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Left: Sean Rash, World Series of Bowling MVP.



Right: Jason Belmonte, runner-up at World Series of Bowling.

Practice Pair

Hello, Bowling Fans! Welcome to another edition of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. The **Messenger** will highlight the "The Non-Exempt PBA Tour for 2012-13 Season". The **Strike Column** will feature "Five Greats Who Burned Bright". In the **Kingpin Column**, I will discuss "My Highest Series". **Interview of the Month** is going to be an interview with Jason Couch where he shares some of his thoughts about the state of bowling. The **Split Column** shares a Sean Rash factoid. The **Spare Column** highlights the 2011 PBA World Championship at WSOB. New column **Balls of the Lane** describes what Brunswick's Nexus balls did at the WSOB. Check out **Bowlology** where I share my knowledge of lane patterns. Lastly, I discuss the Non-Exempt Tour. I hope you enjoy this month's newsletter!

Messenger: Non-Exempt PBA Tour for 2012-13 Season

Last month, the PBA announced that for the 2012-13 season, the PBA will return to a non-exempt tour.

In the past, the PBA has had titles such as Touring 1 and 2. Touring 1 means that the players would bowl 80% of the PBA tour events. Touring 2 means that they would bowl 60% of the events. The Touring 2 pros would bowl the World Series of Bowling (WSOB) and would bowl one X-tra Frame event and one major, while the Touring 1 pros would also bowl the WSOB, two majors, and three X-tra Frame events.

Fans might suspect that the players will not have to worry about earning exemption for the following season. This is true, but if the players want to get into the Dick Weber PBA Playoff Tournament, they must qualify by being at the top of the points. The PBA hopes to get all the best players in the World to bowl in PBA tournaments.

For the new PBA players, elite championship Touring 1 and 2 will be the only bowlers who can bowl in this event. The new Elite Players Championship event will have everyone cashing in the tournament. The Elite Players Championship and the Tournament of Champions (ToC) will be the only event that will have a

minimum field. All of the other tournaments on the PBA tour will be open fields. This might allow players like Bryan Goebel, Ricky Ward and Steve Hoskins to lace up their shoes and bowl on the PBA tour again.

This will be good for the players, as it is easier to qualify for the PBA Tour. With the season being so short anyway, if a player has a bad WSOB, the bowler will not have to stress about bowling well the second half of the season unless he wants to get into the playoffs. This also means that the bowler has to well in order to cash in tournaments. No bowler is guaranteed a check every week, with the exception of the ToC and the Elite Players Championship.



Ricky Ward has a chance to prove himself in the new 2012-2013 PBA Tour season.

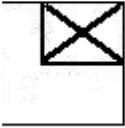
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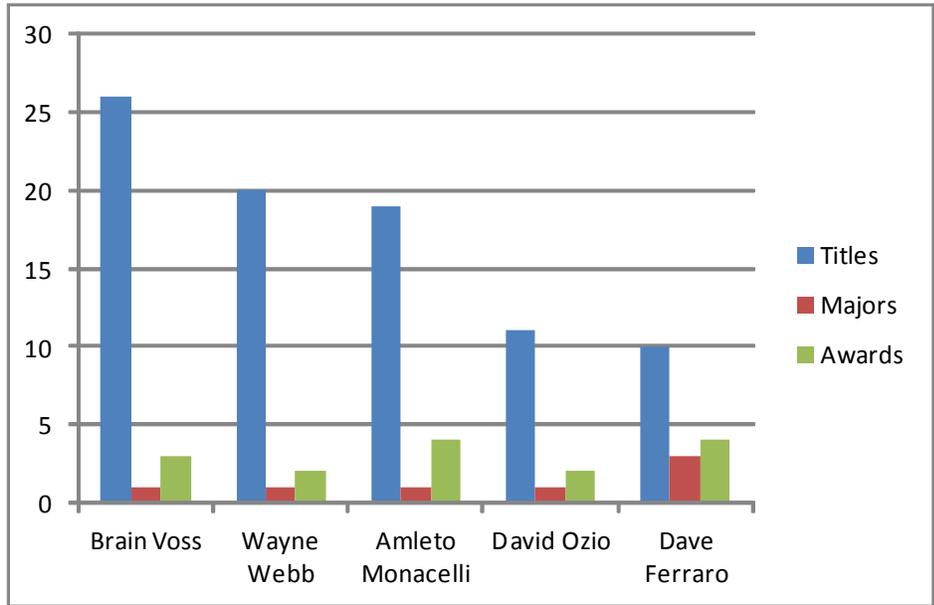
To be the highest quality bowling publication that the author can create using the best of his knowledge and observation.



Strike Column — 5 Greats Who Burned Bright

Bowling fans like the superstars of the PBA Tour. In contrast, here are some talented bowlers that burned bright for one or two seasons on the PBA Tour.

When bowling fans thought they were going to be the next Earl Anthony, they quietly moved to the back of the bowling scene. However, they still made it to the PBA Hall of Fame and the Fifty Greatest. In addition, they each had a Player of the Year to their credit. These bowlers are as follows: Brian Voss, Wayne Webb, Dave Ozio, Amleto Monacelli, and Dave Ferraro.



Brian Voss was the highest ranked of these five bowlers. He won at least one title each year from 1987-1998. That is at least 11 titles. En route to his Player of the Year award in 1988, he won the PBA National Championship, his lone major. He also earned the Points Leader Award in back-to-back seasons. Voss was a versatile player on the lane. The most titles he won in a single season was two titles. With over \$2.3 million in career earnings, Voss proved that he had a great career in professional bowling.

Wayne Webb was strongest in the early years of his career. He was the first bowler to experiment with bowling balls by putting balance holes in the ball to make the ball react differently on the lane. The 1980 Player of the Year claimed victory in the Firestone Tournament of Champions for his lone major win. He won at least one title for 8 consecutive seasons between 1978-1985. The PBA inducted him into the Hall of Fame in 1993. Webb was called the "Green Machine" for throwing a green ball.

Amleto Monacelli was the first international player to get Player of the Year twice and also the first to be inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame. His form was a bit awkward, as his swing looked like he was starting a lawn mower, but he managed to win 19 titles and one major. Monacelli could hook the ball well, as he got a lot of revolutions on the ball. With his dominating 1989-90 season, it looked like he was going to be the next superstar. At 92 television appearances, Monacelli makes the all-time top ten. Monacelli is also sixth in

career earnings.

David Ozio might have had the most textbook form of anyone on the Tour. Receiving the PBA Player of the year in 1991, Ozio was a dominant player. He won the first two tournaments of that year. In 1995, he set a four-game television record of 1,070. In doing so, he defeated Walter Ray Williams, Jr. in the AMF Dick Weber Classic with games of 287, 268, 235, and 280 in a round robin format in the championship round.

Dave Ferraro won three major titles—two Touring Players Championship and one Firestone Tournament of Champions. In 1992, he captured the PBA Player of the Year, as well as the High Average and the Points Leader awards. He had a simple form that allowed him to win 10 PBA Tour titles. In his last appearance on television, he shot an 803, averaging 267 for three games. There was a number of players that had multiple titles in 1992, but Ferraro topped them all. He could hit the pocket like no other player. He was one of the best in the late 80s and early 90s, leaving his mark on the lanes of the PBA.

All the bowlers may not be the Earl Anthony's or Walter Ray's of the PBA Tour, but they know how to get the job done by striking a lot and getting scores in the low 200s in the majors when they were struggling. They all managed to sneak into the Top 50 Greatest PBA Players of All-Time.

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Moments in History

My Highest Series

In the past, I have written about my personal bowling game.

I have a high game of 269 and a high series of 725. In ramp bowling, that is a very hard thing to do because of the lack of speed that I have. The highest three-game series that anybody has shot on a ramp is 845. At that time, the bowler only averaged 145. It is hard to get a string of strikes together. When I was growing up, I could maybe get a turkey or maybe even a 4-bagger. However, to get a 5-bagger or a 6-bagger or even a 7-bagger was unheard of for me.

In the first game on my 725 series,

I started out with a front 6. I left a single pin spare and then managed to strike 3 more times in-a-row after that. At the end of game one, my score was 268.

Game number two, I started off spare, double, spare, double, spare, 4 bagger, 9 for a 247. I only needed a 185 game to shoot my first 700. In the third game, I did not have a lot of strikes but was able to make my spares and stay clean the whole game.

My last ball in the third game was a 7 count for a 210 score. The first two games, I was able to strike and stay clean for a 700 series. With me being a ramp bowler, if I were to open, it would be harder for me to get a double to



make up for that open. Therefore, staying clean and getting a 4 bagger or a 5 bagger is doing very well for a ramp bowler. It is also very crucial in putting the ball in the same spot on the ramp each and every frame. If you do not put it in exactly the same place every time it can be disastrous. This is part of the reason why it's hard to get a string of strikes going.

Afterwards, I felt like I was a great bowler, and I knew what I had to do each and every frame. This is what the best bowlers have to do for every event that they bowl. I felt like one of them.

Interview of the Month— Jason Couch

Q: Are you in favor of the World Bowling Tour?

A: I probably wouldn't be a very big fan of it—not a big flyer. If I can stay with my truck and drive in the United States, that would probably be my gig. I think that it is a good idea overall for the eventual sport. I think we need to make it a global sport. In the end, I think I would make the trips if I had to. I'd certainly like to see the sport expand.

Q: What did you think of the 2010 World Series of Bowling?

A: Thought it was terrible. I bowled terrible. Think that had a lot to do with it. Awful difficult to bowl 6 tournaments in 6 days, especially if you were like

myself. I practiced all summer, but things weren't clicking at the time. Hard to improve your game in 6 days and be competitive against the best in the world.

Q: If you had to bowl against Miika or Barnes, who would you pick?

A: I'd probably pick Miika. I've owned his butt the last few times that we have bowled.; so, I'd definitely pick him. He had me early on in my career, but I have gotten a lot better against him.

Q: Do you like having all of the patterns being part of the World Championship? Or would you rather have a sepa-

rate World Championship?

A: I'm probably going to be a little different on this one. I'd rather have a World Championship pattern. I think all of the patterns are out there for individual weeks. I think that there should be a separate World Championship and let the chips fall where they may. I think the major guys will put a lot more emphasis on what's going on where you are basically using your qualifying games in the other events this year. It didn't have the same feel.

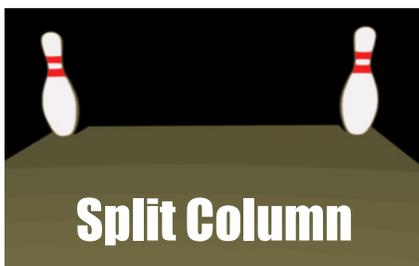
Q: Has your game changed in the last five years?

A: Mine has tremendously. Off-

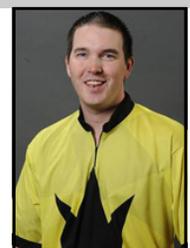
season surgery four years ago has changed my game where I'm not as much of a power player as I have been in the past.

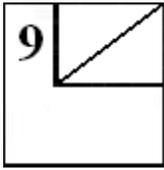
Q: What major would you prefer to win and why?

A: Probably the U.S. Open. I have finished second in every major that I have bowled. But that one stands out as being the one I missed the most. That's our major if you are an American. That's pretty much our little baby. That is our open championship, so it would definitely be the U.S. Open.



Sean Rash became the first bowler to make all four of the animal pattern Championships and the World Championship finals in the 2011 World Series of Bowling.





Spare Column:

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

Rash Dominates PBA World Championship at the WSOB

During the first part of the World Series of Bowling (WOSB), bowlers bowl on a different animal pattern each day. The qualifying portion of the Championships were a part of the PBA World Championship at the WSOB. Each day, the bowlers qualified in an eight game qualifying block to see who would make it to the Cashers' round. For the Cashers' round, the PBA bowlers bowled on the World Championship Pattern.

Sean Rash really dominated the qualifying portion of the PBA World Championship. After thirty-two games, it took a score of +457 by Chris Warren to make the Cashers' round. Rash was ahead of the field by 314 pins and almost averaged ten pins higher than Jason Belmonte per game.

After the initial thirty-two games of qualifying, Pete Weber was in fourth place which was the number he needed in order to pick his own pattern for his division. The top sixteen were going onto the PBA World Championship finals.

Going into the Cashers' round, it looked like Tommy Jones had a shot at becoming the seventh triple-crown winner. However, he struggled as he shot eight over during the round. It also looked like that defending champion Chris Barnes was going to defend his title. Barnes struggled as he could only shoot seven under. Even though other bowlers were struggling, his poor bowling dropped him out of the top sixteen. Everybody struggled in the Cashers' round, even Sean Rash.

Ryan Ciminelli, however, capitalized on others' shortcomings by shooting 194 over, moving him up to the top sixteen from the twenty-first spot.

Rash was twenty-third in the Cashers' round. However, with a 314 pin lead that did not faze him. He was still able to lead the forty game cut by just under 300 pins.

Brian Kretzer was the high qualifier for the round at 294 over. Tom Smallwood was the only player who moved up to be able to pick the lane pattern for his division. It took a score of +825 to make the top sixteen by Nathan Bohr. Bill O'Neil and Rhino Page made a big run but just missed the top sixteen.

Rash, Smallwood, Belmonte, and Stuart Williams were the top four that got to pick their pattern for their respective championship divisions. Rash was in the Petraglia Division and chose the Scorpion pattern. In his pod were Pete Weber, Ryan Ciminelli, and Nathan Bohr.

Smallwood's division was the Billy Hardwick Division. He also chose the Scorpion Pattern. The bowlers in his division were Ildemaro Ruiz, Andres Gomez, and Ryan Shafer.

The Don Carter Division included Stuart Williams, Osku Palermaa, Dominic Barrett, and Jack Jurek. Williams decided the Viper pattern would best suit him.

Finally, but not least, is the Mike Aulby Division. It included Jason Belmonte, Brian Kretzer, Josh Blanchard, and Mike Fagan. Belmonte selected the Shark pattern for his division.

Some of the other big names that were in the Cashers' round were Norm Duke, Walter Ray Williams, Jr., Mika Koivuniemi, and Wes Malott. However, they did not compete very well in the Cashers' round.

World Championship			
32 Game Cut/Cash Bowler +/-	+457 C. Warren		
32 Game Leader	+1274 S. Rash		
40 Game Cut Bowler +/-	+824 N. Bohr		
40 Game Leader	+1361 S. Rash		
Petraglia Quarterfinals	Hardwick Quarterfinals	Carter Quarterfinals	Aulby Quarterfinals
Jason Belmonte	Tom Smallwood	Sean Rash	Stuart Williams
Brian Kretzer	Ildemaro Ruiz	Pete Weber	Osku Palemaa
Josh Blanchard	Andres Gomez	Ryan Ciminelli	Dom Barrett
Mike Fagan	Ryan Shafer	Nathan Bohr	Jack Jurek
Lane Pattern: Scorpion	Lane Pattern: Scorpion	Lane Pattern: Viper	Lane Pattern: Shark



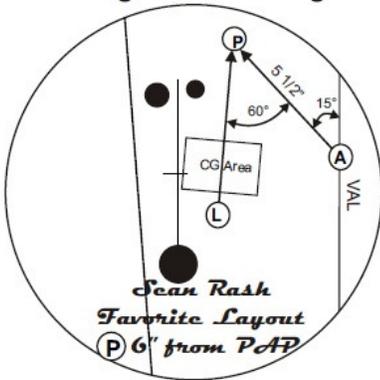
Nexus Balls Rule at the PBA World Series of Bowling

Brunswick debuted the Nexus f (P+F) and Nexus f (P) bowling balls at the 2011 WSOB. The Nexus f (P) provides more length, a higher entry into the pocket, and improves motion through the pins. The Nexus f(P+F) features a combination of the new Brunswick Projection and Friction additives resulting in the biggest hooking ball in the Brunswick product line.

Sean Rash dominated the qualifying portion of the World Series of Bowling making all four animal pattern championship shows. The Brunswick Nexus balls gave Sean very good ball reaction even when the lanes went through transition. Sean had an impressive 5-day run in this year's WSOB. Sean out-averaged the field by 10 pins per game. This is an amazing feat. "I have everything working together right now... physically and mentally, I'm in the right place and I've got great equipment," stated Rash. Rash averaged 234 for 40 games.

Some of the other Pro-staffers that had a good showing at the WSOB were Tom Smallwood and Ryan Ciminelli. Ryan Ciminelli was the only left-hander to qualify for the top sixteen for the PBA World Championship. He was using the Nexus series. All in all, Brunswick had a great WSOB.

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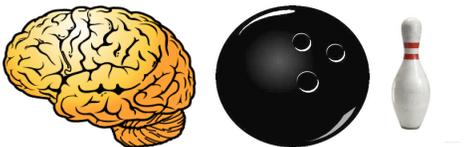
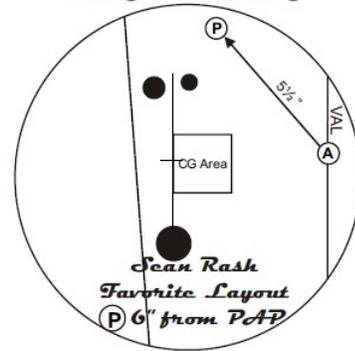


These layouts are two layouts that Sean Rash used during the World Series of Bowling.

"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

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BOWLOLOGY

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

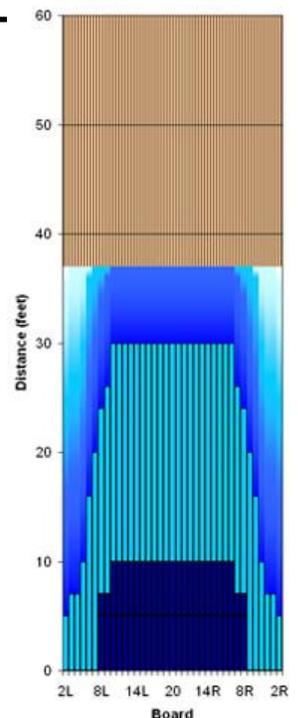
PBA Oil Ratio

The word for the day is "PBA Oil Ratio." It is terminology that helps the person using the oiling machine know how much oil to place on specific parts of the lane. For instance, if the Oil Ratio is 3:1,

then the inner boards, boards 6-35, are oiled at a rating of say 33, while the outer boards are oiled at 11. This 3:1, inner board to outer board ratio would be an example of how the PBA Oil Ratio is used in oiling a lane. This ratio is what the PBA sees as being the most fair to the best bowlers in the world. In your typical league settings, the ratio is probably 10:1. As you can tell, it is very hard to compete with the best bowlers in the world.

The PBA maintains a even gradient in applying the oil. This is part of the PBA Lane Maintenance Philosophy which makes that game fair and exciting for the players. The low ratio forces bowlers to be more consistent and accurate in order to get a decent score. During the early part of the round it is important that the bowler can get nine on the first ball and make their spare. When the lane opens up, then they can put on the gas and score.

Diagram to the right: PBA Viper Oil Pattern



Some Words About the Non-Exempt Tour

Going back to a non-exempt PBA tour is the right direction for the PBA. If you remember the first half of the '03-04 PBA season, Walter Ray Williams, Jr. was not having a good start. The scenario could have played out that Walter Ray would not have been allowed to bowl on the PBA Tour if his points were too low to qualify. This, of course, did not happen.

I like the non-exempt tour because it rewards the great bowlers. Not every bowler is going to cash every week. This enables bowlers to go out and shoot for a number in order to cash in a PBA Tour stop. Recently, I have been looking at past years of tournaments on the PBA website. A few tournaments took a big game average in order to cash or even to make the top 24.

With the possibility of the re-emergence of the non-exempt tour, bowling fans might say that there's no qualifications to be on the PBA Tour. Yes, that is true; however, it will give more opportunity for players to grow to be the top PBA players. This will entice good bowlers to bowl with the best bowlers in the world. Also, some bowlers from the past that were good in the late '90s and early part of this millennium might decide to give the PBA Tour another shot. This format allows a name from the past to win a PBA Tour title.

When I was growing up, watching Mark Roth win the 1995 IOF Foresters Open was pretty neat to watch. Seeing someone from the past win was interesting. With the non-exempt tour, this can definitely happen. I would love to see Wayne Webb win another PBA title.

The non-exempt tour can bring the best bowlers to each PBA Tour stop. This is what the PBA's goal is—to bring the best bowlers to every tournament. It might also entice sponsors to put more money back into the prize fund, because if there are more bowlers in the tournaments, the sponsors will see that bowlers want to compete in the best bowling tournaments in the world. It will also challenge all bowlers to be the best

bowler they can be.

It is better when bowlers have to work to get a check because now they have to shoot that number to be in the money. Fans might say that having an exempt tour brought out the best bowlers for the season. While that is true, the PBA also did not take in consideration bowlers who have proven that they can bowl on the tour. This can be seen both ways.

For now, the non-exempt is a good idea because of the lack of PBA events. If a bowler had a bad World Series, he is in jeopardy of losing his exemption for the next season.

Thank you for reading the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

TEAM: Team 1		LANE: 1		GAME: 1		11/1/08					
Player	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
HDP 0	X	X	X	X	X	X	9	7	X	X	268
A	30	60	90	120	149	169	189	219	248	268	268

TEAM: Team 1		LANE: 1		GAME: 2		11/1/08					
Player	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
HDP 0	9	7	X	X	9	7	X	X	9	7	247
A	20	49	69	89	118	138	158	188	218	247	247

TEAM: Team 1		LANE: 1		GAME: 3		11/1/08					
Player	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
HDP 0	X	X	9	7	X	X	9	7	9	7	210
A	29	49	69	98	118	137	155	174	193	210	210

I bowled this in November 2008. I found my line that I could strike and stay clean when I needed



PBA TRIVIA WIZARD

Please submit your answers via e-mail to: josh@joshhydeb bowling.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 1995 IOF Foresters Open?
2. Who won the 1980 Firestone Tournament of Champions?



Last Month's PBA Wizard Trivia Winner

Not awarded.

Last Month's Answers:

- 1.) Pete Weber
- 2.) Dick Allen

Television Schedule	
GEICO WORLD BOWLING TOUR FINALS PRESENTED BY THE PBA	Sunday, December 04, 2011 at 1:00 PM ET
GEICO WORLD BOWLING TOUR FINALS PRESENTED BY THE PBA	Sunday, December 04, 2011 2:00 PM ET
PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP	Sunday, December 11, 2011 at 1:00PM ET
PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP	Sunday, December 18, 2011 at 1:00PM ET
PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP	Sunday, January 01, 2012 at 1:00PM ET
PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP	Sunday, January 08, 2012 at 1:00PM ET
PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP	Sunday, January 15, 2012 at 1:00PM ET
BAYER VIPER OPEN	Sunday, January 22, 2012 at 3:00PM ET
UNITED STATES BOWLING CONGRESS MASTERS	Sunday, January 29, 2012 at 12:30PM ET
CHRIS PAUL PBA CELEBRITY INVITATIONAL	Sunday, February 05, 2012 at 4:00PM ET
WSOB CHAMELEON OPEN	Sunday, February 12, 2012 at 3:00PM ET
WSOB SCORPION OPEN	Sunday, February 19, 2012 at 3:00PM ET
69TH U.S. OPEN	Sunday, February 26, 2012 at 3:00PM ET
GEICO SHARK OPEN	Sunday, March 04, 2012 at 3:00PM ET
MARK ROTH-MARSHALL HOLMAN PBA DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP	Sunday, March 25, 2012 at 2:30PM ET
CARMEN SALVINO CLASSIC	Sunday, April 01, 2012 at 1:00PM ET
PEPSI PBA ELITE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP	Sunday, April 08, 2012 at 1:00PM ET
PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS	Sunday, April 15, 2012 at 1:00PM ET