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Messenger:

Troup wins 2nd Major

Kyle Troup won his second major title at the 2024 US Open by defeating Anthony Simonsen 223 to 181 out of an elite field of five in the stepladder rounds. Simonsen was looking to become the 12th bowler in US Open history to win multiple Open titles except he really struggled and could not find anything. Bowling fans were treated to probably the best top five in years at a PBA Major.

"To win in front of Guppy is a blessing every time," Troup said. "This also means I did something else that he didn't do. Gup, we have an eagle coming home now!"

In the first match, it came down the final frame with Bill O'Neill needing a double in the tenth to win against the defending champion EJ Tackett. O'Neill got the first strike in the tenth on the second ball, he left a ten pin to be defeated. Tackett's hopes of defending his title were still alive, unfortunately he ran into the eventual champion Kyle



Troup. Troup would make him double in the tenth to give him the opportunity to go against the greatest bowler of this era, Jason Belmonte. Tackett would fail to double in the tenth giving Troup the opportunity to win his second major at the US Open. In the semifinals, Jason Belmonte could not find the pocket. Troup however was able to stay out of trouble.

Kyle Troup, US Open Winner

2024 US Open



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Ultimate Defender

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LEVEL	Pro
PART NUMBER	60-108095-93X
COLOR	Violet / Pink / Navy
CORE	Portal X
COVERSTOCK	HK22 - A.C.T. 3.0 Hybrid
COVER TYPE	Hybrid Reactive
FINISH	500, 2000 Siaair Micro Pad
WEIGHTS	16-12 lbs.
RG	2.473 (15 lb.)
DIFF	0.054 (15 lb.)
ASY	0.015 (15 lb.)
WARRANTY	Two years from purchase date
RELEASE DATE	February 22,2024



Endeavor

LEVEL	Advanced
PART NUMBER	60-108099-93X
COLOR	Sky Blue / Silver
CORE	Tiered Hexagon
COVERSTOCK	Activator Plus 3.0 Pear
COVER TYPE	Pearl Reactive
FINISH	500, 1000, 1500 Siaair
WEIGHTS	16-12 lbs.
RG	2.540 (15 lb.)
DIFF	0.045 (15 lb.)
WARRANTY	Two years from purchase date
RELEASE DATE	February 22,2024



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APRIL 22, 2024 - APRIL 25, 2024	PBA50 HAMTRAMCK SINGLES CLASSIC OPEN AT Vision Lanes	Vision Lanes Westland, MI
APRIL 28, 2024 - MAY 1, 2024	PBA50 GRANVILLE FINANCIAL OPEN	Sandhills Bowling Center Aberdeen, NC

MAY 5, 2024 -**Spanish Springs Lanes PBA50 THE VILLAGES CLASSIC** MAY 9, 2024 The Villages, FL MAY 12, 2024 -**Lightning Strikes Bowl PBA50 FORT MYERS CLASSIC** MAY 15, 2024 Fort Myers, FL

MAY 19, 2024 -	PBA50 JOHNNY PETRAGLIA BVL OPEN	Maple Lanes Countryside
MAY 22, 2024		Clearwater, FL

USBC SUPER SENIOR CLASSIC

Sam's Town Bowling Center Las Vegas, NV

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Highland Park Lanes Greeley, CO

Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl Columbus, OH

Manassas, VA

JULY 8, 2024 - JULY 11, 2024	PBA50 MORGANTOWN CLASSIC	Suburban Lanes Morgantown, WV
JULY 14, 2024 -	BUD MOORE PBA50 PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP	Bowl America Bull Run

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JULY 22, 2024 - JULY 25, 2024	PBA50 BALLARD CLASSIC	JAX 60 Jackson, MI
JULY 22, 2024 - JULY 26, 2024	PBA50 MONACELLI CLASSIC	JAX 60 Jackson, MI
JULY 22, 2024 - JULY 27, 2024	PBA50 PETRAGLIA CLASSIC	JAX 60 Jackson, MI
JULY 22, 2024 - JULY 29, 2024	PBA50 WSOB II WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP	JAX 60 Jackson, MI
JULY 31, 2024 - AUGUST 3, 2024	PBA/PBA50/PWBA JONESBORO TRIOS	Hijinx Bowling Center Jonesboro, AR
AUGUST 5, 2024 - AUGUST 8, 2024	PBA50 SOUTH SHORE CLASSIC	Olympia Lanes Hammond, IN
AUGUST 11, 2024 - AUGUST 15, 2024	PBA50 TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS	AMF Riviera Lanes Fairlawn, OH





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Tenth Frame Editorial: 2024 US Open

At the 2024 US Open, bowling fans were especially fortunate as they were able to witness the greatest bowlers of today's PBA Tour. The finals featured four past US Open Champions, three of which were from the last four years: EJ Tackett-2023, Anthony Simonsen-2022, Jason Belmonte-2020, and Bill O'Neill-2010. Kyle Troup was even the runner up in last year's US Open. The finalists included three former Player of the Year honorees, including last year's Player of the Year and the US Open defending champion. Of all the possible outcomes, this was a dream all-star step ladder finals. Bowling fans were expecting an amazing show. Unfortunately, the matches between Belmonte v. Troup and Simonsen v. Troup were not close and did not feature the drama that bowling fans expected.

The closest comparison was the 1989 Tournament of Champions which featured Del Ballard, Walter Ray Williams Jr, Mark Williams, Dave Husted, and Mike Aulby. Mike Aulby was looking to become the fourth player in PBA history to complete the Triple Crown. Mark Williams had won the Tournament of Champions in 1985 and 1988 as the defending champion. He was hoping to join the ranks of Mike Durbin who has three ToC titles, and he would become the first player to defend a ToC title. Dave Husted won the 1982 US Open and the 1985 Touring Players Championship. Three years prior, Walter Ray Williams Jr. earned his first Player of the Year honor. Four of the five bowlers had Major titles. These players were all at the prime of their career.

Another tournament which comes to mind is the 2013 Tournament of Champions. This featured Pete Weber, Jason Belmonte, Sean Rash, Tommy Jones, and Osku Palermaa. Each of these bowlers had won at least one Major. Even though Pete Weber was nearing the end of his career, he was still a dominating force at the PBA Majors. Weber was looking to join Earl Anthony as the only player to win 10 Majors during their career. Also Weber was looking to become the first player to complete the Triple Crown not once, but twice.



Webers and the PBA Legacy

Last month, Pete Weber announced his retirement from the PBA tour. He was on the PBA Tour for 44 years. His father Dick Weber, was one of the founding members of the PBA. Dick and Pete competed on the tour against each other during the early '80s. Until Pete's retirement, there was always a Weber on the Tour. These bowlers both won at least four All-Star tournaments (currently known as the US Open). John Weber, Pete's brother, was also the PBA Director during the 2000s. The Webers were the royal family in PBA history. The PBA Tour will have a void without the Weber's involvement. Pete Weber will continue on the PBA50 Tour and some regional tournaments.

Back in 1992, Dick Weber became the first bowler in PBA history to win a PBA title in five different decades. Dick also won a PBA Senior (now PBA50) Regional title. Dick paved the way for bowlers to make a living on the PBA Tour. He was the fastest bowler to win three titles and ten titles. Dick Weber was a legendary force on the PBA Tour. Ironically, Dick Weber only won one Player of the Year honor. Pete Weber did not win Player of the Year on the PBA Tour. Finally, after moving to the PBA50 Tour, he was able to capture the PBA50 Player of the Year honor. He did, however, become the first player to receive the Rookie of the Year on both Tours. The Webers are the first father and son duo to be inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame.