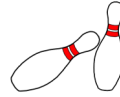




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## Messenger: Pure Dominance



The Las Vegas High Rollers won the 2024 Elias Cup by defeating Portland Lumberjacks three games to one. This was the first team win for the Las Vegas High Rollers. In the first semi-final match, the Las Vegas High Rollers would have a 298 in the second game. The High Rollers won the league and the Elias Cup. Andrew Anderson was the Mark Roth MVP for the League.

“This one just feels a little sweeter, because me, Andrew and Amletto have been a part of this team since Las Vegas got started, since we were an expansion team,” stated Andrew Anderson

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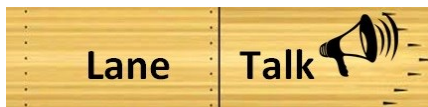
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### Elias Cup Finals

Game 1	236-183	Portland
Game 2	235-217	Las Vegas
Game 3	235-225	Las Vegas
Game 4	277-225	Las Vegas

“Trust is a must or your game is a bust.”

Billy Welu











2024 Elias Cup Champions— Las Vegas High Rollers

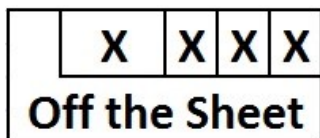


# Spare Column: Elias Cup Semifinals & Quarterfinals

This year's Elias Cup Semifinals & Quarterfinals saw a number of matches. The Motown Muscle got off to a fast start with 254 to 229. Their team has two of the hottest bowlers with EJ Tackett and Anthony Simonsen. New Jersey would come back in game 2 defeating them by four pins forcing a 3 ball playoff in which Motown would win. In quarterfinal 2, Akron Atom Splitters would dominate Lax 2-0. In the first game, they won by a measly two pins. Game 2 over LAX was won by 22 pins. LAX, who was led by Jason Belmonte, did not fair too well in this year's Elias Cup.

In semifinal 1, High Rollers would have the high game with a 298. The 2024 Mark Roth MVP award winner, Andrew Anderson, would leave a 2-8 combo rejecting a High Rollers perfect game. Las Vegas would go on to defeat Motown 3-1. Semifinal 2 saw the hometown team take on the Atom Splitters. The Lumberjacks would win their match three games to one. The Akron Splitters could not get anything going as they struggled in each game. They only managed one game over 200.

Elias Cup Semifinals & Quarterfinals			
Semifinal 1:	No. 1 Las Vegas defeats No. 4 Motown 3-1 Game 1: 247-225 Las Vegas Game 2: 298-210 Las Vegas Game 3: 203-201 Motown Game 4: 245-203 Las Vegas		
Semifinal 2:	No. 2 Portland vs No. 3 Akron 3-1 Game 1: 226-195 Portland Game 2: 246-174 Portland Game 3: 204-193 Akron Game 4: 246-215 Portland		
Quarterfinal 1:	No. 4 Motown defeats No. 5 New Jersey 2-1 Game 1: 254-229 Motown Game 2: 208-204 New Jersey Roll-off: 29-29, 9-6 Motown		
Quarterfinals 2:	No. 3 Akron defeats No. 6 L.A. X, 2-0 Game 1: 247-245 Akron Game 2: 227-206 Akron		



## 86th Annual BJI All-American Teams

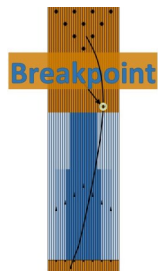
For the 86th Bowler's Journal International All American team, five great bowlers were selected from the PBA Tour and the PWBA Tour. EJ Tackett and was chosen to be the team captain. Each member of the Men's team has won two titles during 2024 season. Four of the bowlers made 2024 US Open top five at the Finals.

### Men's First Team

EJ Tackett	Reigning Player of the Year, won 1 Major and 1 Tour Title
Kyle Troup	Won his second Major at the US Open and 1 Tour Title
Anthony Simonsen	Leading Player of the Year candidate, 3 Tour Titles and 1 doubles Tour Title
Marshall Kent	Won the Tournament of Champions and 1 Tour Title
Bill O'Neill	Won 1 Major and five other Top Five finishes

### Men's Second Team

David Krol	Was part of every PTQ and made it out. Won 2 Tour Titles
Matt Russo	Won 1 Tour Title and leader of the 2024 World Championship
Jason Belmonte	Made multiple top five finishes during 2024
DeeRonn Booker	Won the 2024 USBC Masters
Jesper Svensson	Made multiple top five finishes during 2024



## Breakpoint: The Bowling.com Youth Open

Last month, the USBC announced awards for the Youth Open Championship sponsored by Bowling.com. The Scratch winners of the four age divisions won more than \$95,000 in scholarships prizes. The tournament was conducted July 10th-28th in Sterling Heights, MI. in doubles, singles, teams and all-events.

18-and-under division

Team – Scratch: We Forgot How to Bowl (Tavaris Pierson, Harcourt Husbands, Bruno Brandao, James Drehoble III), Fla., 2,701.

Doubles – Scratch – Willam Jacobs and Cephus Beatty III, Conn., 1,406.

Girls' Doubles – Scratch – Leyna Kratzer and Eliana Occhino, Pa./N.Y., 1,299.

Boys' Singles – Scratch – Elijah S. Strunk, Lake Orion, Mich., 735.

Girls' Singles – Scratch – Annika Svedvik, Allen, Texas, 727.

Boys' All-Events – Scratch – Keaton Ostrowski, Rochester, N.Y., 2,114.

Girls' All-Events – Scratch - Eliana Occhino, Fulton, N.Y., 1,996.

For full standings, log onto Bowl.com



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# Editorial– A Bowlologist View of the PBA

The PBA needs to be the pinnacle of bowling as it was in it’s heyday. Bowlers wanted to win a title so that they would qualify for the Tournament of Champions. The bowlers knew when they won a PBA Tour title, they would have a shot at the Tournament of Champions. Riviera Lanes was the Augusta of the PBA. The entire bowling world was there during the last round of match play and the championship round on Saturday afternoon. Bowling fans knew that they could count on ABC Wide of World Sports airing bowling every Saturday afternoon at 2:30. The TOC was a signature icon of the PBA.

There have been around 25,000 PBA members in the history of the PBA, out of which only 1.4 % or 359 members have one won a PBA Title. In comparison, the ABC had 10 million members at one time. Earl Anthony, Walter Ray Williams, Jr and Dick Weber are the three bowlers that have dominated the PBA Tour. At the same time, bowlers like George Pappas, Brian Voss and Mika Koivuniemi were great in their era. There are a multitude of bowlers that could be mentioned, such as Kris Prather, Bill O’Neil, and Sean Rash who are great bowlers even though they are not racking up huge title numbers.

The lane conditions are another factor that a Bowlologist can use to determine if the scores are going to be higher or lower throughout the Tournament. These bowlers are not bowling on the typical league pattern. They are mainly bowling on sport patterns. When the PBA Lane Maintenance Program was founded, it invented a system whereby the bowlers had to play different parts of the lane to be successful. The three Majors had demanding lane conditions. The PBA developed this system so that no player was ever singled out. Bowlers must come up with their own game plan as to how they are going to attack the lanes.

A Bowlologist can look at these factors and know which bowlers which likely will do well at a certain tournament. All of these factors help the Bowlologist know what to report on. The superstars were Dick Weber, Earl Anthony, Walter Ray Williams, Jr., Jason Belmonte, and Norm Duke. All of these bowlers made a statement—that they are the best on the PBA Tour. A professional Bowlologistey will understand the sport at a superstar level.

