



First woman to make two televised finals



Top Regional Winner, Pete Weber

Practice Pair

Messenger

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 the Summer Swing schedule. The **Strike Column** analyzes the top ten Regional players. The **Spare Column** looks at the PBA League Quarterfinals. The



Tenth Frame is an editorial about supporting our own. Thanks for reading *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*.

- Josh Hyde

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Summer Swing Announcement

On March 21st, the PBA announced that there will be a Summer Swing from May 18th-May 25th.

At this year's Summer Swing, they will still have the Wolf, Badger, and Bear patterns. Each animal pattern will consist of six games of qualifying, with the top 18 advancing to the semi-final rounds. Those 18 bowlers will bowl six more games of qualifying with the top five advancing to the stepladder finals after a total of twelve games.

The summer swing will also have a PBA Oklahoma Open. After 18 games, the 18 players will bowl an additional 18 games of round robin match play. The top five, after a total of 36 games, will advance to the step-ladder finals.

There will also be a regional from May 23rd-May 25th.

Mon., May 19, Wolf Open

- 8 a.m. - A Squad, 6 qual. games
- 2 p.m. - B Squad, 6 qual. games (top 18 advance)
- 7:30 p.m. - Top 18, 6 qual. games (top five after 12 games advance to stepladder finals)

Tues., May 20, Bear Open

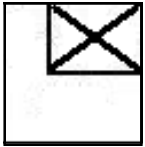
- 8 a.m. - B Squad, 6 qual. games
- 2 p.m. - A Squad, 6 qual. games (top 18 advance)
- 7:30 p.m. - Top 18, 6 qual. games (top five after 12 games advance to stepladder finals)

Wed., May 21, Badger Open

- 8 a.m. - A Squad, 6 qual. games
- 2 p.m. - B Squad, 6 qual. games (top 18 advance after six games advance to second qualifying round; top 18 after 18 games advance to Oklahoma Open)
- 7:30 p.m. - Top 18, 6 qual. games (top five after 12 games advance to stepladder finals)

Thur., May 22, Oklahoma Open

- 10 a.m. - Top 18, 6 games match play, Wolf pattern
- 2 p.m. - Top 18, 6 games match play, Bear pattern
- 6:30 p.m. - Top 18, 6 games match play, Badger pattern (top five advance to stepladder finals)



Strike Column – Top Regional Titlists

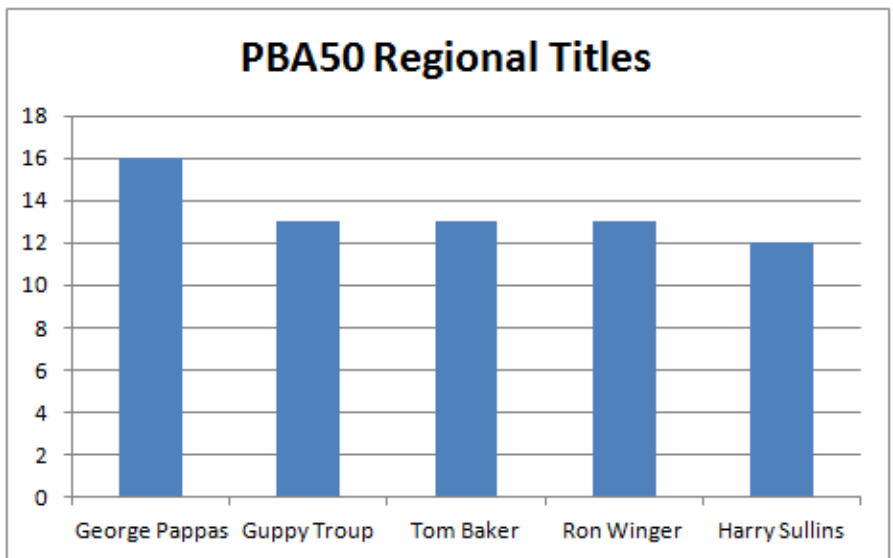
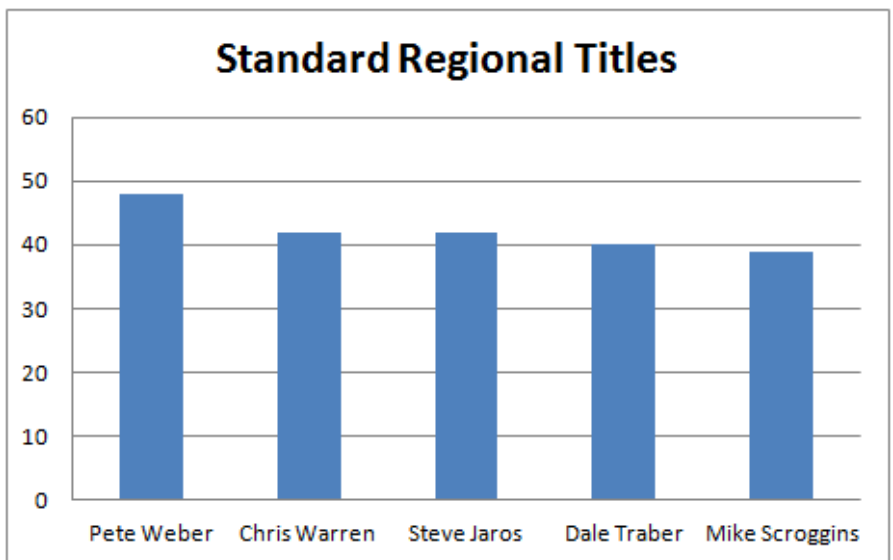
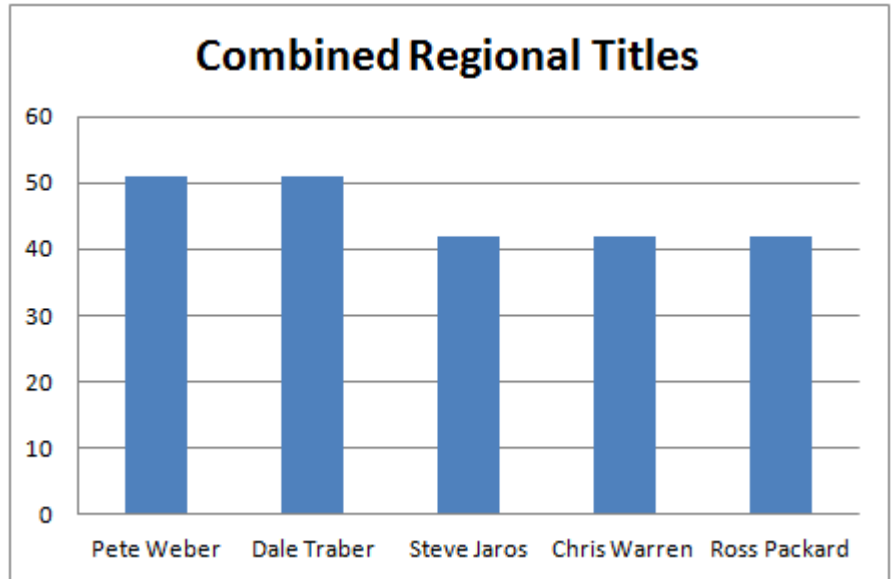
Lesser emphasis is placed on the PBA's "other" tour; however, titles won on the PBA Regional Tour are still noteworthy.

The PBA Regional Tour is like a Triple A ball club for PBA members. These tournaments happen on the weekends with qualifying and match play. Many bowlers will try the regional circuit before they try the PBA Tour. This way they can get their feet wet. Some notable successful bowlers in regionals today are Chris Warren and Steve Jaros--both with 42 titles. On the PBA50 Regional circuit, George Pappas leads the way with 16 titles.

Some of the top names in PBA Regional history are Pete Weber, Dale Traber, and Jaros. The charts pictured on the right show how many titles each has won among the two types of regional tournaments and a combination of both. Weber and Traber are tied for the lead with 51 a piece. However, Weber has 48 standard titles, whereas Traber has 40. Weber also has the most titles in PBA history with 90 (and counting!), including the PBA Tour, regionals, PBA50 regionals, and the PBA50 Tour.

In PBA50 Regional history, there is a 3-way tie between Guppy Troup, Tom Baker, and Ron Winger for 13 career titles. There are also a number of bowlers who narrowly missed this chart with ten titles.

This is a snapshot of the top players of the PBA Regional Tour.





Breakpoint

PBA Regional Hall of Fame

On March 13th, the PBA announced that they are the recipient of a new sponsorship from Grand Hotel and Casino / Firelake Bowling Center in Shawnee, OK, to sponsor a Southwest PBA Regional Hall of Fame. The first induction will take place on September 6-8, 2014, where they will host the PBA Southwest Region Invitational. Details are pending. For more information, log on to pba.com.

China Expanding PBA "Pioneers League" Program

There is great interest in China for bowlers to join the PBA boosted by the "Pioneers League" Program. Longmarch Bowling Products is launching two additional "Pioneers Leagues" to qualify Chinese bowlers for PBA membership. Longmarch's President Frank Ningbo Zhao, Tom Clark and Walter Ray Williams, Jr. have met to discuss this program. Zhao is spearheading the effort to bring Chinese bowlers to the United States to participate in PBA competition.

Moments in History

The First Female Bowler to Make a Televised Final

Liz Johnson had to be in the top 6 in the TQR in order to bowl in the PBA tournament. She posted +227 for her nine game block in the TQR, this made the cut to qualify her for the tournament.

In the first round of qualifying, Johnson opened the block up with a game of 254. She then followed it up with a 231. She would end up having a score of +213 for her first 7 games.

The second round of qualifying, she did not do as well. She managed to remain in the cut number by qualifying 31st.

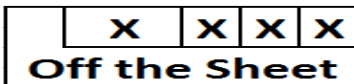
Liz Johnson was facing Chris Barnes in the round of 32. Barnes bowled an 808 in his first 3 games. He had games of 290 & 300. This did not faze Liz, as she was able to score in the 260s in games 4 & 5. In game 6, both Chris and Liz tied at 216, with Liz winning the roll off allowing Liz to advance to the round of 16.

She would face Mike DeVaney;

this match would go to 7 games. After game 4, the match was tied 2 games a piece. She would lose the next 2 games with scores of 208 & 209. Mike got lined up bowling games of 286 & 240 in games 4 & 5. In game 7, she would bowl a 233, while Mike could only muster up a 214.

The round of 8 saw Liz take on Richard Wolf. Just like the round of 32, Richard started off quickly with games of 268 & 299 in the first and third. Once again, this did not faze Liz, as she had a 266 in the second game. After game 3, Richard was only able to win one more game. Liz came through, bowling a 236 in game 5, while Richard was struggling. Liz made history by becoming the first female bowler to make a televised final on the PBA Tour.

In the first match, she beat Wes Malott 235-228 after Wes fouled. The championship match saw Liz and Tommy Jones vie for the title. Unfortunately, Liz fell a little short as she only bowled a 192 to Tommy's 219.



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.

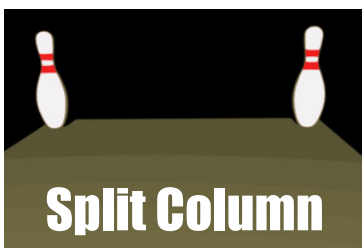
Bowlers Journal International took a look at some of the Tournament of Champions milestones. Last month, Bowlers Journal took a look at some Tournament of Champion highlights such as when Jim Godman became the first bowler to win the tourna-

Off the Sheet - ToC Moments

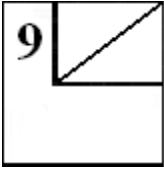
ment twice the first of which was in 1973. Unfortunately, they forgot to mention that Jack Biondolillo became the first bowler to bowl a perfect game on national television. Just three years later, Don Johnson bowled his famous 299 game against Dick Ritger. Pete Weber was the first of the Weber family to win in 1987. They also mentioned how Mike Durbin became the first player to win the tournament three times. However, they missed the time that

Marshall Holman won to become the third PBA player to go over the million dollar mark. Jason Couch is the only person to successfully defend his title from 1999-2002.

The most interesting event which was left out was the largest margin of victory. In 2011, Mika defeated Tom Daugherty 299-100. This match was also special because it had the lowest game ever broadcast on National television.



Kelly Kulick became the first woman to be exempt on the PBA tour at the 2006 PBA Tour Trials.



Spare Column

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

PBA League Quarter Final 3

Quarter Finals 3	Singles 1	Alternate Shot Doubles 1	Trios 1	Team 3	Final Score- Average
Atom Splitters Bryon Smith Chris Barnes Dom Barrett Wes Malott Tommy Jones	Chris Barnes -265 (1)	Barnes/Smith-194 (0)	Jones/Barrett/ Malott-213 (1)	Smith/Barnes/ Barrett/Malott/ Jones-205 (3)	5/219.25
Dallas Strikers Norm Duke Mike Machuga Amleto Monacelli Dave Wodka Rhino Page	Norm Duke/Rhino Page -208 (0)	Duke/Machuga-195 (1)	Page/ Monacelli/ Wodka-184 (0)	Duke/Machuga/ Monacelli/Wodka/ Page-185 (0)	1/193

In the first game, Chris Barnes had the front nine before leaving a 4-6-7 split. He would end up getting the count to earn the first point of the match. Dallas Strikers manager, Norm Duke, put Rhino Page in his spot at the halfway point of the Singles match. Norm wanted to see how Rhino would do with 14 pound equipment.

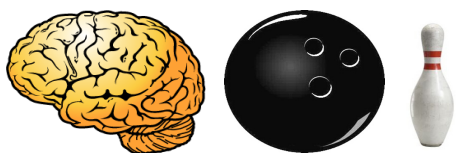
In the second game, it came down to the last frame with Bryon Smith needing a strike to get the second point of the match. He failed to do so by leaving 4-8 spare. Team manager Mark Baker decided to put Tommy Jones, Dom Barrett, and Wes Malott in the Trios game as these bowlers were the power players of the team. They did quite well as they had a 213 for the win. Page, Monacelli, and Wodka could only muster a 184 in the Trios game. Once again, it came down to the last game for the deciding factor.

The Atom Splitters had a great run as they put together some strikes late in the game. On the first ball in the tenth, Tommy Jones left a 2-8-10 split. Tommy would get the count, giving Rhino Page a chance to throw all three strikes in the tenth to win by one pin. The first ball that Rhino threw was a great ball. He would leave a 7-pin giving the Atom Splitters the win.

PBA League Quarter Final 4

Quarter Finals 4	Singles 1	Alternate Shot Doubles 1	Trios 1	Team 3	Final Score / Average
Philly Hitmen Bill O'Neil Ryan Ciminelli Dan MacLelland Mike DeVaney Josh Blanchard	O'Neill -215 (1)	MacClelland/ Ciminelli-257 (1)	O'Neill/ Blanchard/ DeVaney-256 (1)	DeVaney/ Blanchard/ MacLelland/ Ciminelli/O'Neill -235 (3)	6/241
Pittsburgh Jackrabbits Osku Palermmaa Patrick Allen Eugene McCune Ronnie Russell Martin Larsen	Palermmaa -212 (0)	Russell/McCune- 239 (0)	Palermmaa/Larsen/ Russell-251 (0)	Allen/Larsen/ McCune/Russell/ Palermmaa-225 (0)	0/232

In the fourth quarterfinal in the PBA League, the Philadelphia Hitmen outscored the Pittsburgh Jackrabbits by averaging 241. The first game showcased both franchise players, Bill O'Neil and Osku Palermmaa. This was a low-scoring match compared to the other games. O'Neil won with a 215, while Palermmaa mustered a 212. The next game was the alternate-shot doubles, with Dan MacLelland and Ryan Ciminelli facing Ronnie Russell and Eugene McCune. The Hitmen really struck in the game as they defeated Russell and McCune 257-239. In the trios, it was a high-scoring affair as both teams shot in the 250s. The Hitmen (O'Neil, Josh Blanchard, and Mike DeVaney) outscored the Jackrabbits (Palermmaa, Martin, Russell) yet again, this time by five pins, 256-251. In game four, this was the only chance the Jackrabbits had to tie and potentially advance to the semi-finals. Unfortunately, they came up short, getting swept 235-225. This was the first sweep in PBA League history.



BOWLOLOGY

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

Oil Carry Down

Bowlers have to understand that the lane conditions change after every shot is thrown. This is due largely to the oil on the lane. There are two main factors that cause oil conditions to change: oil carry-down and oil break-down.

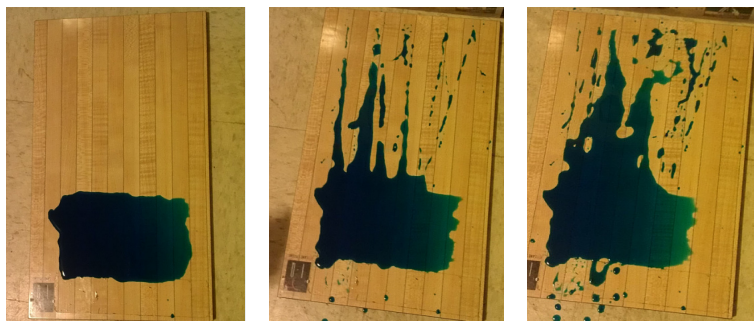
The heaviest volume of oil is toward the foul line. When a bowler

throws his/her ball down the lane, the lane conditions are continually changing.

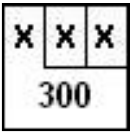
Plastic bowling balls will carry more oil down the lane than today's reactive bowling balls. The reason this occurs is because oil clings to plastic and spreads it out more. The resin-reactive and particle balls are more porous which

soaks up more oil directly off the lane. However, there is still a degree of oil carry-down. Carry-down is going to make the heads drier and the back ends tighter.

When carry-down occurs, it is a part of transition, thus bowlers are going to have to adjust their game accordingly.



Left to right: potential oil after a fresh shot, after three games, and after six games



Supporting Our Own

The sport of bowling needs to start supporting itself better.

A few years back, the Young America Bowling Alliance had a work shop for the youth and leaders of our sport. There was a motivational speaker who was a gold medalist figure skater from the Olympics. They did not bring a pro bowler to talk the kids and the leaders to promote the work shop because a friend of a friend of a friend knew someone who knew someone who knew the Olympic skater and asked them to speak at the work shop. This would have been an ideal chance to have a bowler speak.

When I went to the 2007 USBC convention, the athlete who opened the event was a soccer player. Back in 2000, Norm Duke won the PBA World Championship. He was doing a charity bowling tournament. They taped the show the day before, but even at the bowling center Norm Duke had a hard time getting ESPN on the television so he could watch his event. Instead of watching ESPN so that they could watch the tournament, the bowling center was too concerned with the Daytona 500 and would not change the channel.

Bowling is not supporting itself as much as it should. Back in 2009, Tom Smallwood lost his job and ended up pursuing his dream of being a pro bowler. He ended up winning the PBA World Championship. As much publicity as that got for bowling, bowling did not run with it and try to make

anything more out of it. A couple months later, Kelly Kulick won the Tournament of Champions--the first women in PBA history to win a PBA tour title. There were two big opportunities to make the game big again.

Five years later, bowling is still struggling. There are more people that bowl than play any other sport. Consider these interesting facts about bowling: the first athlete to sign a 7-figure contract was a bowler, and bowling has also been the longest-running televised sport. Also, bowlers are only able to earn up to \$50,000 as a first place prize. The bowling community needs to be more supportive of their fellow bowlers, especially in teaching new generations or teaching those who teach.

Thanks for reading this months edition of Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter.



McCune Wins, Averages 279

Last month, the PBA Central Region and East Region had a combined regional in Hubbard, Ohio. The lane pattern was Cheetah. It took a score of +203 to make the match play portion of the tournament by Jeff Zaffino and Lou Mann. There was no need to have any roll-offs because it was a tie for 15th place. Kyle Troup was the qualifying leader with a score of +339. There were four 300-games shot by Kyle Troup, Jim Pitts, Matt Taylor and John Fury. It also took a score of +111 to get the last spot check by Brandon Bivens.

In the championship round of the tournament, Eugene McCune qualified in the No. 2 spot, and went on to bowl a 279 in his first game over Jack Jurek. He followed that with another 279 game to defeat No. 1 seed Michael Machuga 279-185.

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