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Practice Pair

Hello, Bowling Fans! Welcome to another edition of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. The **Messenger** will highlight the "The All-In Showdown" and cover the retirement of PBA Commissioner Fred Schreyer. The **Strike Column** will feature "Top Bowlers of the Four Divisions". In the **Kingpin Column**, I will discuss "Last Youth League Season". **Interview of the Month** is going to be part 2 of an interview with Tommy Jones where he shares some of his thoughts about the state of bowling. The **Split Column** will cover an ESPN milestone. The **Spare Column** highlights the 2011 Dick Weber PBA Playoffs. New column **Balls of the Lane** features Brunswick's Nexus *f*(P) and Nexus *f*(P+F). Check out **Bowlology** where I share my knowledge of the game. Lastly, I discuss the "PBA Television Dilemma". I hope you enjoy this month's newsletter!

Messenger—BowlersDeals.com All-In Showdown

For the first time in PBA history, there is going to be an action showdown as an opening event for the World Series of Bowling. Each player puts up \$5,000 for a chance to win the \$45,000 jackpot. The event features Chris Barnes, Chris Warren, Brian Himmler, Bill O'Neil, Ronnie Russell, Joe Paluszek, Sean Rash, and Tommy Jones. Each round will feature half of the bowlers on two pairs of lanes. The bowlers will switch pairs after each game and the pattern for this event will be the Tournament of Champions pattern. All will bowl two games with the top half advancing. The next round will be similar, but they drop the pins after each round. This event was attempted at the first World Series of Bowling, but only Chris Barnes showed up. This year will have much more action. All of these guys are looking forward to bowling this event.

I started doing some action bowling as a college freshman in Las Vegas and when we traveled to Dallas. I bowled against guys like Chris back then. It didn't cost me a ton of money at that time, but I learned very quickly I had to get better if I was going to keep doing it. That led to bigger matches at Super Hoinke and High Rollers."

All of these guys know what they need to do to win this format. Each eliminator round should be close. It will be interesting to see who wins. My prediction: Chris Barnes.

This event is on Nov 4, in Las Vegas and will be air exclusively on X-tra frame at 6:30.

Schreyer Retires as PBA Commissioner, Clark Takes Over

PBA Commissioner Fred Schreyer officially retired on Oct. 31.

Schreyer played an important role in letting PBA members compete for Team USA. Some of his other accomplishments were opening PBA membership to women and creating the PBA World Series of Bowling.

Schreyer will still stay with the PBA as a senior advisor. He looks forward to continuing to provide assistance wherever is needed for the PBA.

Tom Clark, who was the Chief Operating Officer for the PBA since 2008 became the commissioner. Geoff Reiss was promoted to the position of Chief Executive Officer.

Kirk Von Krueger, who has been on PBA staff since 1995, was promoted to Deputy Commissioner. Von Krueger, who was a tour player in the early 90s, has been both the Tournament Director and the Vice President.

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This kind of quick action event is how most of these guys grew up playing, especially Brian Himmler. "I grew up bowling a lot of action around the Super Hoinke tournament" said Himmler.

Some other comments regarding the event are as follows:

Paluszek—"It's the closest thing to old-school bowling."

Warren—"I like bowling action. I like bowling head-to-head".

O'Neil—"I'm probably as intense a competitor as there is in the sport. I hate losing more than anyone, so I'm planning on winning this thing. If I didn't think I could win, I wouldn't enter."

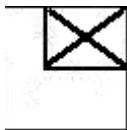
Barnes—"I'm committed. I like 60-game formats, too, but this format takes me back to

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Strike Column — Top Bowlers of the Four Divisions

There are four divisions of the PBA: PBA Tour, PBA Regional Tour, PBA Senior Tour, and PBA Senior Regional Tour. All of these tours have the best bowlers that compete in tournaments. These bowlers are able to find the pocket and maintain a solid game throughout the entire tournament.

These tournaments also give anyone a chance to test their skill on the PBA Tour. Just maybe they can become the Walter Ray of the PBA Regional Tour. If someone does well, he might give the PBA Tour a whirl.

If a bowler cannot win on the regular PBA Tour, his hope is that maybe he can win one or two regionals. These tournaments have some of the top players in these events. The lane conditions are somewhat easier to give the regional players a chance to win a title. Bowlers in these tournaments have the same goal—to win.

The top bowler of the Regional Tour is Pete Weber. This speaks volumes because it means he can win in the short tournaments as well as the long tourna-

ments. Some of the other top Regional bowlers are: Dale Traber, Steve Jaros, and Guppy Troup. This shows how much talent is on the PBA Regional Tour.

We all should recognize the greatest players on the PBA Tour: Walter Ray Williams, Jr., Earl Anthony, Pete Weber, Norm Duke, and Mark Roth. All of these bowlers are by far the best bowlers in the PBA. They know how to strike when they need to. Walter Ray is the top player of the PBA National Tour as we didn't know that already.

The Senior PBA Tour is a chance for the bowler that bowled in tournaments as an amateur yet did not declare bowling as his career until later in life. This gives him the opportunity to compete amongst the best of yesterday's stars.

John Handegard was the best senior bowler out on the PBA Senior Tour. He even became the oldest player to win a PBA Tour title. Gary Dickinson is the second best senior player out there. Dale Eagle has the highest non-televised championship round 4-game record on the PBA Senior Tour. Gene Stus shot the first televised 300 in PBA Senior Tour history. Tom Baker had a fast start claiming

two back-to-back Senior PBA Player of the Year honors. Pete Couture has the most titles in a single season. Bob Glass dominated in the early part of the last decade of the PBA Senior Tour. All of these bowlers definitely know how to bowl on the PBA Senior Tour.

The Senior Regional Tour has one legend in the mix—George Pappas. He was the winner of 10 PBA titles including the Firestone Tournament of Champions. Guppy Troup leads the way with 15 Senior Regional wins. Bob Glass is also another player who has a lot of titles on the Senior Regional Tour. Ron Winger, the second bowler to throw a 300 on television, is one of the top Senior Regional players. Tim Kauble has a lot of Senior Regional titles. All of these players are great bowlers and know how to get the job done.

All four divisions of the PBA have great bowlers with remarkable talent. These PBA members definitely can double in the tenth to win a PBA title! Indeed, these are the greatest bowlers that bowl in tournaments week-in, week-out, and weekends.



Walter Ray Williams, Jr.

PBA TOUR		
FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	#WIN
WALTER RAY	WILLIAMS, JR.	47
EARL	ANTHONY	43
PETE	WEBER	35
NORM	DUKE	34
MARK	ROTH	34

Top Left: Williams, Jr. leads the PBA Tour for all time titles.

Bottom Left: Weber leads the PBA Regional for all time titles.



John Handegard

PBA SENIOR TOUR		
FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	#WIN
JOHN	HANDEGARD	14
GARY	DICKINSON	12
DALE	EAGLE	12
GENE	STUS	11
TOM	BAKER	9
PETE	COUTURE	9
BOB	GLASS	9

Top Right: Handegard leads the PBA Senior Tour for all time titles.

Bottom Right: Troup leads the PBA Senior Regional Tour for all time titles.



Pete Weber

PBA REGIONAL TOUR		
FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	#WIN
PETE	WEBER	47
DALE	TRABER	46
STEVE	JAROS	42
GUPPY	TROUP	42
ROSS	PACKARD	41



Guppy Troup

PBA SENIOR REGIONAL TOUR		
FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	#WIN
GUPPY	TROUP	15
BOB	GLASS	12
GEORGE	PAPPAS	12
RON	WINGER	12
TIM	KAUBLE	11

Moments in History

Last Youth League Season

My last year for bowling junior league was '96-'97 season. During the first day of league, the proprietor's wife introduced me as a new bowler. She told the kids I knew a lot about the game and knew the best bowlers in the world.

It was not a great season for my personal bowling game, but it was my best season because my team and I won the Roll-off in our league. I won the City All Event in my division. The funny thing was that the first day of the league I bowled my high game and low game of the season.

In the city tournament, my doubles

partner and I got beat by two girls and lost by six pins in the doubles title. In the team event, my team and I got second place. During the whole city tournament, I found a little something to score. The singles event I could have scored higher, but a little kid wanted to help me bowl. I was there to win the event. I ended up claiming fourth place in the single event. This is how I won the All Events title in my division.

My team and I did well in our league. We ended up playing in the Roll-off to win the league. In the first game, our opponent was up by 200 pins. In the second game, we came back and beat them by 200 pins. During the course of the



match, the lanes where breaking down. They decided to move us another pair of lanes. The third game we ended up winning by 200 to 300 pins.

I bowled in another city and the program had Beat Your Coach Day. I ended up beating my coach with my handicap. It was a hard year because I had bought another ramp to bowl with. It was hard to figure out what I needed to do with the ramp to score. I thought I had found a perfect ramp, but it was not that easy.

Still, at the end of the year I had more awards than any of the other kids.

Interview of the Month—Tommy Jones: Part 2

Q: Do you like having all of the patterns being part of the World Championships? Or would you like to have a separate World Championships?

A: I'd personally like to have a separate World Championships for the reason to have a different format to where there was some match play involved. Maybe that will happen next year; maybe they'll cut to 16 or 24, or bowl Round Robin match play. Bowling on all of the patterns is one thing. It is all of the PBA patterns, so it makes sense. But, I grew up watching the players championships in Toledo. I'm from that day; that's where I watched it. That's how they bowl the World Championships; that's how they

get to that show.

Q: Has your game changed in the last five years?

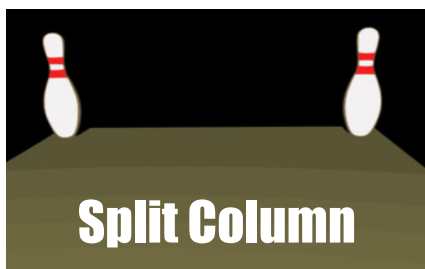
A: Of course it has. If you write this, that I'm getting older, I'd have to knock you in the head. As we get older, we change. Everything changes about us. Our bodies react differently. Things we used to be able to do, we cannot do the same way anymore. But in time, I think, you get smarter, too. You learn different things about how to adjust. Everybody changes. It's constant change out here. If you don't change, you won't stay on top for that long.

Q: What major would you prefer to win and why?

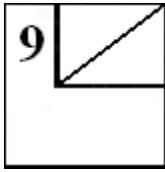
A: The major that I always want to win is the U.S. Open. The one that is the hardest to win, the patterns are the hardest, the format the longest, the most entries, everything else. Now, that I've won that one, I want to win the World Championships, so I can complete the Triple Crown. There has only been a handful of guys that have done that. Chris just did that, and I consider him to be the best in the world. He may not have won the most, but I consider him to be the best of all time—especially the ones that I have been able to play against since I have been on the tour. So, that is pretty much why I would prefer to win that one—the U.S. Open—the one that has the most prestige.

Q: Would you rather mark to win the title or strike to win the title?

A: I'd rather not even have to show up, just having won in the night. Having to mark is obviously something that is easier. I think that it definitely gives us as bowlers more pride when we throw a strike to win than when it is just to mark. You know, that if at the end of the game, you just have to mark to win, you have put yourself in that situation throughout the game. But as a pride factor, I want the ball, let's just get up there, and let's see if we can throw a strike to win the tournament.



This season will mark the 32nd season that ESPN has covered the PBA tour. They started back in 1979. This is good for fans because this means that bowling makes a big-time television network.



Spare Column:

The Spare Column is a column focusing on the author's perspective on PBA tournaments that he has attended.

2011 Dick Weber PBA Playoffs

For the first time ever, the PBA had a full playoff tournament which featured all of the best players of the PBA. It was named after the first superstar of the PBA—Dick Weber. They allowed the top regional players to enter this event, so if you wanted to be a part of this tournament, you had to be one of the best players on the PBA Tour or a top bowler in your region. In a way, it was like another PBA championship where a bowler had to be at the top of the Regional Program or the PBA Tour. They also allotted byes for the top 18 performers of the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour. Positions 1-6 got three byes; 7-12 got two byes; and 13-18 got one bye. This definitely set the stage for the best of the PBA.

The format was Eliminator Rounds with the top qualifiers advancing to the next round in each pod. This was the first PBA Tournament that did this. Instead of competing against the entire field, the bowler had to beat other players in his pod to advance to the next round. The likelihood of a top regional player advancing to the championship match was probable. It was going to be interesting to see what our favorite PBA players could do in each of the pods. Some might argue that this isn't fair when traditionally our favorite pros are bowling against the entire field in the standard PBA bowling tournament. In a traditional PBA tournament, they cross the entire bowling center for the designated number of games. In this tournament, they crossed several lanes. Then, in the next eliminator round, they crossed another section of the bowling center. The top three from each pod were going to make the championship round with each winner going on to the Conference Final.

In the first game that I saw, Walter Ray Williams Jr. bowled a 300 in what has been his worst season. Danny Wiseman shot not one, but two 300 games which gave him a 132 pin lead over Barnes. In a traditional format, he would have easy time making the championship round, but he struggled and only averaged 213 in the final round and failed to make the show. This fact how different of a format it was to a traditional format.

The final round saw the top three of each pod advancing to the championship round. Earlier in the article, it was stated that a good regional pro could make it all the way to the finals. Randy Weiss was that regional pro. In

this round, the bowler needed to be anything but in last place. If there were two really good regional pro players, they both could have advanced.

In the Central Regional Finals saw two super stars of the PBA playing against each other. Mika Koivuniemi and Walter Ray Williams Jr. Dick Allen as the leader, had his hands full with these two heavyweights. In what was expected to be match between Mika and Walter, Dick had the front ten at them both. Dick was definitely was the underdog in this final.

The end result was that Dick Allen and Chris Barnes battling for the 2011 Dick Weber PBA Playoff Title. It looked like Chris had a good line, but in the championship match he left two back-to-back 7-10 splits in the pocket. This left the door wide open for Dick Allen and he took the opportunity to win his 3 PBA Tour Title.

West/NW					
Pos ▲	Name	Games	Total Pinfall	+/- 200	Average
1	Danny Wiseman	6	1,603	403	267.17
2	Chris Barnes	6	1,471	271	245.17
3	Lonnie Waliczek	6	1,459	259	243.17
4	Lennie Boresch Jr.	6	1,447	247	241.17
5	Michael Haugen Jr.	6	1,404	204	234.00
6	Gregory Thompson Jr.	6	1,220	20	203.33

Central					
Pos ▲	Name	Games	Total Pinfall	+/- 200	Average
1	Dan MacLelland	6	1,523	323	253.83
2	Walter Ray Williams Jr.	6	1,410	210	235.00
3	Dick Allen	6	1,396	196	232.67
4	Mika Koivuniemi	6	1,384	184	230.67
5	Billy Oatman	6	1,257	57	209.50
6	Brian Thompson	6	1,234	34	205.67

Midwest					
Pos ▲	Name	Games	Total Pinfall	+/- 200	Average
1	Bill O'Neill	6	1,492	292	248.67
2	Jack Jurek	6	1,377	177	229.50
3	Wes Malott	6	1,365	165	227.50
4	Ronnie Russell	6	1,311	111	218.50
5	Sean Swanson	6	1,304	104	217.33
6	Mike Wolfe	6	1,271	71	211.83



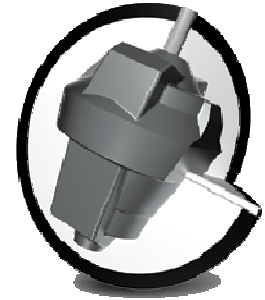
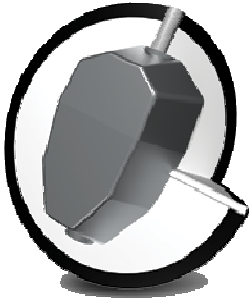
Brunswick Nexus λ (p) Brunswick Nexus λ (p+f)

THE SPECIFICATIONS

Hook Potential: 195
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Breakpoint Shape: 95
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RG Max.: 2.524
RG Min.: 2.468
Asymmetrical Diff.: .017
Core Type: Nexus Arrowhead
Coverstock: Addaptive λ (P)
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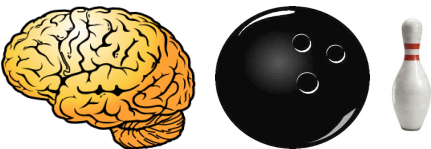
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Coverstock: Addaptive λ (P+F)
 Solid
Color: Blue and violet Solid
Finish: 500 & 1,500 Siaair Micro Pad,
Weight: 12-16 pounds
Part No.: 60-105421-93X



"I love my new Solid and Pearl Nexus so far. I have drilled 2 of each so far. My favorite on both of them is a 5 inch pin and 55 degree mass bias. My C-System Ulti is drilled the same way. It rolls a little sooner than the Pearl. I would use the Solid to start and switch to the Ulti and then finish with the Pearl."

-Sean Rash



BOWLOLOGY

In this section, a topic will be picked based on the bowling knowledge of the great Josh Hyde.

Many non-bowlers do not know the difference between a good strike and a lucky strike.

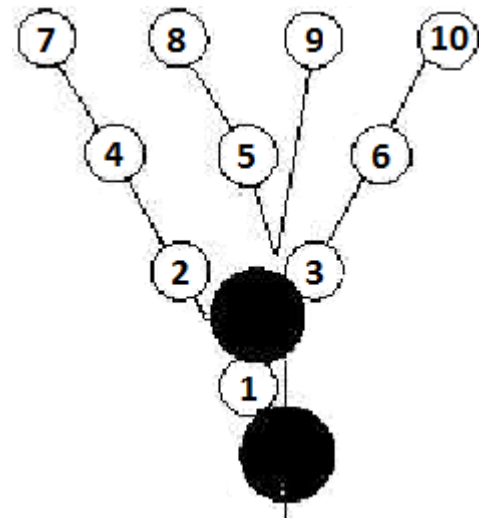
In a perfect strike, the ball hits between the 1 and 3 pins. The ball only hits four pins in a perfect strike—the 1, 3, 5,

and 9 pins for a right-handed person and the 1, 2, 5, and 8 pins for a left-handed person.

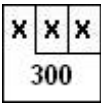
First, the head pin must be hit at the 5 o'clock mark (if the pin were a clock). Next, the ball then hits the 3 pin at the 8 o'clock mark as the head pin takes down pins 2, 4, and 7.

Lastly, as the 3 pin takes down the 6 and 10 pins, the ball hits the 5 pin (which knocks down the 8 pin) and the 9 pin. This gives the bowler a perfect strike.

The next time you go bowling, you can use this information to know how to knock down all of the pins properly.



The Perfect Strike



The PBA Television Dilemma

Last month, X-tra Frame had a preview show for the World Series of Bowling (WSOB).

Bowling fans can only get an hour and a half a week to see their favorite bowlers. If it is going to stay like this forever, then why is Tom Clark not providing more X-tra Frame events? Clark seems to be taking a passive stance on the issue.

Last season at the U.S. Open, Saturday night coverage was going to have the position-round game. Instead, they let six players on the television show. Yes, the first round of match play was television, but at the same time, the later rounds were not. The PBA needs to keep its word and not change at the last minute.

By only watching one game, it is hard to tell how a bowler is actually doing. One game does not show what the bowler goes through in the tournament. Viewers could count out a good bowler who had a bad game or over-hype a bad bowler who had a good game. The PBA needs to figure out how to make the option of televising entire tournaments better.

The PBA needs to forget about television coverage for a bit and work on a stronger bowling tournament where only the best bowlers are allowed to bowl.

Many fans want to see their favorite bowlers play entire tournaments. Figuring out how bowling fans are able to see the progress of the bowlers in the tournament must be a top priority. Bowling fans who have been fans for a long time have always wanted to see the last round of match play live.

There are three events that are more like regional tournaments for the exempt professionals than actual tournaments. However, this is not professional bowling. Yes, on X-tra Frame the whole tournament is able to be seen, but a professional only gets one block

of qualifying. Even if he is only a handful of pins from making the cut, he may not make television. However, on X-Tra Frame, all of his games would be covered.

X-Tra Frame would be better if it was on television. Today, people can hook computers to televisions. Network coverage is still needed on television, but if it is a large expense for the PBA, there needs to be creativity in how to reduce that expense. One way is moving X-Tra Frame to cable.

Clark also stated that he did not want to confine the United States Bowling Congress bowlers to help out the PBA. This is understandable, but for the members that do want to help out the PBA, there could be an additional charge for members that would want to pay.



PBA TRIVIA WIZARD

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Who will be the next PBA Trivia Wizard?

1. Who has the most Regional Titles?
2. Who 2011 PBA Dick Weber Playoffs?



Last Month's PBA Wizard Trivia Winner

Not awarded.

Last Month's Answers:

- 1.) Norm Duke
- 2.) Dick Weber, George Pappas, Dave Soutar, Wayne Webb, Johnny Petraglia, Ernie Schlegel, Henry Gonzalez,

2011-2012 season
WSOB Viper Open Saturday, November 05, 2011 - Friday, November 18, 2011 in Las Vegas, NV
WSOB Chameleon Open Sunday, November 06, 2011 - Saturday, November 19, 2011 in Las Vegas, NV
WSOB Scorpion Open Monday, November 07, 2011 - Saturday, November 19, 2011 in Las Vegas, NV
WSOB Shark Open Tuesday, November 08, 2011 - Saturday, November 19, 2011 in Las Vegas, NV
PBA World Championship Wednesday, November 09, 2011 - Friday, November 18, 2011 in Las Vegas, NV
Carmen Salvino Classic Friday, November 11, 2011 - Sunday, November 20, 2011 in Las Vegas, NV
PBA Exempt Players Championship Tuesday, November 15, 2011 - Sunday, November 20, 2011 in Las Vegas, NV
Mark Roth-Marshall Holman Exempt Doubles Tuesday, November 15, 2011 - Sunday, November 20, 2011 in Las Vegas, NV
PBA Cheetah Open Friday, January 20, 2012 - Sunday, January 22, 2012 in Fountain Valley, CA
United States Bowling Congress Masters Monday, January 23, 2012 - Sunday, January 29, 2012 in Henderson, NV
PBA Don Johnson Memorial Open Friday, February 17, 2012 - Sunday, February 19, 2012 in Columbus, OH
69th U.S. Open Monday, February 20, 2012 - Sunday, February 26, 2012 in North Brunswick, NJ
PBA Detroit Open Friday, March 09, 2012 - Sunday, March 11, 2012 in Allen Park, MI
PBA Dick Weber Playoffs Friday, March 30, 2012 - Sunday, April 01, 2012 in Indianapolis, IN
PBA Tournament of Champions Sunday, April 08, 2012 - Sunday, April 15, 2012 in Las Vegas, NV