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News

Welcome to this edition of the Josh Hyde Bowling Newsletter. In this month, we will be talking about what happened in the Go-RVing Match Play Championship. This month's Strike Column will be looking at my top ten bowlers. In the Moment in History, we are going to take a look at attending the Brunswick Bowling Skins game. So enjoy this month's edition of Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter.

In the Go-RVing Match Play championship, there were a more than a few upsets in the round of 64. The finalists that were in championship round last year all got beat. Walter Ray Williams Jr. got beat got beat by Justin Warhol in the first round. Next, Chris Barnes got beat by Alex Aguiar. The Big Nasty, Wes Malott, got beat by Ryan Abel. Those were the major upsets in the round of 64. Three of the top four bowl-

ers in the PBA world ranking got beat in the first round of the Go-RVing Match Play Championship. The only one that survived was the Real Deal, Bill O'Neil. However, he only made it through the round of 16. As you can tell, it was an underdog story throughout the whole tournament.

The round of 32 saw Brian Voss beating Justin Warhol and Jason Couch beating Ryan Shafer. The major upset was when Brian Kretzer beat Jason Belmonte. Bowling fans witnessed another monumental upset when Doug Kent defeated Mika Koivuniemi. Another upset was when Stuart Williams defeated Tommy Jones.

In the round of 16, another upset occurred when Doug Kent beat O'Neil. Loschetter beat Richie Allen as well. Tom Baker ended up making it to the round of 16. Couch defeated Voss as well. That was a rap-up of the round of 16.

The round of 8 saw Ryan Ciminelli defeating Jason Couch. Pat Allan defeated Chris Loschetter and Doug Kent defeated Stewart Williams. This was setting up the Final Four for the Go RVing Match Play Championship.

It was going to be two lefties verses two righties in the round of 4, going at it in a three-game-total pinfall match. It was unlike the other matches where the games were best of seven. The match was the way bowling match play should be, where pinfall should count and not games won.

Match one featured Pat Allen and Ryan Ciminelli. Ryan started off with 128 his first game. Pat, however, had a sixty-pin lead going into the second game. All Pat had to do was stay clean and make good shots. Pat ended up winning 601-



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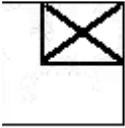


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Strike Column – Josh Hyde's Top 10

The greatest players that ever threw a bowling ball are Earl Anthony, Mark Roth, Pete Weber, Parker Bohn III, Mike Aulby, Dick Weber, Don Johnson, Norm Duke, Marshall Holman, and Walter Ray. These bowlers have won a lot of titles and awards on the PBA tour. They also have won 20 PBA tour titles. In my opinion, these are the top 10 greatest bowlers ever.

Each one of these bowlers have done great things in bowling. They've made the PBA what it is today. For example, Norm Duke, Mike Aulby, and Parker Bohn III have bowled perfect games on TV. Each of these bowlers have won at least one or more majors. Out of this elite group, only one has won every major and that is Mike Aulby. Mike Aulby has also won every award on the PBA tour. He may be the greatest player to throw a bowling ball. As you can tell, these afore mentioned players are great bowlers.

Pete and Dick Weber are the legendary father and son in pro-bowling. Pete Weber has won the triple crown, and Dick Weber holds the most consecutive cash record which is 72. As you can tell Pete and Dick Weber were great bowlers.

Mark Roth was the first bowler who really hooked the ball. He won eight titles in one year. He picked up the seven/ten split on national TV. Mark only won two majors, but he was still a great player.

Don Johnson was famous for shooting a 299. He was also the 1972 Player of the Year. His last title he beat Marshall Holman, Earl Anthony, and Mark Roth, three

of the top pros. When he won his last title he went through the field. Don is one of the great bowlers.

Norm Duke was the youngest bowler to ever win the PBA title. He also won the player of the year twice. In 2008, he became the fifth player to win the Triple Crown and the second player to win the Grand Slam. Winning multiple majors and having a 300 game on TV makes him one of the greatest players.

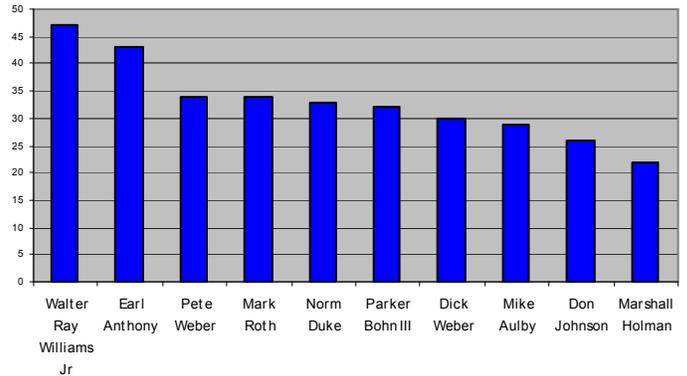
Parker Bohn III doubled his titles in just three years. He also had a 300 game on TV. He has won the Player of the Year award twice. He holds the leading high average for one year. Even though he has only won one major, he has 30 PBA titles.

Marshall Holman is an interesting bowler to remember. He revolutionized bowling by throwing a hooked ball. With his two U.S. Open and Tournament of Champions titles he is one of the great bowlers. When he won his player of the year award, he did not win any titles. In the early 1990's he was still making shows.

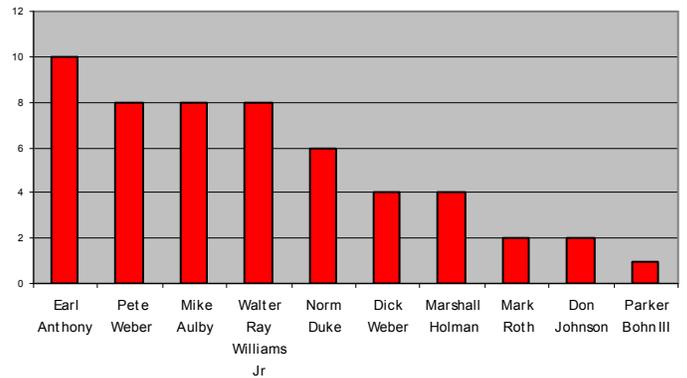
Earl Anthony and Walter Ray Williams Jr. are by far, the best bowlers in the PBA history. They both have won multiple majors, Players of the Year awards and High Average Awards. Each has one a number of titles in a short period of time. As you can tell, Walter Ray and Earl Anthony are the top two pro bowlers in PBA history.

These bowlers in my mind are the greatest bowlers in the PBA. They have proven to the PBA that they are the best bowlers in the world.

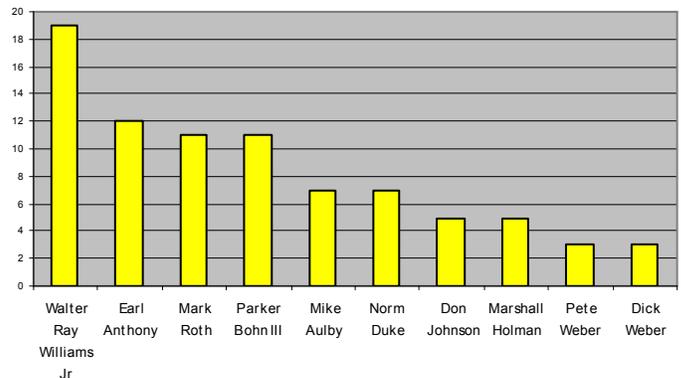
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Moments in History

The year was 1998. Parker invited me to the Brunswick Bowling Skins Game. It was between him, Mike Aulby, Walter Ray Williams Jr., and Randy Pedersen. The tournament works by getting two strikes in the same frame when none of the other bowlers do the same. This would be counted as a "skin". Each frame also went up in value. The first four frames were worth \$10,000. The next four frames were worth \$15,000 and so on. If no one won a frame, the money would carry over into the next frame. The last frame was worth \$75,000! The last ball was worth \$125,000 if it went into



extra frames. In order for a player to be eligible for the sudden death roll off the player had won at least one skin. When they got to the roll off, the player had to strike in order to stay alive if he didn't he was out. The last player that was left standing won the Brunswick Bowling Skins Game. If no

one struck then every one was still in it. Everybody won at least one skin during the tournament and Parker won the first two frames. The last two bowlers standing were Walter Ray and Parker Bohn III. It went into six frames before somebody won. Parker was close at winning the Brunswick Skins Game. Walter Ray Williams Jr. ended up winning the Brunswick Bowling Skins Game. This was an exciting event to be at because Brunswick could show off their new bowling balls. I remember getting the Zone bowling ball logo shaved into the back of my head in honor of this game.

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530. In the second semifinal match, Kent started off strong, having a 22 pin lead going into the second game, but by the end of the second game, he was down 30 pins. Kretzer had a great look in the third game and was able to hold off Kent to advance to the championship round on Sunday, winning 625-581.

The championship round saw Allen and Kretzer dueling it out for the championship. Kretzer was able to earn an 81 pin lead going into the third game. It was on cruise control for Kretzer.

Allen found something too late. It was interesting to see when Allen ran back off the television set to get another ball to try it out. This goes to show that the best don't give up till the last ball of the last game.

Kretzer ended up winning 629-566. This was Kretzer's first Lumber Liquidator's PBA Tour title. He won his own game at match play in the Go RVing Match Play Championship.

There will be many firsts for the '10-'11 season. The first one being the Tournament of Champions will be a one million dollar prize fund with \$250,000 going to the winner. The Tournament of Champions will have an open field with eligibility players who have won nationals, regionals, senior and woman's series titles. The season will start in late November running to April, starting a month later than it used to.

They will also expand their coverage to Friday and Saturday night action at the US Open and the PBA World Championship.

X-Tra Frame will have five exclusive events this season where the only way to see these tournaments will be to watch them online. The PBA will have a new PBA playoff series with a 6-week elimination process.

The World Series of Bowling will be back as a part of the 2010-2011 PBA Tour season. Further details and information on the 2010-2011 PBA Tour Season will be in upcoming newsletters. Also, the PBA will be having a PBA Playoff Series where they will be having six shows at the end of the season, this will be a key factor in the Player of the Year race. Along with the PBA Playoff Series, they will also have a separate prize fund for the playoffs. This will make it extremely exciting for the Player of the Year race.



1988 True Value Open in Indianapolis. This was the first time I met Walter Ray Williams Jr.

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Commentary

In my opinion, round robin match play is better than match play. The reason why I say this is because round robin match play allows bowlers to build on their lead and/or find something so that in the next block they can be able to make a run for the show.

Now, you might say that a match play format can do that, but if you don't have anything in three games, and you're down 0-3, it's going to be very hard to win four games in a row. With round robin, you don't have to win your games. It will help you, but if you're throwing a bunch of twos with games like that, you're not losing any ground. I have seen a number of round robin match play formats and it is my opinion that this format is the best for bowling.

Yes, with match play you can find something and you're not losing any ground, but if your favorite player is losing by shooting 250 and another match a couple pins down, another player is winning with 190's and 200's, then your favorite player is out. Bowling has always been about wood and who is knocking the most pins over. It's not about winning match play games, it's about letting the cream rise to the top.

A good example of what



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round robin match play can look like was at the 2009 National Bowling Stadium Open. In the positions round, Walter Ray was leading the field by a couple hundred pins. However, there were fourteen people within 150 pins of each other. In all of the matches, somebody was going to have to lose. Walter Ray was definitely in the show, but you did not know who else was going to make the show.

When Parker Bohn III set the all time high average on the PBA tour, he had to move pairs every game and change different bowling centers every week. This is what being the best player in the world is all about when you compete at the highest level in bowling.

In round robin match play, this can happen. I've seen Parker be 430 back from the show, and then making up 300 pins in the last round of match play in the round robin format. This is what makes it so exciting. Last month I went to the US Open, and the last game I saw Parker be 100 pins out of tenth and he ended up bowling a 267 the last game, and went from 15th to 10th place in one game.

When they first came out with this new match play format nine years ago, I thought, "Is Walter Ray going to be the best player in the world?" Then I remembered that they still had qualifying to do. That seemed a little better, but still it was set up for the mega-buck bowlers.

Then, when they were going to do an exempt tour with no qualifying but match play, I was really concerned because a guy could average 150 and win a PBA Tour title. I didn't want this to happen, but I knew that it could.

Bob Learn Jr. was in the top twenty in the average in the '04-'05 season, and he did not get exempt for the '05-'06 season. This is what could happen to a guy that bowls on the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour. As you can tell, it did happen.

In the Go RVing Match Play Championship we saw Brian Voss beat Parker Bohn III. Parker averaged 232 in the round of 64; however, on the next pair of lanes Jason Couch won his match but he only bowled 100

over. Parker bowled 192 over. This is why match play is a bad idea for the sport of bowling. Round robin is the best kind of match play for bowling because the cream will rise to the top always. We saw Brian Kretzer win his own game at the Match Play Championship. Now it's time to get round robin back in every Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour Stop. We don't need a match play format for the PBA Tour. We really need Round Robin Match Play formats.

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



PBA Trivia Wizard

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1. Name one of the four Triple Crown winners
2. Who won the 2009 Etonic Marathon Open?



Last Month's PBA Wizard Trivia Winner

Not Awarded!

Last Month's Answers:

- 1.) Rhino Page
- 2.) Jason Couch, Tommy Jones, Mike Scroggins, Bill O'Neil