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# Messenger Troup Successfully Defends at the PBA Playoffs



Kyle Troup won his ninth PBA Career title by winning the 2022 PBA Playoffs. He did it by defeating Tommy Jones with a front ten in the last game. Troup took an earlier lead with a two game to one. However Tommy Jones would shoot a 279 to have a chance at winning the PBA Playoffs. Troup did not lose a match before the championship match. Kyle Troup was looking to go undefeated at this year's PBA Playoffs. Tommy Jones was seeking his 21st PBA Tour Title.

In this years PBA Playoffs, the top seeds were eliminated by the second round of the tournament. Jason Belmonte would be eliminated in the first round of the tournament. EJ Tackett would have a chance to win against Jesper Svensson, but he left the 2-4-10 to eliminate his chances for another title.

During this PBA season, Kyle Troup did not have a stellar performance and Tommy Jones would never win a tournament. However Jones would manage to have his best season without a PBA Tour Title. He also made it to the championship round in three majors.

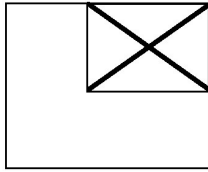
"It just shows, keep fighting and keep willing your way through because good things will happen," Troup said after the win. "It's been a rough year physically and mentally a little bit, but I never gave up. This was his ninth career PBA Tour title surpassing his father Guppy Troup eight career PBA Tour wins. Although it was not a major, it still paid out as a major with Kyle receiving a \$100,000.

- Game 1: 217-184
- Game 2: 276-257
- Game 3: 201-279
- Game 4: 288-222



Above: Kyle Troup 2022 PBA Tour Playoffs Winner





# Strike Column

## Rookie of the Year Analysis

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These bowlers won the Rookie of the Year award and have gone on to have a great careers. There is quite a bit of talent on the PBA Tour and their resumes speak for themselves.

The first great Rookie of the Year in PBA history is Jim Godman. Jim was the first bowler to win two Tournament of Champions titles and he also would add a USBC Masters to his Major resume.

Mike Durbin was the first bowler to win the Tournament of Champions three times. On top of that, he also won the Tournament of Champions the year he was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame. He won titles with a three, four, and five step approach. In his rookie season, he finished in 10th place on the money list earning two titles. He was known as the "King of the Lanes at Riviera".

Mike Aulby was the first to live up to the dream of the Rookie of the Year award. Six years into his career, he became the first to then earn the Player of the Year award. He won every Major on the PBA Tour, won the Tournament of Champions and the USBC Masters in the same year, almost earned \$300,000 in a single season, and was the second player to bowl a 300 in a title game.

Pete Weber was the greatest bowler to not earn the Player of the Year Award. He won the US Open five times, which is more than any other bowler. Weber won his first Major at the 1987 Tournament of Champions. Ironically, he won his last Major (also the Tournament of Champions) title in 2013 making him the bowler with the greatest gap

between TOC titles. It would also make him the first bowler to complete the Triple Crown twice.

Another great rookie was Jason Couch. He would become the first bowler to three-peat the Tournament of Champions. Couch would go on to win a total of four Majors. He was the first bowler to have a power game as a south paw.

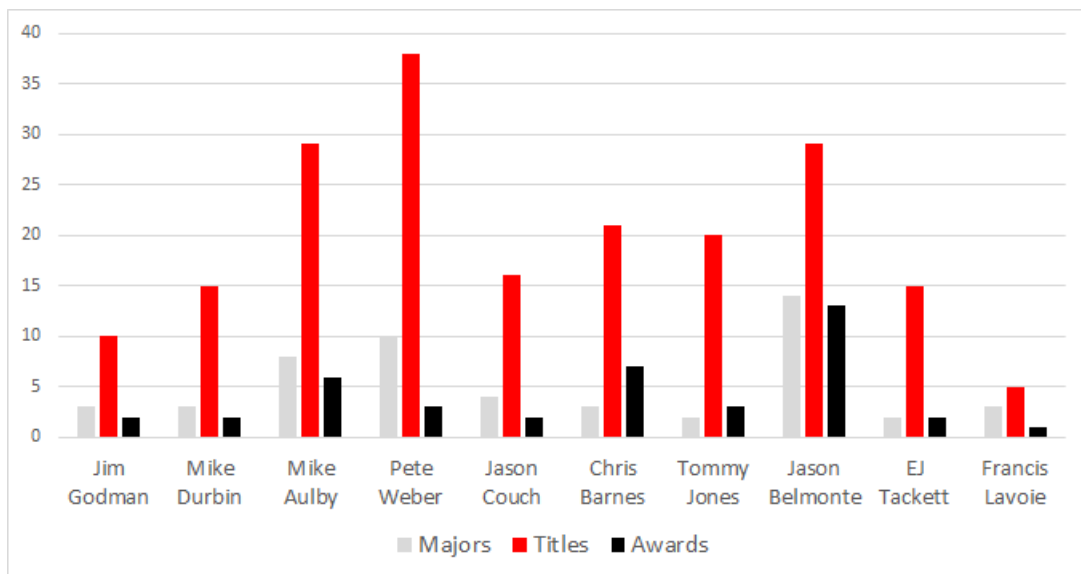
Chris Barnes would be the third bowler in PBA history to win both the Player and Rookie of the Year. Barnes would also become the sixth player to complete the Triple Crown at the 2011 PBA World Championship.

Tommy Jones would become the second player to earn Rookie and Player of the Year honors. Tommy would win a total of two Majors at the U.S. Open and the Tournament of Champions.

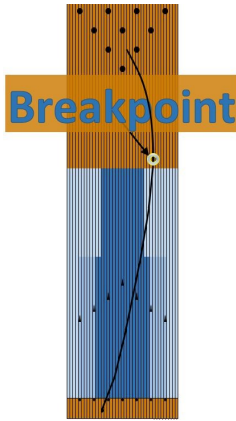
Jason Belmonte is perhaps the greatest bowler of today. He has won every major honor and tournament. Belmonte has revolutionized bowling by introducing the two-handed style.

E.J. Tackett has had a start in his short bowling career. He has won two Majors and has also been the Rookie and Player of the Year. E.J. was the second bowler to sign a one million dollar deal (Motiv Bowling).

Francis Lavoie was the first bowler to bowl a 300 in the U.S. Open on television (which he won). He quickly followed up with his second U.S. Open victory. In 2021, he would win his third Major at the TOC.



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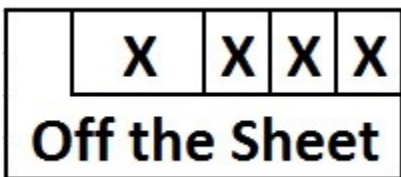


# Breakpoint: PBA Summer Super Regionals

On May 17,2022, the PBA announced, instead of a PBA Summer Tour, they would have a PBA Super Regional which gives PBA Regional bowlers the ability to earn more money. These Regionals would pay at least \$10,000 for the top prize. These tournaments will also count toward the Regional Players Invitational for January , 2023. The Striking Against Breast Cancer Tournament will count toward the PBA National title where E.J. Tackett and Daniel McCune will defend their titles. The rest of the PBA Super Regional will be counted toward regional titles. Fans will be able to follow along on the PBA Facebook page for these events in the Step-ladder finals.

### PBA ACTION THIS SUMMERO

- PBA Lubbock Sports Open, Lubbock, Texas – July 22-24
- Storm PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles, Houston – July 28-31
- PBA Jonesboro Open, Jonesboro, Ark. – August 5-7
- PBA Ernst Apparel Central Classic, Minister, Ohio – August 9-11
- PBA Bowlerstore.com presented by Moxy's Xtra Pair, Coldwater, Ohio – August 12-14
- PBA Clean Air Solutions LLC Biz Hampton Open, Hampton, Va. – August 16-18
- PBA Booster Club of Hampton Roads Open, Chesapeake, Va. – August 19-21



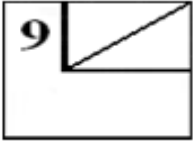
## Seeds of Rout

Last month, *Bowlers Journal International* discussed in the first round of the USBC Masters the likelihood of the higher seeds winning the first match in the double elimination format. The best record was the bowler that qualified third for the tournament in the last ten years with the third seed only losing once. Another interesting fact is that the number 10 qualifier has only lost twice in the past decade. The top two highest qualifiers are about .500 in their first match. The matchup between 22 and 43 is also lopsided, in favor of the higher seed 10-1. There are also upsets most notably between the 18 and 47 seeds (5-6), the 20 and 45 seeds (4-7), the 23 and 42 seeds (5-6), and the 27 and 38 seeds (5-6). It was quite an interesting sidebar. These stats were compiled by Eric Hartman.

Readers of the Josh Hyde Bowling Newsletter who also received the Bowlers Journal International can read the entire article on page 52 of the May 2022 issue.



**In 1951, the winner of the first USBC Masters was Lee Jouglard.**



## PBA League 2022-Draft

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The WTT Kingpins were the first team to draft their picks for the season. Manager Carolyn Dorin-Ballard picked Kyle Sherman. She liked that Kyle has won in the PBA WSOB Cheetah Championship. The team manager of what used to be the Brooklyn Styles but now the Waco Wonders picked Jason Sterner. Silver Lake Atom Splitters chose to let the defending champions the Portland LumberJacks pick Packy Hanrahan. Andrew Cain of the LAX newest member of the USBC Hall of Fame picked Chris Barnes as his first round pick. Del Ballard Jr went after Mark Baker and he picked Brad Miller for his lineup. Del was the only team manager that needed to fill three spots for his roster. Mark Baker got to first in the 2022 PBA League draft and his second choice was Brandon Novak.

This year's Elias Cup will return to Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine. Each team will bowl six traditional team games for Anthony or Carter stepladder finals. After 30 team games, they will go into a stepladder bracket in their division finals. The top team of each division will only need to win one Baker game to advance to the Elias Cup finals. In the Elias Cup finals the two teams that survived in the stepladder division will bowl the best of five games with the winner needing to win three games. This year's PBA League will be on the PBA League Mark Roth pattern. The qualifying portion will be live-steamed on Flobowling. Since this year they are bowling regular team games. There are some consolations opportunities for being the highest bowler on their team, such as the Strike Derby and the All-Star Clash.



### Attitude Control



LEVEL	Advanced
PART NUMBER	60-106757-93X
COLOR	Deep Red
CORE	Contra
COVERSTOCK	Urethane Pearl
COVER TYPE	Pearl Urethane
FINISH	500, 1000 Siaair Micro Pad
WEIGHTS	16-12 lbs.
RG	2.474 (15 lb.)
DIFF	0.047 (15 lb.)
WARRANTY	Two years from purchase date



### Attitude



LEVEL	Advanced
PART NUMBER	60-106759-93X
COLOR	Aqua / Silver / Black
CORE	Contra
COVERSTOCK	Activator Plus 3.0 Pearl
COVER TYPE	Pearl Reactive
FINISH	500, 1000, 1500 Siaair / Crown Factory Compound
WEIGHTS	16-12 lbs.
RG	2.474 (15 lb.)
DIFF	0.047 (15 lb.)
WARRANTY	Two years from purchase date





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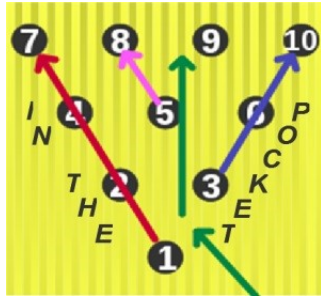
# Tenth Frame - Editorial

## An envisioned PBA Meeting at the USBC Masters

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Ray Bluth had won the Masters and there was an attorney from Akron, Ohio who was named Eddie Elias. Eddie asked 33 bowlers to put up \$50 each. Among these men were some of the greats; Dick Weber, Don Carter, Billy Welu, Junie McMahon, and Dick Hoover. Elias wanted to start a professional bowling association for the top bowlers to compete. Some of them were hesitant to jump right in. There had been talk about a professional bowling league, but nobody really jumped up at the opportunity. Bowlers were hesitant about the prize money. They felt like they could not make a living by throwing a bowling ball. Don Carter and Dick Weber were quite pleased as they thought they might be Super Stars of the PBA. Other bowlers were quite intimidated that they would not be able to compete against Don Carter & Dick Weber. Ray Bluth had won the Masters that week and the bowlers knew that Don Carter, Dick Weber and Ray Bluth were part of the all-star team that shot 3858, one of the best records ever. Carmen Salvino knew that bowling teams could not compete against the Budweiser Team on a team basis. Yet he knew they could compete individually against these players.

There were concerns about prize funds, lane conditions, and qualifications for joining the PBA. Eddie Elias had some ideas on how to come up with qualifications such as bowlers requiring a current PBA member to write a recommendation to join the PBA. Also maintaining an average of 200 in league season. Eddie had promised by 1960 that there would be a PBA National Championship for just the membership. He also promised to get bowling on National Television in the near future and find sponsorships from bowling industry and other avenues. Eddie knew Don Carter and Dick Weber before the founding of the PBA, and he wanted these bowlers to have an elite tournament. Eddie had total faith that the PBA would survive, but did not know how successful it would be according to interview with his wife Peggy Elias in 2008.



## In the Pocket

### Top 10 moments that could have been in the Top 60 Greatest PBA moments

- 10.** Walter Ray Williams Jr. makes the Big Four 4-6-7-10 on National Television.
- 9.** Parker Bohn III beat Walter Ray Williams Jr. 206-204 at the 1997 Showboat Invitational down to the last ball.
- 8.** Tom Baker sealed his PBA Tour Exempt status by winning the 2004 PBA World Championship.
- 7.** Marc McDowell wins the Tournament of Champions while serving as PBA President.
- 6.** Don Johnson won the semi-final match against Johnny Petraglia at 1971 Brunswick World Open. This secured Johnson's Player of the Year over Petraglia in 1971.
- 5.** Doug Kent wins \$120,000 at the 2002 PBA World Championship. It was the highest single tournament prize in PBA History at the time.
- 4.** Walter Ray Williams Jr. has the highest single season earnings in 2002-03, \$419,700.
- 3.** Jesper Svensson became the youngest player to win the Tournament of Champions.
- 2.** Gary Faulkner Jr. became the second PBA Tour African-American champion at the 2015 PBA World Championship.
- 1.** Anthony Simonsen became the youngest player to win a Major at the 2016 USBC Masters.