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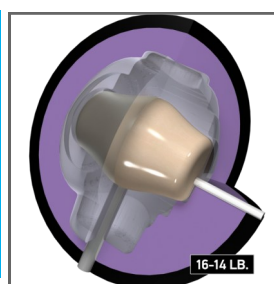
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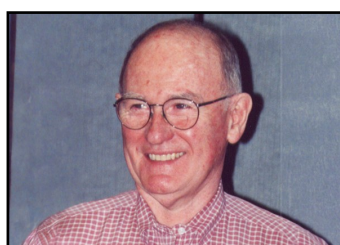
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Breakpoint

Breakpoint: Mort Luby Jr passes away

On May 6th the bowling world lost a great icon of bowling journalism Mort Luby Jr. Luby followed in his fathers footsteps by taking on the role of publisher and editor of Bowler's Journal International in 1956 until 1994. Mort Jr would also be inducted in the USBC Hall of Fame in 1988 for meritorious service. In 2005 Mort was also inducted in the PBA Hall of Fame. Luby was innovative with starting the World Bowling Writers in 1977 which helped bowling writers promote bowling in their own countries. Mort will be missed greatly fans of the sport and bowling journalism.

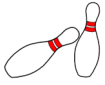


Mort Luby Jr — 1931-2026



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Hanrahan Claims 3rd title

Tournament Recap

Packy Hanrahan claimed his 3rd title at the 2026 at the Cheetah Championship. Hanrahan would do it by defeating Matt Sanders 2 points to 0. Enroute, Hanrahan would average 263 to win his third career PBA title.

During the semifinals, Matt Sanders would have a 283 game to go on to the championship match. In the other semifinals, Packy Hanrahan would shoot 259 over Kris Prather's 214. Both Robarge and Prather struggled as they could not find a line to the pocket to strike. Hanrahan and Sanders would put on their striking shoes to advance to the championship match.

During the quarterfinals, Packy Hanrahan would win his match 279 over Zachary Tackett's 174. Spencer Robarge would defeat Brandon Kreyer in a high scoring match, 251—233. Kris Prather would win his match by defeating the tournament leader, Cam Crowe 247—228. Matt Sanders would have a close match with Hayden Stippich, scoring 258-247.

In the opening round of the 2026 PBA Cheetah Championship, the top four qualifiers would receive a one round bye with the remaining of the field having to bowl an extra match to advance to the quarterfinals. The Cheetah Championship would see 120 players bowling 10 games of qualifying. The top 12 players would qualify for the championship round. There would be only four 300's during the qualifying



portion of the tournament. To make the championship round, it would take a score of +287 by Chase Nadeau. To cash, the number would be +221 by Darren Tang.



Packy Hanrahan-2026 Winner of the Cheetah

Cheetah Championship Round of 4		
Bowler	Game	Earnings
5. Packy Hanrahan	259	-----
9. Kris Prather	214	\$9,000
3. Matt Sanders	283	-----
2. Spencer Robarge	201	\$9,000

Cheetah Championship Match Race to 2 Points		
Bowler	Game	Earnings
5. Packy Hanrahan	237,265	\$20,000
3. Matt Sanders	192, 227	\$12,000

Cheetah Championship After 10 Games of Qualifying				
Bowler	Pinfall	+/-	Cash/ Advance +1 Round Bye	Amount
1. Cameron Crowe	2465	+465	Bye	----
2. Spencer Robarge	2426	+426	Bye	----
3. Matt Sanders	2399	+399	Bye	----
4. Zachary Tackett	2464	+364	Bye	----
5. Packy Hanrahan	2319	+319	Advance	----
6. Bill O'Neill	2315	+315	Advance	----
7. Brandon Kreyer	2314	+314	Advance	----
8. Brandon Bonta	2308	+308	Advance	----
9. Kris Prather	2301	+301	Advance	----
10. AJ Johnson	2298	+298	Advance	----
11. Hayden Stippich	2289	+289	Advance	----
12. Chase Nadeau	2287	+287	Advance	----
13. Joachim Karlsson	2284	+284	Cash	\$2,500
14. Tim Foy Jr.	2283	+283	Cash	\$2,500
15. Tomas Kayhko	2259	+259	Cash	\$2,500
16. Jean Perez	2259	+259	Cash	\$2,500
17. Keven Williams	2254	+254	Cash	\$2,000
18. Nate Garcia	2253	+253	Cash	\$2,000
19. Ryan Barnes	2250	+250	Cash	\$2,000
20. Nick Pate	2250	+250	Cash	\$2,000
21. Eric Jones	2243	+243	Cash	\$2,000
22. EJ Tackett	2243	+243	Cash	\$2,000
23. Jarno Lahti	2240	+240	Cash	\$2,000
24. Zach Wilkins	2231	+231	Cash	\$1,875
25. Deo Benard	2231	+231	Cash	\$1,875
26. Stu Williams	2229	+229	Cash	\$1,750
27. Richie Teece	2228	+228	Cash	\$1,750
28. Blake Walsh	2226	+226	Cash	\$1,750
29. Sean Lavery– Spahr	2223	+223	Cash	\$1,750
30. Thomas Larsen	2223	+223	Cash	\$1,750
31. Tommy Jones	2221	+221	Cash	\$1,750
32. Darren Tang	2221	+221	Cash	\$1,750

Tournament Recap

Cheetah Championship Round of 12		
Bowler	Game	Earnings
9. Kris Prather	279	
8. Brandon Bonta	215	\$3,500
5. Packy Hanrahan	268	
12. Chase Nadeau	169	\$3,500
7. Brandon Kreyer	256	
10. AJ Johnson	200	\$3,500
11. Hayden Stippich	258	
6. Bill O'Neill	234	\$3,500

Cheetah Championship Quarterfinals

Bowler	Game	Earnings
9. Kris Prather	247	
1. Cam Crowe	228	\$5,000
5. Packy Hanrahan	289	
12. Zachary Tackett	174	\$5,000
7. Spencer Robarge	251	
10. Brandon Kreyer	233	\$5,000
3. Matt Sanders	258	
11. Hayden Stippich	247	\$5,000

Cheetah Championship Tournament Stats

10 Game Cash#	+221	D. Tang
10 Game Cut #	+287	C. Nadeau
10 Game 1 Round Bye	+364	Z. Tackett
10 Game Leader + 1 Round Bye	+465	C. Crowe
#300's	4	
C. Crowe, J. Lahti, D. Benard, S. Tahvan- ainen		

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Tang Wins Second Career Title

Tournament Recap

Darren Tang becomes the first bowler to win one title using both one handed and two handed deliveries. He did it by defeating the best player to bowl with two hands, Jason Belmonte two games to zero in the Chameleon Championship.

Jason Belmonte would defeat Kyle Sherman in a close match 194-193. Both players could not strike as they were leaving a number of splits. The second semifinals proved to be just as tough with Darren Tang winning with a 201 and Santtu Tahvanainen shooting 192.

In the quarterfinals, Jason Belmonte would defeat Mitch Hupe 215-205. Kyle Sherman would beat Jakob Butturff 206-181. Darren Tang would defeat Boog Krol 242-195. Santtu Tahvanainen would defeat Jason Sterner 245-206. The chameleon pattern proved to be low scoring. Strikes were hard to come by in the Chameleon Championship.

Jason Belmonte would be the qualifying leader shooting a score of +318. Belmonte was looking to add another Chameleon Championship to his resume. There were no 300's shot during the qualifying portion of the Chameleon Championship. It would only take a score of +196 to make the championship round by Riley Woodard. The final cash spot took a score of +150 by Bailey Mavrick.



Darren Tang– 2026 Winner of the Chameleon

Chameleon Championship Round of 4		
Bowler	Game	Earnings
1. Jason Belmonte	194	— — — —
5. Kyle Sherman	193	\$9,000
2. Darren Tang	201	— — — —
6. Santtu Tahvanainen	192	\$9,000

Chameleon Championship Match Race to 2 Points		
Bowler	Game	Earnings
2. Darren Tang	241, 176	\$20,000
1. Jason Belmonte	217, 167	\$12,000

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Chameleon Championship After 10 Games of Qualifying					Chameleon Championship Round of 12		
Bowler	Pinfall	+/-	Cash/ Advance +1 Round Bye	Amount	Bowler	Game	Earnings
1. Jason Belmonte	2318	+318	Bye	----	9. Kris Prather	279	
2. Darren Tang	2299	+299	Bye	----	8. Brandon Bonta	215	\$3,500
3. Jason Sterner	2289	+289	Bye	----	5. Packy Hanrahan	268	
4. Jakob Butturff	2274	+274	Bye	----	12. Chase Nadeau	169	\$3,500
5. Kyle Sherman	2259	+259	Advance	----	7. Brandon Kreyer	256	
6. Santtu Tahvanainen	2229	+229	Advance	----	10. AJ Johnson	200	\$3,500
7. Tobias Boerding	2228	+228	Advance	----	11. Hayden Stippich	258	
8. Anthony Simonsen	2218	+218	Advance	----	6. Bill O'Neill	234	\$3,500
9. Mitch Hupe	2216	+216	Advance	----	Chameleon Championship Quarterfinals		
10. Boog Krol	2208	+208	Advance	----	Bowler	Game	Earnings
11. Deo Benard	2201	+201	Advance	----	9. Kris Prather	247	
12. Riley Woodard	2196	+196	Advance	----	1. Cam Crowe	228	\$5,000
13. Ryan Barnes	2195	+195	Cash	\$2,500	5. Packy Hanrahan	289	
14. Bill O'Neill	2193	+193	Cash	\$2,500	12. Zachary Tackett	174	\$5,000
15. Tim Foy Jr.	2191	+191	Cash	\$2,500	7. Spencer Robarge	251	
16. Anthony Neuer	2184	+184	Cash	\$2,500	10. Brandon Kreyer	233	\$5,000
17. Kevin McCune	2182	+182	Cash	\$2,000	3. Matt Sanders	258	
18. Michael Davidson	2179	+179	Cash	\$2,000	11. Hayden Stippich	247	\$5,000
19. Sean Lavery-Spahr	2177	+177	Cash	\$2,000	Chameleon Championship Tournament Stats		
20. (N) Blake Walsh	2176	+176	Cash	\$2,000	10 Game Cash#	+150	B Mavrick
21. Thomas Larsen	2176	+176	Cash	\$2,000	10 Game Cut #	+196	R Woodard
22. Spencer Robarge	2174	+174	Cash	\$2,000	10 Game 1 Round Bye	+274	J Buttruff
23. (I) YoungHun Bang	2172	+172	Cash	\$2,000	10 Game Leader + 1 Round Bye	+318	J Belmonte
24. EJ Tackett	2169	+169	Cash	\$1,875	#300's	0	
25. Zach Weidman	2168	+168	Cash	\$1,875			
26. Packy Hanrahan	2167	+167	Cash	\$1,750			
27. Darren Ong	2161	+161	Cash	\$1,750			
28. Chris Via	2161	+161	Cash	\$1,750			
29. Trevor Roberts	2159	+159	Cash	\$1,750			
30. Brandon Bonta	2155	+155	Cash	\$1,750			
31. Andrew Anderson	2152	+152	Cash	\$1,750			
32. Bailey Mavrick	2150	+150	Cash	\$1,750			

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Wilkins wins his second career title

Tournament Recap

Zack Wilkins becomes the first multiple winner of the 2026 season he did it by defeating Jesper Svennson two games to one. The first game Wilkins 2-4-6-10 in the tenth frame he would only need one pin to force a one ball roll off to win the game. Instead he would not get any pins giving Jesper Svennson game 1. In the second game was able to put that put behind him. Jesper could not get strike and the match would end up tied forcing a two frame roll off. Wilkins would double and get seven on his fill shot forcing Jesper to double and eight on the fill shot to win the title. Jesper would get the first one and the tenth. The second one was in the pocket but he left a seven pin giving Wilkins his second title.

In the semi-finals Jesper Svennson & Graham Fach started out strong with front five each. Fach would struggle after stringing the front five. Jesper would keep on striking before leaving a six pin on the final ball giving Jesper a 299 game. The other semi-final game saw the battle of the Zachs between Wilkins & Weidman. This was a slow scoring match as Wilkins would defeat Wiseman 205 to 171.

The quarter finals saw Zach Wilkins shooting a 252 game while Kris Prather could only shoot a 188 game. Zach Weidman would beat Graham Fach in a high scoring match 267 to 245. Jesper Svennson would beat reigning Player of the Year EJ Tackett 248 to 223. Chris Via would beat Santtu Tahvanainen 227 to 213.

The round of twelve Kris Prather would defeat Thomas Larsen 266 to 198. Graham Fach would defeat Darren Tang 237 to 172. Jesper Svennson would defeat Nate Stubler 236 to 201. The last match saw Santtu Tahvanaian vs Sean Rash in a close match 198 to 195.

Zach Wilkins would not start off the greatest with a score of 32 under. He got hot and slowly climb his way to the top of the leaderboard after 10 games. It would take a score of +215 by Darren Tang to make the Championship round at the Scorpion Championship. Zach Wilkins would be the tournament leader with

the score of +334. Zach Wiedman, at +319, would be the cut for bye in the first round. Sam Cooley would be the last cash spot with a score of +164. Graham Fach and Darren Tang were the only 300 shot in the Scorpion Championship.



Zach Wikins-2026 Scorpion Championship Winner

Scorpion Championship Round of 4		
Bowler	Game	Earnings
6. Jesper Svensson	299	— — — —
2. Chris Via	241	\$9,000
1. Zach Wilkins	205	— — — —
4. Zach Weidman	177	\$9,000

Scorpion Championship Match Race to 2 Points		
Bowler	Game	Earnings
1. Zach Wilkins	175, 269, 47	\$20,000
6. Jesper Svensson	176, 204, 40	\$12,000

Tournament Recap

Scorpion Championship After 10 Games of Qualifying				
Bowler	Pinfall	+/-	Cash/	Amount
1. Zach Wilkins	2334	+334	Bye	----
2. Chris Via	2332	+332	Bye	----
3. EJ Tackett	2331	+331	Bye	----
4. Zach Weidman	2319	+319	Bye	----
5. Graham Fach	2309	+309	Advance	----
6. Jesper Svensson	2309	+309	Advance	----
7. Sean Rash	2271	+271	Advance	----
8. Thomas Larsen	2244	+244	Advance	----
9. Kris Prather	2231	+231	Advance	----
10. Santtu Tahvan-	2230	+230	Advance	----
11. Nate Stubler	2230	+230	Advance	----
12. Darren Tang	2215	+215	Advance	----
13. Ryan Barnes	2213	+213	Cash	\$2,500
14. David NortNoN-	2210	+210	Cash	\$2,500
15. (I) Mihai Dragnia	2206	+206	Cash	\$2,500
16. Tom Smallwood	2203	+203	Cash	\$2,500
17. Bailey Mavrick	2201	+201	Cash	\$2,000
18. Francois Lavoie	2196	+196	Cash	\$2,000
19. AJ Chapman	2193	+193	Cash	\$2,000
20. AJ Chapman	2191	+191	Cash	\$2,000
21. Jason Sterner	2189	+189	Cash	\$2,000
22. Michael Davidson	2187	+187	Cash	\$2,000
23. TJ Rock	2187	+187	Cash	\$2,000
24. Kyle Sherman	2185	+185	Cash	\$1,875
25. Gary Haines	2179	+179	Cash	\$1,875
26. Jakob Butturff	2179	+179	Cash	\$1,750
27. Anthony Simonsen	2178	+178	Cash	\$1,750
28. Brandon Runk	2178	+178	Cash	\$1,750
29. Ronnie Russell	2176	+176	Cash	\$1,750
30. Bill O'Neill	2174	+174	Cash	\$1,750
31. Anton Andersson	2169	+169	Cash	\$1,750
32.Sam Cooley	2164	+164	Cash	\$1,750

Scorpion Championship Round of 12		
Bowler	Game	Earnings
9. Kris Prather	266	
8. Thomas Larsen	196	\$3,500
5. Graham Fach	237	
12. Darren Tang	172	\$3,500
6. Jesper Svensson	236	
11. Nate Stubler	201	\$3,500
10. Santtu Tahvan- ainen	198	
7. Sean Rash	195	\$3,500

Scorpion Championship Quarterfinals		
Bowler	Game	Earnings
1. Zach Wilkins	252	
9. Kris Prather	188	\$5,000
4. Zach Weidman	267	
5. Graham Fach	245	\$5,000
6. Jesper Svensson	248	
3. EJ Tackett	223	\$5,000
2. Chris Via	227	
10. Santtu Tahvanainen	213	\$5,000

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Horton Claims Second Career Title

Tournament Recap

Alex Horton became the second player to win two titles in the 2026 Tour Season. Horton would do it by defeating Ronnie Russell 2 games to zero. Horton would have a chance to win the title outright by doubling in the tenth of the final game except Horton would leave a stone 8 pin. This would give Russell a chance to win the game by doubling in the tenth. Russell a ten pin on the first ball.

The semi-finals Russell would defeat reigning Player of the Year EJ Tackett 253 to 217. This match was looking like it was going to be a strike fest. Tackett could not string any strikes together. Russell would be the one to strike at the beginning and kept on putting the pressure on Tackett. In the other semi-final the match was a little bit closer but Horton would prevail and shut out Dombroski. The match ended up a ten pin victory for Horton 233 to 223. Dombrowski would strike a little bit.

In the quarter finals saw Ronnie Russell take on PBA Hall of Famer Tommy Jones would defeat Jones 259 to 201. Tackett got his revenge against Brandon Bonta by defeating him 212 to 190. Patrick Dombrowski would defeat Hayden Stippich 214 to 204. Horton would go on to defeat Chris Via 257 to 244.



The opening round of 12 Tackett would defeat Mitch Hupe 212 to 168. Jones would defeat Patrick Harrahan 213 to 199. Stippich would defeat Kyle Sherman 237 to 235 in a close match. Horton would defeat Tobias Boerding 245 to 206.

Ronnie Russell would announce his retirement on the PBA Tour. Russell would lead the Shark Championship with a score of +366. It would take a score of +330 Brandon Bonta to receive a one round bye. For championship round it took a score of +253 by Mitch Hupe. Just missing the number by sixteen pins was EJ Tackett's brother Zac Tackett. The final cash spot belonged to Alec Keplinger with a score of +166. There were two 300's shot by Zac Tackett and Matt Kuba.



Alex Horton— 2026 Winner of the Shark

Shark Championship Round of 4		
Bowler	Game	Earnings
1. Ronnie Russell	254	-----
5. EJ Tackett	217	\$9,000
10. Alexander Horton	233	-----
3. Patrick Dombrowski	223	\$9,000

Shark Championship Match Race to 2 Points		
Bowler	Game	Earnings
5. Alexander Horton	221, 214	\$20,000
3. Ronnie Russell	208, 206	\$12,000

Shark Championship After 10 Games of Qualifying				
Bowler	Pinfall	+/-	Cash/ Advance +1 Round Bye	Amount
1. Ronnie Russell	2366	+366	Bye	----
2. Chris Via	2337	+337	Bye	----
3. Patrick Dombrowski	2318	+318	Bye	----
4. Brandon Bonta	2310	+310	Bye	----
5. EJ Tackett	2299	+299	Advance	----
6. Hayden Stippich	2290	+290	Advance	----
7. Tobias Boerding	2282	+282	Advance	----
8. Packy Hanrahan	2281	+281	Advance	----
9. Tommy Jones	2265	+265	Advance	----
10. Alexander Horton	2259	+259	Advance	----
11. Kyle Sherman	2254	+254	Advance	----
12. Mitch Hupe	2253	+253	Advance	----
13. Zac Tackett	2237	+237	Cash	\$2,500
14. Kevin McCune	2233	+233	Cash	\$2,500
15. Sean Rash	2231	+231	Cash	\$2,500
16. Brandon Runk	2231	+231	Cash	\$2,500
17. Jason Belmonte	2224	+224	Cash	\$2,000
18. AJ Chapman	2209	+209	Cash	\$2,000
19. Arturo Qunitero	2208	+208	Cash	\$2,000
20. Graham Fach	2208	+208	Cash	\$2,000
21. Anton Andersson	2208	+208	Cash	\$2,000
22. Pontus Andersson	2205	+205	Cash	\$2,000
23. Shawn Maldonado	2200	+200	Cash	\$2,000
24. Thomas Kayhko	2199	+199	Cash	\$1,875
25. DeeRonn Booker	2195	+195	Cash	\$1,875
26. Santtu Tahvanainen	2191	+191	Cash	\$1,750
27. Jason Sterner	2188	+188	Cash	\$1,750
28. Blake Walsh	2186	+186	Cash	\$1,750
29. Riley Woodard	2183	+183	Cash	\$1,750
30. Bill O'Neill	2182	+182	Cash	\$1,750
31. Kris Prather	2181	+181	Cash	\$1,750
32. Alec Keplinger	2166	+166	Cash	\$1,750

Shark Championship Round of 12		
Bowler	Game	Earnings
Tommy Jones	213	
Packy Hanrahan	199	\$3,500
EJ Tackett	212	
Mitch Hupe	168	\$3,500
Hayden Stippich	237	
Kyle Sherman	235	\$3,500
Alexander Horton	245	
Tobias Boerding	206	\$3,500

Shark Championship Quarterfinals		
Bowler	Game	Earnings
Ronnie Russell	259	
Tommy Jones	201	\$5,000
EJ Tackett	213	
Brandon Bonta	190	\$5,000
Patrick Dombrowski	214	
Hayden Stippich	204	\$5,000
Alexander Horton	257	
Chris Via	244	\$5,000

Shark Championship Tournament Stats		
10 Game Cash#	+166	A. Keplinger
10 Game Cut #	+253	M. Hupe
10 Game 1 Round Bye	+310	B. Bonta
10 Game Leader + 1 Round Bye	+366	R. Russell
#300's	2	
Zac Tackett, Matt Kuba		