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Welcome to another issue of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. The **Messenger** the PBA Hall of Fame Performance Class. The **Spare Column** discusses the PBA World Championship. **In the Pocket** recaps the 2016 Season. **The Tenth Frame** is an editorial about the Player and Rookie of the Year. Thanks for reading *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*.

Messenger

PBA Hall of Fame- Performance Class of 2017

Last month, the PBA announced the 2017 PBA Hall of Fame class inductees. There were three that will be inducted preceding the 2017 Tournament of Champions. All three bowlers have won at least one Major and have at least 8 PBA Tour titles. Steve Hoskins was the 1989 Harry Golden Rookie of the Year. It would take him 4 years to win his first PBA Tour title (at the 1993 Quaker State Open). The very next year he would successfully defend his title at the Quaker State Open. Bryan Goebel would go on to beat him at the Active West Open later that summer. Hoskins bowled the 11th perfect game on television against the defending champion of the Ebonite Open in Rochester, NY, Walter Ray Williams Jr.

Goebel would have Hoskins' number as he defeated him in the 1998 Brunswick World Tournament of Champions. Goebel would dominate the Tucson Tournament as he would win his first title there. He would add two more victories in '94-'95, then add his 10th title at the 2002 PBA Medford Open.

Scroggins first PBA Tour title was in 1992 (ARC Sacramento Open). It would be 12 years later before he would win his 2nd title. Mike was a dominate force on the PBA Tour from '04-'10 with wins in the USBC Masters (2005) and the U.S. Open (2009).

He would try to defend his title in 2010, but Bill O'Neill won his first Major that year. Scroggins has had a career in winning PBA Regional titles—40 to date. He has had success on the PBA50 Tour, as well, winning 3 titles in his first year.

These three bowlers will be recognized in Shawnee, OK, at the Fire Lake Tournament of Champions along with former PBA Commissioner Mark Gerberich.

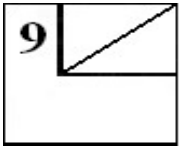
Left to right: Steve Hoskins, Bryan Goebel, Mike Scroggins



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Happy New Year!



Spare Column

The Spare Column is a column about the PBA Regional's and other miscellaneous information about the PBA.

Tackett's Revenge at the PBA World Championship

E.J. Tackett won his fourth career PBA Tour Title and his first career major at the 2016 PBA World Championship as he defeated Tom Smallwood 246 to 180. E.J. had a strong start by applying the pressure to Tom. In the middle of the game, he left a 2-8-10 combo, however Tom could not capitalize on E.J.'s mistake. Tackett was able to come back strong and throw a couple of strikes to claim the title and \$60,000.



At this year's PBA WSOB, there was 169 bowlers vying for the PBA World Championship title. There were a total of 23 international bowlers competing after the Cheetah, Scorpion, Chameleon, and Shark qualifying rounds. The top 25 percent qualifiers advanced to the cashier's round after all the animal patterns. These bowlers would come back to bowl six more games of qualifying before cutting to the top 24 round robin match play. After 32 games, E.J. Tackett was the leader with a score of + 942 while Markus Jansson would be the number two with a score of + 492. Brandon Novak started out strong until the Shark pattern. During the first three patterns, Novak was dominating with averages between 225 and 244. He was not able to keep up his performance on the Shark pattern with only a 189 average. B.J. Moore had a chance to take the lead, but E.J. was able to mark more and took the lead after the Animal patterns. Some of the other bowlers who made the cut were Pete Weber, Jason Belmonte, Water Ray Williams Jr., Marshall Kent, Tommy Jones, and Chris Barnes. In the Cashier's round, E.J. Tackett secured his lead going into Match Play.

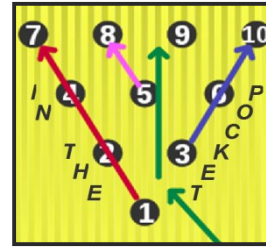
Pete Weber had a hip injury but he was able to contend all the way through Match Play. Jason Belmonte had a monstrous block during the last round of Match Play which included a perfect game. During the last round of Match Play, a good game was not sufficient. They needed an excellent game to get to the championship round. In the position round game, Weber had a chance to make the show, however Simonsen threw the front ten to secure fifth place and his third appearance in a Major Championship round this year.

During the first match in the Championship round, Smallwood and Simonsen had a close match that was only decided in the tenth frame. Smallwood needed only seven pins on his fill ball to secure the match, but he left the big four which gave Simonsen a chance to strike out and tie. He got the first one in the tenth, but failed to get the second one. The second match featured three time reigning Player of the Year, Jason Belmonte. In the foundation frame, Jason lost his chance at winning his seventh Major title with a 3-4-6-7 split which he failed to convert. Smallwood proceeded to face Dom Barrett in the semi-final. Dom bowled a good game, but Smallwood had the front eight and went on to the Championship match.

2016 PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP			
32 GAME CUT	MARKUS JANSSON	+	492
32 GAME LEADER	E.J. Tackett	+	947
38 GAME CUT	Thomas Larsen	+	707
38 GAME LEADER	E.J. Tackett	+	1149
62 GAME CUT	Anthony Simonsen	+	2011
62 GAME LEADER	E.J. Tackett	+	2347
300 Games: 4	Tom Daugherty, Wes Malott, Jason Belmonte, Jesper Severson		

2016 PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP			
High Game	Tom Smallwood		266
Low Game	Tom Smallwood		180
High Match	Tom Smallwood	Dom Barrett	266 - 235
Low Match	Tom Smallwood	Anthony Simonsen	204 - 193
Average Winning Game			235

1.	E.J. Tackett	-	246	E.J. Tackett Champion
	Tom Smallwood	-	180	
2.	Dom Barrett	-	235	
	Tom Smallwood	-	266	
3.	Jason Belmonte	-	185	
	Tom Smallwood	-	224	
4.	Tom Smallwood	-	204	
5.	Anthony Simonsen	-	193	



Breakpoint– Williams Jr-100 Titles

On December 18, Walter Ray Williams Jr. created a PBA milestone when he won his 100th career title. He started his professional bowling career in 1981. He won his first PBA title in 1986 and would go on to receive his first Player of the Year honor in the same year. Walter would continue to dominate the PBA Tour for nearly two decades from 1993-2011.

From 1996 to 1998, he won a total of 13 PBA tour titles. In all three of those years, he also received the Player of the Year honor. In 2006, he would tie Earl Anthony with 41 career PBA Tour titles at the PBA World Championship where he defeated Pete Weber. He was ranked as the second bowler in the PBA 50 Greatest Bowlers of All Time. He has more than 100 perfect games during PBA competition. Walter Ray has the most PBA Championship Round appearances with 183. He became the first to earn \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000 in career earnings.

Walter had an injury during the 2010-2011 season and was never able to fully recover his place at the top of the PBA Tour. He still competes in the PBA Tour but has also transitioned to the PBA50 Tour. Walter Ray began



bowling in the Senior Tour in 2010 and became the first player in PBA history to have multiple Player of the Year honors in both the PBA and PBA50 Tours. He has 47 PBA Tour titles, 32 PBA Regional titles, 11 PBA50 Tour titles, and 10 PBA50 Regional titles.

In the Pocket– 2016 PBA Tour Highlights

10.

Jason Belmonte matched Don Johnson’s record of five consecutive ToC championship round appearances.

9.

At the first PBA50 tournament, all five finalists were Hall of Fame members.

8.

Pete Weber became the first player to have multiple US Open and US Senior titles.

7.

Pete Weber dominated the PBA50 Tour by winning six titles.

6.

All five Majors were won by bowlers who did not previously have a Major title.

5.

E.J. Tackett wins his fourth career title and first Major at the PBA World Championship.

4.

Francois Lavoie became the first bowler to bowl a perfect game during the US Open Championship Round.

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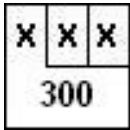
Jesper Svensson became the youngest to win the Tournament of Champions.

2.

Anthony Simonsen became the youngest player to win a Major Title during the USBC Masters.

1.

Walter Ray Williams Jr. wins 100 combined titles between the PBA Tour, Regional, PBA50 Tour, and PBA 50 Regional.



Tenth Frame— Editorial

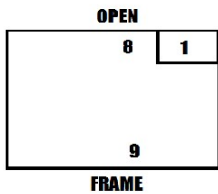
Josh Hyde's-PBA Player and Rookie of the Year Picks

Last year was an exciting year for the PBA. All five majors were won by a first-time major. In 2016 E.J Tackett made a statement at the PBA World Championship. He did not just win the PBA Championship but he won at the Bear Open during the Fall Swing Classic. He also the PBA Team challenge with Ronnie Russell, Chris Loschetter, Marshall Kent, and Rhino Page. He finally broke through this year as being one of the top players. E.J. has proven that he deserves a pro-bowler. He was the leader for the Xtra Frame point standing for awhile before Tommy Jones captured the title. It will be a tight race because Jesper Svensson became the youngest player Tournament of Champions. Svensson also became the youngest Player to win five PBA Tour Titles. It was awesome year for these two players. Anthony Simonsen became the youngest Player to win a major at the 2016 USBC Masters.

Graham Fach made a statement at the Barbosa PBA Players championship as he defeated

Ryan Cinimmelli for his first title 279 to 244. However there was another player who was a dominant force for the Harry Golden Rookie of the Year. Francois Lavoie won his first title at the 2016 U.S. Open. He also made history by becoming the first player to bowl a 300 on television during 2016 U.S Open. He had 17 strikes in a row to claim his first title. He also would follow up with another title at WSOB where he defeated the greatest player of all time Walter Ray Williams Jr.

The 2016 Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year is going to be one of the tightest races in PBA History. Jason Belmonte tried to become the second player to three peat the Tournament of Champions. He fell a little short to Tom Daugherty 220 to 169. Both Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year are going to be a tight race. Finally my vote for Player of the Year is E.J Tackett for Rookie of the Year would be Francois Lavoie.



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