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New PBA Network

Practice Pair

Messenger

Hello, Bowling Fans!

PBA Launches a Network for 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** highlights a bowling network for PBA fans. The **Strike Column** analyzes the ToC CRA and consecutive years players have made it in the CRA. The **Tenth Frame** is an editorial that focuses on the upcoming WSOB.

On September 19th, the PBA launched a PBA network for bowling fans. Xtra Frame will still have live streaming for their tournaments for the PBA, PBA50, PBA Regional, and PBA50 Regional.

Xtra Frame providing fans with coverage of qualifying and match play rounds of the PBA tournaments.



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- Josh Hyde

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Fans will have access to expanded coverage of live events, player interaction, mobile gaming, original programming, archived events and immediate news updates.

- Web site (pba.com) providing news, players' bios, statistical information, etc.
- PBA YouTube Channel
- PBA e-newsletter and email notices - 200,000 PBA fans have signed up to receive the PBA's newsletter and to receive news and sponsor updates by email.
- Mobile gaming - with nearly 11 million mobile device user downloads. More than 115,000 play the PBA game daily.
- Social media (Facebook, Twitter). PBA players and league owners also communicate in this way.

"The PBA has provided the most memorable moments and defined icons in bowling since its inception in 1958. Along the way, it has been part of the fabric of the sports world as a staple on national television for more than 50 consecutive years including every year of broadcast partner ESPN's history since 1979," PBA Commissioner Tom Clark said. Clark also noted that the PBA has been a leader in digital online coverage since 2001 - **Strike Pass** was the first platform, now it is **Xtra Frame**.

Clark also added, "Access and availability have been critical in developing the PBA Network along with digital partners.... Whether your favorite communications device is your smart phone, lap top, tablet or TV, the PBA has created a media outlet that allows you to access news and watch bowling action easily anytime and anywhere."

For more information on the PBA Network, logon to pba.com.

The diverse offerings also benefit the PBA's sponsors and partners enabling them to reach their fan base. Here are examples of their expanding media:

- Network television (ESPN, ESPN2, ESPN Classic, CBS Sports Network)
- Live streaming through

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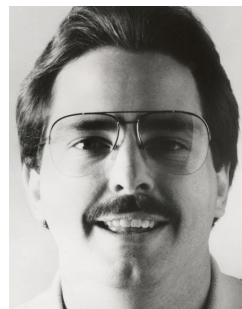


Strike Column – ToC Streaks in Championship Round Appearances

There have been many great players to win the Tournament of Champions. There have also been many players to make multiple championship round appearances. There have been only a handful of great bowlers; however, to make the championship round in multiple consecutive years.



Jim Stefanich



Mike Aulby

In the 1980's came another bowler, Mike Aulby. He made four consecutive CRA in the Firestone ToC from 1986 to 1989. He was unable to win during this streak. His victory came in 1995 when he became the fourth bowler to complete the triple crown and the first bowler to complete the grand slam. Mike Aulby was indeed one of the all time greats in the history of the PBA.

Don Johnson and Jim Stefanich could have been the undisputed top players of the PBA's early years at the Tournament of Champions if they had not only won one title apiece, despite their combined nine appearances. Don Johnson made an unprecedented run from 1967-1971. Jim Stefanich made his run from 1967-1970. Jim was able to win his first ToC on his first CRA. However, Don Johnson took three years before he could even win one and he did it by shooting 299, only leaving a 10-pin on his last ball.

Another player that knows a thing or two about winning majors is Pete Weber. He ranks third in the list of most CRA in his career. With winning ten majors and five of them being US Opens, two of them being the ToC, he is another factor in getting to the Championship round during the ToC.

Another amazing fact of the three ToC titles that Durbin won is that he made it to the CRA round eight times. In theory, he could have won eight ToC titles in his career. That would have been an unprecedented achievement. As a comparison, Earl Anthony won six PBA World Championships and made the CRA nine times in his career.

Last but not least is Jason Belmonte. He has been in the last three consecutive CRA and is the defending champion of this tournament. Jason has been a dominating factor on the PBA Tour a few season. He definitely the #1 player in the world right now. He could easily become the second player to successfully defend his ToC title. With that note, he could also become the third player to win three ToC titles and the second to win three consecutive ToC titles.



Don Johnson



Mike Durbin

Consecutive Years with CRA	
Don Johnson	5
Jim Stefanich	4
Mike Aulby	4
Mike Durbin	3
Jason Couch	3
Jason Belmonte	3*
*streak still active	

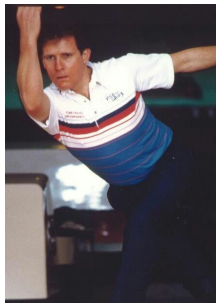
Most Years with CRA	
Mike Durbin	8
Mike Aulby	7
Pete Weber	6
Don Johnson	5
Chris Barnes	5

Moments in History

Bomb Scare at ToC

In 1991, at the Firestone Tournament of Champions a couple minutes before the start of the television finals, tournament director Johnny Campos announced over the PA system that there had been a bomb threat. Everyone needed to evacuate immediately.

A week earlier, there had been an actual bomb in the championship round that was at the tournament; however, no one was hurt. The show came on and Chris Schenkel and Bo Burton Jr. interviewed the top five finalists. They had showed the first perfect game



David Ozio, Winner of the 1991 Firestone TOC

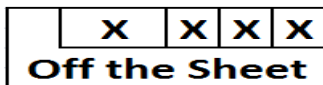


on national television by Jack Biondolio.

When everything had settled down, the players were able to go back inside and take their positions to bowl. Scott Devers and Chris Warren tried to get their equipment because they were the first two players to bowl, but the room was locked up due to the bomb threat. Amleto Monacelli was the bowler who was most effected. He missed a five-pin to lost the tournament to David Ozio 236-203. This was Ozio's first career major and third title of the year. He would go on to receive Player of the Year honors.

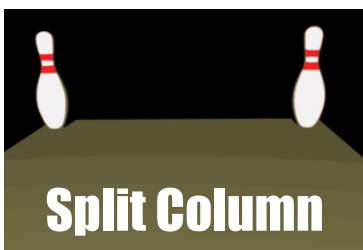


Amleto Monacelli, Runner-up of the 1991 Firestone TOC



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 wrote an article in last month's Bowlers Journal speculating how the BPAA could influence the professional bowling rim. He starts his article "What if the bowling Proprietors' Association of America were to make a long-term commitment to bolster professional bowling? The plan would start by ensur-



Breakpoint

Weber Makes a Surprise Appearance on SportsNa-

PBA Hall-of-Famer Pete Weber made a surprise visit to ESPN's SportsNation. The nearly 10-minute interview highlighted Weber's now famous utterance after winning his 5th U.S. Open - "Who do you think you are? I am....?" Weber continued with a couple of humorous stories from the PBA archives - 1) What happened to Josh Blanchard a couple years back at the PBA World Championships when Blanchard fell during his approach on the lane; 2) In 1991, after winning his 2nd U.S. Open, Weber shared what happened when his trophy dropped to the floor.

What a guy!

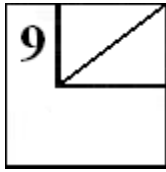
Chairman Without a Committee

ing that first-rate U.S. Open tournaments would take place every year. The Opens would be scheduled to reach the largest possible TV viewing audience and include a robust local qualifying system."

Sounds great, but how many proprietors would be in favor of this? At their bowling centers, proprietors have a hard time turning their TVs to to a bowling tournament, let alone promoting professional bowling tournaments. If this is going to work, a majority of proprietors will have agree

to pursue the idea and the program. I, myself, do not see that happening for a number of years. I like the thought that Lyle had. Unfortunately, there has been no talk of resurrecting the 2015 U.S. Open. I think, #1, that proprietors need to get the leagues up and going again. #2, they should promote tournament bowling whether it's a sweeper or a tournament with qualifying and match play. Finally, but not least, proprietors should promote professional bowling.

Don Johnson made 5 consecutive Championship round appearances in the ToC - 1967-1971.



Spare Column

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

Malott Wins the SouthWest Regional Invitational

At the PBA Grand Casino Southwest Regional Invitational, there were a total of 32 bowlers. Wes Malott was the last bowler to get into the event. He took advantage of the opportunity as he won his sixteenth career regional PBA title, by defeating George Brooks 268-155. He went undefeated in match play on Sunday. Malott was fortunate enough to receive some breaks he capitalized on.

In the opening round of qualifying, Roger Petrin led the way with a score of +256. The scores were really high on the PBA World Championship pattern. Nathan Bohr was right behind Petrin at +215. PBA Hall of Famer Mark Williams was seventh with a +155. Wes Malott has a slower start with a score of +96. In the second round of qualifying, Bohr took the lead as he scored +424. Malott jumped to second with a score of +399. It would take a score of +247 to receive a one-round bye and +184 by Dino Castillo to make the cut. It would also take a cut of +306 to receive a two-round bye. Just missing out was newly inducted Regional Hall of Famer was Mike Scroggins. He scored +174, which was ten pins away from the cut. David Anthony was the only Regional Hall of Famer to make it to Sunday. Every bowler in the tournament cashed.

The first round of match play saw Kris Koeletzow lose to Anthony Lavery-Spahr 0-2. Dino Castillo defeated Chris Hibbitts 2-0. D.J. Archer also defeated Roger Petrin 2-1. In

the next round of match play, Castillo was not so lucky and lost 2-0 to Joe Findling. Mike Edwards defeated Sean Lavery-Spahr. David Anthony also defeated Archer 2-1. Ryan Boroff defeated Anthony Lavery-Spahr 2-1.

In the Round of 8, there were three matches that only took two games: Malott defeated Boroff, Bohr defeated Findling, and Anthony defeated Shawn Maldonado. In the final match, it took three games for George Brooks to defeat Mike Edwards.

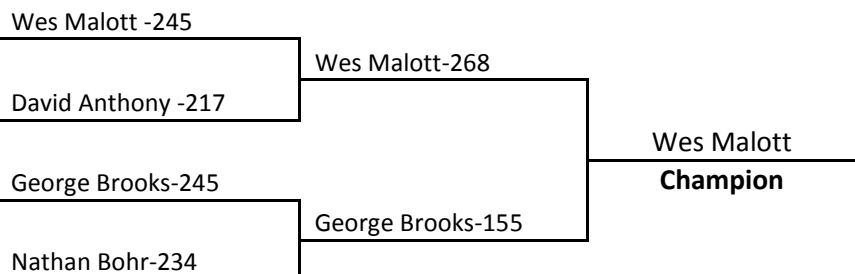
In the semi-finals, Wes Malott defeated David Anthony 245-217. The other semi-final was closer, as George Brooks defeated Nathan Bohr 245-234. In the championship game, Malott took his game to the max. Malott shot a 268-game, while Brooks struggled with a 155. This was Malott sixteenth career regional title.



Wes Malott
Winner of the SouthWest
Regional Invitational

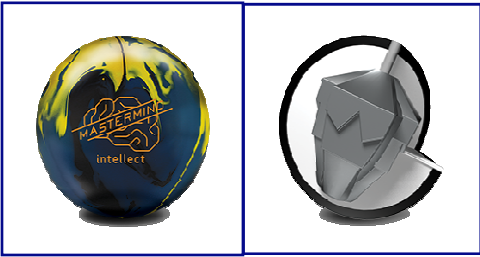
<u>Tournament Stats</u>	
12 Game Cut #	+184 Dino Castillo
12 Game Cut # (1 RD Bye)	+ 247 Joe Findling
12 Game Leader (1 RD Bye)	+293 Mike Edwards
12 Game Cut # (2 RD Bye)	+306 George Brooks
12 Game Leader (2 RD Bye)	+424 Nathan Bohr
300 Games	0

<u>Championship Round Statistics</u>
High Game: 268 Wes Malott
Low Game: 155 George Brooks
High Match: George Brook v. Nathan Bohr 245-234
Low Match: Wes Malott v. George Brooks 268-155
Average Winning Game: 252.66



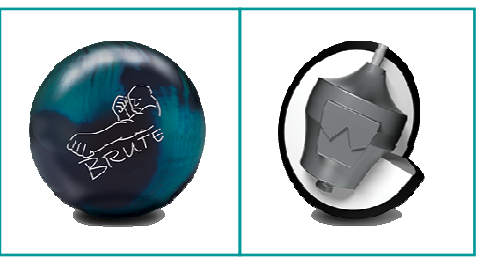
Ball Reviews

Mastermind-Intellect



CORE TYPE Mastermind Ultra Low RG
 COVERSTOCK Honor Roll A+ Solid Reactive
 COLOR 3 - Color, Black, Blue, Yellow Solid
 FINISHING STEPS 500 Siaair Micro Pad;
 Royal Compound
 WEIGHTS 12-16 Pounds
 RG MAX 2.540
 RG MIN 2.488
 RG DIFFERENTIAL 0.052
 RG AVERAGE
 HOOK POTENTIAL Low (10) 220 High (250)
 LENGTH Early (25) 130 Long (235)
 BREAKPOINT SHAPE Smooth Arc (10)

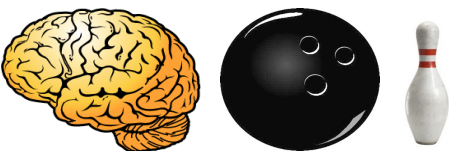
Brute



CORE TYPE Brute Low RG/Low Differential
 Symmetrical
 COVERSTOCK Fortify Hybrid Reactive
 COLOR 2 - Color, Navy and Light Blue
 Pearl Hybrid
 FINISHING STEPS 500 Siaair Micro Pad,
 Royal Compound, Royal Shine
 WEIGHTS 12-16 Pounds
 RG MAX 2.523
 RG MIN 2.491
 RG DIFFERENTIAL 0.032
 RG AVERAGE
 HOOK POTENTIAL Low (10) 190 High
 (250) LENGTH Early (25) 120 Long (235)
 BREAKPOINT SHAPE
 Smooth Arc (10) 120 Angular (150)

Mastermind Intellect- this ball has a little more length than the regular Mastermind. The ball has a little more hook overall than the original Mastermind. It is going to allow bowlers to use the ball as the league or block to be able to use the same ball. The Intellect will fit right in between the original Mastermind and the Mastermind Genius.

Brute- this fortify reactive coverstock completes the bowlers arsenal. The ball is between the Melee and the Ringer line. It's a little stronger than the Ringer and a little weaker than the Melee. Jason Sterner was able to stand more left and the ball was still able to recover to strike. Brunswick has taken the coverstock from the Exile and has a lower RG in the ball.



BOWLOLOGY

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

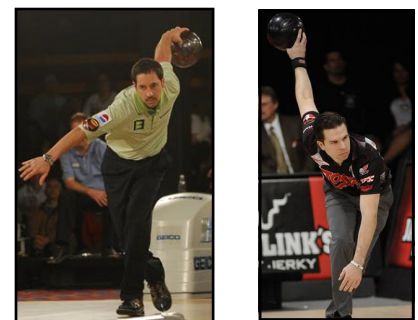
Pendulum Arm Swing

A *pendulum* is a weight suspended from a pivot so that it can swing freely. If a ball was hung from a string, the ball would swing freely in a perfect pendulum. This is how the arm swing of a bowler needs to be.

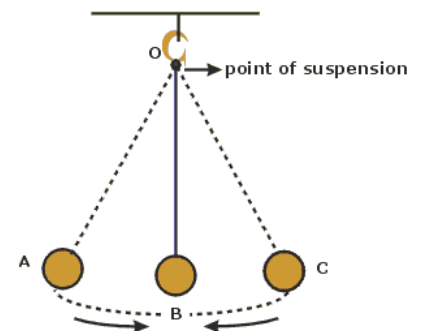
When a bowler releases a throw, they must let gravity take over. A bowler does not need to worry about

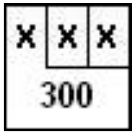
the speed of the swing to get extra ball speed. Speed comes with the step, not through the arm swing. Correct form looks effortless, as evidenced by Mike Fagan and Parker Bohn III. These bowlers are going to be able to repeatedly make shots because of their free pendulum arm swing. Another good bowler who does this is Mike Koi-vuniemi, winner of three majors. Again, his throw looks effortless. This is one of the reasons these bowlers are so successful.

When practicing, make a point to feel how loose the swing is. Recording a throw to see the swing can also be helpful. Try not to just "throw harder." This will raise scores.



Perfect Pendulum Swing: Parker Bohn III (above, left) and Mike Fagan (above, right).





The Sixth World Series of Bowling

It is hard to believe it has been six years since Tom Smallwood lost his job at GM and won the PBA World Series of Bowling Championship.

This year will kick-off the sixth World Series of Bowling (WSOB), starting with a new PBA50 event, with the top regional players bowling round-robin match play (top two advancing) at the PBA Challenge on October 24. It will be interesting to see if Parker Bohn III and Norm Duke can be the top two PBA50 players to square off in the championship, or if the Teen Masters winners can take on the pros.

Something else to watch for is Jason Belmonte continuing his dominance. In the WSOB, he has been outstanding, winning three titles in three years. He also has one of the leading averages for the WSOB.

Will Mika Koivuniemi be the seventh bowler to complete the Triple Crown and the third bowler to complete the Grand Slam? Time will tell at the PBA World Championship. Can Pete Weber surpass Earl Anthony with 11 major titles? If he can capture the PBA World Championship.

Dominic Barrett won his first major title at last year's PBA World Championship. He looks to add to that this season. Scores are looking to be higher this year, as they were down at

many of the events in the fifth WSOB.

After missing the show all of last season, Walter Ray Williams Jr. is looking for a bounce-back performance this year to win his 48th career PBA Tour title. Last but not least, can Bill O'Neill once again be a dominant factor as he was at the 2014 Summer Swing?

It looks to be a great sixth

year of the World Series of Bowling. Thank you for reading this month's edition of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*.



Xtra Frame Tournament Schedule

TOURNAMENT	DATE	TIME
PBA Heritage Lanes Central Open - Match Play	Sun, 10/19	1:45 PM
WSOB PBA Challenge - Match Play	Fri, 10/24	5:15 PM
PBA World Championship (Cheetah) "A" Squad Qualifying	Sat, 10/25	10:40 AM
PBA World Championship (Cheetah) "B" Squad Qualifying	Sat, 10/25	4:40 PM
PBA Cheetah Championship - Round of 24 Qualifying	Sat, 10/25	10:10 PM
PBA World Championship (Viper) "B" Squad Qualifying	Sun, 10/26	10:40 AM
PBA World Championship (Viper) "A" Squad Qualifying	Sun, 10/26	4:40 PM
PBA Viper Championship - Round of 24 Qualifying	Sun, 10/26	10:10 PM
PBA World Championship (Chameleon) "A" Squad Qualifying	Mon, 10/27	10:40 AM
PBA Heritage Lanes Central Open - Qualifying	Sun, 10/19	8:40 AM
PBA World Championship (Chameleon) "B" Squad Qualifying	Mon, 10/27	4:40 PM
PBA Chameleon Championship - Round of 24 Qualifying	Mon, 10/27	10:10 PM
PBA World Championship (Scorpion) "B" Squad Qualifying	Tues, 10/28	10:40 AM
PBA World Championship (Scorpion) "A" Squad Qualifying	Tues, 10/28	4:40 PM
PBA Scorpion Championship - Round of 24 Qualifying	Tues, 10/28	10:10 PM
PBA World Championship - Round 1 Match Play	Wed, 10/29	1:45 PM
PBA World Championship - Round 2 Match Play	Wed, 10/29	8:45 PM
PBA World Championship - Round 3 Match Play	Thurs, 10/30	4:45 PM
2015 PBA League Draft	Fri, 10/31	3:15 PM

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