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## Messenger

### Prather reigns as the King of the Lanes

Kris Prather won the PBA King of the Lanes last month by defeating Pete Weber 279 to 226. The tournament was a three-night special on Fox Sports One. The PBA used a house shot for the entire event. No player was allowed to distinguish the pattern in any of the shows. For this event, they brought back the gold pins which have not been used in twenty years. If a player bowled a strike and the gold pin was the head pin, then viewers claim a free game of bowling.

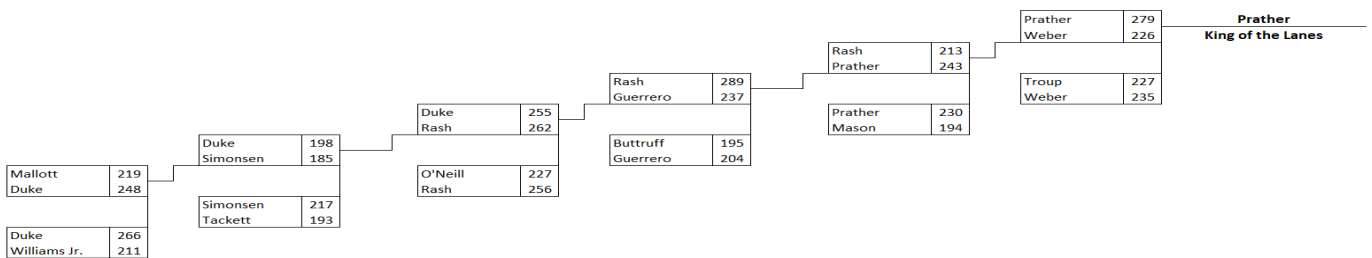
The first day saw Walter Ray Williams, Jr. take on Norm Duke. Norm Duke rolled three strikes on gold head pins to give bowlers three free games of bowling. Sean Rash would have the high game of 289 over Guerrero. She would beat Jacob Buttruff 204 to 195. Kyle Troup was beat by Pete Weber in a close match 235 to 227. EJ Tackett was defeated by Anthony Simonsen 217 to 193. Wes Mallott, the reigning King of Bowling, would be defeated by Norm Duke 248 to 211. Norm Duke and Pete Weber were the only two PBA Hall of Famers that won at least one match. This was definitely the top bowlers of the PBA, PWBA, and PBA50 circuits. Kris Prather has become a dominant force on the PBA Tour. Unfortunately, Jason Belmonte, Dom Barrett and Jesper Svenson could not compete in this event due to COVID-19 travel restrictions. Bowling fans might have had the assumption that Kyle Troup would be the favorite at the 2020 PBA Tour Finals. He would earn his sixth PBA Tour Title by defeating Anthony Simonsen. This King of the Lanes was a great tournament showcasing the best bowlers in the USA.

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Above:  
2020 King of the Lanes  
Winner Kris Prather

### 2020 King of the Lanes



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## Troup Wins PBA Tour Finals

Kyle Troup won his sixth PBA Tour Title by defeating Anthony Simonsen in a two frame roll-off 49 to 39. Troup started the two frame roll-off with a strike. Kyle needed to fill 20 in the tenth frame. He would strike on the first ball in the tenth frame to give him the win. In this year's PBA Tour finals, it was EJ Tackett, Sean Rash, Jakob Buttruff, Anthony Simonsen, Kyle Troup, Bill O'Neill, Norm Duke, and Kris Prather. They were placed in groups of four with every bowler bowling four games of qualifying to be seeded into the step ladder bracket. In the qualifying round, Jakob Buttruff would become the 28th bowler to bowl a 300 game. There was almost another 300 game by Kyle Troup who bowled a 299 in the qualifying portion. Jason Belmonte could not bowl due to COVID-19 travel restrictions. Norm Duke was able to bowl in the 2020 PBA Tour finals as Belmonte's replacement. The two time champion of the PBA Tour finals, EJ Tackett, would not advance very far as Bill O'Neill would defeat him in the first step ladder finals. Scores would be very high at this year's tournament. If a bowler qualified as a top seed, they would have to win twice to advance to the championship in the best of two games match. Kyle Troup and Kris Prather would tie at one game a piece to force a two frame roll-off. Prather would force Kyle to get a double in order to win and go into the championship match. Kyle would defeat Prather 60 to 49 in a two frame roll-off. Anthony Simonsen had an easier time with Buttruff. Buttruff would struggle in the championship match. Simonsen would take advantage by defeating Buttruff two games to zero without having a two frame roll-off.

### 2020 PBA Tour Finals Group One

		1. Antrhony Simonsen - 245, 237		<b>Anthony Simonsen Champion</b>
		2. Jakob Buttruff - 232		
3.	Sean Rash - 246	Sean Rash - 226		
4.	Norm Duke - 236			

### 2020 PBA Tour Finals Group Two

		1. Kyle Troup - 213,257,60		<b>Kyle Troup Champion</b>
		2. Kris Prather - 221		
3.	Bill O' Neil - 255	Bill O' Neill - 211		
4.	EJ Tackett - 213			

### 2020 PBA Tour Finals Champaionship Match

#### Kyle Troup Champion

Kyle Troup	-	40
Anthony Simonsen	-	39

Kyle Troup	-	237
Anthony Simonsen	-	210

Kyle Troup	-	204
Anthony Simonsen	-	223



Kyle Troup-Winner of the  
2020 PBA Tour Finals

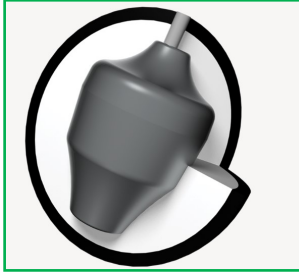




# Igniter Solid & Igniter Pearl

## Igniter Solid

## Igniter Pearl



LEVEL	Advanced
PART NUMBER	60-106285-93X
COLOR	Lime Green / Grey
CORE	Brink Symmetric
COVERSTOCK	Relativity Solid 3.0
COVER TYPE	Solid Reactive
FINISH	500, 2000 Siaair Micro Pad
WEIGHTS	16-10 lbs.
RG	2.508
DIFF	0.043
WARRANTY	Two years from purchase date

LEVEL	Advanced
PART NUMBER	60-106287-93X
COLOR	Teal / White Pearl
CORE	Brink Symmetric
COVERSTOCK	Relativity Pearl 3.0
COVER TYPE	Pearl Reactive
FINISH	500, 1000 Siaair / Crown Factory Compound
WEIGHTS	16-10 lbs.
RG	2.508 (15 lb.)
DIFF	0.043 (15 lb.)
WARRANTY	Two years from purchase date

# Available Now in Pro-Shops

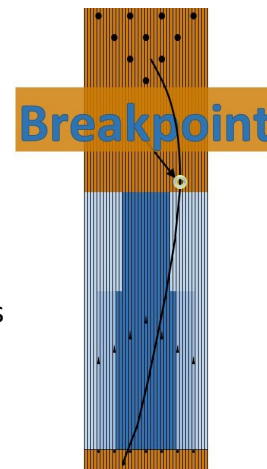


## National Bowling Day

On July 31st, Go-Bowling.Com announced that National Bowling Day was going to be on Saturday August 8th, 2020. To celebrate National Bowling Day, Fox & Friends will commemorate that day on their program with a live segment featuring several bowling centers. National Bowling Day and it's "Go Bowling America" League Program" is sponsored by Strike Ten Entertainment (arm of Bowling Proprietor's Association of America which has over 3,400 centers in it's membership). Those completing the "Go Bowling America" league program will receive a new entry-level bowling ball.



As bowling centers reopen during the pandemic, this will provide a much needed financial boost to those centers and get competitive amateurs and recreational bowlers back into the sport. Competitive and recreational bowlers can get a free game of bowling on GoBowling.com. Go Bowling is also promoting a National Bowling weekend August 12th-13th. For more information log onto GoBowling.Com



### BOWLOLOGY

## Bowlology Spare-Strike Pillars

When Bowlology was founded in November of 2011, the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter wanted to share knowledge of the sport with bowlers. These spare-strike pillars are essential to Bowlology in that they are the four pillars that a Bowlologist will need in order to help bowlers, coaches and pro-shop operators.

- --**The First Pillar is Knowledge of the Sport** which involves split making, makeable splits, lane courtesy, the perfect strike, score-keeping, playing field, pin knowledge, pin carry, and general bowling knowledge.
- --**The Second Pillar is the Physical Game.** If a bowler does not have a solid foundation, he or she is not going to be able to execute in every frame. Timing puts away the trail leg, the finish position and the arm swing. These are the main attributes of a bowler's physical game.
- --**The Third Pillar is Lane Play** which is how the bowler plays the lanes making hand position and speed adjustments. In most sports, the athletes are not going to have to worry about the surface of the field. However, in bowling, bowlers do have to know what the lanes are doing in order to be a contender in a league match. The same holds true when Jason Belmonte needs a strike to win the U.S Open. Lane play is a big portion of a bowler's game.
- --**The Final Pillar is Ball Dynamics.** This is where the bowler and the pro-shop operator need to be on the same page. Each bowler is different. If a pro bowler wins a Major and Joe Bowler wants to use the same ball with the same layout and surface, more than likely Joe Bowler will not have the same results as the pro bowler due to differences in their game. They may use the same ball except with a different layout and surface. This is why it is so important for the pro-shop operator to know Joe Bowler's game. Pro-shop operators generally know the dynamics of the bowling ball. Ideally, the bowler needs to find a pro-shop operator that has some coaching experience. If he/she has a pro-shop operator and a coach, all three need to come up with a game plan so that the bowler can be successful on the lanes.

These four Bowlology Spare-Strike Pillars will enable bowlers, coaches and pro-shop operators to identify bowling knowledge.

