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Tom Hess, 2011 USBC Master's Winner



Norm Duke, 2011 US Open Champion

Practice Pair

Welcome to the March edition of the *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. **Moment in History** will be taking a look at **2010 Review of Bowling**. We will not be having an **Interview of the Month** due to coverage of the U.S. Open. The fourth and final segment of the series **PBA World Championship** can be found in the **Strike Column**. The **Spare Column** will feature how Tom Dalton won his 3rd Hammer King of the Hill title. Finally, we will unveil more of the 2010 PBA World Series of Bowling. The **Tenth Frame** will be a commentary examining what bowling fans could expect if the PBA were to televise the last round of the round robin match play.

This past month, we saw a great deal of what true bowling fans have been striving to see on tv in the 53-year history of the PBA. I hope you enjoy this edition of the *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*.

Messenger

2011 USBC Masters

The 2011 USBC Masters did not see prospect of another grand slam winner. However, it did see a chance for a bowler to win back-to-back majors in a single season. Unfortunately for Mika Koivuniemi, he was stopped in the semi-final round as winner Tom Hess knocked him out.

For the second time in five years, Jack Jurek went undefeated in the match play portion in the Masters, but ran into Hess after Hess had the front seven at Koivuniemi. This feat enabled Hess to win his first ever PBA title as a major.

Hess kept on striking in the championship match. The championship was possibly the tightest match of the tournament, as Jurek could have won his third title, but he did not finish well at the tail end of the game.

Hess added to his great play by not throwing wide-open splits. With Jurek not capitalizing on his throws, Hess took away the 2011 USBC Masters title.

These are the final standings of the tournament and the stepladder results:

1. Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 479 (two games), \$50,000.
2. Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 214 (one game), \$25,000.
3. Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 449 (two games), \$15,000.
4. Mike DeVaney, Murrieta, Calif., 206 (one game), \$10,000.

Match One - Koivuniemi def. DeVaney, 230-206.
 Semifinal Match - Hess def. Koivuniemi, 254-219.
 Championship Match - Hess def. Jurek, 225-214.

2011 U.S. Open

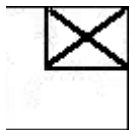
For the first time in the 53 year history of the PBA, Bowling fans got to see what their favorite players went through during a Major PBA tournament. In the 68th U.S. Open, They televised the first round of match play. It was a different bowling tournament being televised. This was interesting because 2008 U.S. Open Champion Norm Duke had the chance in the last two games of match play to strike out and win by one pin! Except in both games, he failed to do so. Before the televised part, he was able to go undefeated having a 6-0 record going into the last two games. However, he was still the leader after the first round of match play. Some other names that were televised were: Pete Weber (4x winner), Bill O'Neil (defending champion), Jason Belmonte ('08-'09 rookie of the year) and last but not least Sean Rash (07 USBC Masters winner) Duke ended up leading after 34 games by 83 pins. Even with the two loses, he had built up a lead earlier in the round. He had a 300 pin lead over 6th place going into the last two rounds of match play.

The Championship round saw 4 U.S. Open winners trying to win their second U.S. Open page title. Among them was **Continue on Page 3**

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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.



Strike Column—Fifty Greatest Major Analysis—PBA World Championship

This month is the fourth and final segment part in this series—the fifty greatest major analysis. It will be on the PBA World Championship. The PBA World Championship is probably the best major because to bowl in this tournament, you must be a PBA member. It requires a lot of qualifying and match play to get to the championship round.

The statistics for the PBA World Championship are impressive. When 20 one of the 50 greatest made the championship round, they won 47 percent of their 77 total appearances. Incredibly, this group has 36 PBA World Championship titles.

Many of the greats have won this prestigious tournament. Earl Anthony won it an astounding six times. He made the championship round nine times. This is why he was the greatest bowler in the history of the PBA.

The number two bowler, Walter Ray Williams Jr., has won it three times. He has made the championship round six times. With seven Player of the Year titles and 47 PBA titles, he is one of the PBA's best. Williams' last World Championship title tied him with Anthony for the most titles.

Norm Duke is the only player to win three consecutive majors. To win one is quite the accomplishment, but three in-a-row is unheard of. He is one of the six players who have completed the Triple Crown, and one of two players who have completed the Grand Slam. Duke can play anywhere on the lane and still get the ball to the 1-3 pocket. This is what a great player does.

Pete Weber definitely is one of the best bowlers in the PBA, winning this prestigious tournament twice. He is the best player without a Player of the Year title. He knows when he needs to strike. Weber won a record four U.S. Opens. The only other players to do so were his Father (Dick) and Don Carter.

Mike Aulby is one of the best major tournament bowlers. He won every major. With two Player of the Year titles, he became the first bowler to earn Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year. These are two of the biggest accomplishments in bowling. Aulby had also set the high average for a single season (1995) and the 42-game pin fall record in a standard tournament.

Chris Barnes finally broke through at the 2011 World Championship. He made the championship round five times prior to winning. This was the tournament that made him the sixth player to win the Triple Crown. It will be interesting to see how many titles he will have won on the PBA tour at the end of his career.

Billy Hardwick and Johnny Petraglia were the first two bowlers to win the Triple Crown. These players both had astounding careers and were the first bowlers that bowling writers said could bowl in majors. With Hardwick becoming the first player to win the Triple Crown,

he was the best of his era. Petraglia had the chance to bowl a 300, but got a 298 in the early 1980s. Over a decade later, he broke through by bowling a 300 in the championship round of the 1994 PBA World Championship.

Some of the other great players that have won a major tournament are Dave Davis, Doug Kent, Mike McGrath, Wayne Zahn, and Don Carter. Each of these players have won the tournament twice and have a high winning percentage in the championship round.

The PBA World Championship is probably one of the best major tournaments in the PBA. To win a World Championship is a great honor, especially having won multiple titles in this event. There are other greats that have won this major tournament, but the fifty greatest are the best bowlers in the history of the PBA.

Bowler	PBA World Championship Appearances	PBA World Championships	Percent of World Championships
Earl Anthony	9	6	67%
Walter Ray Williams Jr.	6	3	50%
Norm Duke	5	3	60%
Pete Weber	7	2	29%
Mike Aulby	5	2	40%
Dave Davis	8	2	25%
Doug Kent	3	2	67%
Wayne Zahn	2	2	100%
Mike McGrath	2	2	100%
Don Carter	3	1	33%
Johnny Petraglia	3	1	33%
Billy Hardwick	2	1	50%
Bob Strampe Sr.	2	1	50%
Chris Barnes	5	1	20%
Dave Soutar	3	1	33%
Patrick Allen	1	1	100%
John Guenther	3	1	33%
Carmen Salvino	1	1	100%
Brian Voss	4	1	25%
Randy Pedersen	1	1	100%
Tom Baker	2	1	50%
Totals	77	36	47%

This table shows the PBA World Championship appearances and championships by the Top 50 players in the history of the PBA.

2010 Review of Bowling

2010 was a very inspirational year for me in bowling. A number of exciting things happened for me.

First, I was able to bowl well and finish second at a local handicap championship tournament. A little over an hour away from my home, there was a local handicap tournament that has points for how you do in each tournament. At the end of the year if you qualify for the championship tournament, you get to bowl in the final tournament.

At the last regular tournament, I ended up in fourth place and made the championship tournament. I ended up qualifying second. The match play portion was two game matches. In match play, I made it to the championship match. There, my opponent shot 299 and 225 against me. I lost by only five

pins.

Second, I won third place in the national BWAA amateur writing contest. The Bowling Writer's Association of America posted an amateur writing contest, and I decided to submit a few articles. I placed third for the article I submitted about the World Series of Bowling.

Third, at the 2010 Shootout at the Fort, the American Bowler was there. They asked me to report on the regional later that summer at Georgetown Bowl. They paid for my Pro-Am spot; however, the Pro-Am did not take place. Instead they gave me money for a printer and told me if I wrote for them they would buy my ink. When I reported on the



regional, I still was able to bowl with three professionals. They all bowled on the ramp and I beat them all.

Fourth, I got to go to my twenty-fourth

major tournament which was the sixty-seventh U.S. Open. I received the banner from the scoreboard that was on the television show.

Last but not least, I became the beat writer for the King of the Hill Tournament, getting to write reports and doing statistics. Of all places, I met Arnie Goldman, who was a professional bowler from the mid-70s to 1987. He beat Pete Weber in Weber's first television appearance.

Messenger (cont.)

defending champion Bill O'Neil. He started out by defeating Dan MacLelland (204-150). In the first match of the step ladder final.

Just when we thought that O'Neil was going to run away with it by throwing a 4 bagger in the early part of the game against Ryan Shafer, he ran into some transition problems on the way. Shafer had two Brooklyn strikes in the early part of the game. He was able to regroup and throw three crucial shots in the tenth frame to force O'Neil to mark in the final frame to win the game. O'Neil

failed to do so, leaving the 4-6-7. O'Neil was unable to convert giving Ryan the win (193-183).

In the first match on final day, Shafer had his hands full with Koivuniemi. It was a close match, but Shafer was able to find a better line than Koivuniemi. In the eight frame, Shafer left a 7-10 split. Koivuniemi kept out of trouble, making spares, and defeated Shafer 236-222.

The semi-final match saw Koivuniemi take on Tommy Jones. Jones was not able to do anything as he struggled with a 158. Koivuniemi had a 236.

The championship match

saw two superstars of the PBA Tour, with Norm Duke and Koivuniemi squaring off. The match came down to the last ball. Duke made Koivuniemi get a mark to win his second US Open title. Koivuniemi however, left a 10-pin and missed the spare, giving Duke his 34th title. The results are below.

FINAL STANDINGS:

1. Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., one game, 225 pins, \$80,000.
2. Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., three games, 693 pins, \$40,000.
3. Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., one game, 158 pins, \$20,000.
4. Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y.,

- two games, 415 pins.\$13,000.
5. Bill O'Neil, Southampton, Pa., two games, 387 pins, \$11,000.
6. Dan MacLelland, Saginaw, Mich., one game, 150 pins, \$10,000.

PLAYOFF RESULTS:

- Match One: O'Neil def. MacLelland, 204-150.
- Match Two: Shafer def. O'Neil, 193-183.
- Match Three: Koivuneimi def. Shafer, 236-222.
- Semifinal Match: Koivuniemi def. Jones, 241-158.
- Championship: Duke def. Koivuniemi, 225-216.

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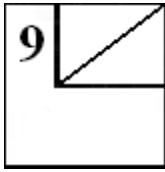
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Spare Column: Hammer King of the Hill Report

Date: 2-6-2011

Entries: 69

Round 1

High Game 1: Doug Daniels 280
 High Game 2: Emilio Mora 268
 High Game 3: Cole Jetmore/Aaron Winans 278

High Series: Aaron Winans/Thomas Dalton 750
 Cut Number: 641 Bowler: Michael Hutchens, Brandon Hurst, Andy Sukow
 # of 700's shot: 15

Round 2

High Game 1: Derek Smith 280
 High Game 2: Jeff Fox 300
 High Game 3: Thomas Dalton 279

High Series: Jeff Fox 794
 Cash Number: Bowler: Mike Winans 674
 Finals Number: Bowler: Jason Manville 703
 # of 700's shot: 8

Total Year End Payout: \$980
February Raffle Sales: \$210

Dalton Wins His Third Title by Topping Off the Central Region PBA Rookie of the Year

On Super Bowl Sunday, February 6, there were 69 bowlers battling for the Hammer King of the Hill title. There were 15 700's shot in the first round. The first round started off with a 280-game by Doug Daniels. In the second game, we saw Emilio Mora shoot a 268. The final game saw two bowlers, Aaron Winans and Cole Jetmore, shoot a 278. In the first round, Aaron Winans led the round with a 750-series. There was a three-way tie for the cutline between Andy Sukow, Brandon Hurst, and Michael Hutchens at +41.

The second round saw 38 bowlers battling for 13 cash spots. There were eight 700's shot in the second round. Derek Smith started off with a 280-game in the first game of the second round. Jeff Fox climbed on board with a 300-game in the second game. Thomas Dalton fired a 279

in the last game of the second round. The top eight took a score of +103 to advance to the finals. The last cash spot number was +74 by Mike Winans. Jeff Fox was the qualifying leader with a 794 series.

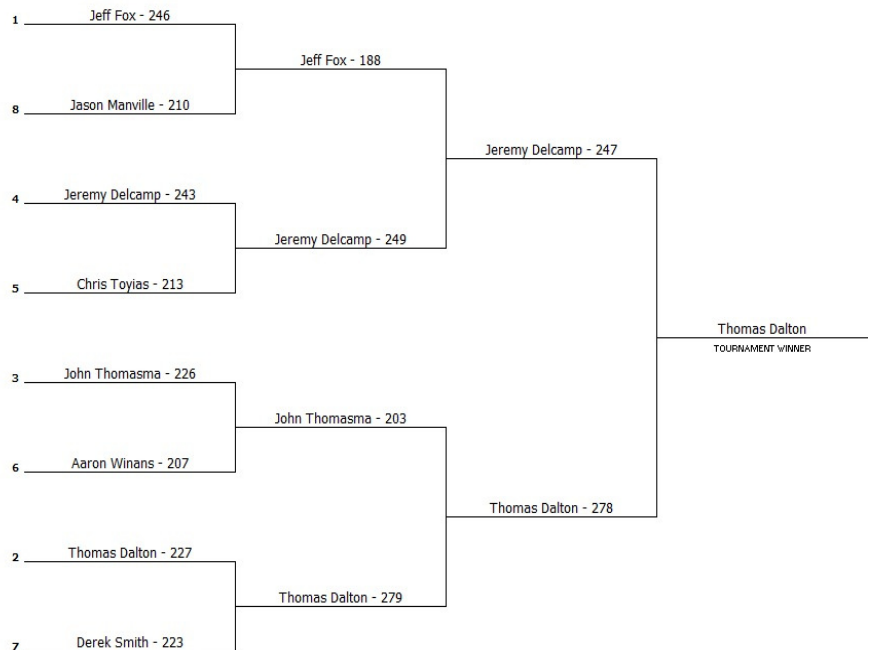
In the finals, Thomas Dalton averaged a whopping 261 to claim his fourth Hammer King of the Hill title. The first match saw Jeff Fox firing a 268, beating Jason Manville's 210. Dalton had a pair of 270-games in the semifinals and finals. His lowest game was a 227, when he beat Derek Smith, who had a 223. From there on, Dalton got lined up and was able to outscore opponents in the last two games of the finals. Throughout the day, he had five 270-games.

The championship match featured the 2008 Central Region PBA Rookie of the Year Jeremy Delcamp and Thomas Dalton. It was the highest scoring match of the finals with Dalton scoring a 278 over Delcamp's 247.

Randy Hawks won the bowling ball, which was taboo by Hammer. February's raffle saw 210 dollars raised. It's one of the highest raffle ticket sales in one month.

Place	Name	Feb	Total
1	Aaron Winans	5	32
2	Bill Crane	0	27
3	Jeff Fox	6	27
4	Don Boyed	3	25
5	Thomas Dalton	9	24
6	Shawn Fox	3	23
7	Chris Toyias	5	23
8	Art Parker	3	22
9	Trent Marnar	0	19
10	BJ Pfeiffer	1	19
11	Jeremy Delcamp	7	19
12	Bob Edwards	3	18
13	Jeff Hudson	4	17
14	Doug Daniels	4	17
15	Josh Miller	3	16
16	Tomm Detro	1	15
17	Tyler Slauchbaugh	1	15
18	Mike English	3	15
19	Aaron Hart	4	15
20	Travis Thompson	0	14
21	Emilio Mora Sr	4	14
22	Jason Manville	5	14
23	Scott Cofer	0	13
24	Bart Loe	0	13
25	Joey Litton	3	13
26	Todd Basinger	0	12
27	Doug Cutler	0	12
28	Jim Thorbin	1	12

Hammer King of the Hill February



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	6	10188	44	231.55	6	6	5	4-5	32
Jeff Fox	6	8872	39	227.49	5	4	4	4-2	27
Bill Crane	5	8437	36	234.36	5	4	2	5-1	27
Don Boyed	6	9043	39	231.87	6	4	3	0-3	25
Thomas Dalton	6	8580	37	231.89	5	3	3	3-1	24
Chris Toyias	6	8260	37	223.24	5	4	3	2-2	23
Shawn Fox	6	8777	38	230.97	6	4	2	1-1	23
Art Parker	6	8548	38	224.95	6	2	1	1-1	22
BJ Pfeiffer	6	6938	31	223.81	3	3	3	3-2	19
Trent Marner	4	5611	25	224.44	3	3	2	3-1	19
Jeremy Delcamp	6	7316	32	228.63	3	2	2	2-1	19
Bob Edwards	6	7082	33	214.61	4	1	1	2-1	18
Jeff Hudson	6	6731	31	217.13	4	3	2	0	17
Doug Daniels	5	6529	30	217.63	5	2	1	0	17
Josh Miller	6	7070	33	214.24	5	1	1	0	16
Mike English	5	5904	26	227.08	3	2	2	0-2	15
Tomm Detro	6	5956	28	212.71	3	2	1	0-1	15
Tyler Slaugbaugh	4	4424	21	210.67	2	1	1	2-1	15
Aaron Hart	6	6523	30	217.43	4	1	0	0	15
Travis Thompson	5	5407	25	216.28	3	2	2	0-1	14
Emilio Mora Sr	4	5267	24	219.46	4	3	1	0	14
Jason Manville	6	5996	28	214.14	3	1	1	0-1	14
Joey Litton	4	5677	25	227.08	4	3	2	0-1	13
Bart Loe	5	5500	25	220.00	3	2	2	0-1	13
Scott Cofer	2	3500	15	233.33	2	2	1	3-0	13
Jim Thorbin	3	4070	18	226.11	2	2	1	2-1	12
Doug Cutler	4	5423	24	225.96	4	1	1	0	12
Todd Basinger	3	4323	20	216.15	3	1	1	2-1	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
Sam Anglin	5	5006	24	208.58	3	0	0	0	11
John Thomasma	3	3806	17	223.88	2	2	2	1-1	10
Brad Wilson	3	3548	16	221.75	2	2	2	0-1	10
Justin Erdly	5	4325	21	205.95	2	2	1	0	10
Dewayne Burton	4	4693	21	223.48	3	1	1	0	10
Jim Huddleston	4	4505	21	214.52	3	1	1	0	10
Jack Pfierman	3	3762	17	221.29	2	1	1	1-1	10
Derek Smith	4	4189	19	220.47	2	1	1	0-1	10
Charles Gamble II	6	4807	24	200.29	2	1	1	0	10
Gabe Jaks	4	4319	21	205.67	3	0	0	0	10

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Tenth Frame— Commentary

With Mika making all four major shows, it looks like he will be player of the year.

This has not happened since Pete Weber back in 1987 when he made all three majors. It was the same outcome when Weber won the Firestone Tournament of Champions. However, Weber did not get Player of the Year that year.

Mika is by far the best player out on the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour. The last three years of the U.S. Open, the defending champion has been in the Championship match the following year. O'Neil failed to do so in this year's U.S. Open.

I have said this before and I will say this again: bowling is back! With the Major Championships turning out the way they did, it was a very good year for the PBA tour! On Friday night, bowling fans were able to see the most exciting part of a PBA Tour event with the round robin match play being televised.

I really hope that we can get more of this action in the future of the PBA! Bowling fans have been wanting for a long time. In the 1995 Dick Weber classic, fans were able to see probably the most memorable round robin tournament on television.

The show had David Ozio, Walter Ray Williams and Doug Kent, also Norm Duke. The format for the show was that everybody bowled each other one time with 30 bonus pins for a win and 15 for a tie. After the third game, they would make the final cut to the top two, where the winner took all. This was an example of an actual PBA tournament being televised.

The year before at the same tournament, Joe Firpo bowled three 250's and did not make the final game. This was an example of what

a player could do during the match play portion of the tournament. The more ways that the PBA can showcase how our favorite bowlers can get to the television show, the better. This will enable bowling fans to get more involved with the PBA.

I have been waiting for a chance like what we saw on Friday night in the 2011 U.S. Open for as long as I have been a fan of the PBA. If PBA can get more coverage on ESPN (like a few hours), we may not see anymore stepladder formats because the real tournament is won on the last night of match play. I also think that if this is the case, we will get more fans for bowling. You can definitely see what your favorite bowler goes through in a standard bowling tournament.

This would enable a bowler to build up a lead in a tournament and not worry about coming back the last day and winning one game. It would also make bowlers bowl better and not just shoot for a top five finish at the end of round robin match play. Now a bowler would have to worry about how far back he was from the tournament leader. You could say that happens now, but because the leaders have to just bowl one game. The reality is though if a bowler is in the top 4 or 5, all he has to do is bowl 3 or 4 good games to win the tournament. Except if we were able to see the final round of round robin match play, we could really see more bowlers go for the top spot on the last game.

During the 2009 National Bowling Stadium Open on Xtra Frame, bowling fans saw that there were 10 bowlers during the last game of match play that had a shot for the top five spots for Sunday's show. Between 2nd through 12, there were only 160 pins separating those competitors. You really didn't know who was going to make it because every match had a winner and a loser. This is what makes the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour great.

During the 2011 U.S. Open, we thought that Mika had it all wrapped up by just needing a mark to win his 2nd U.S. Open title. Even the best can make a mistake at a crucial point of a major title, like missing a 10-pin in the final frame. It will

always cost the pros. After all, they are the best at throwing a bowling ball.

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



Johnny Petraglia, Dave Davis, Carmen Salvino, and Mike Aulby stein mugs and a Gold Rhino Pro mini bowling ball and Ultimate Inferno mini bowling ball.



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Who will be the next PBA Trivia Wizard?

1. Who won the most PBA World Championships?
2. Who won the 2011 U.S. Open?



Last Month's PBA Wizard Trivia Winner

Not Awarded!

Last Month's Answers:

- 1.) Chris Barnes
- 2.) Mike Durban or Jason Couch