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What a Bummer...

Another grand matchup turns out to be a dud. It's almost like Sunday Night Football on NBC last year. Every matchup was slated to be great and by halftime most of the games were over. The matchup du jour this week was Total Freaking Disaster who had won 10 of their last 12 and climbed to 2nd place vs. Diversity Personified who were headed in the other direction as they were in 3rd losers of 6 of 8. This was a serious matchup for bragging rights as T.F.D. recently passed Diversity Personified in the standings. Both teams were tied for 2nd, but T.F.D. had the edge in total pins.

There was some good natured ribbing going on all week through email and texts which culminated during the 10 minutes prior.

It was all hands on deck for both teams, which was a surprise to T.F.D.'s anchor Chris Rossi. Rumors were that 2 of D.P.'s members might not be available.

Once the games started, there was no more ribbing on either lane. The teams were tense as the games started. Each game went down to the wire, but at the end of the night Diversity Personified stood triumphant with a 4-0 sweep. They halted what appeared to be an unstoppable train.

Vin Velez pulled on his big boy pants this night as he rolled 624 series. He was +51 and was over 200 each game. Vin's teammate Jeremy Slone was almost as impressive as he rolled a 612 series. Marcus Patton used some of the cannon fodder produced during

the week as motivation. His 1st game 200 was 24 pins above his average and the difference in game 1 as Diversity Personified won by 6 pins.

Opens in the 10th frame by Ronnie Smith and Danielle Cranin put the game out of reach for T.F.D. as they dropped game 2 by 13 pins.

Only down by 19 pins for total, the best T.F.D. could do was a split. But with a split they could maintain their advantage over D.P. A strike barrage by Vin Velez and Jeremy Slone ended that thought. They both struck in 5 of their first 6 frames and ended with dual 221 games.

T.F.D.'s name couldn't express their night better. It was a, **TOTAL FREAKING DISASTER.**

Back-to-Back Majors for Belmonte...

Jason Belmonte is the first PBA Bowler to win back-to-back majors since Dick Hoover did it in 1956 and 1957.

It wasn't an easy journey either for Belmonte as he struggled in every match. He was the 5th seed and had to defeat 4 others ahead of him.

In the first match Jason defeated Rich Ciminelli

221-217. In match 2, he defeated Tom Smallwood 202-173. In match 3, he took down Michael Haugen Jr., 235-234. In the championship match he defeated 21-year-old phenom E.J. Tackett 221-177 becoming the first bowler as a 5th seed to win a major title. Jason made many tough spares including 3 difficult splits in the first 2 games. With the Championship

match all but finished, he entered the 9th frame with a 44 pin lead. His pitch went high and he left the big-4 split (4-6-7-10). In the 10th he needed 14 pins to win the championship. Escaping a bad toss that should have left a 2-10 split. He was left with an easy 2 pin spare conversion. He followed up with a strike which gave him enough for the win.

The Good, Bad and Ugly



Good, Bad and Ugly movie poster

This week I didn't even bother to add up the totals for the G,B,U award as the winner was bowling in front of me on my team. Ronnie Smith becomes the first repeat winner of the award this year. Ronnie averages 132. He was only 12 pins under his average, but his numbers were undeniable. He started off the night strong as he challenged his personal record 172 with a 1st game of 168. He then fell off the cliff with a bad game of 119. When

I thought things couldn't get worse for Ronnie, he surprised me with a sub-100 game of 97. That was the number that locked it up for Ronnie. Congratulations again Ronnie on G,B,U award number 2.

Winners

Week 1: Carlos Diaz
 Week 2: Grace McLean
 Week 3: Fred Emmons
 Week 4: David Ortiz
 Week 5: Paul Ryan
 Week 6: Ronnie Smith
 Week 7: Scott Connor
 Week 8: Marcus Matthews
 Week 9: James Richards
 Week 10: ?
 Week 11: Tina Cerbone
 Week 12: Tom Kozakiewicz
 Week 13: Ronnie Smith

3 STARS

1. Vin Velez (624 series +51)
2. Barry Rahmy 211 game (6 straight strikes)
3. Scott Hohenschutz 241 (high game in league this week)

Bears & Bulls; Big Bulls on the Lanes

Week 13 saw 82 bowlers in total on the lanes. Of that number we had 47 above average. That's 62% to the good. 35 struggled to hit their average.

A rebound for the Kozakiewicz brothers while there were definitely some surprises on the bottom Bear list

Top Bulls

1. Stephen D'Amico +147
2. Barry Rahmy +115
3. Frank Kozakiewicz +108
4. Tom Kozakiewicz +102
5. Chris Jason +93

Bottom Bears

1. Jesse Lewis -81
2. Paul Tomlin -79
3. Jeremy Frankel -67
4. Marci Dionne -66
5. Carlos Diaz -60

Bowling Tips...The Arrows.

Have you ever looked at the lanes and questioned what all the markings are on them. These marks (dots, arrows, and dark boards) help a bowler make adjustments. Most beginners don't use or even notice these arrows.

The arrows are there to help you line up your shot. They

are 15 feet down the lane from the foul line. Each arrow represents a board and a pin. The 1st arrow on the right side is the 5th board and is lined up with the 10 pin. The 2nd is the 10th board and lined up with the 6 pin. The 3rd board is the 15th board and 3 pin. The 4th is the 20th board or the center of the lane and is in line with

the head pin. If you throw a straight ball try using an arrow to line yourself up with a spare. So if you leave a 6 pin and you throw a straight ball line yourself up so your arm will swing the ball down the 2nd arrow. Good Luck and good bowling.



Week 13 Recap

Lanes 1-2

Affirmative Pin Action 2-2 Strikes for Reps
Reps move into 4th spot. APA needs to do better than split.

Lanes 3-4

T.F.D. 0-4 Diversity Personified
Painful night for TFD. Diversity takes over 1st place.

Lanes 5-6

Where's Julie? 1-3 Franks and Burgers
WJ plummets to basement of Munson division. Koz brothers finally put it all together but it could be too little to late.

Lanes 7-8

Smac Talk 1-3 Danny & the Miracles
Smac Talk playoff chances fading even with Stephen D'Amicos +147. The Miracles move into solid 2nd place. Paul Augeri rolls season high 582 series with a 215 high game

Lanes 9-10

Wrecking Balls 4-0 FUN da Mentals
James Richards +57 night leads balls to wreck FUNs night. Janice is really mad at the Swami as they were picked to win this week.

Lanes 11-12

Bumpers Needed 0-4 Lack of Pinterest
Surprise of the night as Bumpers Needed slide from 1st to 3rd place. Chris Jason's top 5 performance propels Pinterest to 2 games of 4th place.

Lanes 13-14

Black Ballers 1-3 Dazed & Confused
Jesse Lewis struggles so does Black Ballers. Although bad week doesn't cost them in the standings. Dazed needs more nights like this. Faber's +64 night helps.

Lanes 15-16

The Achievers 2-2 Herrre's Eladio!
No movement for either team. Eladio hanging on by a finger nail.

Lanes 17-18

Bulfs 1-3 No Pin Intended
Bulfs didn't show up for important week drop to 8th. No Pin Intended play spoilers for last 3 weeks. Fred Emmons pushes team forward with +83 top 10 night

Lanes 31-32

Pick Up Artists 0-4 Slow Your Roll
Surprise No. 2 PUA drops 4 and probably beyond making playoffs. Scott Hohenschutz goes toe-to-toe with Paul Tomlin and comes out on top 639-638

Lanes 33-34

That's How We Roll 1-3 Duckpin Dynasty
Barry Rahmy and Cam Neal keep team one game away from the promised land

Lanes 35-36

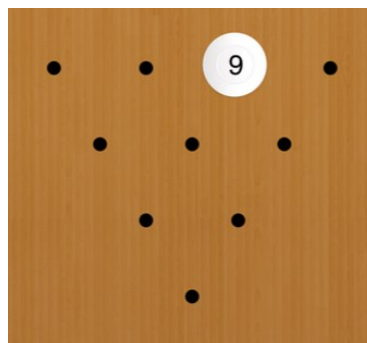
Split Happens 2-2 Mine's in the Gutter
3 of 4 bowlers on MitG above their averages. Split helps them stay in playoffs. Sharon Matthews and Nancy Devaney combine for +44 night

Wood 'N' Tap Weekly

Week 13's Wood'n'Tap winners were...

1. Fred Emmons
2. Scott Hohenschutz
3. Butch LeClair
4. Danon Bell
5. Tim Cheung
6. Paul Augeri

7. Marci Dionne
Week 14's Wood 'n' Tap challenge will go to the first 5 people to convert the 9 pin spare.



Week 14 Preview

Lanes 1-2

Duckpin Dynasty vs. Where's Julie?

Good chance for DD to move into the playoffs
 Prediction: DD 3-1

Lanes 3-4

Mine's in the Gutter vs. Bumpers Needed

Both teams in the playoffs as of this week. No change for next week
 Prediction: split 2-2

Lanes 5-6

Herrre's Eladio! Vs. Strikes for Reps

Both teams need wins. H.E! to stay in the playoffs and Reps to move into playoffs. Tough pick here
 Prediction: Strikes for Reps 3-1

Lanes 7-8

Dazed & Confused vs. Diversity Personified

Diversity Personified used all they had last week
 Prediction: Dazed & Confused 3-1

Lanes 9-10

Split Happens vs. Lack of Pinterest

SH puts up big numbers tonight
 Prediction: Split Happens 4-0

Lanes 11-12

Bulfs vs. FUN da Mentals

Bulfs playoff run is done

Prediction: FUN 3-1

Lanes 13-14

The Achievers vs. Wrecking Balls

Two teams on the outside looking in. Each need wins
 Prediction: The Achievers 3-1

Lanes 15-16

No Pin Intended vs. Danny & the Miracles

Danny and the Miracles improve their standing
 Prediction: the Miracles 4-0

Lanes 17-18

That's How We Roll vs. Total Freaking Disaster

T.F.D. need wins now. Tough night ahead
 Prediction: T.F.D. 3-1

Lanes 31-32

Black Ballers vs. Smac Talk

Ballers get a talkin' to.
 Prediction: Smac Talk 3-1

Lanes 33-34

Slow Your Roll vs. Franks & Burgers

Can Koz's be great 2 weeks in a row?
 Prediction: SYR 3-1

Lanes 35-36

Pick Up Artists vs. Affirmative Pin Action

PUA in an unfamiliar role...SPOILERS
 Prediction: PUA 4-0



ESPN TUESDAY NIGHT BOWLING
 UNOFFICIAL STANDINGS - WEEK 13

ERNE McCracken	W-L	ROY Munson	W-L
Split Happens	36-16	Diversity Personified	32-20
Mine's in the Gutter	32½-20½	Danny & the Miracles	29-23
Black Ballers	29-23	Bumpers Needed	29-23
Herrre's Eladio!	29-23	Strikes for Reps	28-24
Duckpin Dynasty	28-24	T.F.D.	28-24
Slow Your Roll	25-27	Wrecking Balls	27-25
Dazed & Confused	24-28	Smac Talk	26½-25½
Bulfs	24-28	Lack of Pinterest	26-26
The Achievers	23-29	Affirmative Pin Action	25½-26½
Pick Up Artists	21-31	Franks & Burgers	22-30
That's How We Roll	21-31	FUN da Mentals	22-30
No Pin Intended	16½-35½	Where's Julie?	21-31

TOP 4 TEAMS MAKE PLAYOFFS