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News

Welcome to this month's edition of the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter. As you might have noticed, we have a new logo that we will be having for the remainder of the second year of this publication. This month in the Strike Column, we will be taking a look at attending all of the majors. However, we do not have an interview of the month. In place of it, there will be a DVD review called "The Dick Weber Tribute." In addition, the Moment of History speaks about how the editor received a PBA Regional trophy from Parker Bohn III. So enjoy this month's edition of the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter.

In the 3rd major of the '09-10, we finally saw a legend win a major tournament. That's right! Walter Ray Williams, Jr. won his 47th career PBA

Tour title, along with his second USBC Master's title. He did it by defeating Chris Barnes by a score of 290-217 in the championship game. The first game featured Ryan Ciminelli defeating Mike Scroggins 246-229. In the semi-final game, Walter Ray defeated Ryan 258-224. It goes to show that Walter Ray is still the best player at throwing the bowling ball.

In the sixty-seventh U.S. Open, no other than the "Real Deal" Bill O'Neil, won his first major tournament of his career. He defeated Mike Scroggins, 267-207 in the championship game. Seeing three major champions and two former U.S. Open champions compete was a tournament of a life time. It was also a great opportunity to witness for a great bowling fan.

In the opening game, it looked like Tommy Jones was going to take the tournament since he had the front six in the first game against Jason Couch, defeating him, 245-192. Except Tommy ran into transition against O'Neil. O'Neil defeated Tommy in the semifinals 203-152. Just when you think you have the tournament figured out, transitions can change the day at the U.S. Open. The spares that you have to convert are not single pin spares they can be harder spares, like the bucket of the wash out and a double wood spare. You are also going to have to realize that a double is big in this test of bowling tournament. Pete Weber told me one time that it was mental drain because all the areas that you need to cover in order to bowl good at the U.S. Open.



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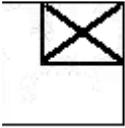


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Strike Column— Going to the Majors

As a bowling fan, I've been to every major tournament there is in professional bowling. The USBC Masters, U.S. Open, Touring Players Championship, PBA World Championship, and the Tournament of Champions. These tournaments are hard to win because they are usually demanding lane conditions and low scoring, but all the greats have won at least one of these majors.

U.S. Open

My first major ever was the 1990 U.S. Open. As a nine year-old, I was not able to understand, but it was the first tournament where I became friends with a lot of top-name players. I remember meeting Tony Westlake and when he made the show and that was neat to see.

In 1996, they decided to combine the U.S. Open men and women's. It was a thrill watching both U.S. Opens simultaneously like Husted and Liz Johnson. Liz won her first and Dave winning his third U.S. Open title. Dave had bowled 300 in the last game of the tournament before the championship round. Overall, it was a neat experience.

The year was 1995. It was bowling's toughest test the U.S. Open. Before the championship round, all the major bowling manufactures were there showcasing their new products. There were 7,200 people at this show in Detroit, Michigan. Parker called the night before and asked if my parents and I wanted to come. We said "sure". Dave Husted was trying to win his second U.S. Open Title. What a venue for the 1995 BPAA U.S. Open! Paul Kohler had strung 15

strikes in a row from the third frame in the semi-final game to the fifth frame of the championship match. He bowled a 278 in the semi final against Steve Hoskins. It looked like Dave Husted was going to have his hands full, and he already had a hurt back. Still, he managed to bowl a 266 over Paul Kohler's 245, so Dave ended up winning the title. It was a great championship game and a high scoring affair for a major bowling tournament. It was a thrill being there to watch the greats bowl the top tournament of the year.

PBA World Championship

Out of all the majors the PBA, the World Championship is probably the greatest major. The first one I went to was in 1992 and it was a surprise. My parents tricked me into going to a bowling supply place and after that we ended up going to Toledo. This tournament promotes the greatest bowlers in the world. In 1999, Chris Barnes made the show and we ended up wearing the same shirt. A Brunswick Rep had asked Chris Barnes what shirt he was wearing and ended up getting me one also. This was a thrill. In the 2001 PBA National Championships, I saw Walter Ray win his first of three PBA World Championships. In 2002, I saw Doug Kent win the largest first place check in PBA history. Finally in 2006, I saw Walter Ray Williams Jr. win his third PBA World Championship when he beat Pete Weber. The PBA World Championship is one of the greatest tournaments ever.

TPC Championship

The Touring Players Championship This tournament was the best of the

best. To be eligible for this tournament you had to bowl 1/3 to 2/3 of the tournament of the PBA tour. In the 1993 TPC, Jason Couch and Parker Bohn III bowled for the title. This was interesting, because the week before they were watching the previous tournament in my living room on a surprise visit. The next week they were bowling for the title. Jason had led the field by 500 pins with a polyurethane ball. It was very interesting to see him to that with an older ball. In the 1998 TPC, by the third round, Parker had led the field by 500 pins so my mother and I went that same night so see him bowl. In 2000, I saw Parker receive his first Player of the Year Award at the PBA Tour Awards banquet. I also met Drew Carey later that week. These are a few of my memories for the Touring Players Championship.

Tournament of Champions

In 2000, I went to the Tournament of Champions. This is what every pro-bowler dreams of winning. It was great because on the eve of the tournament, Parker Bohn III got inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame. It was an honor being there seeing all the great bowlers at one place. It was great seeing Jason Couch win his second title. This was the first time a player defended his title in the Tournament of Champions. Parker figured out the lanes by the third round and

almost came back from being so far behind. This was a great tournament to be at.

USBC Masters

The USBC Masters was the last major tournament I needed to make to see all five majors. I wanted to go to this tournament to see the great bowlers play for the title. Parker bowled great and had a great round the final block before match play. It was interesting to see which players could bounce back if they lost early, to see if they would make it. The last event that I went to, at the conclusion of the Masters, was the Johnny Petraglia Roast by the Midwest Bowling Writers Association. This was a great honor to go to. Sean Rash ended up winning the 2007 Masters. It was a great show to watch. The championship round was held at the Miller Park Baseball field. Walter Ray, Steve Jaros, Patrick Allen, and Sean Rash made the show. This was one of the best championship rounds I have ever attended.

Conclusion

As you can tell, I take great honor at attending all 5 major tournaments. As the greatest bowling fan it's been an honor watching the greatest on such demanding lane conditions and coming through to win the title.



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Kingpin Column

Moments in History

The year was 1996. Parker Bohn III got his spot for my dad at a regional PBA Tournament.

For my dad to be able to bowl out of our region, Parker had to ask the tournament director if he could bowl. Parker had to bowl the pro-am in order for him to have my dad have a sport in the tournament.

Parker ended up making it to that Sunday's match play round, but he was 180 pins out of first place. Going into the last round of

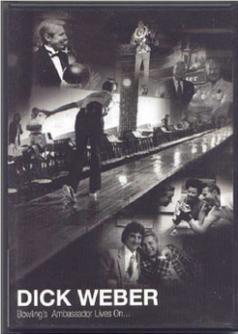


match play, Parker was still 300 pins back.

At lunch with Parker, who was in second place, and Andy Neuer,

who was in first place, Andy told Parker had a chance to win. After not bowling under 200 the entire day, Parker took over first place in the fourteenth game. Despite falling behind the next game, he managed to come back and win the regional. He ended up going 15-1 that day with a low game of 202 and a high game of 289. He even gave me the trophy afterwards. It was the best performance I ever saw of Parker.

DVD Review – Dick Weber Tribute



The *Dick Weber Tribute* DVD was about Dick Weber and what he meant to the sport of bowling. It told memories about his bowling career. They interviewed a lot of stars of the PBA today and yesterday.

The video also talked about how Dick Weber was a great bowler in how he threw the ball. People like Carmen Salvino, Johnny Petragila, Glenn Allison, and Bill Lillard were the stars of yesterday who were interviewed. The stars of today were Pete Weber (his son), Walter Ray Williams, Jr., Parker Bohn III, and Mika Aulby.

This was really great because you got to hear and see why Dick Weber was a great bowler and ambassador for

bowling. There will be no one else like Weber. He really made the PBA, as well as the game of bowling, what it is today.

I had the great opportunity to get to know the legend Dick Weber. He even knew my name. It was an honor doing my tip of the week and him being on the show. I will never forget that. He was definitely one of the best bowlers in the history of the PBA.

I remember meeting him at my local hall of fame banquet. He told stories about bowling. I first met Weber at the 1987 True Value Open in Indianapolis.

Remembering him win his last senior title with Justin Hromek at the 1992 Senior Touring doubles. He had become the first player to win a

PBA title in five decades. This was neat to witness and I understood what was happening. I was rooting for him and Hromek to win the Touring/Senior Doubles in 1992. Three years prior, I saw him and Marc McDowell win the same tournament and I thought that team was tough.

I was very young when I started watching bowling and tried to understand the game of bowling. My only wish was that Weber could have won the tournament where I did my tip of the week. That would have been a heck of a tournament to witness.

All in all, I think you should watch this DVD. My favorite part was when Parker said, "He paved the path for every PBA player to have a chance to earn a living by throwing a bowling ball." I enjoyed this film and think you would enjoy it too.



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Commentary

In the third major of the 09/10 season of the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour, we saw the greatest bowler of the past two decades win. What a surprise! Walter Ray, in my mind, is the greatest player of all time. When I talked to Lyle Zikes about who he ranked number one on the all time greatest players, he said, "Walter Ray." The reason he gave me, is because Walter Ray beat two hundred guys and sixty-three guys. Walter Ray beat open fields and exempt fields, where as Earl only beat open fields. Yes, Earl beat two hundred guys every week when he won his forty-three PBA tour titles, but Walter Ray has won them both. This is what competing on the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour is all about: winning the Exempt Tour tournament, and Open Field tournaments. Also, he used a thousand

different bowling balls, where as Earl Anthony maybe used ten bowling balls, if that. Not that Earl wasn't the best in his time, but Walter is dealing with a changing game. You can say that the game was changing when Earl was bowling, but they were not coming out with different cover-stocks and weight blocks for the bowling ball. They only had come out with a handful.

As I watched the sixty-seventh US Open, and my twenty-sixth major tournament, I kept asking myself what major tournament does a player need to win to become the best bowler in the world. Earl won every major but the US Open. Both Webers won it four times. Roth, Holman, Aulby, Duke, Husted, Walter Ray, and Barnes Have all won at least one or more U.S. Open titles.

When I got to Woodland Bowl, in Indianapolis, there was a sign that said "Past these doors are the world's finest bowlers." It is one of the more demanding lane conditions that a pro bowler will ever have to face in his or her career at least one time per year. With the number one PBA player history not winning a US open it must be a hard tournament to win. The toughest forty foot flat pattern all year tells you what the best players have to go through only that one week. Make your spares and get a double is what you essentially have to do to win the U.S. Open. A turkey is like throwing a 8-bagger in the tournament.

The winner is not going to have a lot of 250's and 260's when he wins the tournament. A big game in the tournament is a 220 or 230. That's a bigger difference than any other tournament on the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour. Thanks for reading this edition of the Josh Hyde's Bowling

Newsletter. Enjoy!



PBA Trivia Wizard

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Who will be the next PBA Trivia Wizard?

1. Who was the last person to throw a 300 on TV in regulation PBA tournament?
2. Who made the show at the 2010 U.S Open?

Last Month's PBA Wizard Trivia Winner

Not Awarded!

Last Month's Answers:

- 1.) George Branham III
- 2.) Liz Johnson



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