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Messenger-Tackett wins Triple Crown

At the 2023 US Open, EJ Tackett became the ninth bowler to complete the Triple Crown with a 221-208 win over Kyle Troup. This is his 17th PBA Tour Title. Troup was looking at Hall of Fame eligibility if he won. The championship match was close the entire match as Tackett was forced to strike on the first ball of the 10th frame. Troup had a single pin in the 1st frame which really hurt him at the end. Additionally, he had trouble on the left lane during the match.

At the 2023 US Open, they went directly into match play after 24 games of qualifying. Tackett was the leader after 24 games. There were no 300 games bowled at this US Open.

Kyle Troup bowled a couple of games under 170 in his final two games of match play. Kris Prather struggled maintaining the surfaces on his ball.

On the first night of the stepladder, Justin Knowles was the lone lefty remaining. He started out strong leading Marshall Kent and Thomas Larsen. However, he ran in to trouble against Kyle Troup.

Other names that did not perform well at this year's US Open were Jason Belmonte, Bill O'Neill and Tommy Jones.



"Bowling is indeed a sport."

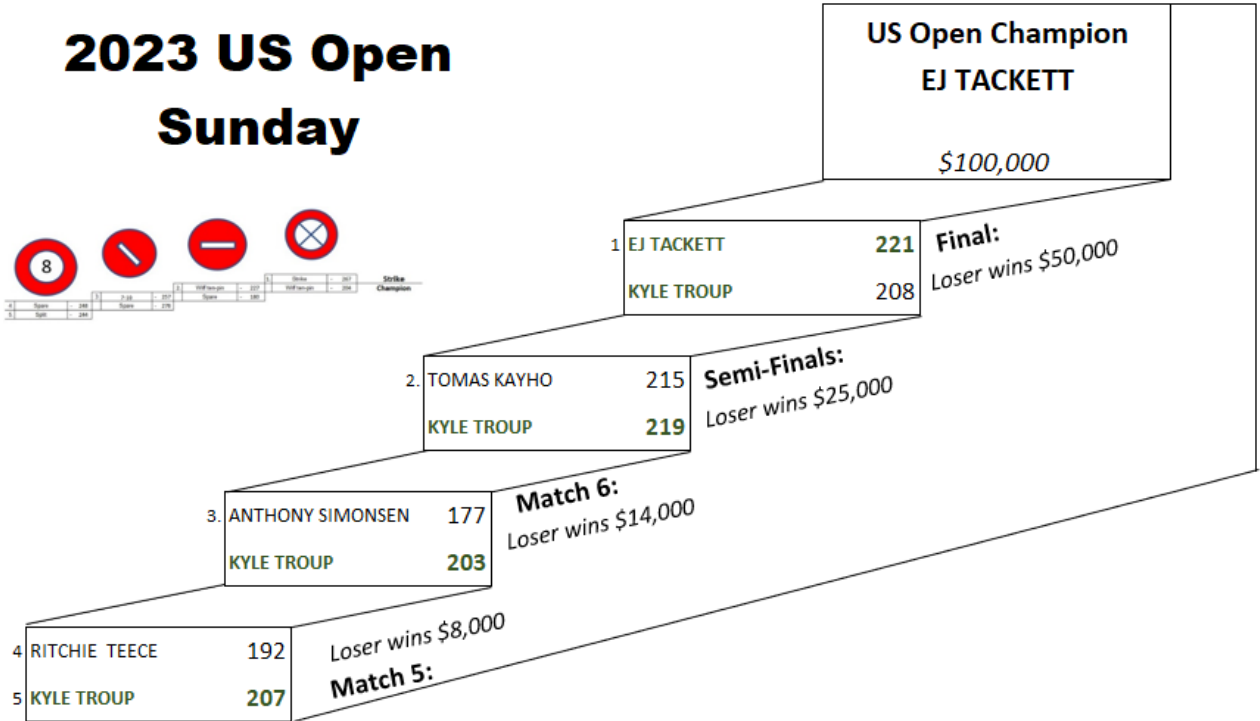
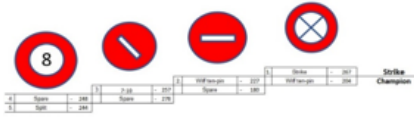
Josh Hyde, Bowlologist, BLP



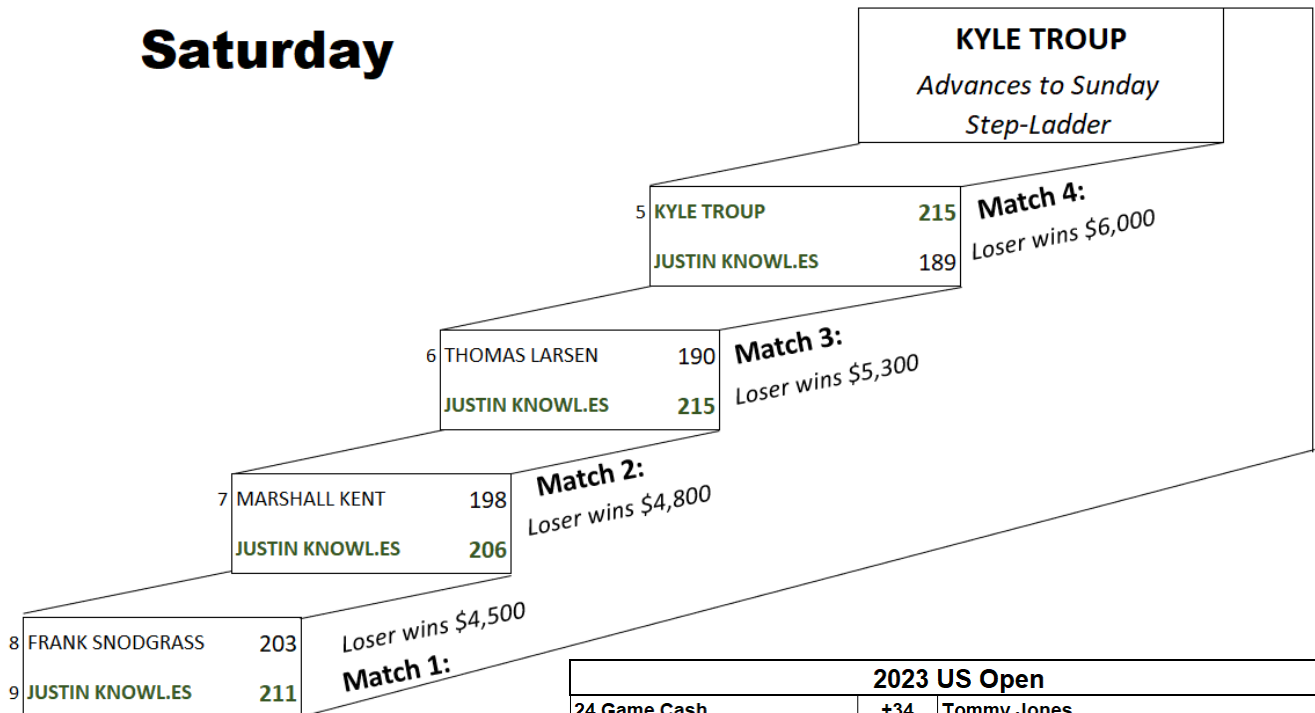
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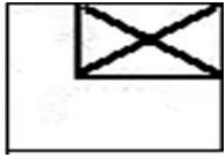
2023 US Open Sunday



Saturday



2023 US Open		
24 Game Cash	+34	Tommy Jones
24 Game Cut	+107	Tom Hess
24 Game Leader	+426	EJ Tackett
48 Game Cut	+816	Justin Knowles
48 Game Leader	+1258	EJ Tackett
High Game	221	EJ Tackett
Low Game	177	Anthony Simonsen
High Match	219-215	Kyle Troup - Tomas Kayho
Low Match	203-177	Kyle Troup - Anthony Simonsen
Average Winning Game	212.13	



Strike Column D.Weber, Johnson, Holman, Bohn III Analysis

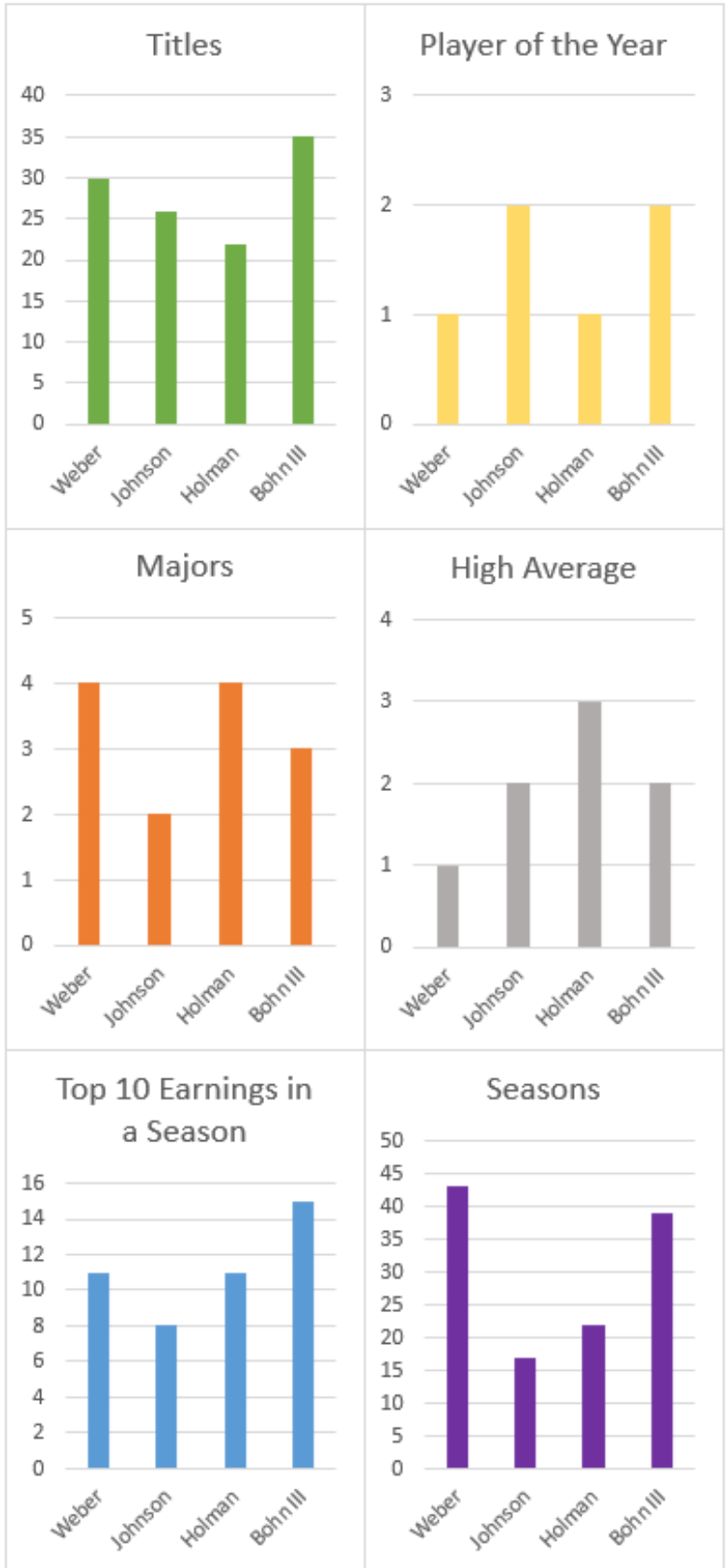
In prior issues, the Josh Hyde’s Bowling Newsletter has looked at The Big Three and The Big Four bowlers over the history of the PBA. This column is continuing with the remaining Top Ten bowlers: Dick Weber, Don Johnson, Marshall Holman, and Parker Bohn III.

Dick Weber was the very first superstar of the PBA. He was one of the charter members of the Tour in 1958. Weber would go on to win two tournaments in the first season in 1959. He also won the first tournament of the second season. Weber won four BPAA All-Stars as his only Majors. He won one Player of the Year Award in 1965. He was also the first bowler to win a title in each of five decades.

Don Johnson has the greatest moment in PBA History. At the 1970 Tournament of Champions, he left the 10 pin on the final shot for a 299. He would go on to win another Major at the US Open. Johnson captured 26 titles over his career and also earned the Player of the Year honor twice. He was the first bowler to consecutively appear in the championship round of the Tournament of Champions (5 years).

Marshall Holman was the youngest player to win the Tournament of Champions in 1976. He captured four Majors in his career and also was the third bowler to earn more than \$1,000,000 in his career. Holman won three High Average and one Player of the Year awards.

Parker Bohn III was the third player to earn more than \$2,000,000 in career earnings. He won 35 titles along with 3 Majors. Bohn won the 3 Majors after he was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame. In 1997-1999, he doubled his count of titles from 11 to 22. In 1998, Bohn bowled a 300 on national television. He broke the average score record in 1999 with a 228.04. Bohn also won all his PBA national titles with a single brand of bowling ball, Brunswick.



Breakpoint - 2023 PWBA Hall of Fame Class



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The 2023 PWBA Hall of Fame Class was announced February 8th. Cheryl Daniels, Paula Carter and Mary Bundrick (posthumously) were elected. Paula Carter was a wife to Mr. Bowling Don Carter. She finished in the top ten nine times. Additionally she won Bowler of the Year two times in the 1970's. Cheryl Daniels won a total of ten times with one lone major at the 1995 Women's U.S. Open. She collected multiple titles during the 1994-95 seasons. She also had nine other top 5 finishes at Majors. Daniels was a USBC Hall of Fame member in 2002. Last but not least is Mary Bundrick who helped found the PWBA in 1959 and served as its president from 1959 to 1963. Mary was definitely an ambassador to the PWBA in the formation of the tour. All three of these women will be inducted in the PWBA Hall of Fame.

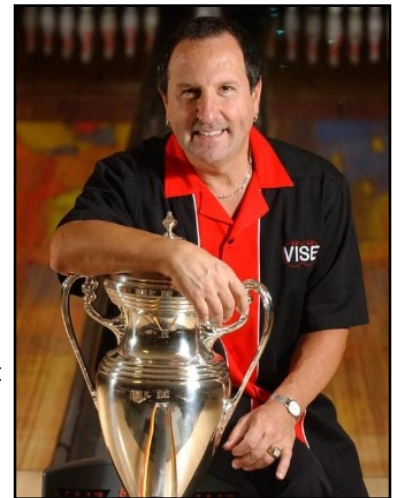


Elias-Schenkel-Weber Lane

Baker's Major Moment

At the start of 03-04 PBA Tour Season there was going to be an exempt PBA Tour field for the following season. There were a number of bowlers to get in the top50 points. The Top8 in points received a bye going right into the Super16. This was an added bonus in bowling throughout the season. Major tournament winners would receive multi-year exemptions in the exempt field of the PBA. Mika Koivuniemi was looking for his third major and deal on the Chris Schenkel Player of the Year award. Brad Angelo was at the top of the point standings and average for the year. However there were two players that were looking for a place in PBA history. Wes Malott was making his first televised show in his PBA Career. Tom Baker was a 28 year veteran on the PBA Tour. When Baker beat PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber in Super 16 he would earn an exemption for the next season. Baker had never won a major in his bowling career. If he were to win it would be his tenth title.

In the first match Baker would bowl his roommate Brad Angelo. They both started out strong with stringing five strikes in a row. However Baker kept on striking and Angelo would struggle at the second half of the game. Baker would move onto the championship match by bowling a 277 to 243 in the first semi-final match. The second match was just as thrilling as both Mika and Wes could strikeout for 225. Wes would leave a 2-10 on his first ball giving Mika the right to advance to the championship game. In the championship game Mika would struggle early. However Mika would come back strong by stringing the last five strikes in a row. Tom Baker would start out very strong and a five bagger to began his championship match. Mika could have struck out to force Baker to strike on the first ball in the tenth. Baker almost left the pocket 7-10. He was fortunate enough to only leave the 7 pin. Baker made it like a true veteran defeating Koivuniemi 246 to 239.



Tom Baker with his 2004 PBA World Championship Trophy



At the start of the 03-04 PBA Tour Season PBA announced that there would be an Exempt Tour for the next season.

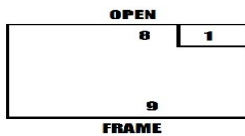
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Tenth Frame: Commentary PBA and Urethane Bowling Balls

The PBA announced that the use of urethane bowling balls was prohibited effective August 1st of 2022. Back in 1993, Jason Couch won the Touring Players Championship with Nitro urethane bowling ball.

Will the PBA then outlaw another coverstock in the coming years? How can the PBA tell a bowler who is matched up with a Purple Hammer, for example, that they cannot use that ball? There could be a number of bowlers saying that a fellow bowler cannot use a certain ball because it is older than August 1st, 2022. The bowling community is now saying that there is no wrong way of throwing a bowling ball. This rule puts an unnecessary burden on the pros by limiting their choice of ball and how to attack the lane. Bowlers have to make their ball see the pattern in order to strike as much as they can.

This new rule could very well jeopardize or end bowling careers.



The Sport of Bowling Pin Study

As a Bowlogist, one should do a pin study detailing some aspect of the sport. As editor of the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter, I have dissected the sport of bowling in many columns over the past 15 years. The complete study is on JoshHydeBowling.com. Bowling fans can go take a more thorough look at it at their convenience. Some of the material in **The Sport of Bowling** has been presented in the Bowlology Academy. I wanted bowlers and bowling fans to have a presentation that can be used to convince their friends and even people in the general public that bowling is indeed a genuine sport. If a bowler is trying to knock ten round objects sixty feet in front of him or her by throwing a 16 pound sphere, how can that not be a sport.

The pin study goes through the greatest moments in bowling history, bowling innovations and discusses the bowling ball. **The Sport of Bowling** also takes a look at the greatest bowlers of the PBA.

I am proud of this compilation of bowling facts and shared knowledge. Bowling fans and bowlers can show this to their friends and family in hopes of persuading them to see bowling as a sport, not merely just a recreational pastime.

The Sport of Bowling
Presented by
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A Bowlogists Complete Study as a higher standard for the sport.
This study takes a look at the sport of bowling and why it should be taken seriously as a sport.