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The Playoffs are here...

First of all, I want to say congratulations to the 8 teams that made the playoffs. In the Ernie McCracken Division, Split Happens, Black Ballers, Mine's in the Gutter and Herrre's Eladio! And over in the Roy Munson Division Wrecking Balls, Bumpers Needed, Diversity Personified and Danny & the Miracles.

There was much excitement in the last week of the regular season which saw a lot of jostling for position. In the McCracken division, Black Ballers decided to end the excitement early as they beat an undermanned Herrre's Eladio by 36 pins in the 1st game. After the 1st game, the Black Ballers were at ease and raced to a 4-0 sweep.

In the Roy Munson Division, there was a whole bunch of movement that happened. For the teams that received high-fives

for their success, there were those teams that hung their heads after their defeats. There were 7 teams fighting for a playoff spot. The team that suffered the most disappointment had to be Strikes for Reps. The league champions from last season, were nestled in 3rd place. All they had to do was split with Wrecking Balls to make the

versity Personified did all they could to dump themselves out of the playoffs. They went 1 and 3 against Bumpers Needed. A good natured prodding from TFD almost came to fruition. Only an 8-frame string of strikes by Marcus Patton in the final game, kept them clean from the ultimate disappointment. Grabbing the final position was Danny

and the Miracles. They were sitting in 6th place a 1/2 game behind Smac Talk which was a 1/2 game out of 4th. S.T. didn't bowl bad, but with Paul Augeri and Dan Dodd's very impressive nights proved too much to



playoffs. Unfortunately WB wrecked their bid for the playoffs by impressively sweeping them. For Wrecking Balls they jumped into the No. 1 spot because Di-

overcome.

Good luck to all the teams that are in the playoffs. This will be interesting to see what transpires.

The Eliminator and NBA Playoffs of Bowling

The final 8 in the Marques Edge "Livin' on the Edge" Eliminator are...

	Avg.	HDCP.
Chris Duffy	123	105
Cody Hardin	136	93
Cam Neal	149	81
Dave Dube	151	80

Scott Grim	162	70
Tom O'Hare	167	65
Keith Lam	178	55
Vin Velez	195	40

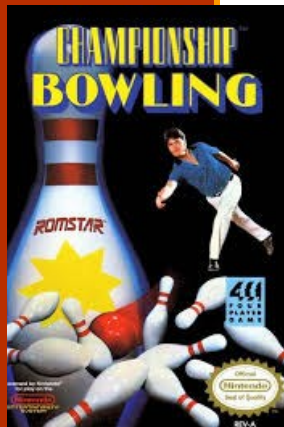
The Final 8 in the Chris Rossi's NBA Finals of Bowling are...

USBL Conference
#1 RJ Shaw vs. #2 Tom O'Hare

#3 Jeremy Frankel vs. #8 Deb George
ABA Conference
#3 Tom Kozakiewicz vs. #8 Chris Dube
#1 Cam Neal vs. #2 Brandon Peltier

Congratulations to Cam Neal and Tom O'Hare who not only made it to the Elite 8 in both contests but are on teams that are also in the playoffs.

Four More Weeks...



LANE ASSIGNMENTS

- 1-2:** Pick Up Artists vs. FUN da Mentals
- 3-4:** No Pin Intended vs. Where's Julie?
- 5-6:** Split Happens vs. Herre's Eladio!
- 7-8:** Black Ballers vs. Mine's in the Gutter
- 9-10:** Wrecking Balls vs. Danny & the Miracles
- 11-12:** Bumpers Needed vs. Diversity Personified
- 13-14:** Dazed & Confused vs. Strikes for Reps
- 15-16:** Duckpin Dynasty vs. Smac Talk
- 17-18:** That's How We Roll vs. TFD
- 31-32:** Slow Your Roll vs. Affirmative Pin Action
- 33-34:** Bulfs vs. Lack of Pinterest
- 35-36:** The Achievers vs. Franks & Burgers



> **March 18th – The League playoffs begin.** The 1st place team in each Division plays the 4th place team and the 2nd place team goes head to head against the 3rd place team. All other teams continue to bowl against scheduled opponent as usual as each bowler is bowling for seeding in the year end singles tournaments on April 8th.

Singles Tournaments. After this week, the top 56 bowlers by average will earn a bye into the Big 64 Tournament. All other bowlers will compete the next two weeks for the remaining eight positions for the BIG 64 Tournament. As of today, the cut line would be a 144 average.

The Chris Rossi's NBA of Bowling and the Livin' on the Edge competitions are both down to their Elite 8.

> **March 25th – The League playoffs continue.** 2 teams will go head to head for the Roy Munson Division title & 2 teams go head to head for the Ernie McCracken Division title.

Singles Tournament qualifying – The top eight highest average bowlers who have not qualified for the tournament will bowl head to head with the top four earning a spot in the BIG 64 Tournament. All other bowlers who have not qualified for the tournament will bowl head to head to grab four positions to keep their hopes alive for qualifying next week.

The Chris Rossi's NBA of Bowling and the Livin' on the Edge competitions are both down to their Final Four.

> **April 1st – The League Championship.** The winner of the Roy Munson Division will go head to head against the winner of the Ernie McCracken Division for the League Championship.

Singles Tournament qualifying – Eight bowlers will go head to head for the remaining four spots in the BIG 64 Tournament. All bowlers who do NOT qualify for the BIG 64

Tournament will compete in the NIT Tournament next week.

The Chris Rossi's NBA of Bowling and the Livin' on the Edge head to head championship matches take place!

> **April 8th – BIG 64 Tournament.** The top 64 bowlers in the league go head to head, lose and you're out, win and you advance, NCAA basketball bracket style until we crown a champion.

NIT Tournament. The bowlers who do not qualify for the BIG 64 Tournament will bowl in the NIT Tournament. Bowlers in this tournament bowl two games and the top four bowlers advance to a Final Four and then go head to head until we crown a NIT Champion!

Bears & Bulls

Week 16 saw 85 bowlers take to the lanes. Of that number we had 47 above average. That's 55% to the good. This was one of the lowest totals in the past 4-5 weeks. 36 struggled to hit their average. 2 leaguers hit their average on the button (Garit Grigery and Brian White)

Top Bulls

1. Paul Augeri +124
2. Marcus Patton +114
3. David Ortiz +105
4. Maura Jo Lynch +102
5. Deb George +90

Bottom Bears

1. Dan Marques -109
2. Jeremy Slone -100
3. Temi Anjou -73
4. Kevin Trudel -56
5. Josue Zamora -51
6. Nick Hagen -51

Good, Bad and Ugly

There were plenty of people to choose from this week. Several of the highest averages including Paul Tomlin (235), Chris Rossi (208) and Jeremy Slone (200) represented the high average candidates. Double-digit scores were present as usual. A 95 game by Stephen D'Amico and a 93 game by Scott Connor caught my eye. But at the end of the day I had to continue picking on Diversity Personified as Jeremy Slone wins this week award. Mr. Slone bowled a 224,

150 and an Ugly 132 game. He was 100 pins under average. Congratulations Jeremy, at least you didn't have to use the T.P.

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: Stephen D'Amico
- Week 11: Tina Cerbone
- Week 12: Tom Kozakiewicz
- Week 13: Ronnie Smith
- Week 14: Bennett Forrest
- Week 15: Andy Peterson
- Week 16: Jeremy Slone

Also, I finally went back to week 10 to check out that week's winner. I could not ignore the obvious from Stephen D'Amico. His average at that time was 133. He rolled a 352 which was only 47 pins under average, but he had some rotten games. His good game was 159. His bad game was 97 and his ugly game was 96. Congratulations on winning week 10's GBU Award.

Week 16 Recap

LANES 1—2

Split Happens 3-1 Mine's in the Gutter

The number 1 seed was on the line. Split Happens did not miss their opportunity. RJ Shaw 623 series led the assault. MitG had a slim chance at the No. 1 seed but ended up dropping to 3rd place. Tim Cheung (-29) has been bowling better of late. This could benefit them in the 1st round of the playoffs.

LANES 3-4

Herrre's Eladio! 0-4 Black Ballers

Black Ballers were the only team in jeopardy of missing the playoffs. They stood up to the task as they smashed a depleted Herrre's Eladio! Marcus Edge (568) and Jesse Lewis (551) led the charge. H.E. couldn't be eliminated so they took one on the chin as Eladio Batista and John Musulin were unavailable.

Lanes 5-6

Dazed and Confused 3-1 Duckpin Dynasty

The playoff run for both teams were over when Black Ballers won their first game. Good efforts by Deb George (570) and John Gluszak (610) were for naught. A great season for Duckpin Dynasty came to an end. DD made great strides this year and if they stay together could be more trouble to opponents next season.

Lanes 7-8

Bulfs 3-1 That's How We Roll

Keith Lam (+34) and Nancy Devaney (+28) stand out on their respective teams

Lanes 9-10

Slow Your Roll 0-4 The Achievers

Scott Hohenschutz, 619 series, wasn't good

enough to pull out any wins. SYR drops to 10th. David Ortiz (+105) leads the way in sweep. Achievers top out in 8th place.

Lanes 11-12

Pick Up Artists 1-3 No Pin Intended

Paul Tomlin finishes the year as the top average bowler in the league again (235). He has held that title every year since joining the league. No Pin Intended bounced back late in the year. They did well as Fred Emmons 551 carried team to final week win.

Lanes 13-14

Diversity Personified 1-3 Bumpers Needed

The T.P. props might have gotten in Diversity Personified's head for the first 2 games, but they boys at finally pulled their heads out of their (beep!) for the last game. Slone and Marques were a combined 209 pins under average. Bumpers Needed enjoy rolling against D.P. 8 of 12 games rolled were above average.

Lanes 15-16

Strikes for Reps 0-4 Wrecking Balls

Defending Champs Strikes for Reps eliminated after poor performance in final week of regular season. SFP drops from 3rd to 6th. Josue Zamora (-51) and Kevin Trudel (-56) have tough nights. Wrecking Balls vaulted from 4th to 1st. 10 of 12 games above average.

Lanes 17-18

Smac Talk 1-3 Danny & the Miracles

Only 1/2 game separated these two teams which held down the 5th and 6th spot in the standings. Everyone on D&M was above average. Paul Augeri achieved 2 personal records (high game 234 and high series 640). Even with Andrew Hydes +77 and Carlos Diaz's +53, Smac Talk couldn't muster enough offense to make it to

the playoffs.

Lanes 31-32

T.F.D. 2-2 Lack of Pinterest

The outcome was much different than the last time these two teams met when TFD won 4-0. That time, Chris Rossi rolled his personal best 793 series. Since that night TFD's inability to win the close games has cost them any chance at the playoffs. Scott Grim continues to bowl well, 516 +30, even with a bad case of tendonitis. Maura Jo Lynch has her best night ever. She had a personal best game of 150 and her personal high series of 357.

Lanes 33-34

Affirmative Pin Action 1-3 Franks and Burgers

APA's disappointing season has finally ended. Danon Bell had his best year ever finishing the regular season at 159. But Bryan Burgan struggled all season to get his game together. He finished a disappointing 170, 14 pins under his average from last season. The backbone of F&B (the brothers Koz) struggle once again as both finish under average. They need to thank Berger and Cerbo for lifting their butts to victory in the final week.

Lanes 35-36

Where's Julie? 1-3 FUN da Mentals

How quickly a team can fade. Where's Julie, which won the league just two years ago, finished in last place this year. They suffered the loss of Milton Jackson for the 2nd year in a row. Bowling with 3 players doesn't lead to winning many games. Janice Glanovsky has got to be glad her team won't be tormented by this editor continually picking them to win.

Playoff Picture

ERNIE McCRACKEN DIVISION

LANES 5-6

1 *SPLIT HAPPENS* vs.

4 *HERRRE'S ELADIO!*

Faced off in Week 11 with Herrre's Eladio! Besting Split Happens 3-1. RJ Shaw rolled 276; 609 series.

LANES 7-8

2 *BLACK BALLERS* vs.

3 *MINE'S IN THE GUTTER*

Faced off in Week 3. Mine's in the

Gutter won the 1st game 917-916. Tim Cheung rolled 2 games above average helping Mine's in the Gutter earn a 2-2 split.

ROY MUNSON DIVISION

LANES 9-10

1 *WRECKING BALLS* vs.

4 *DANNY & THE MIRACLES*

Faced off in Week 6. Wrecking Balls won 3-1. Wrecking Balls had 10 of 12 games bowled above average.

LANES 11-12

2 *BUMPERS NEEDED* vs.

3 *DIVERSITY PERSONIFIED*

Faced off in Week 11 and Week 16. It looks like the Bumpers have Diversity's number as they went 3-1 both times they faced. Slone shot 644 in week 3, but Chris Duffy countered with 404 +38 and above average all 3 games.

TUESDAY NIGHT LEAGUE

Week 16

FINAL STANDINGS

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ERNIE McCRACKEN DIVISION

Split Happens	42-22
Black Ballers	38-26
Mine's in the Gutter	37.5-26.5
Herrre's Eladio!	35-29
Dazed & Confused	33-31
Duckpin Dynasty	31-33
Bulfs	31-33
The Achievers	30-34
That's How We Roll	29-35
Slow Your Roll	26-38
Pick Up Artists	25-39
No Pin Intended	23.5-40.5

ROY MUNSON DIVISION

Wrecking Balls	37-27
Bumpers Needed	37-27
Diversity Personified	36-28
Danny & the Miracles	35-29
Smac Talk	33.5-30.5
Strikes for Reps	33-31
T.F.D.	33-31
Lack of Pinterest	31-33
Affirmative Pin Action	29.5-34.5
Franks & Burgers	29-25
FUN da Mentals	27-37
Where's Julie?	26-38

MADE PLAYOFFS

TUESDAY NIGHT BOWLING LEAGUE

Playoff Brackets

ERNIE MCCRACKEN

1 SPLIT HAPPENS
4 HERRRE'S ELADIO!
TUE., MARCH 18

2 BLACK BALLERS
3 MINE'S IN THE GUTTER
TUE., MARCH 18

ROY MUNSON

1 WRECKING BALLS
4 DANNY & THE MIRACLES
TUE., MARCH 18

2 BUMPERS NEEDED
3 DIVERSITY PERSONIFIED
TUE., MARCH 18

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CHAMPIONSHIPS ON TUESDAY, APRIL 1