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## Messenger

### 2018 PBA Tour Finals

Hello, Bowling Fans!  
 Welcome to another issue of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. The **Messenger Column** highlights the 2018 PBA Tour Finals. The **Kingpin Column** is a combination of **Breakpoint**, **Off the Sheet**, and the **Split Column**. **Breakpoint** discusses the XtraFrame and Flobowling. **Off the Sheet** discusses a record breaking week. The **Spare Column** highlights the Elkhart Regional Open Presented by 900 Global. **The Tenth Frame** is a commentary on bowling not having stacked teams. Thanks for reading *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*.

In this year's PBA Tour Finals, it was the defending champion EJ Tackett against Jason Belmonte. The pattern they used was the Dick Weber which was requested Tackett because he was the top seed of the event. The championship match featured a best of two games with a two frame roll-off. They could avoid the roll-off if either of them swept both games. This final was a rematch of the prior year tournament. Also the tournament featured the possibility for bowling fan to watch the tournament in its entirety.



Player of the Year, Jason Belmonte won the first game of 239 over Tackett's 205. Jason Belmonte started out strong in the first game, but then had 5 ten pins in a row on the same game. EJ started the first frame with a split and came back strong towards the end of the first game. Belmonte would end strong with the last for strikes of their championship match. In the second game, however, Belmonte really struggled and could never get a line to give EJ a match. However, EJ was striking not giving Belmonte any room to get back into the match. Belmonte was really struggling in the second game. By the 10th frame of the second game the match was already over but. EJ preformed poorly in the 10th tying the match up a game a piece. IT ended up that EJ and Belmonte would have to go in a 9th and 10th frame roll-off. Belmonte being the tournament leader, chose to let EJ start the roll-off. EJ started with a spare. Belmonte got up and stroke the first ball and had the chance to shut EJ out by doubling in the 10th frame except he could not finish the deal. EJ got up needing a double to successfully defend his title. He could not do that because he left the 2, 4, 8, and 10 on his first ball giving Belmonte his 18th career title. Belmonte was going for his 10th career PBA tour title. The top prize was \$30,000 while the runner up received \$18,000. In the 2017 PBA tour finals, Belmonte and EJ Tackett were bowling for the title in a 3 game total pin fall match. Since the beginning of this tournament both players have won this competition. If EJ would have won the title it would be his first title that he has successfully defended and giving him a total of 10 titles which would make him eligible for the PBA Hall of Fame. Belmonte has won a total of 18 tour titles half of which are major titles and he has multiple PBA player of the year honors.

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#### PBA Tour Finals Championship Match

First Match Roll-Off		Second Match		Third Match Roll-Off		
Jason Belmonte	239	Jason Belmonte	170	Jason Belmonte	40	<b>Jason Belmonte</b> Champion
EJ Tackett	205	EJ Tackett	219	EJ Tackett	26	

**Messenger Continued-PBA Tour Finals Stepladder Rounds**

In the Group 1 Stepladder Round for the 2018 Finals. It looked like Sean Rash was going to take the Tournament up to 79. Dom Barrett kept on struggling as he could only bowl a 169 game. In the next match Simonsen would take down Rash in the second round with a score of 247 to advance to the finals. In the first game Jason Belmonte would win a close one 265-259. In the second match the scores would come down a little bit Belmonte still came out on top 233- 216. This gave Belmonte a shot at the \$30,000 as the top prize. It gave Simonsen to come in third as he lost to Belmonte. In the second group Tommy Jones would give Marshall Kent the match as Marshall Kent defeated 246 –236. However Jesper Svennson was lined up and fired a 279 against Marshall Kent. In the championship match EJ Tackett would win quite handily as he defeated Jesper Svennson 245 to 206 and 235 to 203. This gave Tackett a chance to defend his 2017 PBA Tour Finals. The match between third and fourth place was a best out of two games with a bowler having to win tow games in a row. If they tied at a game a piece they would go into a ninth and tenth frame roll-off. Jesper Svennson was taking 248 to 201. In the second game Simonsen would force a 229 to 201 however Jesper would win the two frame roll-off 49-39.

**Roll-Off for Third Place**

First Match Roll-Off		Second Match		Third Match Roll-Off		
Jesper Svennson	248	Jesper Svennson	201	Jesper Svennson	49	<b>Jesper Svennson</b>
Anthony Simonsen	204	Anthony Simonsen	249	Anthony Simonsen	39	Third Place

**2018 PBA Tour Finals - Group 1-Stepladder Round**

				Jason Belmonte	-	265,239	<b>Jason Belmonte Champion</b>	
		2.	Anthony Simonsen	-	247	Anthony Simonsen		-
3.	Dom Barrett	-	169	Sean Rash	-	218		
4.	Sean Rash	-	279					

**2018 PBA Tour Finals - Group 2-Stepladder Round**

				1.	EJ Tackett	-	235,245	<b>EJ Tackett Champion</b>
		2.	Jesper Svensson	-	279	Jesper Svensson	-	
3.	Marshall Kent	-	246	Marshall Kent	-	233		
4.	Tommy Jones	-	236					

2018 PBA Tour Finals - Group 1 STEPLADDER STATS		
High Game	279	Sean Rash
Low Game	169	Dom Barrett
High Match	265-259	Jason Belmonte-Anthony Simonsen
Low Match	279-169	Sean Rash-Dom Barrett
AVG. Winning Game	257.5	

2018 PBA Tour Finals - Group 2 STEPLADDER STATS		
High Game	279	Jesper Svennson
Low Game	203	Svensson
High Match	279-233	Jesper Svennson-Marshall Kent
Low Match	245-203	EJ Tackett-Jesper Svennson
AVG. Winning Game	251.25	

# Breakpoint

## XtraFrame becomes Flobowling

Last month the PBA announced Xtra Frame will become Flobowling. Flobowling will have live streaming coverage of the PBA Tournaments. Flobowling plans on charging subscribers \$30.00 per month which will include access to all of FloSports channels which includes Wrestling, Track, Gymnastics, Softball among other sports. XtraFrame accounts in good standing will be able to keep the current subscriptions at the current price of \$9.99 per month.

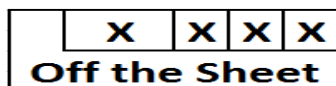
### Flobowling Schedule of Events

- June 30-July 2 – PBA Parkside Lanes Open, Aurora, Ill.
- July 18-20 – PBA50 River City Extreme Open presented by Ebonite, River City Extreme, Monticello, Minn.
- July 24-26 – PBA50 South Shore Open presented by Hammer, Olympia Lanes, Hammond, Ind.
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- July 27-29 – Storm PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles, Copperfield Bowl, Houston, Texas.
- July 29-31 – PBA50 Security Federal Savings Bank Championship presented by Track, Dave Small's Heritage Lanes, Kokomo, Ind.
- Aug. 5-7 – PBA50 Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic presented by RotoGrip, Anderson, Ind.
- Aug. 10-12 – PBA50 Cup presented by DV8, Spectrum Lanes, Wyoming, Mich.
- Aug. 14-16 – PBA60 Dick Weber Championship presented by 900 Global, Pro Bowl West, Ft. Wayne, Ind.
- Aug. 18-19 – PBA Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic, Mid-County Lanes, Middletown, Del.
- Aug. 25-26 – PBA Kenn-Feld Group Classic Pla-Mor Lanes, Coldwater, Ohio.
- Sept. 29-30 – PBA50 Storm Invitational, Planet Fun Bowling & Entertainment Center, Shallotte, N.C.
- Oct. 14-20 – FloBowling PBA Fall Swing including PBA Wolf Open, PBA Bear Open and Tulsa Open, The Lanes at Coffee Creek, Tulsa, Okla.
- Oct. 25-30 – U.S. Open, Northrock Lanes, Wichita, Kan.
- Oct. 14-20 – FloBowling PBA Fall Swing including PBA Wolf Open, PBA Bear Open and Tulsa Open, The Lanes at Coffee Creek, Tulsa, Okla.
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For more information log onto PBA.com



*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, the **Bowlers Journal International** had an article by the legendary bowling writer Chuck Pezzano who wrote about Lou Campi and the first PBA Tournament back in 1959. Lou Campi was a bocci ball player. Bocci ball players were known to have their bowling foot slide forward. It was also interesting as Lou had previously bowled in a league and he averaged a 178 in his first attempt. He had won an ABC Eagle with his doubles partner currently known as USBC Championships. In 1954 at the BTTA All-Star, Campi had rolled a three

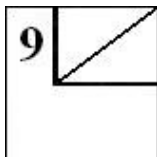
## "From Bricklayer to Bowling Slayer"

hundred game and thought he missed the cut. Therefore, he went home thinking he failed to have enough pins to advance. Lou was a star of the bowling world before there was a PBA. Prior to the PBA, there was television series titled **Championship Bowling**. Lou Campi would dominate for fourteen straight weeks. He was destined to be a pro-bowler when the PBA came around in that era. Campi averaged 194 in his first league season. He would finish in second with Lindy Faragalli. He would also win with him and his partner in the USBC Open Championship. Campi would have 18 perfect games and four 800 series with a high series of 850. In the four highest league averages were 203, 218, 217 and 210. Campi was an

astounding bowler before Dick Weber and Don Carter came along. Unfortunately, the PBA started a little too late to really showcase his talents like the Championship Bowling did. Campi was definitely a USBC Hall of Famer because of his tenacity on the lanes. Pezzano wrote this article near the end of Campi's prime—before he captured his first and only PBA title in Albany, New York in 1959. It makes bowling fans wonder if he could have given Dick Weber and Don Carter a run for their money. Had the PBA been founded in 1940's, Campi would likely have been a PBA Hall of Famer.

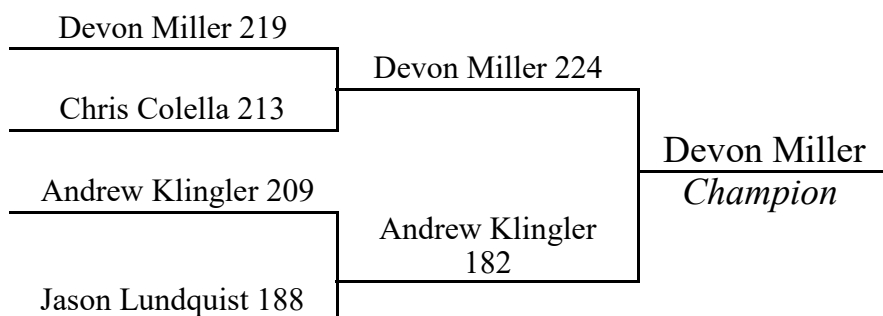


The first PBA tournament was held in Albany, New York, on May 24th, 1959.



## Elkhart Open Presented By 900 Global

In the 2018 Country Club Lane Open presented by 900 Global, there were a total of 64 entries competing for the \$2,000 top prize. The 2002-2003 Harry Golden Rookie of the Year Brad Angelo would start with a 254-game. However, scores started to drop throughout the qualifying portion of the tournament. Frank Snodgrass would have a 256 in game #2. The scores were dropping on the PBA. It would only take a score of 27 under by Devon Miller who would shoot a 246-game to bowl in the cut. The top four would receive two byes for being the top four qualifiers while fifth through eighth would receive a one round bye. Barry Parker would score a 31 under to be the highest PBA50 non-casher and would receive \$200 for his effort. Devon Miller would have to go the entire distance to get to the championship match. There was a tie for fourth and fifth between Aaron Beaver and Chris Colella for the last spot for the two round byes. Chris would defeat Aaron Beaver 175 to 157. Chris would receive the two round bye. In the first round of match play, there were a couple of local bowlers trying to advance. However, they had to face each other. TJ Smith would take down Mike Schlabach. Another local bowler would be eliminated in the first round of match play. Chris Hartung of Goshen, Indiana, would be eliminated by Fidel Marchena. Another name that came from the bottom was Jason Lundquist who qualified fourteenth and who worked his way to get to the semi-finals. He would get beat by Andrew Klingler who shot a 209 while Jason could only muster up a 188-game. In the other semi-finals, Devon Miller would win his match against Chris Colella 219 to 213. Devon Miller had his PBA card since March of 2019. He would start the championship match with a front five strikes in a row while Andrew Klinger was struggling and was not able to keep up with Devon. It was Miller's first career PBA regional title as he defeated Klinger with a score of 224 to 182.



<b><u>Championship Round Statistics</u></b>
<b>High Game:</b> 224 Devon Miller
<b>Low Game:</b> 182 Andrew Klinger
<b>High Match:</b> Miller v Colella 219-213
<b>Low Match:</b> Klingler v Lundquist 209-188
<b>Average Winning Game:</b> 217.33

Tournament Statistics	
7 Game Cut #	-27 Devon Miller
7 Game PBA50 Non Casher	-31 Barry Parker
7 Game Cut for One Round Bye	+35 Brad Angelo
7 Game Leader for One Round Bye	+51 Aaron Beaver
7 Game Cut Two Round Bye	+51 Chris Colella
7 Game Leader for Two Round Bye	+94 Tyler Wilds





### Cutting Edge Hybrid—Available July 10, 2018

Part Number:60-106031-93X  
 Core Type: Cutting Edge Low RG Symmetric  
 Coverstock: Relativity Hook Hybrid  
 Color: Blue / Purple / Orange  
 Finishing Steps: 500 / 2,000 Siaair Micro Pad  
 Weights: 12-16 Pounds  
 RG Min: 2.521  
 RG Differential:0.039  
 Hook Potential: Low (10) 250 High (250)  
 Length: Early (25) 100 Long (235)



### Cutting Edge Solid—Available July 10, 2018

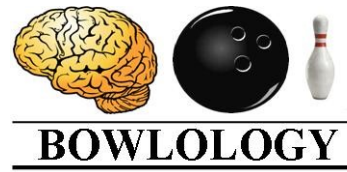
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 Color: Black  
 Finishing Steps: 500 Siaair / Crown Factory Shine  
 Weights: 12-16 Pounds  
 RG Min: 2.521  
 RG Differential:0.039  
 Hook Potential: Low (10) 210 High (250)  
 Length: Early (25) 160 Long (235)



### Twist—Available June 19, 2018

Part Number:60-106062-93X  
 Core Type: Twist Low Diff  
 Coverstock: R-16  
 Color: Black/Gold/Silver Red/Purple Blue/Silver Sky  
 Blue/Pink/Snow  
 Finishing Steps: 500 Siaair / Crown Factory Compound  
 Crown Factory Polish  
 Weights: 8-16 Pounds  
 RG Min: 2.591  
 RG Differential:0.018  
 Hook Potential: Low (10) 80 High (250)  
 Length: Early (25) 190 Long (235)

## Bowling Ball Layouts



### By Dennis Bergendorf

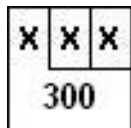
Ball layouts are built around one fact: the ball will eventually roll over the “heaviest” part of its core, and in a reactive resin, that pretty much means what’s directly beneath the pin. After all, the pin is placed by the manufacturer at the point where the ball’s highest radius of gyration (RG) is located. So the closer the pin is to your initial track, the less the “heavier” part of the ball needs to move to get into an end-over-end roll, what’s sometimes called “standing up.” But when the pin is midway between the track and the positive axis point (PAP), the “heavier” part of the ball has farther to go to “stand up.” This means the core of a ball with its pin about 4” from the PAP will move more and create more track flare, which means more “fresh” ball surface is rolling over the lane. That usually produces more hook. With the pin 5-6” from the PAP, there will be less flare and less hook.

One other consideration is whether the ball is symmetrical or asymmetrical. For most bowlers, asymmetricals have a stronger reaction, so the mass bias must be considered.

For most bowlers, it comes down to this - putting the pin above the finger holes will cause the ball to delay its hooking motion. That’s called “pin-up.” Putting the pin below the finger holes will make the ball start to hook a little earlier, but will make the hook a little smoother. This is called “pin-down.” A ball with a pin about 4” from the PAP and above the finger holes will tend to have a strong, angular hook more like a hockey stick. But putting the pin 5-6” from the PAP will decrease flair and produce a less angular hook in the shape of a banana. Putting the pin about 3” from the PAP and BELOW the finger holes will produce a strong but smooth reaction, and it won’t be as angular. Moving the pin closer to the track (but below the holes), will tame the reaction down even more. With pin-down, few drillers want to go left of the grip center line (for right-handers).

With asymmetrical balls, the mass bias position will enhance hook, or reduce it. Drilling the thumb hole into the MB mark, or putting the mass bias left of the hole, will produce a tamer reaction. Stronger reaction comes from putting the MB hole an inch or more to the right (for right-handers). Symmetrical balls don’t have a mass bias, so the layout must account for the ball’s center of gravity (CG). USBC balance rules must be followed.

If a balance hole is needed to make the ball USBC-legal, the closer to the thumb hole it is drilled, the more the strength of the layout is enhanced. A balance hole near the PAP will have little effect on reaction, but a balance hole near the pin will have a negative effect, cancelling out much of the strength of the high RG.



# Tenth Frame—Commentary

## USBC Proposes a Non-Stacked Rule

Back in the 1990's, ABC (currently known as the USBC) started the Brunswick World Team Challenge. The format was 6 regular team games on Sunday followed by the top ten teams making it to the Baker Match play round. The teams had to consist of less than 1 Touring pro +3 PBA members. Obviously, Team USA had their own team at that time. Team USA had no pros on their team. There were many pro-bowlers that came from the teams that made it to the World Team Challenge Championship. Each winning team of the satellite tournaments would get to go to the Grand Championship. Recently, it was announced that there is going to be pro-status for the youth that had won Junior Gold or Teen Masters. There is one problem I foresee with that. What if a kid wins Junior Gold and decides not to get his PBA card when he gets older? The Bowling Centers have not been promoting the PBA for some time.

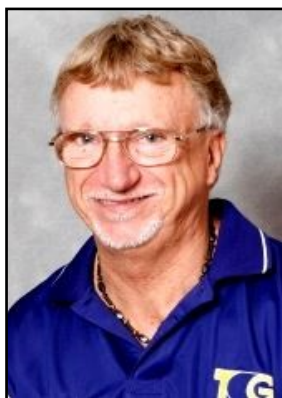
Is the USBC going to have a ranking system to regulate the teams? A ranking system would prevent a

team from being stacked. In the PBA Team Challenge, Chris Barnes, Bill O'Neill, Jason Belmonte and Tommy Jones were one of the teams. However, they failed to win the Team Challenge Tournament. They were defeated by the team consisting of E.J. Tackett, Ronnie Russell, Chris Loschetter and Marshall Kent.

I propose a different rule. If a tournament director wants to have a scratch team tournament, each team average would need to be less than 975. This way, it is not a stacked team. Years ago, my Dad & Grandfather bowled in a 390 scratch doubles tournament. My Godfather and his partner were the winners because a team was disqualified. The next year my Father & Grandfather would win the tournament. This is what I have to say to the USBC. The National Governing Body for our country needs to promote the pinnacle of our sport, the PBA, if they are going to lessen the likelihood of having stacked teams in the USBC Open Championships.

## BREAKPOINT CONTINUED: TWO PBA HALL OF FAMERS PASS AWAY

Sadly the PBA Lost two PBA Hall of Famers Johnnie Guenther on June 28th and Pete Couture on July 1st. Johnnie is famous for being the second player to bowl a three hundred on Television. He also won a major the PBA National Championships as well as winning a couple of Eagles at the USBC Championships in the mid-70's. Johnnie was ranked 45th in the 50th greatest PBA Players in history. In the 50 Greatest Players in PBA History book Johnnie is labeled as the "Full-Time results from a part-time competitor". Johnnie Guenther achieved PBA 11 titles in his career including the 1972 PBA National Championship. Johnnie is also remembered for his two then record breaking pinfall records in the eight(2,022) and sixteen(3,830) game categories. He was a a three-time Steve Nagy Sportsmanship award winner. His last Sportsmanship award was shared with Dick Ritger and Dave Soutar. Gunther was a great PBA bowler. On July 1st Pete Couture passed away at the age of 73. He was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame in 2016. He won PBA Tour titles and he came out on the PBA Senior Tour currently known as the PBA50 Tour with guns blazing. He would win a record four titles in one season and added a couple of USBC Senior Master Titles. He currently the record as the most money earned in one season on the PBA50 Tour. It was a second chance turned 50 to dominate on the PBA50 Tour. He won a senior Doubles Title with three time U.S Open Champion Dave Husted. The PBA will greatly these fantastic competitors.



Pete Couture-PBA Hall of Famer



Johnnie Guenther-PBA Hall of Famer