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L to R: **Steve Jaros**, East Region Champ; **Randy Weiss**, South Region Champ; **Dick Allen**, Central Region Champ

## Practice Pair

Hello, Bowling Fans! Welcome to this edition of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. The **Messenger** features the first show of the first ever Dick Weber PBA Playoff. The **Strike Column** will highlight one of my top five choices of the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour Championship Round. In the **Kingpin Column**, I will share with you the first time I saw Parker win a PBA title. Also, an interview with Anthony LaCaze appears in the **Kingpin Column**. The **Spare Column** will talk about how Mike English dominated the last round for his first King of the Hill title. Finally, in the **Tenth Frame**, I give some final thoughts on the 2011 Dick Weber PBA Playoffs.

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## Messenger

### 2011 Dick Weber PBA Playoffs

This was the first time that the PBA had a playoff in the fifty-three year history. The tournament was set up with six pods by region. In the first three rounds, they had twenty guys in each pod. Each pod had twenty bowlers. Those twenty bowlers would bowl fifteen games of qualifying with the top nine advancing to the next round. Then the top nine would come back and have an exempt player that received a bye for the first round, numbers 13 thru 18. Then those ten guys would bowl six more games of qualifying, with the top seven advancing to the next round. The remaining seven plus another exempt player, numbers 7 thru 12 would bowl another six games. The top five would advance to the next round. Then the top point earners (1 thru 6) would receive three round byes before they had to bowl. Those six bowlers would come back and bowl six more games. With the top four advancing to the final round before the championship round. The lane pattern was a 39" Dick Weber Oil Pattern. It was a very difficult shot. Depending on what pod you were in, scores could be high or low.

The first show saw the East, South, and Central region. Match number one saw the South region between Scott Norton, Tom Smallwood, and Steve Jaros. With Smallwood and Jaros starting off with the front five strikes and Jaros starting out with the front seven. It looked like Jaros had the match. Unfortunately Norton couldn't get a strike in until the 7th frame. After Smallwood made the 10 pin spare in the 10th frame. He struck the next three frames. Jaros forced Smallwood to get 20 in the attempt to win the South Region Pod. Except

Smallwood got a spare 9 giving Jaros the win by 1 pin. 258 –257. Norton was the low man with a 224. Jaros was the South Region Champion.

Second match saw the South Region pod feature Tommy Jones, Ryan Shafer, and Randy Weiss. Just as we saw in match one it was very close. With the match coming down to the final ball Tommy had strung five strikes at the end of the game forcing Weiss to get all three strikes and winning by one pin. Shafer started out strong. But, by that first ball in the tenth he left the pocket 7-10 split. Randy was striking and keeping the ball in place by leaving single pins spares and converting the spares. Randy was able to strike out by beating Tommy by 1 pin. 239—238. Shafer however, struggled as he could only bowl a 207 game. Randy went on to be the South Region Champion.

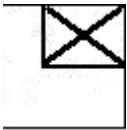
The last match determined the Central Region champion. It was between Walter Ray Williams, Jr., Mika Koivuniemi, and Dick Allen. I thought that this match was going to be a blowout between Walter and Mika. However, it was between Dick and Walter Ray. As Dick had the front ten against Walter and Mika, Walter started out with the front five before leaving a pocket 7-10 split. By then, Dick was getting lined up, and he could maintain his lead by striking. Dick also stopped Walter's record of consecutive yearly titles. In the second ball in the tenth, Dick left a ringing 10-pin to end his perfect game opportunity against the two best bowlers on the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour.

#### Mission Statement:

*To provide bowling fans important bowling news, thoughtful analysis, and keen observations of both professional and local bowling tournaments.*

#### Vision:

*To be the highest quality bowling publication that the author can create using the best of his knowledge and observation.*



A few years ago, I picked out the top five Lumber Liquidator PBA Tour shows of all-time. The next five editions will take a look at these shows and what they mean.

The first show is the 2007 H & R Block Classic. When I did this, I ranked how many titles the players had and what they did on the PBA Tour.

This was one of the best standard tournaments that the PBA had since the exempt tour began. It had possibly the four best bowlers of the PBA Tour in the final four. They were: Jason Couch, Walter Ray Williams, Jr., Patrick Allen, and Pete Weber. The championship match could have seen Weber and Williams, however, Allen stopped Weber by a score of 233-204.

Jason Couch was basically the leader of that tournament all week, he averaged 234.50. That being said, he did struggle on the show. With that average, the other competitors would have to come together to take his top spot. Jason himself was going to have a tough match against the greatest bowler ever, Walter Ray Williams Jr. Walter Ray only beat him by 15 pins in the first semi-final match (215-200). It was a close match all the way to the last frame.

The second semi-final saw Patrick Allen and Pete Weber duel it out for the championship. With the right to bowl against Walter Ray Williams Jr., Weber had a hard time winning his matches on Friday. He did manage to shoot a 300 in the round of 16 against Doug Kent to win his match. On the other hand, Patrick Allen was on fire averaging 242.79. You knew that it was going to be a heated match. Weber wanted to have a chance at Walter Ray again! Weber struggled in the second semi-final match, as he missed a single pin spare. Allen kept on striking and keeping the pressure on Weber—defeating Weber 233-204.

## Strike Column—2007 H & R Block Classic

The Championship match saw Allen and Walter Ray duke it out for the title. It ended up being the highest scoring match on the show! Again, It came down to the last ball as Allen defeated Walter Ray 255-247. This was also the closest match of the show. This did not enable Walter Ray to get more titles than Earl Anthony. It was still a great show even though it didn't feature Pete Weber and Walter Ray in the championship match.

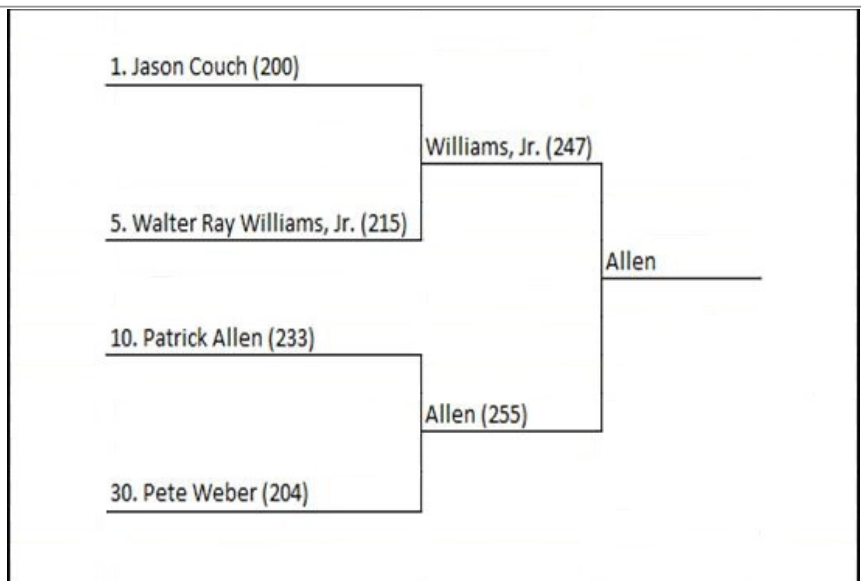
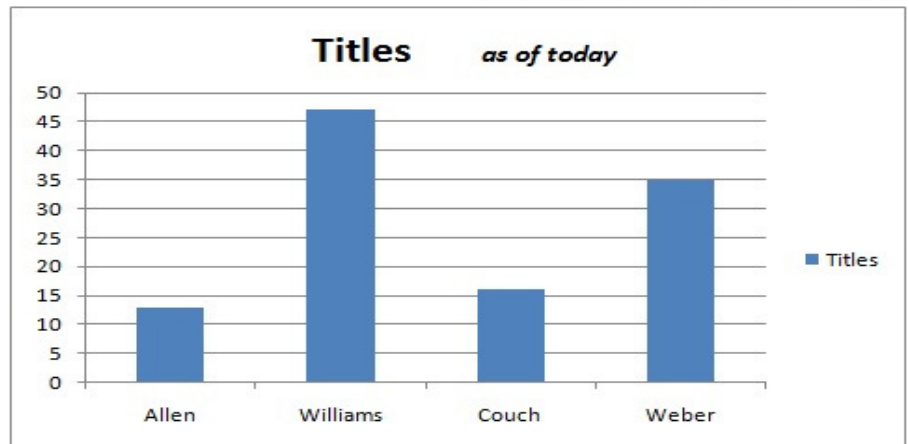
Patrick became the fourth player to tie for the record of 14-0 during match play. The high match for the tournament was found in the championship match. It would have been ironic if Weber and Walter bowled for the title because they would have been the only right-handers from the show. Allen was the consistent player with low High Game and the high

Low Game. It is also remarkable that three of the four finalists had 300 games during the tournament. As we can tell, this was one of the best tournaments that the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour has ever had.

Bowler	Average	Win	Lose
Allen	242.79	14	0
Williams	244.71	13	5
Couch	234.5	12	8
Weber	220.79	12	7

Bowler	High Game	Low Game
Allen	269	199
Williams	300	197
Couch	300	187
Weber	300	178



This is the final four of the 2007 H & R Block Classic. This is the top-ranked show of all-time.

# Moments in History: Witnessing Parker Win a PBA Title



The year was 1998 when I saw Parker win on TV. I had always wanted to be there and see him win. There was a tournament in Taylor, Michigan and Parker had always bowled well in Michigan.

My mom and I went on Thursday night in the last game during the first round of match play. Parker did alright that first match play round. By the ninth day, he looked like he was having a decent one and could hold his own. He had games in the 220's, 230's, 240's and a 260 game. However, he had a chance to have the lead in the tournament, but he bowled against Tom Baker and shot a 170 game.

This was a tight tournament between first and eighth place. There were only a hundred pins separating the places. Going into the last round of match play, everything was up in the air because of how tight the field was. Nobody knew who was going

to be the final four for Saturday's show. At one time, the Brunswick representative was getting excited because it looked like the bowlers that were going to make the show were going to be Brunswick bowlers.

Parker basically did the same thing Saturday that he had done Friday morning. By game 7, he was in second place and was bowling Doug Kent for first place. The show had Tom Baker, Chris Hayden, Parker Bohn III, and tournament leader, Doug Kent. Parker was going to have his hands full in the first match against Baker and Hayden.

After the first commercial break of the Championship round, the television station introduced me as Parker gave me a high five after he struck. They said that I was Parker Bohn's #1 fan and said my name.

In the latter part of the semi-final match, it looked like Baker was going to win, but Parker got up in the latter part of the match and was able to find the line to strike. Baker could not keep on the same pace as Parker, therefore, Parker ended up winning to move on to the championship match against Doug Kent.

Just before the TV show, Doug had found out that his son was in a four-wheeler accident. Doug was bothered by this. In the first frame of the championship match, Parker left a 7-pin. Doug started out strike-spare. Again, I felt Parker was going to have his hands full.

In the next frame, Parker struck, and he kept on striking. Doug did, too, but in the eighth or ninth frame, Doug had left a two-eight spare. Parker was still striking along. He ended up bowling a 290 game and ultimately winning the title.

## Interview of the Month—Anthony LaCaze

**Q:** What major would you prefer to win? And why?

**A:** I would rather win the U.S. Open because that tournament is the most prestigious of all of them. The Tournament of Champions is worth the most money, but I believe the U.S. Open is the more prestigious one.

**Q:** If you had to bowl against Mika or Barnes, who would you pick? Why?

**A:** I would have to say Mika right now. I feel that he is throwing the ball the best, and you always want to beat the best.

**Q:** What was more impressive—Barnes becoming the sixth player to win the Triple Crown or McCune's dominance at the Brunswick Pro Bowling Cheetah Championship?

**A:** Barnes—to win one is impressive enough, but to win

all of them is astonishing.

**Q:** Has your game changed in the last 5 years?

**A:** I think it has. I have been trying to keep my lines in front of me more, and go more straighter up the lanes.

**Anthony LaCaze was the 2009/2010 Rookie of the Year. He finished as the highest amateur (4th place) in the Lake County Indiana Golden Anniversary Championship.**



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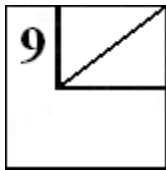
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### Spare Column: Hammer King of the Hill Report

Date: 2-27-2011

Entries: 63

**Round 1**

High Game 1: 279 Derek Smith/Brad Wilson

High Game 2: 278 David Rossi/Jeremy Delcamp

High Game 3: 300 Terry Rohrer

High Series: 777 David Rossi

Cut Number: +52 Bowler: Aaron Winans/ Jeff Hudson

# of 700's shot: 14

**Round 2**

High Game 1: 269 Chris Toyias/Jeremy Delcamp

High Game 2: 269 Don Boyed

High Game 3: 300 Mike English

High Series: 774 Trent Marner

Cash Number: +92 Bowler: Derek Smith/ Kenneth Jarrett

Finals Number: +112 Bowler: Chris Toyias  
# of 700's shot: 9

number took a score of +92 by Derek Smith and Kenneth Jarret. There were 9 700'2 shot in the second round. The finals number took a score of +112 by Chris Toyias.

The Finals saw Mike English tearing them up with a Columbia Freeze. He used a Taboo in the first set, but he found that the freeze carried better. Mike was able to average 261 in the finals because of this change. Trent Marner had a decent look during the round of eight and the round of four, but during the finals he could only manage a 150 game. This was Mike English's first title and he beat two lefties in the finals. For more details on the finals, see the bracket below.

For Average leaders and statistics, please see page five.

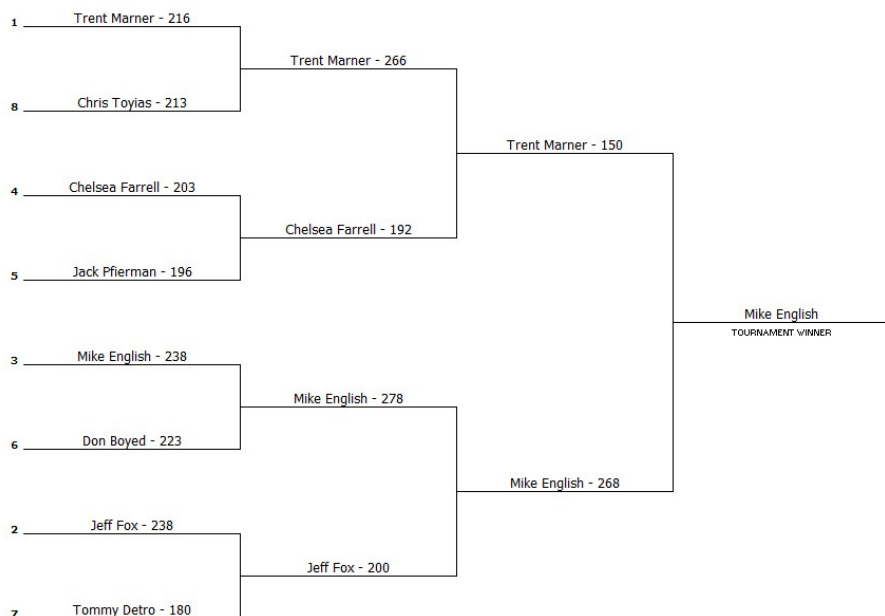
Place	Name	March	Total
1	Aaron Winans	3	35
2	Jeff Fox	6	33
3	Bill Crane	3	30
4	Don Boyed	5	30
5	Chris Toyias	5	28
6	Shawn Fox	3	26
7	Trent Marner	7	26
8	Thomas Dalton	1	25
9	Art Parker	3	25
10	Mike English	9	24
11	Jeremy Delcamp	4	23
12	BJ Pfeiffer	3	22
13	Jeff Hudson	3	20
14	Tomm Detro	5	20
15	Josh Miller	3	19
16	Bob Edwards	0	18
17	Aaron Hart	3	18
18	Doug Daniels	0	17
19	Travis Thompson	3	17
20	Tyler Slauchbaugh	0	15
21	Emilio Mora Sr	1	15
22	Jack Pfierman	5	15
23	Jason Manville	0	14
24	Derek Smith	4	14
25	Scott Cofer	0	13

### English Wins First Title by Averaging 261

There were 63 bowlers at last month's King of the Hill Tournament. Derek Smith and Brad Wilson started with a bang, firing a 279 to get things started. Then David Rossi and Jeremy Delcamp rolled a 278 in the second game of the first round. Terry Rohrer then lined up with a 300 game in the last game of the first round. The cut took a score of +52 by Aaron Winans and Jeff Hudson. There were 14 700's shot in the first round.

The second round saw the top 32 battling for 12 cash spots. Chris Toyias and Jeremy Delcamp got things started by shooting a 269. Don Boyed then followed with a 269 game. Mike English had a perfect game to finish things off in the second round. The cash

Hammer King of the Hill March



## Spare Column—Hammer King of the Hill Statistics



## Hammer King of the Hill Statistics

Bowler	Tournaments Bowled	Total pin fall	# of gms	Ave	Cuts made	Cash	Finals made	Match Play record	Points
Aaron Winans	7	11543	50	230.86	7	7	5	4-5	35
Jeff Fox	7	10784	47	229.45	6	5	5	5-3	33
Bill Crane	6	9783	42	232.93	6	4	2	5-1	30
Don Boyed	7	10647	46	231.46	7	5	4	0-4	30
Chris Toyias	7	9879	44	224.52	6	5	4	2-2	28
Shawn Fox	7	10068	44	228.82	7	4	2	1-1	26
Trent Marner	5	7755	34	228.09	4	4	3	5-2	26
Thomas Dalton	7	9214	40	230.35	5	3	3	3-1	25
Art Parker	7	9924	44	225.55	7	2	1	1-1	25
Mike English	6	8082	35	230.91	4	3	3	3-2	24
Jeremy Delcamp	7	8780	38	231.05	4	3	2	2-1	23
BJ Pfeiffer	7	8204	37	221.73	4	3	3	3-2	22
Jeff Hudson	7	8044	37	217.41	5	3	2	0	20
Tomm Detro	7	7571	35	216.31	4	3	2	0-2	20
Josh Miller	7	8457	39	216.85	6	1	1	0	19
Aaron Hart	7	7767	36	215.75	5	1	0	0	18
Bob Edwards	6	7082	33	214.61	4	1	1	2-1	18
Doug Daniels	5	6529	30	217.63	5	2	1	0	17
Travis Thompson	6	6646	31	214.39	4	2	2	0-1	17
Jack Pfierman	4	5350	24	222.92	3	2	2	0-2	15
Emilio Mora Sr	5	5891	27	218.19	4	3	1	0	15
Tyler Slauchbaugh	4	4424	21	210.67	2	1	1	2-1	15
Derek Smith	5	5622	25	224.88	3	2	1	0-1	14
Jason Manville	6	5996	28	214.14	3	1	1	0-1	14
Scott Cofer	2	3500	15	233.33	2	2	1	3-0	13
Joey Litton	4	5677	25	227.08	4	3	2	0-1	13
Brad Wilson	4	4937	22	224.41	3	2	2	0-1	13
Jim Thorbin	4	4691	21	223.38	2	2	1	2-1	13
Bart Loe	5	5500	25	220.00	3	2	2	0-1	13
Doug Cutler	4	5423	24	225.96	4	1	1	0	12
Brian Sharp	4	5325	24	221.88	4	0	0	0	12
Todd Basinger	3	4323	20	216.15	3	1	1	2-1	12
Tim Perkins	6	5314	27	196.81	3	0	0	0	12
Dave Oswalt	3	4266	19	224.53	3	2	2	0-1	11
Bill Burke	3	3324	15	221.60	1	1	1	3-0	11
Jim Huddleston	5	5124	24	213.50	3	1	1	0	11
Chelsea Farrell	4	4248	20	212.40	2	2	2	1-1	11
Justin Erdly	6	5692	27	210.81	3	2	1	0	11
Sam Anglin	5	5006	24	208.58	3	0	0	0	11
Charles Gamble II	6	4807	24	200.29	2	1	1	0	11

X	X	X
300		

## Tenth Frame— Commentary

The first game I saw was Walter Ray Williams Jr. bowl a 300 game at the Dick Weber PBA Playoff. The best bowler of all time still had his game. The Dick Weber PBA Playoffs did indeed bring out the best in the PBA.

Danny Wiseman had two 300 games in Friday's afternoon round. He basically shot two 800 series in a six game block. However, he did not come close to Dave Wodka's 6-game record. This is what impresses us as bowling fans—seeing how our favorite pro bowlers knock over 10 pins from 60 feet. This also impresses me.

Ronnie Russell needed a double in the 10th in the last game before making it to Friday night. This tournament reminded me of a professional version of the Super Hoinkie. Even though I was somewhat hesitant to let the Regional Pros into the Dick Weber PBA Playoffs, it did bring out the best of the PBA.

The PBA is the Premiere Bowling Tournament. It enabled the top regional pros a chance to win the PBA title, except they had to beat the top pros. It also enabled the top players to receive byes determined by how they did during the 2010/2011 season. I would like to have seen the top bowlers after the 15 games of qualifying receive a bye for the next round. The reason I say this is because Amleto Monacelli was a high qualifier after his 15 game total. However, he was the first one out in the first cut of his pod. This would be an incentive for the high qualifier. They would get a 1st round bye and would not have to worry about making the next cut.

It was a lot better than the PBA Match Play Championship; because if you bowled a good score, you probably were going to advance to the next round. In the PBA Match Play Championship, a guy could average 250 and still lose. In a

lot of ways, it did bring out the best in the players.

During the first show, we saw that a lot of things could happen with one frame to go. In the second regional championship match with one frame to go, Ryan Shafer could have applied some heat on Randy Weiss and Tommy Jones. Instead, Ryan left a pocket 7-10 split and ended his chances at winning the playoffs. The same thing happened on Friday night, where Ronnie Russell had the upper hand in the tournament and bowled a 160 game. Wes Malott shot a 240 game vaulting him into the show. The first show proved what great bowlers can do with a bowling ball. Tommy Jones forced Randy Weiss to strike three times in the 10th to beat him by a pin. Randy Weiss prevailed and threw three great shots in the 10th. Dick Allen faced the hardest competitors with Walter Ray and Mika. Dick had the front 10 against them both. This is what a great bowler does on the PBA tour.

The Dick Weber PBA Playoff enabled both levels of professional bowlers to come and bowl at one tournament for all of the marbles. Now did this show bowling fans the next Earl Anthony or Walter Ray Williams, Jr.? Of course not! If a regional player does win this tournament, maybe he will think about joining the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour. The PBA wants the best bowlers at every stop on the tour. This is how they can get more and more sponsors that we need in our favorite professional league. I am not saying that a regional pro is not going to be a Walter Ray or Mika every week, but at least it gave them a chance to see what they would have to go through on the PBA Tour. You can say that the regional tournaments give the regional bowlers that chance to compete with some of the greatest bowlers. However, in reality, there is only a handful of these great guys that are at these tournaments because regional tournaments are all around the country. All of the top professionals were at this tournament.

Thanks for reading this month's edition of **Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter**.



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#### Who will be the next PBA Trivia Wizard?

1. Who won the 2007 H&R Block Classic?
2. Who won the 1998 Greater Detroit Open?



#### Last Month's PBA Wizard Trivia Winner

Lyle Zikes got the question right, but declined the prize.

- Last Month's Answers:
- 1.) Earl Anthony
  - 2.) Norm Duke