



## 2017 USA VS THE WORLD – TV NOTES

### HOW TEAMS WERE SELECTED:

Each player earned their way on to their respective teams via their standings after qualifying (40 games) in the four “animal pattern” events in the 2017 World Series of Bowling (Chameleon, Shark, Cheetah & Scorpion). The top five players from the United States were placed on the USA team and the top five international players were placed on the World team.

### USA TEAM – TEAM CAPTAIN MARSHALL HOLMAN

<u>NAME/CITY</u>	<u>QUALIFYING RANK – 40-GAME AVG.</u>
Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, MI--	(3rd overall in WSOB qualifying – 233.85 avg.)
Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, NY --	(5th overall in WSOB qualifying – 231.30 avg.)
Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, NC --	(6th overall in WSOB qualifying – 230.85 avg.)
Matt McNeil, Minneapolis, MN --	(7th overall in WSOB qualifying – 230.72 avg.)
Bill O’Neill, Langhorne, PA --	(8th overall in WSOB qualifying – 229.92 avg.)

### WORLD TEAM – TEAM CAPTAIN STUART WILLIAMS

<u>NAME/CITY/COUNTRY</u>	<u>QUALIFYING RANK – 40-GAME AVG.</u>
Jesper Svensson, Gothenburg, Sweden --	(1st overall in WSOB qualifying – 239.85 avg.)
Jason Belmonte, Orange, NSW, Australia --	(2nd overall in WSOB qualifying – 235.12 avg.)
Thomas Larsen, Assens, Denmark --	(4th overall in WSOB qualifying – 233.57 avg.)
Dom Barrett, Colchester, England --	(12th overall in WSOB qualifying – 228.47 avg.)
Muhammad Rafiq Ismail, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	(T-13th overall in WSOB qualifying – 227.82 avg.)

### COMPETITION FORMAT

The 2017 USA vs. the World match will be a “Best-of-Two” Baker Team match. In order to win the match outright a team needs to win both matches. If the two matches are split, the match will be decided by a one-ball roll-off. In the roll-off, team managers will each select one player to represent his team and those players will each throw one shot on the team’s finishing lane. High pinfall wins. If those two players tie, two other players will be selected and the process repeats until a winner is decided.

### OIL PATTERN:

#### **Earl Anthony 42 Pattern**

**Length:** 42 ft.

**Description:** The Earl Anthony 42 Pattern is 42 ft. in length and is designed to play inside with a medium scoring pace. This pattern has the highest volume of oil in the PBA library and players should see success with parallel moves when transition starts due to higher oil volume down lane.

**NOTES:**

- After 40 games of qualifying, Muhammad Rafiq Ismail was tied for this last spot on the World team with Japan's Shota Kawazoe with a 40-game pinfall of 9,113 (227.83 avg.). Ismail won the one-game roll-off, 248-176, to earn the fifth and final spot on the World team.
- Dom Barrett is the only returning player on either team from last year's inaugural USA vs. The World competition, which was won by the USA in a one-shot roll-off after the two teams split both games in the "Best-of-Two" format. USA won Game One, 253-224, but The World came back to win Game Two, 223-210, forcing the one-shot roll-off. Team Managers Tommy Jones (USA) and Osku Palermaa (World) selected Dick Allen and Dom Barrett, respectively. Allen struck and Barrett managed to get just seven pins (leaving the 3-6-10), giving the victory to the team from the United States.