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Practice Pair

Messenger

Hello, Bowling Fans!

Welcome to another year of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. The **Messenger** talks about the summary of the World Series of Bowling. 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 Scorpion. In the **Kingpin Column**, I talk about the fathers of pro bowling. **Breakpoint** covers how the first PBA Draft proceeded. The **Spare Column** talks about the team formation for the PBA League. The **Split Column** talks about the bowler who won the most PBA titles in a single season. There's a new column entitled **In The Pocket**. This column is a top ten condensed events. **Bowlology** talks about speed vs. rpm. Finally, the **Tenth Frame** is getting a PhD in bowling knowledge. I hope you enjoy this edition of the *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*.

- Josh Hyde

PBA World Series of Bowling IV Summary

The fourth edition of the World Series of Bowling had a total of 66 countries represented. This was probably one of the best fields for the WSOB.

Eighteen different bowlers made at least one championship round. This number means that 7.5 % of the field made it to the championship round. Only two bowlers made multiple championship rounds. Jason Belmonte and Sean Rash were those two bowlers. Jason Belmonte was the leader in making the championship round with three appearances.

There were a total of 22 perfect games. This was an average of 4.6 perfect games during each of the tournaments at the World Series of Bowling. Tommy Jones had the most perfect games with two. The Alka-Seltzer Plus Cheetah Championship had the most 300 games with 11.

Sean Rash was the qualifying leader for the PBA World Championship.

During the Animal Pattern

Championship, it took an average of 233 to make the Round of 16. It took an average of 222 to cash in the World Series of Bowling. The percentage of cashers was 37.5%. Therefore, for every eight bowlers, three would cash. This is a high percentage for cashing on the PBA Tour. The last cash spot in the Animal Pattern Tournaments was \$750. For the PBA World Championship, the last cash spot was \$1,160. If a bowler made it to the top 24, he made at least three grand. For making the show in the PBA World Championship, the 5th place bowler made at least made \$10,000.

There were three bowlers that made their television debut at the World Series of Bowling. Those bowlers were Jeff Roche, Jason Starner, and Fawaz Abdulla.

The first show will be televised on December 9th at 1:00 PM with the World Bowling Tour Finals for both men and women. The following week will start the first of four Animal Pattern Championships.

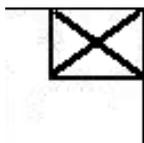
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Strike Column – Scorpion Pattern Analysis

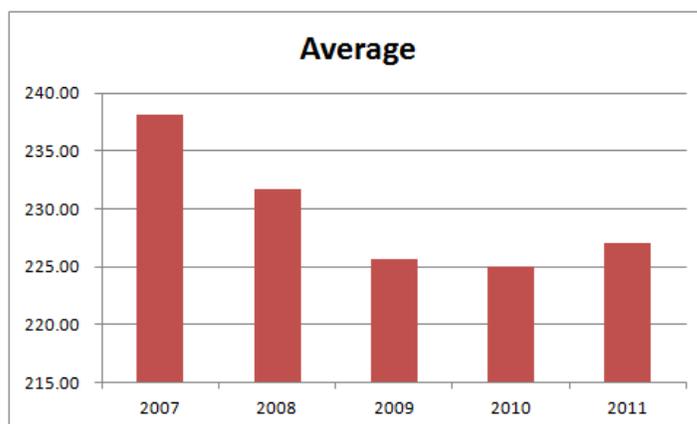
Scorpion is one of the most challenging patterns for the PBA tour players. The oil pattern measures 41 feet in length. The Rule of 31 would be 10. For the PBA players, that's where the breakpoint is at.

Scorpion has a high volume of oil. The pattern plays on medium scoring pace. In the early part of the round, bowlers can be confused. Three years ago, Wes Malott dominated this pattern during the Kings of Bowling. He averaged 260 and bowled two 300 games on the show.

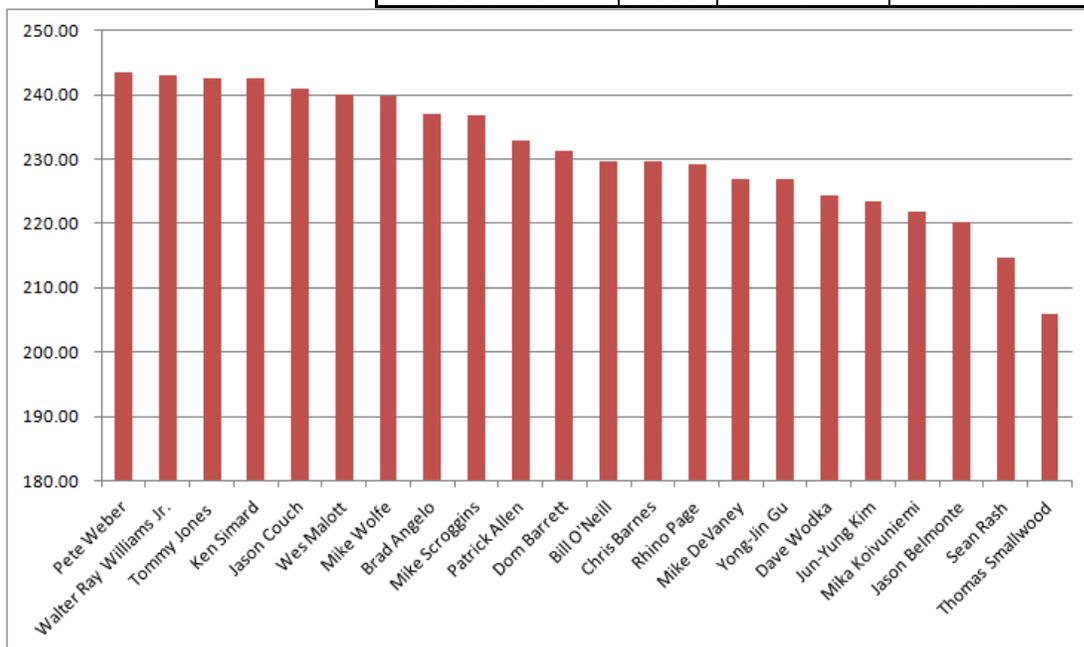
Pete Weber has the highest average at 243. This pattern plays very well for the legends of the PBA, Walter Ray and Pete Weber. In 2011, in the Scorpion Championship at the World Series of Bowling, it was all international players on the show. It was the first time a Korean bowler had won a PBA Tour title. Scores have recently dropped for this pattern. Some of the other bowlers that have done well on this pattern are Jason Couch, Brad Angelo, Mike Scroggins, and Bill O'Neill. These bowlers are the strongest players of today's PBA Tour.

Walter Ray, Pete Weber, and Tommy Jones are the top three averages for the Scorpion Pattern. These bowlers know how to strike when they need to. In the last two seasons, the international field have dominated the television show; however, the American players have still owned the pattern—with the top three averages being held by Pete, Walter, and Tommy. These three players are definitely the best players on the PBA tour. With six players averaging higher than 240 and five players averaging 230, it cannot be that hard for the pros to score. The majority of players are averaging at least 220 or higher on this pattern. However, bowling fans can expect the PBA to change the pattern if one player averages 260 on the PBA Tour pattern. Every season, the PBA makes the patterns a little bit harder. This is so the pros can be made to play a certain portion of the lane to score. The PBA does not want the cut to take an average 250 every tournament.

For the most part, the Scorpion Pattern has the top names of the PBA Tour. Mika, Barnes, and O'Neill are not too far away from being at the top of the average list for the Scorpion Pattern. These three bowlers are the future legends of the PBA.



Bowler	Average	Tournaments	Last Tournament
Pete Weber	243.48	1	2007
Walter Ray Williams Jr.	243.08	2	2007
Tommy Jones	242.57	1	2009
Ken Simard	242.50	1	2008
Jason Couch	240.85	1	2008
Wes Malott	240.03	2	2008
Mike Wolfe	239.81	2	2007
Brad Angelo	236.97	1	2008
Mike Scroggins	236.86	2	2008
Patrick Allen	232.85	2	2011
Dom Barrett	231.29	1	2011
Bill O'Neill	229.74	1	2010
Chris Barnes	229.70	2	2008
Rhino Page	229.10	3	2008
Mike DeVaney	226.98	3	2009
Yong-Jin Gu	226.92	1	2010
Dave Wodka	224.25	1	2011
Jun-Yung Kim	223.41	1	2010
Mika Koivuniemi	221.78	1	2008
Jason Belmonte	220.29	2	2010
Sean Rash	214.58	2	2011
Thomas Smallwood	205.88	1	2009



Moments in History

The Fathers of Pro Bowling

Fifty-four years ago, the PBA was founded by Eddie Elias. There had to be a professional bowling tour. Other major sports were becoming a way for the best athletes to make a living and this was the case for bowling as well. To start a professional sport, you have to have a foundation. Eddie Elias, Chris Schenkel, and Dick Weber were the founding fathers of professional bowling.

When you think of professional sports - like football, baseball, and basketball - they all have some of the same components. They each have a famous founder, a superstar, and a voice of the sport.

Eddie Elias was the founder of the PBA. This was a major part for professional bowling. Eddie paved the way so that the best bowlers in the world could

compete for a living and throw a bowling ball.

Dick Weber was the first superstar of the PBA Tour. The first year that the PBA had tournaments, he won the last two tournaments. He won two out of the three tournaments that the PBA had. He was making a statement when he did this. If a bowler wins the last two events of the season, the bowler is saying you have to come and beat me.

Chris Schenkel was the voice of pro bowling for more than three decades. When people think of pro bowling, they immediately think of Chris Schenkel. He announced professional bowling for many years.

All three of these people made the PBA Tour. Without them, the PBA Tour would not be what it is today. You have the founder of the PBA, then you have the first superstar of the PBA, and then you



have the voice of pro bowling. These guys are the pioneers of professional bowling. One of the other components is having a major sponsor. The athletes must be able to make a decent

living at a professional sport. Although, sponsorship has always been a struggle for the PBA, they still do have sponsors. Some of the most well-known sponsors are Denny's and Lumber Liquidators.

To be considered a professional sport, the sport has to be televised so that it is available for sports fans. For 35 years, bowling was televised on ABC TV. For the past 12 years, it has been televised on ESPN. Now, with the growth of the internet, Xtra Frame has been showing bowling tournaments online. For the first time last season, the PBA had three events exclusively on Xtra Frame.

Breakpoint— Duke Gets First Pick in the PBA League Draft

On November 1, 2012 the PBA had the first league draft to see who was going to get the first pick for the PBA League. Norm Duke was the winner of the PBA League draft. PBA commissioner Tom Clark drew all of the names from the 2011-2012 point list. Osku Palermaa will be the last guy to get the first round pick. Osku who is picking last in the preliminary round will get the first

pick in the second round. However, Duke will be the last pick in the second round.

FIRST ROUND

- Norm Duke
- Pete Weber
- Bill O'Neill
- Jason Belmonte
- Mike Fagan
- Sean Rash
- Chris Barnes
- Osku Palermaa

SECOND ROUND

- Osku Palermaa
- Chris Barnes
- Sean Rash
- Mike Fagan
- Jason Belmonte
- Bill O'Neill
- Pete Weber
- Norm Duke

THIRD ROUND

- Norm Duke
- Pete Weber
- Bill O'Neill
- Jason Belmonte
- Mike Fagan

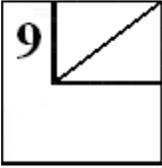
- Sean Rash
- Chris Barnes
- Osku Palermaa

FOURTH ROUND

- Osku Palermaa
- Chris Barnes
- Sean Rash
- Mike Fagan
- Jason Belmonte
- Bill O'Neill
- Pete Weber
- Norm Duke



Mark Roth holds the PBA record for the most PBA titles in one season with 8. The year was 1978.



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.

Duke Picks Page in the Inaugural PBA League Draft

On November 9th, 2012 the first inaugural PBA Draft took place with every bowling fan wondering who was going to be drafted first. Norm Duke picked Rhino Page. The second player to choose was Pete Weber. He picked Tommy Jones. His first pick wasn't going to be anyone else. Pete had the utmost respect for Tommy Jones. The third was Bill O'Neill. His pick was Mika Koivuniemi. Jason Belmonte went next. He picked Big Nasty Wes Malott. Next was Mike Fagan. His first pick was Tom Smallwood. Sean Rash went after Fagan. His first choice was Ryan Ciminelli. Chris Barnes was next in line and selected Don Barrett. Last but not least was Osku Palermmaa. His pick was Martin Larsen.

Osku got to go first in the next round. His second round pick was Dan MacLelland. Chris Barnes was next in line. He picked Josh Blanchard. Sean Rash was third in line. His second round pick was Ryan Shafer. Mike Fagan's second choice was Mike Scroggins. Jason Belmonte's next pick was Andres Gomez. Bill O'Neill was following. His second pick was Chris Loschetter. Pete Weber chose Scott Norton. Norm Duke went last in the second round, and his pick was Amleto Monacelli.

The PBA League will start January 19, 2013 when the Winter Swing will take place. The team score will include the qualifying from the Carmen Salvino Classic, the Mark Roth Classic, the Don Carter Classic, and the Earl Anthony Player Championship. At the conclusion of these events the teams will be ranked accordingly. All of the PBA League matches will be a Baker format with each bowler bowling two frames in each game. The championship for the PBA League will be concluded at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis for the PBA League Elias Cup.

NORM DUKE, CLERMONT, FLA.

2, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla.
3, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela.
4, Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore.
5, Mike Machuga, Erie, Pa.
Supplemental pick: Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind.

PETE WEBER, ST. ANN, MO.

2, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C.
3, Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif.
4, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y.
5, John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y.
Supplemental pick: Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y.

BILL O'NEILL, LANGHORNE, PA.

2, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland.
3, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio.
4, Mike DeVaney, Hemet, Calif.
5, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C.
Supplemental pick: Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas.

JASON BELMONTE, AUSTRALIA

2, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas.
3, Andres Gomez, Colombia.
4, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J.
5, Dave Wodka, Henderson, Nev.
Supplemental pick: Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela.

MIKE FAGAN, DALLAS

2, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich.
3, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas.
4, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind.
5, Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill.
Supplemental pick: Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J.

SEAN RASH, MONTGOMERY, ILL.

2, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y.
3, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y.
4, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla.
5, Jason Sterner, McDonough, Ga.
Supplemental pick: Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa.

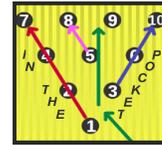
CHRIS BARNES, DOUBLE OAK, TEXAS

2, Dom Barrett, England.
3, Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz.
4, Stuart Williams, England.
5, Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan.
Supplemental pick: Jon VanHees, Charlestown, R.I.

OSKU PALERMAA, FINLAND

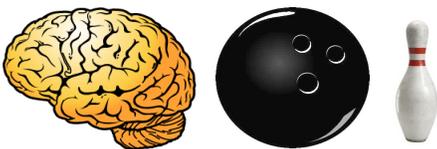
2, Martin Larsen, Sweden.
3, Dan MacLelland, Canada.
4, Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla.
5, Thomas Larsen, Denmark
Supplemental pick: Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill.

A condensed Top 10 Moments that have happened in bowling history or on the PBA Tour



Top Moments in the 1990s on the PBA Tour

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| 10. | Mike Aulby bowls a 300 in the championship game in the 1993 Wichita Open | 5. | Aulby is the first player to win three Master titles |
| 9. | Parker Bohn III shoots a 300 on TV at the 1998 Masters | 4. | Walter Ray Williams, Jr. wins seven titles in the 1993 season |
| 8. | Aulby is the fourth bowler to complete the Triple Crown and the first to win the Grand Slam in 1995 | 3. | Bob Learn, Jr. shoots 1129 in four games—the highest score at a televised event |
| 7. | John Handegard is the oldest player to win a PBA Tour title at the age of 56 | 2. | Dick Weber becomes the first bowler to win five titles in five decades |
| 6. | Dave Husted wins back-to-back U.S. Opens in 1995 and 1996 | 1. | Williams, Jr. becomes the first bowler to surpass \$2 million in career earnings |



BOWLOLOGY

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

Speed v. Rev Rate

It does not matter if a bowler has a high speed or low speed. It only matters that the bowler matches the rpm with the speed. (See chart to the side) If a ball has too much speed compared to the rpms, it will have a straighter path and won't be able to hook down the lane. However, if the bowler doesn't have much speed, he or she doesn't want to have a high rpm because will hook to early.

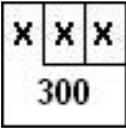
First, you need to measure your speed. Hopefully your bowling center will display it on the score board. If not, this is how you can find it. Measure the time it takes for the ball to go from the foul line to the head pin. Next, divide 41.14 by your time which will give you mph.

To find the rpm, put a piece of tape on the positive axis point, or PAP. Then count how many times the tape goes around in one second. Take this number and multiple by 60. This will give you your rpms. In order to perform this step accurately, you'll want to use a camera.

BALL SPEED	REV RATE
15-16 mph	200-250 rpm
16-17 mph	250-300 rpm
17-18 mph	300-350 rpm
18-19 mph	350-400 rpm
19+ mph	400+ rpm

5 Types of Bowlers

1. Revs dominate ball speed
2. Revs slightly dominate ball speed
3. Revs and ball speed match up
4. Ball speed slightly dominates revs
5. Ball speed dominates revs



Getting a PhD in Bowling Knowledge

A couple of months ago, I wrote an editorial entitled "Bowling Masters".

When I started the Bowlology column, the intent of the column was to share my knowledge of the physical aspects of the game. I talked with my colleagues in the bowling industry — Parker Bohn III, Billy Orlikowski, Brad Angelo, Wes Malott, to name a few. Through our discussions, they helped me come up with different bowling topics for Bowlology. By their involvement with bowling pro-am tournaments, they see what the amateurs are doing with their bowling games. The pros can pick up what the amateurs are doing right or wrong.

Late last month, I emailed Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Director of Coaching, about going through the gold, silver, and bronze coaching program through USBC. These courses are for anybody that wants to be a certified bowling coach. A day later, Carolyn emailed me back and said that I could take some on-line modules. I will not be a certified coach; however, I will get a certificate of completion because I would have to go to the conference to get certified. But this still will allow me to help bowlers like you get more knowledge about the physical aspect of bowling.

This is one of the ways for me to get my PhD in bowling. I am doing this to strengthen my writing skills and gain more bowling knowledge.

There are four levels that anyone can take if a person wants to be a coach. They have to go to the bronze level conference where they would attend a two-day class and get tested after that class to become certified. Participants take a quiz after each module then have a comprehensive exam. On my first module, I only missed three questions out of 25! I now have three modules left:



This is my certificate for completing the "Ball Components, Dynamics and Motion" portion at bronze level of the USBC Coaching Certification and Development program.

- Lesson 1—Coaching Philosophy
- Lesson 2—Mental Game and Physical Preparation
- Lesson 3—Physical Game

Also, by taking these lessons, I will be able to come up with more topics for the **Bowlology** column of my newsletter.

Thanks for reading this month's edition of Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

In mid-December, Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter will have a special edition about the "300s" of the PBA Tour. It will consist primarily of a **Strike Column**.



PBA TRIVIA WIZARD

Please submit your answers via e-mail to: josh@joshhydebowl.com. The first person that answers 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 has the most titles in one season?
2. Who has the highest 4-game total on television?



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

- Last Month's Answers:
- 1.) Mike Aulby
 - 2.) David Ozio