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PBA Goes Global

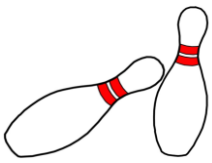
On October 6th, the PBA announced the expansion of its leadership with the appointment of Jeff Lesser as VP of Global Brand Partnerships and Eric Todoroff as Senior Brand Marketing Manager. Lesser will lead global sponsorship, media sales, and licensing for the PBA while Todoroff will drive fan engagement across the PBA's digital channels and expand its online presence. Both will report directly to CEO Peter Murray.

"Both Jeff and Eric bring unique experiences in their respective fields. Jeff has a strong track record of growing media properties, monetizing sports IP, and developing major marketing partnerships, while Eric arrives with a stellar combination of brand building and driving digital engagement among sports fans," said Murray. "As we enter a new chapter of innovation within the PBA and Lucky Strike Media, their results-driven acumen and leadership will be pivotal for elevating our brand experience and scaling the sport around the world."

The PBA ranks higher than Major League Baseball, the National Hockey League, WNBA, National Women's Soccer League, and Major League Soccer for live event audiences.

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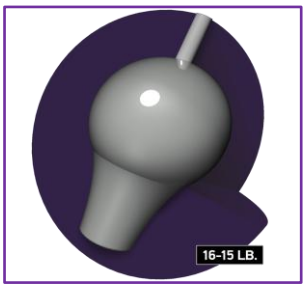
On October 27th, the PBA announced its official 2027 PBA Tour broadcast schedule, introducing the most innovative PBA tournament in bowling history.

"I am excited about PBA's year-over-year audience growth and the reimagined PBA Tour for 2027, including a completely new presentation and the best bowlers on the planet competing in an array of innovative formats that represent a new era for the sport," said Peter Murray, PBA CEO. "The 2027 PBA Tour will be a season with a clear beginning, middle, and end, where every event matters and every week builds toward something bigger. Championship Sundays provide appointment viewing, our Majors create milestones throughout the season, and the introduction of the PBA Playoffs gives fans a true postseason before the sport's biggest stage, the PBA World Championship."



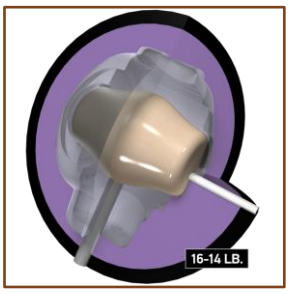
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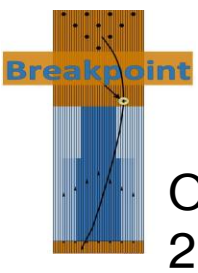


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COVER TYPE	Solid Reactive
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WEIGHTS	16-12 lbs.
WARRANTY	Two years from purchase date
RELEASE DATE	October 22, 2026





LEVEL	Pro
PART NUMBER	60-108733-93X
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CORE	Dual Centric
COVERSTOCK	HK22C² - EVO Hybrid
COVER TYPE	Hybrid Reactive
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WEIGHTS	16-12 lbs.
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Breakpoint: 2026 Regional Players Invitational

On November 6, the PBA announced details of the 2026 RPI, presented by USBC, returning to the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada, Dec. 10-13. The RPI is the only major of the PBA Elite Regionals season.

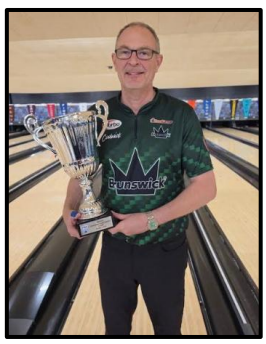
It will feature 123 Regional Pro's trying to become priority players on the 2027 PBA Tour season.

Format will consist of 18 games of qualifying, with the top three players earning priority status for the upcoming season. Players 4-15, after qualifying, will earn invitations to the inaugural PBA Combine, taking place at the Kegel Training Center in Lake Wales, Florida, Dec. 16-18.

The top four PBA Combine performers will also earn priority status for the 2027 PBA Tour season. A total prize fund of $125,000 for both the PBA and PBA50 divisions, will have a top prize of $15,000 and $10,000, respectively.

Spare Column: Elite Regional PBA50-PBA Central Results

EJ Tackett would not hold on to claim the title after dominating the tournament for 18 games. Michael Davidson had to come back from a 70-pin deficit to claim the title. Tackett would only shoot a 160 game, and Michael would shoot a 240 game, and collect a $9,000 prize. Mika Koivuniemi dominated the tournament and never looked back winning the tournament by nearly 300 pins over Jason Lundquist and collected $3000 for his efforts.





Spare Column: Elite Regional 3 PBA50-PBA Central Results

In the third PBA Central Elite Regional Graham Fach would capture his 20th career regional title. Fach would have a 6-2 record in the match play portion of the tournament. He would earn $7500 for his efforts.

"I felt comfortable the whole time, my execution was good and I was able to be confident in my ability and that never wavered." Fach said.

As for the third PBA50 Central Elite Regional, Tom Adcock would claim his second career regional title.

He felt assured after the warm-up. Tom was able to make his spares and stay out of trouble. Adcock would charge ahead of Mike Machuga, who finished in second, followed by Mika Koivuniemi, Tom Daugherty and Ron Hurt.

"The field was murderer's row. An unbelievable amount of talent in the field between Mika, Machuga, Daugherty and me. This one is very special to beat that field," Adcock said, who won $3,150.





Spare Column cont. : PBA/PBA50 East Elite Regional Results

Hayden Stippich would win his first PBA Regional title by winning the East Elite Regional by 220 pins. Stippich would win five games out of eight. The rest of the top five is, as follows: James Bennett in second, Dylan Bowers finished third, Michael Weber was fourth and Justin Bohn was fifth. Stippich would earn $9500

"Well, it's about time. It feels awesome right now," Stippich said. "My goal was kind of pace with them".

PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III posted a 6-2 match play record and won $5,000. This title was Bohn III's 90th professional title and 42nd regional title. Bohn would win by 230 pins over Troy Lint. By finishing second Troy would earn a spot at the PBA50 Regional Players Invitational held in Reno at the National Bowling Stadium.



L to R- Hayden Stippich & Parker Bohn III

Spare Column: PBA/PBA50 Midwest Elite Regional Results

Ryan Burton would win $9500.00 and his fourth regional title by leading wire to wire. Burton would start off with a perfect game in the Advancer Round. Burton would also earn a spot in the PBA Regional Players Invitational in Reno, Nevada at the National Bowling Stadium.

"I was getting a little emotional those last couple of shots. It has been over a year since I have won. I've been the runner-up three times this year and third once," Burton said.

Tom Hess would get his 24th career regional title by winning the PBA50 Elite Regional in the Midwest. Hess would trail the tournament leader by 57 pins. Hess finished with 279 to earn the win over Jeff Johnson's 269 game. This was a great battle during the last three games of the tournament.



L to R- Ryan Burton & Tom Hess

Spare Column: PBA/PBA50 Southwest Elite Regional Results

AJ Chapman would win the PBA Southwest Elite Regional making it his first regional title. Chapman would have 6-2 matchplay record and earning $9,000.

"I was fortunate enough to get into a ball that was really good and had good ball reaction. I was able to put two really big games together to jump from fourth to first," Chapman said.

Some of the other top finishers were as follows Stu Williams was second and Spencer Robarge was third. Dallas Leong continued his impressive run at the PBA ELITE Regionals with a fourth-place finish, while Adam Atkins was fifth.

Tom Daugherty would win the PBA50 Southwest Elite Regional. Tom Daugherty was leading by almost 40 pins taking on Bryan Pogor. Posting clean games had been big for Daugherty all tournament, and he was clean for seven frames before leaving the difficult 3-4-6-7-10 split. Behind Daugherty and Pogor was Dino Castillo in third, Chris Warren was fourth and Rick Benard finished in fifth. Daugherty, who won $5,000.

"It is always hard (to win). I had match in hand then he makes a Houdini ball change, catches a double and all of a sudden, I threw a couple of bad shots and let him right back in it," Daugherty said. "I thought he was going to take advantage of it, but he didn't. I pretty much just had to keep it on the lane for the win, so that is always nice."



L to R- Tom Daugherty & AJ Chapman

Spare Column cont. : PBA/PBA50 Northwest Elite Regional Results



Cameron Weier

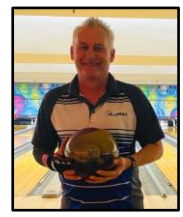
At the NorthWest Elite Regional Cameron Weier would nearly average 231 during qualifying Thomas McNeal in second, Austin Gratzer, PJ Haggerty and Harrison Davis in fifth. Weier would struggle in matchplay, but he was able to keep the lead and get back on track as Weier would earn his eighth career regional title and collect $11,000 for his efforts.

"That reaffirmed my confidence that I can actually throw shots today and throw some strikes. That also helped loosen my swing a lot," Weier said.

On the PBA50 side Shawn Hornberger it came down to the final frames in game 19 as Shawn Horenberger defeated Richard Corwin to earn the title and $6,000 check.

"In all honesty, I did not know the pin count I needed. I got fortunate to get eight," Horenberger said.

Other finishers were as Blaine Weninger, who won the first Northwest Regional, Rick Benard was fourth and Clyde DeLoach finished in fifth place.



Shawn Hornberger

Spare Column: Elite Regional PBA50-PBA Midwest Results



Anthony Simonsen & Tom Hess

Anthony Simonsen and Boog Krol would duel it out with a 267 to 265. Simonsen averaged nearly 222 during qualifying and the advancers round then had a 5-3 match play record. He had games of 267, 234, 182, 205, 187, 169 and 243 inside Strike N Spare 2.

"Fortunate enough to come away with the win. I guess I will go ahead and bowl South Point in two weeks," Simonsen said.

Tom Hess became the first multi-Elite Regional Titlist by winning the first and second of the Midwest Regional over on a 37-foot oil pattern and this time the challenge was 48-feet oil pattern.

"It was a completely different mindset coming in this week." Hess said.

Spare Column: Elite Regional PBA50-PBA Southwest Results



Scott Newell & Gary Faulkner

Scott Newell had a 10-hour drive from his hometown to bowl int PBA Southwest Elite Regional. After being winless for 14 years, Newell would finally break through winning the PBA Southwest Elite Regional by having nearly a perfect matchplay round.

"I figured out something at the end of game one in the morning, as far as lane play was concerned. My ball rolls a little different and I was able to get it over the fronts differently and found some shim where others were struggling to find some shim. It worked out" stated Newell.

Gary Faulkner had a 6-1-1 match play which earned him $5,000 in the senior division. Faulkner had only one game under 200 in the match play portion of the tournament. "It was actually really nice to be back out there," Faulkner said. "They were happy to see me and I was happy to see them."







Above are my three custom-made Josh Hyde Bowlology jerseys that were designed earlier this year.





The 3rd Annual Roger Hyde Memorial Bowling Tournament

presented by Josh Hyde bowling.com, Kiser Tournaments, and Main Bowl

Date: Sunday December 6th, 2026. Registration from 9:00 am. Bowl at 10.

Main Bowl, 303 S Main St, Columbia City, In, 46725

Entry Fee: $80. ($12 Lineage, $65 Prize Fund, $3 Expenses.)

Prize Ratio: 1 in 5 will cash

Top Prize: $1000 (based on 40 entries). The last cash prize will be a minimum of $160.

Oil Pattern: 2026 PBA Aulby

Format: Bowl 6 games across 12 lanes with the top 8 (based on 40 entries) advancing to the elimination round. All scores will be dropped.

Elimination Rd: The top 8 will be placed into groups of 4 based on qualifying. Group 1 (Seeds 1,4,5,8) and group 2 (Seeds 2,3,6,7). Those groups will bowl 2 games with the top 2 bowlers in each group advancing to the step ladder finals. Scores used in the elimination round will determine the seeding for the step ladder.

Step Ladder Finals: Single game matches until a winner is determined.

Youth bowlers are eligible with all earnings added to their Smart account.

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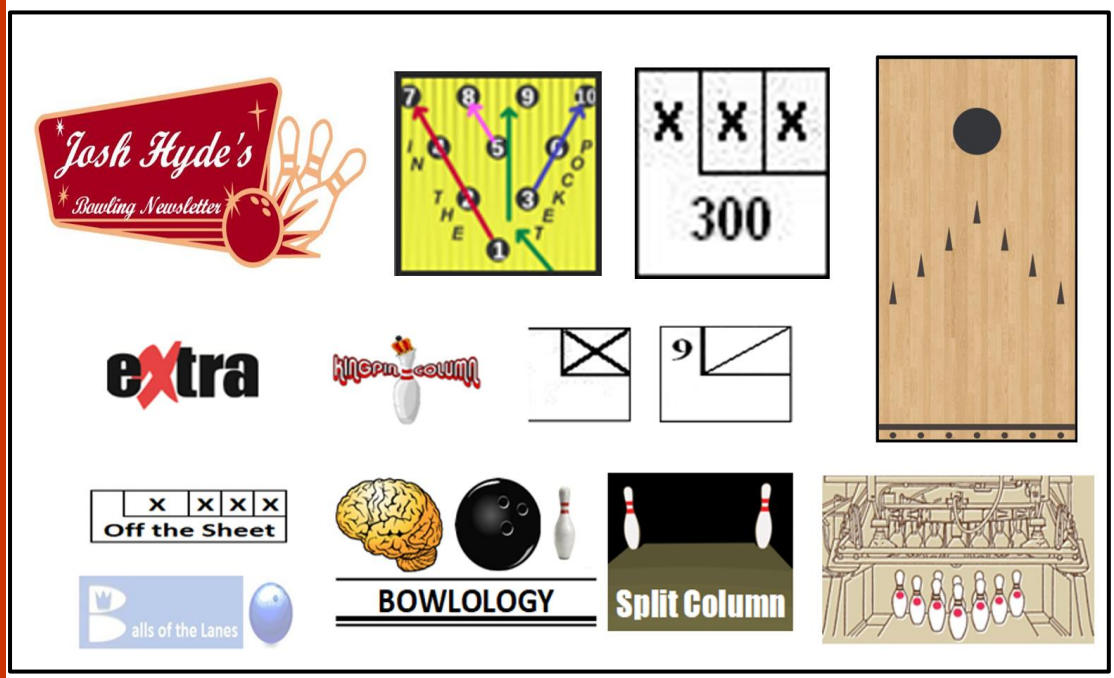
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2025-2026 Annual Report



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Wow it has been a memorable PBA season with EJ Tackett winning both his fourth consecutive PBA World Championship as well as his fourth PBA Player of the Year Award. These two events were exciting for bowling fans to watch. Volume 18 of the Josh Hyde Bowling newsletter has been completed. This publication is an effort to bring bowling news to bowlers and bowling fans alike. The JHBN is looking forward to reporting on another exciting bowling season for 2026-2027.

Senior Editor of the Josh Hyde Bowling Newsletter
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