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The Playoffs, they are a-coming!!!

The regular season is winding down. There is only 2 more chances to make a push for the top 4 spots in each division.

Looking at the standings the only team that can call themselves safe is Split Happens. They hold a 3½ game lead for 1st place in the Ernie McCracken division.

In reality there are 7 teams that are vying for the final 3 spots in this division. Mine's in the Gutter have a decently firm grip on a playoff spot as they are planted in 2nd place, but can still miss the playoffs if they aren't careful. Herrre's Eladio! Is inconsistent and must bear down to hold onto 3rd place. Black Ballers are in the most precarious position. They hold a 1

game lead over Duckpin Dynasty for the final playoff spot in their division. Both BB and DD have tough matchups this week. Bulfs need a lot of help as does Slow Your Roll and Dazed & Confused. But they still have a chance.

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PLAYOFFS ARE COMING

As for the Roy Munson division, there are 9 teams that still have a legitimate chance to

make it to the playoffs. Diversity Personified is in 1st place by 2 games over Danny & the Miracles. The next two teams are the surprises of the year so far as Wrecking Balls made a MASSIVE jump from 6th place to 3rd place

in the division with a 4-0 sweep over the Achievers. The other current playoff team, Bumpers Needed, has been in the top 4 all season. This team has continued to surprise as someone always seems to come through with a clutch score to pull out a victory. These two teams have a 1½ game cushion. Smac Talk, Strikes for Reps (the returning champs), Lack of Pinterest (who is on a roll), (the slumping) Total Freaking Disaster and Affirmative Pin Action are all still in contention. TFD and APA need to go 8-0 over the last 2 weeks and have WB or BN collapse to get in.

There is a lot of shuffling still to take place before the playoffs start in week 17. Stay tuned to see what happens next. Good luck to all those who are battling for playoff gold.

Domination by Atom Splitters...

Two of the premiere bowlers in the PBA had their teams poised for action as Chris Barnes and his Silver Lake Atom Splitters took on Norm Duke and the Dallas Strikers.

In the singles match it was the teams 2 powerhouses, Chris Barnes and Norm Duke facing off. It wasn't a contest as Barnes started with the front 9. Norm Duke on the other hand had a tough time with single pins. He left to many 10's and 7's to compete.

Dallas took the doubles competition 195-194, to tie up the contest. The Atom Splitters had a chance to win it but Byron Smith, needing a strike, left two 10 pins in the 10th frame.

Even though Dallas and Silver Lake were tied 1-1, Dallas' struggle to create strikes continued. The Strikers never mounted a threat in the Baker Trios as they could only muster 3 strikes in 9 frames. This was no match as the Atom Splitters had struck in 3 of their first 4 frames.

The Strikers had a chance to score a come from behind win by taking the Baker team event. Again strikes were at a premium for the Strikers. Even with their strike struggles, the game came down to the 10th frame after Silver Lakes Tommy Jones left a 2-8-10 split. Needing to strike out in the 10th Dallas' anchor, Rhino Page, left a 7 pin.

The breaks just didn't go Silver Lakes side as the lost 5-1. The final quarterfinal matchup will take place Sunday, March 23rd. The Philadelphia Hitmen will play the Pittsburgh Jack Rabbits.

Check out the team formats as it brings some interesting strategy into professional bowling.

The winner of the Philadelphia -Pittsburgh matchup will face the Silver Lake Atom Splitters in Semifinals match 2 on April 6th. While on March 30th the L.A. X will face the New York City WTT Kingpins in Semifinal match 1.

The finals will be on ESPN on April 13th at 2:00 pm.

The Good, Bad and Ugly



Good, Bad and Ugly movie poster

Last week I didn't even bother to add up all the GBU scores, because my teammate truly symbolized what the award was all about.

Of the 34 bowlers who were under average this week, I only got through the bottom 10 scores to find the true representation of the GBU award. Of those bottom 10 only 3 had the right statistics. (the other 7 just totally stunk). This weeks honor goes to Bennett Forrest. His efforts, or lack there of, netted

him his first GBU award of the season. Bennett's scores were more indicative of a Good, Ugly and Uglier award. His first game netted him his bad score of 97. (double-digit scores will always catch my eye). In game 2 he elected to make a bid for his worst game ever as he shot a 92. Bennett decided to get his act together for the 3rd game with a 165. Hence his becoming week 14's winner. Congratulations Bennett!

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
- Week 14: Bennett Forrest

3 STARS +1

Personal Records

1. Danon Bell: 245 high game; 610 high series
2. Marty Bernoski: 231 high game
3. Vin Velez: 684 series
4. Jeremy Slone: 682 series

Bears & Bulls; Big Bulls on the Lanes

Week 14 saw 87 bowlers take to the lanes. Of that number we had 53 above average. That's 61% to the good. 34 struggled to hit their average.

Vin Velez and Jeremy Slone making sure every prediction this editor makes blows up in his face...

Top Bulls

1. Danon Bell +145
2. Marty Bernoski +121
3. James Richards +110
4. Vin Velez +108
5. David Ortiz +101

Bottom Bears

1. Brandon Peltier -115
2. Chris Rossi -103
3. Scott Hohenschutz -70
4. Paul Augeri -69
5. Temi Anjou -64

Bowling Tips...What's Your Line?



What type of strike line do you employ? There are 3 types of lines used to find the pocket. 1st is the Open line. This line is used by bowlers who have a higher rev rate. It is usually a line that starts inside the 14th board. This line uses more lane and generates the most hook. The 2nd line is the Medium line. This line lies

between 14th and 8th boards. This line is used by tweeners or bowlers with a medium ball revolution. This line can be is the most versatile. And the 3rd line is the direct line. This line is played by someone who does not generate many revolutions. Experimenting with each of these lines during practice can help make you a bet-

ter bowler.

Week 14 Recap

Lanes 1-2

Duckpin Dynasty 1-3 Where's Julie?

Cam Neal +42 and Joe Formisano +15 continue their strong seasons, but it couldn't help them overcome the upset special. All 3 of W.J. were above average with Rick Metzroth 426 +33 leading the upset charge.

Lanes 3-4

Mine's in the Gutter 2-2 Bumpers Needed

Both teams survive and stay in playoffs for now. Tim Cheung rolled his P.R. 205 in the 3rd game. Cody Hardin's 447 +48 night helped keep team in the RED.

Lanes 5-6

Herrre's Eladio! 3-1 Strikes for Reps

Paul Ryan +40, above average 2 of 3, helped H.E. stay in the playoffs and Reps out. A real rough night for Reps as they were down one and the others never hit + territory.

Lanes 7-8

Dazed & Confused 2-2 Diversity Personified

Even with personal records by Velez (+108) and Slone (+82) they could only muster a split. Unfortunately a split doesn't do any good for D&C as they waste a good performance from Rich Faber (535 +61), season-high 219 game.

Lanes 9-10

Split Happens 1-3 Lack of Pinterest

A little mini slump from Split Happens has no affect on their best record in the league. Lack of Pinterest building steam for a playoff push since getting beat up by T.F.D. two weeks ago.

Lanes 11-12

Bulfs 3-1 FUN da Mentals

Just when I think the Bulfs are done for the season, they bounce back. They are 2 games under .500 and only 3 games out of 4th with 2 weeks left. Steve Clancy bulked up for games 1 and 2 as he just missed his season-high in game 1 with a 171 but then crested that mountain by shooting 180 in game 2. Janice Glanovsky probably hates me right now for continually picking them to win. They have dug themselves a huge hole. They are now in the basement of the Roy Munson division and will only be able to take on the role of spoilers for the rest of the season.

Lanes 13-14

The Achievers 0-4 Wrecking Balls

Surprise, surprise look where the Wrecking Balls are with 2 weeks left in the regular season. Everyone was above average as they vaulted into 3rd place. James Richards continued a theme of personal records as he was part of a group that saw the fall. He rolled a season-high 171 in game 1.

Lanes 15-16

No Pin Intended 1-3 Danny & the Miracle

Marty Bernoski records his P.R. high-game of 231. His +121 night off set Paul Augeri's bad night enough to give them a firm grasp in the playoffs.

Lanes 17-18

That's How We Roll 4-0 T.F.D.

Chris Rossi's (-103) off night might of cost them a shot at the playoffs. T.F.D. is in the midst of a 8-game losing streak. Of those 8 games 5 have been by 15 pins or less. Sharon Matthews (+59) and Deb Deely (+17) did just enough to pull off one of the biggest upsets of the year.

Lanes 31-32

Black Ballers 1-3 Smac Talk

Carl Baker was the only Baller above average. This is cause for concern as they are hanging on by a thread. Smac Talk is just on the outside looking in. Everyone on the team was at least 37 pins above average. That is tough to take down.

Lanes 33-34

Slow Your Roll 1-3 Franks & Burgers

How Franks & Burgers took 3 is beyond me. I asked them to bowl two good weeks in a row and they couldn't do it. After tearing the lanes up last week after getting torn up in the newsletter, they went back to sucking. Tommy K was 23 pins under average while the big kahuna on their team Franky K was -47. Meanwhile for Slow Your Role had their own problems. Their Deuce Bowler, Scott Hohenschutz, wasn't prepared for battle as he rolled a horrible 560 series (-70) for the 3rd worst night of the week.

Lanes 35-36

Pick Up Artists 2-2 Affirmative Pin Action

APA needed to sweep to be in a better position to make a final push towards the playoffs. Although they do have a very slim chance at making the playoffs they still have a chance. Bryan Burgan had a very good night rolling his season-high game 218, but the night belonged to his teammate Danon Bell who had his best night ever. He had a number of personal records which included his most consecutive strikes with 7 straight from the start, high-game 245, first ever 600 series and high series 610. This was too much for Pick Up Artists to overcome. Great bowling Danon. You and your team need to continue that for any chance at making the playoffs.

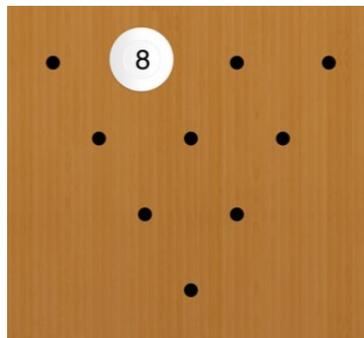
Wood 'N' Tap Weekly

Week 14's Wood'n'Tap winners were...

1. Barry Rahmy
2. Scott Hohenschutz
3. Nancy Devaney
4. Kim Weller
5. Dan Dodd
6. Mike Gallo
7. Charles McCree

8. Marcus Patton
9. Greg Sukiennik
10. Rick Metzroth

Week 15's Wood 'n' Tap challenge will go to the first 5 people to convert the 8 pin spare.



Week 15 Preview

Lanes 1-2

The Achievers vs. FUN da Mentals

FUN has to be Mental at this point in the season
 Prediction: The Achievers 3-1

Lanes 3-4

Black Ballers vs. Lack of Pinterest

BB looking over their shoulders, LoP looking in.
 LoP will make Ballers bawl
 Prediction: LoP 3-1

Lanes 5-6

No Pin Intended vs. Diversity Personified

D.P. on a roll, no stopping them now
 Prediction: DP 4-0

Lanes 7-8

Slow Your Roll vs. Strikes for Reps

Last chance for Reps to push for a chance to repeat
 Prediction: Reps 3-1

Lanes 9-10

Pick Up Artists vs. Bumpers Needed

Could be the end for B.N. facing the mighty Tomlins
 Prediction: Split 2-2

Lanes 11-12

That's How We Roll vs. Where's Julie?

Fresh off biggest win of season THWR carries on
 Prediction: That's How We Roll 3-1

Lanes 13-14

Duckpin Dynasty vs. Total Freaking Disaster

Important week for both teams
 Prediction: Duckpin Dynasty 3-1

Lanes 15-16

Mine's in the Gutter vs. Affirmative Pin Action

Is there one last charge in APA
 Prediction: Split 2-2

Lanes 17-18

Herrre's Eladio! vs. Franks & Burgers

F&B could be spoilers, I think not...
 Prediction: Herrre's Eladio! 3-1

Lanes 31-32

Dazed & Confused vs. Danny & the Miracles

D&C has one last chance to take
 Prediction: Split 2-2

Lanes 33-34

Bulfs vs. Smac Talk

Smac Talk needs to be heard
 Prediction: Smac Talk 3-1

Lanes 35-36

Split Happens vs. Wrecking Balls

Wrecking Balls are in for now
 Prediction: Split Happens 3-1



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UNOFFICIAL STANDINGS - WEEK 14

| ERNIE McCracken | W-L | ROY Munson | W-L |
|----------------------|---------|-------------------------|---------|
| Split Happens | 37-19 | Diversity Personified | 34-22 |
| Mine's in the Gutter | 33½-22½ | Danny & the Miracles | 32-24 |
| Herrre's Eladio! | 32-24 | Wrecking Balls | 31-25 |
| Black Ballers | 30-26 | Bumpers Needed | 31-25 |
| Duckpin Dynasty | 29-27 | Smac Talk | 29½-26½ |
| Bulfs | 27-29 | Strikes for Reps | 29-27 |
| Slow Your Roll | 26-30 | Lack of Pinterest | 29-27 |
| Dazed & Confused | 26-30 | Total Freaking Disaster | 28-28 |
| That's How We Roll | 25-31 | Affirmative Pin Action | 27½-28½ |
| Pick Up Artists | 23-33 | Franks & Burgers | 25-31 |
| The Achievers | 23-33 | Where's Julie? | 24-32 |
| No Pin Intended | 17½-38½ | FUN da Mentals | 23-33 |

TOP 4 TEAMS IN EACH DIVISION MAKE PLAYOFFS