# KRIIS PRITHER FINDS MAJOR REDEEMPTION at THE PBA WORILCHAMPIONSHIP 

WAUWATOSA - Two attempt to lock up his first weeks removed from a career major title.
crushing loss at the Kia PBA Tournament of Champions, Kris Prather would not be denied again. He captured the PBA World Championship presented by Pabst Blue Ribbon title, securing his second career major title and a $\$ 100,000$ prize.

The match eerily resembled his loss at the Tournament of Champions a fortnight ago. After five straight strikes, he left nine-counts on four of his next five shots. He bore the same look of devastation across his face as he watched Jason Sterner

But then Sterner, who managed to overcome spikes of adrenaline all afternoon, could not deliver when it mattered most. He's earned the nickname "Flash" because of his tendency to run to the line, which is exactly what happened. He missed the head-pin on the first shot of the tenth frame, luckily knocking over the necessary eight pins. Then in the roll-off, he failed to match Prather's strike, leaving a 3-6-9-10.

Prather halted Sterner's


## THE STARS ALIGN FOR KYIL SHERMAN

 at THE PBA CHEETAK CHAMPIONSHIPWAUWATOSA - To archives of the Brad and win on the PBA Tour, ev- Kyle YouTube channel. erything has to fall into place: You have to match up with the pattern, you have to bowl your absolute best and you have to hope your opponent gives you a chance

The stars aligned for Kyle Sherman at the PBA Cheetah Championship. He captured his second career PBA title and first singles title. The jokes of his "halftitle" will live only in the

As Sherman paraded around the set, the raucous crowd at Bowlero Wauwatosa poured in support for the co-star of their favorite channel. Though this was Sherman's first singles title, the chants of "Let's go, Kyle!" almost drowned out the post-game interview. He has earned a passionate fan base by chronicallying his life as a pro bowler
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Bilimw wisf pas scorpion CHAMPIONSHIP FOR 28TH PBA TITLE

## by Nolan Hughes

WAUWATOSA - Eight his 28th career PBA title. months after Jason Bel- No player has found greater monte won his first career PBA title at the 2009 Bowling Foundation Long Island Classic, the New York Yankees captured their 27th World Series title in franchise history. Over the next decade-plus, the Yankees sat idle as Belmonte racked up win after win.
At the 2022 PBA Scorpion Championship, 13 years later, Belmonte surpassed the mighty Yankees with

No player has found greater
success at the Guaranteed Rate PBA World Series of Bowling than Belmonte, whose victory marked his ninth career WSOB title.
The 38 -year-old earned the 16th seed for Tuesday's match play competition, which meant his only path to the title consisted of winning two best-of-five matches, then climbing the stepladder.
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KEVEL WILILAMS FEELIM'GOODAFER WIWNIVG Fils C Carien Pba itile
by Nolan Hughes
WAUWATOSA - In "All those nights I was the final professional event envisioning exactly that of the Guaranteed Rate moment: getting up there, PBA World Series of Bowl- making the shots to strike ing XIII emerged a first- and holding that trophy." time winner on the PBA Williams defeated AJ Tour. Keven Williams, who Chapman 225-223 in the earned the top seed for the championship match. PBA Shark Champion- Chapman, who was also ship, delivered three clutch seeking his first career title, strikes to secure his first career PBA title.
"I've had a couple days of not bowling and rooting on my boys that were in the cuts," Williams said.
could have struck on his fill ball to place more pressure on Williams, but only knocked over eight pins.

The one thing I would continued on page 6

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by Frank Weiler
ALOHA. When you're "KING OF THE LANES" it's only natural that you would be a fan of the "KING OF THE COWBOYS", ROY ROGERS. When you're a big cowboy fan, a fan of Roy Rogers and from Hawaii it's easy to see the pineapple and cowboy connection. I do. That's why I think of Lind Baldwin as the "PINEAPPLE COWBOY". Let me expound.

Let's start by introducing you to Lind Baldwin the bowler and why he is "King Of The Lanes". Lind is one of the most consistent bowlers I have ever seen. His bowling approach and delivery are very deliberate. He delivers his bowling ball slowly and very accurately. The result is a accuracy and consistency seldom seen. The results are high scores, big wins and a great deal of fun on the lanes

Lind's deliberate bowling style is reflective of his low key personality and friendliness. He speaks posifive words and flashes a big smile to everyone. He is very likable because he respects everyone and treats everyone as if they are his best friend. Lind Baldwin is a genuine good guy pleasant to be around and someone I consider a good friend

In addition to being a bowling stylist and authentic human being Lind Baldwin is without a doubt the top senior bowler at Empire Bowl today and our "King of The Lanes". He has earned this distinction by regularly averaging over 200 with many seasons topping 220. He has a bag full of honor scores including perfect 300 games and 800 series, with a high of 804 . He is one of our few senior bowlers who has booked 230 . Currently Lind tops the Noonlighters Senior League with a 212 average and has recorded a huge 297 game and 734 series in the league. Not bad for a young 70 -year-old bowler.

So what's all this talk of ROY ROGERS and COWBOYS? Almost everyone in America loves cowboys. Almost everyone in America has their favorite cowboy hero. My favorites include Sheriff Matt Dillon, the Lone Ranger and Roy Rogers. Lind Baldwin is no exception. His favorite cowboy is Roy Rogers. I suspect he favors Roy Rogers because of his respect for Roy as a man of great integrity. I also think Lind is a big fan of Roy because unwittingly he bears a strong resemblance to Roy Rogers in every way imaginable. Both Lind and Roy are known as avid bowlers and both are known gracious gentleman in every aspect of life.

If you put a cowboy hat on Lind I easily picture him as a "SPIT'IN IMAGE" of Roy Rogers. If you put Lind on a horse with Stetson, chaps and spurs I easily picture him as the next challenger for title of "KING OF THE COWBOYS".

So what about the "PINEAPPLE COWBOY"? Everything live heard and know about Lind Baldwin from personal experience has been positive. Great bowler and great guy. This means that Lind had a great upbringing. He was raised by good parents



Lind Baldwin
who taught him principles which have made him into a upright, honorable and trustworthy man. Lind was born and raised in WAHIAWA, OAHU, HAWAII. His favorite surfing beach was Haleiwa- Alii. I believe surfing could be considered the Hawaiian state sport and is much more popular there than bowling. If Lind had never left the Aloha State he probably would have become a great surfer and may not have become a great bowler. What a tragedy that would have been.

As a young Hawaiian Lind worked on a pineapple plantation shucking pineapple heads. Snapping off pineapple heads with both hands simultaneously may be the reason why Lind is such an accurate bowler. It takes coordination and athleticism to shuck two pineapple heads simultaneously.

I have seen Hawaiian plantation workers riding horses. They are what I would call "PINEAPPLE COWBOYS" working pineapple and sugar cane fields. Put Lind Baldwin on a horse when he was working in a pineapple plantation, and he could be what I call a "PINEAPPLE COWBOY".

Lind left Hawaii and settled in California after meeting and marrying his wife Debbie when he was on the mainland. He started bowling in 1969 with his buddies when he was stationed at Norton AFB in San Bernardino. He bowled on and off from then until about 2000. That's when he got serious about our sport and has been bowling steadily since then. He started at Arrowhead Lanes but now is a regular at EMPIRE BOWL in Redlands because the house puts out a very consistent oil pattern.

When it comes to equipment Lind looks for consistency and down lane reaction. He looks for bowling balls that go long and turn into and hit the pocket with strong forward momentum. He looks for great carry and has found it with his current favorite, a Columbia Scout Reactive ball. "THE PROOF IS IN THE PUDDING", and the Columbia Scout is delivering some big scores as previously described.

WALTER RAY WILLIAMS JR. is Lind's favorite PBA star not just because he is a great bowler but because he has a great attitude toward the sport and people. Lind is a people person himself and has the greatest respect for those who exemplify that type of virtue.

Becoming a good bowler requires study, persistence and hard work. Practice, practice and more practice. You have to study the game and learn the do's and don'ts to succeed. It is important to have a mentor to teach you the ropes. Lind is grateful to ED SHIPLEY being that mentor. Ed taught him about the fine points of the sport especially about equipment. He is also thankful for the support received from his wife DEBBIE BALDWIN his son DANIEL BALDWIN.

PO MAIKA'I (Good luck). ALOHA KE AKUA (GOD is love).

## The Philadelphia Giants...

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After posting information about the 100 lane bowling center in Baltimore a few weeks ago ("We've Located Another 100 Lane Bowling Establishment"), I received information from J.R. Schmidt of Bowlers Journal International regarding one of the other missing links - a 105 lane bowling center in Philadelphia.

It seems that Mr. Schmidt had penned an article about the Philadelphia establishment, known as Hudson Recreation, in the March 2009 issue of Bowlers Journal International, entitled "The Philadelphia Giants." Now l'm not sure how I missed that particular issue, except to say that I did allow my subscription to run out during my time at Nationwide Bowling Corporation (the owners didn't like "bowlers" in management positions), and this must have been one of the issues that I missed.

Schmidt provided information from the article that featured not only Hudson Recreation, but also Willow Grove Park Lanes, the largest center in the world when it opened in 1961. But before we talk about Willow Grove, let's focus on some of the fascinating information that J.R. has provided to us involving Hudson Recreation

## Philadelphia Giant \#1 - Hudson Recreation

The establishment opened in what is referred to as Center City Philadelphia, on the northwest corner of Broad and Cherry Streets. It was in a 10 story building that was primarily used as a showplace for the new Hudson automobile (hence the name Hudson Recreation). That spot now houses the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts (PAFA), and it's not readily apparent if the building is the same, although it does resemble the Recreation Bowling Alley building that we featured a few weeks ago.
"The new Hudson Recreation enterprise occupied five floors and had a total of 105 lanes," writes Schmidt. He goes on to report that until the opening of Hudson Recreation, the country's biggest center had been the 88 lane Detroit Recreation, a location that we focused on in November of 2020 ("Michigan Roots Run Deep"). "Business at Hudson was brisk from the start," states Schmidt. "Hudson was located just north of the main train depot, making it easily accessible to casual patrons or committed keglers."
"To service the crowds, Hudson had a staff of 135 employees, including the 105 pin boys that were necessary on a daily basis to keep the lanes operating," relates Schmidt, who is also known as Doc Jake in his regular Bowlers Journal feature. "Leagues became an important part of the business, including the largest, a City Catholic Bowling Club with over 100 teams."

Bowling legend Joe Norris remembered in Schmidt's summary that Hudson was never a high scoring center. "Those big places, like Detroit Recreation and Linsz's in Cleveland, never had high scores. They were just too big to pay careful attention to lane conditions," according to USBC Hall of Fame member Norris.

Schmidt reports that in 1940, a labor dispute thrust Hudson into the headlines, when two rival unions tried to organize pin boys. The dispute dragged on, and without any pin boys to keep the lanes going, many leagues folded. "The Court of Common Pleas eventually settled the matter," said Schmidt. "The legal precedents established by the case were later cited in the Harvard Law Review."

Like so many thriving businesses, World War II dealt a final severe blow to Hudson Recreation. Bowling activity dropped sharply and in 1944 the building was commandeered by the United States Maritime Commission, according to Schmidt. "Most of the lanes and bowling equipment were sold through advertisements that appeared in Bowlers Journal."

## Philadelphia Giant \#2 - Willow Grove Park Lanes

J.R. goes on to provide that Philadelphia's second mega-center was located in the suburb of Willow Grove. "In 1958 the Hankin brothers purchased the town's fabled amusement park and began revamping it. On the north side of the property, along Moreland Road, they decided to build a bowling center."

The architectural firm of Powers, Daily and DeRosa, masters of the California "googie style" bowling center, were selected for the project. It was a massive undertaking that included a solid parabola entrance that soared 116 feet, honoring the 116 bowling lanes that were inside. Andrew Hurley, author of Diners, Bowling Alleys and Trailer Parks, notes in his book that the entry also featured a multicolored water fountain situated in a miniature lake setting.

Willow Grove Park Lanes opened on August 24th, 1961. According to Schmidt, the final price tag was $\$ 4.5$ million, which is equivalent to about $\$ 39,333,000$ today (dollartimes.com). The inside decor was mid-century modern, with two 58 lane sections in a modified $v$-shape. In addition to the lanes, the center featured a hof-brau restaurant, multiple snack shops and locker rooms, a billiard parlor, pro shop and a play land for the kiddies. "The cocktail lounge was something else," comments Schmidt. "It was built on three levels with a cascading waterfall."
"The end came suddenly in 1983, when a financial feud within the Hankin family wound up in court," relates Schmidt. "The judge ordered all of their properties to be liquidated, including the amusement park and bowling center." Willow Grove Park Lanes was demolished and replaced with... you guessed it - a shopping mall. The self proclaimed "Taj Mahal" of bowling centers had lasted for 22 years, curiously about the same amount of time as the 105 lane Hudson Recreation.

## What About You?

If you have any more information about Hudson Recreation, Willow Grove Park Lanes, or Linsz's in Cleveland that was referred to by Joe Norris, please let us know! Below you will find an update of the top 15 largest bowling establishments from around the world, including our latest addition - Hudson Recreation. Many thanks to J.R. Schmidt for all of the amazing information provided about both Hudson and Willow Grove Park.

1. *Tokyo World Bowling Center, Tokyo, Japan - 512 lanes
2. *Nagoya Grand Bowl, Nagoya, Japan - 260 lanes
3. *World Lanes, Tokyo, Japan - 252 lanes
4. *Hata Sports Center, Yokohama, Japan -200 lanes
5. *Aoki Bowl, Hokkaido, Japan - 126 lanes
6. South Point Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada - 124 lanes
7. *Shinagawa Bowling Center, Tokyo, Japan - 120 lanes
8. *Willow Grove Park Lanes, Willow Grove, Pennsylvania - 116 lanes
9. Inazawa Grand Bowl, Inazawa City, Japan - 116 lanes
10. *Edison Lanes, Edison, New Jersey - 112 lanes
11. *Kanagawa Toyo Bowl, Yokohama, Japan - 108 lanes
12. *Castaways (Showboat Lanes), Las Vegas, Nevada - 106 lanes
13. *Hudson Recreation, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - 105 lanes
14. Yutai Bowling Center, Beijing, China - 100 lanes
15. *Recreation Center, Baltimore, Maryland - 100 lanes (duckpins)

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# Cables And Strings 

by Dave Williams
When I received my cable television bill yesterday, I was at a loss for words, as the increase that has enveloped gasoline and food prices also appears to have encroached upon television, the internet and phone transmissions. For people that have reached the age of septuagenarian, a change in even the most mundane of items is a bit earth shattering, so this invoice did not go unnoticed.

As I reviewed the statement that had increased a whopping 20.3\% from the previous month, I was stunned to find that the cable tv service had increased $116.6 \%$, my internet service was up $80.0 \%$, and my favorite package, Sports Networking, had been eliminated. While most politicians are so concerned about what we should inject into our bodies, I thought to myself about just where they are when it comes to other forms of elder abuse... like a cable bill!

After calling the cable company, which is always an experience, I was able to connect with a live operator after about four attempts. The woman on the other end of the line seemed overly apologetic as I explained the increases, which is to say that I was probably not the first person that had called regarding the changes. After I had gone through all of the changes from the previous month's invoice, the operator indicated that my promotional savings had expired.

That's news to me, because l've been paying the same amount every month for at least the past two years! What promotional savings was I receiving, I asked myself, as I continued to review the statement. While the operator had no explanation for the television portion of the invoice, she did offer that I had been receiving a $\$ 40$ promotional savings for WIFI service.

As I continued to dicker with the operator, I was able to add my beloved Sports Networking back for an additional \$15, and while many of the channels that I love the most had been eliminated from the new package that I selected, the overall price increase was now at a more palatable 13.9\%. Again, thinking to myself, I wondered how powerful lobbyists in Washington must be involved in this cable racquet, because even credit card companies and banks send you notices when their programs are about to change... and not after the fact!

## A Brief History Of The Automatics

The new emphasis on bowling string pin machines draws an interesting parallel to my cable controversy, as proprietors of bowling lanes appear hell bent on installing the string alternative without even consulting with their customers. Just like cable operators and politicians, the bowling proprietors seem to know what's best for bowling - with or without the strings

A fascinating retrospective of the pinsetting machine (or in the case of AMF, the pinspotter machine) is outlined in this month's issue of BCM Magazine, a journal that provides insight and in-depth interviews for bowling proprietors. Since there is no byline, I can only assume that the article was penned by editor Bob Johnson, who once held down the fort at California Bowling News, before taking the reins at the Bowlers Journal and finally BCM.

While I had known about the AMF installation of lanes in an old warehouse across from the 1946 ABC Tournament in Buffalo, because of my friendship with AMF executive Woody Woodruff, I was never fully aware of all the integers outlined by the BCM retrospective. It had all started some 15 years before the Buf-


The Funk Bowling String Machine - Provided by FunkBowling.com


The EDGE String Machine - Provided by QubicaAMF.com
falo installation when George Bickerle, the owner of a bowling establishment in Pearl River, N.Y., had dreamed of an automatic pin setting device to forgo the trials and tribulations of hiring pin boys.

The BCM article goes on to say that Bickerle mentioned the idea to Fred Schmidt, an engineer who bowled at Bickerle's place and worked at a nearby factory. They put their heads together and by 1936 they felt confident enough about their prototype that they approached Robert E. Kennedy of the Brunswick Corporation; but Kennedy passed on the idea because Brunswick had secretly been trying to develop a similar device for many years.

A year later, according to the BCM article, Kennedy left Brunswick and tracked down Schmidt, and the duo contacted Morehead Patterson from AMF about the Schmidt device. Patterson immediately saw the potential and put AMF's engineers to work on the project. Woodruff was one of those engineers, and he was personally involved in AMF's public introduction of the machine in Buffalo during the 1946 ABC Tournament.

A humorous story that I like to tell involves my appointment as Director of Marketing for AMF Bowling Centers, that required a move to AMF's headquarters in Westbury, N.Y., in 1982. It was a dream come true as I was afforded a corner office in the "carpet section" of the hallowed ivy covered walls of AMF. Almost everyday Mr. Woodruff would come by my office on his way to see Bob Conway, the chief executive of AMF Bowling Products.
"There's something wrong with this company," Woodruff would say. "You just got here and you drive a brand new 280-ZX, while I drive a Dodge Omni!" He just loved to tell that story! After a few years living in New York, where snow had rusted the side panels of my 280-ZX, I learned from Woody's comment and went looking for the least expensive car that I could find... a 1986 Hyundai Exce!!

It took a few years for AMF to work out all of the kinks, but in 1951 the first official installation of AMF's pinspotter machine was realized at the Bowl-O-Drome in Mt. Clemens, Michigan. Brunswick followed a few years later with their first installation at Roselle Lanes in Roselle, N,J., in 1956.

## String Machines Are Here To Stay

My first experience with string bowling machines took place somewhere in Europe, where they have been a part of the bowling landscape for over 50 years. It must have been a Funk Bowling Machine that I had witnessed, and I was quite impressed with the simple operation of the device compared to the more complex AMF and Brunswick behemoths

I remember asking the mechanic, with so few moving parts, what was the major detriment to the operation of the string machine? The mechanic looked back at me with a very somber expression and replied, "Tangles!" The Funk Bowling website does address the "tangles" issue, but offers many more advantages to string machines: less down time, noise reduction, fewer spare parts required in inventory, energy efficient, easy to install, and perhaps most important from the eyes of a proprietor... more profitable.

The string machines, like my cable television bill, are changes that unfortunately we must for the time being accept. While the monthly increase at first glance had my heart palpitating, at the end of the day the change to my bill really only amounted to about a $\$ 1$ per day increase. And like it or not, the change for the proprietor from a return on investment performance could eventually lead to a reduction in the price of a game of bowling.

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## USBC REVOKES CERTIFICATION APPROVAL OF STORM SPECTRE BALL

by Aaron Smith

ARLINGTON, TX - The United States Bowling Congress has revoked approval of the Storm Spectre bowling ball and removed it from the list of balls approved for USBC competition effective March 14, 2022. The revocation comes after USBC determined through its spot-checking procedures that a significant percentage of the balls produced do not comply with specifications and requirements outlined in the USBC Equipment Specifications and Certifications Manual.
USBC testing showed a significant percentage of the Storm Spectre do not meet the minimum 73D hardness specification during spot checks of bowling balls in the field. The ball originally was approved based on samples submitted by Storm. The Spectre had been approved for competition in December 2021.

The USBC Equipment Specifications and Certifications Manual details USBC governance in this situation. The manual states that a statistical analysis from spot-checked balls will be used to determine the percentage of non-conformance based on DPMO (defects per million opportunities). The manual further states:

Ball approval can be revoked if the process capability shows the model has greater than $5.0 \%$ defects ( 50,000 out of 1,000,000 DPMO-Defects Per Million Opportunities) outside of any spec limit.
The statistical analysis of the Storm Spectre indicated a defect rate of $98.6 \%$, meaning that $98.6 \%$ of Spectre balls are projected to be outside USBC's hardness specification limit. USBC tested balls from multiple batches, and the nonconformance was not limited to a specific batch.
Pursuant to the penalties outlined in the USBC Equipment Specifications and Certifications Manual, Storm is placed on probationary status with USBC for one year, and subject to a fine of $\$ 8,000$

USBC publishes a standard operating procedure to determine hardness of a bowling ball using a digital durometer. The USBC Equipment Specifications Manual states that balls must meet technical specifications when tested at USBC headquarters using the official USBC test equipment. USBC provides all manufacturers the option of calibrating their durometers against the USBC approval durometer, so manufacturers can create consistent quality testing processes.

USBC provided all test data to Storm and gave the company opportunity to comment or provide additional information prior to USBC announcing approval revocation of the Spectre ball.

Unapproved bowling balls may not be used in USBC-certified competition. Bowlers who used the Spectre in competition before March 14, 2022, with no prior knowledge of their balls being out of specification would not be subject to forfeiture under USBC rules.
Go to BOWL.com/EquipAndSpecs to learn more about the equipment specifications.

## Williams continued fom page 1

like back is that fill ball," Chapman said. "I was really happy with how I threw it tonight. Kevin just came up clutch.’

Chapman halted the run of Jason Belmonte, who sought to climb the ladder for the second time in as many nights. According to Lanetalk, Belmonte struck on $76 \%$ of his total shots, but Chapman managed to stay clean to take a 237-225 victory

Belmonte's defeat of Jason Sterner in the previous match felt inevitable after Sterner left consecutive pocket 7-10s in the second and third frames. Though Sterner nearly converted the first attempt, there was no stopping Belmonte as he cruised to a $236-203$ victory.

In the opening match, Belmonte won a rematch of the PBA Scorpion Championship finals from the previous night; he took down Anthony Simonsen in a thrilling 264-250 affair. Belmonte aimed to tie Mike Aulby with a 29 th career PBA title, but the night belonged to Williams.
"This is what entertainers and competitors live for," Williams said. "Stepping up, even if I wasn't the way I wanted to, having the opportunity to step up and make it count is what we live for. It's what we do."
"It's nice to get one," Williams added. "I've had a couple breaks go the wrong way. AJ bowled phenomenal and I don't want to take that away from him at all. It's just good to step up and get one."

One of Williams' closest friends on tour, Packy Hanrahan, who came close to winning a title of his own this week by making all five cuts, stayed in support of his tour roommate. Hanrahan summed up the week of the World Series of Bowling well:
"That's a pretty good way to end it," he said. "Really, really, really cool final frames to the last game of the tournament. It was exciting the whole way through." PBA SHARK CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL STANDINGS

| Keven Williams | $\$ 20,000$ | MATCH SCORES |
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| Jason Sterner | $\$ 7,000$ | No. 2 Chapman def. No. 5 Belmonte, 237-225 |
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No. 1 Williams def. No. 2 Chapman, 225-223

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climb from the bottom of the stepladder. The 38-year-old defeated Jakob Butturff in the first match 279-244. 'It's never easy accepting losses," Butturff said. "But the fact that I felt comfortable on the show with still three tournaments left this week, it's cloud nine.'

Sterner threw a Purple Hammer urethane in the first match but knew that look had a short shelf-life. Once Jason Belmonte proved to have a great look early in the second match, Sterner felt he had to make the switch to reactive He knew he couldn't grind out a 220 and expect to win. "I'd rather fail the other way because I know what happens if I throw this purple and it doesn't strike," he said.

Belmonte, who aimed to notch his 15 th career major title, left a 10-pin in the tenth frame that opened the door for Sterner. Needing a double in the tenth, Sterner secured the 266-255 victory. In the semifinal, Tommy Jones never go comfortable on the TV pair, as Sterner rolled to a 238-183 victory. Jones amazed the crowd with a pair of difficult split conversions, but spares would not be enough this afternoon

For Prather, the taste of redemption is oh, so sweet. His stampede to the one-seed began during a three-game stretch during the Round of 8: He struck on 31 of 34 shots, rolling games of 245,300 and 279
"I missed a 10 pin in the 10 th frame of that 245 game and it pissed me off. I was furious at myself," Prather said. "I jus told myself, "You're going to be perfect from now on."" He nearly made good on that promise, as a stuffed 9-pin was the only deterrent to consecutive perfect games. He said his goal was merely to make the show; he didn't realize the one-seed was within reach until late in the final game, then he doubled in the tenth to earn the top spot over Jones.

Prather said the loss at the TOC taught him to stay in the moment. He dialed up his level of focus, especially on having a more consistent release. "To be able to perform in the clutch Friday night, and performing in the clutch today is gratifying," he said.

After leading consecutive major tournaments, it's hard to argue anyone on the planet is bowling better than Prather But he said that's not for him to decide: "I'm just gonna keep throwing the ball and hoping they all fall down.'

PBA commissioner Tom Clark described the afternoon as one of the best shows in recent memory, which sets quite the bar for the four remaining shows this week in Wauwatosa.

## PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

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| 2. | Jason Sterner | $\$ 55,000$ |
| 3. | Tommy Jones | $\$ 40,000$ |
| 4. | Jason Belmonte | $\$ 30,000$ |
| 5. | Jakob Butturff | $\$ 25,000$ |
| MATCH SCORES |  |  |

Match 1: No. 4 Sterner def. No. 5 Butturff, 279-244 Match 2: No. 4 Sterner def. No. 3 Belmonte, 266-255 Match 3: No. 4 Sterner def. No. 2 Jones, 238-183 Match 4: No. 1 Prather def. No. 4 Sterner, 237-237 (10-6)


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with his best friend, Brad Miller. "When we first came out here, we thought it was the greatest sport in the world," Miller said. "We still think that. All you need to do is have a camera around."
"It's unbelievable," Sherman said. "You work so hard to try to win, and out here people forget there's just so much losing. You've gotta learn to lose first. Winning this doesn't seem real yet."

Sherman joked the title match between himself and Azcona was "The rubber match to decide the best bowler to come out of Lindenwood." The two won the 2014 Intercollegiate Team Championship together, but only Sherman hoisted the trophy this time. Sherman captured the title with a 214-184 victory

Azcona's demise came on the right lane, where he left the $2-10$ or 2-4-8 on each of his final four shots. Sherman avoided the carry down by playing straighter. "I knew my ball was going to hook if I got outside of five quick, and staying up the lane," Sherman said. "I saw that early, made the decision to get away from it and it worked out.'

In the semifinal, Sherman defeated Kris Koeltzow 216212. Koeltzow, chasing his first career PBA title, needed a double in the 10th frame, but could not deliver on the second attempt.

Koeltzow escaped from his previous match against Jakob Butturff in a dramatic thriller. After they tied at 183, Koeltzow outlasted the left-hander through three legs of a sudden death roll-off.

Butturff looked more comfortable during his 235-200 win over Andrew Anderson in the opening match. This marked his third TV finals appearance in as many events at the World Series of Bowling XIII. Over the next two days of match play, he'll look to match Sean Rash's WSOB III performance by reaching all five telecasts.

## PBA CHEETAH CHAMPIONSHIP

FINAL STANDINGS
1.Kyle Sherman
\$20,000
2.Cristian Azcona
3.Kris Koeltzow
4.Jakob Butturff
\$11,000
$\$ 7,000$
5.Andrew Anderson
\$5,000 MATCH SCORES
Match 1: No. 5 Butturff def. No. 4 Anderson, 235-200
Match 2: No. 3 Koeltzow def. No. 5 Butturff, 183-183 (30-28) Match 3: No. 2. Sherman def. No. 3 Koeltzow, 216-212 Match 4: No. 2 Sherman def. No. 1 Azcona, 214-184

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"If anything, it was kind of nice to be able to know right from the very beginning of today, 'If you make it through, you're going to be at the bottom of the ladder and you've got to climb it,"" Belmonte said. "When I saw the guys who made the show, I was like, 'I don't know if it could have been any harder."'
His matches with EJ Tackett and Anthony Simonsen, wo of his fiercest foes on the tour, sandwiched his contests with Tommy Jones and Packy Hanrahan.
In the opening match, Belmonte took down Tackett, who leads the tour in average this season, 247-192. A pair of splits from Tackett spelled his downfall as Belmonte fired seven consecutive strikes down the stretch.

Belmonte then took down Jones 211-177 as he battled uninspiring ball reaction all match. He felt the inclination o jump left and create the shape that made him famous, but wasn't sure if the lanes had developed enough. A 2-810 leave in the ninth frame, on a shot he liked out of his hands, solidified his decision to move left.

His estimated move was "a board off" after leaving a pocket 7-10 in the on his first shot against Hanrahan. But Belmonte adjusted and fired the next six strikes; Hanrahan, the sole southpaw on the show, failed to keep pace as Belmonte rolled 242-186.
"Once I made that extra move, I was able to see the ball go through the pins the way that I needed," he said. "And that's all I needed to see. I'm like, 'Yep, that's the right ball. Yep, that's the part of the lane. Now just make you're shots.'

The championship match pitted Belmonte against Simonsen, who defeated Belmonte at the U.S. Open last month. This marked their fifth championship match-up, and while Belmonte holds the head-to-head advantage, he spoke highly of the younger two-hander.
"He's a rare, rare individual," Belmonte said of Simonsen. "There isn't a part of the lane that he can't play and he can't play well. Every time I win and he congratulates me, I say to him 'I have to do this, because you're going to pass me. I have to keep pushing myself to get more because you're going to get there.' There's no question in my mind that Anthony will be the best player in the world at some point."

That point, however, will have to come another time, as Belmonte defeated Simonsen 244-176. Back-to-back splits in the fourth and fifth frames dug Simonsen a hole, then consecutive 7 -pins on the right lane doomed any comeback effort

Despite the prowess of the talented players standing between him and a 28th title, Belmonte displayed the wherewithal that separates him from the pack. While no competitor shot above 200, Belmonte averaged 236 with a ow game of 211 . His strike percentage of $68 \%$, according to Lanetalk, trounced his opponents' $54 \%$.
"I've bowled enough of these things, it doesn't mater who you're bowling," Belmonte said. "What matters is how the lanes are playing and the shots that you're going to make on that show. Once I saw the ball do the right thing. I knew I could win."

After earning his third title of 2022, Belmonte seized an even tighter grasp of the Player of the Year race. Though he sits on the verge of a seventh Player of the Year award, which would tie him with Walter Ray Williams Jr. for the most in PBA history, he has no interest in discussing the possibility yet.

Ask me in May," he said. With the potential for a fourth title of 2022 at the Shark Championship, plus the USBC Masters starting at the end of the month, Belmonte is focused on the trophy at-hand.
PBA SCORPION CHAMPIONSHIP
1.Jason Belmonte $\$ 20,000$
2.Anthony Simonsen $\quad \$ 11,000$
3.Packy Hanrahan
\$9,000
4.Tommy Jones
\$7,000
5.EJ Tackett
\$5,000

## MATCH SCORES

No. 4 Belmonte def. No. 5 Tackett, 247-192
No. 4 Belmonte def. No. 3 Jones, 211-177
No. 4 Belmonte def. No. 2 Hanrahan, 242-186
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# Brünswick: ■NTVETMEATENAL Scores Remain High Halfway Through Round Four <br> by David Yamauchi 

DOWNEY - The Brunswick Invitational hit the lanes for the halfway point of the 4th round with the 2021 USBC Nationals Team Event oil pattern on the lanes. The league has been scoring on the pattern for the first three weeks and the striking continued on week four with Kyle Duster pacing the league with a huge 798 set.
In the "A" match, league-leaders Forever Hope Foundation was still perfect sitting at $15-0$ and ready to take on the next contender Threadworks who was sitting at $13-2$ going in. Threadworks brought their " $A$ " game also as they took games 1-2. Forever Hope showed why they are leading the league as they went huge with a 872 game to take game 3 and totals by 33. Vernon Adams paced Forever Hope with a 645 series while Paul Varela was high for Threadworks with a 620 set.
The " $B$ " match featured Family Ties at 10-5 matched up with Westminster Lanes at 9-6. The night was all Family Ties as they swept through Westminster Lanes easily. Stephanie Zavala led Family Ties with a 604 set while Marquan Rivers managed 544 for Westminster Lanes.
The third pair featured Bowling Guys who jumped up with four wins last week battling California Timberline whose hot start was halted by a sweep the week before. Bowling Guys came out strong, taking games 1 and 2 , but dropping game three. Totals was decided in those first two games as Bowling Guys goes 4-1. Bobby Campagnale led Bowling Guys with a 567 set while Gary Duran paced California Timberline with a 576 series.
Third-round winners Cal Bowl and Junior Amateur Tour were both looking to bounce back after disappointing outings the previous week. The first game
was a battle with JAT coming out on top, going on to take game 2 by 82 . Game three went to the last bowler, but it was JAT coming out with the 5-0 sweep. Ramon Torres came back off a slow start to lead Cal Bowl with a 591 set while Anthony Santos was huge for JAT with a 683 effort.
Forest Lanes and DV8 met up in a battle of the low 7-8 teams. DV8 was on fire with full-time super-sub Kyle Duster posting a huge 798 series to lead DV8 to the sweep. Forest Lanes shot a ton with a 2520 set but it wasn't enough to take any points. Chris Oakes led Forest with a solid 690 set.
The 11th vs.12th matchup featured US Foods and Professional Approach Pro Shop both sitting at 6-9 going into tonight's action. This match went back and forth but it was US Foods with the big last game win to take the 4-1 victory. Charlie Kinstler was huge for US Foods with a 634 set while Bryan Osborne led Professional Approach with a 599 series.
WBPI, second-round winners Bowlium, Team Hu\$tle and TDI Refrigeration rounded out the matches tonight. Bowlium took a 4-1 win with Billy Myers Jr. leading the way with a 666 set and Derek Lee going big for WBPI with a 697 series. Team Hu\$tle started strong taking games one and two but dropped game three for the $4-1$ win. Preston Epps led TDI Refrigeration with a 612 series while sub Edward Estrada paced Team Hu\$tle with a 563 set.

The Financial Advisor's pot was hit by Derek Lee (258) for $\$ 160$ with 2nd to Eric Snow (255) for $\$ 70$. Sidepots went to Kyle Duster (267) and Kyle Duster (276) for $\$ 50$ with Paul Varela (256) and Mike Cammarata (248) for $\$ 25$. SuperPot was hit by Kyle Duster (255) for $\$ 150$ with 2nd to Arnold Cheesman and Ramsey Basurto (244) who split $\$ 75$.

## TOP 10 TEAMS ROUND 4

| Forever Hope Foundation\$ 18 | DV8. |
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| Threadworks......... 15 | US Foods. |
| Family Ties . . . . . . . . 15 | California Timbe |
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TOP 10 THIS WEEK

| Kyle Duster | . 798 | Eric Snow |  |
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| Derek Lee | 697 | Arnold Cheesman |  |
| Chris Oakes. | 690 | Kevin Valmonte. |  |
| Anthony Santos |  | Bobby Hornacek. |  |
| Billy Myers Jr. | 666 | Vernon Adams | 645 |

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