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News

In this month's edition of Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter, we will be looking at the PBA playoffs. The Moment in History takes a look at being a manager of a high school bowling team, going to the bowling expo, and seeing my dad qualify in third at a regional. Also, the US Open extended coverage has been revealed for television.

The decision for the player of the year has become a point value system instead of a vote by the PBA membership. The Strike Column will analyze what a player has to do to become the PBA Player of the Year under this point system.

For the extra coverage of the US Open, they are televising the last couple games of the last round of match play. The bowling fans will finally get to see how their favorite player gets to the show. In the latter part of the tournament, this is

what bowling should be about. For more information on the US Open Coverage Television, log onto www.pba.com.

The Dick Weber PBA Playoff field has been announced. It will consist of the top 72 point leaders and 108 regional players. The 60 regional players will be made of the top ten of each region (Northwest and West are combined) from the Regional Players Invitational. The remaining 48 from the regions will qualify using points for regional tournaments during October and November.

Below is the 2010-11 PBA Tour schedule.

2010-2011 season	
USA Vs The World	
Sunday, October 24, 2010 - Friday, October 29, 2010 in Las Vegas, NV	
WSOB - World Championship	
Monday, October 25, 2010 - Friday, October 29, 2010 and Friday, January 14, 2011 - Sunday, January 16, 2011 in Las Vegas, NV	
WSOB - Cheetah Championship	
Monday, October 25, 2010 and Friday, November 05, 2010 in Las Vegas, NV	
WSOB - Viper Championship	
Tuesday, October 26, 2010 and Friday, November 05, 2010 in Las Vegas, NV	
WSOB - Chameleon Championship	
Wednesday, October 27, 2010 and Friday, November 05, 2010 in Las Vegas, NV	
WSOB - Scorpion Championship	
Thursday, October 28, 2010 and Saturday, November 06, 2010 in Las Vegas, NV	
WSOB - Shark Championship	
Friday, October 29, 2010 and Saturday, November 06, 2010 in Las Vegas, NV	
Chris Paul Celebrity Invitational	
Thursday, December 09, 2010 - Sunday, December 12, 2010 in New Orleans, LA	
PBA Tournament of Champions	
Saturday, January 15, 2011 - Saturday, January 22, 2011 in Las Vegas, NV	
Earl Anthony Memorial Classic	
Monday, January 24, 2011 - Sunday, January 30, 2011 in Dublin, CA	
USBC Masters	
Sunday, February 06, 2011 - Sunday, February 13, 2011 in Reno, NV	
68th Lumber Liquidators U.S. Open	
Monday, February 21, 2011 - Sunday, February 27, 2011 in North Brunswick, NJ	
Mark Roth Plastic Ball Championship	
Tuesday, March 01, 2011 - Sunday, March 06, 2011 in Cheektowaga, NY	
Dick Weber PBA Playoffs	
Tuesday, March 08, 2011 - Sunday, March 13, 2011 in Indianapolis, IN	



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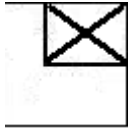


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Strike Column— Player of the Year Analysis

This month's strike column takes a look at becoming the Player of the Year. In the earlier PBA years, to be the PBA Player of the Year meant that you were the top player of that year, and the PBA membership voted on who received the Player of the Year. Now that it has gone to a point race, it takes the anticipation of being the Player of the Year out of the equation.

One may argue that a points race automatically assumes the best player wins Player of the Year. At the same time, it doesn't give the players an opportunity to vote on the Player of the Year Award. However, it will assure that whoever has the most titles will win the award. It probably had more meaning in years past because the anticipation of the vote created more excitement, but now fans can keep track of their favorite player and check their overall standing.

In 1987, Marshall Holman became the Player of the Year even though he did not win a title. In September's issue of the Bowler's Journal, Lyle Zikes revisits that year, recalculating how the top bowlers bowled. The points race outcome would have been different had it been in effect that year. By method of Points Race, Pete Weber would have won the Player of the Year. At least the Player of the Year that would have gone to the player with the most titles in that year.

The three past winners of the Player of the Year have done a lot in the year that they have won the award. The diagrams on this page support that fact. They have made multiple appearances on television shows and won multiple titles on the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour. They have also made several match play appearances on the PBA Tour. So what do you have to do to win

the PBA Player of the Year award? Win titles? Appear on TV shows? Make a lot of match play appearances? Both - because that's what the best player does out on tour to become the best player in the world and of that year.

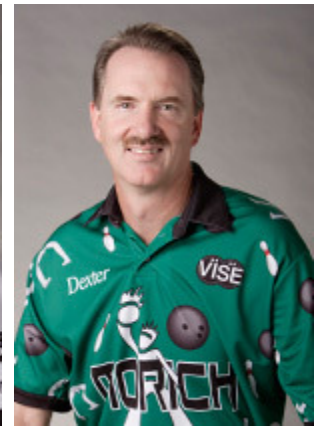
Walter Ray Williams Jr., Chris Barnes, and Wes Malott have all met these three criteria in order to be the PBA Player of the Year. Each of these bowlers made multiple appearances on TV and won multiple titles on the tour. All three of these bowlers know what it takes to become the best bowler of that year. Time and time again, we see that the Player of the Year that has the most titles and the most TV appearances is going to become the Player of the Year. However, in 1987, we did not see that with Pete Weber. So, a point race can be an asset for the player who plays consistently well through out the season. This is one of the highest accomplishments that our favorite players receive in their professional bowling career.



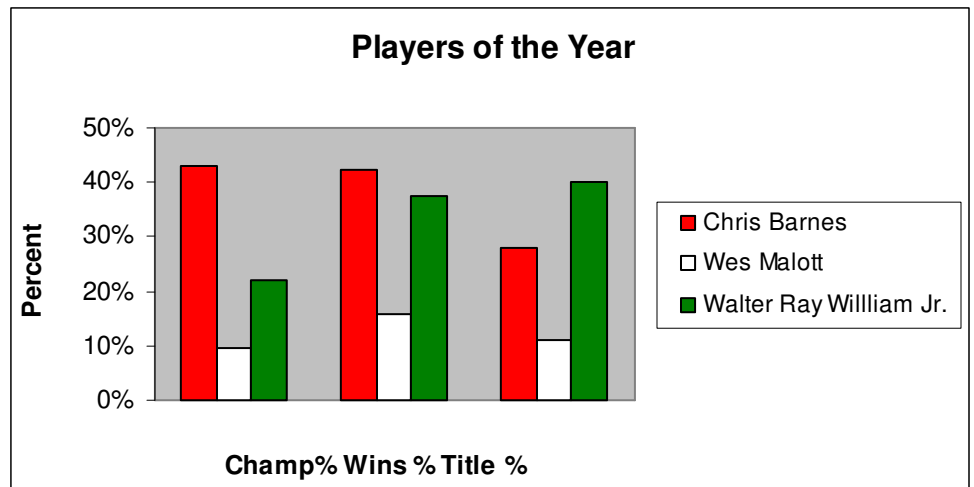
Chris Barnes '07-'08



Wes Malott '08- '09



Walter Ray Williams Jr. '09' - '10



Bowler	Tournament	Cash	Cash %	Match	Match %	Champ. Round App.	Champ. Round App. %	Wins	Wins %	Title%
Chris Barnes 07-08	21	21	100%	18	86%	9	43%	2	10%	22%
Wes Malott 08-09	19	17	89%	15	79%	8	42%	3	16%	38%
Walter Ray Williams Jr 09-10	18	18	100%	14	78%	5	28%	2	11%	40%

Moments in History

Being a Team Manager

My senior year of high school was the first year that they had bowling as a club sport in the state of Indiana.

I wanted to be a part of that experience. One of the ways I could contribute was being the manager of the team. The managerial duties are keeping stats, such as averages and how many individual and team points we had. It also included putting decorations on the team members' school lockers before a meet. I also organized the trip down to Indianapolis where the team members got to bowl in the Pro Am and eat with my buddy, Parker Bohn III.

After the Pro Am, the team, Bohn, and I all went out to *Steak and Ale* where the team talked with Bohn. He talked about life and bowling and told them that if they ever got into trouble to turn to him and he would help them out.

We ended up winning our conference, performing decent in the sectional and regional, and ended up making it to state. Since that year, they have never made it back to the state finals. It was a lot of fun being the manager of the high school bowling team. The last night of our season we bowled 2144 for our two-game total. All in all, we had a respectable season.



Going to the Bowl Expo

In 1998, Bowl Expo was going to be in Nashville, Tennessee. I had decided that I wanted to go.

At the International Bowl Expo, there are bowling companies such as Brunswick, Ebonite, Track, Columbia 300, and many others. This is a chance for bowling proprietors to see what is coming out for the next bowling season as far as products and services for your local bowling center go.

This was a great opportunity for me because I felt like somebody important in the bowling industry. When my mom and I got there, we did not know how we would get in. Brunswick included us and gave us name tags that stated that we were exhibitors.

We ended up buying a program to run tournaments, side pots, and brackets for tournaments and leagues. This enabled us to run a successful bowling tournament that had anywhere from 50 to 84 bowlers.

Dad Qualifies Third

My dad was a former PBA member in the mid-to-late 80s. He did not excel at being a pro bowler for a living; however, he always managed to average in the 200s in the PBA regional tournaments that he bowled in.

He almost made Sunday's match-play round when he was a member, but he shot a 140 game his last game of qualifying. He ended up dropping his card in 1988 or 1989, deciding he was not good enough to be a professional bowler. He could have bowled at least one PBA National Tournament, but he decided not to.

In the summer of 1993, a friend of ours got him an entry for the Ft. Wayne Regional Tournament. As I remember, he told me he threw ten balls on Friday's practice session. He said that it was a pretty good line, but he expected the shot not to be there by Saturday. By Saturday morning, my dad ended up shooting about 175 over for five games. My family and I thought that the shot would not be there for the next block. We went back to watch part of B-squad and noticed that no one was playing where my dad was playing. My dad had the lane to himself and he was able to score well in the second block of qualifying. He ended up qualifying second in his block and third overall. That was the first time he made match-play in a PBA Regional Tournament.

By Sunday morning, he threw his first ball and it went in the gutter. He found a little something, but it was not good enough. He ended up beating the top names of the era like Scott Devers, Eugene McCune, and Jeff Dryfus (the hometown pro). The first game he ended up beating the winner of the Tournament, Troy Stus. He did that by doubling in the tenth frame.

It was a great day to watch my dad bowl match-play in a regional tournament.



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Commentary

In this month's publication we have talked about the top regional players getting a chance at the Dick Weber PBA Tournament Playoffs.

When PBA announced that they were going to a single elimination match play format nine years ago I did not like it because it was more for the High Roller bowlers. However, they still needed to qualify to get into the match play. That meant they would have to be the top bowlers of that era.

I am not trying to say that I agree with everything the PBA does. Even though I may not agree with how the PBA is dealing with our favorite bowlers, our favorite bowlers still come out on top. That's why they are the best bowlers in the world. They know what they need to do in the crucial point to get their ball to get into the 1-3 pocket. This is what the best bowlers know how to do.

A Regional Pro has only dealt with the animal patterns on the regional level, not on the PBA Tour level. The regional pros have a shot of winning the PBA Playoffs, unfortunately, it probably won't happen. When they miss a single pin spare, or have a bad block, the pro will capitalize on that. They will send the regional player home. When it looks like a Joe Bowler can win something big on the Lumber Liquidator's PBA Tour, they still have to compete against our favorite pros.

For the regional pro it can raise the bar because now they have to learn how to adjust and be able to beat Chris Barnes, Walter Ray Williams Jr., and Pete Weber to win the PBA Playoffs. In order to do this they have to be able to compete on the five animal patterns that the PBA Tour puts out. I really think that Chris Barnes, Walter Ray Williams Jr., and Pete Weber are more than likely going to win the Dick Weber PBA Tour Playoffs because of that factor. It will be exciting and interesting at the same time at the Dick Weber PBA Playoff Tournament to see what will transpire.

Naming it after Dick Weber is the right thing to do since he

was the first super star of the PBA. What an appropriate title for the best bowlers in the world to bowl in. This also can mean that in order to be in the tournament you have to be in the top of the PBA.

When you think of Dick Weber you think of somebody who could hit the pocket and strike regardless of the lane condition. He was able to win four All Star titles now known as the U.S. Open. You don't win four U.S Opens and not be a great bowler.

In my opinion, the PBA is trying to set a standard for the sport of bowling by having a PBA Playoff and by having a one million dollar prize fund for the Tournament of Champions. Due to lack of sponsorship and TV coverage this is what they feel like they need to do to keep the bowling fans watching our favorite bowlers.

Thank you for reading this month's issue of the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter.



Mark Gerberich and Josh Hyde at the 2000 PBA Tour Awards Dinner. 1995-2000 PBA Commissioner.



Del Ballard, Josh Hyde, Jason Couch and John Mazza at Parker Bohn III wedding 2001



PBA Trivia Wizard

Please submit your answers via email to: joshhydebowling@yahoo.com The first person that answer this correctly will get a 10% coupon sponsored by bowlinggift.com. Thank you bowlinggift.com for contributing to the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter.

Who will be the next PBA Trivia Wizard?

1. Who won the 1999 Harry Golden Rookie of the Year?
2. When Mark Roth set the most wins in a season, how many titles did he win?



Last Month's PBA Wizard Trivia Winner

Not Awarded!

Last Month's Answers:

- 1.) Wayne Webb and Mark Roth
- 2.) PBA World Championship



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