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Messenger

2022 PBA Review

At the start of 2022, PBA Bowling Fans might have thought that Kyle Troup was going to be new PBA Superstar on the PBA Tour. However, Jason Belmonte was looking for another major title. Belmonte started off with a bang by becoming the first player in PBA history to win three PBA Player Championships. Tommy Jones was back on top of his game when he made three major championship round appearances. This year's US Open bowling fans saw Anthony Simonsen become the youngest bowler to win three majors. A few weeks later at the Master's, he would defeat Norm Duke to become the youngest to win four majors on the PBA Tour. At the Tournament of Champions, Dom Barrett would become the eighth player in PBA history to complete the Triple Crown.

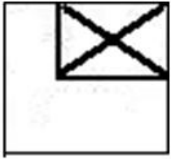
Kyle Troup would become the first player in PBA history to successfully defend his PBA Playoffs title. Kyle Troup would end Jones' hope by defeating him in the championship match. In the PBA Playoffs there were a number of upsets starting with EJ Tackett being defeated in the round of 16. Anthony Simonsen won his fourth major at the USBC Masters and this allowed Bill O'Neill to earn the final spot at the PBA Playoffs instead of Duke. Jason Belmonte would win an impressive five PBA Tournaments in one season. EJ Tackett was the doubles King when he won the PBA Doubles with Marshall Kent and then he turned around and won again with Diandra Asbaty.

Belmonte would add his name to the PBA record books by having two perfect games on national television, joining Sean Rash and Francis Lavoie. The Majors saw a number of possible bowlers who could complete their Triple Crown, but only one prevailed. Norm Duke would retire from the PBA Tour & PBA50 at the 2022 USBC Masters. Kris Prather would add another Major by winning the PBA World Championship. The Bowling World would lose a bowling writer-Bill Vint the week of the World Series of Bowling.



From L to R— Jason Belmonte, Kyle Troup, Anthony Simonsen, Dom Barrett, Kris Prather, Tommy Jones, and Norm Duke.





Big Four Analysis—Roth, Duke, Weber, and Aulby

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Mark Roth, Pete Weber, Norm Duke and Mike Aulby were voted among the top ten in the 50 greatest of all time. Three of these bowlers were at the top of their game at the same time as Walter Ray Williams Jr. The charts at the right indicate the number of various accomplishments of the players.

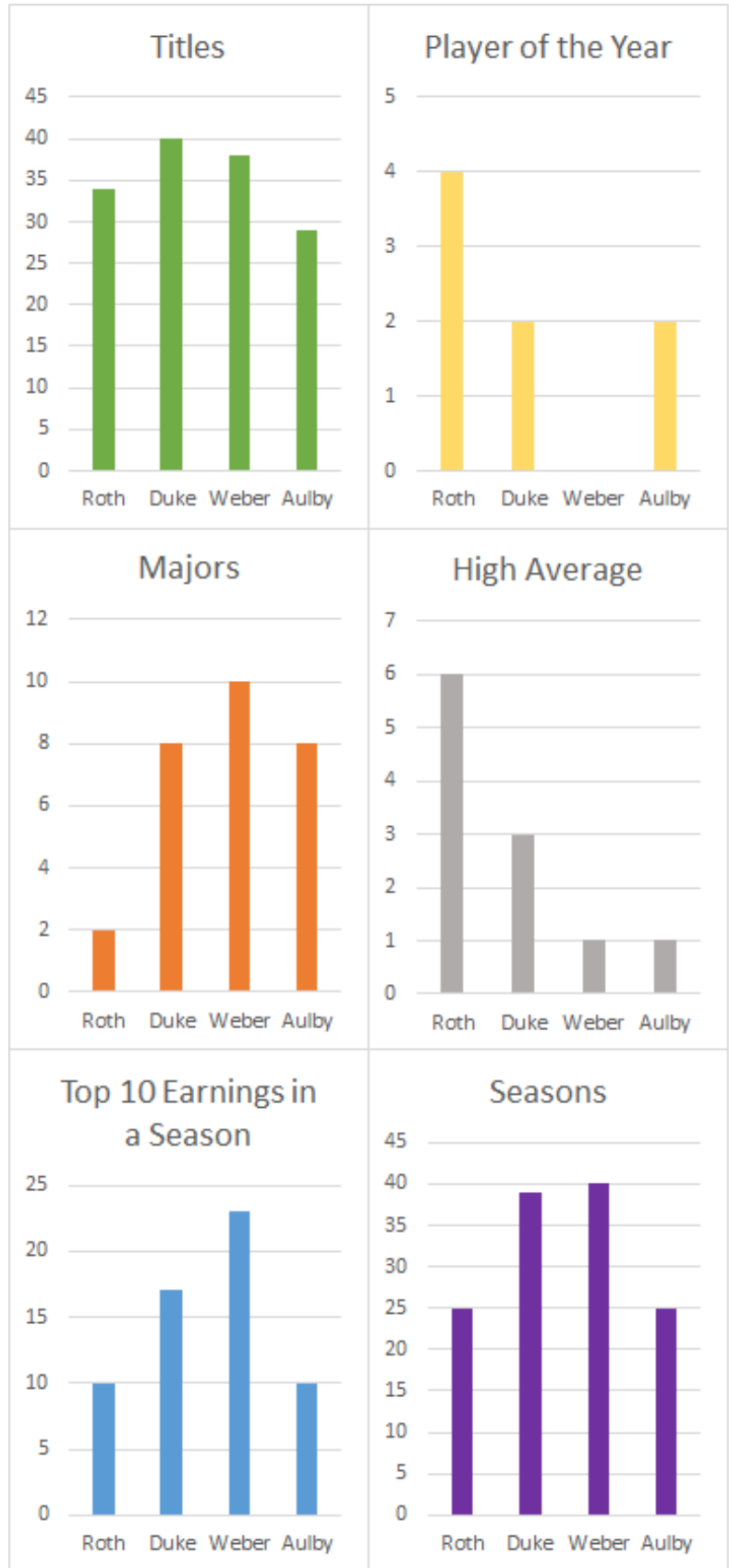
Mark Roth was the father of the power game. In 1978, he did the unthinkable of winning eight titles in one season on the PBA Tour. In 1980, Roth would be the first bowler to convert the 7-10 on national television. However bowling fans did not see him win as many Majors as the rest of three guys are mentioned. If there was a weakness in Mark Roth's game, it was winning Major Titles.

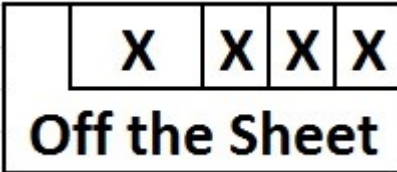
Norm Duke was the youngest player to win a PBA Tour Title when he was 18 in 1983. It would take him seven years to win his second title. Three years later he would add his first Player of the Year honor. Duke would win 1993 USBC Masters. In 1994 he would his second major to his resume at the Tournament of Champions. Duke would go on to win six majors.

Pete Weber was the greatest player to not earn the Player of the Year award. However Weber completed the Triple Crown. Weber won ten titles with plastic, urethane, and resin-reactive bowling balls. Weber won an impressive five US Open titles. Weber did receive the high average award once in his career and would become the first player to receive PBA Rookie of the Year and PBA50 Rookie of the Year on both tours.

Mike Aulby was the first player to earn Rookie of the Year and Player of the Year honors. Aulby would become the first player to win every major on the PBA Tour. He would become the first player to win three USBC Masters titles. Aulby would also become the first player in PBA player history to win the Masters and U.S Open in the same year. Six years later he would become the first player to win the Tournament of Champions on the USBC Masters titles.

All four of these bowlers are considered part of the top ten all-time greats.





Bowler's Journal International Preview of 2022-2023 College Bowling

Last month the Bowler's Journal wrote about a preview for the college bowling season. They did a top ten of Men and Women's Teams in College bowling. They also had a list of possible top coaches for the upcoming season in the Men and Women's divisions. Bob Learn Jr. and Kim Kearney were in the top ten coaches for College bowling. Bowling fans that have followed College Bowling might think that Wichita State is the Duke of college bowling. Indeed they have been a product of current legends like Chris Barnes, Rick Steelsmith and Justin Hromek. The article goes through each top ten member listing their Name, Nickname, Coach, Top Finishes for last season, along with top returnees, and new additions to the teams. For number one ranked Wichita State, Justin Bohn, son of Parker Bohn III, is one of the key losses this season.

Men's Top Ten Teams

- 10. Wisconsin-Whitewater Warhawks
- 9. Pikeville Bears
- 8. Tennessee Southern Firehawks
- 7. St. Ambrose Fighting Bees
- 6. Webber International Warriors
- 5. Mount Mercy Mustangs
- 4. Indiana Tech Warriors
- 3. SCAD-Savannah Bees
- 2. McKendree Bearcats
- 1. Wichita State Shockers

Women's Top Ten Teams

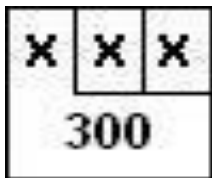
- 10. Webber International Warhawks
- 9. University of St. Francis Fighting Saints
- 8. SCAD-Savannah Bees
- 7. Pikeville Bears
- 6. Nebraska Huskers
- 5. Wichita State Shockers
- 4. McKendree Bearcats
- 3. Vanderbilt Commodores
- 2. Stephen F. Austin Ladyjacks
- 1. Mount Mercy Mustangs



At Left: Is the Wichita State 2021-2022 season champions for the men and women's teams.



Wichita State Shockers has the most wins in College Bowling



Tenth Frame — Commentary

Josh's Reflections on Bowling Greats

Earl Anthony

He was the greatest bowler in the 1970s and early 1980s. Every time he won a Major, he won it twice. He became the first player to surpass the \$100,000 mark in a single season and the first to surpass \$1 million dollars in career earnings. Anthony was the first PBA superstar.

Dick Weber

Weber was bowling's greatest ambassador and paved the way for bowlers to make a living while throwing a bowling ball. He was the first bowler to win a PBA title in 5 decades, then six. He was one of the charter members of the PBA. Bowlers striving to join the PBA so respected Dick that they would ask him to write their letter of recommendation enabling them to become PBA members.

Eddie Elias

Eddie Elias, PBA's founder, gave the greatest bowlers a chance to throw a bowling ball for a living.

Mark Roth

Mark Roth was the Father of the power game. He won eight titles in one season yet only won two Majors. He was the second bowler to surpass \$1 million dollars in career earnings. He was the first bowler to convert the 7-10 split on national television.

Pete Weber

Pete Weber is the greatest bowler who never earned Player of the Year honors. He won ten PBA titles with plastic urethane and resin reactive bowling balls. Pete successfully completed the Triple Crown twice.

Mike Aulby

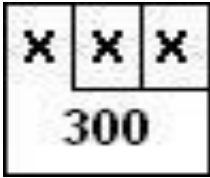
First player to receive Rookie and Player of the Year honors as well as one of the greats to promote the sport of bowling. First bowler to complete the Super Slam by winning every major. He is one of my best time friends.

Norm Duke

The youngest player to win a PBA Title. He was the first player to bowl three consecutive perfect games in a PBA tournament. It did not count as a 900 series because it was done over two rounds. He was second player to complete the Grand Slam in 2008 by winning the US Open and the fourth player to complete the Triple Crown. Duke has one of the best DVD's on how to bowl competitively.

Parker Bohn III

Parker was ranked tenth in the PBA Fifty Greatest Players of All Time. He won two Player of the Year honors. He is one of the four players who have received Player of the Year honors at the PBA Tour and the PBA50 Tour. Parker Bohn III has contributed to the sport of bowling. He is one of my best friends.



Tenth Frame — Commentary

Josh's Reflections on Bowling Greats Continued

Walter Ray Williams Jr.

Greatest bowler to throw a bowling ball, great hand and eye coordination. First to surpass \$2 & \$3 million mark in career earnings. Walter Ray Williams Jr. has won over a 100 PBA Tour, PBA50 Tour, PBA50 Regional and PBA Regional titles. Walter Ray has also been the bowler of the decade back-to-back in the 1990's and 2000's. Walter Ray Williams Jr. has won 47 PBA Tour titles.

Jonny Petraglia

One of the smartest about the sport of bowling and he was a three time PBA president. Second Player to win the Triple Crown. Great promotor for the sport of bowling. Petraglia does volunteer work for veterans. He was the seventh bowler to bowl a perfect game on national television.

Jason Belmonte

Jason revolutionized how a bowling ball could be thrown. Belmonte is the second player to win every major on the PBA Tour. He is the best player in the last decade. Belmonte also has the most majors in the history of the PBA. Belmonte is one of eight players to win 30 or more PBA Titles.

Anthony Simonsen

Anthony Simonsen was the youngest bowler to win a Major title and the youngest bowler to win two Major titles and three & four Major titles. He also has an impressive two-handed backup ball which he used to win a PBA Title. Simonsen has an impressive bowling resume.

Mark Baker

Mark Baker was a five time PBA Tour Champion and also earned High Average on the PBA Tour for a single season. Baker has become a great bowling coach for bowlers like Chris Barnes and Tommy Jones. Baker has a great bowling knowledge in the physical game. Baker holds camp Bakes for bowlers on all levels of bowling. Mark was also a ball rep for Walter Ray Williams, Jr.

Chris Barnes

Chris Barnes is the third bowler to win Rookie and Player of the Year honors. Barnes became the sixth player to complete the Triple Crown. He also has had a perfect game on television. Chris has been on the Team USA roster 16 times.

Bill & Barb Chrisman

Bill Chrisman founded Storm Bowling products in 1985. In 1996 Bill Chrisman signed Pete Weber to Storm Pro-Staff. Bill started making bowling balls using a empty bucket of chicken from Kentucky Fried Chicken. Bill's wife Barbara supported him in the early years of Storm Bowling. Barbara also been instrumental in the bowling industry. Bill and Barb Chrisman are the second husband and wife to get in the USBC Hall of Fame.

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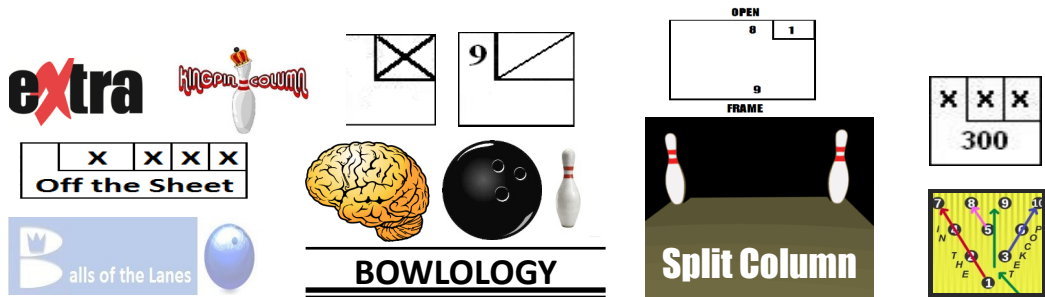
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2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT



Hello Bowling Fans its the end of the volume Fourteen of the Josh Hyde’s Bowling Newsletter. Thank You for subscribing to this publication. It brings me great joy to bring the bowling news to the bowlers and fans alike. It was sad to report on the passing of the father of the power bowling game-Mark Roth. For PBA members that voted for PBA Player of the Year. It was easy one as Kyle Troup shattered Walter Ray Williams Jr earnings record. The PBA lost another legend in Harry the “Tiger” Smith. In March of this year a bowling writer would pass away– Bill Vint. Wes Malott would unanimously get voted into the PBA Hall of Fame. He finished in the top 24 at the Tournament of Champions. Tommy Jones would thrill the bowling fans with making three major championship round appearances. Josh Hyde Bowling Newsletter would analyze the three greatest bowlers in the history. Earl Anthony, Walter Ray Williams Jr and Jason Belmonte. Jason Belmonte would become the first player to win three PBA Player Championships. Kyle Troup would become the first player to successfully defend his title at the PBA Playoffs. Early in 2022, Colie Edison resigned from the PBA. Anthony Simonsen would become the youngest bowler to win three major tournaments at the 2022 US Open. Dom Barrett would become the eighth bowler in PBA history to complete the Triple Crown at the Tournament of Champions. Jason Belmonte would become the third bowler to bowl two perfect games on national television.

Thank you for subscribing to the Josh Hyde. I hope you are looking forward to Volume Fifteen of the newsletter.

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