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Jake Peters winner of the Badger Open and Amleto Monacelli winner of the Senior US Open

Practice Pair

Hello, Bowling Fans!

Welcome to another edition of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. The **Messenger** highlights the Senior US Open. The **Strike Column** analyzes step ladder probability of advancement. In the **Kingpin Column**, Michael Fagan is the "Interview of the Month." **Breakpoint** covers what the Editor did in the Amateur writing contest.. The **Moments In History** discusses the Greatest Championship ever. The **Split Column** talks about the first bowler who won the step ladder format. The **Spare Column** talks about the Badger Open and Weber winning the Senior Masters. **In the Pocket** is the Top Ten Major moments. **Bowlology** discusses bowling ball anatomy. Finally, the **Tenth Frame** has my thoughts on recent PBA history moments. A new column called **Xtra Frame Spotlight** is a story on the oldest bowling center in America. I hope you enjoy this edition of the *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. This newsletter is dedicated to the memory of Harry Wolfe. He was my first supervisor and the driving force behind my book.

- Josh Hyde

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Messenger

Monacelli Defends Senior US Open Title

In the opening day of the PBA Senior US Open Jack Jurek was the leader with a score of + 288. He was leading by 35 pins over Bob Markiewicz . Other names that were in the top ten were, Wayne Webb, Mark Williams, and Ron Mohr. After the first round of qualifying the cut was at -2 by Mike Edwards.

In the second round of qualifying Ron Mohr led the way with a score of +295. Randy Pedersen was in second with a score of plus 287. Amleto Monacelli was in third with a score of + 261. After 16 games the score was at + 100 by Dale Eagle. The scores were low as it took as it took a score of -31 by Sammy Ventura and Phil Prieto . They had a one game Sammy Ventura 223 -200.

The cashiers round saw Wayne Webb take the lead with a score of plus 505. Other top finishers for the round were Amelto Monacelli at +459. Harry Sullins at +435, Ron Mohr rounded out the top 4 at + 330 the top three spots were starting to spread themselves out amongst the field. It takes a score of +116 by Eric Forkel.

The first round of match play saw Amleto Monacelli take the lead by 168 over Randy Pedersen. Amleto had a 5 -3 match play record. While Randy had a 7-1 match play record and move up the leader board. Eric Forkel moved from 24 th to 10th in the first round of match play with a match play record of 6 -2.

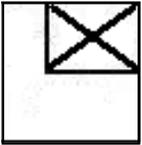
The second round of match play saw Amleto Monacelli take a commanding lead by 246 over second place.

Eric Forkel was making a move into the top four, USBC hall of famer Jeff Richgels was trying to make the top four .Randy Pedersen was in second place with one round of match play to go. There were a number of bowlers that could make the top four in the final round of match play.

The last round of match play was very interesting as Amleto continued to lead he ended up leading the tournament. Wayne Webb made a late charge in the position round but was a little bit too late he bowled a 270 in the last game of tournament. However Walter Ray Williams held down his lead so that Wayne could not overtake him. Forkel went up to second in the last round of match play. The bowlers that made the stepladder finals were Ron Mohr, Walter Ray Williams, Eric Forkel, and Amelto Monacelli.

In the stepladder finals Ron Mohr defeated Walter Ray Williams Jr 279-195. The semi-final saw Mohr take on Eric Forkel. It was a close game except Mohr found to strike at the end of the game. In the championship game Amelto Monacelli were struggling, Amelto had a chance to shutout Ron Mohr but he could not seal the deal. This gave Ron a chance to strike and get six to win by one pin. Mohr left a ringing ten pin on the first ball in the tenth frame. This gave Amelto his second career Senior US Open title .

	1. Amleto Monacelli—199	Amleto Monacelli
	2. Eric Forkel-184	Ron Mohr 193
3. Walter Ray Williams, Jr 195	Ron Mohr 218	
4. Ron Mohr 279		



Strike Column – Stepladder Analysis

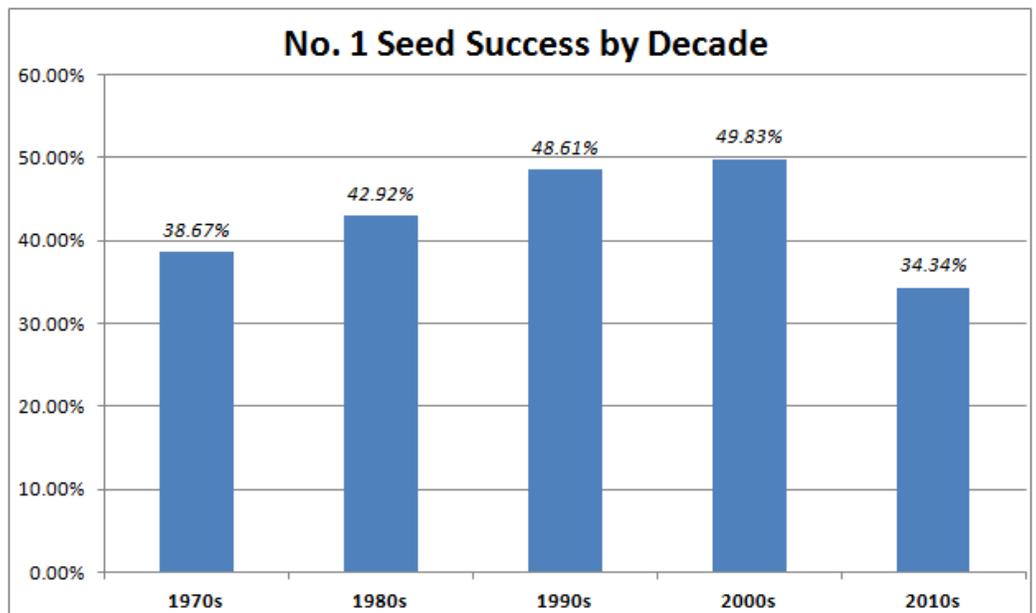
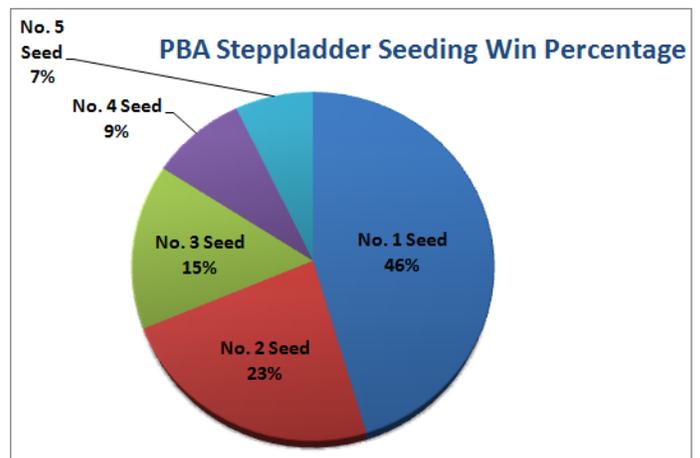
The strike column this month is focusing on step ladder analysis and the likely hood of the top seed winning the tournament. After the qualifying and match play are over the tournament has a television show, usually it will consist of four or five players. The tournament leader will only have one game to bowl to win the tournament. Bowling fans might suspect that the tournament leader will have the advantage to win the tournament. However the PBA puts the same pattern down for the show, the pattern will play much different due to the lights for the show. If the number four or five seed gets lined up to the pocket then the tournament leader will have their hands full. It depends on the transition during the course of the championship round.

The number four and five seed have won a combination of sixteen percent of the time the second seed wins twenty-three percent of the time. Last but not least the number three seed wins fifteen percent of the time. In the 1972 season the fourth seed won more than thirty percent of the time. That is a rather high percentage for the first match winner to go on to win the tournament. If a bowler became the tournament leader after the preliminary rounds of the tournament, their chances of winning the tournament would be 60 percent. That was the highest percentage that the tournament leader had during the 1998 season. During the 1970's the tournament leader only won thirty-eight percent of the time. It was unlikely that the tournament leader was going to win in the seventies.

During the 1984 season the number three seed won thirty-five percent of the time. This is perhaps the best qualifying position that a bowler

can have because the bowler can see the transition from the game before and he or she is going to have an advantage over the second and first seed. Mike Aulby was always a threat in this position. Mike won his first title by being the number three seed.

The tournament leader has the best chance at winning the tournament. He or she should win the tournament because they have led the tournament all week. The cream will rise to the top. It happens time and time again on the PBA tour. The PBA Tour has the greatest bowlers in the world.





Defending My Title

The Editorial King reigns again!* I have good news to share with you. After entering the International Bowling Media Association Amateur Writing Contest this spring, I just learned that I won 3 awards. See the letter (at right) that I received from Chris Beard congratulating me on my awards.

I love this job!!

*NOTE: Last year, I also received first place in the Editorial division.

Hi Josh-

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that you will be receiving the following awards at the IBMA luncheon sponsored by Brunswick on Tues. June 25th, 2013 at 12:00 Noon in Bally's Skyview 1 at Bowl Expo in Las Vegas Nevada. Please let me know who will be receiving these awards for you if you are not able to attend. You will be receiving a certificate for each of these as well as a check for \$50.00 for each first Place win:

- 1st Place Editorial- Amateur
- 1st Place Newsletter
- 3rd place Editorial – Amateur

Congratulations and thank you for entering our contest.

Warmly,

Chris Beard,
IBMA Writing Contest Chair

The Greatest Championship Game

At the 1976 PBA AMF Pro Classic, the championship match featured Earl Anthony and Dick Weber. They were the winningest pro bowlers on the PBA Tour at the time.

This was the first time Weber and Anthony had squared off in a championship match. To open the match, Weber had a five bagger, getting things started. Anthony was struggling, but came back in the middle of the game to give himself a chance at the title.

Like any good show, this match would come down to the tenth frame. Earl had to double in the tenth to win his 21st PBA title. Prior to this, Weber had a chance to shut him out by doubling himself, but came up short, leaving a ten pin on the second ball. This gave Anthony a chance to win it in the tenth.

On his first ball, Anthony got the strike. However, on the second ball, he came light, leaving the 3-5-6-10 to give Weber his 25th PBA title. This was the greatest championship match ever. In fact, it was the only time these two greats met in a championship game.

Interview of the Month: Michael Fagan

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

A: The US Open would be my choice due to its long format, the tough conditions, not to mention it is very prestigious.

Q: Would you rather strike for a title or mark? Why?

A: That's easy—strike! I always want to perform well under pressure.

Q: What do you think of the new PBA League and how could it be improved in the future?

A: I like where the PBA is headed with the league. I think that the possibilities are endless.

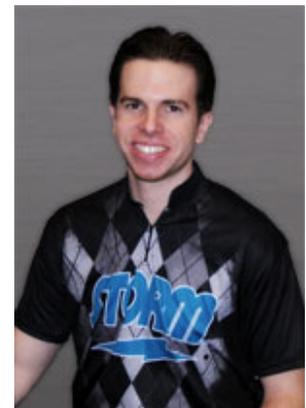
Q: How many bowling balls do you carry to a PBA Tournament?

A: Domestically around 15; internationally only what I can get on the plane—about 6.

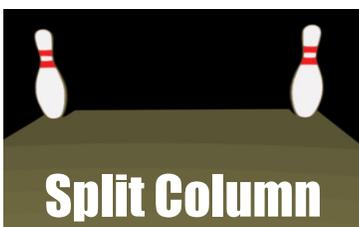
Q: When did you decide to turn pro and what was the deciding factor?

A: I turned pro after college in 2002, because I always was curious how I

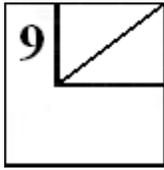
would do against the best bowlers in the world.



Above: Michael Fagan has captured 4 PBA Tour titles including the 2012 USBC Masters.



Dick Ritger won the first stepladder finals in the 1968 PBA North Phoenix Open.



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

Peters Wins Badger Open

The Badger Open was the longest pattern on the PBA Tour at 52 feet. In the first round Bill O'Neil got onto a fast start with having the front 21 strikes in a row in the first and second qualifying game of the Badger Open. . He ended up qualifying third after the ten games of qualifying. There were three perfect games shot by Bill O'Neil, Ryan Shaffer, and Patrick Girard. Jake Peters led the qualifying portion of the tournament at +411. It took a score of +224 by Jon VanHees to advance to match play. Some of the other bowlers who made it to match play were Chris Barnes, Mika Koivuniemi, Sean Rash, Tommy Jones, and Mike Fagan. The last cash spot after ten games was +219 by Tom Daugherty.

In the match play portion of the tournament Chris Barnes started out strong but fell short to make the championship round. Josh Blanchard led the field with a score of +1226. Bill O'Neil, Michael Haugen and Mika Koivuniemi had perfect games in the match play portion of the tournament. The leader board after the 26 game of qualifying and match play had two bowlers going for their first championship round appearance. One of them was an amateur Aaron Lorincz . The other one was a rookie, Jake Peters. Michael Haugen Jr. and Kurt Pilon were the other two that made the championship round of the five that made the show. Haugen Jr and Pilon were the veterans that made the championship round.

In the first match of the stepladder Michael Haugen Jr defeated Kurt Pilon 224 to 180. Just when bowling fans might have taught that Haugen had a great chance at winning the tournament he ran into transition and Aaron Lorincz was able to take advantage and defeat Haugen 215-170. Lorincz then went on to face Jake Peters. This time Aaron Lorincz could not rise to the occasion by only shooting a 174 over 265. Jake got lined up and was able to strike to advance to the championship round match. In the championship Josh Blanchard and Jake Peters had the highest scoring match of the championship round unfortunately ran into red hot Jake Peters who posted a 245 to 212 this was Peter's first PBA Tour career title

Weber Wins Senior Masters



In the first match, Wayne Webb defeated Dave Axon 212-193. The next match saw two PBA Hall-of-Famers Pete Weber and Wayne Webb. This was a high scoring affair with Weber defeating Webb 247-229. Weber had a great look during the match. Wayne Webb got striking a little bit too late. Weber advanced to the semi-finals in a face-off against Kerry Painter.

In the Semi-finals, Weber ran into transition, but Painter could not capitalize on his opponent's misfortune. Weber was able to hang on and advance to the championship match.

In the Final match, Weber was able to strike on the left lane, but not the right lane. Boresch had the lead for most of the game. Boresch had a chance to double in the 10th to win the title. Unfortunately, Boresch left a split on the first ball giving Weber a chance to mark in the 10th for the win. Weber got up and struck on his bad lane and this gave him his first Masters Title.

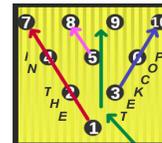
Badger Open			
10 Game Cash Bowler +/-	Tom Daugherty	+	219
10 Game Cut Bowler +/-	Jon VanHees	+	224
10 Game Leader +/-	Jake Peters	+	411
26 Game Cut Bowler +/-	Kurt Pilon	+	1094
26 Game Leader +/-	Josh Blanchard	+	1226
300 Game Bowlers:	Bill O'Neill	2	Ryan Shafer
6	Patrick Girard		Michael Haugen Jr.
	Mika Koivuniemi		

Badger Open Championship Round Stats		
High Game	Jake Peters	265
Low Game	Michael Haugen Jr.	170
High Match	Jake Peters	Josh Blanchard 245 - 212
Low Match	Aaron Lorincz	Michael Haugen Jr. 215 - 170
Average Winning Game	237.25	

Champion

1. Josh Blanchard	- 212	Jake Peters	- 245
2. Jake Peters	- 265	Aaron Lorincz	- 174
3. Aaron Lorincz	- 215	Michael Haugen Jr.	- 170
4. Michael Haugen Jr.	- 224		
5. Kurt Pilon	- 180		

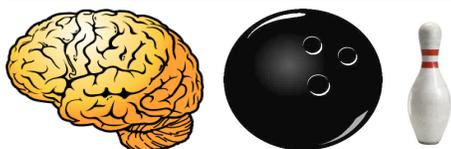
A condensed Top 10 Moments that have happened in bowling history or on the PBA Tour



Top Ten Major Moments

- 10.** 1967: Jack Biondolillo bowls first perfect game on television at the Firestone Tournament of Champions.
- 9.** 1984: Mike Durbin becomes the first bowler to win three Firestone Tournament of Champions.
- 8.** 1996: Dave Husted becomes the first bowler to defend his US open titles.
- 7.** 2006: Walter Ray Williams Jr. ties Earl Anthony with 41 titles at the PBA World Championship.
- 6.** 2012: Pete Weber becomes the first bowler to win five US Open Titles.

- 5.** 1995: Mike Aulby becomes the first player to win the Grand Slam at the Brunswick World Tournament of Champions.
- 4.** 2008: Norm Duke becomes the first bowler to win three consecutive majors at the PBA World Championship.
- 3.** 2008: Norm Duke becomes the fourth player to win the Triple Crown and the second player to complete the grand slam.
- 2.** 2013: Pete Weber becomes the first bowler to complete the Triple Crown twice by winning the Tournament of Champions.
- 1.** 1996: Mike Aulby becomes the first bowler to complete the super slam at the Bayer Brunswick Touring Players Championship.



BOWLOLOGY

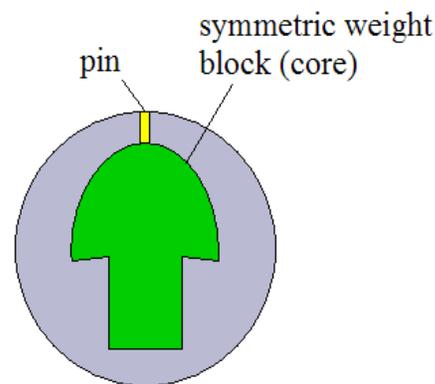
In this section, a topic will be picked based on the bowling knowledge of Josh Hyde.

Bowling Ball Anatomy

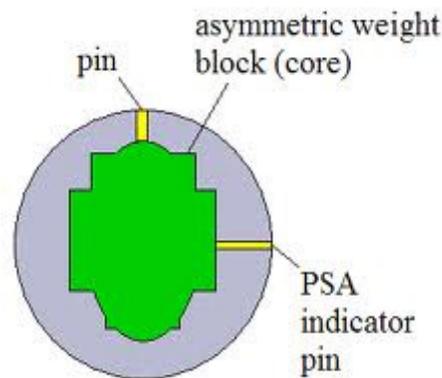
The bowling ball is very complicated in it's structure. It is not just a ball going down the lane. There are many different parts to a ball. What a bowler sees on the outside layer is called cover stock. This is made up of rubber, plastic, urethane, resin reactive and particle. Rubber was introduced in the mid 19th century to the 1950s. Plastic came about from the 1970s to the 1980s. Urethane was popular in the 1980s thru the early 90s. Resin reactive was used often in the 90s thru 2000s. Particle balls are most often used today. The weight block is the "steering wheel" of the ball. There are two different types of weight blocks asymmetrical and symmetrical. Asymmetrical will tend to go long and make a

snap at the back end. Whereas symmetrical will tend to hook earlier. The weight block is a puck or paddle shape, made of dense material inside the ball. It helps with balance. The pin tells where the weight is positioned in the ball. The center of gravity is the heaviest part of the ball, it is located in the center of the ball. The mass bias is the heaviest part of the weight block. A bowler can consult the pro shop operator to determine where they want the mass bias, pin CG and a weight hole in order to have the best ball reaction for that particular bowler.

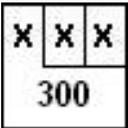
At first this article was going to be about ball drilling layout when I consulted with my colleagues in the industry. They reminded that what my work for one bowler may not work for another bowler. It depends on a bowler's rev rate, speed, axis rotation, axis tilt, positive axis point, and RG. Which have previously been discussed in earlier newsletters. For information contact your pro shop operator.



Cross Section View



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Great Moments in Recent PBA History—My Picks

A little more than a year ago, I wrote a two-part series entitled *Seeing It All by a Major Bowling Fan*. This month I thought I would go back and revisit some major events that have happened on the PBA Tour.

Growing up and seeing great bowlers do some incredible things to the bowling ball is an astonishing event to watch. Back in 2000, Pete Weber lost by one pin to Mika Koivuniemi at the Masters. He lost 235-236. He had a chance to become the second player to complete the Super Slam and the Grand Slam of professional bowling. In the championship game of the 2013 USBC Senior Masters, Pete Weber was down the whole match until he struck in the 9th frame. Lennie Boesch Jr. had a chance to shut him out by doubling in the 10th frame. However, on the first ball of the 10th frame Boesch left the 3-4-6-7-10, and he failed to convert it. This gave Weber a chance to get a mark in the 10th to win his first Masters title. Of course, Weber struck on the first ball in the 10th frame. Weber is by far the greatest player without a Player of the Year honor.

At this year's Tournament of Champions, I was fortunate enough to attend. I had written a Tournament of Champions preview. In the preview I had mentioned that Norm Duke and Pete Weber had a chance to make history by winning the Tournament of Champions. Both of these players had the chance to become the first player to complete the Triple Crown twice. Of course, Pete Weber, being the great bowler that he is, rose to the occasion. He led the tournament at the end of match play and qualifying. On top of that, he had a 300 during the course of the tournament. After Tommy Jones lost in the second match, he told that whoever won the semifinal match had a good shot at winning the tournament. The reason why was because the lanes were breaking down. Being a

great player means that the bowler will figure out a way to strike when the lanes are not in his favor. Weber knows how to handle this feat quite well. As it turned out, Jason Belmonte ran into transition. Weber was able to do his A game and stay clean and win the tournament.

Here are personal favorites: witnessing Doug Kent and Danny Wiseman being inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame, watching Norm Duke win three Majors in a row, watching Parker Bohn III win his second Major, watching Kelly Kulick become the first woman to win a PBA title at the 2010 Tournament of Champions,

watching Chris Barnes become the sixth player to win a Triple Crown at the 2011 PBA World Championship, watching Norm Duke become the fourth player to complete the Triple Crown and the second player to complete the Grand Slam at the 2008 US Open, watching Doug Kent win two Majors in a single season and become the Player of the Year, and watching Chris Barnes shoot a 300 on national television.

All of these moments that I have chosen highlighted the best bowlers of the PBA Tour. Thanks for reading this month's edition of Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter.



X-Tra Frame Spotlight

Parker Bohn III Bowls at the Oldest Bowling Center in America

This month's spotlight discusses Parker Bohn III visiting the Holler House in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. For bowling fans that enjoy bowling history, this is a must see video. At the Holler House, they have no modern technology. Even when they oil the lanes they use an old bug sprayer. They do not have automatic pin setter. It is all original stuff. The two lanes are covered with original shellac, and the balls are returned on an above-ground manual ball return. They even use pin boys to set the pins.

Parker's first shot went Brooklyn. He was able to trip the 6 pin on the second shot they showed. Parker used an old Brunswick ball to bowl with. He had mentioned that he did not expect the pins to come back and slap out the 10 because this is how they bowled in the early twentieth century. Currently, the highest average for the Holler House is 193.

This definitely a must watch for fans of bowling history.

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