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Hello, Bowling Fans!

Welcome to another issue of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. The **Messenger** discusses E.J. Tackett's Storm Cup series. The **Strike Column** is the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter's All Star Team. The **Kingpin Column** is split between **Breakpoint** and **Off the Sheet**. **Breakpoint** discusses the passing of two legendary bowlers. **Off the Sheet** is a summary of Pro Bowler Insider for Bowler's Journal International. The **Spare Column** talks about Indiana's triple crown on the PBA50 Tour. In the **Tenth Frame**, the editor describes "seeing it all" as he recounts earlier days of the PBA.

Thanks for reading *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*.

Messenger

E.J Tackett wins the Storm Cup

The 2016 Chris Schenkel Player of the Year E.J. Tackett won the inaugural Storm Cup of the Xtra Frame Series. It was a seven tournament series awarded as PBA Tour titles. These tournaments were only aired on Xtra Frame. Bowling fans could see the preliminary rounds as well as the stepladder finals. The last two events were won by players that had not won in awhile: Dick Allen at the Gene Carter Pro-Shop Classic and Rhino Page at the Kenn-Field Group Classic. Dom Barrett was E.J.'s closest competitor, except in the last event, Dom failed to qualify for Sunday. E.J. had clinched the cup by Saturday night. In winning, he earned \$20,000 for the Storm Cup Series. In contrast, Dom Barrett had a hard time at the Kenn-Field Group Classic. The top five point earners won a pot totaling \$50,000. Rash had a chance to take second place if he would have qualified in the stepladder finals at the Kenn-Field Group Classic. The last tournament was a

low scoring affair as it would take -67 to make the first cut. It was very difficult to average 200 at the last tournament. There were no 300s even with Page winning. He was unable to cash in on the \$50,000 pot as he 16 points shy. There were new winners in the Storm Cup Series. Xtra Frame thrilled bowling

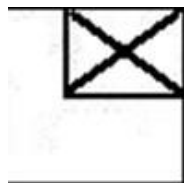
Name	Earnings	Points
E.J Tackett	\$20,000	85
Dom Barrett	\$10,000	74
Sean Rash	\$7,500	69
Marshall Kent	\$7,500	69
Dick Allen	\$5,000	68
Rhino Page	\$0.00	52
Tom Daugherty	\$0.00	49
A.J. Johnson	\$0.00	49
Josh Blanchard	\$0.00	47
Ryan Ciminelli	\$0.00	45

fans with a start-to-finish look at a PBA Tournament. Xtra Frame has taken professional bowling to a new level. Bowling fans were able to track of their favorite bowler's points to see where their players would end up in the series.

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Strike Column

JHBN All Star Team

For the first time ever, Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter has created an All-Star Team much like the Bowler's Journal International. First overall pick and captain is E.J Tackett, who was the 2016 Chris Schenkel Player of the Year. He won the Team Classic with Chris Loschetter, Ronnie Russell, Marshall Kent and Rhino Page. Tackett would go on to win at the WSOB which would lock him for the 2016 Player of the Year. He would not stop there however. The first tournament of the year at the DHC Japan Cup, he would win the very first Tournament of the PBA Tour season. E.J. would go on to add another major at the 2017 Fire Lake Tournament of Champions. Last month, he would capture the Storm Cup Xtra Frame Series, beating out Dom Barrett by eleven points. His opponent would only have to fill 20 in the tenth to claim his second TOC title. Tommy Jones stepped up and got the first strike but failed by leaving a washout on the second ball in the tenth frame. For the first time, the PBA had a tournament where bowling fans could watch the entire tournament on television. E.J. would beat Jason Belmonte to claim his third tournament title of the year.

The second candidate is Jason Belmonte who has won two majors this season. He won the PBA Players Barbasol Championship, his second time. He claimed the USBC Masters Title, an unprecedented fourth time. He earned the 2017 ESPY Award for best bowler.

Sean Rash, the third pick, has come from nowhere by winning three titles. He won back-to-back at the PBA Fall Classic in Detroit and the Badger Opens. Last month, he won at the Gene Carter Pro Shop Classic where he defeated reigning PBA Player of the Year E.J. Tackett.

Francois Lavoie is the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter fourth player for being the 2016 Harry Golden Rookie of the Year. He became the first player in PBA History to bowl a perfect game in the championship round at the U.S. Open, his first PBA Tour title. During the 8th PBA World Series of Bowling, he would defeat Walter Ray Williams Jr. to claim his second title.

Last, but not least, is Marshall Kent. Marshall proved himself by winning the Oklahoma Open. This was a grueling test for the bowlers that bowled this event. There were a number of missed spares and gutter balls during the championship round of the Oklahoma Open.

There is an alternate for the Josh Hyde Bowling Newsletter All-Star Team. This player has become the youngest player to win the Tournament of Champions. However, the 2016 Tournament of Champions did not count towards this team. Jesper Svensson won the PBA Doubles with Kyle Troup. Jesper has become a dominant force on the PBA Tour. Back in 2015, he would earn the Harry Golden Rookie of the Year Award. Below bowling fans will notice a chart showing the accomplishments of these bowlers and why they were selected for Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter All-Star Team.

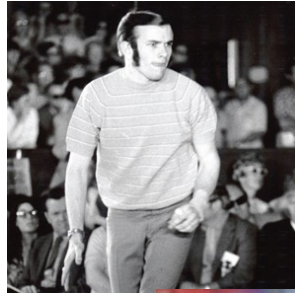
Bowler	Titles	Majors	Awards
(C) E.J. Tackett	7	2	2016 Chris Schenkel POTY
Jason Belmonte	2	2	2017 ESPY Award
Sean Rash	3	0	No Awards
Francois Lavoie	2	1	2016 Harry Golden ROTY
Marshall Kent	1	0	No Awards
(A) Jesper Svensson	1	0	No Awards

Breakpoint

PBA loses Mike McGrath and charter member Bill Lillard

In July, the PBA lost two Hall of Famers—Mike McGrath and Bill Lillard.

Mike McGrath won his first title in 1965 at the PBA Portland Open. He won the 1969 National Championship; and in 1970, he became the first bowler to successfully defend the National Championship. Three years later, he would get his third major at the U.S. Open by defeating Earl Anthony 234-222. McGrath struck in the tenth frame to beat Earl who had an 6-7-10 split in the ninth frame that he was unable to convert. Dick Ritger said, "He was one of the top three or four left-handers alongside Bill Allen, Dave Davis and Earl Anthony." He was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame in 1989 and ranked #39 on the PBA 50 Greatest Players. McGrath was a coach and a contributing



At left:
PBA Hall of Famer
Mike McGrath.



At right:
USBC Hall of Famer
Bill Lillard.

writer for *Bowler's Journal International*.

Sadly, another bowling legend passed away in July. Bill Lillard was a charter member of the PBA in 1958. He won one PBA title in the early days of the Tour. It was the 1966 Miller High Life Open. He would go on to add eight more titles in the USBC Open Championship. He set the all time record of 124,087 total pinfall achieved over 68 consecutive years of competition. He was part of the national bowling league. He was inducted into the USBC Hall of Fame in 1972. He went on to own his own bowling center in Texas. Two of his titles at the USBC Open Championship were the single all event and team all events titles.

Bowling will miss these two great pioneers of the sport. McGrath and Lillard will always be remembered as two of the greatest ambassadors of the sport of bowling.

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Off the Sheet			

*This column is dedicated to the **Bowlers Journal International**. I will be summarizing BJI articles periodically in the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter.*

Last month, Lyle Zikes wrote about the third title sponsor for the PBA. He also mentioned the reason why bowling did not have a U.S. Open in 2014—

Go Bowling.com sponsored a NASCAR Race. In a sidebar in the article, he described how the All-Star Tournament was saved by the PBA back in 1970 by PBA Founder Eddie Elias. In exchange "for running the tournament", the BPAA paid "a sponsor's fee" to the PBA which gave the tournament a new

Pro Bowling Insider—GoBowling.com

name: BPAA U.S. Open.

Lyle pointed out that there would be more television exposure for the PBA. On the other hand, the lack of sponsorship would cause the PBA to lose entries because the prize funds are lower. Bowlers can go bowl in the amateur tournament and make more money.

In 1997, the PBA lost the national time slot for professional bowling when Chris Schenkel and Nelson Burton, Jr. signed off the air for the last time after ABC Wide World of Sports dropped bowling from their line up.

Between the BPAA, the PBA and PWBA it can be a win-win for the bowling industry. A big part of the BPAA

Bowling Properties, they need to step up to the plate and support their own sport by promoting the PBA and PWBA. First, they need to get the PBA going better, then work on the PWBA. This does not take a rocket scientist to figure this out. For a number of years now, bowlers have been saying if we could add a dollar to the PBA Membership, there would be a 2.5 million dollar increase in the prize funds. However, the PBA and USBC do not seem willing to take that step.



There are two bowlers that have one hundred combined PBA Tour titles: Walter Ray Williams, Jr. and Pete Weber.

Spare Column

Indiana Triple Crown

At Dave Small's Championship Lanes in Anderson, IN, Parker Bohn III was dominant force leading the qualifying, but falling off in the last round of match play. He would, however, get his revenge against Norm Duke. Bohn defeated Duke 279-206. Duke really never had a good line as bowlers were having a hard time with Monacelli throwing a urethane ball which made the lanes tighter. In the first match, Jeff Zaffino defeated Monacelli 202-187. In the second match, Bohn would have the hammer defeating Zaffino 238-234. Zaffino had a chance to shut Bohn out, but he failed to do so. Bohn faced Bob Learn, Jr. in the semifinals. Learn had a hard time of it. Bohn prevailed 231-202. This was Bohn's 4th PBA50 Tour title.

At the 2017 DeHayes Insurance Open, the PBA50 Tour had the best championship round of it's history. All five bowlers—Amleto Monacelli, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Parker Bohn III, Norm Duke and Pete Weber—had achieved at least 20 PBA Tour titles. There were a total of over 170 titles between them. Weber won his 100th combined PBA Tour title in the title game against Duke. Duke left a pocket 7-10 split. Weber would end up winning his 11th PBA50 Tour title 279-255. In the semifinals, Monacelli left back-to-back blower 7-10 splits giving Duke the advantage in that game. It was a close match in the first game with Walter Ray losing to Parker 206-212.

At the PBA60 Dick Weber Open, another first time winner emerged—Darryl Bower. He had won back in 1985 at the Indianapolis Open where he captured his lone PBA Tour title. In the championship match, Bower would throw the last six strikes winning the game over David Axon 255-208. In the other matches, a couple of veterans (Charlie Tapp and Hugh Miller) of the PBA Tour were among the top 5. Miller would defeat Tapp 222-193. In the next match, Bower would start his striking dominance by shooting a 280 over Miller.

The DeHayes Open was the best top 5 in PBA history!

2017 PBA50 Dave Small's Chamionship Lanes Classic

			1.	Norm Duke	- 206	Parker Bohn III Champion
				Parker Bohn III	- 279	
		2.	Bob Learn Jr.	- 202		
				Parker Bohn III	- 231	
	3.	Parker Bohn III	- 238			
			Jeff Zaffino	- 234		
4.	Jeff Zaffino	- 202				
5.	Amleto Monacelli	- 187				

2017 PBA50 DeHayes Insurance Group Championship

			1.	Pete Weber	- 279	Pete Weber Champion
				Norm Duke	- 255	
		2.	Amleto Monacelli	- 224		
				Norm Duke	- 268	
	3.	Norm Duke	- 224			
			Parker Bohn III	- 217		
4.	Parker Bohn III	- 212				
5.	Walter Ray Williams Jr	- 206				

2017 PBA60 Dick Weber Championship

			1.	David Axon	- 208	Darryl Bower Champion
				Darryl Bower	- 255	
		2.	Kenny Parks	- 206		
				Darryl Bower	- 234	
	3.	Darryl Bower	- 280			
			Hugh Miller	- 192		
4.	Charlie Tapp	- 193				
5.	Hugh Miller	- 222				

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Tenth Frame—Editorial

Seeing It All—by a Major Bowling Fan

A few years ago, Josh Hyde’s Bowling Newsletter had written a piece entitled “Seeing It All by a Major Bowling Fan”. Here are some of the excerpts from that article.

In my professional bowling writing career, I was present when Bob Learn, Jr. shot a 1129 series for 4 games. The average for all 5 players was 276. I was in the audience when Pete Weber won his first title after the passing of his legendary father, Dick Weber. There have been two successful defenders of the Tournament of Champions—Jason Couch in 1999/2000 and Jason Belmonte in 2014/2015. I was there in person to observe the defending champion in both cases. Sean Rash was the first player to bowl two 300 on national television, and he did it during the 2015 Tournament of Champions. Back in 2013, I witnessed great bowling history as Pete Weber would become the first player in PBA history to win the Tournament of Champions, completing the Triple Crown for the second time.

Now, as a bowling writer which I have dreamt of becoming all of my life, I have seen a number of great moments in PBA bowling history.

By doing Josh Hyde’s Bowling Newsletter, it has allowed me to become a member of the PBA media. In 2001, I had asked PBA President Steve Miller if I could become a PBA member. He said “Why not?” Doing this newsletter, I feel like I am contributing to the sport of bowling. By the year 2014, I was able to nominate a PBA Hall of Fame committee member. Building on these things, I cannot wait to see what bowling has to offer me next.



At left:
Pete Weber’s
bowling ball.



At right:
Norm Duke’s
bowling ball.

Josh Hyde’s Column Name

For Josh Hyde’s Bowling Newsletter, I wanted to incorporate bowling terms for my column name such as Strike, Kingpin, Messenger, and Tenth Frame. This was done to better organize the newsletter by associating each term with a particular bowling topic. With over ten column names using bowling terminology, readers will be getting a wide-ranging and informative newsletter. The bowling industry does not use their own lingo to incorporate what they are trying to sell. Subscribers would know if they wanted to see statistics they could turn to the Strike column. Breakpoint column is a short news story that is about new programs in the PBA, current or past pro bowlers. The Kingpin column is usually comprised of three to four different articles. Next, the Spare column highlights a tournament from any of the PBA competition levels. The Tenth Frame can be found on the last page of the newsletter and is either an editorial or a commentary. A few of these articles have even won awards as they are submitted to a Bowling Writing Competition. Topics are often what I think bowling needs to address. Xtra Frame Spotlight highlights happenings that have happened on Xtra Frame to entice bowling fans to subscribe to Xtra Frame. Open Frame is the latest from Josh Hyde Bowling. The next column is called Bowlology. This column helps bowlers improve their game - like spare shooting, timing and how to keep score. Balls of the Lanes discusses new balls that Brunswick is introducing. In the Pocket is like a David Lettermen Top Ten things that have happened in bowling or the PBA.



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