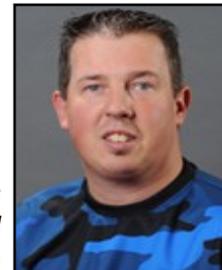




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*Tom Smallwood,  
winner of the  
2009 PBA World  
Championship*



## Practice Pair

## Messenger

Hello, Bowling Fans!

Welcome to another edition of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. The **Messenger** announces the RPI Final is set for the ESPN telecast also attending the Crusader Classic. The **Strike Column** takes a look at the Point Leader Award. In the **Kingpin Column**, The **Moment In History** discusses about a bowler who loses his job to pursue his dream of being a Pro Bowler. **Breakpoint** talks about David D'Entremont's passing. **Off the Sheet** is a new column which summarizes an article from the *Bowlers Journal Int'l*. The **Split Column** mentions the youngest bowler to win a major. The **Spare Column** recaps the West/Northwest Regional Player's Invitational. **Balls of the Lane** covers three new balls by Brunswick. **Bowlology** discusses the topography of bowling. Finally, the **Tenth Frame** is a commentary entitled about the 5th WSOB. **X-tra Frame Spotlight** highlights the USA v. the world in the opening day of the 5th WSOB. I hope you enjoy this edition of the *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*.

- Josh Hyde

### RPI Finals Set

During the months of August thru October each region had an RPI. Each winner of the winner got a spot in the fifth WSOB, \$6,000 and a spot on the RPI Finals. The winner of this television show will get a spot into the 2014 Tournament of Champions. The winners are as follows Brian LeClaire (East), Brian Ketzer (Central), Tom Daughtery (South), Dave Beres (Midwest), Chris Barnes (Southwest), and Ben Laughlin (West-Northwest).

This show will feature two three man matches with the high score advancing to the championship match. The two winners will bowl one more game the championship match. The winner of that match will get a spot into the Tournament of Champions.

Match One will have LeClaire, Ketzer, Daughtery. Match Two will have Barnes, Beres, and Laughlin. The show is scheduled to be aired January 12th at 1:00PM on ESPN.

### Attending the Crusader Classic

On November 9, 2013, I will be attending the Crusader Classic in Merrillville where I will be selling my book "Bowling from Another View". This is a women's college tournament. I will be there the day that they will be bowling team games (Saturday). Additionally, I will have a table set-up promoting my newsletter and displaying my memorabilia. Newsletter subscribers—come visit me at my table! I would be happy to visit with you. Let me know what bowling news you would like to see covered in upcoming issues of the *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. Former PBA Tour Champion, Bill Straub, will be on hand to coach one of the women's teams. They will be introducing me highlighting my credentials.

Bill Straub was the bowler that Mark Roth converted the 7-10 split against. He won a couple PBA Tour titles in the late 70s / early 80s.

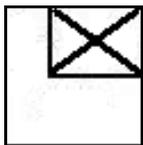
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#### MISSION STATEMENT:

*To provide bowling fans important bowling news, thoughtful analysis, and keen observations about professional and regional bowling tournaments.*

#### VISION:

*To be the highest quality bowling publication that the author can create using the best of his knowledge and observation.*



## Strike Column – Point Leader Analysis

The PBA has a point system. The points are divided by how well the bowler does in each tournament. In the Majors, the points are worth more because the Majors are more prestigious. The points are used to make an exemption line for the following PBA season. The Points Leader award is named after Harry Smith, who won a total of ten PBA titles. There is one interesting factor involving Brad Angelo. He won the point leader award without winning a single tournament in the season.

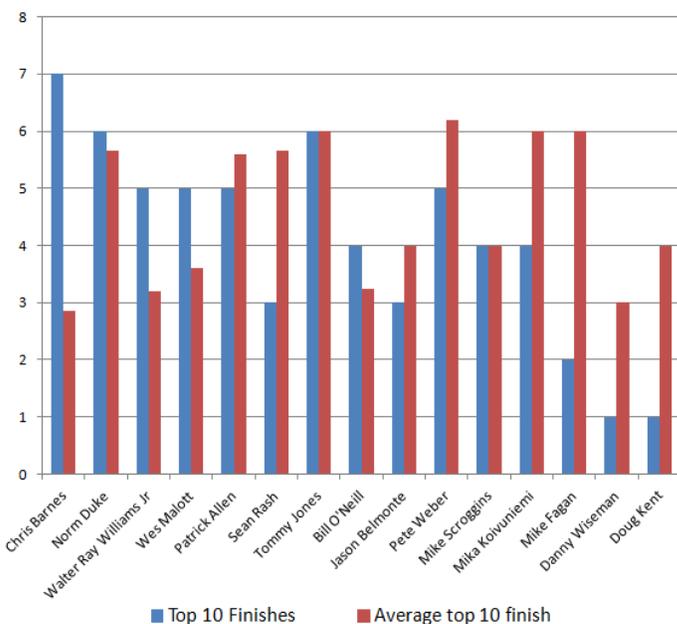
One chart shows how many times a bowler has finished in the top ten, the highest finish, and the average top ten finish. Chris Barnes has finished in the top ten seven times with an average finish of 2.86. To be the top point leader, a player must have a great season on the PBA tour. More than likely they will make a number of television show appearances. They will be a factor every tournament they bowl. The likelihood of them cashing every week is a greater percentage. On top

of that, they will definitely make match play. If a player makes three televised finals in a row, that is a good indicator that they might have great potential as a “Point Leader.” Many of the greatest bowlers have multiple point leader awards.

The second chart is a visual in which the average finish and the highest finish are both displayed to show the correlation between the bowlers potential and their personal best achievement. Norm Duke is in second with an average of 5.67. He had a highest finish of first with six appearances in the top ten. All of the great bowlers are going to know how to strike when they need it the most. The great Walter Ray Williams Jr. is in the third position, with an average finish of 3.20. He has won the points race numerous times; that is why he is the best in the hearts of his fans. He had a highest top ten position at first place, and he had five different appearances.

To win points, the bowler has to be the best of that season. If the bowler does that, he/she deserves to be on top in the points. It is hard for a player to accomplish this feat. Chris Barnes has an average of 2.86; therefore, he is definitely one of the best bowlers in the world.

Bowler	Top 10 Finishes	Highest finish	Average top 10 finish
Chris Barnes	7	1	2.86
Norm Duke	6	1	5.67
Walter Ray Williams Jr	5	1	3.20
Wes Malott	5	1	3.60
Patrick Allen	5	1	5.60
Sean Rash	3	1	5.67
Tommy Jones	6	2	6.00
Bill O'Neill	4	2	3.25
Jason Belmonte	3	2	4.00
Pete Weber	5	3	6.20
Mike Scroggins	4	3	4.00
Mika Koivuniemi	4	3	6.00
Mike Fagan	2	3	6.00
Danny Wiseman	1	3	3.00
Doug Kent	1	4	4.00
Jason Couch	2	5	7.00
Osku Palermaa	1	5	5.00
Brian Voss	1	6	6.00
Brad Angelo	1	7	7.00
Mike DeVaney	1	7	7.00
Parker Bohn III	1	7	7.00
Tom Smallwood	2	8	9.00
Chris Loschetter	1	8	8.00
Ryan Shafer	3	9	9.00
Rhino Page	2	9	9.00
Dick Allen	1	9	9.00
Michael Haugen Jr	1	10	10.00
Michael Machuga	1	10	10.00
Ryan Ciminelli	1	10	10.00





## Moments in History

### From Unemployment to PBA Champion

Back in 2009, Tom Smallwood lost his job at GM, and he had an ambition of being a pro bowler. He was from Saginaw, Michigan. The first World Series of Bowling was coming up, and it was near his hometown. What a great opportunity for him to pursue his dream, plus it was a chance to earn money for something he enjoyed doing. Smallwood had a golden opportunity to make a great deal of money in a short amount of time.

The WSOB included the Motor City Open, five Animal Patterns Championships, and the PBA World Championship.

Smallwood averaged 228 in the first round of qualifying.

In the second round of qualifying, he did not have as good of a block. However, he still averaged 219.

In the third round, Smallwood shot a 1400 for 6 games. This was making a statement—that he was ready to bowl on the PBA Tour.

In the Cashers Round, he stumbled a bit but was able to hang on making the cut to the Top 40. He was the 11th qualifier but unable to get a 2-round bye for the early rounds of Match Play.

In Match Play, Tom was able to dominate as he only had one match go to 6 games in the best of 7.

In the round of 32, he did not bowl very well, but his opponent was also struggling. He was able to win his first match.

The next round (16) saw Smallwood start out strong with a 260 game. He struggled in the middle of the match. In game 5, his opponent shot a blistering 279. In the deciding game 6, Smallwood rolled a 207 taming his opponent who shot a 200.

In the Super 16 round, Tom ousted Chris Barnes 4 games to 1. In the round of 8, he beat D'Entremont 4-2. Both bowlers were having a hard time of it. Smallwood was able to win his match to advance to the Championship round.

The Championship round saw Smallwood take on Bill O'Neill. Smallwood was able to advance with only a 211, while O'Neill could only muster a 159.

In the Championship game, it was a little higher scoring. Both players started out strong. Tom had an open frame late in the game, except Malott could not capitalize. Tom was able to come back and strike. This game him his first career PBA Tour title.

## Breakpoint

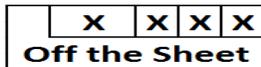
### D'Entremont Passes Away

David D'Entremont passed away at the age of 52 on October 12th at a Cleveland, Ohio hospital. He began his career in 1982. He had a total of six PBA Tour titles including the 1996 Brunswick World Tournament of Champions. In 1995, he won back-to-back titles in Sunrise, FL and Peoria. He also won 19 regional titles in the Central Region. He will be greatly missed in the bowling community.



*Pictured right:*

David D'Entremont



**Off the Sheet**

*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.*

In last month's Bowlers Journal International, an article titled "BPAA Leaders Carry Bowling's 'Big Stick'" appeared. They ranked people in the bowling industry. Now, it does not say how they ranked them, so are industry leaders making the sport of bowling better or what? The same people that were number 1 & 2 were nominated again for the second

## Thoughts on Bowling Industry Leaders

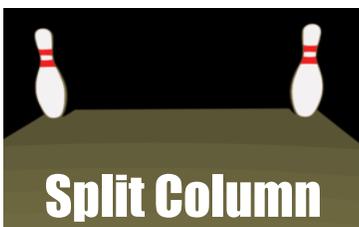
straight year. Steve Johnson and Cathy DeSocio were listed as the most powerful in the sport of bowling. How are they making the sport of bowling better? Are they getting more league bowlers? Are they getting more people bowling? The article does not clarify as to how these people are impacting the sport of bowling.

The commissioner of the PBA, Tom Clark, moved up from 14th to 9th place. The PBA is also making strides to make the sport of bowling better by having better prize funds and tournaments.

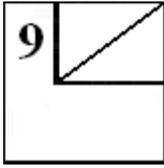
To read more information on this article, go to page 70 of the October edition of Bowler's Journal International.



**Cathy DeSocio,  
The Second Most Powerful  
Person in the Bowling Industry**



**At the 1979 PBA National Championship, Mike Aulby became the youngest player to win a Major.**



# Spare Column

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

## West-NorthWest Regional Player's Invitational

In the West NorthWest Regional Player Invitational, the scores were higher as the cash cut was + 3 by Gregory Thompson. Dave Wodka, at +64, which was the number needed to advance to match play as it only took an average of 205.33. For players to receive at least one bye, it took a score of + 144 (Michael Haugen, Jr.). In order for players to get a two round bye, it took a score of + 235 by PBA Tour Titlist Chris Warren in the early rounds of match play. Bryon Smith led the qualifying with a score of +366.

The first round of match play saw Dave Wodka being eliminated by Dave Weninger 3 to 1. Stuart Williams was defeated by Adrian Anderson 3 to 2. Kevin Croucher defeated Tracy Teeters 3 to 1.

Round 2 saw qualifiers from 5th to 8th seed take on the winners of the first round of match play. Michael Haugen, Jr. defeated Blaine Weninger 3-0. Ben Laughlin defeated David Haynes 3-0, while Keith Laing defeated Adrian Anderson 3-0. The second round of match play saw a number of matches only going to 3 games.

In the round of 8, Josh Blanchard was down by 50+ pins to Chris Warren. Chris ran into some transition and could not stay clean. Blanchard starting to strike and was able to double to win the game. In the next game, Chris started with great shots but failed to capitalize by missing his strikes. By this time, Josh was on cruise control and took advantage. He ended up winning the match 3 to 0. In the match pitting Haugen, Jr. vs. Bryon Smith, Haugen, Jr. needed to double in the 10th to force sudden death, which he did. In sudden death, Bryon struck, but Haugen, Jr. only got 6 pins on the first ball giving Smith the win. Laughlin won his match 3-1 over P.J. Haggarty. Scott Norton won his match 3-1 over Keith Laing.

The semifinals saw three PBA Tour titlists—Bryon Smith, Scott Norton, and Josh Blanchard. Josh Blanchard defeated Bryon Smith 246-196. In tighter of the two matches, Laughlin won over Scott Norton with a score of 213-201. Norton had

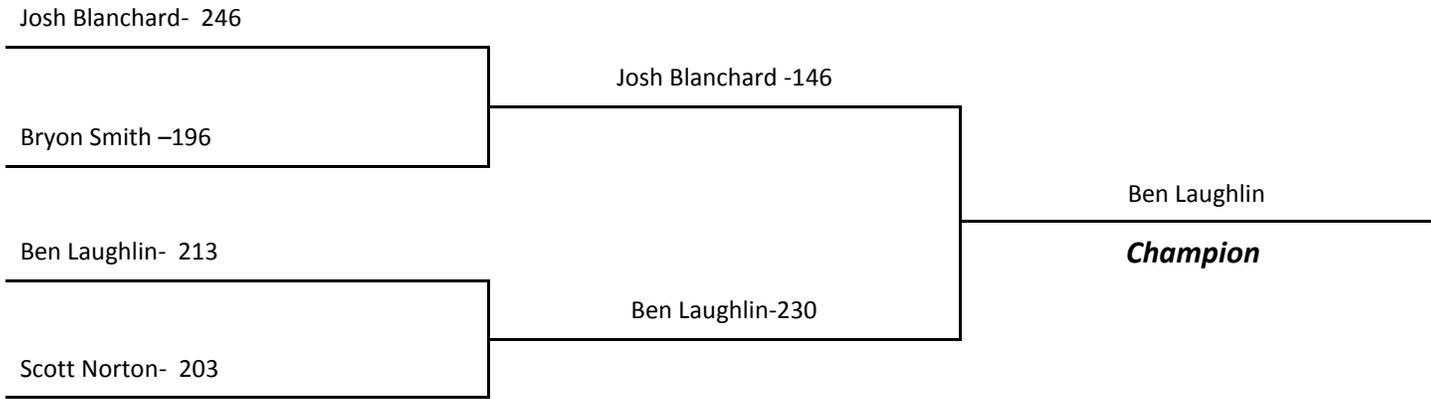
several chances to put pressure on Laughlin but could not come through. Just when bowling fans thought that Blanchard might have a cakewalk against Laughlin for the title, Blanchard struggled as he only shot 146 game. He had 4-5 opens in a row. This gave Laughlin his 13th career Regional title. He declined the spot in the 5th WSOB. He still took the spot in the finals at the RPI Finals Show. He took away \$6000 for his win.



**2013 West-NorthWest Regional Player Winner  
Ben Laughlin**

Tournament Stats	
<b>12 Game Cash +/-</b>	+3 Gregory Thompson ,Jr
<b>12 Game Cut +/-</b>	+64 Dave Wodka
<b>12 Game Cut For One Bye+/-</b>	+144 Michael Haugen, Jr
<b>12 Game Leader For One Bye +/-</b>	+225 Josh Blanchard
<b>12 Game Cut For Two Byes +/-</b>	+235 Chris Warren
<b>12 Game Leader For Two Byes +/-</b>	+366 Bryon Smith
<b>#300 Games</b>	(0)

Championship Round Statistics Low Game 146 Josh Blanchard High Game 246 Josh Blanchard Low Match - Blanchard/Laughlin 230-146 High Match - Blanchard/Smith 246-196 Average Winning Game 229.66
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### Mastermind™



Core Type: Mastermind Ultra Low RG  
 Coverstock: Honor Roll Solid Reactive  
 Color: 3 - Color, Black, Blue, Orange Solid  
 Finishing Steps: 500, 1,500 Siaair Micro Pad  
 Weights: 12-16 Pounds  
 RG Max: 2.540  
 RG Min: 2.488  
 RG Differential: 0.052

**Summary:** This ball is replacing the Aura brand. It is going to allow the bowler to stand left and get the ball back in the pocket. Its asymmetrical core makes it one of the most hooking balls on the market. For the specifications go to [Brunswickbowling.com](http://Brunswickbowling.com)

### Melee™



Core Type: Melee Medium RG Symmetric  
 Coverstock: Savvy Solid Reactive  
 Color: 1 - Color, Red Solid  
 Finishing Steps: 500 Siaair Micro Pad, Royal Compound, Royal Shine  
 Weights: 12-16 Pounds  
 RG Max: 2.589  
 RG Min: 2.539  
 RG Differential: 0.050

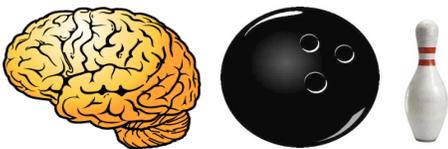
**Summary:** The Melee replace the Meanstreak series. It has a lot of length and can go through the pins well. If a bowler wants extra length and versatility, this is the ball for them. For the specifications go to [Brunswickbowling.com](http://Brunswickbowling.com)

### Ringer™ Platinum Pearl



Core Type: Ringer Medium RG Symmetric  
 Coverstock: CPT - Flip Reactive  
 Color: 1 - Color, Platinum Pearl  
 Finishing Steps: 500 Siaair Micro Pad, Royal Compound, Royal Shine  
 Weights: 10-16 Pounds  
 RG Max: 2.572  
 RG Min: 2.534  
 RG Differential: 0.038

**Summary:** Brunswick always has new cover stock for every new ball. This ball is a must for dry lanes. It will allow the bowler a lot more length on dry lanes due to its original ringer core with the CPT cover technology. For specification go to [Brunswickbowling.com](http://Brunswickbowling.com)



## BOWLOLOGY

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

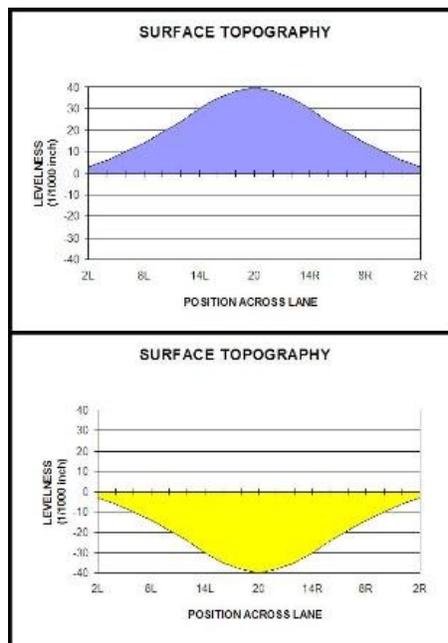
### Lane Topography

No two bowling lanes are the same. The lane mechanic could oil the same pattern on every lane, yet depending on how the lane lies, the ball could react differently. This is topography. The three examples of topography are crown v. depression, length, and crosswise tilt. All play a major factor in ball reaction to oil.

These changes in the lanes are not huge—the USBC specifications for crowns, depressions, or tilt are +/- 0.040 of an inch (about one millimeter)—but are still notable.

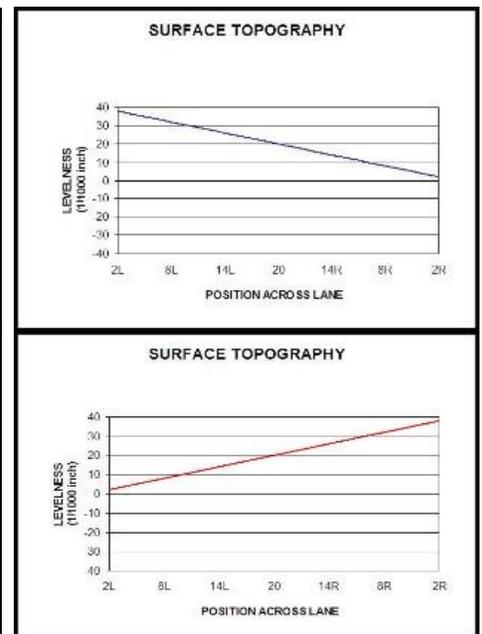
A crown (top, left) is where the lane is slightly more elevated in the center.

A depression (bottom, left) is where the lane is slightly lower in the center of the lane. These changes affect the lane width-wise. A crown will tend to make the lane tighter, whereas a depression will make a lane seem dryer.



The second example of topography is when the lane is slightly inclined or slightly declined (or a combination of both) across the length of the lane. If the lane is more downhill, it will play tighter.

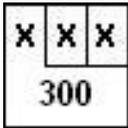
The final example of topography is tilt in a lane (crosswise tilt-high left is the upper right diagram; crosswise tilt-high right is the lower right diagram), which most lanes have to some degree. If one side of a lane is slightly raised, the lane will play harder toward the lower side of the tilt. Tilt



may only be a certain area of the lane.

Just as no two bowling lanes are exactly alike, different parts of the lane may be affected differently than other parts. All of these factors can dictate how a ball is going to react on the lane. Some may even enhance each other, or work to cancel each other out.

This is why there is no perfect bowling lane.



## Thoughts on the 5th WSOB

It is hard to believe that there have been five World Series of Bowling (WSOB). In the first one, Tom Smallwood made a historical moment when he won the PBA World Championship after losing his job at GM. At the second one, Chris Barnes became the sixth bowler to complete the Triple Crown at the World Championship. The third one was historical because the first two-handed bowler won a major at the PBA World Championship.

Last year, PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III won his second major at the PBA World Championship. He did it by making the cut on the number in match play and for the step ladder finals and climbed the entire field to win. On top of that, he did not make any cuts for the individual animal pattern championships, yet he was still able to make the match play for the World Championship. This was a hard task to achieve.

The WSOB is the best professional bowling tournament besides the Tournament of Champions because all the best bowlers are in the field at the WSOB. That is what the PBA wanted to do. WSOB allows international bowlers to bowl multiple PBA tournaments.

At this year's WSOB, many story lines are going to take place. Parker Bohn III did not make match play in the World Championship, but did lead the Cheetah Championship. He will be looking for his 34th career title. The PBA made the patterns a little bit longer and used a different oil to make the lanes tighter, giving the bowlers more of a challenge because they did not have as much friction as they did in the past. There were also a few commissioner exemptions: Terrell Owens, former receiver in the NFL, and Marshall Kent, collegiate bowling standout and fourth place at the 2013

US Open.

Kent led the Scorpion Championship for fourteen games and will be the tournament leader for the step ladder finals. Owens did not do so well, as he averaged 157 and did not make any cuts. Dom Barrett led the qualifying for the World Championship and had a 200-pin lead over second place Wes Malott.

This year the PBA did a contest with bowling fans and Xtra Frame subscribers where fans could win prizes if they guessed the top four for every animal pattern

championship and the top five for the PBA World Championship. There was a grand prize for the person that guessed the PBA World Championship finalists. The grand prize is a paid trip to the 2014 WSOB in Las Vegas. There were special prizes for Xtra Frame subscribers and other prizes for onsite fans. All these new things make the tournament better from previous years.

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



### X-tra Frame Spotlight

#### High 5 Gear USA vs. World

In the High 5 Gear USA vs. the world the format was 1 game singles, 1 game alternate shot doubles, 1 game trios, and the final game was a Baker team game. The first three games were worth 1 point, but the Baker game was worth 3 points with 6 points available.

The singles match saw Barnes take on Mika. Barnes took the win over Mika 265-233. This put the USA at a 1-0 lead. Rash chose Duke and Weber to take on Williams and Barrett in the 1 game alternate shot doubles. In this game, Stew and Dom won this game with demolishing score of 258-166. In the trios, it was Rash, O'Neill, and Fagan versus Belmonte, Osku, and Monacelli with USA winning 234-219. This left the score at USA-2 The World-1. In the Baker finals, the teams consisted of Duke, O'Neill, Fagan, Barnes, and Rash for USA, and the worlds team was Gomez, Monacelli, Osku, Belmonte, and Barrett.

It looked like the USA was going to take the advantage early in the match; however, Rash and Duke had a couple of splits in the 5th and 6th frame. By that time, the World had started to strike, resulting in their victory. The World won 211-183 and their team won the event 4-2 points.