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Tomlin does it again...Perfection!

For those of you who are new to the league and unfamiliar with the leagues bowling hierarchy, meet Paul Tomlin. He has been the leagues high average bowler since he joined. His main competition for this title over the years have been Chris Rossi, Bobby Zollinger, John DeLaat, Aaron Craig. All but Chris are no longer in the league. Chris had his best year ever in 2012-13 season with a 218 average. Even at his best he fell 26 pins short as Paul averaged 244. In 2011-12 season Bobby Zollinger tried to breathe that rarified air. He averaged 216. Paul averaged 222. Unconfirmed rumors floating around are that Bobby left for a warmer climate closer to sea level due to the inability to unseat Paul that year.

Next up was John

DeLaat. Every year John's average crept higher and higher. In one season he slipped passed Bobby and finished 3rd which was still a far cry from wearing



Paul Tomlin holding the Super Bowl trophy from last seasons Super Bowl Tourney

the crown. The disappointment was so great that he changed departments and moved to a night schedule to avoid the awkwardness that he would surely endure. Aaron Craig, last season,

was still woefully shy of the top spot. Aaron finished 3rd with a 211 average. He has decided that enough was enough and passed on bowling this season.

All joking aside, we do miss Bobby, John and Aaron. We hope they will see them on the lanes again.

As for Paul, he's making sure there won't be a challenge at all this season. He is EN FUEGO! Tomlin has thrown his 4th perfect game in 2 years and hasn't had a series under 698. He is averaging 253 over the first 3 weeks of the season. There's still a long way to go this year. His closest competition after 3 weeks is Scott Hohenschutz with a 212. Good luck to those who try to unseat the Perfectionist.

ITK Delivers Fresh Energy for League

Some changes have occurred for our fun little ESPN bowling league. To start, we had an off-season that saw our number of teams dwindle from 21 down to about 16. Not wanting the participation levels to decrease that much, we posted a flyer on ITK. Walla! instant participants. The numbers burst up to 24 teams.

This ties a league high for teams from a few years ago. Because of this, we have decided to create a little more competition for the league title as we now have divisions. We hope this will create some new rivalries that will match the intensity of the Black Ballers and Affirmative Pin Action from last season. The

divisions will give a greater number of teams the ability to challenge for the league championship. Good luck to all this year.

The Good, Bad and Ugly



Good, Bad and Ugly movie poster

Well it's week 3 and everyone has been waiting to see who appears on the Good, Bad and Ugly list. For the new bowlers in the league, this is just a fun list that I started a couple of years ago after watching the Clint Eastwood movie. The qualifications consist of one good game that is above average, one bad game that is just below average and one ugly game that is grossly under average. Usually the winner is someone who is really under their average at

the end of the night. But the editor has the right to choose anyone as the winner. With the explanation out there let's get to it.

35 people qualified for the Good, Bad and Ugly award. No one was close to Fred Emmons for Week 3. Fred, a new bowler to the league this year, averages 153. His good game was his 3rd one with a 167. His 1st game was his bad game with a 138 and an ugly sub-100 middle game of

97. Fred 57 pins under average for the week. Congratulations Fred for the week 3 win.

Winners

Week 1:

Week 2:

Week 3: Fred Emmons

Tip of the week:
To improve accuracy try aiming for the first set of arrows on the lanes.

Bears and Bulls; It's a Bull Market...

This is a section to see how the league is doing as a whole.

Week 3 saw 84 bowlers in total on the lanes. Of that number we had 47 above average, 36 below average and 1 bowler was Even for the night.

Top Bulls

1. Marty Bernoski +118
2. Bennett Forrest +78
3. David Ortiz +77
4. Sharon Matthews +76
5. Mark Berger +73
Eladio Batista +73

Bottom Bears

1. Jeremy Frankel -96
2. Chris Rossi -83
3. Fred Emmons -57
4. James Richards -40
5. Danon Bell -36
Keith Lam -36

Power Rankings

ESPN Bowling League



Power Rankings

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Diversity Personified | 9. Fun da Mentals | 17. Affirmative Pin Action |
| 2. Pick Up Artists | 10. Herrre's Eladio | 18. Duckpin Dynasty |
| 3. Split Happens | 11. Danny and the Miracles | 19. Where's Julie? |
| 4. 3 Hookers & a Madame | 12. Team 9 | 20. Smac Talk |
| 5. Franks and Burgers | 13. Slow Your Roll | 21. The Achievers |
| 6. Total Freaking Disaster | 14. Bulfs | 22. Bumpers Needed |
| 7. Black Ballers | 15. Lack of Pinterest | 23. That's How We Roll |
| 8. Strikes for Reps | 16. Mine's in the Gutter | 24. Wrecking Balls |

Week 3 Recap



Lanes 1-2

The return of Eladio Batista to his old team has sparked them to a 8-4 record, good for 3rd place in the Ernie McCracken division. Eladio took charge with a 514 series. Team 9 gets swept as Freddy Emmons and Temi Anjou were GBU candidates.

Lanes 3-4

Cam Neal (+56) and Joe Formisano (+20) rebound from a horrible week 2 to help Duckpin Dynasty split with Slow Your Roll. The split for SYP keeps them in a tie for 4th early in the season.

Lane 5-6

Pick Up Artists lose their first game of season, but still boasts league best 11-1 mark. Commish's team rides anchor John Gluszk's 244 second game. The anchor was the only one above average (+25).

Lane 7-8

Newcomers that formed the new That's How We Roll team endure another sweep. Sharon Matthews has personal best high game (135) and series (367). Tom Matters

and RJ Shaw both roll 600+ series and 250+ games.

Lane 9-10

Black Ballers and Mine's in the Gutter struggle with mediocrity as they split. Marques Edge (-4) fesses up to 1-pin loss in game 1. Tim Cheung has best over average night on pair with a +13.

Lane 11-12

Slow start for Bulfs in 1st game cost them at least 1 more point. No one on Bulfs hit there average in game 1, but 3 of 4 rebounded to end up above average for the night. The Achievers led by David Ortiz's big night (548, +77) could only muster a split.

Lane 13-14

Franks and Burgers a little undercooked as they are in the basement of the Roy Munson division. Mark Berger has all 3 games above average. While Diversity Personified was led series-wise by Jeremy Slone's 597.

Lanes 15-16

Fun da Mentals stay out of the basement by stealing last game against Danny & the Miracles. DATM ran out of faith. Marty Bernoski (565 series) was only bowler on pair to be above average all 3 games.

Lanes 17-18

Smac Talk led by Carlos Diaz (512 series) muscles 1½ points away from defending champs. Strikes for Reps keep things simple

as the had 8 of 12 games above average.

Lanes 31-32

Bumpers Needed get back to .500 with a 3-1 win over Wrecking Balls. Jessica Johnson has 2 of 3 games above average. Kendra Gedney has good night as she was over average all 3 games with 2 of them being over 100.

Lanes 33-34

Bryan Burgan, Affirmative Pin Actions' big free agent signing, hasn't produced the numbers he would like to see score-wise (163 average), but they are producing wins (7-5, 3rd place in Munson Division). For Lack of Pinterest, they reside at .500. Only Nick Hagen (+25) was above Average last week.

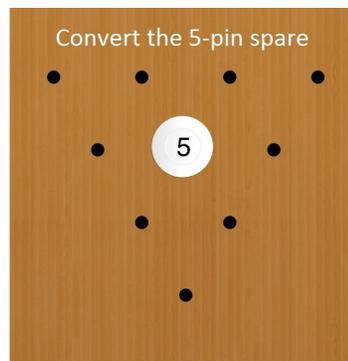
Lanes 36-36

Where's Julie steals 3 big wins against short-handed T.F.D. Only 5 out of a possible 12 games were above average for WJ? The big week moves them into a 3-way tie for 3rd with T.F.D. in the Munson Division. As for T.F.D., they were down two bowlers and their anchor Chris Rossi seemed to still be on vacation. Only 1 of 6 games were above average. Following the 3-1 loss, team captain said, "The pins weren't falling for us tonight, but we've got to find a way to win those kinds of games. We gave easy points away this week."

Wood 'N' Tap Weekly

Each week we will take the first 5 bowlers to successfully complete a pre-determined bowling task. These first 5 will win a Wood -N-Tap gift card. This WnTW award goes on the honor system, so please be honest.

To start things off this week we will make it easy...The first 5 people to convert a 5-pin wins a gift card.



Week 4 Preview

Lanes 1-2

Total Freaking Disaster vs. Wrecking Balls

Will T.F.D. be at full strength?

Prediction: TFD sweeps

Lanes 3-4

Bumpers Needed vs. Affirmative Pin Action

Burgan needs to get on track or APA will get bumped.

Prediction: Tie (APA 2-2 B.N.)

Lanes 5-6

Franks and Burgers vs. Lack of Pinterest

F&B too good to be in last place, but LoP no pushover

Prediction: Lack of Pinterest 3-1

Lanes 7-8

Danny & the Miracles vs. Strikes for Reps

Does Dodd return to the lineup this week?

Prediction: Strikes for Reps will pass D&TM 3-1

Lanes 9-10

Smac Talk vs. Where's Julie

New team has something to say to Where's Julie

Prediction: Smac Talk 3-1 over Where's Julie

Lanes 11-12

FUN da Mentals vs. Diversity Personified

Janice's new team proves FUNdamentally sound

Prediction: FUN da Mentals 3-1

Lanes 13-14

The Achievers vs. That's How We Roll

Achievers show how they roll

Prediction: The Achievers sweep 4-0

Lanes 15-16

Split Happens vs. Black Ballers

Dube bros. ball big time; Ballers deflated

Prediction: Split Happens sweep

Lanes 17-18

Team 9 vs. Mine's in the Gutter

E\$ back from vacation giving Gutters hope

Prediction: Split

Lanes 31-32

Slow Your Roll vs. 3 Hookers and A Madame

Commish's first time on other side proves too much

Prediction: Slow Your Roll 3-1

Lanes 33-34

Pick Up Artists vs. Bulfs

Can Bulfs compensate for Tomlins' big scores?

Prediction: Pick Up Artists sweep

Lanes 35-36

Duckpin Dynasty vs. Herrre's Eladio

Eladio, it's good to see you back on the lanes.

Prediction: Herrre's Eladio 3-1

Eliminator and NBA Finals of Bowling

For those of you who decided to participate in the Living on the Edge Eliminator, here is the result after the 1st week.

Jeremy Frankel just bowled bad enough to get eliminated. Jeremy shot an actual 450 series which was 96 pins under his average. His handicap bought him up to 606, but it still wasn't enough to progress further than the 1st week. Narrowly hanging on were Chris Rossi (628), Rick Metzroth (628), and Tom O'Hare (635).

Eliminated

Week 1: Jeremy Frankel

Next week 1 more bowler will be eliminated.

For those of you who decided to participate in Chris Rossi's The NBA Finals of Bowling, it begins this week. Stay tuned for schedules and results which will be listed in the newsletter in the following weeks.

