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#### Messenger Kia PBA Playoffs

In the first round of 2022 PBA Playoffs, the top seeds of the tournament had a hard time advancing to the round of 8. This year the tournament was held at the Kegel Training Center. The PBA used the Don Carter 39' pattern for this year's tournament. Defending champion Kyle Troup had a subpar year with barely making any television finals. Jason Belmonte was eliminated by his doubles partner Bill O'Neill. Belmonte would lose in game 1 and come back to force a ninth and tenth frame roll-off. Bill O'Neill would prevail by shooting 59 in the roll-off. O'Neill has not had a stellar performance in the 2022 PBA Tour season so far.

The top seeds of this year's Kia PBA Playoffs have not been phenomenal as bowling fans would normally expect. Another example of this would be Jesper Svensson versus EJ Tackett. EJ Tackett won in game two to force a ninth & tenth frame roll-off. Tackett would only need a spare and nine to advance to the round of 8. Instead Tackett would leave a 2-4-6-10 split. Tackett would only get the four pin losing in the roll-off. PBA Hall of Famer Tommy Jones has had a splendid year despite not winning. He would defeat Kyle Sherman two games to zero. Jones would open in the first frame, but then he came back and strung together a series of strikes. There were only a total of three roll-offs in the first round.



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# **Messenger Continued PBA50 is coming to BowITV**

The PBA announced that BowITV would livestream its PBA50 Tour Season. Bowling fans can purchase an annual subscription to BowITV for \$79.95. The PBA50 Tour is a second chance for bowlers that are 50 years of age and above to compete at the highest level of bowling competition in the world. This year the tour will see the PBA50 U.S Open and the USBC Senior Masters. Additionally, the PBA60 Tour has picked up a tournament stop at Wayne Webb's Columbus Open in Columbus, Ohio.

"We're glad PBA50 Tour fans will be able to watch live coverage of the full 2022 season on BowITV. The action and level of competition on the PBA50 Tour is compelling and features some of the greatest players of all time" PBA Tour Commissioner Tom Clark said.

Additionally, the PBA50 Tour will be having a PBA50 Cup with first place receiving \$10,000 based on 120 entries.



### **2022 PBA Tour Finals**

On April 4th, the PBA announced the return of the PBA Tour finals. It will feature the top 8 players from June 2021 through June 2022. The tournament will be held in Arlington, Washington. The players of this event are: Jason Belmonte, Kyle Troup, E.J. Tackett, Anthony Simonsen, Kris Prather, Jakob Butturff, Tom Daugherty, and Dom Barrett. These bowlers will be divided into two groups of four where they will bowl four games of competition. This will be aired on CBS Sports Network June 4th-5th. On June 4th 12n-4pm, the bowlers will be qualifying. On June 5th, both groups will then compete in a stepladder finals where the winner of each group will meet in the championship match to take home the top prize.



Jason Belmonte Anthony Simonsen E.J. Tackett Dom Barrett

Pictured to the left: Jakob Butturf Tom Daugherty **Kris Prather Kyle Troup** 

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# **In the Pocket** Top 10 moments of 2022

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Kyle Sherman and Keven Williams won their first singles title at the World Series of Bowling



Kris Prather won his second PBA Major



Jason Sterner made the 4-7-9-10 at the PBA World Championship in the second match



The Scorpion Stepladder was a great matchup of today's top bowlers



Dom Barret and Anthony Simonsen both won their tenth career title



Dom Barrett completed the Triple Crown at the Tournament of Champions. He is the 8th bowler to complete it.



Anthony Simonsen because the youngest player to win three in four Majors at the US Open and the USBC Masters

Jason Belmonte became the first person to win three PBA Player's Championship. He now has 15 Major Titles.

# Breakpoint

**USBC Team All-Events Record Broken Twice** 

At the USBC Open in Team All-Events Mento Produce of Baldwinsville, New York broke the record for first time in twenty-six years. The team had a PBA Tour Titlist Anthony Pepe as part of it's roster. They shot an impressive 10,444 averaging 232 per game. The old record was set by Pollards Bowl of 10,426 in 1996. A week later Mento Produce's record was shattered by DiLaura Brothers Team of Michigan with 141 pins over averaging 235 per game.



2022 USBC Team All Events Leaders-**DiLaura Brothers 1 of Clinton** Township, Michigan



In 1992, Marc MacDowell became the first bowler to win the Tournament of Champions while also being the PBA President.



## **Tenth Frame - Editorial** Bowlology Academy Presentations

Bowlology Academy was founded by Josh Hyde in January 2020. The curriculum of Bowlology Academy courses are goals that a bowler strives to achieve from Bowlology 200 to Kingpin Associate 900. These are scores that bowlers try to achieve on the lanes. In recent months, I have completed three Bowlology Academy presentations. Two of these are on the Josh Hyde Bowling.com website. The first one is the Bowlology instructional guide and the other is a detailed study of bowling tournaments from a Bowlologist's perspective. Finally, last but not least, there is a presentation on how to become a Bowlologist with an exam that a Bowlologist should know for the sport of bowling. The subscribers of the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter are encouraged to look at these presentations at Josh Hyde Bowling.com.





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