

Messenger: 2026 Tournament of Champions

Alex Horton won his first career PBA Tour Title and Major at the 2026 PBA Tournament of Champions. Alex would become the third African-American to win a major title on the PBA Tour. Horton would defeat tournament leader Zach Wilkins 224 to 176. Wilkins was looking to win back to back weeks. He would fall a little bit short to win his first major and singles title.

"This is the pinnacle of bowling right here," Horton said. "It doesn't get any better than this. To win a PBA Tour title is one thing. To win a major is another thing, and to win the Tournament of Champions... not only that, but for my first title, it's truly amazing."

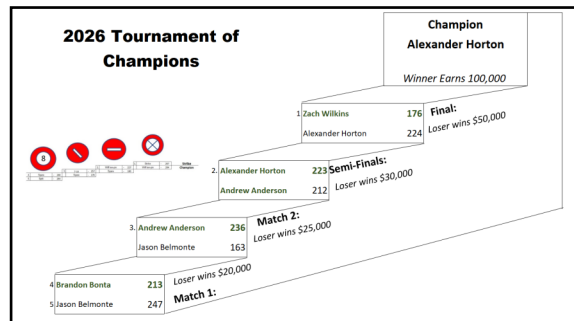
Jason Belmonte was trying to become the first player to win five Tournament of Champions titles. Belmonte would start off strong as he beat Brandon Bonta 247 to 213. In the second match Belmonte would struggle as he opened the match with three opens in the first five frames. Andrew

Anderson would jump at that opportunity and not give Belmonte another chance to come back. Belmonte would shoot 163 to Anderson's 236. In the semi final game it was a closer match as Alex Horton would defeat Andrew Anderson 223 to 212. In the championship



match Alex Horton started off strong with a four bagger and Zach Wilkins could not get anything going.

Parker Bohn III said, "I knew Alex was special when I watched compete at literally 12 years old. He wasn't afraid to get up there and let the ball go."



2026 Tournament of Champions Tournament STATS		
18-Game Cash	+332	Mika Koivuniemi
18-Game Cut	+384	Ethan Fiore
18-Game Leader	+660	Brandon Bonta
42-Game Cut	+1603	Jason Belmonte
42-Game Leader	+1859	Zach Wilkins
High Game	247	Jason Belmonte
Low Game	163	Jason Belmonte
High Match	247-213	Belmonte vs Bonta
Low Match	236-163	Anderson vs Belmonte
Average Winning Game	231.50	
# 300 Games	2	Jason Sterner Chris Via

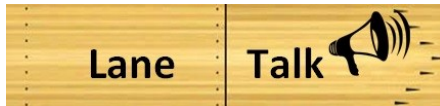


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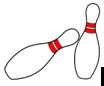
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"Through These Doors Pass The Worlds' Finest Bowlers"
Entrance to Riviera Lanes





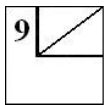
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2026 Tournament of Champions Qualifying Results After 18 Games. Top 32 Cash. Top 24 advance			
Bowler	Pin Fall	+/-	Advanced or Cashed
Brandon Bonta	4260	+660	Advanced
Kris Prather	4227	+627	Advanced
Darren Tang	4178	+578	Advanced
Zach Wilkins	4162	+562	Advanced
Santtu Tahvanainen	4159	+559	Advanced
Kyle Troup	4155	+555	Advanced
Chris Via	4130	+530	Advanced
Andrew Anderson	4127	+527	Advanced
Tim Foy Jr	4127	+527	Advanced
Jason Beimonte	4123	+523	Advanced
BJ Moore	4123	+523	Advanced
Mitch Hupe	4094	+494	Advanced
Anthony Simonsen	4060	+460	Advanced
Marshall Kent	4042	+442	Advanced
Austin Grammar	4026	+426	Advanced
Alex Horton	4025	+425	Advanced
Kevin McCune	4020	+420	Advanced
Matt Ogle	4020	+420	Advanced
Patrick Dombrowski	4018	+418	Advanced
EJ Tackett	4016	+416	Advanced
Jake Peters	3995	+395	Advanced
Ronnie Russell	3994	+394	Advanced
Sean Lavery-Spahr	3992	+392	Advanced
Ethan Flore	3984	+384	Advanced
Richie Teece	3979	+379	\$4500.00
Nick Pate	3978	+378	\$3800.00
Bill O' Neill	3970	+370	\$3600.00
Jason Sterner	3944	+344	\$3400.00
Tom Daugherty	3941	+341	\$3300.00
Sean Rash	3940	+340	\$3200.00
Casey Cohagan	3934	+334	\$3100.00
Mika Koivuniemi	3932	+332	\$3000.00



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2026 Tournament of Champions After 42 Games of Qualifying & Matchplay					
Bowler	Pin Fall	Win/Loss/Tie	Bonus Pins	+/-	Amount
Zach Wilkins	10259	15-8-1	465	+1659	----
Alex Horton	10166	17-7-0	510	+1766	----
Andrew Anderson	10118	15-8-1	465	+1718	----
Brandon Bonta	10072	13-10-1	405	+1672	----
Jason Belmonte	10003	13-11-0	390	+1603	----
Santtu Tahvanainen	9931	13-10-1	405	+1531	\$15000
Anthony Simonsen	9871	16-8-0	480	+1471	\$12000
EJ Tackett	9870	13-11-0	390	+1470	\$11000
Mitch Hupe	9856	12-11-1	375	+1456	\$10000
Darren Tang	9838	12-12-0	360	+1438	\$9000
Chris Via	9781	13-11-0	390	+1381	\$8500
Tim Foy Jr	9778	11-13-0	330	+1378	\$8000
Matt Ogle	9757	11-13-0	330	+1357	\$7500
Kris Prather	9735	10-14-0	300	+1335	\$7000
Kyle Troup	9680	11-13-0	330	+1280	\$6800
Marshall Kent	9678	12-12-0	360	+1278	\$6600
Ronnie Russell	9662	13-10-1	405	+1262	\$6400
Ethan Fiore	9541	10-14-0	300	+1141	\$6200
Jake Peters	9532	12-12-0	360	+1132	\$6000
Sean Lavery-Spahr	9435	10-14-0	300	+1035	\$5800
Austin Grammar	9398	7-17-0	210	+998	\$5600
Patrick Dombrowski	9391	8-16-0	240	+991	\$5400
Kevin McCune	9329	11-13-0	330	+929	\$5200
BJ Moore	9245	7-17-0	210	+845	\$5000



Spare Column: Chapman and Wilkins win the Roth/Holman PBA Doubles Championship

Zach Wilkins and AJ Chapman would claim their first PBA National Tour title at the 2026 Roth/Holman PBA Doubles Championship. Wilkins and Chapman would win the championship match 2-0 against Lavery/Spahr brothers.

“It feels like the weight has just been lifted off your shoulders,” Wilkins said. “You picture that moment in practice of what it's going to be like to throw the last shot. You worked so hard to have that moment. It may not have looked like I was nervous, but, man, I was. My heart was pounding, but we got it done.” “Ten years on tour, and 30 years of work, man,” Chapman added. “I’ve got everybody to thank. I've got so many people I want to talk to. I don't know what to feel. I don't know what to say. I'm just loving every moment of this. This relationship is something special.”

In the Semifinals, the top four teams would play one Baker match to determine the championship match. The Championship match format would consist of two games race to two points. If both teams would have won one point, then the match would have been decided by a 9th- and 10th-frame roll-off. In the first game, Wilkins and Chapman 216-201. In the second match, Wilkins and Chapman won 247-218. Of note, Chapman would uncharacteristically throw a Ballard ball in the foundation frame of the final game. He would fortunately make the spare.

In Semifinals 1, the Lavery-Spahr brothers would win their match 254-238. They would need to mark in the 10th to advance to the Championship match. Semifinal 2 saw a strikefest with Wilkins and Chapman winning handily 268-256.

In the preliminary rounds, Ryan Barnes and Chris Barnes were wanting to make history by becoming the first father/son PBA duo to win a tournament. However, they came up a little bit short when they bowled Kyle Troup and Jesper Svensson 4-3 in the round of 16. Tackett and Kent would go down in the round of 8 losing to Jones/Benard 4-2. Troup and Svensson would also lose in the round of 8 against Tahvanainen/Fiore 4-1.



There were no 300s in the Roth/Holman PBA Doubles Championship. The teams were selected by their point standings from the PBA Players Championship through the USBC Masters. The oil patterns for the tournament were: Left lane—Mark Roth (42 feet); Right lane—Marshall Holman (38 feet).

Left-to-right:
Tom Clark, AJ Chapman, Zach Wilkins, and Marshall Holman

Roth/Holman PBA Doubles Championship Round of 4		
Bowler	Win/Lose	Earnings
Jones/Benard	238-254	-----
A. Lavery-Spahr/S. Lavery-Spahr	254-238	\$18,000
Wilkins/Chapman	268-256	-----
Tahvanainen/Fiore	256-268	\$18,000

Roth/Holman PBA Doubles Championship Round		
Bowler	Win/Lose	Earnings
A. Lavery-Spahr/S. Lavery-Spahr	201-216 218-247	\$30,000
Wilkins/Chapman	219-201 247-218	\$50,000

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Roth/Holman PBA Doubles Championship Round of 32		
Bowler	Win/Lose	Earnings
Tackett/Kent	4-2	-----
Clark/Colcord	2-4	\$500.00
Russo/Pate	0-4	\$500.00
Kayhko/Roberts	4-0	-----
Anderson/Prather	2-4	\$500.00
Keplinger/Davidson	4-2	-----
Crowe/Stubler	3-4	\$500.00
Jones/Benard	4-3	-----
Fach/O'Neill	0-4	\$500.00
A. Lavery-Spahr/S. Lavery-Spahr	4-0	
Johnson/Jones	3-4	\$500.00
Hupe/Hanrahan	4-3	
Ogle/Rash	4-3	
Larsen/Robinson	3-4	\$500.00
Garcia/Salinas	4-0	
Bonta/Rock	0-4	\$500.00
Simonsen/Barrett	3-4	\$500.00
Petrin/Horton	4-3	
Robarge/Peters	2-4	\$500.00
Wilkins/Chapman	4-2	
Foy/McCune	4-2	
Knowles/Butturff	2-4	\$500.00
Miller/Sherman	4-2	
Dombrowski/Mavrick	2-4	\$500.00
Svensson/Troup	4-2	
Hakim/Purches	2-4	\$500.00
Cooley/Russell	2-4	\$500.00
C.Barnes / R.Barnes	4-2	
Tahvanainen/Fiore	4-2	
Via/Tang	2-4	\$500.00
Mitchell/Quintero	1-4	\$500.00
Krol/Williams	4-1	

Roth/Holman PBA Doubles Championship Round of 16		
Bowler	Win/Lose	Earnings
Tackett/Kent	4-1	-----
Kayhko/Roberts	1-4	\$6,000.00
Keplinger/Davidson	0-4	\$6,000.00
Jones/Benard	4-0	-----
A. Lavery-Spahr/ S. Lavery-Spahr	4-2	-----
Hupe/Hanrahan	2-4	\$6,000.00
Ogle/Rash	3-4	\$6,000.00
Garcia/Salinas	4-3	-----
Petrin/Horton	0-4	\$6,000.00
Wilkins/Chapman	4-0	-----
Foy/McCune	4-1	-----
Miller/Sherman	1-4	\$6,000.00
Svensson/Troup	4-3	-----
C.Barnes / R.Barnes	3-4	\$6,000.00
Tahvanainen/Fiore	4-2	-----
Krol/Williams	2-4	\$6,000.00

Roth/Holman PBA Doubles Championship Round of 16		
Bowler	Win/Lose	Earnings
Tackett/Kent	2-4	\$12,000.00
Jones/Benard	4-2	-----
A. Lavery-Spahr/ S. Lavery-Spahr	4-2	-----
Garcia/Salinas	2-4	\$12,000.00
Wilkins/Chapman	4-3	-----
Foy/McCune	3-4	\$12,000.00
Svensson/Troup	1-4	\$12,000.00
Tahvanainen/Fiore	4-1	-----