Southwest Open, Sunday. The 15-year-old was in third place after Saturday's eight game qualifying, moved to second place after the five-game casher's round Sunday morning, then stormed to victory, winning all eight of his match play games to dominate the field. Two-time PBA Southwest Player of the Year, Shawn Maldonado, from Houston, finished in second place 310 pins behind the winner.

Being a non-member of the PBA, and still in high school, the \$2,500 winner's prize will go to his SMART scholarship account.

Maldonado received \$1,500 for second place, as reigning SW Region Player of the Year Anthony Lavery-Spahr held on to third place, earning \$1,600.

The Southwest Region returns to Odessa, Texas, for the PBA Odessa Southwest Super Open. October 16-18. Odessa's winner will earn a \$5000 prize.

### **PBA OKLAHOMA CITY SOUTHWEST OPEN**

Planet Bowl, Midwest City, Okla., Sunday

Final Match Play Standings (after 21 games, including match play bonus pins):

- 1, n-Eric Jones, Edmond, Okla., 8-0-0, 5,099, \$SMART.
- 2, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 4-4-0, 4,789, \$1,500.
- 3, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 5-3-0, 4,756, \$1,000.
- 4, Wesley Low Jr., Palmdale, Calif., 5-3-0, 4,636, \$900.
- 5, Raymond Lussier, San Jose, Calif., 5-3-0, 4,590, \$850.
- 6, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 4-4-0, 4,563, \$800.
- 7, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 4-4-0, 4,556, \$750.
- 8, Beau Peterson, Newton, Kan., 6-2-0, 4,525, \$725.
- 9, Dylan Burns, Garden City, Kan., 4-4-0, 4,495, \$700.
- 10, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 5-3-0, 4,490, \$675.
- 11, Travis Tribolet, San Angelo, Texas, 4-4-0, 4,444, \$650.
- 12, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 5-3-0, 4,391, \$625.
- 13, Dimitri Cruz, Denton, Texas, 3-5-0, 4,367, \$600.
- 14, Sambo Butler, Texarkana, Texas, 1-7-0, 4,301, \$575.
- 15, Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 1-7-0, 4,266, \$555.
- 16, s-Mike Bailey, Irving, Texas, 0-8-0, 4,194, \$545.

n- non PBA member

300 game: Anthony Lavery-Spahr

### **Jakob Butturff, Francois Lavoie, Dick Allen, Marshall Kent Advance to PBA Playoffs Round of 16**

*Two Hall of Famers Eliminated Early*

**Centreville, Va.** —In the opening match of the 2020 PBA Tour Playoffs, seven-time PBA Tour champion Jakob Butturff rolled all three strikes in the 10<sup>th</sup> frame to defeat 20-time champion and Hall of Famer Tommy Jones by a single pin, 215-214.

“We all know TJ is notorious for clutch moments in his career,” said Butturff, “and I knew he was going to throw those four strikes at the end of the game. I figure it was finally time for me to go out there and get a clutch moment.”

Jones rolled the final four strikes to put the pressure on Butturff to strike out in the 10<sup>th</sup> frame, which was a new experience for the 26-year-old Butturff.

“This was my first time on television needing a big 10<sup>th</sup> frame to lock it up,” said Butturff, whose final shot struck despite pulling the shot a bit. “I definitely was feeling the nerves. I was very fortunate to get away with the last hit.”

Another Hall of Famer, Norm Duke, was sent home early when four-time PBA Tour champion François Lavoie trounced Duke, 256-193, on the strength of seven consecutive strikes following an open frame in the third.

"It wasn't the prettiest game I've bowled, but I got away with one," said ninth-seeded Lavoie. "It kind of got weird in the middle for both of us, but I did my best to keep moving forward."

Both players missed single-pin spare attempts during the one-game match, but Lavoie recovered and wasn't intimidated by the legendary Duke.

"When we're in the Playoffs, it's the top 24 players from the season, so there's not going to be an easy matchup," Lavoie said. "I tried to forget all about that and not take myself off my game plan."

Dick Allen, a seven-time PBA Tour champion, knocked out eight-time winner Dom Barrett, 227-190, after some early struggles with the left lane.

"The left lane was a little trickier (than the right)," Allen said. "You make the adjustment and you move on. At around the seventh and eighth frames, I saw I had the advantage and just had to finish strong."

In the final match of the night, Marshall Kent struck on his first shot in the 10<sup>th</sup> frame to eliminate Chris Via, 218-212, after a close game in which neither player built a huge lead at any point.

"I felt pretty comfortable," said Kent. "I had a pretty decent look and I felt like I was going to strike every time I got it there."

Kent admitted his winning strike in the final frame wasn't his best shot of the game, but it was good enough to seal the victory.

"I was thinking of my dad," said Kent of his late father, Jim, who recently passed away. "He was with me on that one."

The Round of 24 continues on FOX Oct. 17 at 6 p.m. ET and will fill out the Round of 16 matches, which will air on FS1 Oct. 25 and Nov. 1. The PBA Playoffs will conclude with the quarterfinals, semifinals and championship match airing Nov. 8 beginning at 1:30 p.m. ET on FS1.

The final event of the 2020 PBA Tour season, the winner of the PBA Playoffs will receive a PBA Tour title, \$100,000 and an official WWE championship title.

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### **PBA Playoffs Round of 24 Results (Saturday, Oct. 17, 6 p.m. ET on FOX)** Bowlero Centreville, Centreville, Virginia

No. 18 Jakob Butturff def. No. 16 Tommy Jones, 215-214  
No. 9 François Lavoie def. No. 24 Norm Duke, 256-193  
No. 20 Dick Allen def. No. 13 Dom Barrett, 227-190



No. 12 Marshall Kent def. No. 21 Chris Via, 218-212

**Remaining Round of 24 Matches (Saturday, Oct. 17 at 6 p.m. ET on FOX)**

No. 15 Kyle Sherman vs. No. 18 AJ Johnson  
No. 10 Darren Tang vs. No. 23 Nick Pate  
No. 14 Tom Smallwood vs. No. 19 Chris Barnes  
No. 11 Brad Miller vs. No. 22 Tom Daugherty

**Round of 16 (Sunday, Oct. 25 at 5 p.m. ET on FS1)**

No. 18 Jakob Butturff vs. No. 1 Jason Belmonte  
No. 9 Francois Lavoie vs. No. 8 Sean Rash  
No. 20 Dick Allen vs. No. 4 Anthony Simonsen  
No. 12 Marshall Kent vs. No. 5 Kris Prather

**Round of 16 (Sunday, Nov. 1, 7:30 p.m. ET on FS1)**

Sherman/Johnson vs. No. 2 Bill O'Neill  
Tang/Pate vs. No. 7 Kyle Troup  
Smallwood/Barnes vs. No. 3 EJ Tackett  
Miller/Daugherty vs. No. 6 Jesper Svensson

**Quarterfinals (Sunday, Nov. 8, 1:30 p.m. ET on FS1)**

Matches to be determined following the Round of 16

**Semifinals and Finals (Sunday, Nov. 8 at 3:30 p.m. ET on FS1)**

Matches to be determined following the quarterfinals

**Stoney Baker Wins Title No. 33 in PBA50 Canton South Open**

**CANTON, Ga. (Oct. 11, 2020)** – Stoney Baker of Canton, Ga., defeated PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., 289-236, winning the PBA50 Canton South Open at Cherokee Lanes on Sunday, improving his all-time PBA titles record to 33.

Baker qualified in fourth place for the stepladder finals with an 4-4 match play record and a 16-game total of 3,698 pins, which included match play bonus pins. Baker won three consecutive matches to earn the \$2,000 first prize. Williams posted an 7-1 match play record and had 3,893 pins to qualify first, 119 pins ahead of Amleto Monacelli, but had to settle for the \$1,000 second place prize.

In the first stepladder match Baker tied James Lord of Fort Mill, S.C. with scores of 237. The match went into a sudden death roll off, with Baker winning 30-29. Baker then defeated PBA Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli of Venezuela by one pin, 279-278, to advance to the championship match.

The PBA South Region's next tournament will be the PBA Fayetteville Open in Fayetteville, N.C., Oct. 16-18.

**PBA50 CANTON SOUTH OPEN**  
**Cherokee Lanes, Canton, Ga., Sunday**

**Final Standings:** 1, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., \$2,000. 2, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., \$1,000. 3, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, \$850. 4, James Lord, Fort Mill, S.C., \$800.

**Stepladder Results:**

Match One – Baker def. Lord 237-237, 30-29

Semifinal Match – Baker def. Monacelli, 279-278.

Championship – Baker def. Williams, 289-236.

**Final Match Play Standings (after 16 games)**

1. Williams, 7-1, 3,893.
2. Monacelli, 3-5, 3,774.
3. Lord, 6-2, 3,724.
4. Baker, 4-4, 3,698.
5. Jerry Horn, Lexington, S.C., 6-2, 3,661, \$725.
6. Mac Sanders, Taylors, S.C., 2-6, 3,652, \$675.
7. Brett Caramagno, Goose Creek, S.C., 5-3, 3,641, \$625.
8. Gary Alstott, Washington, ILL., 5-3, 3,640, \$600.
9. Dan Knowlton, Dade City, Fla., 5-3, 3,637, \$575.
10. Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 4-4, 3,624, \$535.
11. Mike Preston, Gainesville, Fla., 3-5, 3,579, \$530
12. Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 5-3, 3,562, \$525
13. Jeffrey Herman, Bonaire, Ga., 3-4-1, \$3,494, \$520.
14. Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 2-5-1, 3,466, \$515.
15. Mark McNutt, Alpharetta, Ga., 3-5, 3,359, \$510.
16. David Bowers, Friendsville, Tenn., 0-8, \$505.

**LIGHTLIFE® ANNOUNCED AS OFFICIAL PLANT-BASED FOOD PARTNER OF BOWLERO CORP AND THE 2020 PBA TOUR**

New York, NY – Bowlero Corp, the world leader in bowling entertainment and parent company of the Professional Bowlers Association (PBA), and Lightlife® ("Lightlife"), a leading plant-based protein brand owned by Greenleaf Foods, SPC ("Greenleaf Foods"), announced a partnership today that will bring the Lightlife Plant-Based Burger to Bowlero menus nationwide. As Bowlero's official plant-based food partner, Lightlife will also sponsor the 2020 Go Bowling! PBA Tour Fall Swing.

Bowlero Corp owns and operates more than 300 bowling entertainment centers across North America, serving over 28 million guests annually. Bowlero centers combine exceptional service, incredible value, first-class amusements, and the classic fun of bowling all for an unforgettable entertainment experience.

"We're excited to partner with the PBA and add to the Bowlero experience by offering a delicious plant-based burger that's made with simple, recognizable ingredients," said Dan Curtin, President of Greenleaf Foods.

As an official partner, the Lightlife Plant-Based Burger is now available at over 100 Bowlero and Bowlmor Lanes centers across the country.

"After reviewing the brands available to us in the plant-based burger space, we made the easy decision to choose the Lightlife Burger because it delivers great taste and is made with simple, recognizable ingredients," said Steve Bartek, Vice President of Food and Beverage at Bowlero Corp. "Consumers want more plant-based food options when dining at Bowlero and we're able to deliver from our partnership with Lightlife."

Lightlife will also serve as an Official Sponsor of the 2020 PBA Tour Fall Swing that kicked off in September with the PBA League Elias Cup and the Storm PBA World Series of Bowling XI animal pattern events on FS1. The PBA returns to Fox Broadcast Channel with the grand finale event, The PBA Playoffs.

"The PBA is thrilled to be back on the lanes to complete our 2020 season with support from our partners at Lightlife," said Colie Edison, Chief Executive Officer of the PBA and Chief Customer Officer of Bowlero Corp. "The partnership with Lightlife will not only add to the delightful guest experience at our Bowlero Corp centers but will contribute to the growth and expansion of the PBA Tour as well."

The PBA Playoffs began last weekend and continue this Saturday, Oct. 17 at 6 p.m. ET on FOX with the world's number one bowler Jason Belmonte and the tournament's defending champion Kris Prather heading to the lanes. The bracket style, single-elimination competition features the Tour's top players battling head to head for a \$100,000 grand prize.

The competition's remaining Round of 24 and 16 matches will air on FS1 Sunday, Oct. 25 at 5 p.m. ET and Sunday, Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m. ET respectively. The PBA Playoffs will conclude with the Quarterfinals, Semifinals and Championship Match airing Sunday, Nov. 8 beginning at 2 p.m. ET on FS1.

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For more information on Lightlife, visit [lightlife.com](http://lightlife.com) and follow @LightlifeFoods on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube.

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## **CRAIG TUHOLSKI WINS PBA CAVEMAN BOWL NORTHWEST/WEST OPEN**

**Grants Pass, Ore., (October 11, 2020)** – Craig Tuholski of Gresham, Ore., defeated non-member Anthony Thompson of Anderson, Calif., 209-197, to win the PBA Caveman Bowl Northwest/West Open at Caveman Bowl Sunday.

The win was Tuholski's thirteenth title in PBA Northwest and West regional competition. Tuholski earned \$2,000 for the victory.

n-Thompson defeated Chris Warren of Grants Pass, Ore., 279-226, in the semifinal match of the stepladder finals prior to defeating PJ Haggerty of Roseville, Calif., 209-195, in the opening match.

Thompson earned \$1,000 for second place, Warren \$800 for third, and Haggerty \$700 for fourth.

### **PBA50 Caveman Bowl Northwest/West Region Open Caveman Bowl, Grants Pass, Ore., Sunday**

#### **Final Standings:**

1. Craig Tuholski, Gresham, Ore., \$2,000.
2. n-Anthony Thompson, Anderson, Calif., \$1,000.
3. Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., \$800.
4. PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., \$700.

#### **Stepladder Results:**

Match one – Warren def. Haggerty, 209-195

Semifinal Match – Thompson def., Warren, 279-226

Championship – Tuholski def. Thompson, 209-197

### **Francois Lavoie Rolls Perfect 300 Game on Way to PBA Playoffs Quarterfinals**

Jason Belmonte, Anthony Simonsen, Kris Prather Also Advance

**Centreville, Va.** – Francois Lavoie rolled a perfect 300 game in the PBA Playoffs Round of 16 to become the second player in PBA history to have bowled two career televised perfect games in title events. Lavoie joins Sean Rash, the man he eliminated, on the exclusive list.

“A lot of people asked me after the U.S. Open if I was nervous,” said Lavoie, referring to his first televised perfect game in the 2016 U.S. Open semifinal match. “I was definitely nervous. It was the same thing today. I was still very nervous and I’m glad I was able to come through again.”

Through his first two PBA Playoffs matches, Lavoie rolled 21 of a possible 24 strikes in defeating Norm Duke in the Round of 24 and Rash in the Round of 16.

“I bowl my best when I’m able to create some miss room in the middle part of the lane,” said Lavoie. “In the last two matches, I’ve been able to do that. I took a look at the bracket before we started and I knew it was going to be a tough road, and it has been so far. I’m sure it will be from the next match on, but I’m ready to keep going.”

Lavoie’s 300 was the 29<sup>th</sup> televised perfect game in PBA history and third of the 2020 PBA Tour season, joining Tommy Jones, who achieved perfection in the championship match of the Hall

of Fame Classic in January, and Jakob Butturff, who bowled 300 during the qualifying round of the PBA Tour Finals in July.

Rash, who bowled 236 in a losing effort, has been involved in a PBA-record six televised perfect games, rolling two and opposing four.

"I like to set the lanes up so I can get off to a big start," said Rash of his penchant for being involved on either side of perfection. "I try to find the most miss room and out-strike my competitors. (Lavoie) and I were going to play a similar part of the lane, so we knew the scores could get pretty high. I bowled a really good game and probably could have bowled a bigger score, but I still would have lost.

"I've bowled (Lavoie) twice now and he just strikes at me," added Rash. "At the (2019) U.S. Open, he started with the front five when the pair was impossible and now this. He's a great player, very accurate, and I guess he really likes to bowl against me."

Lavoie advances to face top-ranked Jason Belmonte in the quarterfinals. Belmonte cited a turkey in the middle of the game which was crucial to take out the 17<sup>th</sup>-seeded Jakob Butturff, 205-195.

"Halfway through the game, Jakob's ball motion through the pins was a lot more high flush than mine," said Belmonte, a three-time winner in 2020. "I knew if he could work it out, he had a really good chance of striking a lot. When I got a light hit on the left lane in the sixth frame, it was imperative to me that I doubled. Then, if I could get one more, I knew Jakob had to find a triple or a four-bagger, so that triple for me was really critical."

Butturff struck twice in the 10<sup>th</sup> frame to force Belmonte to mark, which he did, moving him into the PBA Playoffs quarterfinals for the second straight year.

Anthony Simonsen rolled the second-highest game on the telecast as he eliminated seven-time PBA Tour champion Dick Allen, 258-204.

"I decided pretty early urethane was going to be the play," said fourth-seeded Simonsen of his bowling-ball strategy. "I threw a couple mediocre shots in the beginning and got away with one, but I bowled a pretty solid game. I just tried to make good shots and keep the pocket in play. I was fortunate enough to throw a few strikes together."

Simonsen earns a rematch with Kris Prather, who eliminated Simonsen in last season's Playoffs semifinals. Prather, the defending PBA Playoffs champion, moved into the quarterfinals with a win over four-time PBA Tour champion Marshall Kent.

"I was super nervous," admitted Prather. "I haven't had a whole lot of competition reps, so being on TV again is a little nerve-racking, but to be able to come away with the victory tonight is huge."

A tight match early, Prather credits a ball change during the commercial break as the difference in the match.

"I switched to the original Hy-Road," Prather said. "It stored a little more energy and was able to go through the pins a lot better. I think if I don't make that ball change, I don't win."

The other half of the PBA Playoffs bracket gets underway with Round of 24 action Sunday, October 25 at 5 p.m. ET on FS1, followed by Round of 16 competition November 1 at 7:30 p.m. ET on FS1. The PBA Playoffs concludes with the quarterfinals, semifinals and championship match on November 8 beginning at 2 p.m. ET on FS1.

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### **PBA Playoffs Round of 24 Results**

Bowlero Centreville, Centreville, Va.

No. 18 Jakob Butturff def. No. 16 Tommy Jones, 215-214

No. 9 Francois Lavoie def. No. 24 Norm Duke, 256-193

No. 20 Dick Allen def. No. 13 Dom Barrett, 227-190

No. 12 Marshall Kent def. No. 21 Chris Via, 218-212

### **PBA Playoffs Round of 16 Results**

No. 1 Jason Belmonte def. No. 17 Jakob Butturff, 205-195

No. 9 Francois Lavoie def. No. 8 Sean Rash, 300-236

No. 4 Anthony Simonsen def. No. 20 Dick Allen, 258-204

No. 5 Kris Prather def. No. 12 Marshall Kent, 237-214

### **PBA Playoffs Round of 24 (Sunday, October 25 at 5 p.m. ET on FS1)**

No. 15 Kyle Sherman vs. No. 18 AJ Johnson

No. 10 Darren Tang vs. No. 23 Nick Pate

No. 14 Tom Smallwood vs. No. 19 Chris Barnes

No. 11 Brad Miller vs. No. 22 Tom Daugherty

### **Round of 16 (Sunday, November 1 at 7:30 p.m. ET on FS1)**

No. 2 Bill O'Neill vs. Sherman/Johnson

No. 7 Kyle Troup vs. Tang/Pate

No. 3 EJ Tackett vs. Smallwood/Barnes

No. 6 Jesper Svensson vs. Miller/Daugherty

### **Quarterfinals (Sunday, November 8 at 2 p.m. ET on FS1)**

No. 1 Jason Belmonte vs. No. 9 Francois Lavoie

No. 4 Anthony Simonsen vs. No. 5 Kris Prather

Additional two matches to be determined following the completion of the Round of 16

### **Semifinals and Finals (Sunday, November 8 at 4 p.m. ET on FS1)**

Matches to be determined following the quarterfinals

## **Trevor Roberts Wins His First PBA Regional Title in Fayetteville South Open**

**Fayetteville, N.C.** – Trevor Roberts of Crystal River, Fla. defeated Dick Allen of Lexington, S.C., 236-208, to win the 17th annual PBA Fayetteville South Open presented at Lafayette Lanes on Sunday.

Roberts qualified in the number one position for the four-man stepladder finals with a 16-game total of 3,865 pins, 112 pins ahead of Mark Tarkington of Elizabeth City, N.C., with 3,573. In third was Verity Crawley of Lake Wales, Fla. 3,739 and Dick Allen fourth with 3,723.

In the opening match, Allen defeated Crawley easily with a perfect game 300-203. Allen then disposed of Tarkington 254-199 to advance to the Championship match.

In the title match, Allen had early opens in the second and fifth frames which made the victory even easier for Roberts who started out with a double spare double.

Roberts earned \$2,300 for his first PBA Regional title, Allen \$1,200 for second, Tarkington \$1,000 for third, and Crawley earned \$900 for fourth.

The PBA South Region's next event will be the PBA AMF Mechanicsville South Open on Oct. 24 at AMF Hanover Lanes in Mechanicsville, Va.

### **PBA FAYETTEVILLE SOUTH OPEN Lafayette Lanes, Fayetteville, N.C., Sunday**

#### **Final Standings:**

1. Trevor Roberts, Crystal River, Fla., \$2,300.
2. Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., \$1,200.
3. Mark Tarkington, Elizabeth City, N.C., \$1,000.
4. n-Verity Crawley, Lake Wales, Fla., \$900.

#### **Stepladder Results:**

Match One – Allen def. Crawley, 300-203.

Semifinal – Allen def. Tarkington, 254-199.

Championship – Roberts def. Allen, 236-208.

#### **Final Qualifying Standings (after 16 games, top 4 advanced to stepladder finals):**

1. Roberts, 3,865.
2. Tarkington, 3,753.
3. Crawley, 3,739.
4. Allen, 3,723.
5. Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 3,711, \$825.
6. Matt Taylor, Zebulon, N.C., 3,678, \$725.
7. Carlos Tobon, Plantation, Fla., 3,614, \$665.
8. Kristijonas Sergejevas, Lithuania, 3,563, \$605.

9. n-Kevin Fanter, Beaufort, S.C., 3,550, \$585.
10. N-Brian Locke, Raleigh, N.C., 3,496, \$565.
11. n-Josh Johnson, Callahan, Fla., 3,423, \$545.
12. Kennon McFalls, Belmont, N.C., 3,397, \$525.

300 Games: Kennon McFalls, Dick Allen.

n-denotes non-PBA member.

## **CROUCHER DOMINATES THE FIELD TO WIN PBA60 COMPETITION**

**Lebanon, Ore.** – Jimmy Dillingham of Bonney Lake, Wash. held off PBA Hall of Famer, Parker Bohn III of Jackson, NJ by just 10 pins to win the PBA50 Jan Jordan Memorial on Sunday at Linn Lanes in Lebanon, Ore.

Dillingham who went 6-2 in match play, just recently joined the PBA last week after cashing in two events earlier this season. Dillingham earned \$1,800 for the win, while Bohn received \$1,000 for his runner-up finish.

In the PBA60 competition, Kevin Croucher of Grants Pass, Ore. led almost wire to wire to win the event with a 3,731 total pin fall and 7-1 match play record. Croucher took home \$1,700 for first-place. Ron Mohr secured a second-place finish holding off Ty Dawson of Sunnyvale, Cali. by 37 pins.

This year's event, hosted by previous Pat Patterson Award winner, Larry Jordan, was quite the challenge for most players, allowing only one perfect game by John Gould of Yuba City, Calif.

### **PBA50 Jan Jordan Memorial Linn Lanes, Lebanon, Oregon, Sunday**

Final Match Play Standings (after 16 games, including match play bonus pins):

1, Jimmy Dillingham, Bonney Lake, Wash., 6-2, 3,600, \$1,800. 2, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, NJ, 4-4, 3,590, \$1,000. 3, Barry Tate, Wenatchee, Wash., 5-3, 3,524, \$800. 4, Joe Petrovich, Tracy, Calif., 4-4, 3,475, \$700. 5, n-Shawn Copeland, Salem, Ore., 4-4, 3,458, \$650. 6, Bob Rosenau, Redding, Calif., 4-4, 3,393, \$600. 7, Mike Kenough, Stockton, Calif., 3-5, 3,283, \$575. 8, Gary Morgan, Henderson, Nev., 2-6, 3,038, \$525.



**PBA60 Jan Jordan Memorial**  
**Linn Lanes, Lebanon, Oregon, Sunday**

Final Match Play Standings (after 16 games, including match play bonus pins):

1, Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 7-1, 3,731, \$1,700. 2, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 5-2-1, 3,508, \$1,000. 3, Ty Dawson, Sunnyvale, Calif., 7-1, 3,471, \$800. 4, John Gould, Yuba City, Calif., 3-5, 3,446, \$700. 5, Robert Reed Sr., Weed, Calif., 4-3-1, 3,327, \$650. 6, n-Timothy Myers, Milwaukie, Ore., 2-6, 3,243, \$600. 7, Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 1-7, 3,201, \$575. 8, Ralph Reynolds, Upperlake, Calif., 2-6, 3,148, \$525.

300 – John Gould, Yuba City, Calif.

n-denotes non-PBA member

**Jakob Butturff Wins 24th PBA Regional Title in Odessa Southwest Open**

**Odessa, Texas, (October 20, 2020)** – Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz., won his 24<sup>th</sup> PBA Regional Title at the second annual PBA Odessa Southwest Super Open at Diamond Lanes on Sunday.

Butturff took the lead in the eight-game qualifying block, built a demanding 165-pin lead in the Cashers Round, then proceeded to win the tournament's final game position round match to claim the \$5,000 first-place prize.

In the modified eight game round robin match play finals, Butturff appeared human as he lost five of his first seven matches, and watched his massive lead dwindle to 58 pins over reigning PBA Southwest Region Player of the Year Anthony Lavery-Spahr, from Pasadena, Texas.

Butturff regained his touch, defeating A. Lavery-Spahr 253-159 in the deciding game. Sean Lavery-Spahr's 247-234 win over PBA rookie Dimitri Cruz, from Denton, Texas, vaulted him to second place.

Butturff finished with a 21-game total of 4,911 pins, including match play bonus pins. S. Lavery-Spahr had 4,826 total pins to earn \$2,700 for second place, Cruz finished third with 4,769 pinfall to win \$2,000, and A. Lavery-Spahr collected \$1,500 for fourth place.

The PBA Southwest Region's fall schedule will continue with the PBA50 Beaumont Southwest Open, Nov. 27-29.

**PBA ODESSA SOUTHWEST SUPER OPEN**  
**Diamond Lanes, Odessa, Texas, Sunday**

### **Final Standings (21 games)**

1. Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 3-5, 4,911, \$5,000.
2. Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 4-3-1, 4,826, \$2,700.
3. Dimitri Cruz, Denton, Texas, 6-2, 4,769, \$2,000.
4. Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 3-5, 4,729, \$1,500.
5. AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 4-4, 4,700, \$1,100.
6. Francois Lavoie, Canada, 5-3, 4,632, \$900.
7. Wesley Low Jr., Palmdale, Calif., 5-3, 4,550, \$800.
8. Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 3-5, 4,543, \$750.
9. s-Mike Bailey, Irving, Texas, 5-3, 4,516, \$700.
10. Michael Fitzgerald, Phoenix, Ariz., 4-3-1, 4,472, \$650.
11. s-Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 3-5, 4,422, \$625.
12. Gregory Thompson Jr., Tempe, AZ, 2-6, 4,283, \$600.

### **AJ Johnson, Nick Pate, Tom Smallwood, Brad Miller Fill Out PBA Playoffs Round of 16**

*Johnson and Smallwood cruise, Pate and Miller grind into next round*

**Centreville, Va.** – AJ Johnson opened his 2020 PBA Playoffs by rolling the highest score on the right-bracket Round of 24 telecast, defeating Kyle Sherman, 223-166. Johnson took an early lead that only grew as the one-game match went on.

“You can never be up by too much,” said Johnson. “There’s a respect level and we’re good friends, but I wanted to beat Sherman and never let up. I kept the pressure on and kept throwing great shots.”

Johnson, who is seeking his first PBA Tour title, has spent a fair amount of time bowling on TV lately as his PBA League expansion team, Las Vegas High Rollers, advanced all the way to the Elias Cup Finals before finishing second to the Portland Lumberjacks in late September.

“I’m starting to feel a lot more comfortable on TV,” said Johnson, who will face 2019 PBA Playoffs runner-up Bill O’Neill in the next round. “When the lights come on, it’s game time. I’m starting to come into my own, finding what works and letting myself be me.”

In another resounding Round of 24 victory, three-time PBA Tour champion Tom Smallwood began his match with the first three strikes and PBA Hall of Famer Chris Barnes couldn’t keep up, falling by a score of 215-180.

“Barnes struggled a bit to start and I threw three pretty good shots for a three-bagger, so I had a 30- or 40-pin lead through the fifth frame,” said Smallwood. “I wasn’t trying to coast, but it kind of looked that way. I had a really bad shot for an eight count and then a couple nine counts. But if you wait around for a Hall of Famer, he’s going to catch you.”

Barnes was one of three PBA Hall of Famers, along with Tommy Jones and Norm Duke, to qualify for the 2020 PBA Playoffs. All three were eliminated in the opening round. Smallwood draws 13-time PBA Tour champion EJ Tackett in the Round of 16.

The key to Nick Pate's 207-202 victory over Darren Tang may have been the first frame, when Pate converted a 2-4-10 split.

"If I get seven and two there," said Pate, who followed the conversion with two consecutive strikes, "it's a 279 max instead of 290. That's 11 pins. I expect to make that split, and I did, and I was able to settle down and throw some good shots."

Tang started the game with the front three, but after opening in the fourth, neither player was able to put a double on the board. Pate came up in the 10<sup>th</sup> frame needing a mark and count to win.

"I threw one and thought I missed it inside, but it just laid there," said Pate of his strike in the 10<sup>th</sup>. "After that, I needed good count and got it. I didn't throw that many good shots, to be completely honest, but it was a clean game."

Pate advances to face Kyle Troup, who has already won three times on the 2020 PBA Tour.

The final match of the telecast was decided by eight well-placed strikes by Brad Miller—four in the front of the game and four in the back. In between, Tom Daugherty caught up and passed Miller, when he chopped a three-pin spare attempt in the eighth frame. After Daugherty failed to strike in the ninth, leaving and sparing a single pin, Miller had a chance to clinch the victory.

"When I went up in the ninth frame," said Miller, brushing aside the chopped spare in the eighth, "I told myself there's no way I'm leaving a 10-pin. I'm going to get after it, be as aggressive as I possibly can, as long as it doesn't leave a flat-10."

Miller struck in the ninth and on all three shots in the 10<sup>th</sup> to lock out Daugherty, 215-195, advancing to the Round of 16 against 10-time PBA Tour champion Jesper Svensson.

"A couple breaks went my way," conceded Miller. "I had a trip-four. When you stay aggressive and actually throw it with confidence, good things like that can happen. I feel very comfortable here with this whole setup and it's just kind of going my way."

Round of 16 competition airs Sunday, Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m. ET on FS1. The PBA Playoffs concludes with the quarterfinals, semifinals and championship match on Nov. 8 beginning at 2 p.m. ET on FS1.

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No. 4 Anthony Simonsen def. No. 20 Dick Allen, 258-204  
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**Round of 24 Results (Sunday, October 25, 2020 on FS1)**

No. 18 AJ Johnson def. No. 15 Kyle Sherman, 223-166  
No. 23 Nick Pate def. No. 10 Darren Tang, 207-202  
No. 14 Tom Smallwood def. No. 19 Chris Barnes, 215-180  
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**Round of 16 (Sunday, November 1 at 7:30 p.m. ET on FS1)**

No. 18 AJ Johnson vs. No. 2 Bill O'Neill  
No. 23 Nick Pate vs. No. 7 Kyle Troup  
No. 14 Tom Smallwood vs. No. 3 EJ Tackett  
No. 11 Brad Miller vs. No. 6 Jesper Svensson

**Quarterfinals (Sunday, November 8 at 2 p.m. ET on FS1)**

No. 1 Jason Belmonte vs. No. 9 Francois Lavoie  
No. 4 Anthony Simonsen vs. No. 5 Kris Prather  
Additional two matches to be determined following the completion of the Round of 16

**Semifinals and Finals (Sunday, November 8 at 4 p.m. ET on FS1)**

Matches to be determined following the quarterfinals

**PBA West/Northwest Regional Director Gary Mage Announces Retirement**

*Josh Blanchard Named as Successor*

**New York, NY** – Gary Mage, who has served as PBA West Regional Director since 2004 and the Northwest Regional Director since he founded it in 1979, has announced his retirement from the PBA after 40+ years of service.

Mage's retirement comes at the end of the 2020 season after a life-long career in the bowling industry and just shy of a milestone 75<sup>th</sup> birthday, which he'll celebrate in January.

"I've been a bowling center owner, pro shop operator and touring player, so I brought a lot of experience to different areas of the sport into this position," Mage said. "You have people you've built relationships with over a span of many years. It's hard to let go, but it's time."

In 2004, Mage became Western Region Manager, taking the reins from Mike Friedrichs, and assumed management of the new Northwest Region when it separated from the Western Region in that same year. Mage has since managed both regions with assistance from his wife Toni.

Mage will be succeeded by Josh Blanchard, a three-time PBA Tour champion.

"After many years serving the PBA as the Northwest and West Regional Director I am very happy that the PBA has chosen Josh Blanchard to take my place, said Mage. "It's my belief that Josh has the talent to move the regional program forward and build a program that will be successful for many years to come."

Blanchard, who just recently announced his own retirement from full-time PBA Tour competition will take over regional tournament operations on Nov. 9.

"It is a privilege to follow in the footsteps of Gary Mage," said Blanchard. He isn't easily replaced, but I hope to continue many of the long-standing events he developed over his tenure."

As the new tournament director, Blanchard will be responsible for PBA regional operations in the West and Northwest including developing the schedule of tournaments, pro-ams, and overseeing onsite tournament logistics.

"I look forward to working for the bowlers and providing the best events possible for the PBA and its members in the West and Northwest Regions," added Blanchard.

The PBA thanks Mage for his years of hard work and dedication to the organization and wishes him all the best in his future endeavors.

While Mage will be missed, the PBA is very fortunate to have found the perfect fit in Blanchard to fill the position bringing nine-years of full-time touring experience and determination to grow the sport for the next generations of bowlers.

### **Zachary Tackett and Walter Ray Williams Jr. Victorious in PBA and PBA50 AMF Mechanicsville Open**

**Mechanicsville, Va.** — Zachary Tackett of Virginia Beach, Va., won his first PBA South Region title Saturday at Bowlero Mechanicsville.

Tackett was trailing Brandon Curtis of Manson, N.C., by 52 pins going into the final position round match, but found himself in the winner's circle for the first time by defeating Curtis 258-211. The match was crucial for Tackett who found himself ahead by 26 pins courtesy of the 30 bonus pins he won. Tackett who went 5-1 in match play, earned \$2,200.

Curtis who has won two titles this year received \$1,200 for his second-place finish.

In the PBA50 competition on Sunday, Walter Ray Williams Jr. dominated with a 6-0 match play record to easily secure the win after defeating Gary Faulkner of Norfolk, Va. in the final position round match, 246-193, to clinch his 117<sup>th</sup> overall career PBA Title. Williams Jr. earned \$2,000 for first place.

Faulkner who qualified for the 12<sup>th</sup> and final spot in the Round Robin match play competition came on strong to move up to second, but could not overcome the wrath of Williams Jr. Faulkner earned \$1,000 for his second-place finish.

The PBA South Region's next tournament will be the PBA/PBA50 Bristol Decker Appraisal Baker Doubles at Interstate Lanes in Bristol, Va., Nov. 6-8, 2020.

### **PBA AMF MECHANICSVILLE OPEN** **Bowlero Mechanicsville, Mechanicsville, Va., Saturday**

#### **Final Match Play Standings (after 12 games)**

1. Zachary Tackett, Virginia Beach, Va., 5-1, 2,626, \$2,200.
2. Brandon Curtis. Manson, N.C., 4-2, 2,631, \$1,200.
3. Dick Allen, Lexington, N.C., 4-2, 2,547, \$1,000.
4. Walter Ray Williams, Oxford, Fla., 4-2, 2,527, \$900.
5. Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 5-1, 2,412, \$850.
6. n-Michael Rachal, Keyser, W.V., 2-4, 2,501, \$800.
7. Kip Roberts, Glen Allen, Va., 3-3, 2,441, \$700.
8. Mark Tarkington, Elizabeth City, N.C., 3-3, 2,437, \$650.
9. Mathew Woodall, Norfolk, Va., 1-5, 2,495, \$625.
10. Kole Payne, Charlotte, N.C., 2-4, 2,409, \$600.
11. Anthony Marino, Henrico, Va., 1-5, 2,428, \$575.
12. Greg Wilson, Warrenton, Va., 2-4, 2,351, \$550.

### **PBA50 AMF MECHANICSVILLE OPEN** **Bowlero Mechanicsville, Mechanicsville, Va., Sunday**

#### **Final Match Play Standings (after 12 games)**

1. Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 6-0, 2,735, \$2,000.
2. Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 4-2, 2,559, \$1,000.
3. Tom Baker, King, N.C., 5-1, 2,496, \$950.
4. James Winterfeld, Fort Mill, S.C., 3-3, 2,537, \$850.
5. Dave Han, Alabaster, Ala., 5-2, 2,499, \$750.
6. Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 4-2, 2,461, \$700.
7. David Bleggi, Jacksonville, N.C., 3-3, 2,459, \$650.
8. Troy McKinney, Yorktown, Va., 2-4, 2,336, \$630.
9. Charlie Toney, Oak Hill, W.V., 1-5, 2,362, \$610.
10. Todd Haney, Boiling Springs, S.C., 1-5, 2,343, \$590.
11. Ken Shealy, Myrtle Beach, S.C., 1-5, 2,335, \$570.
12. n-John Fillis, Woodbridge, Va., 2-4, 2,264, \$550.

n- denotes amateur

## **O'Neill, Troup, Miller, Smallwood Join PBA Playoffs Elite Eight**

Quarterfinals set for November 8 at 2 p.m. ET on FS1

**Centreville, Va.**—Last year's PBA Playoffs runner-up, Bill O'Neill, made his 2020 playoffs debut with a 234-190 victory over AJ Johnson to advance to the Quarterfinals. O'Neill, the second overall seed, admitted he'll need to be better if he's to continue in the competition.

"My ball reaction was incredible," said O'Neill, "but I didn't throw a lot of good shots. I was getting it too far right, especially in the middle of the game, but the ones in the eighth and ninth when I really needed them, were really good."

The 12-time PBA Tour champion moves on to face the seventh seed, Kyle Troup, who also said he needs to be better following his 223-214 win over Nick Pate.

"Mentally, I need to be a little better," said Troup, recalling Pate's slow-rolling messenger in the fifth frame. "I let that get to me just a little bit. That's inexcusable, really. I let something into my mindset that normally isn't there and then I didn't execute two of the best shots afterward. Luckily, the commercial break allowed me to slow my mind down and make some good shots."

Troup, with three PBA Tour titles already in 2020, came out of the commercial break with three consecutive strikes before leaving a single pin on his first shot in the 10<sup>th</sup>. With a spare and strike on the fill ball, Troup forced Pate to get all three strikes in his 10<sup>th</sup> frame, which he was unable to do.

In the first of two upsets on the telecast, 11<sup>th</sup> seed Brad Miller got past sixth-seeded Jesper Svensson, 236-223. Svensson started strong with three strikes, but struggled later on in the match.

"After the first three frames, I didn't know how that was going to go," said Miller, "but then he left a couple of bad breaks."

In particular, Svensson left a 3-7-9 split in the ninth frame, which he failed to convert.

"I knew he was going to strike out," said Miller, who took advantage of Svensson's open frame to clinch the victory in the 10<sup>th</sup>. "As soon as he left that split, I knew I was going to need the first strike and count and I got it. I'm feeling really good right now with my game. I'm getting some breaks. Some good things are going my way right now."

Miller earns a match with Tom Smallwood in the Round of 8. Smallwood used a strategic ball change and finished strong to defeat the third seed, EJ Tackett, the highest seed to be eliminated thus far.

"He was bowling so well and I knew 190 wasn't beating him," said Smallwood of Tackett's fast start with four strikes in the first five frames. "If I switch balls and it's wrong, I'm still not going to win, but I made a fortunate change and it worked out."

Smallwood rolled six consecutive strikes after the ball change as Tackett's carry went away, allowing Smallwood to chip away at the deficit.

“You try to put as much pressure on somebody as you can,” said Smallwood. “I don’t care who it is, they know you’re still there. He left a few taps at the end and I didn’t. That was the difference in the game. He bowled amazing but I had better breaks than he did.”

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No. 23 Nick Pate def. No. 10 Darren Tang, 207-202

No. 14 Tom Smallwood def. No. 19 Chris Barnes, 215-180

No. 11 Brad Miller def. No. 22 Tom Daugherty, 215-195

### **Round of 16 (Sunday, November 1 on FS1)**

No. 2 Bill O’Neill def. No. 18 AJ Johnson, 234-190

No. 7 Kyle Troup def. No. 23 Nick Pate, 223-214

No. 11 Brad Miller def. No. 6 Jesper Svensson, 236-223

No. 14 Tom Smallwood def. No. 3 EJ Tackett, 234-227

### **Quarterfinals (Sunday, November 8 at 2 p.m. ET on FS1)**

No. 1 Jason Belmonte vs. No. 9 Francois Lavoie

No. 4 Anthony Simonsen vs. No. 5 Kris Prather

No. 2 Bill O’Neill vs. No. 7 Kyle Troup

No. 11 Brad Miller vs. No. 14 Tom Smallwood

### **Semifinals and Finals (Sunday, November 8 at 4 p.m. ET on FS1)**

Belmonte/Lavoie vs. Simonsen/Prather

O’Neill/Troup vs. Miller/Smallwood

Championship match to be determined following the semifinals



### **Bill O'Neill Wins PBA Playoffs for 13<sup>th</sup> Title**

*Anthony Simonsen defeated in the championship match, O'Neill wins \$100,000 and first-ever WWE championship title*

**Centreville, Va.**—Bill O'Neill claimed the final title of the 2020 PBA Tour season by defeating Anthony Simonsen in two straight games to win the 2020 PBA Playoffs.

O'Neill's 13<sup>th</sup> career PBA Tour title and second of the season earned him a \$100,000 first-prize check and an official WWE championship title. O'Neill, who finished second in last year's PBA Playoffs, was especially gratified to earn the title this season.

"A lot of redemption," said O'Neill, the overall number two seed. "I didn't want to come in second again in this event. I was confident in my ball reaction and I knew if I made good shots, I was going to come away with the win."

The championship match featured a race-to-two-points format in which one point was awarded to the winner of each game. If tied after two games, the players would go to a ninth-and-10<sup>th</sup>-frame roll-off, but O'Neill didn't let that happen. He secured a 235-203 win in game one, then claimed the championship with a 249-195 triumph in game two.

"The back half of game two was some of the best bowling I've done in a long time," said O'Neill, who rolled eight consecutive strikes to finish the second and decisive game.

O'Neill made an adjustment during his quarterfinals match that helped him feel comfortable throughout the rest of the event.

"I moved back on the approach about six inches and it gave me a little bit more time," said O'Neill. "If I got a little too quick to start, I wasn't cramped at the foul line, and even the shots that were just a pinch out of time were still going in the right direction."

O'Neill put himself into the title match for the second straight year with a 235-216 quarterfinals victory over the seventh seed Kyle Troup and a 245-216 win against 14<sup>th</sup> seed Tom Smallwood in the semifinals. The title is O'Neill's fourth in the last two seasons.

"It's been unbelievable the last couple years," he said. "I certainly didn't expect to have the success I've had. I knew I was going to get back into the winner's circle, but I didn't expect all this. I owe so much of it to my dad who put in so much work with me and really knows my game in and out. He's the one who got me ready for this event."

Simonsen, the fourth overall seed, earned his way into the championship match by eliminating defending champion Kris Prather, 270-195, in the quarterfinals, then knocked out top seed Jason Belmonte, 285-214, in the semifinals. This was Simonsen's fourth runner-up finish in 2020 and the first time since 2015 that Simonsen did not win at least one title.

In the other quarterfinals matches, Belmonte bested Francois Lavoie, 266-227, and Smallwood ended Brad Miller's run, 242-194.

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Single-game matches

Losers earn \$3,000

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No. 12 Marshall Kent def. No. 21 Chris Via, 218-212

### **Round of 16 Results (Saturday, October 17 on FOX)**

Single-game matches

Losers earn \$6,000

No. 1 Jason Belmonte def. No. 17 Jakob Butturff, 205-195  
No. 9 Francois Lavoie def. No. 8 Sean Rash, 300-236  
No. 4 Anthony Simonsen def. No. 20 Dick Allen, 258-204  
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### **Round of 24 Results (Sunday, October 25, 2020 on FS1)**

Single-game matches

Losers earn \$3,000

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No. 14 Tom Smallwood def. No. 19 Chris Barnes, 215-180  
No. 11 Brad Miller def. No. 22 Tom Daugherty, 215-195

### **Round of 16 (Sunday, November 1 on FS1)**

Single-game matches

Losers earn \$6,000

No. 2 Bill O'Neill def. No. 18 AJ Johnson, 234-190  
No. 7 Kyle Troup def. No. 23 Nick Pate, 223-214  
No. 11 Brad Miller def. No. 6 Jesper Svensson, 236-223  
No. 14 Tom Smallwood def. No. 3 EJ Tackett, 234-227

### **Quarterfinals Results (Sunday, November 8 on FS1)**

Single-game matches

Losers earn \$12,000

No. 1 Jason Belmonte def. No. 9 Francois Lavoie, 266-227  
No. 4 Anthony Simonsen def. No. 5 Kris Prather, 270-195  
No. 2 Bill O'Neill vs. No. 7 Kyle Troup, 235-216  
No. 14 Tom Smallwood def. No. 11 Brad Miller, 242-194

### **Semifinals Results**

Single-game matches

Losers earn \$25,000

No. 4 Anthony Simonsen def. No. 1 Jason Belmonte, 285-214  
No. 2 Bill O'Neill def. No. 14 Tom Smallwood, 245-216

### **Championship Match Results**

Race to two points

Winner earns \$100,000, loser earns \$50,000

No. 2 Bill O'Neill def. No. 4 Anthony Simonsen, 2-0

Game 1 – O'Neill def. Simonsen, 235-203

Game 2 – O'Neill def. Simonsen, 249-195

**JAKOB BUTTURFF STRIKES GOLD AT THE PBA JACKSON RANCHERIA CASINO RESORT CHAMPIONSHIP  
NOVEMBER 9, 2020**

**Sutter Creek, Calif.** – Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz. led wire to wire to win the PBA West Region's Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort Championship at Gold Country Lanes on Sunday.

Butturff came into the event with a heavy heart after just losing his mother to cancer the previous Monday, but fought to win his 26th career PBA Regional title. The title is Butturff's latest in just five years, but one of his most memorable, which he dedicated to his late mother. Butturff earned \$2,500 for the win.

Butturff held a demanding lead to secure first place, but there was no shortage of competition for second-place. There were five other bowlers jockeying for the spot through match play until the last game, when David Haynes of Las Vegas secured it with a big 289 in the position round to earn \$1,300.

This weekend was the 16th time the PBA Western Region has visited Gold Country Lanes and was especially exciting for bowlers as they were able to compete in the state of California for the first-time in over 10 months.

**PBA Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort Championship  
Gold Country Lanes, Sutter Creek, Calif., Sunday**

**Final Match Play Standings (after 19 games, including match play bonus pins):**

1. Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 7-1, 4,926, \$2,500.
2. David Haynes, Las Vegas, 5-3, 4,700, \$1,300.
3. n-Joseph Grondin, San Pedro, Calif., 6-2, 4,624, \$1,100.
4. Buddy Lucas, Montclair, Calif., 6-2, 4,604, \$1,000.
5. Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 4-4, 4,574, \$900.
6. PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 4-4, 4,523, \$800.
7. Chad Uyehara, Clovis, Calif., 5-3, 4,482, \$750.
8. n-Robert Harmon, Jackson, Calif., 2-6, 4,449, \$725.
9. Joseph Petrovich, Tracy, Calif., 5-3, 4,408, \$700.
10. Kyle Duster, Scottsdale, Ariz., 3-5, 4,398, \$675.
11. Derek Gregory, Chowchilla, Calif., 2-6, 4,346, \$650.
12. Robby Porter, Rancho Cordova, Calif., 4-4, 4,319, \$625.
13. Missy Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif., 3-5, 4,200, \$600.
14. Mark Mazzulla, Brentwood, Calif., 4-4, 4,197, \$575.
15. Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., 2-6, 4,145, \$550.
16. Eddy Smith, Stanwood, Wash., 2-6, 4,065, \$525.

n-denotes non-PBA member

300's:

Buddy Lucas

Tim Cagle II

## **First-ever PBA League All Star Clash to air on FOX**

*12 PBA League superstars to compete in sudden-death style special team event on November 29*

**New York, NY** — Bill O'Neill made PBA history this weekend, walking away with the PBA's first-ever WWE championship title and \$100K as the PBA Playoffs Champion, but the PBA isn't done with its new innovations for 2020 and is excited to introduce the PBA League All Star Clash.

For the first time ever, the PBA is bringing together 12 of the biggest names in bowling, from veteran Hall of Famers to rising stars from both the men and women's Pro Tours, to compete in the special team edition PBA League All Star Clash on Sunday, Nov. 29 at 2:30 p.m. ET or 4:30 p.m. ET (varying per local market) adjacent to the NFL, on FOX.

The stakes for the PBA League All Star Clash are high as the 12 players were selected to represent their PBA League franchise. The players will not only compete for themselves, but for the entire team. The winning team will walk away with \$50K and the first ever PBA League All Star Clash title.

Of the 12 competitors, PBA League Elias Cup MVP Wes Malott will look to take home another win for his back-to-back champion team, but will have stiff competition from not one, but four PBA Hall of Famers – Dallas Strikers' Norm Duke, Brooklyn Styles' Walter Ray Williams Jr., Silver Lake Atom Splitters' Chris Barnes, and NYC KingPins' Pete Weber. This seasoned crew will be joined by Brew City Ballers' Sean Rash, who won the PBA Summer Clash in June, Miami Waves' top draft pick Danielle McEwan, and some of the Tour's top performing stars (see complete lineup below).

The PBA League All Star Clash features the PBA's drama filled one-ball elimination format that has twice garnered the highest bowling TV ratings in more than a decade on FOX. The players begin round one rolling one-ball, with the lowest score eliminated and ties determined by another one-ball roll off. The high-intensity competition continues for the survivors in each round until one player is left standing as the champion. In this ever-unpredictable format, anything can happen!

The 12 All Star players were selected to represent their teams by having the highest number of PBA or PWBA titles on each team, with an impressive combined total of 248 Tour titles.

The players competing in the PBA League All Star Clash, in the order they will bowl each round are as follows:

1. Norm Duke, Dallas Strikers, 40 PBA titles
2. Dom Barrett, Philadelphia Hitmen, 8 PBA titles
3. Walter Ray Williams Jr., Brooklyn Styles, 47 PBA titles
4. Chris Barnes, Silver Lake Atom Splitters, 19 PBA titles
5. Francois Lavoie, Las Vegas High Rollers, 4 PBA titles
6. Liz Johnson, Phoenix Fury, 24 PWBA titles
7. Pete Weber, NYC KingPins, 37 PBA titles
8. EJ Tackett, Motown Muscle, 13 PBA titles

9. Wes Malott, Portland Lumberjacks, 10 PBA titles
10. Jason Belmonte, L.A.X, 25 PBA titles
11. Sean Rash, Brew City Ballers, 16 PBA titles
12. Danielle McEwan, Miami Waves, 5 PWBA titles

The PBA League All Star Clash will air on Sunday, Nov. 29 on FOX at 2:30 p.m. ET or 4:30 p.m. ET, varying by local market. Viewers are encouraged to confirm per their local listing.

Viewers can live stream the PBA on the FOX Sports and FOX NOW apps or at [FOXSports.com](https://www.foxsports.com). Select highlights will also be available on @FOXSports social handles across Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube. International fans can watch live on [FloBowling.com](https://www.flobowling.com).

### **Charlie Toney and John May Victorious In PBA/PBA50 Decker Appraisal Services Bristol Baker Doubles**

**Bristol, Va.** – First-time team of Charlie Toney of Oak Hill, W. Va., and John May of Effingham, S.C. defeated Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla. and Dick Allen of Lexington, S.C., 229-200 on Sunday to claim the PBA/PBA50 Decker Appraisal Services Bristol Baker Doubles title.

Toney-May, who led the 12-game baker style qualifying and much of the finals dropped to third for the baker stepladder finals and had to win all three games to walk away with the victory.

In the opening stepladder match against the team of James Souder/Nicholas Sheets of Greeneville, Tenn., Toney/May easily won 259-206. In the second stepladder match Toney/May had another easy win defeating Eddie Graham/ Matthew Staninger of Kettering, Oh., 213-168.

In the championship match, Toney/May started off strong with a three-bagger to Williams/Allen second frame open. Then the tide changed and Toney/may had back to back split opens in the fifth and sixth frames to make it a one pin match. In the seventh frame the winners stepped up and fired off five strikes in a row to lock out the two-time back-to-back defending champs, 229-200.

The win was Toney's first PBA50 South region title, while May has been in the winner's circle 22 times.

The PBA South Region's next event will be the PBA60 Wilson & Sons Pest Control Super Senior Open Nov. 14-16 at George Pappas' Liberty Lanes in Gastonia, N.C.

## **PBA/PBA50 DECKER APPRAISAL SERVICES BAKER DOUBLES**

### **Interstate Lanes, Bristol, Va., Sunday**

#### **Final Standings:**

1. Charlie Toney, Oak Hill, W. Va./n-John May, Effingham, S.C., \$4200.
2. Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla./Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., \$2,200.
3. Eddie Graham, Kettering, Oh./Matt Staninger, Concorde, Salisbury, N.C., \$1800.
4. James Souder, Greeneville, Tenn./Nicholas Sheets, Johnson City, Tenn., \$1,500.

#### **Stepladder Results:**

Match One – Toney/n-May def. Souder/Sheets, 259-206.

Semifinal – Toney/n-May def. Graham/Staninger, 213-168.

Championship – Toney/n-May def. Williams/Allen, 229-200.

#### **Final Qualifying Standings (after 20 games, top 4 advanced to stepladder finals):**

1. Williams/Allen, 4,834.
2. Graham/Staninger, 4,815.
3. Toney/n-May, 4,809.
4. Souder/n-Sheets, 4,769.
5. Sam Ventura, Norwich, N.Y./Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 4,763, \$1,400.
6. Tom Baker, King, N.C./Chris McSwain, Kings Mtn., N.C., 4,756, \$1,350.
7. Troy McKinney, Yorktown, Va./Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C., 4,701, \$1,300.
8. Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C./Nick Christy, Newport, N.C., 4,694, \$1,250.
9. n-Barry Slater, Locust, N.C./Chris Arcaro, Villa Rica, N.C., 4,664, \$1,200.
10. Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio/n-Jeff Fehr, Cincinnati, Ohio, 4,642, \$1,150.
11. Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga./Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., 4,618, \$1,120.
12. n-Mike Coulson/Matt Martin, Collinsville, Va., 4,562, \$1,100.

300 Game (Baker Format): Toney/n-May (2), McMahan/n-Potter, Caramagno/Barry.  
n-denotes non-PBA member.

### **Walter Ray Williams Jr. Wins 10<sup>th</sup> Annual PBA60 Wilson & Sons Pest Control South Open**

**Gastonia, N.C.** – PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla. added to his record-breaking career winning his 118<sup>th</sup> PBA title at the 10<sup>th</sup> annual PBA60 Wilson & Sons Pest Control Super Senior South Open at George Pappas' Liberty Lanes on Sunday.

Williams, who compiled a 9-3 match play record defeated Jeff Bellinger of Columbia, S.C., in the best-of-five-game championship 227-234, 269-215, 290-245, 205-225, 237-234. Williams earned \$2,000 for first-place in the PBA60 event which was open to bowlers aged 60 and above.

Bellinger earned \$1,000 for his second-place finish.

In the semifinal round, Williams defeated Lee Brosius of Ashburn, Va., 248-178, 216-222, 215-214, 218-197, while Bellinger defeated PBA Hall of Famer Tom Baker of King, N.C., 190-243, 224-202, 222-193, 234-237, 225-212 in the other best-of-five bracket.

The PBA South Region's next tournament will be the PBA50 Mooresville Open in Mooresville, N.C., Nov. 27-29, 2020.

**PBA60 WILSON & SONS PEST CONTROL SUPER SENIOR SOUTH OPEN**  
**George Pappas' Liberty Lanes, Gastonia, N.C., Sunday**

**Championship (best of five games):**

Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla. (\$2,000) def. Jeff Bellinger, Columbia, S.C. (\$1,000), 227-234, 269-215, 290-245, 205-225, 237-234.

**Semifinal Round (best of five games, losers earned \$800):**

Williams Jr. def. Lee Brosius of Ashburn, Va., 248-178, 216-222, 215-214, 218-197.

Bellinger def. Tom Baker, King, N.C., 190-243, 224-202, 222-193, 234-237, 225-212.

**Round of 8 (best of five games, losers eliminated and earned \$625 each):**

Williams Jr. def. Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 3-0.

Bellinger def. Gregory Turner, Temple Hills, Md., 3-0.

Brosius def. David Martin, Chesapeake, Va., 3-0.

Baker def. Ken Shealy, Myrtle Beach, S.C., 3-0.

**Wes Malott Wins for the Portland Lumberjacks in the First-Ever PBA League All Star Clash**

*Back-to-Back PBA League MVP Defeats Dallas Strikers' Norm Duke*

**New York, NY** — 2020 will go down as the year most of us will want to forget, but it's certainly been very memorable for Wes Malott and the Portland Lumberjacks!

Malott emerged as the first-ever PBA League All Star Clash Champion taking down Hall of Famer and longtime doubles partner, Dallas Strikers' Norm Duke in the final round of the unpredictable and always exciting sudden-death style special event at Bowlero Centreville.

"In this type of format, it can really go anyway, said Malott. "To know that I have these guys (referring to his Lumberjack teammates) supporting me on the sidelines in this particular environment. I wouldn't want it any other way. This win is for all of us!"

The Lumberjacks, who won back-to-back PBA League Elias Cup championships just two months ago in the same building have built a franchise winning team with strong chemistry and trust in the two-time PBA League MVP Malott.

"This is the franchise player," said Lumberjacks teammate Kyle Troup about Malott in the first round of competition. "We know he has ten back every shot and he's chopping down the competition one shot at a time."

The Lumberjacks support for Malott never faltered throughout the competition.

“Wes is sharp, he has good ball reaction and a lot of confidence,” added Troup about Malott’s game in the tenth round with three players remaining.

Troup was right as Malott outlasted eleven PBA and PWBA Tour professionals to capture the \$50,000 first-place prize for his team.

It was not all smooth sailing for Malott, who had a lucky break in round five getting a late strike. All players struck in the round, forcing a roll-off between the remaining eight competitors. Malott easily struck in his next shot to continue his champion run.

Stealing the show for the first ten rounds of the competition was Danielle McEwan of the Miami Waves, one of two PWBA Tour players who brought her A-game to compete against the best in the world.

McEwan, who competed in the PBA Summer Clash in June, used the experience to her advantage, plus the anchor position in the event’s format to knock out Philadelphia Hitmen’s Dom Barrett in round one, Silver Lake Atom Splitters’ Chris Barnes in round three, Phoenix Fury’s Liz Johnson in round four, L.A. X’s Jason Belmonte in round six, NYC KingPins’ Pete Weber in round seven, and Las Vegas High Rollers’ Francois Lavoie in round eight. Remaining players were eliminated in roll-off ties.

The 12 All Star players were selected to represent their teams by having the highest number of PBA or PWBA titles on each team, with an impressive combined total of 248 Tour titles.

#### **202 PBA League All Star Clash Results**

1. Wes Malott, Portland Lumberjacks
2. Norm Duke, Dallas Strikers
3. Danielle McEwan, Miami Waves
4. EJ Tackett, Motown Muscle
5. Francois Lavoie, Las Vegas High Rollers
6. Pete Weber, NYC KingPins
7. Jason Belmonte, L.A. X
8. Walter Ray Williams Jr., Brooklyn Styles
9. Liz Johnson, Phoenix Fury
10. Chris Barnes, Silver Lake Atom Splitters
11. Sean Rash, Brew City Ballers
12. Dom Barrett, Philadelphia Hitmen

### **Paul McCordic Wins PBA50 Beaumont Southwest Open**

**Beaumont, Texas, (November 30, 2020)** – Paul McCordic from Sugar Land, Texas secured his 10<sup>th</sup> PBA Regional victory at the second annual PBA50 Beaumont Southwest Open on Sunday edging Ron Boroff, from Mansfield, Texas in the final match of the day, 203-197.



McCordic challenged the early event leaders with a 289 game three in qualifying that helped him maintain the leading position after eight games on Saturday, followed by the Cashers Round on Sunday. McCordic withstood solid challenges from Ron Boroff, of Mansfield, Texas, and defending champion Derek Williams, of Groves, Texas, to hold a 14-pin lead going into the final game position round. The consistent lead helped McCordic earn \$2,500 for the first-place win.

Williams defeated Houston's David Scardaville, 233-208, to overtake Boroff for second place.

Williams won \$1,650 for second place, Boroff finished third for \$1,250, and Scardaville collected \$950 for fourth place.

The PBA Southwest Region continues its busy December with the PBA Grand Casino/Hotel/Resort Southwest Invitational for 32 players who earned their way into the prestigious event. The PBA Lubbock Sports Southwest Super Regional follows December 11-13 offering a first-place prize of \$5,000. The final event in 2020 will be the PBA/PBA50 Houston Southwest Doubles presented by Mike Austin's Bowling Dynamix at Emerald Bowl in Houston, December 18-20. The winning team will earn \$7,000.

### **PBA50 BEAUMONT SOUTHWEST OPEN** **Crossroads Bowling Center, Beaumont, Texas, Sunday**

Final Qualifying Standings (after 21 games):

1 Paul McCordic	Sugar Land, Texas	6-2	4804	180	4984	228.76	\$2500
2n-Derek Williams	Groves, Texas	7-1	4732	210	4942	225.33	\$1650
3 Ron Boroff	Mansfield, Texas	6-2	4754	180	4934	226.38	\$1250
4 David Scardaville	Houston, Texas	5-3	4699	150	4849	223.76	\$950
5 Rick Minier	Houston	3-5	4547	90	4637	216.52	\$775
6n-Ronnie Sonnier	Silsbee, Texas	3-5	4473	90	4563	213.00	\$650
7 Mark Williams	Beaumont, Texas	2-6	4395	60	4455	209.29	\$600
8 Chris Christopher	Spring, Texas	0-8	4255	0	4255	202.62	\$550

n-denotes non-PBA member

300 games: David Scardaville

**PBA Launches Pinsiders Membership Exclusively for Fans**  
*Official Fan Club of the PBA rolls out for all ages and skill levels*

**New York, NY** – If you're looking for the ultimate fan experience in bowling, look no further! The PBA has a brand-new exclusive membership dedicated to the organization's biggest fans – PBA Pinsiders.

The PBA Pinsiders membership is the first-ever fan club available for bowlers of all ages and skill levels that celebrates the fans.

As a PBA Pinsider, members will instantly become a part of the PBA community and get to unlock the ultimate fan experience. Members will receive a PBA Fan Club welcome kit which includes officially licensed PBA swag and gain access to member-only digital content straight from the professionals.

Pinsiders will also get exclusive discounts and perks. Fans can sign up for the PBA Pinsiders membership starting today at [pba.com/pinsiders](http://pba.com/pinsiders) for only \$49.95 for the year and will receive the following.

#### **PBA Fan Club Welcome Kit**

- PBA bowling towel
- PBA water bottle
- PBA hat

#### **Exclusive Discounts**

- PBA Pro Bowling Console Game download – a \$19.99 value
- Early access to PBA Tour event tickets and free upgrades on tickets purchased
- Voucher for free game of bowling at Bowlero centers
- 20% discount for annual FloBowling subscription for new subscribers
- \*BowlerX.com discount: 10% off merchandise + free shipping

#### **Exclusive Content**

- PBA Pinsiders Member Only digital community
- Pro tips and Q&A sessions
- Virtual Meet & Greet

With the addition of Pinsiders, there is now a PBA membership for bowlers of all ages and skill levels. Whether you are a top bowler competing against the best in the world, a junior bowler with dreams of going pro, or a die-hard fan, there is a PBA Membership for you!

For more information on PBA membership options, please visit [pba.com/join](http://pba.com/join).

\*BowlerX.com discounts – some exclusions apply. No discount allowed on items protected by manufacturer pricing policies and on existing sale items.

## **Troy Lint Wins Bryan's Bowling Center Open for First PBA Regional Singles Title**

**Laurel, Del.** – Troy Lint of Blandon, Pa., defeated T.J. McKinney of Yorktown, Va., 267-226, to win the PBA50 Bryan's Bowling Center Open at Bryan's Bowling Center on Sunday.

Lint, who qualified in fourth place, posted a perfect 4-0 match play record on his way to the victory. In the Round of 8, he defeated Steve Stein of Staten Island, N.Y., 2-0, before besting PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J. 258-213 in the semi-final match.

Lint, who joined the PBA in 2019, earned his first PBA Regional Title earlier in the season when he partnered with Darryl Bower of Middletown, Pa. in a doubles event in Canton, Ohio. His best singles finish was in October, when he finished runner-up behind Walter Ray Williams Jr., of Oxford, Fla.

McKinney, who was looking for his first career title, defeated John Conroy of Mahopac, N.Y., 191-160, in the other semi-final match.

The win earned Lint \$1,500 while McKinney earned \$950 as the runner-up.

### **PBA50 BRYAN'S BOWLING CENTER OPEN Bryan's Bowling Center, Laurel, Del., Sunday**

**Championship:** Troy Lint, Blandon, Pa. (\$1,500) def. Troy McKinney, Yorktown, Va., (\$950), 276-226.

#### **Semifinal Round (losers earned \$750):**

Lint def. Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 258-213.

McKinney def. John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 191-160.

#### **Round of 8 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$675 each):**

Lint def. Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 2-0.

McKinney def. n-Mitch Sacks, Jersey City, N.J., 2-0.

Conroy def. Ray Edwards, Middle Island, N.Y., 2-1.

Bohn def. Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 2-0.

#### **Round of 12 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$600 each):**

McKinney def. Terry Wiley, Vienna, Va., 2-0.

Conroy def. Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., 2-0.

Stein def. Rick Graham, Lancaster, Pa., 2-0.

Wiseman def. Gregory Turner, Temple Hills, Md., 2-1.

#### **300 Games: Gregory Turner, Parker Bohn III**

n-designates non-member entry

## **Gary Faulkner Wins PBA50 Mooresville South Open**

**Mooresville, N.C.** – Gary Faulkner of Norfolk, Virginia, defeated PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr., of Oxford, Florida, 2-1, in a best of three games championship to win the PBA50 Mooresville Convention Center & Visitors Bureau South Open at Victory Lanes on Sunday.

Faulkner, who won \$2,000 along with his third career regional title, found himself down ten pins in the seventh frame of the deciding game. He came back stringing together five consecutive strikes to lock out Williams Jr. in the tenth frame to win 236-213.

Faulkner also took Williams Jr. in game one, 242-215, while Williams Jr. took game two, 277-214.

Williams Jr. collected \$1,000 as the runner-up.

In the best of three semifinal round, Faulkner defeated Mike Byers of Charleston, South Carolina, 2-0, while Williams Jr. disposed of Ralph Brunt Jr. of Jensen Beach, Florida, 2-1.

The tournament drew 69 age 50-and-older players. The PBA South Region's next tournament will be the PBA Timmy See Memorial Member/Nonmember Doubles in Yulee, Florida Dec. 4-6.

### **PBA50 MOORESVILLE CONVENTION CENTER & VISITORS BUREAU SOUTH OPEN Victory Lanes, Mooresville, N.C., Sunday**

#### **Championship (best of three games):**

Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va. (\$2,000) def. Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla. (\$1,000), 2-1.

#### **Semifinal Round (best of three games, losers earned \$725):**

Faulkner def. Byers, Charleston, S.C., 2-0.

Williams Jr. def. Ralph Brunt Jr., Jensen Beach, Fla., 2-1.

#### **Round of 8 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$625 each):**

Brunt Jr. def. Jeff Bellinger, Columbia, S.C., 2-1.

Williams Jr. def. Chuck Richey Jr., Concord, N.C., 2-0.

Faulkner def. Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 2-1.

Byers def. Tom Baker, King, N.C., 2-1.

#### **Round of 12 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$550 each):**

Brunt Jr. def. Troy McKinney, Yorktown, Va., 2-1.

Williams Jr. def. Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 2-0.

Thomas def. Jerry Horn, Lexington, S.C., 2-1.

T. Baker def. Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 2-1.

#### **Round of 16 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$500 each):**

McKinney def. Bill Vannoy, Lexington, S.C., 2-0.

Williams Jr. def. Mark Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 2-0.

Thomas def. Greg Wilson, Warrenton, Va., 2-1.

Gallo Jr. def. Rick Galpal, Lenoir City, Tenn., 2-0.

300 Game: Jeff Bellinger, Mike Byers (2).

### **Daugherty, Naumann Victorious in Yulee Member/Non-Member Doubles**

**Yulee, Fla.** – The team of Tom Daugherty and amateur Shawn Naumann of Riverview, Fla., defeated Kenneth Ryan and amateur Chase Benites of Morganville, N.J., 226-190, to win the \$4,000 first prize in the PBA South Region Timmy See Memorial Member/Non-Member Doubles at Nassau Bowling Center on Sunday.

The win was Daugherty's 18<sup>th</sup> PBA South Regional title, while his partner Naumann won the event in 2018 with member Mike Moore, and finished in second place last year.

Defending champion team PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. and Josh Johnson, won their first match against the team of Kristijonas Sergejevas and amateur Verity Crawley 193-188, but lost their second match to Kenneth Ryan of Morganville, N.J. and Chase Benites of Wyoming, Mich., which set up the title match.

Ryan and Benites earned \$2,200 for their second-place finish, Williams Jr. and Johnson took home \$2,000 for third, and Sergejevas and Crawley collected \$1,800 for their fourth-place effort.

**PBA TIMMY SEE MEMORIAL MEMBER/NON-MEMBER DOUBLES**  
**Nassau Bowling Center, Yulee, Fla., Sunday**

**Final Standings:**

1. Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla./n-Shawn Naumann, Orlando, Fla., \$4,000.
2. Kenneth Ryan, Morganville, N.J./n-Chase Benites, Wyoming, Mich., \$2,200.
3. Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla./n-Josh Johnson, Callahan, Fla., \$2,000.
4. Kristijonas Sergejevas, Lithuania/n-Verity Crawley, England, \$1,800.

**Stepladder Results:**

Match One – Williams Jr./Johnson def. Sergejevas/Crawley, 193-188.

Semi-final Match – Ryan/Benites def. Williams Jr./Johnson, 257-205.

Championship Match – Daugherty/Naumann def. Ryan/Benites, 226-190.

**Final Match Play Standings (after 8 regular team games, and 8 baker match play games, including match play bonus pins)**

1. Daugherty/Naumann, 5-2-1, 5,685.
2. Ryan/Benites, 5-3, 5,567.
3. Sergejevas/Crawley, 5-3, 5,563.
4. Williams Jr./Johnson, 6-2, 5,548.
5. Rory Peterson, Jacksonville, Fla./n-Daniel Mayo, Jacksonville, Fla., 3-4-1, 5,513, \$1,500.
6. Anthony Caso, Merritt Island, Fla./n-Don Yoshihara, Tampa, Fla., 2-6, 5,442, \$1,300.
7. Dave Han, Alabaster, Ala./n-John Donovan, Melbourne, Fla., 3-5, 5,262, \$1,250.
8. Matt Taylor, Zebulon, N.C./n-Brian Locke, Raleigh, N.C., 2-6, 5,201, \$1,200.

300 Game : n-Dan Blakeslee (Qualifying) Daugherty/n-Naumann (Baker)  
n-designates non-PBA member

**PBA Announces First Event of 2021 Tour Season**

\$1 Million PBA Players Championship to Kick off New Season on FOX

New York, NY – Today, the Professional Bowlers Association announced the PBA Tour will begin its 2021 season with the \$1 Million PBA Players Championship tournament starting the weekend of Jan. 15.

The Major event will kick off the long-awaited return of PBA Tour competition with a revolutionary new format and a record-setting \$250K first place prize on the line.

For the first-time, the PBA is offering all its members the opportunity to compete for a Major Title by hosting five regional qualifying events that will take place simultaneously at different Bowlero locations around the country – Bowlero Christown in Phoenix, Ariz., AMF Garland Lanes in Garland, Texas, Bowlero Wauwatosa in Milwaukee, Wis., Bowlero West End in Richmond, Va., and AMF University Lanes in Tampa, Fla.

The top five players from each qualifying event will then advance to a series of five televised regional finals, all taking place at Bowlero Jupiter in Jupiter, Fla. beginning on Sunday Jan. 24 through February 14 on Fox Sports' FS1. The culminating sixth telecast will feature the five regional winners competing in the Championship Finals live on FOX Broadcast Channel, Sunday, Feb. 21 at 12:30 EST.

The tentative TV schedule is as follows. Airtimes TBC and subject to change.

Jan. 24: PBA Players Championship West Region Finals, FS1  
Jan. 31: PBA Players Championship Southwest Region Finals, FS1  
Feb. 6: PBA Players Championship Central Region Finals, FS1  
Feb. 7: PBA Players Championship East Region Finals, FS1  
Feb. 14: PBA Players Championship South Region Finals, FS1  
Feb. 21: PBA Players Championship Finals, FOX Broadcast Channel

Another highlight to the reinvented Players Championship – the \$1 Million total prize fund with BIG prizes on the line for first to fifth place finishers – \$250K, \$130K, \$80K, \$60K, and \$50K, given out respectively.

“We are thrilled to announce the return of the PBA Tour, launching our 2021 season with the re-imagined PBA Players Championship,” said Colie Edison, CEO of the PBA. “The new format gives our entire membership base an opportunity to safely participate, while competing with the Tour’s elite bowlers for a Major Title and life-changing prize money.”

With a new identity, the PBA Players Championship format will allow players to compete closer to home in regional qualifying locations to mitigate risks brought on by travel during the Covid-19 pandemic. Qualifying locations have been predetermined for players based on their current residence as follows.

West: Bowlero Christown, Phoenix, Ariz.  
Southwest: AMF Garland Lanes, Garland, Texas  
Central: Bowlero Wauwatosa, Milwaukee, Wis.  
East: Bowlero West End, Richmond, Va.  
South: AMF University Lanes, Tampa, Fla.

The National Tour’s Top 75 players in 2020 points, Hall of Fame Recipients, PBA Title Holders will have priority entry into their region’s PBA Players Championship qualifier from Thursday, Dec. 10 at 10 a.m. CST to Sunday, Dec. 20 at 11:59 p.m. CST.

Registration will be open for all PBA members from Monday, Dec. 21 at 8 a.m. CST to Sunday, Jan. 3 at 11:59 p.m. CST.

For additional tournament details, please visit [PBA.com](https://www.pba.com).

Stay tuned for the full 2021 PBA Tour season schedule of events, including tournament formats, host bowling centers, and more – to be announced at a later date.

Fans can catch all the action of the PBA Players Championship on FOX and Fox Sports’ FS1, and live stream the PBA on the FOX Sports and FOX NOW apps or at [FOXSports.com](https://www.FOXSports.com). Select highlights will be available on @FOXSports social handles across Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube. International fans can watch live on [FloBowling.com](https://www.FloBowling.com).

## **Kris Koeltzow Wins PBA Grand Casino Resort & Hotel Southwest Invitational**

**Shawnee, Oklahoma, (December 8, 2020)** – Kris Koeltzow from Wheat Ridge, Colo. defeated Wesley Low, of Palmdale, Calif., to win the seventh annual PBA Grand Casino Resort & Hotel Southwest Invitational at FireLake Bowling Center Sunday.

Koeltzow's \$4,000 winner's check was an early birthday present as he celebrated his 29<sup>th</sup> birthday the day after the victory.

In the title match, Koeltzow grabbed an early lead with three strikes as Low was unable to get his string of strikes going until the middle of the game. As Low was closing in on Koeltzow late in the game, Low left a 7-pin tap in the ninth frame which allowed Koeltzow to double in the tenth to secure the win 247-225.

After 12 games of qualifying, Koeltzow was the 12th seed, and started his road to victory with a 3-0 win in the best of five match against Sean Lavery-Spah, from Pasadena, Texas. Mike Bailey, of Carrollton, Texas fell to Koeltzow 2-1 in the best of three match prior to Koeltzow defeating Canada's Francois Lavoie 257-234 in the one game semi-final match.

Low advanced to the finals with victories over Anthony Lavery-Sphar, from Pasadena, Texas, A.J. Chapman, now living in Lewisville, Texas, DeeRonn Booker, of Albuquerque, N. Mex.

Low earned \$2,400 for second place. Lavoie and Booker each received \$1,500.

The Southwest Region's next events will be the PBA Laredo Sports Southwest Super Regional at South Plains Lanes, Dec. 11-18. That event will offer a \$5,000 first prize. The PBA Houston Emerald Bowl Southwest Doubles Open, with a projected \$7,000 winner's check, follows at Emerald Bowl in Houston, Texas, Dec. 18-20.

### **PBA GRAND CASINO HOTEL & RESORT SOUTHWEST INVITATIONAL FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Oklahoma, Sunday**

#### **Championship:**

Kris Koeltzow, Wheat Ridge, Col. (\$4,000) def. Wesley Palmdale, Calif. (\$2,400), 247-225.

#### **Semifinal Round (losers earned \$1,500):**

Koeltzow def. Francois Lavoie, Canada, 257-234.

Low def. DeeRonn Booker, Albuquerque, N.M. 242-186.

#### **Round of 8 (best of three games, losers earned \$1,000 each):**

Low def. A.J. Chapman, Lewisville, Texas, 2-1.

Koeltzow def. Mike Bailey, Carrollton, Texas, 2-0.

Booker def. Nathan Bohr, Austin, Pasadena, Texas, 2-1.

Lavoie def. Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2-0.

#### **Round of 16 (best of three games, losers earned \$650):**

Barnes def. Stuart Williams, Pflugerville, Texas, 3-0.

Koeltzow def. Sean Lavery-Spah, Pasadena, Texas, 3-0.

Lavoie def. Kyle Duster, Scottsdale, AZ, 3-1.

Bailey def. Shawn Maldonado, Houston, Texas, 3-1.

Booker def. Cody Meiers, Lubbock, Texas, 3-2.  
Bohr def. Dimitri Cruz, Denton, Texas, 3-1.  
Chapman def. Austin Boulds, Wichita, Kan., 3-1.  
Low def. Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 3-1.

300 Game: Kris Koeltzow, Cody Meiers, Kyle Duster, Stu Williams, AJ Chapman

**PBA to Unveil Player of the Year on Friday**  
*Voters narrow Player of the Year contenders to top three*

**New York, NY** – The selection of the 2020 Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year is down to three finalists – Australia's **Jason Belmonte**; **Bill O'Neill** of Langhorne, Pa.; and **Kris Prather** of Plainfield, Ill. The winner will be announced by PBA CEO **Colie Edison** and PBA Commissioner **Tom Clark** in a special FloBowling presentation on Friday, Dec. 18 at 5 p.m. EST.

The announcement will be streamed simultaneously on [FloBowling.com](https://www.flobowling.com), and on FloBowling and PBA's social media channels.

Voting among PBA members and veteran bowling writers across America is complete with Belmonte, O'Neill, and Prather emerging as the three-leading vote-getters, in alphabetical order. Of the three, Belmonte is the only previous Player of the Year winner, capturing the honor five times, most recently last year. O'Neill and Prather are looking for their first win.

- **Belmonte**, 37, won three titles in 2020, capturing the PBA Chameleon Championship and two majors at the U.S. Open and PBA World Championship. He was the tour leader in earnings, competition points, and scoring average.
- **O'Neill**, 39, won the 2020 PBA Players Championship for his second career major and the PBA Playoffs. He also finished second in the PBA Tournament of Champions. He ranked among the tour leaders in earnings (second), competition points (second), and average (fifth).
- **Prather**, 28, won the 2020 Tournament of Champions for his first career major. He is a member of the PBA League Elias Cup champion team – Portland Lumberjacks, and also had top 10 finishes in all three statistical categories: earnings (fourth), competition points (fifth), and average (eighth).

Friday's announcement will also include the three finalists who will discuss their season highlights.

The winners of the Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award and the Tony Reyes Community Service Award for 2020 will be announced in advance of the special awards show tomorrow on [PBA.com](https://www.pba.com).

Other finalists for Player of the Year were Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill.; Mo.; Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas, Sweden's Jesper Svensson, EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Ind., and Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C. The players qualified for the award by finishing in the top eight in PBA earnings or competition points.



**December 17, 2020**

### **Danny Wiseman Receives 2020 PBA Tony Reyes Community Service Award**

*Annual Danny Wiseman Youth Scholarship Tournament has awarded over \$185,000 in scholarships*

**New York, NY** – A special panel of PBA leaders selected Danny Wiseman, a 12-time PBA Tour champion and member of the PBA Hall of Fame, as the recipient of the 2020 PBA Tony Reyes Community Service Award. Wiseman, 53, was selected for his efforts and dedication to growing youth bowling.

“Knowing how Tony was, this is a huge honor to represent his namesake and this award,” said Wiseman about receiving the honors named after the late Reyes. “When Tony walked into a room, he lit it up. He loved coaching and helping people, and we all want to be like Tony.”

In 2012, Wiseman started the annual Danny Wiseman Youth Scholarship Tournament which has run every year since (excluding 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic) awarding over \$185,000 in scholarships to youth bowlers to further their education.

“When my professional career started to slow down, I knew I wanted to do something and give back to the kids who are the future of this sport,” said Wiseman on beginning the annual tournament.

“The biggest part of their future is education and I found a way to help by starting the youth scholarship tournament. At these events, kids have an opportunity to use their talent to bowl for scholarships that also help alleviate the financial cost of college education,” added Wiseman.

Wiseman’s annual tournament continues to grow, year after year, in number of sponsors, donations, and bowlers. Last year’s tournament sold out and maxed out at 342 bowlers.

“I have a lot of help, a lot of local support, and I love what I do,” continued Wiseman. “It’s all about the kids, their future, furthering their education, and I’m happy to be a part of it.”

In addition to the annual tournament, Wiseman is an active youth coach, donating his time to individual and league sessions, while traveling to tournaments around the country to coach some of his students.

Well into retirement as a credited youth coach, Wiseman still takes notes from his lifelong coach, Bill Hall.

“I learned a lot from Bill,” said Wiseman. “He’s been working with me since 1987 and I still go back to him when I have questions. He’s been a tremendous influence on me and continues to be as I work with the youth bowlers.”

Established in 2013, the Tony Reyes Community Service Award recognizes a current PBA member who exemplifies extraordinary community service, charitable or educational

contributions over the course of a PBA season. Reyes, who passed away in 2012, was an eight-time PBA Regional champion, collegiate All-American and the 18<sup>th</sup> player in PBA history to bowl a 300 game on national television.

#### **Previous Tony Reyes Community Service Award Recipients**

Chuck Gardner, 2019  
Chris Barnes, 2018  
Del Ballard Jr., 2017  
Rhino Page, 2016  
Ed Godbout, 2015  
Missy Parkin, 2014  
Parker Bohn III, 2013

#### **Brad Miller Named 2020 PBA Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award Winner**

Voted most sportsmanlike by his fellow PBA Tour competitors

**New York, NY** – Brad Miller, of Lee's Summit, Mo., was voted by his fellow PBA Tour competitors as the 2020 PBA Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award winner in recognition of his sportsmanship on and off the lanes.

"It's nice to be accepted within an organization I'm passionate about," said Miller. "The PBA is the coolest place in the world in my eyes. I'm just trying to do the best I can and play my part. I really love trying to promote everyone involved and I think people have realized that."

Although the 2020 season was interrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic, the 30-year-old Miller still managed to have the best year of his career, qualifying for two televised finals appearances in addition to advancing to the round of eight in the PBA Playoffs. Miller finished the season ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in earnings, doubling his previous year's total, and 11<sup>th</sup> overall in competition points.

"This whole year was so difficult in so many ways, but I think it's a good turning point for me," added Miller about receiving the award. "This is a nice little reminder that there is still work to do."

Off the lanes, Miller serves as chairman of the PBA Players Committee. A group of touring players that share input from the entire membership on a variety of programs that impact professional bowlers. Along with Kyle Sherman, Miller also runs the Brad & Kyle YouTube channel, which gives their fans insight into PBA life through the players' eyes.

"There's only a small list of people that find joy in traveling the world trying to see how well they match up to the best and potentially make a few bucks," said Miller. "It's a special group. When the shoes come off, everybody has respect for each other and it's pretty easy for me to cherish."

First presented in 1966, the PBA's sportsmanship award honors Steve Nagy, a PBA Hall of Famer and founding member who was instrumental to the success of the PBA Tour in its early years.

Miller was chosen by his peers from among four other finalists: Martin Larsen of Sweden, Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, South Carolina; Canada's Francois Lavoie, and Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill.

For a complete list of previous PBA Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award winners, please visit [www.pba.com/player-resources/scholarships-and-awards/steve-nagy-sportsmanship-award](http://www.pba.com/player-resources/scholarships-and-awards/steve-nagy-sportsmanship-award).

### **Jason Belmonte Wins Sixth Career Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year Award**

Ties Earl Anthony for second-most Player of the Year Awards in PBA history

**New York, NY** – Australia's Jason Belmonte was voted the 2020 Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year, announced today by PBA CEO Colie Edison and PBA commissioner Tom Clark on FloBowling. Belmonte received the vast majority of votes from PBA membership and veteran bowling writers, with Bill O'Neill coming in a distant second and Kris Prather third.

This is the second consecutive and sixth career Player of the Year Award for Belmonte, tying PBA Hall of Famer Earl Anthony for the second-most all-time POY awards. Only Walter Ray Williams Jr., with seven, has more.

"Being the Player of the Year is the highest honour a PBA player can have and I'm proud to own that title again," said Belmonte. "It's the ultimate reward for a year of dedication and travel and leaving loved ones. To equal the great Earl Anthony with six is amazing and something special to me."

Belmonte, 37, won two major championships in 2020 to extend his PBA record to 13 career major victories. His win in the U.S. Open made him the second player in history, after Mike Aulby, to complete the Super Slam of all five major titles. In the final event before the COVID-19 pandemic forced a pause to the season, Belmonte won his third consecutive PBA World Championship.

With another groundbreaking year complete, Belmonte has set his goals even higher.

"I have my eyes firmly set on Walter Ray's record of seven Player of the Year Awards and to continue to build my resume with major and national title wins," said Belmonte. "More specifically the U.S. Open. Winning that event, a second time will see me holding the Super Slam twice. That would be amazing."

After nearly seven months at home, Belmonte returned to the United States and won his third PBA Chameleon Championship for his 25<sup>th</sup> overall career title. Belmonte is now tied for 10<sup>th</sup> all-time with Hall of Famer Brian Voss. His three titles in 2020 were more than any other player aside from Kyle Troup, who also had three wins.

In the 13 events he entered, Belmonte finished in the top five eight times and led all players in both competition points, average (225.31) and earnings (a career-best \$292,800). By qualifying for all four major championship finals telecasts, Belmonte became the first player in PBA history to advance to the championship finals in four majors in a single season for the third time, matching his accomplishments in 2019 and 2013. No other player has done so more than once.

Belmonte was chosen among seven other finalists: **Bill O'Neill** of Langhorne, Pa.; **Kris Prather** of Plainfield, Ill.; **Sean Rash** of Montgomery, Ill.; Mo.; **Anthony Simonsen** of Little Elm, Texas, Sweden's **Jesper Svensson**, **EJ Tackett** of Bluffton, Ind., and **Kyle Troup** of Taylorsville, N.C.

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Other 2020 PBA Tour award winners announced yesterday include Brad Miller, who was voted by his peers as the Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award winner, and PBA Hall of Famer Danny Wiseman, who earned the Tony Reyes Community Service Award for his dedication and efforts in supporting and growing youth bowling.

**Keith Lesko, A.J. Chapman Win PBA50/PBA Houston Southwest Doubles Title Houston, Texas (Dec. 21, 2020)** – A.J. Chapman, who now lives in Lewisville, Texas, teamed up with Keith Lesko, of Prosper, Texas, to win the eighth annual PBA50/PBA Houston Emerald Bowl Southwest Doubles, presented by Bowling Dynamix on Sunday. The winning duo led the eight-game qualifying portion of the event by 45 pins over the duo of PBA Hall of Famer Chris Barnes and PBA rookie Dimitri Cruz, both now living in Denton, Texas. Close behind them was the team of Thomas Hess, from Granger, Iowa, and Sean Lavery-Spahr, from Pasadena, Texas. The three teams battled throughout the ten-game round robin match play finals, with numerous lead changes. With only 24 pins separating the top three going into the final game position round, any of the three teams could come out on top. Top seeded Barnes/Cruz fell to then second place Hess/S. Lavery 450-436, with Hess and Lavery-Spahr winning all 50 of the games bonus pins. However, Chapman's final game 267 paired with Lesko's 214, gave them enough pinfall to claim the lead and victory. The winning team was awarded \$7,000. Hess and Lavery-Spahr collected \$3,600 for second and Barnes and Cruz received \$2,400 for third place.

**PBA50/PBA HOUSTON EMERALD BOWL SOUTHWEST DOUBLES, presented by Bowling Dynamix**

**Emerald Bowl, Houston, Texas, Sunday Final Match Play Standings (after 18 game, including match play bonus pins):**

1.	Keith Lesko/AJ Chapman.	+1693	\$7,000
2.	Thomas Hess/Sean Lavery-Spahr	+1651	\$3,600
3.	Chris Barnes/Dimitri Cruz	+1615	\$2,400
4.	Ron Mohr/Nate Garcia	+1395	\$1,900
5.	Jay Nephew/Anthony Simonsen	+1353	\$1,600
6.	Paul Fleming/Anthony Lavery-Spahr	+1318	\$1,400
7.	Chris Warren/n-Justin Bui	+1272	\$1,300
8.	Walter Ray Williams Jr/Ildemaro Ruiz	+1124	\$1,200
9.	Paul McCordic/n-Billy Rogers	+1096	\$1,100
10.	Rick Minier/Shawn Maldonado	+1033	\$1,050

n-Denotes non-PBA member

300 Games: Chris Barnes, Wesley Low, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Shawn Maldonado