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Hello, Bowling Fans!

2012-2013 PBA Television Schedule

Welcome to another year of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. The **Messenger** talks about the 2012-13 television schedule. The **Strike Column** is going to be a 5-month series on the PBA Pattern Cheetah, Viper, Scorpion, Shark, and Chameleon. This month is the Cheetah Open. In the **Kingpin Column**, I talk about the 1991 PBA Tour Season. **Breakpoint** covers the new PBA League format. The **Spare Column** talks about the regional in Anderson, Indiana last month. The **Split Column** talks about the bowler who has three Master's and the player who has won the Super Slam. **Balls of the Lanes** talks about the new Aura and Meanstreak. **Bowlology** talks about axis tilt. Finally, the **Tenth Frame** is a commentary about the new PBA League. I hope you enjoy this edition of the *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*.

- Josh Hyde

For the 33rd year, ESPN will be televising the PBA Tour. The season gets underway with the World Tour Bowling Association Men's and Women's Finals on December 9th at 1pm. December 16th will be the first part of the World Series of Bowling with the Alka Seltzer Plus Cold Medicine Cheetah Championship. The following week will be the PBA Viper Championship. Randy Pedersen will be the color commentator along with Jason Bernstein. Also, a third commentator is Lon McEachern.

The PBA will do a league that will be announced at a later date. It is named after the founder of the PBA—Eddie Elias. The television includes 3

Majors, the Master's, the Tournament of Champions, and the PBA World Championship, as well as the World Series of Bowling.

The new PBA league will start out with the Chris Paul PBA League All-Stars airing February 3rd at 4pm. The following weeks will have the Carmen Salvino Classic Finals at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Michigan. As part of the Eddie Elias PBA League, the winter swing includes the Carmen Salvino Classic, the Mark Roth Classic, Don Carter Classic, and the Earl Anthony Players Championship. The PBA League Finals will be aired April 7th @ Woodland Bowl at 1pm.

For more details, log on to pba.com.

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Tournament	Date	Time
WTBA BAYER ADVANCED ASPIRIN WORLD BOWLING TOUR MEN	Sunday, December 09, 2012	1:00 PM ET
WTBA BAYER ADVANCED ASPIRIN WORLD BOWLING TOUR WOMEN	Sunday, December 09, 2012	1:00 PM ET
ALKA SELTZER PLUS COLD CHEETAH CHAMPIONSHIP	Sunday, December 16, 2012	1:00 PM ET
WSOB VIPER OPEN	Sunday, December 23, 2012	1:00 PM ET
WSOB CHAMELEON OPEN	Sunday, December 30, 2012	1:00 PM ET
WSOB SCORPION OPEN	Sunday, January 06, 2013	1:00 PM ET
PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP	Sunday, January 13, 2013	1:00 PM ET
ROUND 1 JAPAN CUP BOWLING 2012	Sunday, January 20, 2013	3:00 PM ET
WINTER SWING - PRE TOURNAMENT QUALIFIER	Sunday, January 27, 2013	12:00 PM ET
CHRIS PAUL PBA LEAGUE ALL STARS	Sunday, February 03, 2013	4:00 PM ET
WINTER SWING - CARMEN SALVINO CLASSIC	Sunday, February 10, 2013	3:00 PM ET
WINTER SWING - MARK ROTH CLASSIC	Sunday, February 17, 2013	3:00 PM ET
UNITED STATES BOWLING CONGRESS MASTERS	Sunday, February 24, 2013	3:00 PM ET
WINTER SWING - DON CARTER CLASSIC	Sunday, March 03, 2013	3:00 PM ET
WINTER SWING - EARL ANTHONY PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP	Sunday, March 24, 2013	1:00 PM ET
PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS	Sunday, March 31, 2013	2:30 PM ET
PBA LEAGUE ELIAS CUP FINALS	Sunday, April 07, 2013	1:00 PM ET



Strike Column – Cheetah Pattern Analysis

Over the next five months, I will be analyzing the PBA patterns: Chameleon, Cheetah, Scorpion, Shark, and Viper. This month, I will be breaking down the Cheetah pattern.

The Cheetah pattern is perhaps one of the easiest patterns on the PBA Tour. (Now “easy” on the PBA Tour does not mean a bowler can get away with any shot. They still have to be accurate as to where they throw the ball!) Different surfaces of the lanes determine what kind of scores there are going to be.

Early on, when the PBA was doing the patterns, Cheetah brought out the best of the more experienced players on the PBA tour. Bowlers like Walter Ray Williams Jr. and Parker Bohn III did well on this pattern because it played to their style of bowling.

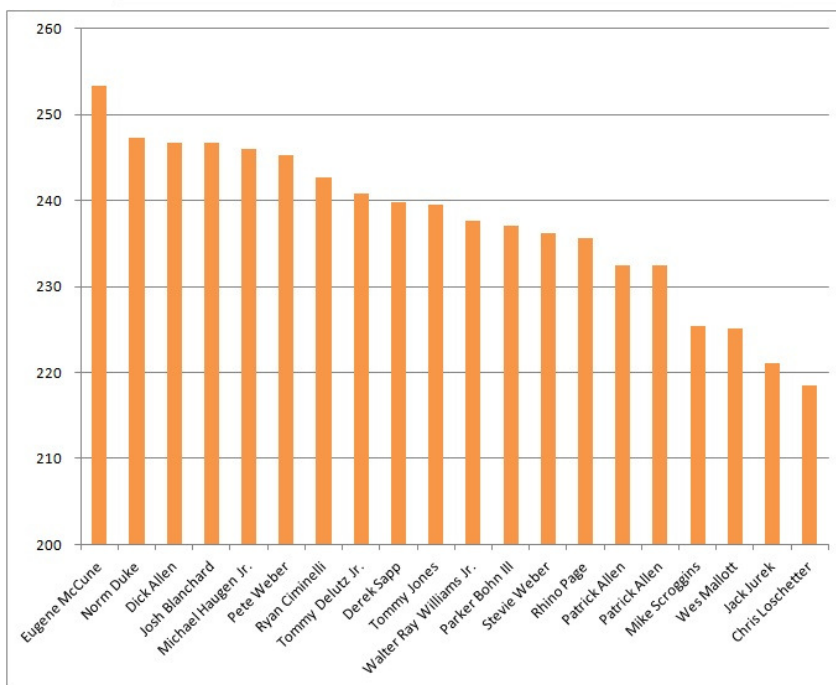
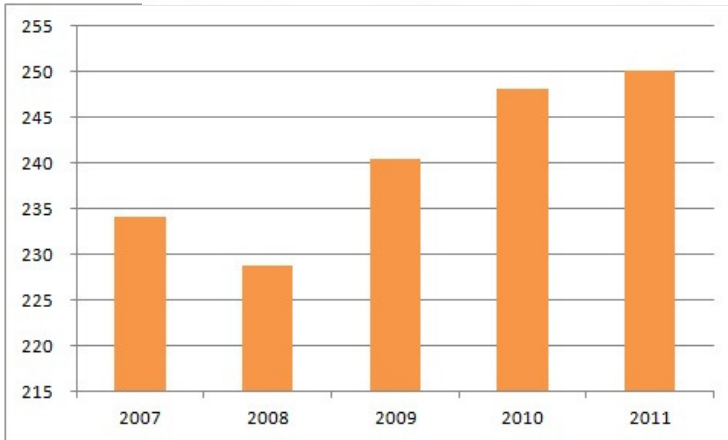
Cheetah has the least amount of oil on the lanes for the PBA Tour, so the bowlers are going to see a lot of friction. This creates a lot more hook. However, there is still oil on the lane and there is still an out of bounds on the lane. This pattern tends to be the highest scoring pattern on the tour. The top graph shows how the top players did in the last Cheetah pattern tournament that they made an appearance in the championship round. The middle graph show a breakdown of the top four player averages on the Cheetah pattern by year. The bottom graph shows the top averages for individual bowlers in the championship round.

For the last two seasons, Eugene McCune has owned the Cheetah pattern. Notably, in the 2011 match play portion of the Cheetah Championship, he averaged 272 in the nine-game block. He threw a rocket at the 1-3 pocket and was able to strike on every shot. He did it by playing the first board. He was very successful at doing this.

The Cheetah pattern is a house pattern for professional bowlers. In 2008, the Cheetah pattern exhibited its lowest scores. However, it was still probably one of the highest scoring patterns on the PBA Tour. When Norm Duke, Williams, and Bohn win on this pattern, bowling fans can expect that 90’s stars are going to do well on this pattern. Every time there is a Cheetah pattern in a PBA tournament, the scores are going to tend to be higher because of the high amount of friction on the lanes. In 2009, when Duke won the Cheetah Championship, Ryan Ciminelli was using a urethane ball. If a bowler can use a urethane ball as his first ball, the lanes must be dry.

Bowling fans can expect the scores to be higher when the PBA uses the Cheetah Pattern.

Bowler	Average	Tournaments	Last Tournament
Eugene McCune	253.32	2	2011
Norm Duke	247.25	3	2011
Dick Allen	246.73	1	2010
Josh Blanchard	246.70	1	2011
Michael Haugen Jr.	246.04	1	2010
Pete Weber	245.24	2	2011
Ryan Ciminelli	242.69	1	2009
Tommy Delutz Jr.	240.85	1	2007
Derek Sapp	239.80	1	2009
Tommy Jones	239.49	1	2007
Walter Ray Williams Jr.	237.60	2	2007
Parker Bohn III	237.03	3	2008
Stevie Weber	236.24	1	2009
Rhino Page	235.60	1	2007
Patrick Allen	232.52	2	2008
Patrick Allen	232.52	2	2007
Mike Scroggins	225.40	2	2008
Wes Mallott	225.12	1	2007
Jack Jurek	221.03	1	2008
Chris Loschetter	218.44	1	2007



Moments in History

A lot of Talent— The '91 PBA Tour Season

In 1991, there were lots of bowlers with multiple titles. If David Ozio had not won back to back titles during the first 2 weeks of the PBA tour, it would have been a close call for Player of the Year.

Pete Weber won his 2nd U.S. Open. He did this by qualifying 24th in the Cashier's Round. Then, he climbed his way up to the Championship round. He qualified 5th going into the Championship round, and he ended up owning the U.S. Open by defeating everyone in the process.

Del Ballard threw a gutter ball to lose the title in the Championship match of the Fair Lanes Open.

John Mazza had started to win on the PBA tour. David Ozio won the Firestone Tournament of Champions. Ballard

and Benoit won the PBA Doubles Tournament.

Duke had the highest average for the season. After being absent in the winner's circle for 8 years, Duke began to win again.

There were several bowlers that won more than one title that year. John Mazza and Jess Starook had become the 2nd and 3rd players to convert the 7/10 split on national television.

Walter Ray Williams, Jr. won the Japan Cup. It had been 4 years since Walter Ray had won a title on the PBA Tour.

David Ozio won the Chevy Truck Classic to secure the Player of the Year honor. This was his 4th title of the season.

Earl Anthony was trying to become the 4th bowler to complete the Triple Crown at the '91 U.S. Open. However, he fell a little short by not making the Championship Round.



Ricky Ward was named Rookie of the Year.

Ozio made at least 4 television shows in the Majors: PBA National Championship, the Firestone Tournament of Champions, the Touring

Players Championship and the USBC Masters. Making 4 of 5 Majors in the Championship Round—no wonder he snatched the Player of the Year award. Ozio came to win on the PBA Tour in 1991.

Bowling ball technology on the PBA Tour turned high tech the following year.

A new style of bowling arrived when Mike Miller won the PBA National Championship using only 2 fingers to throw the ball.

It is easy to see that there was definitely a dominant player during the '91 PBA Tour season.

Breakpoint— PBA League

On the 19th of last month, the PBA announced that for the 2012-2013 season they will do a PBA League.

The league is named after PBA founder Eddie Elias. The winner of the league will receive the Elias Cup.

This will be a team format. The teams will consist of eight teams of five players. Each team is headed by each of the top eight of 2011-2012 point season: Sean Rash, Jason Belmonte, Mike Fagan, Pete Weber, Osku Palermaa, Norm Duke, Bill O'Neill, and Chris

Barnes. The teams will each be represented by a city.

Each Franchise Player will draft their players during the 2012 World Series of Bowling. The draft will be on November 9th, and it will be featured on Xtra Frame.

The competition format will begin at the Winter Swing at Thunderbowl in Allen Park, Michigan. During the qualifying portion of the Carmen Salvino Classic, Mark Roth Classic, Don Carter Classic, and the Earl Anthony Players Championship the team members will be posting their

scores for the top three spots for stepladder finals of the Elias Cup. The other five teams will be involved with a "shootout" round to determine the fourth and final spot for the stepladder final.

In the first round, the top five teams will play based on their 32-game cumulative totals.

The television finals will be aired on January 27, February 10, February 17, March 3, and March 24

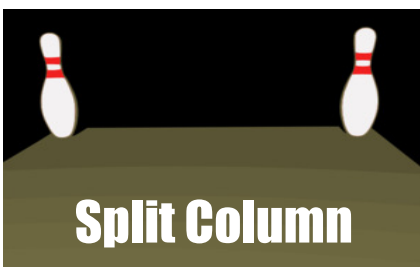
The finals will be aired on April 7th, held at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis with the

top four teams bowling in a stepladder format.

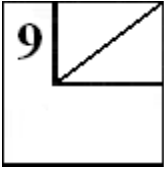
The winning team will get \$75,000 dollars with second getting \$30,000, third place getting \$20,000, and fourth place \$10,000.

The players will also get a "salary". The first round picks will get \$10,000, second round \$7,000, third round \$5,000, fourth \$3,000, and fifth \$2,000.

The winning team will receive the Elias Cup traveling trophy. For more information log on to PBA.com



Mike Aulby is the only player to have three USBC Master's Titles. He is also the only player to complete the Super Slam. The Super Slam consists of the PBA World Championship, the U.S. Open, the Tournament of Champions, the USBC Master's, and the Touring Players Championship.



The Spare Column is a column focusing on the PBA Central Region—top player stats, tournament highlights, interviews, and occasional updates from Bobby Jakel about what is going on in the Central Region.

Nidiffer Wins Hoosier Park Racing & Casino Open

On October 7, Craig Nidiffer won the 2012 Hoosier Park Racing & Casino Open. He did it by defeating Ronnie Russell 243-215 in the Championship game.

In the semi-final game, Russell defeated Chris Loschetter 203-158. In the second match, Loschetter defeated Patrick Dombrowski 266-211. In the opening match of the stepladder finals, Loschetter also defeated Patrick Girard 195-189. It looked like he was going to go through the field until he ran into transition and only bowled a poor 158 against Russell in the semifinals.

Strangely enough, Nidiffer became a PBA member right before he bowled the tournament. He led the tournament going into the championship round by 12 pins over Ronnie Russell. Nick Kokenos was the qualifying leader at +220. The cut took +43 by Brian Kretzer. The last cash was +4 by E.J Tackett.



Pictured: Craig Nidiffer. Photo from PBA's Facebook page.

What a nice welcome to the PBA Tour.

Pos	Bowler	W	L	T	Total Pins	+/-	Pins Behind Leader
1	Craig Nidiffer	9	3	0	4580	+580	
2	Ronnie Russell	8	4	0	4568	+568	12
3	Patrick Dombrowski	7	5	0	4454	+454	126
4	Patrick Girard	7	5	0	4453	+453	127
5	Chris Loschetter	9	3	0	4398	+398	182
6	Nick Kokenos	7	5	0	4384	+384	196
7	Zachary Wilkins	7	5	0	4375	+375	205

			1. Craig Nidiffer 243	Craig Nidiffer Champion
		2. Ronnie Russell 203	Ronnie Russell 215	
	3. Patrick Dombrowski 211	Chris Loschetter 158		
4. Patrick Girard 189	Chris Loschetter 266			
5. Chris Loschetter 195				



Brunswick Aura Brunswick Meanstreak



CORE TYPE: Aura Ultra Low RG
COLOR: 2 - Color, Black and Purple Solid
COVERSTOCK: Optimum-Flip Solid
WEIGHTS: 12-16 Pounds
RG MAX: 2.533
RG MIN: 2.481
RG DIFFERENTIAL: 0.052
RG AVERAGE: 3.5
HOOK POTENTIAL: 205
LENGTH: 125
BREAKPOINT SHAPE: 115

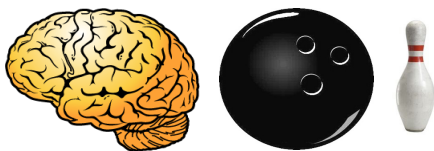


CORE TYPE: Meanstreak High RG Symmetric
COLOR: 2 - Color, Red and Black Pearl
COVERSTOCK: Addaptive f(p²) Pearl
WEIGHTS: 12-16 Pounds
RG MAX: 2.605
RG MIN: 2.557
RG DIFFERENTIAL: 0.048
RG AVERAGE: 3.9
HOOK POTENTIAL: 125
LENGTH: 160
BREAKPOINT SHAPE: 95



This ball has the new Optimum Flip coverstock. It allows a bowler to keep more axis rotation, speed, and rpms. The ball actual flips on the backend. It get down the lane without any effort and hooks a lot on the backend. It won't jump off the spot when it hits the dry. It looks like it has gone a little bit too long , but there is a tremendous amount of backend.

The ball can go through the heads clean and still have great backend reaction. It should work well when the oil is not very heavy. Works well if the bowler has a lack of speed. Adaptive f(p²) Pearl. It has a new High RG symmetrical core which is long in order to keep rotational energy with an added mass in the middle in order to stabilize the core. When a ball goes long like the Meanstreak does, it usually has a hard time recovering; however the Meanstreak is able to recover.



BOWLOLOGY

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

Axis Tilt

Last month, we talked about axis rotation. This month, Bowlology talks about axis tilt or spin.

Axis tilt is the vertical angle at which the ball rotates prompting the ball to skid as it rolls down the lane. As a result, backend hook potential is reduced.

As the bowler watches the ball go down the lane, the bowler will see the opposite in axis rotation and tilt to what you see on paper regarding the vertical

and horizontal axis. The more tilt the bowler employs, the more spin he creates on the ball.

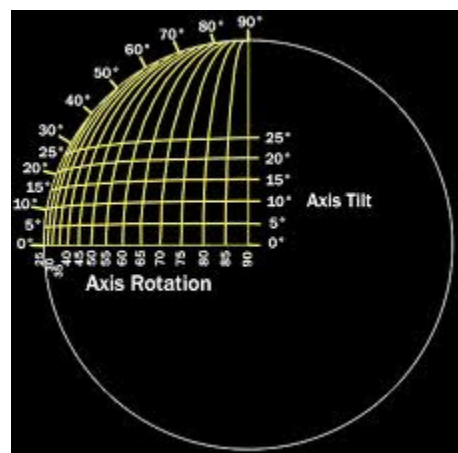
Axis tilt will be bad if the ball track is further from the finger holes. Axis tilt is created by either cocking or collapsing the wrist at release.

At 90 degrees, the axis will be straight up. At zero degrees the axis is on the horizontal plane.

The higher the tilt the smaller the ball will track and the longer the ball will go down the lane before hooking. The lower the tilt the larger the ball track and the sooner the ball will hook on the lane.

A bowler can change their axis tilt by releasing the ball in different ways. If the bowler overturns the ball it will spin like a top. However if the bowler releases where the thumb comes out first, then the ball will have a chance to react like it is supposed to.

When the bowler is looking at axis tilt on paper and on the lane it looks different. On paper it is one dimensional and the lane is three dimensional.



The diagram above indicates the degrees of axis tilt and axis rotation that a bowler can have. Tilt is vertical and axis rotation is horizontal.

PBA League Thoughts and Assessment

I like the idea of the PBA League. In the Roth/Holman Doubles Tournament, the only doubles round was the step ladder finals. I think teams should bowl regular team games. After the 10 or 15 games of qualifying, then all of the teams can bowl and 8-game Round Robin match play format with the top four teams advancing to the top four stepladder finals. This will entice bowling fans more to the PBA League concept. I think that the PBA concept is a great idea. However, the PBA needs to encompass more team play more than just the TV stepladder finals.

A Baker format is not a bad idea for the finals. However, I think that the bowling fans would like to see bowlers bowl a regular team game to see if a team can shoot 1,000 every game. If somehow the PBA could incorporate some of the regular team bowling in the television show, I think that would be a good thing also.

In my predictions for the draft, it was hard to come up with who franchise bowlers were going to pick to be on their team. Obviously, Sean Rash can't pick Walter Ray, Pete Weber, and Chris Barnes for his team. It was also interesting to assign salary levels to the other bowlers. Walter Ray has not been bowling very well for the past couple seasons, but he is still one of the best bowlers on the PBA Tour. In '09-10 when he last was named Player of the Year, he won the first event of the season and the USBC Masters. En route to winning his second Masters title,

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4th Round	DRAFT	\$3,000	Parker Bohn III	Ildemaro Ruiz	Mitch Beasley	Brian Kretzer
5th Round	DRAFT	\$2,000	Chris Loschetter	Brian Himmler	Chris Warren	Eugene McCune
6th Round	SUPPLEMENTAL	\$0	Brian Valenta	Tom Daugherty	Nathan Bohr	Mike Edwards
Total per team		\$27,000				
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he bowled a 290 in the championship game against one of the best players of today, Chris Barnes.

At least one of the franchise players is a legend, and that is Pete Weber. Pete Weber is by far the best player in the PBA without having a Player of the Year Award. When a bowler wins the U.S. Open five times, it says he is one of the best bowlers of all time.

Another player that is hard to believe is not a franchise player is Mika Koivuniemi. Coming up one pin shy of being the first player to bowl two 300's on National TV is unthinkable. He is the best in the world ranking.

It will be interesting to see the Draft on Xtra Frame and to see if my picks came close for each team. Between the top eight guys,

it will be fascinating to see who they will pick for their teams. Thank you for reading this month's edition of the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter!

NOTE: The two different charts shown are my predictions for how the franchise players might pick their teams.



PBA TRIVIA WIZARD

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Who will be the next PBA Trivia Wizard?

1. Who is the only player to win three Master's titles?
2. Who won the 1991 Firestone Tournament of Champions?

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Last Month's PBA Wizard Trivia Winner
Winner Awarded: Not Awarded

Last Month's Answers:

- 1.) Parker Bohn III
- 2.) 1996