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Norm Duke (left), winner of the 2012 Dick Weber PBA Playoff



Sean Rash (Right) Winner of the 2012 Tournament of Champions

Practice Pair

Hello, Bowling Fans! Welcome to another edition of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. The **Messenger** highlights Norm Duke's 37th Career PBA title. The **Strike Column** will talk about Player of the Year winning Major titles. In the **Kingpin Column**, I talk about receiving awards through the BWAA. The **Interview of the Month** will be with Brad Angelo, Part 2. The **Split Column** talks about left hander's and winning on the PBA Tour. The **Spare Column** shares insight about what happened at this year's Tournament of Champions. **Bowlology** talks about making adjustments. **Balls of the Lanes** discusses how Brunswick gets back on top at the Dick Weber PBA Play offs and the Tournament of Champions. Lastly, I will discuss my Player of the Year pick for the 2011-2012 Season. Enjoy reading of this edition of Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter!

Messenger

Duke Beats Bohn for 37th Title Win

The 2012 Dick Weber PBA Playoff saw two PBA Hall of Famers battling it out for the title. Thirty-two time titlist Parker Bohn III and thirty-six time titlist Norm Duke were in the championship round. It was a strike-fest as Duke defeated Bohn 836-766 in the 3 -game total pinfall Championship match. Duke averaged 264 a game over his final 12 games. The first game saw Duke defeating Bohn 289-229. Bohn had to come back just like he did in the conference championship. However, Duke was lined up as he bowled a 289 in the first game. Bohn came back with a 279 game. That did not faze Duke as he bowled a 268 in the second game.

The Semifinal match saw three players with the top two advancing to the Championship match. The Semifinal match was between Norm Duke, Parker Bohn III, and Martin Larson. Duke was on fire; however, the highlight of the match was between Bohn and Larson. Bohn had the chance to shut Larson out but failed to do so. Larson had to strike out to beat Bohn by one pin. Larson got the first one. On the second one, he left a 3-6-9-10 giving Bohn the win and the opportunity to win the title.

The Conference championship saw Bohn struggling in the first match against Sean Rash. In the second game, Bohn started to strike and Rash was beginning to struggle. Bohn ended up with a 268 game while Rash only had a 176 game. It was a 90 -pin swing. Bohn kept on striking.

Rash could not get lined up in order to advance.

"If you would have told me this morning I would shoot 800 in the title match, I'd have said I was going to win the title," Duke said after his stunning performance. "But I wouldn't have believed it." Duke also stated "I have always enjoyed myself in Indianapolis and I have enjoyed success at Woodland Bowl as well, so to build on my record there and win in Dick Weber's honor is very special". "I spent some time with Dick on the clinic circuit and he was really cool to be around and everyone knew what he was to bowling. I am honored to be connected to him even in this small way" "As you can imagine, I am proud of the game that I will be taking into the Tournament of Champions and to be back in the Player of the year race is awesome and the timing....perfect."

Bohn said, "That was a match that people are going to remember for awhile."

Semifinal

Norm Duke	789
Parker Bohn III	632
Martin Larson	618

Championship

Norm Duke	836
Parker Bohn III	766

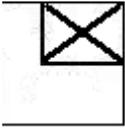
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To provide bowling fans important bowling news, thoughtful analysis, and keen observations about professional and local bowling tournaments.

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



Strike Column—Correlation between The Player of the Year and Major Titles

One would think that when a bowler wins the Player of the Year Award that it would be a good indicator of their chances of having success with winning Major Titles, however, only 43% of the bowlers who win the Player of the Year Award go on to win the Majors. Major tournaments are hard tournaments to win. When Mark Roth won his 8 titles in 1978, he did not win a single Major. All the greats have all won at least one Major. The Player of the Year has been bowling the best all season long. Great bowlers are going to contend at the Major tournaments. They will always find a way to hit the pocket and strike.

Earl Anthony was the greatest player in the history of the PBA. He accomplished this feat 5 times in his PBA career. Every Major that he won, he at least won it twice. Earl was a great bowler in his era.

Mark Roth was the Player of the Year in 1984. The only Majors that he ever won was in 1984. He won the U.S. Open and later that year he would win the Touring Players Championship. He would later become the Player of the Year. Roth was definitely one of the greatest despite the lack of Major titles.

Mike Aulby was the greatest bowler who won all the Majors. In 1995 he became the 4th bowler to win The Triple Crown by winning the Brunswick World Tournament of Champions. He ended up winning the ABC Masters not much later after his TOC win. A decade prior he won the 1985 PBA National Championship.

Norm Duke was the youngest player to win a PBA title. He showed promise in that he could be one of the greatest players in the history of the game. When he won the 1994 Tournament of Champions title, that was his 4th title of the year. Even though it took him 8 years later to win his second PBA title, he found a way to strike to win. Duke has a chance to become the greatest player of all time. He is still winning at this point in his career.

Walter Ray Williams Jr is definitely one of the greatest bowlers in the history of the PBA. He's the first bowler to surpass the two and three million dollar mark in his career earnings. He made the most money in a single season/year. back in '02-'03. With that he won two Major titles at the PBA World Championships and the U.S. Open. Both of those victories became his second titles in those tournaments. Walter Ray was the bowler of the decade in the '90's and the Millenium.

The winner of the PBA World Championship has had the most success with becoming the Player of the Year. This tournament consists of only PBA members. The top players of that season/year are going to be in contention at the PBA World Championship. With having a PBA National Championship the best players are going to rise to the occasion. Major tournaments are a big factor in becoming a

great pro bowler. Major tournaments are special because they usually have demanding lane conditions and they have great bowlers that compete in these tournaments.

Player of the Year	Major Titles
'10-'11 Mika Koivuniemi	TOC
'09-'10 W.R. Williams Jr	USBC Masters
'06-'07 Doug Kent	PBA World Championship & USBC Masters
'05-'06 Tommy Jones	U.S. Open
'04-'05 Patrick Allen	PBA World Championship
'02-'03 W.R. Williams Jr	PBA World Championship & U.S. Open
'01-'02 Parker Bohn III	USBC Masters
'00 Norm Duke	PBA World Championship
'98 W.R. Williams Jr	U.S. Open
'95 Mike Aulby	TOC
'94 Norm Duke	TOC
'91 David Ozio	TOC
'84 Mark Roth	U.S. Open & TPC
'83, '82, '80 E. Anthony	PBA World Championship
'75 Earl Anthony	PBA World Championship & TOC
'74 Earl Anthony	TOC
'66 Wayne Zahn	PBA World Championship & TOC
'64 Bob Strampe	PBA World Championship & BPAA All Stars
'63 Billy Hardwick	PBA World Championship

Moments in History

Receiving BWAA Awards

Being a part of the Bowling Writers Association of America is a lot like being a PBA member.

They have competition for the bowling writers and bowling journalists. This is a way to express feelings about the great sport of bowling. The readers that review your work can see how much you really love the sport of bowling. They can also tell where you stand on equipment, lanes, the PBA, and other bowling topics. This is another way to get people about excited about the great sport of bowling.

Every year, the Bowling Writers Association of America does an Amateur Writing Competition. The competition involves three different categories in which you can submit your published articles: editorial, feature story, and event coverage. I have been fortunate to receive honors in the editorial and the feature story categories.

The first one that I received was for an editorial article. It was right after the first World Series of Bowling (2009). I wrote about what I observed on X-tra Frame, and how I felt about what I saw during the first WSOB.

It was a different kind of bowling tournament that the PBA was presenting to get more international bowlers. This was a way to get the best bowlers in the world at one tournament. The PBA was trying to make sure that this could happen. Even though bowling fans may like the traditional PBA Tour events, this was another way where international players could compete in the best bowling tournament of the world.

The second article that I placed with was entitled "The Bottom Five of the 50 Greatest" this article was about the bottom five bowlers on the list of the 50 greatest. It talked about what the bowlers did in their careers and the reason why they were part



of the 50 greatest. It also talked about the Majors that they had won. One of them was Mika Koivuniemi. We all know that he is not done with his bowling career—he is still a great bowler. One of the other bowlers was

Barry Asher. It is hard telling what he could have done if he could have stayed on the PBA Tour. When he bowled the Senior Regional in the late 90's, he won. Receiving these awards feels like I have won a couple National titles.

The first article that I placed there were only five entries. The second article there were 16. No matter how many entries are placed, I always consider it an honor to place in the competition. The bowling community is recognizing me as being a bowling writer and not just a bowling fan.

Interview of the Month—Brad Angelo, Part 2

Q: Who was your favorite bowler growing up and why?

A: My favorite player growing up was Wayne Webb. He had won the Firestone TOC; and later that year, I got his autograph while the summer tour was in Buffalo. Twenty-three years later, in my first PBA tournament in Albany, I made match-play and guess who I had to bowl in my first match????? You guessed it!!! Wayne Webb!!!!!! It was a true honor and privilege. After the match, I showed him the autograph and thanked him for it. We, as professionals, can't ever forget how much we

mean to our fans and their dreams. I am proof of that!

Q: What is your favorite bowling memory?

A: I have many moments that are memorable from my career. To choose just one would make the others less important... and they are not. Some of those moments are: 1) Meeting my wife Michelle while competing in the Mini-eliminator in 1997; 2) Bowling Wayne Webb in my first match in my first PBA tournament; 3) Competing for Team USA in 1997 and 1998; 4) Making my first TV show in

Council Bluffs, Iowa (Omaha) in 2003; and, 5) Winning my first title in Omaha in 2008. These are just a few of the memories that I have from my life as a bowler.

Q: What major tournament would you like to win and why?

A: Winning any tournament is special... but if there were one tournament that I would love to win, it is the US Open. That is the toughest pattern that we compete on. I have finished 6th three times and 9th once in 7 seasons. To win the US Open

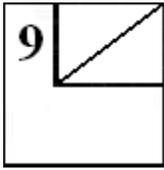
would be awesome! It is important to note that if I am not fortunate enough to win another title, my career will still be complete. I have met my wife from bowling, we have three children. I already have received more than I could have hoped for from bowling.



Brad Angelo was the 2002 -03 Rookie of the Year. This interview is from 2009.



Since 1962 there has been at least one left hander that has won at least one PBA title. This season on the PBA Tour no left hander's won a PBA title.



Spare Column:

The Spare Column is a column focusing on the author's perspective on local bowling tournaments and/or PBA tournaments that he has attended or watched.

Rash Breaks Through at the 2012 Tournament of Champions

The 2012 PBA Tournament of Champions saw 99 bowlers vying for the \$80,000 top prize. With 31 bowlers competing in the Champions Squad on April 9th, the top 21 were going to advance to the Elite Squad. It took a score of +119 by Diandra Asbaty. Tom Daughtry won with a score of +617 averaging 244. He led the field by nearly 200 pins to win the Champions Squad. This counted as a PBA Regional title. Some of the other names that advanced were Jim Pratt, Jesse Buss, Mitch Beasely, and Todd Book.

The Elite Squad format had the players bowl four 5 game blocks with the top 25 advancing to the Round of 36. It took a score of +845 by Sean Rash to lead the elite squad. There was a four way tie for the last spot. It took a score of +509 by Jim Pratt, Eddie VanDaniker, Mika Koivuniemi, and Kelly Kulick. A one game roll off was going to take place with the top two scores advancing. Eddie and Jim started leading the match early, but then Pratt got a couple splits late in the game. Mika needed a strike on the final ball to win by 1 pin over Kelly Kulick. Some of the past winners of the TOC that did not make the Round of 36 were: Jason Couch, Wayne Webb, Chris Barnes, and Steve Jaros.

The Round of 36 consisted of the top 25 players from the Elite Squad plus 11 winners of the 2011-2012 PBA Tour Season. The format for the Round of 36

was where all 36 bowlers would bowl 18 games of qualifying with the top 18 advancing to match play. Those 18 bowlers would come back and bowl 18 games of round robin match play with the top 4 advancing to the live ESPN finals.

Mike Fagan led the field by averaging 265 for the first nine games of qualifying in the Round of 36. Fagan had a 119 pin lead going into match play. He averaged 242 for his 18 games of qualifying. He did not have a huge block in the second round of qualifying, but he was still able to lead the qualifying portion of the Tournament of Champions. Norm Duke almost came back from 100 pin deficit to make the match play round. He did not open with a good score in the morning block, but in the second round of qualifying he did much better. Scores were a little bit lower during the night block than the first round of qualifying. It took a score of +353 by Chris Loschetter to make match play. Mike Fagan led the qualifying portion with a score of +724. There were only two bowlers that made match play that won the Tournament of Champions. Those bowlers were: Pete Weber and Mika Koivuniemi. In match play it took a score of +1476 to make the live ESPN finals by Ryan Ciminelli. Sean Rash led the field with a score of +1684. There were five 300 shot by PJ Haggerty, Dan MacLelland, Tom Daughtry, Osku Paalmaa, and Stuart Williams.

- 20 Game Elite Cut: Mika Koivuniemi and Eddie VanDiker (+509)
- 20 Game Leader: Sean Rash (+845)
- 18 Game Cut: Chris Loschetter (+353)
- 18 Game Leader: Mike Fagan (+724)
- 36 Game Cut: Ryan Ciminelli (+1476)
- 36 Game Leader: Sean Rash (+1684)

- High Game: Ryan Ciminelli (257)
- Low Game: Mike Fagan (182)
- High Match: Ciminelli (257) vs Belmonte (223)
- Low Match: Ciminelli (190) vs Fagan (182)
- Average winning game: 228.66

2012 Tournament of Champions



		1. Sean Rash 239	Sean Rash
	2. Jason Belmonte 223	Ryan Ciminelli 205	
3. Mike Fagan 182	Ryan Ciminelli 257		
4. Ryan Ciminelli 190			



Brunswick Gets Back On Top at the Dick Weber PBA Play Offs

At the beginning of the 2011-2012 PBA Tour season, Brunswick came out with a new line called the *Nexus*.

The pros were anxious to get out on the PBA Tour and start throwing these balls. Sean Rash dominated the World Series of Bowling but could not seal the deal on the television shows. He still dominated the PBA World Championship. Going in to the Cashiers Round of the PBA World Championship, he led the field by nearly 300 pins. In the Cashiers Round, he did not do as well, but he had a big enough lead to let that round.

It had been a long time for Brunswick to win a title. Parker Bohn III had told me that Brunswick would be back in the winners circle because of these new *Nexus* balls. Sean Rash kept saying that if he got

to the Championship game more times he would answer the call to win the title. Brunswick bowling fans finally saw some success at the Dick Weber PBA Play Offs when Parker Bohn III came in second and shot 766 in the title match. Then, two weeks later, Brunswick had another chance; but only this time, there were two Brunswick staffers in the title match. Ryan Ciminelli and Sean Rash were going to be one and two at the 2012 PBA Tournament of Champions. Parker was very optimistic that Brunswick was going to return to the top like they had been in the 90's.

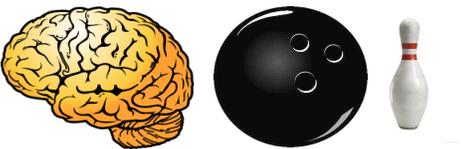
In the early stage of qualifying at the Dick Weber PBA Play-Offs, Parker Bohn III was looking good as he bowled a 300 the first elimination round. Sunday morning he kept on striking and advancing to the

next rounds.

It looked like, with this new line of balls, Parker Bohn III could win the Dick Weber PBA Play-Offs. Brunswick was looking good. They had Sean Rash and Parker Bohn III in the Regional Championship matches.

In the Conference Championship, Parker Bohn III and Sean Rash were going to face each other so at least one of them was going to be in the semi-finals. Parker Bohn III ended up beating Sean Rash in the Conference Championship.

At the 2012 PBA Tournament of Champions, Brunswick had both players in the Championship match with Ryan Ciminelli and Sean Rash. This is how Brunswick got back on top on the PBA Tour.



BOWLOLOGY

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

Adjusting

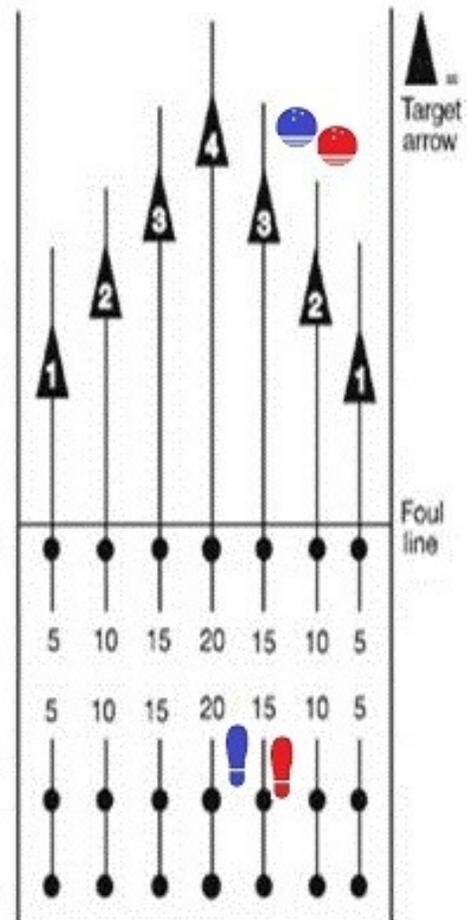
Bowlers go through transitions during league or tournament play. More than likely they are going to have to make some adjustments to get their ball to get into the 1-3 pocket. Adjusting is somewhat simple. If a bowler misses left, he or she will move left. Bowling fans often hear bowlers talk about moving 2-and-1, but what does this mean?

The first number is the feet of the bowler and the second number is the ball or the target. Pro bowlers however, might have to make bigger adjustments so the ball can go through the pins better. When a bowler says they made a 2-

and-1 move, they mean that they moved two boards with their feet, and one board with their target. Adjusting is something that is essential to a great bowler. Without adjusting, bowlers are going to have a harder time hitting the 1-3 pocket. In essence, they will have lower scores and likely will miss the cut. Amateur tend to go to a different ball rather than trying to change their target with their feet and/or the ball. This is another way to score higher.

The pros may make a bigger adjustment. Rather than 2-and-1, they may go 10-5. This way, they can find something a little sooner, giving them a chance to score higher. If they make too small of an adjustment, it might take them longer to score. If they make a bigger adjustment, they can find the line a lot faster.

The diagram to the right shows a first and second shot after an adjustment. The first shot in red missed the 1-3 pocket and went Brooklyn. The second shot in blue shows the shot after an adjustment. This is what the 2 and 1 might look like when adjusting.



X	X	X
300		

Tenth Frame — Commentary

Josh Hyde's Player of the Year Pick

There are three choices for Player of the Year: Mike Fagan, Sean Rash, and Jason Belmonte. All three of these players have won this year on the PBA Tour.

Rash dominated the qualifying portion of the World Series of Bowling and the PBA World Championship. Yet with all the shows that Rash made at the World Series of Bowling, he could not seal the deal by winning a title.

There were two MVP's at the World Series of Bowling: Sean Rash and Jason Belmonte. Rash was one because he dominated the qualifying portions of the WSOB and Belmonte was one because he was able to win multiple times at the Pattern Championships and the Elite Players Championship. Just like last season, there was a bowler who made every final in every Major.

Fagan won the USBC Master's by beating Chris Barnes in the championship game. The last game of the 2012 Tournament of Champions could have been the deciding factor for the Player of the Year.

It was between Belmonte and Rash or Fagan and Rash. Either way, it could have been a deciding factor. This was a hard one to go by because in the past, the player that had the most titles would probably get the award. However, being on every final in the Majors is hard to come by. Yes Mika did it last year, but this is still difficult to do.

Winning titles is the best thing a player can do if he wants to become the Player of the Year. Belmonte and Rash had a great WSOB. Both of these guys dominated this tournament so it was going to be a factor.

Another factor is that Norm Duke became the first player to win back to back X-tra Frame events. If the Player of the Year award was going to the X-tra Frame tournament win-

ners, I would have to say it would be Norm Duke. However, it has to be based on the performance throughout the entire PBA Tour.

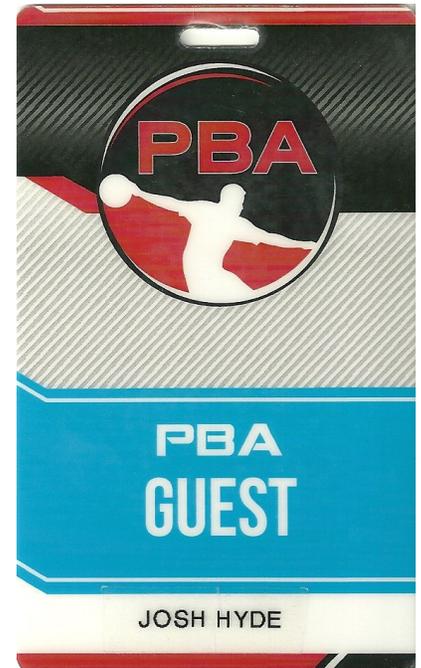
The PBA membership—including myself—is going to have a hard time picking the Player of the Year because of these factors. With Weber winning his fifth U.S. Open, there were a lot of things happening in this season with the PBA. My guess is it is going to come down to Fagan, Rash, and Belmonte.

My pick will be Belmonte. I chose him because he bowled a 300 on national television and he won the most titles. Bowling a 300 on national television is another factor of becoming the Player of the Year. This accomplishment definitely makes a player stand out in the mind of voters.

On top of that, he is one of the three players that are in the top three of every stat. That is another determining factor in my decision. The Player of the Year candidates should be in the top five of every important statistic category.

There are a lot of variables that a PBA member has to consider when making their choice on the Player of the Year. If Belmonte does get the Player of the Year, he will become the first two hander to receive this award. It would also be the fourth time a previous Rookie of the Year has gone on to become the Player of the Year. All three of these players accomplishments are so great that any of them could receive this award.

Thanks for reading this edition of the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter! Next month will be the fourth year completion of the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter. I really do appreciate all the support from my newsletter readers, it definitely motivates me!



PBA TRIVIA WIZARD

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Who will be the next PBA Trivia Wizard?

1. Name one of the two bowlers that bowled a perfect game on national television this season?
2. Who was inducted in the PBA Hall of Fame for 2012?



Last Month's PBA Wizard Trivia Winner

Not awarded.

Last Month's Answers:

- 1.) Bob Strampe
- 2.) Josh Hyde