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Lewis "Sparks" Ballers

The biggest issue with bowling against the Pick Up Artists is the "Intimidation" factor. I'll say it, even I am slightly intimidated bowling against Paul Tomlin. Fortunately for the Black Ballers, they were able to breathe a sigh of relief when they found out that Tomlin would be absent. They still had to deal with his astronomically high average (247), but this is a team sport, not an individual one. With that being said there has been something missing the last couple of weeks with the Black Ballers. When this team was created last year, big things were expected. They finished in a disappointing 10th place. This year they have struggled to collect W's as they have gone 2-6 over the last 2 weeks, one in which was to their arch rival Affirmative Pin Action.

They found themselves at 9-11 in 8th place in the Ernie McCracken division. Enter Jesse Lewis. Has he been the missing link? For last week he was. Fresh off of vaca-



Jesse Lewis sparked his teammates to victory

tion, (he must have been practicing). The Black Ballers sweep the Tomlin-less Pick Up Artists as Jesse Lewis rolls a career-best

264, which included the front 9. He also threw his career best series 677. He started off the night with a 190, then boosted his night with a 2nd game of 223

before ending the night with his 264.

Tom Beers was above average all 3 games and Mike Carbone was above

average 2 of his 3 games, but the Pick Up Artists just couldn't keep pace as they were short two people.

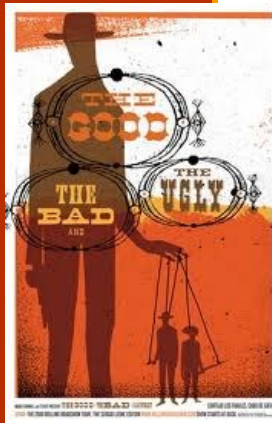
Tournament Time - Aiming for Jan. 11

One of the better tournaments to enter is the Mixed Bowling Tournament. The 8th Annual GCCUSBC Mixed Bowling Tournament will take place from January 11 through January 19. You can enter doubles and team events. Teams must consist of 2 men and 2 women. Doubles teams must consist of 1 man and

1 woman. So let's get this tournament going. I have some people that are interested. I'm trying to get January 11th as the date. Team event is at 1:30. There are 2 doubles sessions for that day. One is at 11:30 am. The other is at 3:30pm. Right now I have enough to make 2 teams. The cost is \$30 per event.

If this sounds like something you would like to try, contact Chris Rossi (Christopher.J.Rossi@ESPN.com) for further details.

The Good, Bad and Ugly



Good, Bad and Ugly movie poster

There were plenty of competitors to choose from as an all-time high of 31 bowlers ended up being in the running last week.

We had the Achievers entire team in the running even though 2 of them were above average. Remember you can be above average and still win the award. Maura Jo Lynch from Lack of Pinterest had the Ugliest game of the week with a 2nd game of 68 (Wow is that UGLY!). And

we had Marcus (95, 127, 163) and Marques (224, 171, 129) from the Black Ballers throwing around some pretty bad scores for their relative averages. But this week I had to go with Ronnie Smith. His night started out fine by hitting his 129 average exactly. From there he decided to roll his ugliest game of the year with a 95. He ended the night pretty bad with a score of 106, His 330 series was 75 pins under average. Congratulations Ronnie on collecting your first

award of the season.

Winners

- Week 1:
- Week 2:
- Week 3: Fred Emmons
- Week 4: David Ortiz
- Week 5: Paul Ryan
- Week 6: Ronnie Smith

Scoresheets:

*****Please completely fill out your scoresheets at the end of the night. This helps us compile stats at the end of each week.. Thank you.*****

Bears & Bulls; It's a Big Time Bull Market...

Top Bulls

1. Jesse Lewis III +221
2. Nancy Devaney +109
3. Chris Dube +107
4. Brandon Peltier +102
5. Rick Metzroth +91

Bottom Bears

1. Deb George -129
2. Susan Brett -111
3. Ronnie Smith -75
4. Dave Dube -67
5. Patrick Hanrahan -57

Week 6 saw 82 bowlers in total on the lanes. Of that number we had 45 above average. That's a whopping 60% to the good and 32 below average for the night.

Power Rankings

ESPN Bowling League



Power Rankings

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| 1. Diversity Personified | 9. Danny & the Miracles | 17. Mine's in the Gutter -1 |
| 2. Pick Up Artists | 10. Herrre's Eladio +1 | 18. Duckpin Dynasty |
| 3. Split Happens | 11. Slow Your Roll +1 | 19. Where's Julie? |
| 4. 3 Hookers & a Madame | 12. FUN da Mentals -1 | 20. Smac Talk |
| 5. Strikes for Reps | 13. Bulfs | 21. The Achievers |
| 6. Total Freaking Disaster +1 | 14. No Pin Intended | 22. Bumpers Needed |
| 7. Franks and Burgers -1 | 15. Affirmative Pin Action | 23. That's How We Roll |
| 8. Black Ballers | 16. Lack of Pinterest +1 | 24. Wrecking Balls |

Week 6 Recap



Lanes 1-2

APA is enjoying a good streak here as they are 6-2 over the last 2 weeks. Danon Bell was the only one above average with a 494 series +38, but it was enough to beat a slumping. Smac Talk that had 3 of their 4 under average.

Lanes 3-4

T.F.D. has picked up their game in the last 2 weeks by going 6-2, but it hasn't shown in the standings as they are still mired in 8th place in the Roy Munson division. Scott Grim had his first good week of the year (499, +61) as changing his style of bowling hasn't paid dividends as of yet. The question for Franks & Burgers is, how do you make a 10 pin as Tom Kozakiewicz struggled all night (485; -25) with that pesky pin.

Lanes 5-6

I'm not sure how Bumpers Needed is doing it, but they appeasing the bowling gods somehow. The 22nd ranked team in the power rankings is currently 2nd in the Roy

Munson Division. It could be good team chemistry or is it luck. B.N. went 3-1 against FUN da Mentals, who are not happy at the Swami for his recent predictions. But when your sub games out number your plus games, you aren't going to win much.

Lanes 7-8

Even with 3 bowlers vying for the G,B,U award Where's Julie jumped all over an over-confident Diversity Personified 3-1. Rick Metzroth's +91 was enough. Vin Velez led D.P. with 594, +30 night. Dan Marques. I had to put his name in here because I said I would.

Lanes 9-10

Wrecking Balls slow down Miracles with 3-1 win. Newcomers had 11 of 12 games above average with the lone under average game being by 1 pin. Now that's good bowling no matter what your average is. For D&M, their sub didn't answer the call. Patrick Hanrahan -57 on his 1st night of bowling.

Lanes 11-12

Lack of Pinterest squeaks out game one with a 1008-1002 win. After that Strikes for Reps asserted themselves and won the last 3 by a combined 137 pins. Brandon Peltier's 603, +102 night was pretty assertive.

Lanes 15-16

Back-to-Back 3-1 weeks helps Herrre's Eladio back to 2nd place. Bulf's blow a

chance to jump over H.E. in the standings, instead they drop to 7th.

Lanes 17-18

Split Happens takes 3 game lead in Ernie McCracken division as they defeat Duck-pin Dynasty 3-1. Great night for Chris Dube as he shot a 590 with a 255 high game. Cam Neal has been above average 6 of his last 9 games.

Lanes 31-32

Even with Mine's in the Gutter having 3 of 4 bowlers in the running for G,B,U, they take 3 of 4 from 3 Hookers & a Madame. Deb Georges -128 took 3H&M out of contention early.

Lanes 33-34

Battle of the Roll's goes to That's How We Roll. They slowed Slow Your Roll 3-1. Nancy Devaney was above average all 3 games. She rolled a 418 series (+109). SYR found out bowling shorthanded is not conducive to winning.

Lanes 35-36

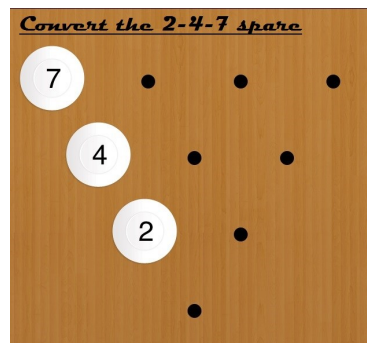
The Achievers move into a 3-way tie for 7th with a 3-1 over No Pin Intended. They made quick work of an undermanned opponent. Fred Emmons was the sole adversary. Fred tried his best as he rolled a 211 final game. This ended the chance for the Achievers to sweep.

Wood 'N' Tap Weekly

Congratulations to Week 6's Wood 'n' Tap winners:

1. Tony Lewis
2. Tom Beers
3. Fred Emmons
4. Kendra Gedney
5. Paul Augeri

Week 7's Wood 'n' Tap challenge will go to the first 5 people to convert the 2, 4, 7 spare.



Week 7 Preview

Lanes 1-2

Slow Your Roll vs. Bulfs

Both teams coming off 1-3 weeks.

Prediction: Slow Your Roll wins 3-1

Lanes 3-4

Pick Up Artists vs. Duckpin Dyanasty

Will Ducks have to deal with the Intimidator?

Prediction: PUA 3-1 (w/Tomlin) split 2-2 (w-o/Tomlin)

Lanes 5-6

Herrre's Eladio vs. Black Ballers

Both teams have "Old Sparky" back

Prediction: Split 2-2

Lanes 7-8

That's How We Roll vs. Mine's in the Gutter

MitG find it hard to ROLL with the punches

Prediction: THWR win 3-1

Lanes 9-10

The Achievers vs. 3 Hookers & A Madame

Deb George rebounds

Prediction: 3H&M win 3-1

Lanes 11-12

No Pin Intended vs. Split Happens

No brainer on paper, now prove it!

Prediction: Split Happens wins 4-0

Lanes 13-14

Danny & the Miracles vs. Where's Julie

Both teams tied at 14-10.

Prediction: Where's Julie wins 3-1

Lanes 15-16

Smac Talk vs. FUN da Mentals

Sorry Janice, you guys will have to do better

Prediction: FUN da Mentals split with Smac Talk

Lanes 17-18

Diversity Personified vs. Affirmative Pin Action

Both tied at 14-10. Will be loud on this pair of lanes

Prediction: Kissin' your sister time—teams split 2-2

Lanes 31-32

Wrecking Balls vs. Lack of Pinterest

Lack of Pinterest will be lacking teammates

Prediction: Wrecking Balls sweep 4-0

Lanes 33-34

Total Freaking Disaster vs. Strikes for Reps

Big boy time for T.F.D. Put up or shut up

Prediction: Split 2-2

Lanes 35-36

Franks & Burgers vs. Bumpers Needed

The Enigma Continues

Prediction: Bumpers Needed win 3-1

Last week the Bowling Swami only predicted 3 matchups correctly.

Eliminator

For those of you who decided to participate in the Living on the Edge Eliminator, here is the result after the 3rd week.

Deb George and Susan Brett unfortunately joins the ranks of the eliminated.

Deb had one of her worst nights in the last 3 seasons (382 series actual). While Susan (574 series with handicap), who was teetering on The Edge last week, couldn't escape.

Others who did escape the fall were David Dube (626), Cody Hardin (639) and Chris Duffy (651)

Eliminated

Week 1: Jeremy Frankel

Week 2: Dan Dodd

Week 3: Brad Rice

Scott Hohenschutz

Week 4: Deb George

Susan Brett

Next week 3 more bowlers will be eliminated.

