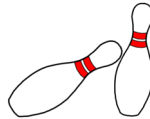


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## Wonders sweep Lumberjacks 3-0 to win the Elias

The Waco Wonders beat the hometown team, the Portland Lumberjacks. The Portland Lumberjacks were the hometown team at Bayside Bowl. In the championship match, the deciding factor was a five game match with the winner having to win three games in order to claim the Elias Cup trophy. Portland Lumberjacks were looking for their fourth PBA League Elias Cup trophy. However, the Waco Wonders had something to say about that as they averaged 253 in the three games to earn the Elias Cup. The Waco Wonders frequently hit the pocket, and it paid off, as PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III observed.

“We didn't have a star studded team, but we had heart and soul,” Bohn said. “We had five guys with Johnny behind us that were digging in every shot.”

Ryan Ciminelli won the Mark Roth MVP Trophy. He eliminated the Portland Lumberjacks and Milwaukee Pounders.

Lumberjacks	204	231	252
Wonders	247	247	267



Waco Wonders—Winner of the 2023 Elias Cup

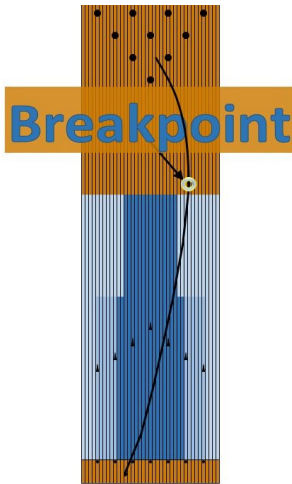


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LEVEL	Pro
PART NUMBER	60-108015-93X
COLOR	Black / Purple / Melon
CORE	Mindset
COVERSTOCK	HK22 - Evolution Hybrid
COVER TYPE	Hybrid Reactive
FINISH	500, 1500, 3000 Siaair Micro Pad
WEIGHTS	16-12 lbs.
RG	2.487
DIFF	0.050
ASY	0.021
WARRANTY	Two years from purchase date
RELEASE DATE	October 19, 2023

LEVEL	High
PART NUMBER	60-108021-93X
COLOR	Purple / Sky / Carbon
CORE	Ethos
COVERSTOCK	HK22 - SH 4.0 Pearl
COVER TYPE	Pearl Reactive
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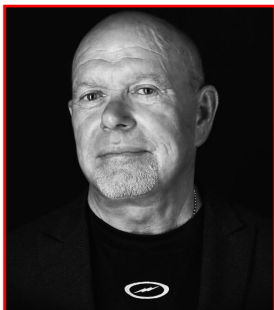
## Breakpoint: Storm Co-Founder passes away

Sadly, the bowling world lost a pioneer in the sport of bowling. Bill Chrisman, the co-founder of Storm Bowling, passed on September 28th at the age of 74. Storm is the leader in Bowling Ball technology. Chrisman and wife Barbara were meritoriously inducted in the USBC Hall of Fame. The first husband and wife to do so. Storm has developed numerous innovative products that have changed the industry since 1994. Bill designed his first bowling ball by using a KFC bucket to mix the resin.

In 1996, he received a call from Dick Weber. Dick wanted to know if Bill could give a couple of bowling balls to Pete Weber. Late in '96 to early in '97, Bill signed his first bowling superstar—Pete Weber. Pete was in a slump at the time and wanted to try something different. Pete & Storm have been inseparable ever since. Other notable players that are Storm pro-staff members are Norm Duke, Jason Belmonte, Chris Barnes, Kris Prather, Anthony Simonsen, Francis Lavoie, Kyle Troup, and Wes Malott among others.

Storm Bowling also owns Roto Grip & 900 Global offering a full array of bowling balls and other equipment. They are one of major leaders in bowling technology next to Brunswick. Storm has made a name for itself by winning every major on the PBA circuit.

As a personal note, Bill Chrisman read my newsletter and asked if he could provide me with a bowling ball during the PBA60 Anniversary Classic in 2018. The bowling world will definitely notice the loss of a bowling ball innovator.



Bill Chrisman 1949-2023

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# Tenth Frame Editorial: Bowlogist View of the Greatest PBA Championship Matches of all Time

The Right Lane YouTube bowling channel did the greatest championship match in PBA History. The producer of this channel said it was at this year’s PBA World Championship between Tackett and Belmonte. Belmonte made Tackett double in the tenth to win the title.

I beg to differ on this. The year was 1981 at the U.S. Open. Mark Roth had led the tournament from the first round to the stepladder finals on the championship round. It was at this time that Marshall Holman were the stars of the PBA Tour. Bowling fans at that time wanted to see Roth and Holman bowl for the title. Holman had won the week before at the Quaker State Open. Holman caught fire bowling in two championship matches in back to back weeks. Mark Roth made championship round in each tournament that he entered at that point in ‘81. It was still early in the season. Roth had never won a major on the PBA Tour. He had dominated the tour from ‘78 to ‘79 earning three Player of the Year awards. In ‘78, he won a remarkable eight titles in one season. Roth was dominating on the PBA Tour. Early in the championship match, it looked like Holman was going to have a cake walk winning his second major title. However Roth fought back with a four bagger. With a turkey early in game, it looked like Holman was going to have a cake walk winning his first U.S Open. However, Holman left a bucket and lost his pin count.

In 2006 at the PBA World Championship, it was Pete Weber and Walter Ray Williams Jr. Both bowlers were seeking their third PBA World Championship. Walter Ray was still looking to tie Earl Anthony for forty-one PBA Tour titles. Pete Weber had lost his dad a year earlier. This was a great championship match. Bowling fans could always count on a competitive match between these two bowlers.

In 2011, the same tournament that Roth and Holman dueled out, it was Norm Duke and Mika Koivuniemi. Mika missed a ten pin to lose the second U.S. Open title giving Duke his second U.S. Open title of his career.

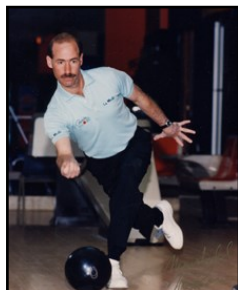
In 2013 at the Tournament of Champions, Pete Weber and Jason Belmonte were battling in the championship match. Weber had led the tournament for most of the week. Weber was looking to join Earl Anthony as the only other player to win ten major titles and to complete the Triple Crown twice.



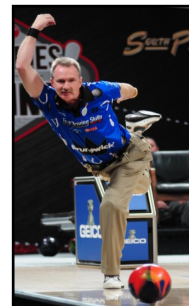
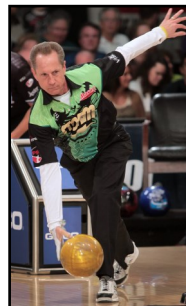
Belmonte & Tackett– 2023 PBA World Championship



Duke & Koivuniemi-2011 US Open



Roth & Holman-1981 US Open



Weber & Williams, Jr-2006 PBA World Championship