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Messenger: World Series of Bowling XVI Notebook

In this year's World Series of Bowling, EJ Tackett dominated the tournament making all of the animal pattern shows winning the Shark and PBA World Championship. International players won three of four animal patterns with Rasmus Edvall winning the Scorpion Championship, Darren Ong winning the Viper Championship, and Tun Hakim winning the Chameleon Championship. Back in 2011-2012, Sean Rash made all of the animal pattern championship rounds, however, he could not finish the job as he did not come away with any titles. EJ Tackett, on the other hand, was a really dominant force in this years World Series of Bowling.

In the Chameleon Championship, there were twenty-two 300s. This was a record for one tournament set back in 2009. There was one bowler out of the group, Luis Bendeck, who bowled two 300 games. Andrew Anderson was the 24 game cut at +503 and Martin Larsen at +479.

In the Shark Championship, EJ Tackett successfully defended his title. There were only three 300s shot during qualifying in matchplay. Justin Knowles threw two of those perfect games. It looked like Tom Smallwood was going to climb the ladder as he beat Jesper Svensson, Patrick Hanrahan and Tim Foy; however, the ran into the top star of today.

In the Viper Championship, Darren Ong, a bowler from Singapore, won his first PBA title and become the first professional bowler from there to notch a title win. In the preliminary round of the tournament, Darren would bowl three perfect games with the other nine 300s being bowled by others. He would beat EJ Tackett in the championship match 215 to 205.

In the Scorpion Championship, Rasmus Edvall from Sweden became the third bowler from that country to win a PBA title. On this animal pattern, only two players got a perfect 300 game. Ryan Barnes had a hard time scoring in the first game as he would only shoot 133 despite earning the fourth seed spot. Ryan is the son of PBA & USBC Hall of Famer Chris Barnes.

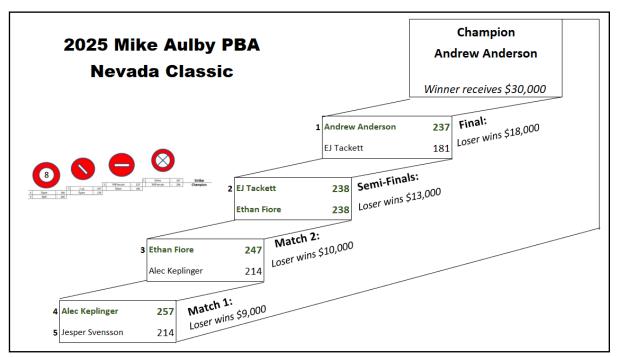


Spare Column: Anderson wins Mike Aulby Nevada Classic

Andrew Anderson won the inaugural Mike Aulby PBA Classic by defeating EJ Tackett with a score of 237 to 184. Anderson had to wait for his championship match with EJ Tackett. Ethan Flore and EJ Tackett had a longest roll-off in PBA History as there was an 8 ball roll-off before a winner was declared. Tackett won the roll-off to advance to the championship match.

"I started my career hoping to win one," Anderson said. "That's what everybody dreams of. Then you get one... then you win two and you're like, 'Maybe we can do something.'

In the last round of qualifying, Andrew Anderson took the lead from EJ Tackett by shooting a 300 game and did not look back. There was a tie between third and fourth place—Ethan Fiori and Alec Keplinger—with Fiori winning the roll-off. Tom Smallwood would barely miss the Top Five by 7 pins. Andrew Anderson and Francois Lavoie were the only bowlers who shot a perfect game. In the stepladder finals, no bowler could distance themselves from the field as no one won more than one game.



2025 Mike Aulby PBA Nevada Classic		
18 Game Cut	391	Packy Hanrahan
18 Game Leader	+666	EJ Tackett
24-Game Cut	+912	EJ Tackett
24 Game Leader	+613	Kyle Troup
30 Game Cut	+961	Jesper Svennsson
30 Game Leader	+1117	Andrew Anderson
300 # Games	2	Francois Lavoie, Andrew Anderson

Championship Round Stats			
High Game	257	Alec Keplinger	
Low Game	181	EJ Tackett	
High Match	238-238	EJ Tackett vs Ethan Fiore	
Low Match	237-181	Andrew Anderson vs EJ Tackett	
Average Winning Game	244.75		



Andrew Anderson, winner of the 2025 Mike Aulby PBA Nevada Classic



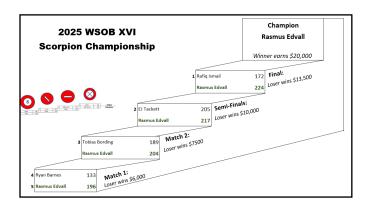
Spare Column: Animal Pattern Championship Winners



Rasmus Edvall-winner Scorpion Championship



EJ Tackett-winner Shark Championship



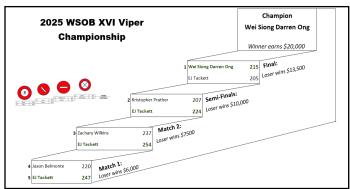
12 Game Cash #	+216	PJ Haggerty
12 Game Cut #	+247	Marshall Kent
12 Game First Round Bye	+320	EJ Tackett
12 Game Leader	+491	Tim Foy
		Patrick Drombrowski,
300 # Games	2	David Krol
Champio	nship Rou	nd Stats
High Game	224	Rasmus Edvall
Low Game	133	Ryan Barnes
High Match	205-217	Tackett vs Edvall
Low Match	133-196	Barnes vs Edvall
Average Winning Game	210.25	



Darren Ong-winner Viper Championship



Tun Hakim-winner Chameleon Championship



2025	WSOB XVI	Viper
12 Game Cash #	+290	Noah Gallegos
12 Game Cut #	+312	Trevor Roberts
12 Game First Round Bye	+380	Jean Perez
12 Game Leader	+490	Wei Siong Darren Ong
300 # Games	11	David Krol, Darren Ong(3), Ben Robinson, Treico Holland, Alec Keplinger, Kaaron Salomaa, Yuma Haraguchi, Jesper Svensson, Tim Foy Jr, Darin Bloomquist
Champio	nship Rou	nd Stats
High Game	254	EJ Tackett
Low Game	207	EJ Tackett
High Match	237-254	Wilkins vs Tackett
Low Match	215-205	Ong vs Tackett
Average Winning Game	232.5	





Cont'd Spare Column: Animal Pattern Championship Winners

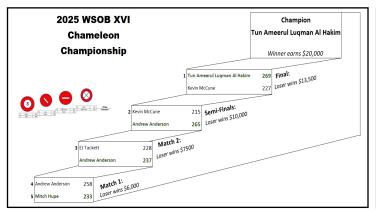


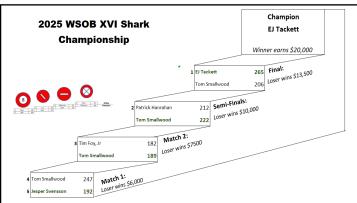












2025 WSOB XVI Chameleon				
12 Game Cash #	+479	Martin Larsen		
12 Game Cut #	+503	Andrew Anderson		
12 Game First Round Bye	+579	Zach Weiidman		
12 Game Leader	+683	Mitch Hupe, Yuma Haraguchi		
300 # Games	20	Matt Sanders, Brad Miller, Jesper Svennson, Zach Weidman, Mitch Hupe, David Northouse, Rafiq Ismail, Shota Kawazoe, Lanndyn Carnate, Trevor Roberts, EJ Tackett, Blake Demore, Luis Bendeck(2), Pontus Andersson, AJ Johnson, BJ Moore, Nathan Bohr, Tim Gruendler, Bailey Mavrick		
Championship Round Stats				
High Game	269	Tun al Hakim		
Low Game	215	Kevin McCune		
High Match	269-227	Tun al Hakim vs Kevin McCune		
Low Match	228-237	EJ Tackett vs Andrew Anderson		
Average Winning Game	257.25			

12 Game Cash #	+249	DJ Archer
12 Game Cut #	+279	Nate Stubler
12 Game First Round Bye	+380	Ben Robinson
12 Game Leader	+472	Ahmad Muaz Mohd Fishol
		Justin Knowles(2), Mitch
300 # Games	3	Hupe
Champi	onship Rou	und Stats
High Game	265	EJ Tackett
Low Game	182	Tim Foy, Jr
Link Matak	265-206	Tackett vs Smallwood
High Match	400 400	Foy, Jr vs Smallwood
Low Match	182-189	



Spare Column: Tackett Wins His Fourth PBA World Championship Title



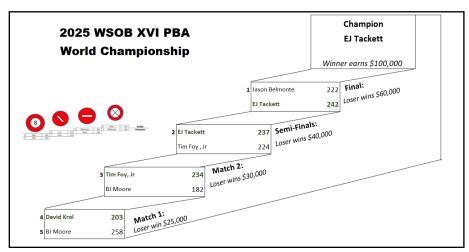














EJ Tacket, winner of the 2025 PBA World Championship.

2025 WSOB XVI World Championship				
48 Game Cut/Cash #	+971	Pontus Andersson		
48 Game Leader	+1790	EJ Tackett		
64 Game Cut #	+1645	Zachary Wilkins		
64 Game Leader	+2339	EJ Tackett		
80 Game Cut	+2621	BJ Moore		
80 Game Leader	+3045	Jason Belmonte		
300 # Games	7	Richard Teece, Kristopher Prather(2), Andrew Anderson, Deo Benard, DJ Archer, Kevin, McCune		
Championship Round Stats				
High Game	258	BJ Moore		
Low Game	182	BJ Moore		
High Match	222-242	Bemonte vs Tackett		
Low Match	234-182	Foy, Jr vs Moore		
Average Winning Game	242.75			

EJ Tackett became the fourth bowler in PBA history to three-peat a Major. He joins Earl Anthony as the second bowler to three-peat the PBA World Championship. Tackett doubled in the 10th to shut Jason Belmonte out. In the semi-final match, EJ Tackett needed a double in the 10th to advance against Tim Foy Jr. Tackett went through the nose on the first one and he got lucky with all of pins going down. The second one was pure and he capitalized on the first one. It looked like Tim Foy was going to win his first title except Tackett had something to say about it. There were seven 300 games during the tournament. Kyle Troup and Jesper Svensson were close to making the stepladder finals but came up short.