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Jason Belmonte-Winner Of PBA Super Clash & Winner of the 2014 USBC Masters

Practice Pair

Hello, Bowling Fans!

Welcome to another year of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. Highlights for this edition will be the Strike, Spare Columns and Tenth Frame . The **Messenger** discusses PBA Super Clash between Jason Belmonte & Sean Rash. The **Strike Column** analyzes the Best Power games of all times. The **Spare Column** looks at the PBA League Quarterfinals. The **Tenth Frame** is an editorial about how I am a Ramp Bowling Pro. Thanks for reading *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*.



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Messenger

PBA Super Clash

On February 2nd the PBA had its Super Clash with the last two reigning Players of the Year. This epic battle came down to Jason Belmonte and Sean Rash. Sean Rash picked Cheetah pattern. Jason Belmonte picked the Tournament of Champions pattern. They would bowl three games with the winner of each individual game receiving \$2,000 and the total series winner earned \$10,000.

The Announcers for the telecast were Mike J. Laneside and Randy Pedersen with Tommy Jones, Chris Barnes, and Jason Couch as there guests on the show. Barnes, Couch, and Jones, all three were giving their thoughts on what the bowlers should expect in their matches. They also interviewed Walter Ray

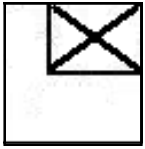
Williams Jr. and Pete Weber. These two bowlers are the last couple great rivalries in professional bowling and PBA history.

The first game both players started strong striking quite often . With Jason Belmonte Winning 258-238 . Rash had taken the next match with little mercy 258-241 only leaving Belmonte with a 3 pin lead going into the final game. The final match saw Belmonte beginning to make Sean Rash eat his dust as he struck his way to victory winning 244-222 giving Belmonte game 3 and the series 743-718.

This was an amazing show to show case the best bowlers in the world for the PBA Super Clash.

Bowler	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Series
Sean Rash	238	258	222	718
Jason Belmonte	258	241	244	743

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Strike Column – Top 10 Power Players

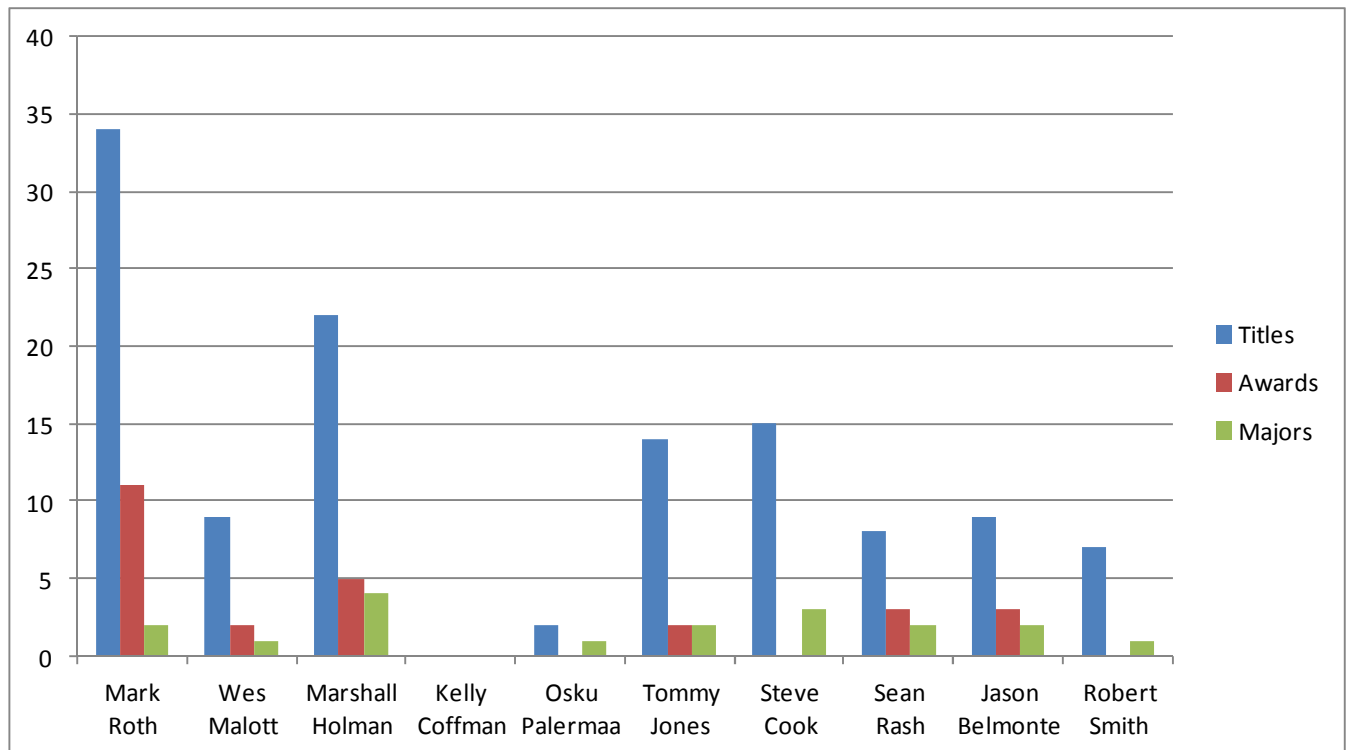
Mark Roth and Marshal Holman are the fathers of the modern power game. They had a number of revolutions on the bowling ball in their era. They were one of a kind during the 70's and early 80's. No one had ever seen the game played like they did. Both had won the US Open title. Roth was the first player to average 220 on the PBA Tour. They really ripped the cover off of the bowling ball.

The next bowler was Kelly Coffman. Kelly could really hook the ball, shooting the ball across the lane to ride the left gutter and destroy 1 3 the pocket. Although his highest finish was 2nd a couple different of times he was a fantastic player to watch bowl. Bowling fans might have expected him to fulfill Roth's and Holman's shoes.

Robert Smith was probably the next successful player that had a lot of hook and power. Winning the US Open and beating Norm Duke for his first title telling the world I am ready to bowl. He generated quite a bit of power and accuracy through his bowl form. As an amateur he led a PBA event only losing to Norm Duke for his first title.

The Current power players are Jason Belmonte, Tommy Jones, Sean Rash, and Osku Palermaa. All four of these guys have a great deal of talent and always let their ball do the talking. Oksu was the first two-handed bowler making the finals in the 2004 US Open. This was the first time bowling fans could see a two handed bowling style. Jason Belmonte did not arrive on to the scene until five years later. To this day he has been Dominating on the PBA Tour for the last three seasons. Tommy Jones was the fastest player to win ten titles. He was also the second player to get Rookie and Player of the Year honors. Sean Rash won his first tournament appearing in the championship round. His first seven shows he never lost a game on television. He even won the USBC Masters in 2007.

All of these players generate a massive amount of revolutions on their bowling balls; they also cover almost all of the boards on the lane when they bowl. They can definitely mix the pins up to get a strike. This is what a great power player does to become successful.





Breakpoint

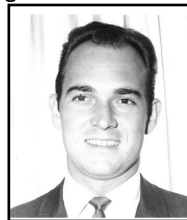
The 300 Game

Moments in History

First Perfect Game on Television & the infamous 299

The PBA reached a milestone during the televised Firestone Tournament of Champions on April 1st, 1967, when Jack Biondolillo tried to become the first bowler to bowl a 300 on TV. The match was against Glen Carlson who could only muster up a 216. Jack started the match, so he was going to be the last one to finish the match. He had nine consecutive strikes. The first ball in the tenth went right to the pocket. It took them straight back for a flush strike. The next ball got a little bit lucky as it tripped the four pin. On the final ball he got it a little bit inside; however, he was still able to strike for the first 300 on national television. What's funny is that he averaged 180 for his next two games. He earned \$10,000 for bowling the first 300 on national television.

were striking quite nicely. However, Don was not going to stop striking while Ritger finished strong with a 268 game. All that Don had to do was get a good mark to win the title. He stepped up in the tenth and threw a strike. He got the eleventh one but failed on the last ball by leaving a ten pin. It would be a record that would hold up for 23 years. Had Johnson got the last one in the tenth, he would have earned a \$10,000 bonus for bowling a perfect game on television.



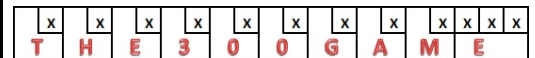
Jack Biondolillo, pictured left

Don Johnson, pictured below

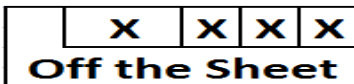


The 300 Game will be a comprehensive section of JoshHydeBowling.com It is scheduled to go online in the middle of this month. The PBA has been doing a weekly column called the "PBA Spare Shots" about new memberships, sponsorship deals, regional tournaments, and player notes, among other news.

The 300 Game link will be updated weekly, including author's comments in a blog-style format. Look for more details on joshhydeb bowling.com! joshhydeb bowling.com is a website dedicated to the great sport of bowling.



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Just three years later Don Johnson had another chance to make PBA history. Both Don and Dick Ritger



This column is dedicated to the Bowlers Journal International. They just celebrated their 100-year anniversary this month. I will be summarizing BJI articles periodically in the Josh Hyde Bowling Newsletter.

Lyle Zikes discussed the state of the PBA and how they pulled the Tournament of Champions from Indianapolis to Detroit (saving \$200,000 in the process) in his article entitled "Dealing with a Half-Mil Budget Cut." He also talked about

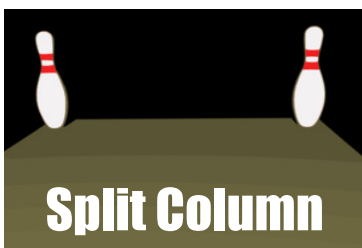
Off the Sheet - Budget Cuts for the PBA

how the PBA went from a PBA League team round robin format to a single-elimination with single alternating shot double, trios, and baker team game. The top two teams that survive are going to the Elias Cup, saving \$300,000 in prize money.

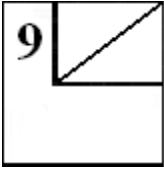
The PBA also put the Tournament of Champions on live show instead of having the first round of the PBA League be the first round of the 2014 season. To put this in sim-

pler terms, the PBA League is more of an exhibition rather than a league season with shorter tournament formats.

The PBA is struggling but they hope to get things turned around. With that being said, they did have to cut the PBA League prize fund. I do believe the PBA is hurting, and think Tom Clark is doing what he can to grow the sponsorship of the PBA.



Jason Belmonte became the third player to successfully defend the USBC Masters



Spare Column

The Spare Column is a column focusing on the PBA Central Region and other miscellaneous information about the PBA.

First Two Quarter Matches in PBA League Competition

Quarter Final 1	Singles—1	Alternate Shot Doubles-1	Trios-1	Team-3	Final Score-Average
LAX Jason Belmonte Parker Bohn III E.J. Tackett Mika Koivuniemi Andres Gomez	Belmonte -255 (1)	Koivuniemi / Bohn III-234 (0)	Belmonte/ Gomez/ Tackett-218 (0)	Belmonte/Bohn III Tackett Koivuniemi Gomez-237 (3)	4/236
Brooklyn Styles Sean Rash Walter Ray Williams Jr Michael Haugen Jr. Jason Sterner Tom Smallwood	Sean Rash-223 (0)	Williams,Jr./ Sterner-238-(1)	Rash/ Williams, Jr./ Smallwood 247-(1)	Sterner/Smallwood/ Haugen Jr./Williams Jr/Rash -215-(0)	2/230.75
Quarter Final 2	Singles—1	Alternate Shot Doubles-1	Trios-1	Team-3	Final Score-Average
WTT KingPins Pete Weber Scott Norton Stuart Williams John Szczerbinski Jake Peters	Pete Weber 232 (1)	Szczerbinski/ Weber 214	Norton/ Peters/ Williams 234	Williams/Peters/ Szczerbinski/ Norton/Weber 227 (3)	4/226.75
Motown Muscle Mike Fagan Ryan Shafer Tom Daugherty Chris Loschetter Mike Scroggins	Mike Fagan 225	Loschetter/ Fagan 268 (1)	Kretzer/ Scroggins/ Daugherty 247 (1)	Loschetter/Scroggins/ Kretzer/Daugherty/ Fagan 172	2/228

In the first quarterfinal, it came to the last game to decide who was going to advance to the next round. Belmonte won the first game in the singles over Sean Rash. In the second game, Bohn and Koivuniemi had the chance to double in the tenth to win the game. Bohn struck his first shot; however, Koivuniemi could not get the second, leaving the ten pin. This tied the game up one point a piece. In the trios, Rash, Williams Jr., and Smallwood found the pocket and struck a number of times, causing them to win two games in-a-row. The match would come down to the last game, with either team having a chance. The L.A. X came back to win the final game to win 4-2 points.

In the second quarterfinal, the defending Elias Cup champions, the WTT KingPins, got off to a quick start with Weber stringing a four-bagger, before leaving a 7-10 split. After yet another split, he was able to string the last four strikes to shut out Fagan. Fagan made the 3-4-7 in the eight frame. In the alternate shot doubles, Motown Muscle got off to a fast start with an eight-bagger. This tied the match heading into the trios. In the trios, Motown Muscle kept striking, bowling a 247. This gave them the lead heading into the team game, yet once again, either team could win the match. Motown Muscle ran into transition struggles, and the KingPins were able to capitalize. By a score of 227-172, the KingPins took the match 4-2.

Messenger, continued 2014 USBC Masters

In the opening round of the 2014 USBC Masters, John Szczerbinski started out with a + 244, an average score of 248.80. Defending champion Jason Belmonte started with a score of +149 and two time champion Doug Kent also had a score of +149. Two time Masters Champion Walter Ray Williams Jr. and Johnny Petraglia were in the top 15 of the opening round. Pete Weber looking for his first Masters and his eleventh career major started with a score of + 88.

Walter Ray Williams, Jr led the second round with a +348. Cameron Weier and Jason Belmonte tied for second place with a score of + 301. Dom Barrett and Doug Kent rounded out the top 5 spots,with Petraglia clinching the ninth spot to stay in the top ten. PBA Hall of Famers Norm Duke along with Pete Weber came in 17th and 28th place respectively.

The third round of qualifying for the Masters saw Belmonte ascend to first place with a score of +482 with Cameron Weier and Walter Ray Williams, Jr. coming in for the second and third place spots with +477 and +428. Dom Barrett held onto his fourth place spot from the second round with a score of +417. Doug Kent fell from 5th to 7th. The cut number was +159 by Dakota Jordan to make match play. The cash number was + 75 by Corey Husted and Mike Edwards.

In the opening round, Jason Belmonte defeated Dakota Jordan by 86 pins. There was a battle between Hall of Famers Doug Kent & Johnny Petraglia with Doug Kent prevailing with a score of 670 to 588. EJ Tackett defeated Dom Barrett 697 to 652. In the winner's bracket PBA Hall of Famer Doug Kent still was surviving by defeating Patrick Girard in a landslide victory of 667 to 479. Jason Belmonte blasted Norm Duke out of the water with a score of 741 to 596.

In the first elimination round, Johnny Petraglia won narrowly against Nathan Bohr by 657 to 643. Dan MacLelland only won by 6 pins over Alex Agular 651 to 645. In round three of the winners bracket , Belmonte defending champion was still dominating by defeating Syuichi Haki of Japan 737 to 588. Dick Allen defeated Patrick Allen 674 to 640. Johnny Petraglia was hanging on in the loser's bracket by knocking Cameron Weir out of contention 604 to 549. However, he lost to Jaime Gonzalez 555-473 but finished in the top 24 of the tournament. EJ Tackett and Michael Haugen Jr. ended up bowling the top spot for the televised finals. EJ Tackett defeated Haugen 793 to 620. The four losers that were going to bowl for the final three spots were Ryan Ciminelli, Tom Smallwood, Jason Belmonte, and Dom Barrett. Ryan and Tom would run the show, with Tom leading with a score of 738. Ryan with a 652.

It would be a fight between Belmonte and Barrett. Belmonte had a 19 deficit heading into the third game. It was looking good for Barrett at the early start of third game. Unfortunately, Barrett gave Belmonte a chance by leaving a big four split late in the game, this enabled Belmonte to throw a double in the tenth to advance to the championship round. Belmonte prevailed advancing to the championship round finals.

In the first match, Belmonte made a 2-4-10 split and the 3-4-6-7-9-10, against Ryan Ciminelli this would give him the win 227 to 214. The next match saw Belmonte take on Tom Smallwood. Smallwood would miss a few spares costing him the game. Belmonte would end up striking at the end of the game to advance to the semifinals, 203 to 170.

In the semifinals, it would be a higher scoring match. Michael Haugen Jr. doubling in the tenth to force Belmonte to fill 17 in the tenth to win by one pin. Belmonte just did what he needed to advance to the championship game.

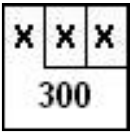
In the championship match, tournament leader EJ Tackett could not get anything going. Belmonte started out strong by sparing in the first and then stringing the next six strikes in a row. He left the big four split late in the game. However, he was able to mark in the tenth to win his second USBC Masters and successfully his title.

This was Belmonte's third career major and his ninth PBA Tour Career title.

TOURNAMENT STATS	
15 Game Cash Bowler +/-	+75 Mike Edwards, Corey Husted
15 Game Cut Bowler+/-	+159 Dakota Jordan
15 Game Leader +/-	+482 Jason Belmonte
300 Games: (4) Brian LeClair, Alan Rice, Josh Blanchard, and Kyle King	

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND STATS	
High Game:	(235) Jason Belmonte
Low Game:	(173) Tom Smallwood
High Match:	-(235/234) Jason Belmonte/ Michael Haugen, Jr
Low Match:	-(202/171) Jason Belmonte/ Tom Smallwood
Average Winning Game:	221.25

			1. E.J. Tackett - 177	Jason Belmonte
		2. Michael Haugen, Jr. - 234	Jason Belmonte - 221	Champion
	3. Tom Smallwood - 173	Jason Belmonte - 235		
4. Ryan Ciminelli - 214	Jason Belmonte - 202			
5. Jason Belmonte - 227				



Tenth Frame — Editorial

Ramp Bowling Pro

In previous newsletters, I have discussed the sport of ramp bowling and how difficult it is. This article will talk about my accomplishments in the sport of bowling.

Ramp bowling uses a ramp device to deliver the ball from the foul line to the pins. I have been using this method of bowling for 23 years.

First of all, I am a great spare-shooter. Over the last five years, I have taught myself how to get strikes with my personal bowling game. I have had several games over 250, and I have remained consistent this bowling season. My current highest league average is a 170 for one season. Right now, I am at about 182.

I also have converted a number of difficult splits. Some of them include:

- 4-7-10
- 6-7-10
- 3-6-7-10
- 3-7-10
- 2-10
- 2-4-5-7-8-10
- 3-10
- 1-2-4-10
- 3-7-10
- 4-5-7

I will never be able to convert the 7-10 split due to the lack of speed that my ball creates.

My personal high game was 277 on the Chameleon pattern. My high series is 725 on a House Shot pattern. I have had 2 - 700 series. Recently, I scored a triplicate of 215.

I currently am using five bowling balls. I have had 14 consecutive strikes. (Yes, there was a witness!!)

As you can see, I am definitely the Ramp Bowling King!

Warsaw Lanes 1702 E. Market Street - WARSAW (574) 269-7411											
TEAM: Team 1 LANE: 1 GAME: 4 2/12/2014											
Player	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
HDP 0	8 /	X 9 /	9 /	X	X 9 /	X	X 9 /	X	X 9 /	9 /	8
MR300	20	40	59	79	108	128	148	177	197	215	796
TOTAL: Team 1	20	40	59	79	108	128	148	177	197	215	796

TEAM: Team 1 LANE: 1 GAME: 5 2/12/2014											
Player	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
HDP 0	8 /	9 /	X	X	X 9 /	X 9 /	X 9 /	9 /	9 /	9 /	8
MR300	19	39	69	98	118	138	158	177	196	215	1011
TOTAL: Team 1	19	39	69	98	118	138	158	177	196	215	1011

TEAM: Team 1 LANE: 1 GAME: 6 2/12/2014											
Player	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
HDP 0	X 9 /	9 /	9 /	X	X 9 /	X 9 /	X 9 /	X 9 /	9 /	9 /	8
MR300	20	39	59	88	108	128	157	177	196	215	1226
TOTAL: Team 1	20	39	59	88	108	128	157	177	196	215	1226

Above: My first triplicate of 215.

Below: Fourth clean series at Warsaw Bowl for the 2013-2014 USBC League Season bowled by Josh Hyde last month.

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TEAM: Team 12 LANE: 12 GAME: 1 2/19/2014											
Player	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
HDP 0	9 /	X 9 /	X 9 /	9 /	9 /	X 9 /	X 9 /	X 9 /	X 9 /	9 /	9
JOSH	20	49	69	88	108	137	157	177	197	216	216
TOTAL: Team 12	20	49	69	88	108	137	157	177	197	216	216

TEAM: Team 12 LANE: 12 GAME: 2 2/19/2014											
Player	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
HDP 0	9 /	9 /	9 /	9 /	X 9 /	9 /	9 /	X 9 /	9 /	9 /	9
JOSH	19	38	58	78	97	116	136	156	175	194	410
TOTAL: Team 12	19	38	58	78	97	116	136	156	175	194	410

TEAM: Team 12 LANE: 12 GAME: 3 2/19/2014											
Player	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
HDP 0	X 9 /	9 /	9 /	9 /	9 /	X 9 /	X 9 /	9 /	9 /	9 /	9
JOSH	20	39	58	77	97	126	146	165	184	203	613
TOTAL: Team 12	20	39	58	77	97	126	146	165	184	203	613

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