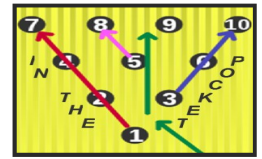




**extra**

This newsletter is an extra edition of the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter dedicated to In the Pocket of the top stories that happened in 2016 of the PBA Tour.

10. Jason Belmonte ties Don Johnson's record of 5 consecutive championship round appearances in the Tournament of Champions. "from 1966 to 1970" Don Johnson had an unprecedented record of championship round of appearances with five. This years TOC marks Jason's record of five TOC championship round appearances.
9. At the first PBBA50 tournament, all five finalists were Hall of Fame Members. At the very first PBA50 event of the 2016 PBA50 tour season Johnny Petraglia, Pete Weber, Parker Bohn III, Walter Ray Williams Jr., and Norm Duke would be the first step ladder finalists at the PBA50 Pasco County Florida Open.
8. Pete Weber became the first player to have multiple US Open and US Senior titles. This year Pete Weber became the first player to have multiple US Open titles on both PBA and PBA50 tours.
7. Pete Weber dominated the PBA50 Tour by winning six titles. This year on the PBA50 tour Pete Weber did not have a lower finish than he won 5 consecutive PBA50 tournaments to earn his second PBA50 Player of the Year Honor.
6. All five Majors were won by bowlers who did not previously have a Major title. In the 2016 PBA tour season, all the majors winners were by bowlers that never won a Major title before. Three of the bowlers it was there first PBA tour title.
5. E.J. Tackett wins his fourth career title and first Major at the PBA World Championship. E.J. Tackett qualified first back to back years and finally broke through by defeating Tom Smallwood 246 to 180 to claim the PBA World Championship and earn his first Major title.
4. Francois Lavoie became the first bowler to bowl a perfect game during the US Open Championship Round. In the history of US Open Tournament there has never been a 300 game in the championship round final. Francois Lavoie became the first bowler to accomplish that feat and won his first PBA tour title.
3. Jesper Svensson became the youngest to win the Tournament of Champions. In 1976, Marshall Holman would become the youngest bowler to win the Firestone Tournament of Champions. Forty years later, Jesper Svensson would become the youngest player to win the tournament.
2. Anthony Simonsen became the youngest player to win a Major Title during the USBC Masters. AT the 2016 USBC Masters Anthony Simonsen beat Dan MacCalland to win the title making him the youngest bowler to win a Major title.
1. Walter Ray Williams Jr. wins 100 combined titles between the PBA Tour, Regional, PBA50 Tour, and PBA50Regional. Walter Ray Williams Jr. started his PBA career in 1981, just a couple weeks ago , he would complete another milestone by winning 100 combined PBA titles between all four levels of PBA competition.



**In The Pocket**

**TOP TEN HIGHLIGHTS  
OF THE 2016 PBA  
TOUR**

10. Belmonte ties Johnson's record at the TOC.
9. All PBA Hall of Famers
8. Weber wins U.S Open & Senior Titles
7. Weber dominates the PBA50 Title.
6. First Time Major Winners
5. Tackett's First Major
4. First Perfect Game at U.S Open
3. Youngest to win the TOC.
2. Jesper wins a major
1. 100 Titles!



Walter Ray Williams Jr. - winner of 100 combined titles.

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