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Hello, Bowling Fans!

Welcome to another issue of **Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter**. The **Messenger Column** discusses the 2019 Barbasol PBA Tour Finals. The Kingpin Column is a combination of the Elias Schenkel Weber Lane some of the 60 greatest moments highlights. Off the Sheet is a summary of the oldest bowler who shot an 800 series. The split column highlights three bowlers who have 40 PBA titles or more. The Spare column discusses the first part of the PBA playoffs. The first two PBA50 Tour stops and the 2019 DHC Japan Cup.

Thanks for reading the Josh Hyde Bowling Newsletter.

Sincerely, Josh Hyde  
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## Messenger

### 2019 Barbasol PBA Tour Finals

In March of this year, the PBA announced two of the eight bowlers that will be able to bowl in the PBA Tour finals airing on July 19th and 20th at Red Rock Lanes in Las Vegas: the 2018 Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year - Andrew Anderson; and Kris Prather, winner of his first PBA Tour title at the WSOB Scorpion Championship. This will air on July 19th & 20th with three matches being on the 19th and two on the 20th. Top-seeded Jason Belmonte will be in this year's PBA Tour Finals.

The top six from the previous two year's list will be able to bowl in the 2019 PBA Tour Finals. Sean Rash, EJ Tackett, Bill O'Neill, Marshall Kent, Dom Barrett, and Jakob Butturff qualified for the elite field. Dom Barrett won his second major at the 2018 U.S. Open, while Jakob Buttruff won his first major at the 2019 USBC Masters. This year's USBC Masters was the end of the two year point list for the 2019 PBA Tour Finals. Sean Rash won the Roth-Holman PBA Doubles with partner Matt Ogle. Bill O'Neill won his tenth career PBA Tour title at the PBA Hall of Fame Classic. Andrew Anderson who won the 2018 USBC Masters and captured the Chris Schenkel Player of the Year honor had momentum heading into the PBA Tour Finals. Jason Belmonte won his tenth and eleventh majors at the TOC and the PBA World Championship which brings his PBA Tour title total to 22. EJ Tackett won his tenth career PBA Tour title at Aurora, Illinois. Simonsen who became the youngest bowler to win two Majors. He won the 2019 PBA Players Championship by denying Jason Belmonte his eleventh PBA Major - score: 232 to 212.

All eight of these bowlers have won at least one title. The only player that did not win a PBA Tour title was Marshall Kent. The format will be announced at a later date.

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**Top row, left to right:** Sean Rash, Andrew Anderson, Jakob Butturff, EJ Tackett and Bill O'Neill  
**Bottom row, left to right:** Marshall Kent, Jason Belmonte and Dom Barrett



Elias-Schenkel-Weber Lane

**#22-Dick Weber Wins in Six Decades**

On January 20, 2002, at the age of 72, Dick Weber won his first PBA Senior Regional championship at New North Lanes in Taylorville, Illinois, to become the first player to win a PBA event in six consecutive decades. Weber defeated Richard Hunt of Valparaiso 226 to 159 in the championship round. Dick Weber would be the only bowler of the tournament who would shoot a 300. The perfect game came in the fifth game of qualifying. He took the lead in the position round, which was prior to the stepladder finals. It was a special win for Dick Weber.

**#56-Pete Weber's 299 Serves Notice—New PBA is Born**

In the summer of 2001, PBA announced that they were going to have a different match play format instead of having round robin match play. They were going to do single elimination, and bowling fans wondered if the top names would be ready for this new format. In Wyoming, Michigan, Pete Weber would make history by throwing the first eleven strikes to shoot a 299. He would go on to win the title to tie his legendary father. He would go undefeated in this new match play format.

**#57-Sean Rash Rolls 300 at 2015 TOC**

In the 50th edition of the Tournament of Champions, Sean Rash would make history as he would become the first player to throw two perfect games on national television. Jason Belmonte would become the second player in PBA history to successfully defend his PBA Tournament of Champions title. Sean Rash would defeat Ryan Ciminelli when he bowled his perfect game. Rhino Page also was trying to make history by becoming the second player to win the tournament wire to wire.

**#26-Inaugural PBA Hall of Fame Class**

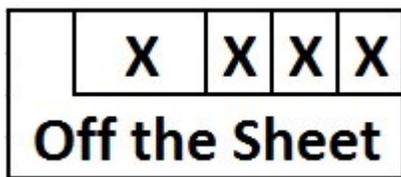
In 1975 at the Firestone Tournament of Champions, the PBA would introduce the PBA Hall of Fame. Inductees were Don Carter, Harry "The Tiger" Smith, Carmen Salvino and Dick Weber. The PBA Hall of Fame was the pinnacle of bowling, and each great bowler aspired to be in the Hall of Fame. It would be a tradition on the eve of the practice session for the Tournament of Champions. Each year, they would induct three to five PBA members into the Hall of Fame.

**#32-Jason Belmonte Becomes Only Player to Win USBC Masters 4 Times in 2017**

In 2015, Jason Belmonte became the third player in PBA History to win three consecutive majors in a row. At the USBC Masters, he would join Mike Aulby as the only bowlers to win three Masters. Two years later, he would make history by winning his fourth Masters Title by shooting a 279. He would qualify as the top seed. In his first Masters title, he would also be undefeated in match play as he would claim the #1 seed for the stepladder finals.

**#33-PBA Senior Tour Launched in 1981**

In 1981, the PBA launched the PBA Senior Tour. This gave bowlers a second chance at becoming a pro-bowler in their latter years. In order to bowl in these tournaments, a player had to be 50 years of age or older. Just like when Eddie Elias founded the PBA in 1958, Dick Weber was paving the way for senior players to obtain their PBA cards. He would win six PBA Senior National titles. Today, the PBA Senior Tour is called the PBA50 Tour.

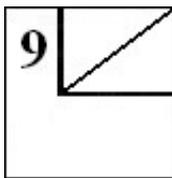


**Oldest Player to Score an 800 Series**

In the April edition of the Bowler's Journal International, this past February 25th, 91 year-old Jim Novak bowled an 803 series making him the oldest player to throw an 800 series. Jim Novak had games of 279, 256, and 268. Jim has rolled twenty 800s in his bowling career. It came as surprise to Novak who told Bowl.com's Matt Cannizzaro that he had "given up on having another day like that". Jim breaks the previous record held by William Lautenschlager who scored an 800 series at the age of 85.



There are three players that have forty or more PBA Tour titles- Earl Anthony, Walter Ray Williams Jr., and Norm Duke.



# Spare Column

## PBA Tour Playoffs-Round of 24 & 16



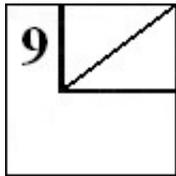
BARNES	205	BELMONTE	245	217	49	2
TROUP	236	TROUP	186	223	40	1
PRATHER	207	DAUGHERTY	137	222		0
TANG	183	PRATHER	222	228		2
PAGE	266	SIMONSEN	237	214	49	2
MALDONADO	205	PAGE	214	226	39	1
ALLEN	199	TACKETT	228	193		0
GOMEZ	236	GOMEZ	231	245		2
MALOTT	212					
BLANCHARD	211					
M.KENT	190					
SVENSSON	206					
BARRETT	237					
B.MILLER	187					
SHERMAN	206					
ARCHER	182					

The PBA Tour Playoffs were held at Bay Side Bowl in Portland, Maine. The PBA Tour Playoffs came down to the last game of the 2019 USBC Masters where Mykel Holliman could have knocked out Darrin Tang to get the last spot in the PBA Tour Playoffs. Jakob Buttruff defeated

Holliman to claim his first major allowing Darrin Tang to survive and claim the last spot in the PBA Tour Playoffs. However, Tang got beat in the first round against Kris Prather 207 to 180. There was a big upset during the round of 24 when Andres Gomez defeated Dick Allen 236 to 199. Bowling fans were expecting Allen to beat Gomez. Allen would struggle to shoot 200 and only managed a 199 while Gomez would be able to outperform Allen by striking a number of times to advance in the round of 16. Josh Blanchard did what he needed to do by doubling in the tenth. Blanchard threw a great double to give him a chance to advance, but he was a little short. On the fill ball, Blanchard would not hit the pocket and leave a seven count to lose the match by one pin over Wes Malott. Rhino Page would string the front eight to secure his match to advance to the round of 16. Kyle Troup, despite having an injury, would defeat the 2018 PBA Hall of Fame Class Member Chris Barnes 236 to 205. It would take an average of 225.75 to advance to the round of 16.

In the Round of 16, Kyle Troup gave Belmonte a chance to sweep him in the second game if Belmonte would have struck the first ball in the tenth. Belmonte got a little inside of his target and left the 6 pin to force a two frame roll-off. Troup struck on the first ball, and Belmonte responded with a double and a 9-spares. However, Troup had a stone 9 and was eliminated. Tom Daugherty really struggled during his first game. He had multiple open frames, while Prather was able to hit the pocket and get a 4-bagger.

The second game was more competitive, however, as Prather was able to maintain and sweep the two games to advance to the Round of 8 where he will face Belmonte. In the third match between Anthony Simonsen and Rhino Page, Rhino was playing with a migraine and had to close his right eye between shots. In the roll-off, Simonsen started strong but gave Rhino a chance. However Rhino left a 6-pin on the first ball which gave Simonsen the win. Andres Gomez started off slow and Tackett started with a strike, spare, 4-bagger for a 37 pin lead. Gomez started striking and EJ could not double to take game 1. Andres needed a double and a good count to win game one. In the second game, Gomez started striking and EJ could not get on the strike train. However, Gomez was just stepping on the gas and was able to take game 2 very easily.



# Williams, Jr - 12 PBA50 Titles

Walter Ray Williams, Jr. claimed his twelfth PBA50 Tour title at the Johnny Petraglia Bowlers Veteran Link Open. The tournament is named after 14-time PBA Titlist and Hall of Famer Petraglia. He defeated tournament leader Sammy Ventura 288-205. Walter Ray offered some analysis of his own performance by stating that, " I was really bowling well in qualifying until I made ball changes". Later, he noted that he had much better ball reaction as the tournament went on. He would have the front ten for a chance at a thousand dollar bonus by Flo-Bowling, but he came up a little short. In the semi-finals, he would defeat Brian LeClair 277-225. LeClair would tie PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke in the opening game with a 237. In a roll off, LeClair would advance by striking to Norm's 9 pins. In the second match, LeClair would defeat Brian Kretzer with a score of 238 to 213. It would take an average score of 260 in the stepladder finals to advance in each game.

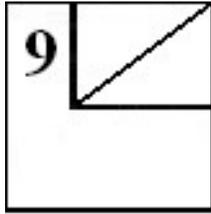
PBA Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli would be the only bowler to shoot a perfect game during the whole tournament. It would take a score of +204 to make the cut in the PBA50 fifth season opener. Norm Duke would lead the 14 game qualifying with a score of + 570. It would take a score of +131 by Patrick King for the super seniors to advance. Johnny Petraglia would be among the super senior cut. In the five game cashier's round of the last day it would take a score of +139 by Brian Kretzer. Walter Ray Williams, Jr. would start out the day by leading the cashers round with a score of +201. In the first round of match play, Steve Kenyon would beat the number to advance to the last round of match play which was +228. Brian Kretzer would lead with a score with a +388. Sammy Ventura would lead the last round of match play with a score of +446. Brian LeClair would be the number for the stepladder finals with a score of +358. This tournament raises money for the Bowlers Veteran's Link which goes to wounded veterans and is a great cause.

2019 PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open		
14-Game Cut Super Senior #	+131	Patrick King
14-Game Cut #	+204	Doug Becker
14-Game Leader	+570	Norm Duke
Casher Round Cut #	+159	Brian Kretzer
Casher Round Leader	+201	Walter Ray Williams Jr.
Match Play Round 1 Cut #	+228	Steve Kenyon
Match Play Round 1 Leader	+388	Brian Kretzer
Match Play Round 2 Cut #	+358	Brian LeClair
Match Play Round 2 Leader	+446	Sammy Ventura
#300 games	1	Amleto Monacelli
High Game	288	Walter Ray Williams Jr.
Low Game	205	Sammy Ventura
High Match	277-255	Walter Ray Williams Jr., Brian LeClair
Low Match	238-213	Brian Kretzer, Brian LeClair
AVG. Winning Game	260.0	

2019 PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open

				1. Sammy Ventura	- 205	<b>Walter Ray Williams Jr.</b>
			2. Walter Ray Williams Jr.	- 277	Walter Ray Williams Jr.	- 288
		3. Brian Kretzer	- 213	Brian LeClair	- 225	
4. Norm Duke	-	237	Brian LeClair	-	238	
5. Brian LeClair	-	237				





# Williams, Jr - 13 PBA50 Titles

Walter Ray Williams Jr. claimed his 13th career PBA50 Tour Title by defeating Michael Haugen Jr. 278-243. In the early stages of the tournament, Johnny Petraglia would lead the second round. Norm Duke, Mark Sullivan and George Gomes were the three players who shot a 300 game during the tournament. This was the second PBA50 tournament of the year and first Major of the season. Bob Learn Jr. was the number that made the first cut. Mark Sullivan missed the 34-game cut by four pins and did not advance to the step ladder round. Walter Ray Williams Jr would lap the field with 337 pins over Norm Duke at the end of 34 games.

Haugen was climbing the ladder from 4th place by beating to PBA Hall of Famer and a former PBA50 Player of the Year. In the first game, Haugen started with a spare and then threw the next ten in a row. He defeated Brian LeClair 287-251 in the high scoring match. The next game Amleto Monacelli started strong but would struggle. Early in the match, it looked like it would be a strike fest for both bowler, but unfortunately Amleto could not get the 10-pin out. Haugen continued with strikes and moved on to the next game. Once again it looked like it was going to be a high match against Norm Duke. Both players ran into transition as it looked like Duke and Haugen left splits early and could not string strikes together. It would end up being the low scoring match 214-206.

In the Championship match, red-hot Haugen Jr. faced the greatest of all time, Walter Ray Williams Jr. who was looking for his 13th PBA50 title and his 60th PBA National Tour title. Haugen started off with the first four but then struggled with an open in the 6th. This was all the opening that Williams Jr. needed. He had an 8-bagger to shoot a 278.



2019 PBA50 National Championship		
Casher	+274	Craig Auerbach and Jeff Atkins
18-Game Cut #	+371	Bob Learn Jr
18-Game Leader	+664	Norm Duke
26-Game Cut #	+736	Chris Collins
26-Game Leader	+1168	Walter Ray Williams Jr.
34-Game Cut #	+1270	Brian LeClair
34-Game Leader	+1679	Walter Ray Williams Jr.
#300 games	3	Mark Sullivan, Norm Duke, George Gomez
High Game	287	Michael Haugen Jr.
Low Game	206	Norm Duke
High Match	287-251	Michael Haugen Jr. v Brian LeClair
Low Match	214-206	Michael Haugen Jr. v Norm Duke
AVG. Winning Game	264.0	

### 2019 PBA50 National Championship

					1. Walter Ray Williams Jr. - 278	<b>Walter Ray Williams Jr.</b>
				2. Norm Duke - 206	Michael Haugen Jr. - 243	
		3. Amleto Monacelli - 237		Michael Haugen Jr. - 214		
4. Michael Haugen Jr. - 287						
5 Brian LeClair - 251						