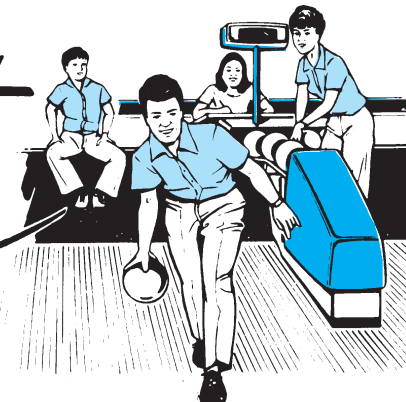


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'MOTOWN MUSCLE' REPRESENTS DETROIT AREA PBA League Prepares for 2nd Season

When team owner Billie Jean King raised the Elias Cup over her head with the help of her victorious New York City WTT KingPins presented by GEICO bowlers last April on ESPN, the first season of the Professional Bowlers Association League was complete - and work on improving the groundbreaking team concept began.

The second season of the PBA League, set to begin January 1 in Allen Park, Mich., will include a variety of enhancements, including revamped team lineups, the addition of team managers, new competition formats, and a special

new Mark Roth PBA League MVP Award, PBA Commissioner Tom Clark announced today.

"The PBA League, in its inaugural season, achieved every goal we could have hoped for," Clark said, "and it has provided us with a solid foundation to build the PBA League into the kind of dynamic, exciting new aspect of the PBA we envisioned. Some of the new concepts will be unveiled as we enter our second year of PBA League competition."

Among the changes for the 2014 PBA League season:

The eight original teams and

owners will be back, and each team's franchise players will be retained. A new manager will be added to each team who will have responsibilities for acquiring players, negotiating trades and determining lineups for competition, among other duties:

- BROOKLYN STYLES (owner Jesse Williams, Grey's Anatomy actor; manager Johnny Petraglia, PBA Hall of Famer; franchise player Sean Rash).
- Dallas Strikers (owner

Terrell Owens, NFL All-Pro wide receiver; franchise player/manager Norm Duke).

- L.A. X (owner Chris Paul, L.A. Clippers all-star point guard; manager Andrew Cain, PBA member and United States Bowling Congress President; franchise player Jason Belmonte).

- Motown Muscle (owner Jerome Bettis, retired Pittsburgh Steelers fullback and Super Bowl star; manager Del Ballard Jr., PBA

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PBA Returns to Thunderbowl for Central Region Players Invitational

The Professional Bowlers Association will return to Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park for the 2013 PBA Central Region Players Invitational (RPI).

Expected players to attend are Chris Loschetter, Ronnie Russell, Brian Kretzer and Tom Smallwood. Detroit area bowlers have a chance to meet the 48-man invitational field at the practice session from 2:30-4:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 13, 2013 at Thunderbowl Lanes, 4200 Allen Road, Allen Park.

Competition begins Saturday, Sept. 14 with all entrants bowling six games at 9 a.m. then returning at 1:30 p.m. for six additional games. The top 16 bowlers return Sunday morning, Sept. 15 for match play (best of 5 games) beginning at 9 a.m. with the qualifying players 1-4 receiving a two-round bye and qualifying players 5-8 receiving a one-round bye.

The round of 12 (best of five games), the round of 8 (best of five games), the round of 4 (best game) and Championship Match (best game) will be immediately following.

First place will receive \$6,000, a 2013 "World Series of Bowling" entry at South Point in Las Vegas as well as advancement to the ESPN telecast to compete for a 2014 Tournament of Champions berth.

PBA Xtra Frame will broadcast from start to finish. If you have any questions regarding the tournament, please call Charlie Cassise at Thunderbowl Lanes at (734) 818-9257.

IN THE NEWS

PBA Hall-of-Famer and Coaching Pioneer John Jowdy Dies at 93

Professional Bowlers Association Hall-of-Famer and pioneer bowling coach John Jowdy of El Cajon, Calif., died recently of natural causes. He was 93.

Jowdy was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame in 1988 primarily for his coaching contributions but was also a prolific bowling writer and bowling industry advocate.

"John Jowdy was one of the greatest minds in the history of our sport," said PBA Commissioner Tom Clark. "He cared about bowling and its greatest players as much as anyone ever

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Four Roll in
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Championships

Four youth bowlers rose to the occasion and captured national youth titles Friday as the 2013 North Pointe Junior Gold Championships presented by Track, Columbia 300, Ebonite and Hammer came to a close.

Wesley Low of Palmdale, Calif., Julia Bond of Aurora, Ill., Cortez Schenck of Phoenix and Taylor Russell of Tupelo, Miss., all came away with championships in their respective divisions at Sunnybrook Lanes. A record 2,078 athletes took part in the event and competed for more than \$275,000 in scholarships.

Low, 16, went undefeated in the double-elimination match-play bracket with a 5-0 record to claim the 20-and-under boys title. The two-handed lefty knocked off Ryan Zagar of Kenosha, Wis., 456-425, in the two-game title match.

After leading 25 games of qualifying by more than six pins a game on the field, Bond, 17, also went undefeated in match play to win the U20 girls title. She defeated current Junior Team USA member Sarah Lokker of New Baltimore, Mich., 386-339.

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- HISTORICALLY the MDUSBC and former organizations have set aside dates to distribute supplies to leagues for the upcoming seasons. This year there will be no set dates for distribution.

Due to the fact that half of the centers within MDUSBC host their own distribution school for their leagues only the leagues which would attend the association wide distribution has dwindled dramatically.

OPEN BOWL

Each league secretary should check with their center to determine if the center will be hosting a center only distribution night. In those cases all of the supplies will be given out at that center by MDUSBC representatives.

For those leagues where the center will not be hosting a center only event the supplies can be picked up at the MDUSBC office Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday from 8 a.m. - 5

p.m. If this is inconvenient please call the association office to make other arrangements.

HOW THE ASSOCIATION WORKS

Rules are the foundation of the bowling game. The USBC and formerly the ABC and WIBC were founded to develop and enforce uniform rules for the game. Before the ABC and WIBC developed the rules and specifications, the physical aspects of our game could vary dependent upon the area of the country or bowling alley. Once the specifications were established, the game became

more of a sport, with which competitors from across the country could compete. By defining those rules and specifications, competitors could refine their "game" to compete with others on the same playing field.

The rules have changed throughout the 100-plus years of the organized competition, but the physical characteristics have remained virtually unchanged. This is one of the items that makes our game great.

Rules have to be updated to keep up with some changes in society. Each year changes are proposed to the USBC Convention delegates for their action.

Each year the changed rules in the book are marked with brackets ([]) to denote a change. The MDUSBC is dedicated to helping members; league officers and leagues understand the rules. Because of this the office staff answers many questions surrounding the rules, which is one of our support functions to the membership.

Many of the rules questions we get center around league fee arrearages, postponements, forfeits, position rounds, etc. Each situation has its own merits and many times determinations need to be made whether a particular rule fits the situation, which is where the MDUSBC can be helpful in that determination.

It is important for all members to be aware of the rules, so that they can comply and enjoy the game of bowling more. If you are bowling in an unsanctioned league, think about the rules support you receive as a member of the MDUSBC that you'd miss. The real problem in bowling in an

uncertified league is that you never realize what you're missing until you need it and it's not there.

The Metro Detroit USBC Association is committed to making the game more enjoyable for everyone involved. One of the ways we do that is to participate in the rules making process at the convention and by helping the members understand the rules. The final way we help is to resolve issues regarding the rules.

BIG NEW CHANGES COMING

- The Metro Detroit USBC Board recently met and approved the following actions:

Beginning in August, all awards and reports to leagues secretaries will be delivered to your bowling center. This change will improve response time to centers and league. Additionally once this service begins league secretaries can send in information that normally would be mailed by dropping off at the bowling center. This service will continue until May.

Look for the MDUSBC app. Yes, MDUSBC will have an app for your smart phone or tablet later this summer, just in time for the 2013-14 season. If you have ideas you would like to see from this app, send Mark Martin an e-mail to mark.martin@mdusbc.com.

Several tournament changes will take place in the 2013-14 season and others in the 2014-15 season.

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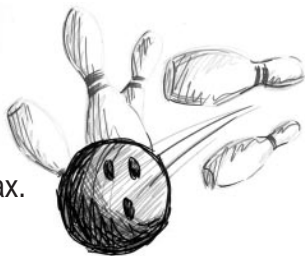
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The MDUSBC Youth Championship will move from its former January - February time frame to November - December. This change will allow more of our high school bowlers to participate, before the high school bowling season begins. There will be three handicap and one scratch division, down from four handicap divisions and one scratch division. Also in the 2014-15 season the MDUSBC Junior Masters will move from October to March, for the same reason as above. Gregory Moncrief has also joined the Youth Committee.

Both the MDUSBC Women's and Open Championships will offer incentives for those teams bowling on the 8 a.m. squad on opening weekend, Feb. 8-9. No longer will bowlers have to change lanes between doubles and singles. This change will help speed up the squads. Also a new longevity recognition program will be available to bowlers who have bowled in the Women's or Open championships for at least 25 years. There will also be recognition to 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50 years.

The MDUSBC Women's Championship will go from three divisions to two divisions due to decreased demand. The entry fee will increase to \$25 per person per event, with added prize money. The handicap, actual and senior handicap all-events entry fee will increase to \$5, with the entire amount returned as prize money.

The MDUSBC Open Championship will be contested in only one division starting in 2014, but will add an optional scratch division. The cost for the optional scratch division will be \$10 per person per event. Those entering the optional scratch division will be able to cash in both handicap and actual prize lists.

The MDUSBC Queens format will change in the 2013-14 season. The event will become a two-day event, with qualifying on Saturday and match play on Sunday. Qualifying will be eight games of qualifying in two squads of four games each. The top 16 will return on Sunday for single game, double elimination to crown the champion. The entry fee will be adjusted to accommodate the additional games and be announced

later.

Thanks to Turbo 2-N-1 Grips for sponsoring the Junior Masters, Super Senior Masters, Queens, Masters and Senior Masters. Red Robin Restaurants sponsors the Masters and Senior Masters. Their support is very much appreciated.

The 2014-15 tournament sites have been awarded as follows: *Adult/Youth* — Salt River Lanes, *Junior Masters* — Indian Lanes, *Super Senior Masters* — Shelby Lanes, *Queens* — Ford Lanes, *500 Club* — Century Bowl, *Youth City* — Sunnybrook Lanes, *Masters* — Shore Lanes, *Senior Masters* — Airway Lanes, *Open and Women's Championships* — Sterling Lanes, *Senior Team* — Thunderbowl Lanes.

Just a reminder on the sites for upcoming 2013-14 season. *Adult/Youth* — Taylor Lanes, *Junior Masters* — Astro Lanes, *Super Senior Masters* — Belmar Lanes, *Queens* — Astro Lanes, *500 Club* — Wonderland Lanes, *Youth City* — Sunnybrook Lanes, *Masters* — Taylor Lanes, *Senior Masters* — Classic Lanes, *Open and Women's Championships* — Taylor Lanes, *Senior Team* - Sterling Lanes.

Many of you may have heard that the

Special Achievement awards will become a responsibility of each local association in the 2014-15 season for adults and youth. The awards program for the 2013-14 season will remain unchanged; however there will be significant changes in the 2014-15 season. Look for a survey in your e-mail box at the beginning of the next season to help MDUSBC create a program that members are looking for. We can only do it with your help.

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11/23/2013	FIVE STAR LANES	10:00 AM
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new bowlers joining this year. This is exciting as it gives us a chance to meet new ladies, introduce them to our competitive, yet fun leagues, invite them to join our squad for the tournaments and hopefully enjoy bowling in general.

Speaking of tournaments, we need to do better at supporting our tournaments at every level. If you are a tournament bowler, invite someone to come with you. Help them build a team if they need assistance.

If you are NOT a tournament bowler, come out and support the city tournament. Even if it is just team event, or just doubles and singles, if you don't have a team. Sign up at the center to sub during a squad that is convenient for you.

As to the question of not being good enough, the city and state championship tournaments are handicapped events at this time. I think if you try it, you will come back again and again, as I have.

I have now bowled in 31 national tournaments, and over 30 city and state tournaments. I began when I was asked, and now I am a squad leader. I look forward to competing each year, and all of the fun we have during those weekends away from home.

Please check out our tournament listing on www.mdusbc.com and I am sure you will find a tournament that you would enjoy.

If you have any questions regarding tournaments, squad times, eligibility, etc. please call our office and take the option for tournaments, and I am sure Holly would be happy to assist you with anything you need.

Now go ask someone to join a league! Surely there is someone in your league who would love to be asked to bowl a tournament!

I challenge you to increase our tournaments this year... you can do it!

Have a great bowling season!

• AS YOU READ this article, most leagues will be getting ready to start up, especially those who bowl on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, as they get the holidays this year as part of their schedule.

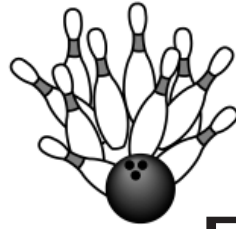
Summer goes quickly in Michigan, especially when those of us involved at the association level have conventions at the state level for the men, women and youth associations. Then of course, we hosted the USBC Northpointe Junior Gold and Youth Open tournaments... the hottest week of the summer!

As I looked at my calendar for the summer, I thought, "If I can just make it through June, with conventions and Bowl Expo". Then I realized July was Jr. Gold time.

Now August is filling up with league officer workshops at the centers, and my own league meetings to get our season started. I remember the days when we association people had most of the summer off...not so much these days it seems.

We have to keep working at trying to improve the service we provide our bowlers and work with our proprietors as best we can to help them be successful.

Now is the time for everyone to go ask ONE person to join their league or any league for the season. Both of my leagues will have



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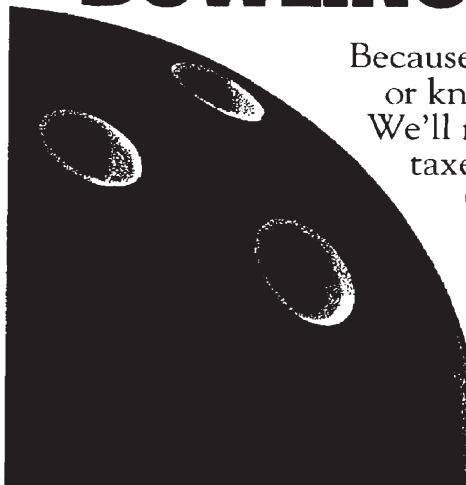
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By CHERYL DANIELS

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• THE FEET are the foundation of the swing, and having good solid footwork supplies leverage throughout the approach and at release point.

In all sports today, footwear plays an important role and has become more and

more "high tech." Tennis players, golfers, basketball players, boxers, runners, football players, etc., all have sport specific shoes for their respective sports. Bowling, like all sports, has become more high tech and so has the bowling footwear.

Being able to generate power from the legs becomes much easier when you have good footwear. In bowling, the right foot for righthanded bowlers is used to push off into the slide or last step. If your right foot (righthanders) slips out from under you as you push off into your slide or last step you are losing a lot of leverage at release point.

The better made shoes have a rubber push off sole on the right shoe and a leather slide sole on the left (for righthanders). The casual shoe is made to fit a lefthanded or righthanded bowler and both the left and right shoe is a slide sole.

All good bowlers and aspiring bowlers should invest in a good pair of bowling shoes. The tennis style or casual shoes are fine for beginners, but if you want better support and a more consistent slide, a good pair of bowling shoes is essential.

The most high tech shoes have changeable slide soles and slide heels. If you bowl in different centers or lots of tournaments, you will encounter many different approaches. Some approaches will be slippery and some will be tacky (sticky).

Being able to adjust your slide sole and

heel to fit the different approaches is invaluable. Today there are a lot of bowling manufacturers that offer the better made bowling shoes that will help you get more out of your bowling game.

◆ *Send Questions to Cheryl Daniels, P.O. Box 252, Novi, MI 48376 or e-mail me at "shebe@freeway.net" or visit www.cheryldaniels.com.*

Coaching Pioneer John Jowdy Dies at 93

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has. Anyone who had the chance to meet or know him is better for it, and will never forget him, his humor, his vast knowledge or his cigar."

Jowdy began his coaching career by instructing youth bowlers in San Antonio, Texas, in the 1940s and '50s. Since the late '60s he had coached more than 100 professional and amateur men and women bowlers.

He joined bowling ball manufacturer Columbia 300 in 1962 and worked for many years as the company's traveling salesman, public relations spokesman and PBA Tour representative. He is credited with the development of Team Columbia, a forerunner of the "pro staff" concept now utilized by all major bowling ball manufacturers.

Most recently he was inducted into the Bowling Coaches Hall of Fame in 2010 in recognition of his coaching contributions to the sport. He also was inducted into the Texas Bowling Hall of Fame, the San Antonio Bowling Hall of Fame, the Bowling Writers Association of America (IBMA) Hall of Fame, and the United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame (2001). In 2006, he was chosen as the International Bowling Coach of the Year by the World Bowling Writers.

"John was an all-round pioneer in the sport," said fellow Hall-of-Famer and good friend Chuck Pezzano. "He was an expert in many areas of the sport and probably coached more professional bowlers than anybody. I remember seeing him at tournaments where players would line up to get advice from him. He was an advocate for women's bowling and what a lot of people don't know is that he was also a very good bowler."

Jowdy also was instrumental in starting the John Jowdy Scholarship for high school and college bowlers, which Columbia 300 continues to sponsor in his honor.

As a bowling writer he earned numerous awards. He served as BWAA President in 1996, and was the recipient of the sport's Flowers for the Living Award in 1985.

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PBA LEAGUE PREPARES FOR 2ND SEASON



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Hall of Famer; franchise player Mike Fagan).

- New York City WTT KingPins (owner Billie Jean King, women's sports icon; manager Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, women's bowling hall of famer; franchise player Pete Weber).
- Philadelphia Hitmen (owner Kevin Hart, actor/comedian; manager Jason Couch, PBA Hall of Famer; franchise player Bill O'Neill).
- Pittsburgh Jack Rabbits (owner LaMarr Woodley, Pittsburgh Steelers All-

Pro linebacker; manager Tim Mack, international bowling champion and coach; franchise player Osku Palermaa).

- Silver Lake (Ca.) Atom Splitters (owner Chris Hardwick, Internet entrepreneur/comedian; manager Mark Baker, four-time PBA Tour titlist and renowned bowling instructor; franchise player Chris Barnes).

Each PBA League team will have a five-player roster. Teams will have the right to re-sign up to three players from their 2013 rosters between Aug. 1 and Aug. 31.

- Players who are not re-signed by Aug. 31 will become free agents. If the free agents do not sign with another team by Oct. 1 (maximum number of players signed through the free agency period is four including the franchise player), free agents will enter the 2014 player draft along with any player from the top 50 players based

upon the 2012-13 PBA competition points list not on a team.

- Players who are eligible for the draft will have until Nov. 3 to declare themselves for the draft.
- The 2014 PBA League player draft will be held on Nov. 4, at the completion of the PBA World Series of Bowling V in Las Vegas.
- Draft order will be in reverse order to how teams finished in the 2013 PBA League points competition (No. 8 Pittsburgh will draft first followed by Philadelphia, Silver Lake, Los Angeles, Brooklyn, Dallas, Motown and New York City).
- Trades will be allowed, subject to the PBA Commissioner's approval, up to Nov. 17. Allowances also will be made for players who are injured and unable to participate.
- Teams have a base payment cap they must work within to build their squad.

"There will be a few changes to the program next season, but one thing that won't change is the outcome," said Weber, the PBA Hall of Famer who led the New York City WTT KingPins to the inaugural Elias Cup title. "I had the best team last year, and I'll have the best team next season, too."

"The PBA League was great fun, a great

experience," he added. "I'm really looking forward to defending our title in 2014."

PBA League competition in 2014 will feature head-to-head team competition featuring four singles matches, two alternate-ball doubles matches, a Baker trios match and a four-player Baker team match. In the round-robin team competition, every team will bowl each of the other teams.

- All preliminary round matches will take place Jan. 1-7 at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Mich.
- Teams will earn points for each match to secure positions for the PBA League Play-offs which will be conducted as part of USBC Masters week, Feb. 22-23, at Brunswick Zone Carolier in North Brunswick, N.J.
- The Elias Cup finals will follow the live ESPN-televised finals of the PBA Tournament of Champions at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis on Sunday, April 6, and will air on Sunday, April 13.

PBA League television coverage on ESPN will feature selected matches to-be-determined during the singles/doubles/trios/team rounds. The first round airs live on ESPN, Sunday, Jan. 5, 2014. The PBA's Xtra Frame online streaming video service will provide full coverage of all matches.

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How Many Bowling Leagues Unsanctioned?

• **IDLE BOWLING** thoughts:

How many bowling leagues are unsanctioned? No one really knows, but every one should care. More sanction fees mean more money in the budget for worthy projects to keep bowlers, create more bowlers, meaning more interest in the sport, more business for bowling proprietors and more numbers to present to potential sponsors who then might spend more money in bowling.

...One of the not remembered enough major events in bowling TV history was the \$50,000 win of Carolyn Anderton in a winner take all match play feature nationally telecast by CBS. The announcers were Brent Musburger, Phyllis George and Telly Savalas.

...Before Mel Allen took over as the host of the popular Jackpot Bowling TV show, the lead announcer was another man of great baseball notice — Leo Durocher

...Take in a senior pro tournament, national or regional, and more often than not, there will be a sprinkling of all-time greats who still bowl well and with the same style as ever. "Only one problem," said one of the veterans. "I roll the ball a lot harder — and it goes slower."

...Mike Aulby has always followed a simple code, just try to bowl a little better every time you bowl.

...There is always a buzz when star bowlers blow what is considered an easy spare conversion. Too many average bowlers, and some good ones too, have

trouble in building confidence in shooting at single-pin spares — particularly the end pins. Top spare shooters advise that on single-pin spares to roll the ball faster and straighter.

...You can never tell about lane conditions and what effect they may have. There have been weeks on the national pro tour TV finals four top stars averaged a mere 201. And a week later, with four top stars again, they averaged 262.

...There is no bowling crisis, major or minor, local or national, to which bowling will not respond to with a meeting, a conference or a seminar.

...Records are made to be broken though some can only be tied. But the Johnny Petraglia astounding career mark of at least one national title in the past six decades is one that could stand for a lot of years into forever. One of the first hurdles is to remain



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Bowling Hall-of-Famer and Nationally Syndicated Columnist

healthy enough over those many years.

...No sport brings male and female bowlers closer in competitive and social settings better than bowling, for people of all ages for amazing long times.

...My first heroes in bowling were Andy Varipapa, Junie McMahon, Lou Campi, Lindy Faragalli and Marion Ladewig. Who were yours?

...I like the story about the two men, one an ardent but struggling bowler and the other an average working man, who each won five million dollars in a lottery. When

asked what they planned to do with the money, the working man said he was going to quit his job, spend a lot of time fishing and playing golf and take life easy, living on his new found wealth. The bowler scratched his head, thought a bit, then said, "I guess I'll just keep bowling in every tournament I can — until the money runs out."

ESPN, PBA Sign 5-Year Deal

ESPN announced that it will expand its relationship with the Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) under a new five-year deal that will see the network's previous coverage of the PBA Tour and the PBA League grow from 25.2 hours per year to 36. The deal becomes effective with the 2013 World Series of Bowling, which will debut on ESPN on Sunday, Dec. 1, 2013. The new deal follows a successful inaugural season of the PBA League, which features eight celebrity team owners, including stars Chris Paul, Kevin Hart, Terrell Owens and Billie Jean King. The second season of The PBA League will debut on ESPN on Sunday Jan. 5, 2014.

The deal ensures that the PBA will remain on ESPN and marks the continuation of a partnership that dates back to 1979.



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