

# Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter

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## News

Welcome to the new year and this month's edition of the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter. I hope you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. In this month's edition, we will be talking about the Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) World Championship. Finally, we have a live show we can watch, as the World Series of Bowling came to a conclusion. In the Strike Column, we will look at the best players on the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour. So enjoy this edition of Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter.

Last month the World Series of Bowling had its final event in Wichita, KS. It was the PBA World Championship. Two things were significant, one was that all the finalist on the show had not won a major. The other was that Tom Smallwood (a laid off worker from GM of Detroit) was the champion by

defeating Wes Malott 244-228 at the World Championship. This was an opportunity for him to prove that he could compete on the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour. Being the underdog, he had to prove himself and this is what he did when he beat Wes Malott. He proved to the bowling world that he could be the best. The first semi-final match Malott defeated Page 203-191. In the second semi-final match, Smallwood defeated O'Neil 211-159. Smallwood had the upper hand going into the championship match against Malott en route to his first PBA title.

On Extra Frame, Chris Barnes had a challenge match called the Chris Barnes Challenge. Derrick Hartnell (a senior at Newman University) and Chris both won \$1600 for a winner takes all match. The match was a three game total pinfall on the blue pattern from the Red, White, & Blue Open. Chris Barnes looked like he was going to win when he strung the front ten in the 2nd game posting a 289 for that game. Going into the third game, Barnes had a 77 pin lead. Derrick found something at the tail end of the second game and Chris began to struggle in the beginning of the third game. Derrick was able to win by 80 or more in the third game. Hartnell defeated Barnes 719-698 in a three game total pinfall winner take all Chris Barnes Challenge.



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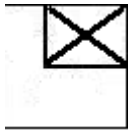


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## Strike Column—

This month I thought I would talk about the best player on the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour. I picked 17 of the best stars of the PBA Tour today. The stats include what each player has done in his career, how many titles he has won, and how many shows he has made in his career. Some of the players are Walter Ray, Chris Barnes, Norm Duke and Pete Weber. Most likely these are the favorite players that bowling fans follow.

One unique stat that I came up with is called the Championship Round Title Percent. This means that the number of titles divided by the number of appearances is how much they are more than likely going to win the title. Even the great Earl Anthony had less than a 30 percent chance of winning a title during his career. The stats consist of the number of tournaments they entered and what they did in their bowling career.

Sean Rash has the best percent, but he has not been out there for a long time. However, Walter Ray Williams Jr. does not look good compared to Sean, but he has been out there for a long time. Tommy Jones had a ten game winning streak on T.V. and he was able to win a lot of titles in a short amount of time. At this rate, if Tommy makes it to 100 shows, he could 55 titles for his career.

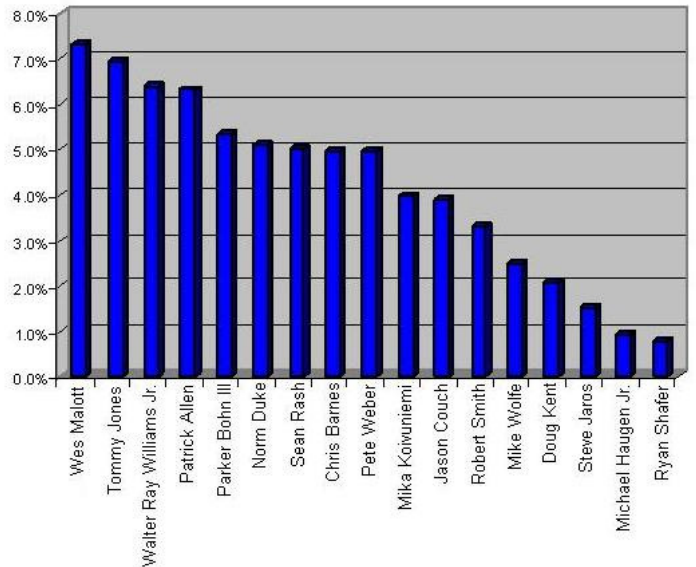
The chart also shows how many events each player has bowled on the PBA Tour. It will show how many match play appearances and cashes that the top stars of the Tour have.

The data is sorted by win percentage. Even though Walter Ray had 45 titles, he does not have the best win percentage of the tournament. Wes Malott does at 7.3 percent. This means for every hundred tournaments Wes entered, he is going to win seven of them. That is a lot of tournaments. If at the end of his career, he bowled one-thousand tournaments, he would have 73 titles. If Walter Ray bowled one-thousand tournaments, he would have 64 titles, but that is only statistical. It does not factor in the lane conditions and the equipment that bowling will have in the future. If Pete Weber bowled one-thousand tournaments, he would have 50 titles at the end of his career.

You can figure out your favorite player statistic by multiplying how many tournaments they have bowled and dividing it by one-hundred or whatever you want, except that these numbers do not factor in the lane conditions or equipment of the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tournament. If you want the complete study, you can look it up on probowlersuperfan.com or e-mail me at [jhbnl@comcast.net](mailto:jhbnl@comcast.net). Thank you for reading this month's edition of the Strike Column.

Bowler	Match Play Apps	Match Play %	TV Apps	Champ Round %	Titles	Champ Round Title %	Win %
Wes Malott	89	72.4%	26	21.1%	9	34.6%	7.3%
Tommy Jones	128	74.0%	22	12.7%	12	54.5%	6.9%
Walter Ray Williams Jr.	414	58.7%	172	24.4%	45	26.2%	6.4%
Patrick Allen	122	64.2%	32	16.8%	12	37.5%	6.3%
Parker Bohn III	305	49.2%	111	17.9%	33	29.7%	5.3%
Norm Duke	316	52.1%	102	16.8%	31	30.4%	5.1%
Sean Rash	42	52.5%	7	8.8%	4	57.1%	5.0%
Chris Barnes	177	73.1%	66	27.3%	12	18.2%	5.0%
Pete Weber	370	53.9%	122	17.8%	34	27.9%	5.0%
Mika Koivuniemi	124	61.7%	29	14.4%	8	27.6%	4.0%
Jason Couch	187	48.8%	54	14.1%	15	27.8%	3.9%
Robert Smith	117	55.5%	25	11.8%	7	28.0%	3.3%
Mike Wolfe	70	43.8%	10	6.3%	4	40.0%	2.5%
Doug Kent	203	46.5%	35	8.0%	9	25.7%	2.1%
Steve Jaros	189	40.9%	39	8.4%	7	17.9%	1.5%
Michael Haugen Jr.	95	44.2%	9	4.2%	2	22.2%	0.9%
Ryan Shafer	224	44.6%	48	9.6%	4	8.3%	0.8%

Win %



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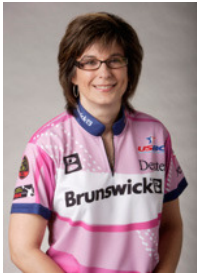
## Moments in History

I decided I wanted to see how much PBA trivia I actually knew. My plans were to see if I could do a bowling trivia show at our local shop. The distributor that I contacted suggested maybe I could do it as a booth and raise some money for a charity. I decided to do it for my provider. Here's how the game worked. Anyone could ask me a question from 1990-2005. If I knew it, they would give me one dollar. However, if I didn't know it, I would give them a pen with my



provider's name on it. I ended up raising seventy-seven dollars for four hours. The funny thing was that David Ozio asked me what pin did Amleto miss on T.V. when David won the

Firestone Tournament of Champions. I reminded him that Amleto did not miss it on T.V., but he had missed the nine pin. David said that was bull-crap and whipped out a twenty dollar bill. Seventy-seven dollars for four hours is not bad. People donated or gave the one dollar if I got the question wrong. I showcased my memorabilia and made a sign that said "Josh Hyde's PBA Trivia Booth." It was a lot of fun doing the PBA trivia.



## Interview – Carolyn Dorin-Ballard

**Q:** How do you think the World Series of Bowling can be improved?

**A:** I think it needs to be in different venues during the month. I believe that would give all bowlers a fresh outlook into each tournament. I think we need more sponsorship money and I would prefer for the women to bowl with the men, even if we were on our own pairs. Separating us splits the audience.

**Q:** What do you do in the off-season?

**A:** I work for Brunswick retail helping to retain and grow our league bowlers. Brunswick also promotes PBA Experience Lgs. so I travel to Brunswick

centers to help educate our bowlers on how to combat these patterns and enjoy the game.

**Q:** What tournament would you like to win most and why?

**A:** The U.S. Open. Why, listen to any telecast I'm on for the Open, they keep going on and on about how I haven't won it. Besides that, who doesn't want the U.S. Open on their resume.

**Q:** What is your favorite lane pattern and why?

**A:** Now it's Chameleon. It's one of the patterns that can become more difficult. I like when the lanes are a little more challenging and low scoring.

**Q:** Who was your favorite player growing up and why?

**A:** Robin Romeo, Jeanne Naccarato. There games were basic and they were always contenders. What more could you want. But, I did enjoy watching Donna Adamek, Nikki Gianulias and Leanne Barrette (Hulsenberg) hook the ball and wonder, How do they do that?

**Q:** What was the most memorable moment in your bowling career and why?

**A:** Being inducted into the USBC Hall of Fame. If you make there, you have obviously made a mark. WOW.



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## Commentary

The best bowlers in the world are bowling on the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour. We saw that time and time again at the World Series of Bowling. Even though Smallwood and Hartnell beat Mallot and Barnes, they are still the best in the world at throwing a bowling ball. In the past, the PBA has had one time wonders. For an example, Rick Lawarnee beat Mike Scorggins, Mike Aulby, Walter Ray, and Parker Bohn III back in 1999 in the Pro Source Open in Wichita. Maybe for Hartnell and Smallwood the same thing will happen for them as well. I am not saying that Smallwood and Hartnell are bad bowlers, but I am saying that they are going to have to beat these guys on a week to week basis on the PBA Tour. If they want to be on my list of great bowlers, they have to continue what they did in the three game match and the World Champion-

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The cream of the crop is always going to win. I remember when the PBA changed the match play format from a round robin format to single elimination format. I was thinking to myself, are the mega bucks tournament bowlers going to be the stars of the PBA Tour? The first week at Perioa might have been true as Kurt Pilon beat Paul Kohler, but by the next week, more of the stars were on the next show. The PBA can not shut out the super stars of the game today no matter what tournament format they throw at the players. The mega buck bowlers have to beat fifty or sixty guys/gals of the PBA Tour in the qualifying portion of the tournament. The WSOB proved that we have the best bowlers in the world on the PBA Tour. Time will only tell if there will be another group of bowlers that are better than what we already have. There has only been four guys that are outside of the US that have been successful on the PBA Tour. Those are Amleto Monacelli, Mika Koivuniemi, Mats Karlson, and Jason Belmonte. These guys have been the only threats to the PBA Tour. In my opinion, there needs to be a qualification process if a bowler is outside of the US. The reason why is that bowlers can really realize what they are getting themselves into. There is a qualification process, but I think they could add more steps to the process. All the stars of today had to go through a process of some sort. So why can't international bowlers go through the same process? Thank you for reading this months edition of the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter.



Marshall Holman, Josh Hyde, and Dick Weber at the 2000 Touring Players Championship.



### PBA Trivia Wizard

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#### Who will be the next PBA Trivia Wizard?

1. Who won the 1979 PBA National Championship?
2. Who won the 1991 Firestone Tournament of Champions?

#### Last Month's PBA Wizard Trivia Winner

Awarded to Ken Henry and Andy Kiser!

#### Last Month's Answers:

- 1.) Tommy Jones
- 2.) Parker Bohn III

