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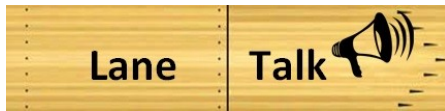
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Messenger: Kevin McCune Rewrites Bowling History

Kevin McCune rewrote bowling history becoming the first third generation winner by capturing the PBA Players Championship title, and the first McCune to win a Major title. He defeated Jakob Butturff 3 games to 0 in the Championship match.

“Jakob is just like EJ and Simo. He can strike at will once he figures it out,” McCune said. “All I had to do was maintain composure and make sure I hit the pocket. If I hit the pocket, I liked my chances of striking.”

McCune defeated EJ Tackett’s brother, Zac, in the first round. After the first round, he took down the greatest bowlers in the tournament. In the second round, he met EJ and defeated him 2 games to 1. In the Semifinals, he bowled against Anthony Simonsen beating him 2 games to 0. McCune got in the right matches at the right time.



“Let your ball be your guide”
Harry Golden –former PBA
Tournament Director



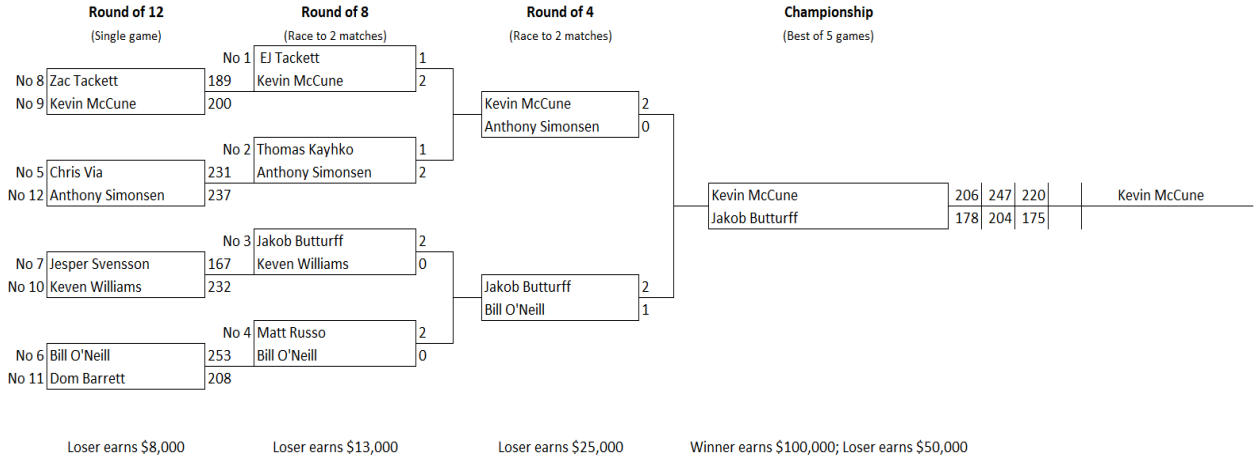
Kevin McCune-Winner of the 2023
PBA Players Championship



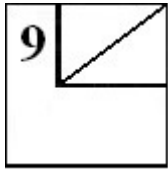
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2023 PBA Players Championship



| 2023 PBA Players Championship Tournament Stats | |
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| 24-game cut | +307 Wesley Low Jr. & Samuel DeWitt III |
| 24-game leader | +785 EJ Tackett |
| 42-game cut | +671 Patrick Hanrahan |
| 42-game leader | +1101 EJ Tackett |
| 48-game cut | + 799 A. Simonsen (won 1-game roll-off w/J. Belmonte) |
| 48-game leader | +1232 EJ Tackett |
| 300-games: Justin Knowles, Sam Cooley, Matt Russo, Jakob Buttruff (2), Kevin McCune, EJ Tackett, Bryan Hahlen | |



2023 PBA Super Slam

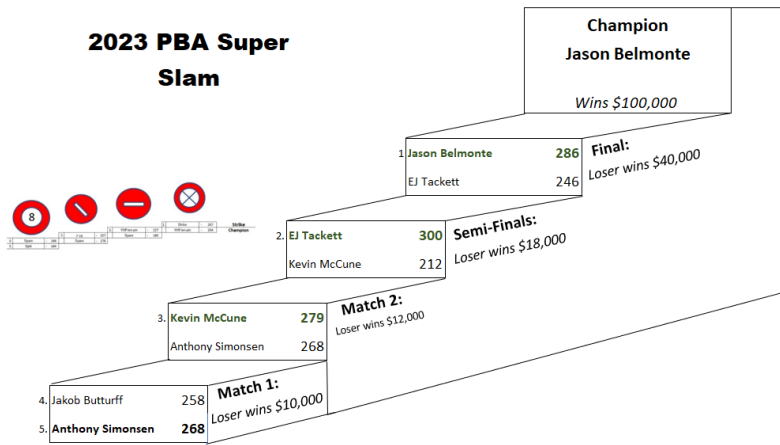
Jason Belmonte won the 2023 PBA Super Slam by defeating EJ Tackett 286 to 246. This did not give him another title; however, the money did count towards the year’s earnings.

Belmonte came in as the top seed wanting to come out with a win even though it was not a title match. “I want the ability to finish my career looking at all the events that we've had and say that I've won every one of them that I possibly can.”

Belmonte had the front ten during the championship match before leaving a 7-10 split in the 11th frame. He used two balls to convert the spare. Had he made the split it would not have counted. In the semi-finals, EJ Tackett bowled a 300 game over Kevin McCune’s 212 game. In the second match, Kevin McCune forced Anthony Simonsen to get all three strikes in the tenth to tie at 279. Anthony Simonsen was successful at getting the first one, but then left a ten pin. Anthony would lose the game. In the first match of the stepladder finals, Jakob Buttruff and Anthony Simonsen had a strike fest with Simonsen bowling a 268 over Jakob Buttruff’s 258. The scores were very high at this year’s PBA Super Slam.



Above– the winner of the PBA Super Slam

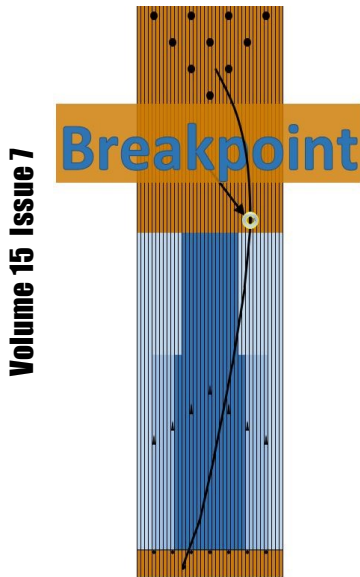


2023 PBA SuperSlam Seeding Position

| | | |
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| 1 | Jason Belmonte | 505 |
| 2 | EJ Tackett | 501 |
| 3 | Kevin McCune | 501 |
| 4 | Jakob Buttruff | 436 |
| 5 | Anthony Simonsen | 435 |

Tackett won tiebreaker via points earned during 2023 major

| 2023 PBA SuperSlam Championship Round Stats | | |
|---|---------|----------------------------------|
| High Game | 300 | EJ Tackett |
| Low Game | 212 | Kevin McCune |
| High Match | 279-268 | Kevin McCune vs Anthony Simonsen |
| Low Match | 300-212 | EJ Tackett vs Kevin McCune |
| Average Winning Game | 283.25 | |



PBA Super Regionals

Last month, the 2023 Super Regionals were announced. These tournaments have added prize money for first place PBA members as they are now able to win more money in these Super Regional tournaments with earnings from \$4,000 to \$10,000. Super Regionals start at the end of June and last until the middle of September. The PBA50 will be having a Super Regional for PBA members that are fifty and over. This should increase more player turnout in the PBA Regionals. For more information, bowling fans can go to PBA.com.

2023 PBA SUPER REGIONAL SCHEDULE

PBA First State Doubles Classic presented by Anchor Buick/GMC

Mid County Lanes & Entertainment Center (Middletown, DE)

June 28-30

First place - \$4,000 (\$5,000 added to prize fund)

PBA Rita Justice Classic presented by Bally's Dover Casino Resort

Mid County Lanes & Entertainment Center (Middletown, DE)

June 30-July 2

First place - \$6,000 (\$10,000 added to the prize fund)

PBA Kremer Roofing Central Classic

Community Lanes (Minster, OH)

August 8-10

First place - \$4,000

PBA Bowlerstore.com Classic presented by Moxy's Xtra Pair

Pla Mor Lanes (Coldwater, OH)

August 11-13

First place - \$10,000

PBA Century Lanes/PBA Booster Club of Hampton Roads Open

Century Lanes (Hampton, VA)

August 15-17

First Place - \$4,000

PBA Booster Club of Hampton Roads Open

AMF Western Branch Lanes (Chesapeake, VA)

August 18-20

First place - \$8,000

PBA Tony Reyes/Terry Leong Memorial Doubles

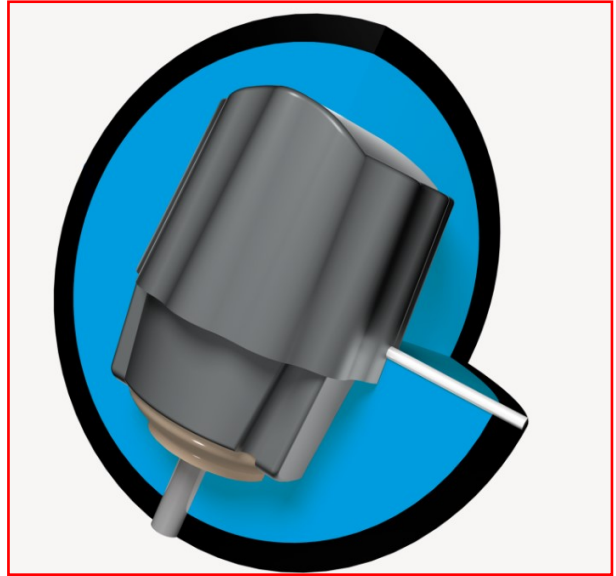
4th St Bowl (San Jose, CA)

August 25-27

First place - projected \$6,000 (\$8,000 Added to prize fund)



Brunswick Infinity



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| PART NUMBER | 60-106943-93X |
| COLOR | Purple Ice / Navy / Red |
| CORE | Infinity |
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| RG | 2.521 (15 lb.) |
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| ASY | 0.010 (15 lb.) |
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Tenth Frame Editorial: 2023 Season Highlights

The 2023 PBA Tour season opened up with a 9-step ladder finals at the US Open. It would end up being EJ Tackett's revenge as he lead the 2022 tournament by more than 500 pins. He would strike to claim the title and became the 9th PBA player to complete the Triple Crown.

Anthony Simonsen did not place any lower than 8th at any tournament during the season. He also won his third USBC Masters, joining Mike Aulby and Jason Belmonte. He also defended his 2022 title joining Billy Welu, Dick Hoover, and Jason Belmonte. There was



a format change at the USBC Masters too. The double elimination was extended to the tournament leader through the championship round. In four of the five Majors, there were more bowlers in the final round as these were expanded. At the USBC Masters, Parker Bohn III became the oldest bowler to make the championship round.



During the Tournament of Champions, EJ Tackett could have made history by leading the tournament from the

beginning and then winning the title. However, he lost to Jason Belmonte in the championship match 246-149. When Jason won this tournament, he became the first to win four Tournament of Champions titles in a career.

In the PBA World Championship, EJ Tackett doubled in the 10th frame against Belmonte to win his fourth career Major tournament and claim his fifth title of the year. He was able to fulfill the Hall of Fame requirements in one year. Matt Ogle claimed his first PBA title at the Shark Championship.



At the Players Championship, Kevin McCune took down the season's heavyweights by defeating Tackett, Simonsen, and Butturff.

At the Mark Roth / Marshall Holman PBA doubles, Anthony Simonsen and Dom Barrett defeated Bill O'Neill and Jason Belmonte 280-279.

At the PBA Super Slam, it took an average of 283.25 to win a game during the stepladder finals.

