



2017 PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP - TOURNAMENT NOTES

VENUE: National Bowling Stadium, Reno, NV
DATES: Qualifying Nov. 8-14 & TV Finals Nov. 19
TELECAST DATE/TIME: ESPN – Dec. 31 at 1 p.m. ET
DEFENDING CHAMPION: EJ Tackett (finished 35th in this year's event)

LANE PATTERN: CHAMELEON 39 (AS CHOSEN BY #1 SEED JESPER SVENSSON)

Length: 39 ft.

Description: The Chameleon is 39 feet in length and is a multiple-angles pattern, allowing the bowlers to choose what part of the lane best suits their game. The scoring pace of this pattern is medium to high.

PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TV FINALS FORMAT (STEPLADDER FORMAT):

MATCH 1: #5 Matt Sanders, Evansville, IN vs. #4 Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, NC
MATCH 2: Winner of Match 1 vs. #3 Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, NY
MATCH 3: Winner of Match 2 vs. #2 Jason Belmonte, Orange, New South Wales, Australia
CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH: Winner of Match 3 vs. #1 Jesper Svensson, Gothenburg, Sweden

PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP PRIZE FUND:

1st - \$60,000
2nd - \$30,000
3rd - \$25,000
4th - \$20,000
5th - \$15,000

PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION FORMAT:

--Field of 195 bowlers (must be a PBA member to bowl)
--Entire field bowled 10 games of qualifying per day over four days on four different oil patterns (Chameleon, Shark, Cheetah & Scorpion). Total of 40 games.

Cut to Top 1/4th of field (49 bowlers):

--Top 49 bowled an additional five games of qualifying on each of those same four patterns (20 more games over two days – 10 per day). Total of 60 games of qualifying.

Cut to Top 5 for stepladder TV finals

GEICO WSOB IX PRESENTED BY ELDORADO RESORTS RENO PROPERTIES (GENERAL NOTES):

The 2017 GEICO WSOB IX presented by Eldorado Resorts Reno Properties featured a WSOB record 26 different countries represented. The field in the first event of WSOB IX (Chameleon Championship) featured 64 international players.

<u># of Bowlers</u>	<u>Country</u>
131	United States of America
7	Malaysia
6	Australia, Sweden
4	Canada, Germany, Norway
3	Denmark, England, Mexico, South Korea, Thailand
2	Argentina, Bahrain, Finland, France
1	China, Ecuador, Ireland, Japan, Latvia, Netherlands, Poland, Puerto Rico, South Africa & Venezuela

WSOB IX also featured 6 female entrants:

Amanda Fry, Antelope, CA

Liz Johnson, Palatine, IL

Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, NY

Daria Pajak, Poland

Diana Zavjalova, Latvia

Shalin Zulkifli, Malaysia

ALL-TIME EARNINGS LEADERS FOR WSOB EVENTS (ENTERING 2017 WSOB)

1. Jason Belmonte	\$241,995
2. Sean Rash	\$200,893
3. Wes Malott	\$169,175
4. Chris Barnes	\$167,910
5. Bill O'Neill	\$166,328

ALL-TIME AVERAGE LEADERS FOR WSOB EVENTS (ENTERING 2017 WSOB – MIN. 500 GAMES BOWLED)

1. Dom Barrett	224.35 (603 games)
2. Sean Rash	223.84 (867 games)
3. Pete Weber	222.80 (740 games)
4. Wes Malott	222.74 (760 games)
5. Jason Belmonte	222.70 (815 games)

PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP – BY THE NUMBERS

Field Size – 195
International Entries - 64 (high finisher – both Jason Belmonte, Australia, and Jesper Svensson, Sweden, qualified for the TV Finals).
Women Entries – 6 (high finisher – Liz Johnson, Palatine, IL – finished 14th).
Average to make cut to Casher’s Rounds (Top 49) – 222.80 (40 games)
Average to make cut to TV Finals (Top 5) – 230.50 (60 games)

TV FINALISTS - TITLES WON (31); MAJORS WON (10)

Jesper Svensson -- 6 titles; 1 major (2016 Firelake PBA TOC).
Jason Belmonte -- 15 titles; 8 majors (2017, 2015, 2014 & 2013 USBC Masters; 2015 & 2014 PBA TOC; 2017 & 2011 Players Champ).
Ryan Ciminelli -- 7 titles; 1 major (2015 U.S. Open).
Kyle Troup -- 2 titles; 0 majors.
Matt Sanders -- 1 title; 0 majors.

BEST FINISHES IN 2017 SEASON:

Svensson -- 1st: MaineQuarterly.com Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles, Portland, ME.
2nd: Best singles result: WBT Thailand, Bangkok, Thailand.
Belmonte -- 1st: Barbasol PBA Players Championship, Columbus, OH;
USBC Masters, Las Vegas;
WBT Storm Lucky Larsen Masters, Malmo, Sweden.
Ciminelli -- 2nd: PBA Xtra Frame Greater Jonesboro Open, Jonesboro, AR;
PBA Xtra Frame Chesapeake Open, Chesapeake, VA.
Troup -- 1st: MaineQuarterly.com Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles, Portland, ME.
6th: Best singles result: PBA Xtra Frame Wilmington Open, Wilmington, NC.
Sanders -- 1st: PBA Xtra Frame Billy Hardwick Memorial Open, Memphis, TN

PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP – BEST CAREER FINISH

Svensson -- 14th: 2016 (Reno, NV).
Belmonte -- 2nd: 2012 (Las Vegas).
Ciminelli -- 3rd: 2015 (Reno, NV).
Troup -- 37th: 2016 (Reno, NV).
Sanders -- N/A: First time bowling in this event.

LEADERS BY ROUND

Round 1 (after qualifying in Chameleon – 10 games):	Tom Smallwood
Round 2 (after qualifying in Chameleon & Shark – 20 games):	Tom Smallwood
Round 3 (after qualifying in Chameleon, Shark & Cheetah – 30 games):	Jesper Svensson
Round 4 (after qualifying Chameleon, Shark, Cheetah & Scorpion – 40 games):	Jesper Svensson
Casher’s Qualifying Rd. 1 (after 45 games):	Jesper Svensson
Casher’s Qualifying Rd. 2 (after 50 games):	Jesper Svensson
Casher’s Qualifying Rd. 3 (after 55 games):	Jesper Svensson
Casher’s Qualifying Rd. 4 (after 60 games):	Jesper Svensson

<u>FINALISTS BY RD.</u>	<u>Q1</u>	<u>Q2</u>	<u>Q3</u>	<u>Q4</u>	<u>Casher's 1</u>	<u>Casher's 2</u>	<u>Casher's 3</u>	<u>Casher's 4</u>
Svensson	2nd	2nd	1st	1st	1st	1st	1st	1st
Belmonte	T-14th	T-13th	4th	2nd	2nd	2nd	2nd	2nd
Ciminelli	5th	16th	6th	5th	5th	4th	3rd	3rd
Troup	35th	15th	12th	6th	3rd	3rd	5th	4th
Sanders	T-16th	20th	T-22nd	10th	T-6th	7th	4th	5th

FINALISTS AVERAGES BY OIL PATTERN (15 GAMES ON EACH PATTERN)

	<u>*Chameleon*</u>	<u>Shark</u>	<u>Cheetah</u>	<u>Scorpion</u>	<u>Overall (60 games)</u>
Svensson	241.93	243.93	251.26	227.20	241.08
Belmonte	237.33	232.73	238.73	233.13	235.48
Ciminelli	233.80	234.13	242.93	224.53	233.85
Troup	231.66	239.20	224.40	233.46	232.18
Sanders	235.80	227.53	233.26	225.40	230.50

*Chameleon is the oil pattern selected by Svensson for the TV Finals.

FINALISTS VS. EACH OTHER ON TV (HEAD-TO-HEAD SINGLES MATCHES ONLY):

SVENSSON VS.:

Belmonte:

2-0 with a 268.50 avg.; Belmonte 257.50 avg. against; 0-0 in title matches.

--Def. Belmonte, 279-258, in the round robin part of the 2017 Main Event PBA Tour Finals, Orlando, FL.

--Def. Belmonte, 258-257, in the group stepladder part of the 2017 Main Event PBA Tour Finals, Orlando, FL.

Ciminelli, Troup & Sanders: Has not faced any of these finalists on TV.

BELMONTE VS.:

Svensson:

0-2 with a 257.50 avg.; Svensson 268.50 avg. against; 0-0 in title matches.

--Lost to Svensson, 279-258, in the round robin part of the 2017 Main Event PBA Tour Finals, Orlando, FL.

--Lost to Svensson, 258-257, in the group stepladder part of the 2017 Main Event PBA Tour Finals, Orlando, FL.

Ciminelli:

1-1 with a 225.00 avg.; Ciminelli 235.50 avg. against; 0-0 in title matches.

--Def. Ciminelli, 227-214, in the opening match of the 2014 USBC Masters, North Brunswick, NJ.

--Lost to Ciminelli, 257-223, in the semifinal match of the 2012 PBA Tournament of Champions, Las Vegas.

Troup & Sanders: Has not faced either of these finalists on TV.

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Svensson, Troup & Sanders: Has not faced any of these finalists on TV.

TROUP: Has not faced any of the other finalists on TV.

SANDERS: First TV Finals appearance; Has not faced any of the other finalists on TV.

PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FACTS

- This is the 59th edition of the PBA World Championship. Prior to 2002, the event was known as the PBA National Championship. The first PBA World Championship (National Championship) was contested in 1960 in Memphis, TN, and was won by Don Carter.
- When the tournament changed names in 2002 from the PBA National Championship to the PBA World Championship, the first-place check was also increased to six figures for the first time in the history of the event. From 2002-2005, first place in the PBA World Championship paid \$120,000. First place was also worth six figures in 2006 (\$100,000). In addition to the name change and prize fund increase in 2002, the TV finals of the event also converted from a stepladder format to a bracket format (two semis and a final). In the 2010-11 season, the event returned to a stepladder finals format.
- This marks the ninth consecutive time the PBA World Championship has been contested as part of the PBA's World Series of Bowling and the third time it has been here at the National Bowling Stadium. Here is a brief recap of the previous eight PBA World Championships that were part of the WSOB.
 - 2016 season – The WSOB and the PBA World Championship remain at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, NV and EJ Tackett captures his first “major” title with a win in the event. That win also propels Tackett to his first ever PBA Player of the Year honors.
 - 2015 season – The WSOB and PBA World Championship are moved to the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, NV and Gary Faulkner Jr. wins his first career PBA title and becomes just the second black player to win a PBA title and PBA “major” (George Branham III).
 - 2014 season – The TV Finals are contested at the newly constructed South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas and Mike Fagan takes home his second “major” and first win in this event.
 - 2012-13 season (late in season) – The TV Finals remain in the Exhibition Hall at South Point for the third consecutive year and Dom Barrett becomes the first player from England to win a “major” championship on the PBA Tour.
 - 2012-13 season (early in season) – The TV Finals remain in the Exhibition Hall at South Point and Parker Bohn III “climbs the ladder” winning four consecutive matches to claim his second career major and first win in four years.
 - 2011-12 season – The TV Finals of the event are moved to the Exhibition Hall at South Point and Osku Palermaa becomes the first international player to win the event.
 - 2010-11 season – Chris Barnes wins at South Point to complete the Triple Crown.
 - 2009-2010 season – Qualifying and match play for the event are contested at Thunderbowl in Allen Park, MI, as part of the WSOB held there and the TV Finals take place at Northrock Lanes in Wichita, KS, where Tom Smallwood wins the title.

- Eight players have won multiple titles in this event:

Earl Anthony	6 wins	1973, 1974, 1975, 1981, 1982, 1983
Norm Duke	3 wins	2000, 2008 (2007-08 season), 2008 (2008-09 season)
Walter Ray Williams Jr.	3 wins	2001, 2003, 2006
Mike Aulby	2 wins	1979, 1985
Dave Davis	2 wins	1965, 1967
Doug Kent	2 wins	2002, 2007
Pete Weber	2 wins	1989 & 1998
Wayne Zahn	2 wins	1966 & 1968

PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP – GENERAL NOTES

DEFENDING CHAMPION

Defending champion EJ Tackett finished 35th in this year's event.

PEDERSEN'S MAJOR WIN

Our own Randy Pedersen won this event 30 years ago in 1987 in Toledo, OH, for his lone major title.

THE PBA IN RENO

This marks the third time the city of Reno has hosted the PBA World Championship, but not the first time it has hosted a "major." In addition to the PBA World Championships, Reno has hosted 11 USBC Masters events and one PBA Tournament of Champions. Below are the "majors" hosted by Reno (with event winners/venue):

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>CHAMPION</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
1977	USBC Masters	Earl Anthony	Centennial Coliseum
1984	USBC Masters	Earl Anthony	Reno-Sparks Convention Center
1990	USBC Masters	Chris Warren	Reno-Sparks Convention Center
1995	USBC Masters	Mike Aulby	National Bowling Stadium
1997	PBA T of C	John Gant	National Bowling Stadium
1998	USBC Masters	Mike Aulby	National Bowling Stadium
2001	USBC Masters	Parker Bohn III	National Bowling Stadium
2002	USBC Masters	Brett Wolfe	National Bowling Stadium
2003	USBC Masters	Bryon Smith	National Bowling Stadium
2004	USBC Masters	Walter Ray Williams Jr.	National Bowling Stadium
2010	USBC Masters	Walter Ray Williams Jr.	National Bowling Stadium
2011	USBC Masters	Tom Hess	National Bowling Stadium
2015	PBA World Championship	Gary Faulkner Jr.	National Bowling Stadium
2016	PBA World Championship	EJ Tackett	National Bowling Stadium
2017	PBA World Championship	?????	National Bowling Stadium

HOW THEY GOT HERE

As the final five games of qualifying drew to an end, the top four spots for the TV Finals were locked in with Svensson first, Belmonte second, Ciminelli third and Troup fourth. The battle came down to the fifth spot with four players - Francois Lavoie, Bill O'Neill, Sean Rash and Matt Sanders - all in contention. Lavoie shot 300 in Game 3 of the final five-game block to go around O'Neill for the fifth spot with just two games remaining. In Game 4, O'Neill battled back with a 268 game, while Rash missed a 10 pin in his 10th frame of that game and Lavoie managed just 201, putting O'Neill back into the fifth spot with one game to go. O'Neill took a 19-pin lead over Lavoie, a 44-pin lead over Rash and a 49-pin lead over Sanders heading into that last game. But, Sanders finished with a big game (268), while O'Neill shot 183, Lavoie had a 182 and Rash rolled a 193 game, which vaulted Sanders from 8th to 5th, 36 pins ahead of O'Neill. Lavoie and Rash finished 7th and 8th respectively.

CIMINELLI & SVENSSON RANK 1-2 ALL-TIME IN TV AVERAGE

Ryan Ciminelli and Jesper Svensson rank first and second all-time in TV average. Ciminelli has a 232.43 average in 18 TV Finals appearances. Svensson ranks second with a 230.05 average in 10 appearances. A minimum of 10 TV Finals appearances are needed to qualify.

SVENSSON FIRST ALL-TIME AMONG ACTIVE PLAYERS IN TV WINNING PERCENTAGE

Jesper Svensson ranks first all-time among active players in winning percentage on TV. Svensson is 12-6 all-time on TV for a winning percentage of 66.66%, best among active players with at least 10 TV Finals appearances (Svensson has exactly 10 appearances) and tied for fourth overall. First all-time among all players is Jim Pencak with a TV record of 22-8 (73.33%) in 12 appearances. The only other active player in the Top 10 is Tommy Jones who is ninth all-time with a record of 49-29 (62.82%). Our own Randy Pedersen rounds out the Top 10 all-time with a record of 32-19 (62.74%).

BELMONTE MAKES FINAL POY PUSH

Heading into the World Series of Bowling, most viewed Jason Belmonte and EJ Tackett as the frontrunners for 2017 PBA Player of the Year honors. Belmonte entered the WSOB with three wins this year, including two “majors” – the Barbasol PBA Players Championship & the USBC Masters. Tackett also entered the WSOB with three wins including one of the other “majors” this year - the FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions. A win by Belmonte in this event would go a long way toward him regaining the Player of the Year honor he held three consecutive years prior to last year when Tackett won the award. Should Belmonte not win this event, others still in contention include Rhino Page (two wins entering the WSOB including the other “major” at the U.S. Open) and Jesper Svensson, who had one win this year heading into the WSOB.

BELMONTE LOOKS TO MOVE UP LIST OF MAJOR WINNERS

With a win in this event, Jason Belmonte would have his ninth “major” title. That would move him into sole possession of third place on the all-time list behind only Earl Anthony and Pete Weber, who are tied for first with 10 major wins each. Belmonte is currently tied at eight major wins with Mike Aulby and Walter Ray Williams Jr.

CIMINELLI LOOKS TO GET BACK IN WINNER’S CIRCLE ON TV

Entering the WSOB, Ryan Ciminelli was winless in 2017 and his two wins in 2016 were live streamed on Xtra Frame, but were not televised. His last win on TV came nearly two years ago when he won the Go Bowling.com PBA Viper Championship in December of 2015 here in Reno, NV.

TROUP PERFECT ON TV

It’s a small sample size, but Kyle Troup has yet to lose on TV. In his lone TV Finals appearance in a singles event, Troup won all three of his matches to capture the title in the 2015 PBA Wolf Open in Shawnee, OK. His only other TV appearance came this year in a doubles event as he and partner Jesper Svensson won the MaineQuarterly.com Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship in Portland, ME. Ironically, if Troup wins today, he’ll have to defeat tournament leader and doubles partner Svensson to do it.

SANDERS OFF TO FAST START IN PBA CAREER

Matt Sanders is off to a blazing start since becoming a PBA member in February of this year. Bowling in just his third PBA Tour event as a member, Sanders won the PBA Xtra Frame Billy Hardwick Memorial Open in Memphis, TN (streamed live on Xtra Frame, but not televised). The event was a “restricted equipment” event where only PBA plastic balls were allowed in competition. Sanders defeated Brian LeClair for the title. Heading into the 2017 WSOB, Sanders had only bowled in five PBA Tour events as a member. He now looks for this first win on TV and his first “major” title.

JESPER SVENSSON AS NO. 1 SEED IN STEPLADDER FINALS (SINGLES EVENTS)

Jesper Svensson is 0-1 as the top seed in a stepladder finals format . . . as the No. 1 seed, he lost the championship match of the 2016 PBA Bear Open in Allen Park, MI, to EJ Tackett, 212-199.

#1 SEEDS IN STEPLADDER FINALS

So far in 2017, there have been 15 singles events (televised and non-televised) featuring a stepladder finals and No. 1 seeds have gone 7-8 in those events. In 2016, there were 16 singles events featuring a stepladder finals and the No. 1 seed went 6-10. No. 1 seeds have not had a winning record in title matches since the 2008-09 season when they went 7-6. Results for the No. 1 seed for the last five seasons (including 2017) are below:

2017 7-8

No. 2 Rhino Page def. No. 1 Jakob Butturff to win the 2017 U.S. Open.
No. 1 Yannaphon Larpapharat def. No. 4 ►Jesper Svensson to win the WBT Thailand.
No. 2 Rhino Page def. No. 1 Chris Via to win the PBA Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic.
No. 1 ►Jason Belmonte def. No. 2 Cameron Weier to win the WBT Storm Lucky Larsen Masters.
No. 1 Sean Rash def. No. 3 EJ Tackett to win the PBA Xtra Frame Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic.
No. 2 Dick Allen def. No. 1 ►Ryan Ciminelli to win the PBA Xtra Frame Chesapeake Open.
No. 1 Marshall Kent def. No. 4 Chris Barnes to win the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Oklahoma Open.
No. 4 Marshall Kent def. No. 1 EJ Tackett to win the PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Open.
No. 4 Francois Lavoie def. No. 1 ►Ryan Ciminelli to win the PBA Xtra Frame Jonesboro Open.
No. 2 Anthony Simonsen def. No. 1 Rhino Page to win the PBA Xtra Frame Wilmington Open.
No. 3 Josh Blanchard def. No. 1 AJ Johnson to win the PBA Xtra Frame Reality Check Classic.
No. 1 ►Jason Belmonte def. No. 4 Michael Tang to win the USBC Masters.
No. 1 EJ Tackett def. No. 2 Tommy Jones to win the FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions.
No. 1 ►Jason Belmonte def. No. 2 Anthony Simonsen to win the Barbasol PBA Players Championship.
No. 5 EJ Tackett def. No. 1 Shota Kawazoe to win the DHC PBA Japan Invitational.

2016 6-10

No. 1 EJ Tackett def. No. 4 Tom Smallwood to win the 2017 PBA World Championship.
No. 2 Francois Lavoie def. No. 1 Marshall Kent to win the 2016 U.S. Open.
No. 1 Jakob Butturff def. No. 5 Anthony Simonsen to win the PBA Xtra Frame South Point Las Vegas Open.
No. 1 ►Ryan Ciminelli def. No. 2 J.R. Raymond to win the PBA Xtra Frame Parkside Lanes Open.
No. 2 Sean Rash def. No. 1 ►Jason Belmonte to win the PBA Detroit Open.
No. 2 Sean Rash def. No. 1 Wes Malott to win the PBA Badger Open.
No. 2 EJ Tackett def. No. 1 ►Jesper Svensson to win the PBA Bear Open.
No. 4 Tom Daugherty def. No. 1 Francois Lavoie to win the PBA Wolf Open.
No. 1 Michael Haugen Jr. def. No. 4 Bill O'Neill to win the PBA Xtra Frame Gene Carter Pro Shop Classic.
No. 1 Jakob Butturff def. No. 4 Shawn Maldonado to win the PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Open.
No. 4 Tommy Jones def. No. 1 ►Kyle Troup to win the Downums Waste Services PBA Jonesboro Open.
No. 2 EJ Tackett def. No. 1 ►Ryan Ciminelli to win the PBA Xtra Frame STORM Open.
No. 2 Graham Fach def. No. 1 ►Ryan Ciminelli to win the Barbasol PBA Players Championship.
No. 1 Anthony Simonsen def. No. 2 Dan MacLelland to win the USBC Masters.
No. 2 ►Jesper Svensson def. No. 1 Mitch Beasley to win the Firelake PBA Tournament of Champions.
No. 2 Amleto Monacelli def. No. 1 Dom Barrett to win the DHC PBA Japan Invitational.

2015 7-8

No. 3 Gary Faulkner Jr. def. No. 1 EJ Tackett to win the Rolltech PBA World Championship.
No. 1 ► Ryan Ciminelli def. No. 4 Dom Barrett to win the Bowlmor AMF U.S. Open.
No. 2 ► Ryan Ciminelli def. No. 1 Anthony Pepe to win the PBA Xtra Frame South Point Las Vegas Open.
No. 1 Sean Rash def. No. 2 Pete Weber to win the PBA Xtra Frame Iowa Midwest Open.
No. 1 Ryan Shafer def. No. 4 Marshall Kent to win the PBA Xtra Frame Gene Carter Classic.
No. 1 EJ Tackett def. No. 2 Bill O'Neill to win the PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Southwest Open.
No. 1 Andres Gomez def. No. 4 Tom Daugherty to win the PBA Xtra Frame Pensacola South Open.
No. 1 Bill O'Neill def. No. 2 ► Jason Belmonte to win the PBA Oklahoma Open.
No. 3 Ronnie Russell def. No. 1 Dom Barrett to win the PBA Badger Open.
No. 4 Tommy Jones def. No. 1 Norm Duke to win the PBA Bear Open.
No. 3 ► Kyle Troup def. No. 1 Marshall Kent to win the PBA Wolf Open.
No. 2 ► Jason Belmonte def. No. 1 Rhino Page to win the Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions.
No. 1 Parker Bohn III def. No. 2 Ronnie Russell to win the PBA Players Championship.
No. 2 ► Jason Belmonte def. No. 1 A. J. Johnson to win the USBC Masters.
No. 2 Chris Barnes def. No. 1 Mike Fagan to win the DHC Japan Invitational.

2014 2-5

No. 2 Mike Fagan def. No. 1 Wes Malott to win the PBA World Championship.
No. 5 ► Jason Belmonte def. No. 1 EJ Tackett to win the PBA Oklahoma Open.
No. 1 Bill O'Neill def. No. 4 Brian Valenta to win the PBA Badger Open.
No. 3 Ronnie Russell def. No. 1 Tommy Jones to win the PBA Bear Open.
No. 4 Sean Rash def. No. 1 Chris Barnes to win the PBA Wolf Open.
No. 5 ► Jason Belmonte def. No. 1 EJ Tackett to win the USBC Masters.
No. 1 ► Jason Belmonte def. No. 3 Wes Malott to win the Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions.

2012-13 8-13

No. 1 Dom Barrett def. No. 2 Sean Rash to win the PBA World Championship.
No. 2 Tom Smallwood def. No. 1 Marshall Kent to win the PBA Scorpion Championship.
No. 3 ► Ryan Ciminelli def. No. 1 Dom Barrett to win the PBA Chameleon Championship.
No. 2 Chris Barnes def. No. 1 ► Ryan Ciminelli to win the PBA Viper Championship.
No. 3 Wes Malott def. No. 1 Parker Bohn III to win the PBA Cheetah Championship.
No. 4 Wes Malott def. No. 1 ► Jason Belmonte to win the 2013 Bowling's U.S. Open.
No. 1 Chris Barnes def. No. 3 Norm Duke to win the Lucas Oil PBA Milwaukee Open.
No. 1 ► Jason Belmonte def. No. 2 Chris Barnes to win the Lucas Oil PBA Bear Open.
No. 1 Chris Loschetter def. No. 5 Bill O'Neill to win the Lucas Oil PBA Wolf Open.
No. 2 Jake Peters def. 1 Josh Blanchard to win the Lucas Oil PBA Badger Open.
No. 1 Pete Weber def. No. 2 ► Jason Belmonte to win the Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions.
No. 2 Scott Norton def. No. 1 Sean Rash to win the PBA Earl Anthony Players Championship.
No. 2 Jason Sterner def. No. 1 Wes Malott to win the PBA Don Carter Classic.
No. 1 ► Jason Belmonte def. No. 3 Wes Malott to win the USBC Masters.
No. 1 Michael Haugen Jr. def. No. 2 Scott Norton to win the PBA Mark Roth Classic.
No. 2 Andres Gomez def. No. 1 D. J. Archer to win the PBA Carmen Salvino Classic.
No. 5 Parker Bohn III def. No. 1 ► Jason Belmonte to win the PBA World Championship.
No. 4 Tom Daugherty def. No. 1 Osku Palermaa to win the PBA Scorpion Championship.
No. 3 Scott Norton def. No. 1 ► Jason Belmonte to win the PBA Chameleon Championship.
No. 1 Brad Angelo def. No. 3 Mika Koivuniemi to win the PBA Viper Championship.
No. 4 Bill O'Neill def. No. 1 Mike Wolfe to win the Alka Seltzer Plus Cold Cheetah Championship.

VICTORIES FOR VARIOUS SEEDS IN STEPLADDER FINALS SINCE 2000

	2000	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
1st	8	7	2	2	2	0	3	5	7	2
2nd	3	4	1	1	1	3	3	0	2	5
3rd	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	2	0
4th	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
5th	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0
6th	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7th	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8th	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2014	2015	2016	2017
1st	5	2	8	2	7	6	7
2nd	2	2	6	1	4	8	4
3rd	1	1	3	1	3	0	1
4th	3	1	3	1	1	2	2
5th	0	0	1	2	0	0	1
6th	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7th	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8th	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

300 GAMES IN PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (5):

Chris Warren	Qualifying Casher's Rd. 1 (Chameleon)
Richie Teece	Qualifying Casher's Rd. 2 (Shark)
Marshall Kent	Qualifying Casher's Rd. 2 (Shark)
BJ Moore III	Qualifying Casher's Rd. 2 (Shark)
Francois Lavoie	Qualifying Casher's Rd. 4 (Scorpion)

300 GAMES IN 2017 SEASON

Through 22 events in the 2017 season, there have been 88 perfect games for an average of 4.00 per event. Last season (2016) there were 83 perfect games in 24 events for an average of 3.45 per event.

<u>Season</u>	<u>300 Games</u>	<u># of Tournaments</u>	<u>Avg. per Tournament</u>
2017	88	22	4.00
2016	83	24	3.45
2015	73	23	3.17
2014	33	11	3.00
2012-13	94	23	4.08
2011-12	73	15	4.86
2010-11	37	12	3.08

TV 300 GAMES IN MAJOR FINALS

There have only been 26 televised 300 games bowled in PBA Tour history and what's even rarer is a televised 300 game in a Major final. It's only happened six times in the history of the PBA:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Event</u>
1.	*Jack Biondolillo	Les Schissler	1967 T of C, Fairlawn, OH
2.	Johnny Petraglia	Walter Ray Williams Jr.	►1994 National Champ., Toledo, OH
3.	Jason Queen	Bobby Fleetwood	1997 USBC Masters, Huntsville, AL
4.	Parker Bohn III	Chris Sands	1998 USBC Masters, Reno, NV
5.	Sean Rash	►Ryan Ciminelli	2015 T of C, Indianapolis, IN
6.	Francois Lavoie	Shawn Maldonado	2016 U.S. Open, Las Vegas

*First televised 300 game in Tour history

TELEVISED 300 GAME BONUS

Any finalist rolling a 300 game this week in the championship round will earn a \$10,000 bonus.

ALL-TIME PBA 300 GAMES ON TV (PBA TOUR) – 26

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Opponent (score)</u>	<u>Telecast Air Date</u>	<u>Tournament City</u>
1.	Jack Biondolillo	Les Schissler (216)	April 1, 1967	Akron OH
2.	John Guenther	Don Johnson (189)	Feb. 1, 1969	San Jose, CA
3.	Jim Stefanich	Glenn Carlson (243)	Jan. 5, 1974	Alameda, CA
4.	Pete McCordic	Wayne Webb (249)	Jan. 31, 1987	Torrance, CA
5.	@# Bob Benoit	Mark Roth (255)	Jan. 23, 1988	Grand Prairie, TX
6.	# Michael Aulby	David Ozio (279)	July 31, 1993	Wichita, KS
7.	Johnny Petraglia	W.R. Williams Jr. (194)	March 5, 1994	Toledo, OH
8.	Butch Soper	Bob Benoit (236)	July 12, 1994	Reno, NV
9.	@C.K. Moore	Parker Bohn III (192)	Feb. 2, 1996	Austin, TX
10.	Bob Learn Jr.	Johnny Petraglia (279)	April 6, 1996	Erie, PA
11.	@Jason Queen	Bobby Fleetwood (225)	May 3, 1997	Huntsville, AL
12.	Steve Hoskins	W.R. Williams Jr. (234)	Oct. 15, 1997	Rochester, NY
13.	Parker Bohn III	Chris Sand (246) & Michael Mullin (191)	May 9, 1998	Reno, NV
14.	Steve Jaros	Ricky Ward (200)	Feb. 13, 1999	Chattanooga, TN
15.	Mike Miller	Danny Wiseman (266) & Tim Criss (224)	June 20, 1999	Reno, NV
16.	Norm Duke	W.R. Williams Jr. (213)	Jan. 5, 2003	Tacoma, WA
17.	Mika Koivuniemi	Jason Couch (248)	Dec. 7, 2003	Windsor Locks, CT
18.	@Tony Reyes	Parker Bohn III (215)	Nov. 5, 2006	Taylor, MI
19.	Ryan Shafer	Jeff Carter (228)	March 18, 2007	Indianapolis, IN
20.	Rhino Page	Jeong Tae-Hwa (235)	April 25, 2009	Tokyo, Japan
21.	►Jason Belmonte	Mike Fagan (220) & Brian Kretzer (231)	Jan. 8, 2012	Las Vegas, NV
22.	Chris Barnes	Sean Rash (182) & ►Jason Belmonte (215)	March 4, 2012	Las Vegas, NV
23.	Sean Rash	Chris Loschetter (236)	May 24, 2014	Shawnee, OK
24.	Ronnie Russell	Sean Rash (265) & J.R. Raymond (186)	Dec. 28, 2014	Las Vegas, NV
25.	Sean Rash	►Ryan Ciminelli (214)	Feb. 15, 2015	Indianapolis, IN
26.	@Francois Lavoie	Shawn Maldonado	Nov. 9, 2016	Las Vegas, NV

- Title match @ - Won first title same show

ALL-TIME PBA TOUR "7-10 SPLIT" CONVERSIONS ON TV – (3)

1. Mark Roth (1980, Alameda, CA)
2. John Mazza (1991, Sunrise, FL)
3. Jess Stayrook (1991, Tucson, AZ)

ALL-TIME PBA TOUR 4-6-7-10 "BIG FOUR" SPLIT CONVERSIONS ON TV – (1)

Walter Ray Williams Jr. (2005, Norcross, GA)

ALL-TIME PBA TOUR CHAMPIONS (ENTERING 2017 WSOB)

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Titles</u>
1.	Walter Ray Williams Jr.	47
2.	Earl Anthony	43
3.	Norm Duke	38
4.	Pete Weber	37
5.	Parker Bohn III	35
6.	Mark Roth	34
7.	Dick Weber	30
8.	Mike Aulby	29
9.	Don Johnson	26
10.	Brian Voss	25

ALL-TIME MAJOR TITLES LEADERS

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Majors Won</u>
1.	Earl Anthony	10	73 NC, 74 NC, 74 TOC, 75 NC, 77 Masters, 78 TOC, 81 NC, 82 NC, 83 NC, 84 Masters
	Pete Weber	10	87 TOC, 88 US, 89 NC, 91 US, 92 TPC, 98 NC, 04 US, 07 US, 12 US, 13 TOC
3.	Mike Aulby	8	79 NC, 85 NC, 89 US, 89 Masters, 95 TOC, 95 Masters, 96 TPC, 98 Masters
	► Jason Belmonte	8	11 & 17 Players, 13, 14, 15 & 17 Masters, 14 & 15 TOC
	Walter Ray Williams Jr.	8	94 TPC, 98 US, 01 NC, 03 WC, 03 US, 04 Masters, 06 WC, 10 Masters
6.	Norm Duke	7	93 Masters, 94 TOC, 00 NC, 08 WC, 08 US, 08 WC, 11 US

2017 PBA TOUR CHAMPIONS (ENTERING 2017 WSOB)

2017 EVENTS

DHC PBA Japan Invitational, Osaka
Barbasol PBA Players Championship, Columbus, OH
FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions, Shawnee, OK
USBC Masters, Las Vegas
PBA Xtra Frame Reality Check Classic, Tamarac, FL
*Brunswick Euro Challenge, Munich, Germany
MaineQuarterly.com Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles, Portland, ME

Main Event PBA Tour Finals, Orlando, FL
PBA Xtra Frame Wilmington Open, Wilmington, NC
PBA Xtra Frame Jonesboro Open, Jonesboro, AR
PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Open pres. by Ebonite, Lubbock, TX
PBA Xtra Frame Billy Hardwick Memorial Open pres. by Chris Hardwick, Memphis, TN
Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Oklahoma Open, Shawnee, OK
PBA/PWBA Xtra Frame Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles, Houston, TX
PBA Xtra Frame Chesapeake Open, Chesapeake, VA
PBA Xtra Frame Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic, Middletown, DE
*WBT Storm Lucky Larsen Masters, Malmo, Sweden
PBA Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic, Coldwater, OH
*WBT Thailand, Bangkok, Thailand
2017 U.S. Open, Liverpool, NY

*PBA International Title (World Bowling Tour)

** First time champion

2017 PBA TOUR STATS

2017 SEASON EARNINGS LEADERS (ENTERING 2017 WSOB)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Earnings</u>
1. EJ Tackett	\$198,008
2. ► Jason Belmonte	\$146,412
3. Marshall Kent	\$90,880
4. Anthony Simonsen	\$76,834
5. Rhino Page	\$75,690
6. Dom Barrett	\$71,370
7. *Norm Duke	\$69,720
8. Tommy Jones	\$69,330
9. ► Jesper Svensson	\$65,116
10. Sean Rash	\$64,067

* Includes PBA50 Tour earnings

CHAMPION

EJ Tackett
► Jason Belmonte
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Josh Blanchard
*Dom Barrett
► Jesper Svensson/
► Kyle Troup
EJ Tackett
Anthony Simonsen
Francois Lavoie
Marshall Kent
► **Matt Sanders
Marshall Kent
Jason Sterner/Birgit Poppler
Dick Allen
Sean Rash
► *Jason Belmonte
Rhino Page
* ** Yannaphon Larpapharat
Rhino Page

2017 SEASON AVERAGE LEADERS (ENTERING 2017 WSOB – MIN. 9 EVENTS BOWLED)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Average</u>
1. ► Jason Belmonte	226.10
2. EJ Tackett	222.72
3. Dom Barrett	220.83
4. Tom Smallwood	220.81
5. Rhino Page	219.83
6. Chris Barnes	219.82
7. Sean Rash	219.27
8. Marshall Kent	219.15
9. Wes Malott	218.94
10. Tommy Jones	218.70

CAREER EARNINGS LEADERS (ENTERING 2017 WSOB)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Earnings</u>
1. Walter Ray Williams Jr.	\$4,731,829
2. Pete Weber	\$4,004,388
3. Norm Duke	\$3,306,543
4. Parker Bohn III	\$3,141,961
5. Brian Voss	\$2,546,204
6. Amleto Monacelli	\$2,444,384
7. Chris Barnes	\$2,403,856
8. Tom Baker	\$2,173,280
9. Mike Aulby	\$2,097,520
10. Mika Koivuniemi	\$1,921,556

2016 PBA TOUR - EVENT CHAMPIONS

2016 EVENTS

PBA Mark Roth/Marshall Holman Doubles Championship,
Las Vegas & Reno, NV
DHC PBA Japan Invitational, Tokyo
FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions, Shawnee, OK
USBC Masters, Indianapolis
Barbasol PBA Players Championship, Columbus, OH
Brunswick Euro Challenge, Munich, Germany
Bowling.com PBA Maine Shootout, Portland, ME
PBA Xtra Frame STORM Open, Carpentersville, IL
Downums Waste Services PBA Jonesboro Open, Jonesboro, AR
PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Open, Lubbock, TX
STORM PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles, Houston
WBT Thailand, Bangkok, Thailand
PBA Xtra Frame Gene Carter Pro Shop East Classic, Middletown, DE
PBA Wolf Open, Allen Park, MI
PBA Bear Open, Allen Park, MI
PBA Badger Open, Allen Park, MI
PBA Detroit Open, Allen Park, MI
PBA Xtra Frame Parkside Lanes Open, Aurora, IL
PBA Xtra Frame South Point Las Vegas Open, Las Vegas, NV
PBA Team Challenge, Las Vegas, NV

2016 U.S. Open

PBA Cheetah Championship, Reno, NV
PBA Chameleon Championship, Reno, NV
PBA Scorpion Championship, Reno, NV
PBA Shark Championship, Reno, NV
PBA World Championship, Reno, NV

* Denotes first-time champion

** PBA International Title (World Bowling Tour)

CHAMPION

*Connor Pickford &
*Anthony Simonsen
Amleto Monacelli
▶ Jesper Svensson
Anthony Simonsen
*Graham Fach
**▶ Jesper Svensson
▶ Ryan Ciminelli
EJ Tackett
Tommy Jones
*Jakob Butturff
Bill O'Neill (w/Shannon O'Keefe)
**▶ Jesper Svensson
Michael Haugen Jr.
Tom Daugherty
EJ Tackett
Sean Rash
Sean Rash
▶ Ryan Ciminelli
Jakob Butturff
Marshall Kent, Chris Loschetter, Rhino
Page, Ronnie Russell & EJ Tackett
*Francois Lavoie
Mike Wolfe
*Mitch Beasley
Tommy Jones
Francois Lavoie
EJ Tackett

2016 PBA TOUR - FINAL STATS

2016 SEASON EARNINGS LEADERS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Earnings</u>
1. EJ Tackett	\$168,290
2. Anthony Simonsen	\$143,278
3. ▶ Jesper Svensson	\$138,380
4. Dom Barrett	\$116,890
5. *Pete Weber	\$105,130
6. Tommy Jones	\$99,267
7. ▶ Jason Belmonte	\$95,345
8. Francois Lavoie	\$86,645
9. *Walter Ray Williams Jr.	\$84,593
10. *Amleto Monacelli	\$84,275

* Includes PBA50 Tour earnings

2016 SEASON AVERAGE LEADERS (MIN. 200 GAMES)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Average</u>
1. ► Jesper Svensson	226.07
2. ► Jason Belmonte	224.75
3. EJ Tackett	224.49
4. Dom Barrett	222.80
5. Francois Lavoie	222.79
6. Anthony Simonsen	221.85
7. Norm Duke	221.80
8. Mitch Beasley	221.71
9. Kyle Troup	221.44
10. Wes Malott	221.19