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Messenger: Tackett wins 2nd US Open

EJ Tackett won his second US Open and his sixth career Major. Tackett defeated Andrew Anderson 238 to 184. He earned his second green jacket along with \$100,000. Tackett would become the 13th player to win multiple US Open titles.

"I've never, ever questioned my ability," Tackett said. "It was just a matter of being able to perform on television where I lacked for a lot of my career".

In the semi-final match, EJ Tackett would start out strong with the front seven. Chris Via would have a hard time as he would hit the outside part of the lane and the ball could not recover. This made it easy for Tackett to advance to the championship match. In the early matches of the Championship round, two-time US Open champion Francois Lavoie was down early to Anthony Simonsen. Francois would come back and beat Anthony as Anthony was dealing with an injured

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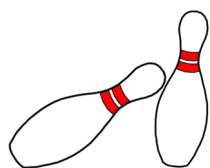


EJ Tackett, winner of the 2025 US Open.



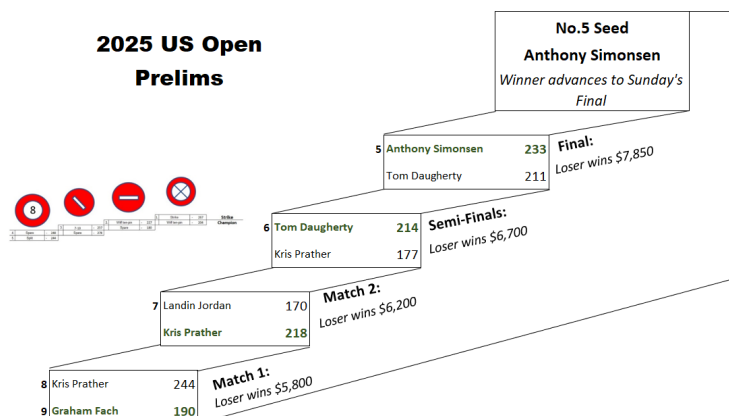
Hit them white watch them fight
——Nelson Burton, Jr





Messenger Continued: 2025 US Open Results

2025 US Open Prelims



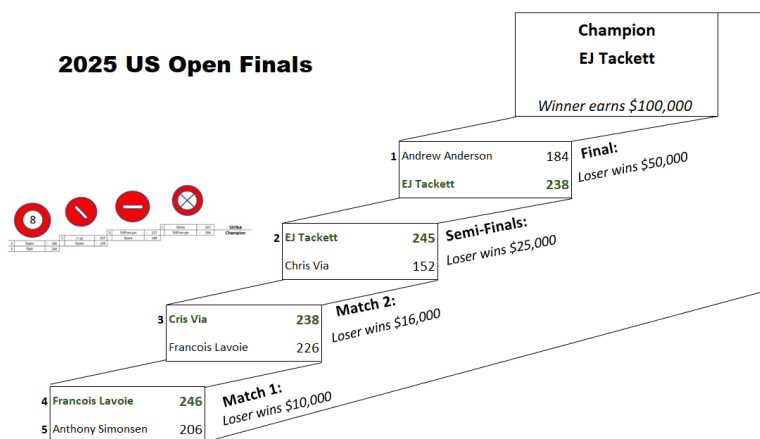
2025 US Open Prelims

24-Game Cash	+181	Tim Foy, Jr
24-Game Cut	+222	Nathan Bohr
24-Game Leader	+560	Andrew Anderson
48 Game Cut	+1168	Graham Fach
48 Game Leader	+1661	Andrew Anderson
300 # Games	2	Nathan Smith, John Janawicz

Preliminary Championship Round Stats

High Game	244	Kris Prather
Low Game	170	Landin Jordan
High Match	233-211	Simonsen vs Daugherty
Low Match	218-170	Kris Prather vs Landin Jordan
Average Winning Game	227.25	

2025 US Open Finals



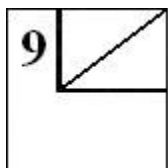
Championship Round Stats

High Game	246	Francois Lavoie
Low Game	152	Chris Via
High Match	238-226	Chris Via vs Francois Lavoie
Low Match	245-152	EJ Tackett vs Chris Via
Average Winning Game	241.75	

back. In the second match, Francois would not be able to string strikes. Chris Via got enough pins to shut out Lavoie in the second match.

The 2025 US Open had four different patterns for the 108 competitors who entered the tournament. Andrew Anderson dominated the qualifying and the matchplay portion from the second round of qualifying to the last round of match play. There were only two 300s shot—one by Janawicz and one by Nathan Smith. At the 2025 US Open, it would take a score of +222 by Nathan Bohr to advance to matchplay, and it would take a score of +181 by Tim Foy, Jr. for the last cash spot.

There were past champions that made match play—Jason Belmonte, Bill O'Neill, and Dom Barrett. Jason Belmonte was hoping for a second green jacket; however, he fell short by missing the first show in the preliminary round by only 25 pins. Kyle Troup, the defending champion, would fall short in making matchplay. Ryan Barnes, son of PBA Hall of Famer Chris Barnes, would cash in this year's US Open. Zac Tackett, brother of EJ Tackett, would also make matchplay. Landin Jordan, past PBA Junior National Championship winner, would also make it into matchplay and the preliminary finals. There would be another storyline as Graham Fach was hoping to win his second Major of his career and be a front runner for the Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year. He would struggle in the opening match of the preliminary stepladder round against Kris Prather.



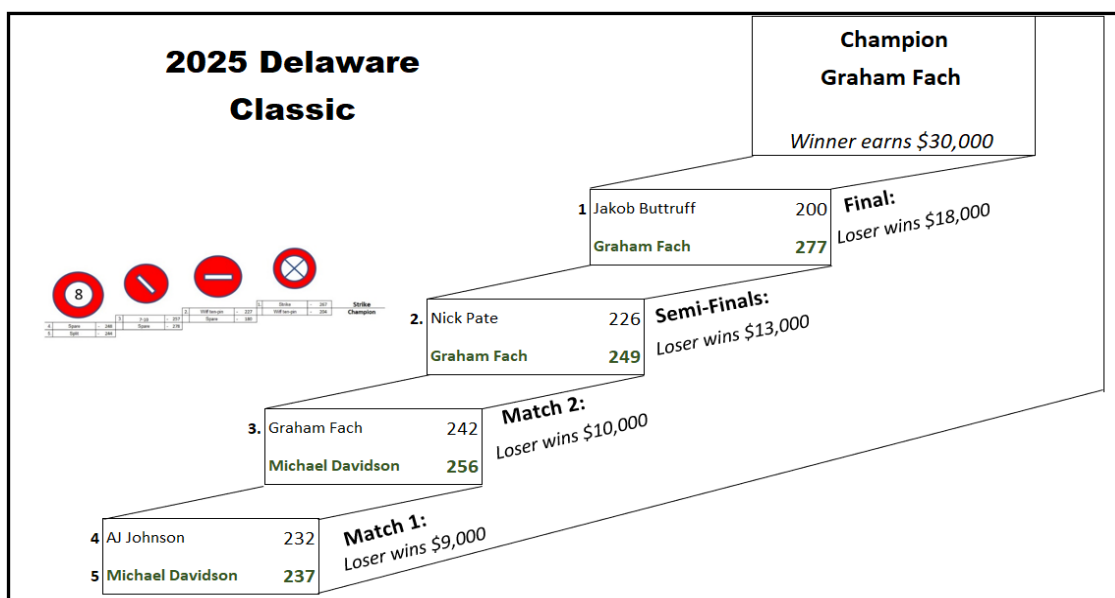
Spare Column : Fach wins season opener

After nine years, Graham Fach is once again a PBA Champion. He did it by beating Jakob Buttruff 277 to 200. Fach averaged 250 in the match play portion of the 2025 Delaware Classic. In the stepladder finals, Graham would average 256. Jakob Buttruff was looking to get back in winning form, but he struggled in the early part of the championship game.

"I know how hard it is to win on the PBA Tour now," Fach said. "I fought so hard for nine years trying to get back in the winner's circle.

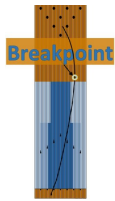
This year's Delaware Classic saw the first PBA Tournament of 2025. Michael Davidson would break Mike Aulby's 12-game record of 3086 with no scores below 217. It was a record that held nearly 30 years. There were a total of thirteen 300s at that Delaware Classic. It would take a score of +598 by AJ Johnson to make the cut. It took a score of +737 by Andrew Anderson to earn a first round bye in matchplay.

During the first round of matchplay, the 2024 Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year EJ Tackett & 2024 Harry Golden Rookie of the Year Nate Stabler would meet with EJ Tackett winning the match four games to two. Tackett would lose to Jakob Buttruff three games to four. Ryan Barnes would come back from a 1-3 deficit beating Matt Ogle. Ryan Barnes is the son of PBA Hall of Famer Chris Barnes.



2025 Delaware Classic Winner—
Graham Fach

2025 Delaware Classic Championship Round Stats		
High Game	277	Graham Fach
Low Game	200	Jakob Buttruff
High Match	256-242	Fach vs Davidson
Low Match	249-226	Davidson vs Johnson
Average Winning Game	254.75	



PBA50 majors are bolded
PBA60 events are italicized

PBA50 Fort Myers Classic
 May 4-7
 Lightning Strikes Lanes
 Fort Myers, FL

PBA50 The Villages Classic
 May 9-13
 Spanish Springs Lanes
 The Villages, FL

Bud Moore PBA50 Players Championship
 May 16-21
 Bowl America Woodbridge
 Woodbridge, VA

USBC Super Senior Classic
 May 28-June 1
 Sam's Town Bowling Center
 Las Vegas, NV

USBC Senior Masters
 June 2-8
 Sam's Town Bowling Center
 Las Vegas, NV

PBA Senior U.S. Open
 June 11-16
 Highland Park Lanes
 Greeley, CO

PBA50 South Shore Classic
 June 23-26
 Olympia Lanes
 Hammond, IN

*Wayne Webb's PBA60 World Series of
 Bowling*
 July 1-7
 Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl
 Columbus, OH

PBA60 WSOB Legend Pattern 1
 Championship
 July 2-3
 Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl
 Columbus, OH

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PBA60 WSOB Legend Pattern 2 Championship
 July 4-5
 Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl
 Columbus, OH

PBA60 WSOB World Championship
 July 6-7
 Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl
 Columbus, OH

PBA50 World Series of Bowling III
 July 10-18
 David Small's JAX 60
 Jackson, MI

PBA50 Ballard Championship
 July 11-12
 David Small's JAX 60
 Jackson, MI

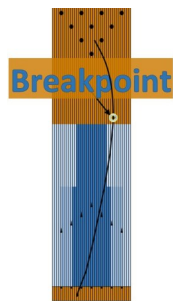
PBA50 Monacelli Championship
 July 13-14
 David Small's JAX 60
 Jackson, MI

PBA50 Petraglia Championship
 July 15-16
 David Small's JAX 60
 Jackson, MI

PBA50 WSOB III World Championship
 July 17-18
 David Small's JAX 60
 Jackson, MI

PBA50 Hamtramck Singles Classic
 July 21-24
 Vision Lanes
 Westland, MI

**Johnny Petraglia BVL PBA50 Tournament of
 Champions pres. by Pleasant Day Schools**
 Aug. 5-9
 Suburban Lanes
 Morgantown, WV



Breakpoint: 2025 PWBA Hall of Fame Class

Last month, the PWBA announced the 2025 PWBA Hall of Fame class. The recipients of the honors are Liz Johnson and Marianne DiRupo. Both players were PWBA Rookies of the Year and USBC Queens Champions. Marianne DiRupo was the 1992 Rookie of the Year and winner of eight titles including three Majors— the 1997 Hammer Players Championship, the 2002 Miller High Life National Players Championship and the 2004 USBC Queens. She also holds the PWBA record for the most 300 games in a tournament along with appearing in 51 PWBA telecasts. Also, she was 14th in career PWBA earnings (\$664,073).

Liz Johnson has 25 tour titles including 10 Majors along with 5 US Open titles. Johnson could be the Pete Weber of the PWBA Tour. Johnson was the first woman to earn a spot in a championship round during a PBA Tournament back in 2005. Johnson would add a PBA Title becoming the second woman to win a PBA Tour title at the 2017 Chameleon Championship. Plus, Liz is the only PWBA bowler with multiple 300 games in championship round appearances (2001 and 2021).

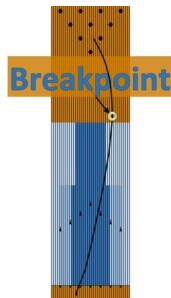
Both Hall of Famers will be inducted on May 14th during the upcoming USBC Queens Championship.



2025 PWBA Hall of Famer Marianne DiRupo



2025 PWBA Hall of Famer Liz Johnson



Breakpoint: Gary Mage passed away

On January 20, 2025, the PBA lost a PBA Regional Director, Gary Mage. Gary was the Eddie Elias for the Northwest Region. He founded the PBA Northwest Region in the 1970s and ran the PBA West and Northwest regional tournaments. Earlier in his life, Gary was a PBA member who won one national Tour stop— the 1972 Seattle Open.

“He didn't care how many titles you had. He cared that you were a good person, and if you needed help getting your life straight off the lanes, he was going to be there to help you,” said Josh Blanchard who took over the West and Northwest regions after Gary's retirement in 2020.

He was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame in 2022. During the event, he commented “I joined the PBA in 1965. I was able to go out on tour, and I got to bowl with all the greats. I had the privilege of being ‘that guy.’ When Dick Weber won his last title, he beat ‘that guy.’ That was me. When Earl Anthony won his last title, he beat ‘that guy.’ He was me. That was my story.”



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Tenth Frame Editorial: Mount Rushmore of Major Tournament Winners

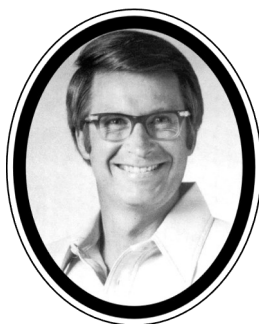
The Mount Rushmore of Major Tournament winners are as follows: Jason Belmonte, Earl Anthony, Mike Aulby, and Pete Weber. All of four of these bowlers know how to keep the ball in play and not get too frustrated over a 180 game. In these tournaments, it is hard to string strikes together. The lane conditions are going to be demanding and less forgiving. The US Open has to be one of the hardest tournaments to win because it tends to be a flat pattern and scores are usually low. Back in 2020, Jason Belmonte became the second player to complete the Super Slam at the US Open. He did it by converting a very difficult spare, the 3-6-9-10. In 2012, Pete Weber became the only player to win five US Open titles by striking on the fill ball to win by one pin. Major tournaments are difficult tournaments.

Jason Belmonte is the greatest player to win all five Majors at least one time. In the year 2020, he completed the Super Slam when he won the US Open. Belmonte made the 3-6-9-10 to complete that feat. Belmonte joined Mike Aulby as the only player to win every major on the PBA Tour. Jason would also become the first bowler to win four USBC Masters titles, of which 3 were consecutive. Belmonte has become the first bowler to win four Tournament of Champions crowns in his career as well as three PBA Tournament Players Championships. Belmonte has dominated the Majors from 2011-2023. Jason was the first player to win three Majors in a single season.

Earl Anthony was the dominant player in the 70s and early 80s. Anthony captured a total of ten Majors. Earl won an impressive six PBA World Championships, two USBC Masters, and two of Tournament of Champions titles. Anthony won forty-three titles on the PBA Tour. Earl made a total of nine championship round appearances in the PBA World Championships. Anthony could never win the US Open even though he led it by 700 pins and lost in the championship game both years. Anthony made some history in the '82 PBA World Championship when he defeated Charlie Tapp surpassing the one million dollar mark in career earnings.

Mike Aulby was the first bowler to win all five majors in his career. He did it by winning the 1996 Bayer/Brunswick Touring Players Championship. Aulby would become the fourth bowler to complete the Triple Crown at the 1995 Brunswick World Tournament of Champions. Mike would also become the first bowler in PBA history to complete the Grand Slam. Aulby would become the first player in 1998 to earn three USBC Masters titles.

Pete Weber is the second player in PBA History to win ten Majors in his career. Weber would win a record five US Open titles. Weber would surpass his legendary father Dick Weber and Don Carter as they both won four BPAA All-Star titles. The tournament is currently known as the US Open. In 1987, at the Tournament of Champions, he would win his first Major by climbing the ladder bringing his overall PBA Tour title total to ten making him eligible for the PBA Hall of Fame. At the 2013 Tournament of Champions, Pete Weber became the first player to complete the Triple Crown twice and the second player to win 10 Major titles.



Left to Right: Jason Belmonte, Earl Anthony, Mike Aulby and Pete Weber