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Vets take a big hit...

I enjoy trying to predict each weeks winners. It turns out that it's harder than it looks. Usually teams see the predictions and have one of two reactions. The first is they get upset that I picked them to lose so they think "I'll show him". The other is "Don't pick us to win because when you do we always

lose". Last week I thought I nailed the matchup of the week which pitted Affirmative Pin Action against Franks and Burgers. Both teams have struggled throughout the year and were recently starting to come around. APA went 4-0 last week, while

Franks & Burgers held a 7-1 mark over the last 2 weeks to climb out of the cellar. With those marks as well as the two loudest teams in the league set off to face



each other, I

thought this would be the most exciting contest. From what I can gather, the final score was closer than the 4-0 sweep APA earned. Talking to someone close to the action, Team Kozakiewicz BLEW IT! They lost a game by 1 pin with their anchor needing just 7

pins for the tie 8 to win...he got 6. There was another game that APA won by 18 pins in which Franks & Burgers needed a mark in the 10th and couldn't come through. All the reasons I thought were an advantage for F&B ended up a mirage. Brother's Frank (-54) and Tom (-62) were in the bottom 5 of the league in week 12 and couldn't be rescued by Cerbo and Berger who combined for +75. APA didn't bowl great, but they had 3 of 4 above average. Bryan Borgan led the way with his best night in weeks (150, 179, 194 = 507 +16). With the Sweep APA moves closer to a playoff bid as they are 2 games back of 4th. While Franks & Burgers have been dumped back into the basement. Only 3 weeks left boys...who's manning up!?

New Technology in shines in PBA

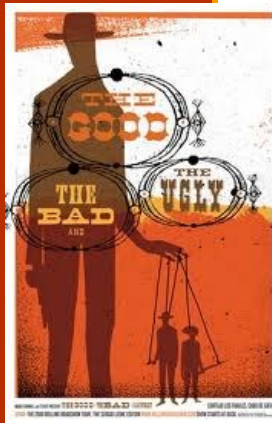
If you missed it...A couple weeks ago professional bowler Jason Belmonte appeared on the PBA League with some new technology. He used Google Glass.

Google Glass is a "wearable computer" which features a head band frame that includes a digital camera capable of recording 720 dpi video, 16 GB of memory and

voice recording technology. It operates like a hands-free smartphone. If you want to check out what Google Glass looks like check out the following link; <https://www.yahoo.com/tech/meet-jason-belmonte-the-first-professional-athlete-to-76328335365.html>

In other PBA news...The defending champion New York City WTT KingPins have advanced to the semifinal round of the 2014 Professional Bowlers Association League Elias Cup competition, defeating last season's runner-up team, the Motown Muscle, 4-2, at Thunderbowl Lanes.

The Good, Bad and Ugly



Good, Bad and Ugly movie poster

27 of our league-mates were in the running for the weekly GBU award. That's 31% of the bowlers had scores good enough to win the cherished pin of humiliation. There were some really ugly two-digit games out there, which is one of the criteria that decides it for me. Like Jajuan Holloway or Nancy Devaney's 96 or Cody Hardin's 92 and Chris Duffy's 90. Another gauge is pins under average which Eladio Batista held the top...err bottom honors for with -64.

But the condition for this weeks G,B,U winner is freezing up in a clutch situation. And that goes this week to Tom Kozakiewicz. As the anchor, Tom had chances to win games and came up short each time. Tom averages 172. He pretty much went in reverse order. Good game 3 (188), Bad game 2 (140) and his ugly game 1st (132). He was 62 pins under average with his 460 series. Congratulations Tom on being the 1st from your team to win the Good,

the Bad and the Ugly award.

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

3 STARS

1. Chris Rossi:
793 (P.R. series)
2. Vin Velez:
Season-high
262)
3. Bumpers
Needed: Taking
over 1st place.

Week 12 saw 87 bowlers in total on the lanes. Of that number we had 54 above average. That's 62% to the good. This has been the best percentage of the year for good bowling. 32 struggled to hit their average and Nancy Devaney was the only person to hit their average on the nose.

Top Bulls

1. Matt Hopkins +153
2. Chris Rossi +139
3. Rick Metzroth +118
4. Scott Grim +111
5. Vin Velez +97

Bottom Bears

1. Eladio Batista -64
2. Tom Kozakiewicz -62
3. Kevin Trudel -60
4. Frank Kozakiewicz -54
5. Jill Donohue -47

Bowling Tips...Why we leave the 10 pin.



Many bowlers who are trying to improve their game often ask why the 10 pin doesn't go down when they hit the pocket. There are a couple of answers to this question as there are 2 types of 10 pins. One is called a flat 10 or weak 10, the other is a rack 10 or strong 10. On a flat 10 pin the ball could be entering the pocket

weakly or may have lost too much energy before hitting the pocket. You will notice this by the 6 pin lying in the channel to the right. For the Rack 10 or strong 10, your ball is entering the pocket with too much angle or is too quick to the headpin. You'll notice this when you see the 6 pin jump and wrap around the 10pin.

Usually one will not see the 6pin in the gutter after the shot. A possible solution for either leave. 1) is to move 1 board on the approach to the right for a weak 10. 2) Move 1 board to the left for a strong 10. Hope this tip helps. Check out link for more information. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f-zN2Y9nxvU>

Week 12 Recap

Lanes 1-2

Herrre's Eladio! 0-4 Slow Your Roll Eladio struggles to get his early season form back (380 series, -64) Mario Minardi (+47) and Scott Hohen-schutz (+76) move up standings but is it enough to get them to the playoffs

Lanes 3-4

Dazed & Confused 1-3 Duckpin Dynasty 3 of 4 above average still does not pay dividends for D&C. Rich Faber 527 +56 3 of 4 above average with Joe Formisano leading the way. 509 series +92

Lanes 5-6

Black Ballers 3-1 No Pin Interested Even though they are in the playoffs at the moment, losing points to teams like NPI could cost them in the long run. Marcus Matthews stepping his game up (486 +66). Threats of being mocked in the news letter help motivate him. Despite being short-handed for most of the season, NPI could play spoiler for many teams down the stretch. Temi Anjou and Fred Emmons crack the 200 mark with 209 and 203 respectively.

Lanes 7-8

Mine's in the Gutter 4-0 The Achievers 3 of 4 above average. Brian Bell shoots 449 +14 The Achievers are all but done even

though they are tied for 7th

Lanes 9-10

Split Happens 2-2 Pick Up Artists Dube duo both above average (David +13, Chris +6) No one on PUA was above average.

Lanes 11-12

That's How We Roll 2-2 Bulfs Tina Cerbone leads spoilers charge with a 324 +12 night Scott Connor 414 +39. 4 games out of playoffs. Bulfs cannot afford to lose points at this time of the season

Lanes 13-14

Diversity Personified 1-3 Danny & the Miracles Losing Patton and Marques will only hurt DP's playoff chances. Vin Velez man's up; shoots 262 in game 2. D&tM hanging on to 4th place. Marty Bernoski just missed 500. none-the-less has a very good night 497 +56

Lanes 17-18

Strikes for Reps 1-3 FUN da Mentals The slumping Reps (3-9) in last 3 week, are only 1/2 game out of the playoffs. No one above average for SF. FUN is only 4 games out of the 4th and final playoff spot. Susan Brett leads team with a 429 +29 set

Lanes 31-32

Lack of Pinterest 0-4 Total Freaking Disaster Scott Grim (584) and Chris Rossi (793) roll personal best series Lack of Pinterest flabbergasted by the Tomlin-like performance by Rossi

Lanes 33-34

Bumpers Needed 2-2 Smac Talk Exciting night for both teams. Bumpers needed bump themselves up to 1st place while Smac Talk is 1/2 game back of 4th place in striking distance. BN's Jessica Johnson rolls all 3 games above average (421, +52) Carlos Diaz led Smac Talk with a 536 +44. while Manny Delgado could have had a stellar night as he was +9 in game 1, +41 in game 2 and then finished off the night with a 99. Where the heck did that come from?

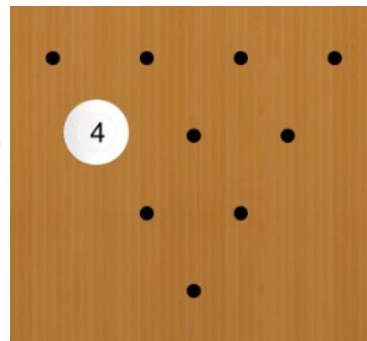
Lanes 35-36

Wrecking Balls 3-1 Where's Julie? Matt Hopkins of Wrecking Balls is on a torrid streak over the last month. In the last 4 weeks Matt has run with the bulls with +153, +88, +120, +88 nights. He has raised his average 13 pins in 4 weeks. Great job Matt. Where's Julie? Still has an outside chance to make the playoffs as the race in the Roy Munson division is so tight. Rick Metzroth tried to keep his team afloat last week with a +118 night.

Wood 'N' Tap Weekly

Week 13's Wood 'n' Tap challenge will go to the first 7 people to convert the 4 pin spare. There is an extra prize this

week to go along with the gift card. You'll have to win to collect.



Week 13 Preview

Lanes 1-2

Affirmative Pin Action vs. Strikes for Reps
 APA is White Hot (8-0 in last 2 weeks)
 Prediction: APA 3-1

Lanes 3-4

Total Freaking Disaster vs. Diversity Personified
 TFD ^ while DP v
 Prediction: TFD 3-1

Lanes 5-6

Where's Julie vs. Franks and Burgers
 Can F&B dig out of the hole they are in?
 Prediction: F&B 3-1

Lanes 7-8

Smac Talk vs. Danny and the Miracles
 Smac Talk ½ GB of D&M's playoff spot
 Prediction: Split 2-2

Lanes 9-10

Wrecking Balls vs. FUN da Mentals
 Janice will hate me, but I can't help it.
 Prediction: FUN 3-1

Lanes 11-12

Bumpers Needed vs. Lack of Pinterest
 Can BN continue surprise season and hold on to 1st?
 Prediction: LoP 3-1

Lanes 13-14

Black Ballers vs. Dazed and Confused
 Black Ballers keep D & C, D & C'd
 Prediction: BB 3-1

Lanes 15-16

The Achievers vs. Herrre's Eladio?
 Herrre's Eladio! Hanging on by a thread
 Prediction: Split 2-2

Lanes 17-18

Bulfs vs. No Pin Intended
 Bulfs can make their presence known
 Prediction: Bulfs 4-0

Lanes 31-32

Pick Up Artists vs. Slow Your Roll
 PUA's time has to be NOW!
 Prediction: PUA 4-0

Lanes 33-34

That's How We Roll vs. Duckpin Dynasty
 Duckpin pick up the pace
 Prediction: DD 3-1

Lanes 35-36

Split Happens vs. Mine's in the Gutter
 MitG soar with the eagles or swim with the fishes?
 Prediction: Split Happens 3-1



ESPN **ESPN TUESDAY NIGHT BOWLING**
 UNOFFICIAL STANDINGS - WEEK 12

ERNIE McCracken		W-L	ROY MUNSON		W-L
Split Happens	34-14		Bumpers Needed	29-19	
Mine's in the Gutter	29½-18½		T.F.D.	28-20	
Black Ballers	28-20		Diversity Personified	28-20	
Herrre's Eladio!	27-21		Danny & the Miracles	26-22	
Duckpin Dynasty	25-23		Strikes for Reps	25½-22½	
Bulfs	23-25		Smac Talk	25½-22½	
Pick Up Artists	21-27		Affirmative Pin Action	24-24	
Dazed & Confused	21-27		Wrecking Balls	23-25	
Slow Your Roll	21-27		Lack of Pinterest	22-26	
The Achievers	21-27		FUN da Mentals	22-26	
That's How We Roll	20-28		Where's Julie?	20-28	
No Pin Intended	13½-34½		Franks and Burgers	19-29	

TOP 4 TEAMS IN EACH DIVISION MAKE PLAYOFFS