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At left:
Norm Duke, PBA50
Player of the Year and
Rookie of the Year.

Practice Pair

Hello, Bowling Fans!

Welcome to another season of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. Highlights for this edition will be the Strike Column, Spare Column and Tenth Frame. The **Messenger** discusses the 2014-2015 PBA Tour Television Schedule. The **Strike Column** reviews the 2014 PBA50 season. The **Tenth Frame** is a commentary about the 50th anniversary of the Tournament of Champions. I will be on Bowler's Journal.com in the search engine.



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Bowling fans will need to type Dennis Bergendorf. I will be doing a side bar article along with his article about him bowling in the Dick Weber Super Senior Classic. Thanks for reading *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*.

- **Josh Hyde**

Messenger

2014-2015 PBA Tour Television Schedule

On August 29th, the PBA announced the 2014-2015 television schedule. Each of the three Majors will be a live television broadcast including the PBA World Championship of the VI World Series of Bowling. They will be having a 50th Anniversary of the Tournament of Champions mid season, as well as the third season of the PBA League. A new tournament that has been added is the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman Doubles Championship. All of the WSOB Animal Pattern championships will have a 2-hour time slot. The USBC Masters should be interesting to see if Jason Belmonte can three-peat the tournament and join Mike Aulby as the only bowler to win the tournament 3 times. For more information on the PBA 2014-2015 television schedule, log on to pba.com.

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ESPN-PBA TELEVISION SCHEDULE (EASTERN TIME)

- Sunday, Dec. 14 , 1:00pm, Geico WSOB VI PBA Cheetah Championship
- Sunday, Dec. 21, 1:00pm, Geico WSOB VI PBA Viper Championship
- Sunday, Dec. 28, 1:00pm, Geico WSOB VI PBA Chameleon Championship
- Sunday, Jan. 4, 1:00pm, Geico WSOB VI PBA Scorpion Championship
- Sunday, Jan. 11, 1:00pm, Geico WSOB VI PBA World Championship
- Sunday, Jan. 18, 3:00pm, Geico WSOB VI PBA Challenge (PBA50 Tour Finals, PBA Women's Regional Finals, PBA Regional Finals, Teen Masters Grand Championship)
- Sunday, Jan. 25, 1:00pm, Geico WSOB VI World Bowling Tour Men's and Women's Finals (presented by PBA) **(ESPN2)**
- Sunday, Feb. 1, 4:30pm, Chris Paul PBA Celebrity Invitational
- Sunday, Feb. 8, 1:00pm, United States Bowling Congress Masters
- Sunday, Feb. 15, 1:00pm, 50th Anniversary Barbasol PBA Tournament of Championships
- Sunday, Feb. 22, 1:00pm, PBA Players Championship
- Sunday, Mar. 1, 1:00pm, Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship
- Sunday, Mar. 29, 4:30pm, PBA League Quarterfinals
- Sunday, Apr. 5, 3:30pm, PBA League Quarterfinals
- Sunday, Apr. 12, 2:00pm, PBA League Semifinals
- Sunday, Apr. 19, 1:00pm, PBA League Elias Cup Finals

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Strike Column – PBA50 2014 Season Recap

The PBA50 tour was a Hall of Fame break-out this year, with Walter Ray Williams Jr., Norm Duke, Parker Bohn III, Amleto Monacelli, and Tom Baker on the tour. These bowlers made up the PBA50 tour. This 2014 PBA50 season was just like the PBA tour of twenty years ago.

There were only three Hall of Famers that did not win in 2014: Jack Jurek, Bill McCorkle and Mike Dias. About 82 percent of the season's winners were PBA Hall of Famers. PBA Hall of Famers made up 27 percent of the players to win multiple titles in the 2014 season.

At the PBA Senior US Open, history was about to be made as Norm Duke and Pete Weber had the chance to be the first bowlers to win both the regular US Open and Senior US Open. Duke prevailed over Weber to claim this feat.

At the Villagers tournament, the top five set the standard for the PBA50 season as Norm Duke, Pete Weber, Parker Bohn III, Tom Baker and Walter Ray Williams Jr. took all dominated this PBA50 tournament.

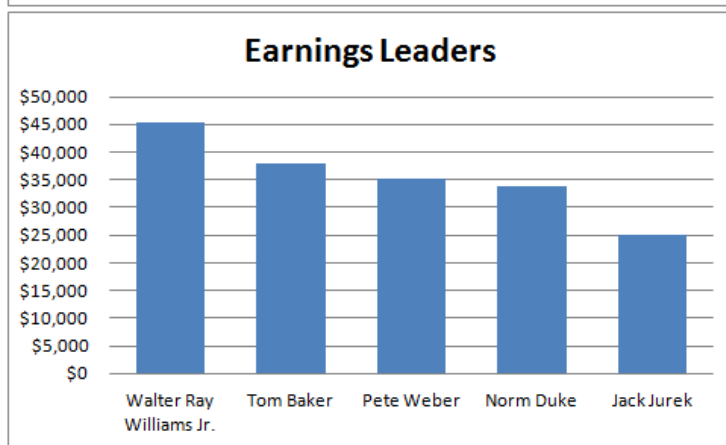
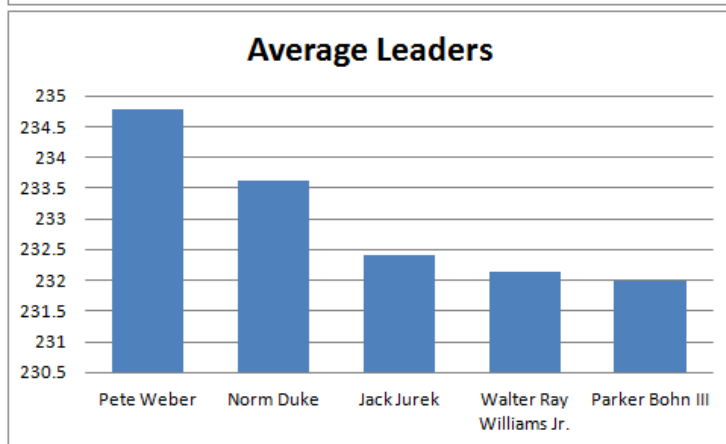
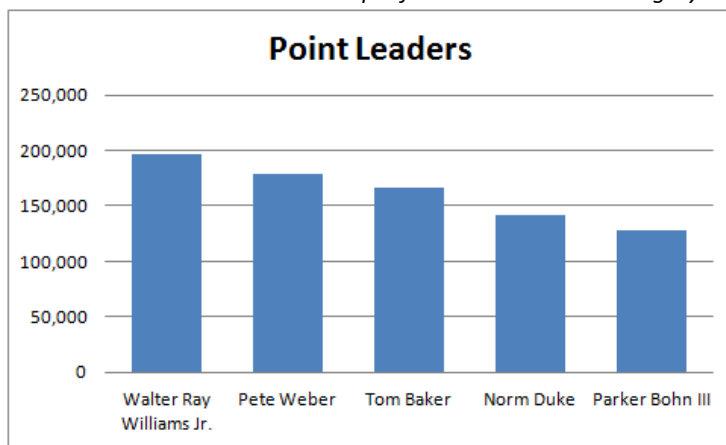
Norm Duke joined Tom Baker as the only players to earn PBA50 Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year in the same season. Duke also joined Walter Ray Williams Jr. and Mark Roth bowlers to earn both Player of the Year on the Regular PBA tour and the PBA50 tour.

At the 2014 USBC Senior Masters, Walter Ray Williams Jr. joined Dave Sourtart as one of two bowlers to win both the regular and Senior USBC Masters. Tom Baker came within two career titles of John Handegard by winning the PBA50 Dayton Classic.

It came down to the last game of the last tournament to decide the PBA50 Player of the Year. Walter Ray and Tom Baker would bowl for the title. If Baker would have beat Walter Ray Williams Jr., he would have received the PBA50 Player of the Year Honors.

In short, the PBA Hall of Famers set a new standard for what a quality year on the PBA50 Tour is in the 2014 season.

The charts below shows the top 5 for each statistical category.

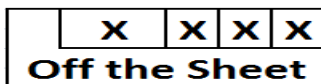


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PBA moved to Chicago

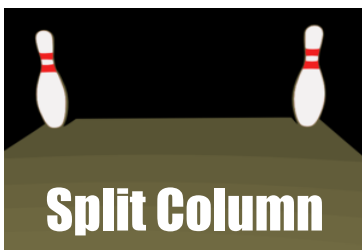
On August 26, 2014, the PBA announced that the PBA will move their headquarters to Chicago effective on September 2, 2014. It will be in the same office as Luby Publishing. "The PBA has been a pioneer in the virtual office arena ever since it moved its administrative office from Akron, Ohio, to Seattle in 2000," Clark said. "The organization has successfully functioned with key staff members living in areas across the United States ever since. We anticipate there will be no major change in the way we do business other than having a new mailing address."

Having the PBA and Luby Publishing in the same office,



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.

The Bowlers Journal selected its 76th All-American team. Jason Belmonte earned the captain position for the team. He dominated at all the majors and won back-to-back Masters titles. To be a captain of the team says that the bowler is the best of the team.



two of the oldest businesses in bowling, is advantageous for both. The PBA is the greatest entity in the sport of bowling and Bowler's Journal International is the best publication for the sport of bowling. The new address for PBA will be: 44 Jackson Ave, Suite 401, Chicago, IL 60604. The phone number for the PBA will remain the same: 206-332-9688.

This will be the third home for the PBA headquarters - the administrative office for the greatest bowlers in the world.



Bowler's Journal All-Americans

There were three major winners on the first American team. These bowlers include Dom Barrett, and Wes Malott. Chris Barnes was another bowler that got on the first team because he bowled great during the 2012-13 season.

Sean Rash was a dominating force this past year. He did not win any titles, but he was among the top five week-in and week-out. This is the criteria that Bowlers Journal uses to select their All-American team.

Dom Barrett dominated the 5th World Series of Bowling. He proved it by

Breakpoint

Gene Stus Passes Away

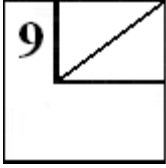
On August 18, 2014, the bowling world lost Gene Stus, who was inducted in the PBA Hall Of Fame in 2012. In 1992, he was the first bowler to bowl a 300 on television on the PBA Senior Tour, formerly the PBA50 Tour. He would later become the senior player of the year that year. He won 11 PBA50 tour titles, 3 behind John Handegard. "It was an honor to bowl with sport's greats who I admired my whole life and I always wondered how I would measure up," said Stus, in his Hall of Fame acceptance speech. He expressed my sentiments as I have always admired bowling's greats as well.

He bowled in 173 tournaments finishing in the top five 28.9% of the time.

winning the PBA World Championship. Wes Malott was picked because of his win at the 2013 US Open and he followed up by winning the Cheetah Open. It was a back-to-back tournament win.

The second team roster included E.J. Tackett, Tom Smallwood, Bill O'Neill, Mika Koivuniemi, and Tommy Jones. Bill dominated the Summer Swing and Tommy is coming back from his injury and beginning to bowl well. E.J. is beginning to show form as a new bowler on the Tour.

Norm Duke joined Tom Baker as receiving PBA50 Player of the Year and Rookie of the year awards



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

Williams wins PBA50 Treasure Island Resort & Casino Open

In the last tournament of the PBA50 Tour Season, the scores were low as the first place leader (Mike Edwards) would only shoot a score of +228. Other top names were Pete Weber and Wayne Webb who tied for 2nd place with a score of +217. Norm Duke, Randy Pedersen, and Amelto Monacelli would round out the top ten, 8-10, respectively. After the first day of qualifying, the cut would be at +45 by Rick Francis. The second day of qualifying, Norm Duke would lead the way with a score of +470. Other PBA Hall-of-Famers that would qualify for a bye would be Randy Pedersen, Amelto Monacelli, and Pete Weber. However, Pete Weber was unable to bowl due to an emergency room visit. The cut would take a score of +80 by John Dudak. Dave Axon was the only bowler who shot a perfect game. Patrick King was the highest super senior to cash with a score of +36. Harv Pallas was the lowest to cash with a score of -77.

In the first round of match play, Ted Staikoff defeated Bryan Goebel 3-2. USBC Hall-of-Famer Jeffrey Richgels defeated Steve Stein 3-1. PBA Hall-of-Famer Wayne Webb defeated Darron Peters 3-2.

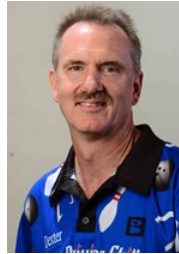
In the next round, Pete Weber had to withdraw due to an illness, so Tom Baker was able to advance to the Round of 8. Richgels swept Lennie Boesch Jr. 3-0. Randy Pedersen defeated Mike Dias by the same score. Norm Duke defeated Staikoff 3-2. Walter Ray Williams, Jr. also defeated

Ron Mohr 3-1.

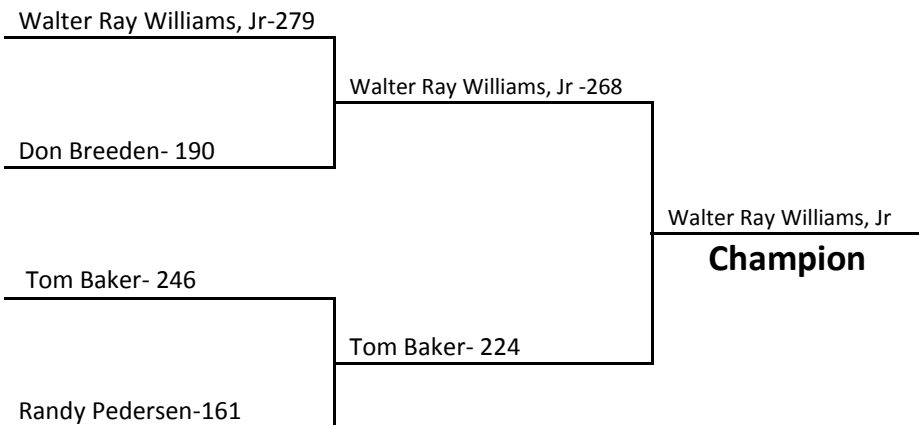
In the Round of 8, Williams, Jr. upset Richgels 2-0. Don Breeden also upset Amleto Monacelli 2-0. Tom Baker defeated Norm Duke 2-1, while Pedersen defeated Harry Sul-lins 2-1.

In the semi-finals, Tom Baker defeated Randy Pedersen 246-162. In the other semi-final match, Walter Ray Williams, Jr. defeated Don Breeden 279-190. Once again, a Hall- of-Famer title match would take place. This match would have much at stake for Tom Baker, whose Player of the Year honors were on the line. One more great game would make him the 2014 PBA50 Player of the Year.

Unfortunately for Baker, it was Williams, Jr. who took his ninth career PBA50 title, narrowing out Baker by a score of 268-224. This was the highest scoring match of the championship round. With Baker's loss, Norm Duke claimed the PBA50 Player of the Year honor.



Walter Ray Williams, Jr.
Winner of PBA50 Treasure Island Resort & Casino Open

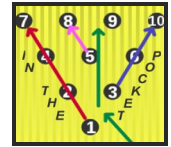


Championship Round Statistics

High Game: 279; Walter Ray Williams, Jr.
Low Game: 161; Randy Pedersen
High Match: 268-224; Williams Jr, vs. Baker
Low Match: 246-161; Baker vs. Pedersen
Average Winning Game: 264.33

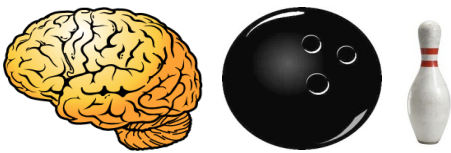
Tournament Stats			
16 Game Cut 1st Round Bye+/-	+317 Pete Weber	16 Game Cut # +/-	+80 John Dudak
16 Game Leader 1st Round Bye+/-	+470 Norm Duke	16 Game Super Senior Cut # +/-	-73 Harv Pallas
300 Games (1):	Dave Axon	16 Game Super Senior Leader +/-	+36 Patrick King

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



Top Ten Moments in 2014 PBA50 Tour Season

- 10.** Bill McCorkle wins his first national PBA50 title at the PBA Super Senior Dick Weber PBA Classic.
- 9.** There were only three non-PBA Hall-of-Famers that won on the PBA50 season.
- 8.** Norm Duke joined Tom Baker as being PBA50 Rookie and Player of the Year in the same year.
- 7.** Tom Baker gets within two titles of John Handegard by winning the PBA50 Dayton Classic.
- 6.** Pete Weber wins the PBA50 Pro Bowl West Classic. He is the first bowler to win in three different cities in Indiana.
- 5.** Every championship match had a PBA Hall-of-Famer.
- 4.** Two-thirds of the championship matches pitted Hall-of-Famers against each other.
- 3.** Norm Duke joined Walter Ray Williams, Jr. receiving both PBA50 Player of the Year and PBA Player of the Year.
- 2.** Walter Ray Williams, Jr became the second player to win both the USBC Masters and the USBC Senior Masters.
- 1.** Norm Duke becomes the first player to win both the US Open and the Senior US Open. In the Senior US Open, Duke beat Pete Weber. Had Weber won, he would have been the first to achieve this feat.



BOWLOLOGY

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

Pin Carry

Pin carry is an essential part of a bowler's score. If there is no pin carry, more than likely a bowler's score is going to be lower. If a bowler can carry, however, his score will reflect that.

In the first Bowlology that I wrote, I discussed the perfect strike. There are characteristics of strikes. The perfect strike is the Solid Pocket where the ball takes out the 1-3-5-9 pins. The ball will exit the pin deck left of the 9. The second type of strike is the Light Pocket where the ball hits the 3 pin and exits

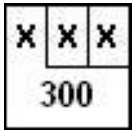
right of the 9 pin. This is where Billy Welu came up with the phrase "hit them thin and watch them spin." Finally, the third type of strike is the High Pocket. The ball will be more toward the head pin and exit left of the pin deck for a right handed player.

There are three factors regarding the lane that influence pin carry: 1) pin deck, 2) kickback plate, and 3) flat gutter. The pin deck material will have the most effect on pin carry. The kickback plate has the second most effect on pin carry which is caused by the pins flying out and taking out pins that are still standing. Believe it or not, the flat gutter has the least effect on pin carry even though bowling fans see pins coming out of the gutter to take out other pins all the time. With the flat gutter it is harder for

the pins to come out. The lane will tend to be higher than a flat gutter. With regular gutters, pins will more likely be able to take out other pins by bouncing out of the gutter than in a flat gutter.

Another factor that affects pin carry is lofting. A way to practice this is by putting a towel out about a foot past the foul line, and throwing the ball over the towel. This will give the bowler more loft, and he/she will be able to carry more of the corner pins.

The name of the game is pin carry. This will help bowlers not leave as many ringing ten pins or ringing seven pins for the left handed bowler. If bowlers are able to carry more, there will dramatically go up from a 2-0 game to a 240 or 250 game. This is how bowlers are able to carry more.



50th Anniversary of the Tournament of Champions

Next year will be 50th anniversary of the Tournament of Champions. For years it was held at Riveria Lanes in Akron, Ohio. Above the entrance it read “Through these doors pass the world’s finest bowlers” over time that statement would become a statement of fact. From Jack Biondolillo first 300 game on television to Pete Weber becoming the first bowler to complete the Triple Crown twice in 2013. There have been a number of great bowlers who have won this tournament. Every Pro-Bowler to win this tournament it was a prestigious event, in a way it was like going to Augusta for the greatest bowlers in the world. When Marshall Holman won his second TOC title this was the greatest day of his life winning at the Firestone and becoming the third bowler to surpass the one million mark in career earnings. In 1984 Mike Durbin became the first bowler to win the tournament three times. It would take 18 years later for a bowler to complete this feat. Jason Couch would three peat the title in 2002. Who could forget Don Johnson’s 299 game in 1970. It was the highest scoring match that would hold for 23 years. In 1995 Mike Aulby became the fourth player to complete the Triple Crown and the first player to complete the grand slam. At next year’s

tournament it should be interesting as to see if Pete Weber can break Earl Anthony’s record at ten majors. He does at Woodland Bowl in the Majors he has won. Three different majors at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis. Also it will be interesting to see if Jason Belmonte can become the second player to successfully defend his Tournament of Champions title. There will be a number of storylines at the 50th anniversary of the TOC. It should be the greatest Tournament of Champions in

the history of professional bowling. I personally would like to see a name from the past make the televised finals and have chance to win the tournament. Jason Couch could be that bowler. He just won a super regional last month in the East region. It will be a special tournament.

Thanks for reading this month of the Josh Hyde’s Bowling newsletter.



Pedersen beats Bohn in the Round of 8 at the South Shore Open

In the round of 8 at the South Shore Open Parker Bohn III was bowling PBA Hall of Famer Randy Pedersen. In the early part of the match it looked like Bohn had everything under control. Randy Pedersen was struggling to find the pocket. In the latter part of game 2 Pedersen was finding the pocket and was able to strike to put pressure on Bohn. Parker Bohn III was beginning to run in transition. In the tenth frame, he needed to mark in the tenth frame to win the match. He left Greek Church and he almost made the Greek Church and was unable to convert. This forced a game three deciding the factor who was going on to the round of four. In game four Parker Bohn III was struggling and could not find the pocket. Randy was able to capitalize and win the match to face Pete Weber in the round of four.

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