

## 49th Missouri 8-Ball Singles Results, 6/22nd & 6/23rd Team Tournaments Results June 29th & June 30th, 2002

The weather was hot and the weather was muggy. And on this Saturday afternoon the weather was a good thing to be out of. And 185 players couldn't agree more. That was the opening bid June 22nd when the bell rang at Teacher's for the 49th Missouri 8-Ball singles All-Star event. Top prize: \$1,014 and bragging rights. There would be another 23 'Jacket' winners added to the tournament board for Sunday's shootout.

Play began at 12-o'clock high. The tables were assigned and for the next six hours there was no let-up. Continuous play on 20 bar boxes until the field was narrowed to 50 qualifiers. They would return to go for the dough Sunday with the other 23 for a total field of 73 contenders. Only the final 16 would receive part of the \$4,664 payout.

### Final 16 & Payout

1.	'A'	Paul Hopfer	\$1,014 & Trophy	9/12.	'A'	Jerry Terbrock	125
2.	'B'	Walter Crane	800 & Trophy	9/12.	'CC'	John O'Farrell	125
3.	'C'	Mary Stillwell	600 & Trophy	9/12.	'CC'	Dan Lemond	125
4.	'CC'	Sean Randall	450	9/12.	'DD'	Mark Wann	125
5/6.	'CC'	Mike Stephens	300	13/16	'B'	Charles Burrage	75
5/6.	'C'	Art Schmittling	300	13/16	'B'	Victor Day	75
7/8.	'B'	Waddell Whitehead	200	13/16	'CC'	Gil Gibson	75
7/8.	'DD'	Tim Bowe	200	13/16	'C'	Mike MaGuire	75

### Paul Hopfer

Paul Hopfer added another impressive notch on his stick this weekend. He is now a member in good standing of a rather small and elite group of persons who have formed the 4-Star Club. Considering the length of time that the Missouri 8-Ball League has been around there aren't that many members. In past years Paul captained a 4-player division team and a 5-player division team to win their respective championships. He also has been a division 'Jacket' winner several times. But on June 30th, 2002 Paul added the biggest star of them all. He fought his way to the finals of the 49th Missouri 8-Ball singles to take the top prize of \$1,014 completing the gamut. And he did it not only in style but also in several bold gutsy performances.

Carl Lewis didn't have this many hurdles to overcome. Check out this field of talent. Paul's first match was against Jerry Terbrock. JT slapped a 2-0 score together and, of course it was against his will, but Paul had to go to the one-loss side anyway.

Suddenly Hopfer found himself in deeper murky water than the Titanic, without Kate Winslet. As we all know, from there it is a game to game, match to grueling match struggle. Survival of the fittest and/or the luckiest. It takes a lot of good shooting and a

lot of luck in a race to two contest. Especially when the field is wall-to-wall with top of the line talent as his flight was crammed packed with.

Paul was to play Jerry Ray but Mr. Ray didn't put in an appearance. But Jodi Zeni did. The former Missouri 8-Ball All-Star champion also was sent over by Terbrock. Paul prevailed only to see Hillsboro champion Kenny Vaughn waiting in the wings. And it didn't get any easier. Jim (you don't have to call me Bing) Crosby was next in line followed by Charles Burrage. After those two close calls the guy who started Paul on the downslide was up in his face again. This time Paul was better prepared. This time Paul had a plan. And we all know that some one with a plan and on a mission can be dangerous, right!

Paul's plan was simple enough, wait for the right opportunity, play a killer safety that God himself couldn't get out of, then ambush the tenacious former Texas Express champion. Sound strategy indeed. And dog my cats if it didn't work. Hopfer found the opportunity, put a kick-ass move on Jerry, got cue ball in hand and ran out the match. Great planning, great shooting. Ain't notten to dis game!

Waddell Whitehead was next to bite the dust. Then Mike Stephens went down harder than Mike Tyson's chin when it hit the canvas from a Lennox Lewis right cross. This set up the Sean Randall shootout. What was great in this match was Paul went for two seemingly impossible outs and pulled off both of them. He knew if Randall got to the table that he may not get another chance. The ploy paid off and Hopfer advanced to the penultimate round.

Here he met and defeated Mary Stillwell. Mary's fantastic run came to an end but not before she picked up \$600, the third place trophy and a lot of respect from her peers.

Paul was in dead stroke. Now the only person that stood between him and the high podium was Walt Crane, and Paul would have to beat Walt twice. The first match was 2-0 as Walter missed one shot that turned the match around for Paul. The second match was tougher. Most of the way it was up for grabs. Paul got the break he needed and took the set, 2-1. That completed the cycle earning Paul Hopfer the 4th Star.

Congratulations to the new champion. We know Paul Hopfer will be back to defend his crown at the next meeting. Good luck.

### Walter 'Fastlane' Crane

You will be hearing more of Walter Crane in the future. A brief run-through for now goes like this: A few years ago Walter was a solid 'A' player. His credentials go back to the Busch and the Miller Lite Leagues where he was ranked a '7' and an '8' for a few months. He retired from the game for a few years and not too long ago someone talked him into getting back into competition. A real classy guy and an asset to the Chilsters' lineup. It's nice to see Walter back in action again.

His tournament record was an excellent showing. First met and defeated Damon 'Lone' Wolf, followed by Greg Martin then Johnny Pedrolie. Next came the ever-

dangerous Jerry Terbrock. Walt sent Jerry to the one-loss side. After knocking off Mike Stephens, this set up the match with Mary Stillwell for king of the hill honors.

Walt won that match then took an hour and a half break to allow the one-loss side to catch up. Meanwhile Paul Hopfer was kicking out opponents faster than Bruce Lee. The rest you know. Paul had to defeat Walt twice and did so. Walter Crane walked off with \$800 and the second place trophy. Congrats Walter. See you next time.

### Mary Stillwell Part 1

Many things take place in the month of June. Some traditional things are Flag Day, Father's Day and the beginning of summer. In addition, more weddings are performed, more tours are organized, and vacationers are everywhere. Even the month of June is mentioned in more songs than any other month. Also, this year the 49th Missouri 8-Ball All-Star singles and team championship tournaments were scheduled. Whether it was luck or just plain fate the month of June 2002 turned out to be a very important and significant part of Mary Stillwell's pool playing career. It began in Las Vegas Nevada and ended in St. Peters Missouri.

Mary Stillwell would be a great date for the prom, if you didn't have to wait in line to ask her. But that wouldn't be bad either because you might be the lucky one chosen. The Southeast Missouri State University graduate majored in psychology (Hummmmm) with a minor in sociology. (Possibly that's how she figures out her opponents so quickly.) Mary stands 5-feet 5-inches but gives the impression of being taller. She keeps her Blonde hair long and has a twinkle in her bright blue eyes. Behind those glasses lies the strong, efficient and intelligent look of a company CEO; a no nonsense business person that travels all over the contiguous 48 as a buyer for CWC Inventories, Inc. Mary has logged more air miles than Neil Armstrong and is a whole lot better looking.

But then she gives it away with an attractive endearing smile. That calculating and composed look disappears and her feminine side is revealed. She is personality plus. A great sense of humor and fast wit, Mary can give and take a joke. For instance: "If a man says something in the woods and there are no women around to hear it, is he still wrong?" Mary says she also knows why Blonde jokes are so short: "So men can remember them." She's not really anti men, afterall, she has been married to one since March 25, 2000. But if she weren't, Mary is the kind of girl that you would like to take home to meet mama (if you could trust papa). She fits in anywhere. With both feet firmly on the ground and as down to earth as any girl you would ever want to know...

But somehow I get the feeling that Mary would rather be at the local pool palace than at the prom dance. "Prom schmom," she says. "I already know how to dance. I can jitterbug, slop, dog, dirty dog, mash potato, and when I'm in the proper mood I do a really mean bad-ass Texas belly-rub. But if you want to take me out, take me to the pool hall. You can rack'em while I practice my '9' ball break."

Whoa! Talk about determination and laying it on the line. Mary may never get on ESPN but it won't be for lack of trying. Her philosophy is simple: "If they can do it, I can do it." Of course that was all before she settled down a couple of years ago and took the vows along with her husband John. Pool is no longer her top priority.

She does practice when she gets the chance. Afterall, knocking the pool balls around the pool table is far more exciting than rolling meatballs for the supper table. "Hey, there are fast food places and restaurants for eating. Ever hear of'em?"

It would be a fair assumption to think that Mary has been hooked on 8-ball since she picked up her first pool cue several years ago. Currently Mary is a member of a straight-up ladies team out of Action Billiards. The Hell-raising Hurricanes from Hazelwood Mo. also features Julia Gabriel and Jan Clark, a couple of gals who have been with National Championship teams in the past. Together they were pitted against 132 other ladies teams that qualified for the Las Vegas grand finale. Many of those teams were loaded with up and coming players that are now or soon will be on the ladies pro circuit.

Mary aided and abetted the Action Billiards' girls to a 9th place finish. Pretty fair placing for a bunch of gals who decided to put together a team at the last minute. And the reviews began flowing in. Mary began that weekend by knocking down her first eight opponents. Her teammates began calling her 'The Rock'. Somewhat shy, Mary kind-a shrugs her shoulders and wonders what all the fuss is about. She is just doing her job as a team player.

"Next time one of the other girls will carry us." Not surprisingly, Mary is a 100% team player. Not looking for any glory and certainly not out to capture the headlines. But sometimes fate intervenes... and... like that. Mary's game is improving all the time and it doesn't surprise anyone that she did well in Vegas.

### Mary Stillwell Part 2

That was the first weekend in June. Now we come to the last two weekends. Mary has once again qualified for the Missouri 8-Ball singles championships. In January 2001 Mary finished 7th in that shootout becoming only the third female in Missouri 8-Ball history to cash in the top ten from the 'open' division. There were 242 players for that one and only a dozen or so were females. Now Mary would be in a field of 208. This time only four ladies were in the finals. Only Mary would cash.

She hung in there side-stepping, bobbing and weaving, ducking and hiding using all of her ability and know-how in this arduous race to two tournament until she found herself one of the last two undefeated finalists. When she met her last opponent (from the undefeated side), Walter Crane, Mary took him to the limit. She made Walter work his tale off for this match. Crane was showing more beads of sweat than a convicted Enron white-collar Vice President choppin' weeds on an Alabama road gang in August. Brother, that's hot.

At this point Mary could not finish lower than 3rd. Her next opponent was Paul Hopfer, a very strong 'A' player. Although Mary was defeated 2-0, she showed great determination and fortitude. Her third place finish netted Mary \$600 and a trophy. Was she satisfied? Only she knows. But we know one thing for sure, the All-Star singles tournament hasn't seen the last of Mary Stillwell.

Mary now joins only two other ladies who have cashed in the top three positions from the 'open division' tournaments. Rhonda Bartram finished second in 1992 and Jumpin' Julia Gabriel won the event two years ago. But Mary is the only female that has cashed in the top ten twice.

Mary's resume dates back a bit further, say to October 1995. Back then Missouri 8-Ball, in addition to the 'open' tournament, also hosted a ladies tournament. And Mary Costello won that contest. Yep! That's our girl. One and the same. Mary was single then. Probably thought no one would remember that, huh, Mary? It was one of her first big wins. And no one can match that record. Not Rhonda Bartram, not Jan Clark, not Donna Glascock, not Suki, not Jeannette Lee nor Loree Jon Jones; no one. First in the 'ladies' and twice in the top ten in the 'open'. Not Bad! "Let's see some guy in drag do that", she laughs. There's that sense of humor again.

To put the finishing touches on the month, Mary's Classic's team cashed when they finished third from the 4-player division. They were edged out double hill, 9-8. It was a very productive month for a very nice and deserving person.

It was another small step for Mary (Costello) Stillwell, and one giant leap for the sisterhood. Congratulations Mary. See you at the next one.

#### 4-Player Division Highlights & Team Results

All but a couple of the 12 teams that came together for the first place prize money of \$2,000 were former champions. Some a little stronger than in the past, some about the same, but all put their talents on the line.

10-Mile House was riding 10-miles high after Sunday's showdown at Teachers. But not before they had a few scary moments. After blowing out Jody T's, 9-2 they fought a classic battle against Classic's. Tied up 8-8 after the fourth round, the double hill game was between Pat Cornish for 10-Mile House and Joe Rogers from Classic's.

Joe broke open the rack and everyone watched as they were sure they were seeing the match end with a walk-off '8' ball. But no. The '8' rolled into the jaws of the corner pocket and died. The '9' ball rolled up within an inch of the '8'. That would be a very troublesome ball to make. Pat decided to go for the stripes anyway. He made a few good moves picking his spots trying to maneuver into position to at least bank out the '9'.

Meanwhile, Joe was picking off his group of solids only to hook himself on his last ball. Pat got back to the table with four balls left. Instead of running, Pat played safe three times. He knew that the only way to get to the '9' was to get cue ball in hand so he could run the '9' across corner.

Joe finally committed the foul Pat was looking for. Pat ran three of his remaining balls but then missed the fourth. This allowed Joe one more chance. Joe zeroed in on the contact point, stroked a perfectly smooth stroke and made a great cut shot down the rail into the corner pocket. The game should have been over. But bad luck entered the picture as it so often does. As the cue ball was crossing the table it came to rest behind Pat's last ball. It was a total hook job. Unnnnn-believable.

After conversing with his coach, Joe tried a one-rail kick. He missed the whole ball. For the second time Pat received ball in hand. With only one ball left on the table plus the hanging '8' in the corner pocket, some odds makers still would not take the lay-down action that the game was over. How's that for faith?

For Classic's it just was not meant to be. It was a third place finish for Classic's and a shot at the championship against Players Pub for 10-Mile House.

#### 4-Player Championship

There's nothing better than having the championship match go the limit. Both sides about as equal as it can be. It's like Baseball's All-Star game or the seventh game of the World Series. No one wants to see a blowout. Conversely, no one wants to see a 0-0, or a 1-1 game going into the ninth inning. (Maybe the purest, but some of them need to get a life anyway.) A lop-sided contest doesn't draw much excitement. It's the close calls that generate interest. It keeps spectators on the edge of their seats. Man, that's the only way to go for the she-bang. Back and forth; back and forth. First one team wins a game, then the other ties it up. And then that team takes the lead only to see the other team rally to tie it again. A nail-biter; a heart-stopper. (Leave us not get too over-dramatic, Jay) Alright, alright. Sorry. But you get the drift.

So here we are. It's 10-Mile House from South City, playing 19 points, verses Players Pub from Breckenridge Hills, throwing up 22 points. 10-Mile House gets two games on the wire. The Pubsters win three of four in round one. Now we have a tied match, 3-3. They break even in round two to make it 5-5. 10-Mile House break out the heavy artillery with three big wins in the third round for a commanding 8-6 on the bubble lead. The Pubsters brought out a big pin to burst that bubble. John Shields and Donnie Millfelt scored back to back bringing the situation to a double hill final. It was Mike MaGuire for the 10-milers and Leon Young for Players Pub. This would be the third meeting between these two rivals. In the two previous meetings Leon Young came out on top. But Mike wasn't going to let down for the big one. When he got to the table he took command of the game. Slowly and carefully Mike picked off each ball until he was on the '8'. A slight backward cut into the side pocket and a new team was crowned.

The first place trophy and \$2,000 went to 10-Mile House. Players Pub took the second place prize of \$1,000. Congratulations to all of the 4-Player division teams that participated this session. We'll see you at the next shootout. Good luck.

## 5-Player Division Highlights & Team Results

It was another awesome lineup for the 5-Player division board. 48 top teams from Missouri and Illinois qualified to shoot it out for a piece of the \$19,280 offered up and Big Dog Barking Rights. Sixteen teams would grab some cash. Side bets were on. It was even money on Willie White's Chilsters team. With notables like Jim Crosby, Jefferson 'Airplane' Ayers, Walter 'Fastlane' Crane, and Pat 'the Cat' Tobin, a hundred would get you only another hundred.

Former two-time champs Penalty Box was also even. Captain Pauly 'the V' Verhulst with former singles champion Jumpin' Julia Gabriel, Ole reliable Keith Grob, BJ Hoffman, and as a special added attraction, Brian Kroeger; they've been here before.

Hazelwood Kathy Arens' team out of Action Billiards was even money. Probably the most noted player in this tournament was her partner, California Bob.

Hotshots had former singles champion Jodi Zeni; JP's Sports Bar featured Greg Martin and Johnny Pedrolie; Final Destination had Billy Wimberly; Soldiers, out of Action Billiards, showed a good lineup with Waddell Whitehead, Charles Burrage, and Brian Mayes; with perennial all-star Bill Parrot.

Players Pub with Matt 'Fast-Car' DeBarr; Airport Billiards sported Don 'Juan' Johnson; Big Steve's jumped the track with 'Night Train' Dwayne Jolliff; and from the Illinois side, Side Pocket showed up with Damon 'Big Bad' Wolf.

Most teams were represented with at least one sure-fire top-notch stopper. But sometimes two or more just isn't enough. The bell rang and play began at noon Saturday and didn't conclude until past midnight Sunday night (or early Monday morning if you're left-handed).

Chilsters drew a bye the first round but were hot enough to knock out Bartman's 12-8 in round two. Mr. T's was their next victim, 11-7. Then an incredible turn of events took place. What odds would you give that Chilsters' lineup featuring Jeff Ayers, Jim Crosby, Walt Crane and Pat Tobin would blow a 7-2 lead? I saw it. Everyone within a hundred square feet saw it. Had you been there like you were suppose to be you would have seen it too.

Penalty Box buzz-sawed them nine straight. I didn't stutter, I said nine straight. It was the best comeback ever. And brother, was I glad it finally happened. It has nothing to do with Chilsters understand me. You see, a couple of years ago I was on a team that was on the hill, 10-4. The other team needed seven. Need I say more! Just in case someone is slow in the attic, our opponents rallied with seven in a row to take the match. Of course the stigma hasn't been completely erased. Afterall, *we* were on the 'hill'. Talk about a big fall! And we haven't been back since. But, alas, I digress.

And how did Penalty Box get here? They also received a bye for the first round. Their second round opponent was Hotshots. The 4-hour wait didn't cool the Box's sticks. Hotshots turned out to be cold-shots and paid the penalty. (God I love this job) They pounced on Hotshots to the tune of, ready for this, 12-0. 12-nothing, zip, zero. Get the picture? They lost by a dozen cousin. The biggest deficit to date.

Penalty Box was ridin' high. Their balloon would be hard to deflate. And it carried over to round three. Action Billiards was the next to go down. The Box had AB boxed in from the beginning. It was an 11-6 setback for Kathy's team and Penalty Box was on to meet Chilsters, which we have already discussed.

After the 9-game come-from-behind victory, Penalty Box was in the top four and now facing Filling Station from South St. Lou. Penalty Box allowed the Filling Station crew to get only half a tank as the score was 11-6. Filling Station finished in a tie for third as Penalty Box went on to the championship match.

From the bottom end of the tournament board Hillsboro Billiards was showing great promise. They also drew a bye for round one and almost didn't get warmed up. Their opponent, Fucifinos, just came off an 11-9 thriller. But when it was over Hillsboro defeated Fucifinos by the same 11-9 score. Hillsboro got three on the wire from their next opponents, 21 Rock. Immediately after the first rack was broken 21 Rock found themselves between another rock and a hard place. Hillsboro came out smokin' and strokin'. It was a total blowout heads up, 9-1, and with the 3-game spot, 12-1. Yikes!

Hillsboro's 4th round match was a little harder. JP's Corner put up a good tussle. But in the end HB was victorious, 11-8. This set up the semi-final match with the last of the final four teams, Ethyl's.

Ethyl's, from O'Fallon Mo., was the only team that did not receive a bye for the first round. They were forced to play out the entire weekend. They opened up 11-5 against a second Hotshots team, then blew-out the second 21 Rock team, 12-5. Their third round matchup with Shenanigan's was a little tougher but Ethyl's prevailed, 12-8.

If there was a single match to choose of which team from the bottom half of the board that would go on to the final four it would be this matchup between Ethyl's and Streiler's. To get this far, Streiler's smoked Little Nikki's, 11-3. Cotters hung on slightly better but went down 11-6. Keith's was slightly better than that but still not good enough as Streiler's came out on top, 11-8. At this point, from Streiler's, Tracy Boyce won his 9th straight game and Dan Schnur was riding a 6-game winning streak. Not to be out done Tony Overkamp from Ethyl's was presently leading all players with an 11-game winning streak. It would prove to be a great heads-up contest.

Ethyl's opened the challenge by taking the first three games. The compliment was returned when Streiler's took the next three. Then Ethyl's jumped back out in front by winning the next three. Streiler's banged out three in the fourth round and another three in the fifth round to bring it to a double hill situation. At this point Streiler's captain Tom Blair had already won all four of his games and Dan Schnur was a 3-game winner. But the draw went to Jim Franklin. For Ethyl's four players had two wins each and Marty Fears was one of them. He got the call. There are times when it's too bad some one has to lose but that's the way it is. Marty pulled it out for Ethyl's, 11-10, putting them into the semi-finals. It wasn't all that bad. Streiler's walked out with a thousand.

The semi-finals saw Penalty Box knock out Filling Station, 11-6, while Ethyl's disposed of Hillsboro, 11-8. Both Filling Station and Hillsboro Billiards took home two thousand bucks apiece.

## 5-Player Championship

The bets were going down on this one. Penalty Box was the heavy favorite, 2 to 1, 3 to 1, for whatever. Name it Clyde and you got it. They have been champions of this prestigious event twice before and finished in the top four three times. Ethyl's (?), who are these upstarts? No one had ever heard of them making it this far. In fact no one had ever heard of these guys, period. Who gave them permission to be here? What gives them the right to invade sacred ground? What nerve? But here they be. They showed up with their squeaky 12-dollar K-Mart specials. The bamboo pool sticks with the screw on tips. And they expect to play with the big boys, shoot for the gold? What's wrong with this picture? Someone ought to be merciful and tell them to get out of Dodge before they're laughed out.

But hold on a minute. You know what, they have absolutely nothing to lose. Tis true that first place takes out \$6,080 and second place \$4,000, which is a difference of over \$2,000. But considering that before the weekend began a snowball in Hell stood a better chance of surviving than they did. Surely Ethyl's boys would crumble under this kind of pressure. Fold up like a 3-dollar suitcase. Fall apart like a cardboard box in the rain. But that's why they play it off.

Crumble or not, 4-grand was already in the bank and no one could take that away. And who knows, anything can happen. Leon Spinks surprised the boxing world when he delivered a telling blow to Mohammad Ali's jaw in only his sixth pro fight. How about David and Goliath? Mandy Rice Davies, Christine Keeler and John Perfumo?

To begin with Ethyl's have three players in the starting lineup with double digit wins. Penalty Box has only two. Ethyl's has two others with at least 8 victories. Penalty Box has none. Ethyl's gets three games on the wire. Penalty Box is dead meat.

The boys from Ethyl's place applied their own kind of pressure. They banged out three wins in the first round and followed that up with another three in the second. With a commanding 9-4 lead it was all over but the shouting. Penalty Box, who were five games down against Chilsters and recovered to win the last nine to take that match, was facing annihilation. Could they do it again? They tried. With three vics in the third round and down 7-10, Marty Fears put a damper on their comeback and provided the heroics for the O'Fallon gang for the second time. It was heads-up 8-7 for the underdogs and an 11-7 official score for the new and first time champions.

Congratulations to both Ethyl's and Penalty Box for a great championship playoff; and to all the teams that participated in the 49th Missouri 8-Ball get-together. We hope to see all of you back for the big 5-0 in September/October.

### 5-Player Division Winners

1.	Ethyl's	\$6,080 & Trophy
2.	Penalty Box	4,000
3-4	Filling Station	2,000
3-4	Hillsboro	2,000

### 4-Player Division Winners

1.	Ten-Mile House	\$2,000 & Trophy
2.	Players Pub	1,000
3-4.	Airport Billiards	325
3-4.	Classic's	325

5-8 Olde Bridge Inn	1,000
5-8 Chilsters	1,000
5-8 Streiler's`	1,000
5-8 JP's Corner	1,000
9-16 Mr. T's	150
9-16 Action Billiards	150
9-16 4th Street	150
9-16 Soldiers	150
9-16 Keith's	150
9-16 Shananigan's	150
9-16 21 Rock	150
9-16 Chilsters	150

Total Payout all 3 Tournaments

All-Star Singles	\$ 4,664	208 Players
5-Player Division	19,280	48 Teams
4-Player Division	<u>2,650</u>	12 Teams
	<b>\$ 26,594</b>	

Players with 4 wins in a match

1. Todd Berry (Action Billiards), Rick McBride (Keith's), Paul Verhulst (Penalty Box), Derrick Bockius & Jim Wanner (JP's) Casey McTaggartt (Olde Bridge Inn), Tom Blair (Streiler's), Jeff Ayers, Jim Meyer and Pat Tobin (Chilsters), David Haynes (Filling Station).
2. The only player to turn the trick twice: Tony Overkamp (Ethyle's).
3. Opponents from the same match: Kevin Kielty (4th Street) and Dwayne Joliff (Big Steve's), 4th Street won 11-10.
4. Two players from the same team: Bob Bohn and Charles Somerville (Airport Billiards). Also in this match Don Johnson and John Johnson won three games each for Airport Billiards. The actual score was 14-1 (Officially, 14-7). Airport Billiards, playing 24 points, had to spot their opponent, Big Steve's, playing 13 points, the difference of 6 on the wire. That allowed for the high number of games that had to be played. A first ever from the 4-Player Division.  
Airport Billiards won their first 11 games overcoming the deficit.

Team Winning Streaks

1. Penalty Box – 12 - Playing Jodi Zeni's team out of Hotshots, Penalty Box had to spot them three games to start. For the first time in Missouri 8-Ball playoff history one team (from the 5-player division) shut out the other. There have been several 11-0 scores in the regular weekly sessions, but never a 12-0 (actual score) in the weekly or championships. Official score was 12-3.
2. Airport Billiards – 11 - As mentioned above, the fab-four put it together breaking all records for a 4-player team. All four players in the lineup won at least three games and two of them won four each. Remember, the 4-player divisions race to only 9 games. That's what makes this match more bizarre. Actual score, 14-1. Officially, 14-7.
3. Olde Bridge Inn – 8 - They won their first eight games. Actual score 11-1. Official score was 11-3 as they gave up two on the wire.

### 5-Player Team Records

Team	W - L	Pct.	Place
1. Penalty Box	52 - 24	.684	2nd
2. Olde Bridge Inn	44 - 25	.638	5tie
3. Ethyl's	65 - 37	.637	1st
4. Streiler's	41 - 25	.621	5tie
5. Hillsboro	43 - 30	.589	3tie
6. Chilsters/Steve	32 - 23	.582	9tie
7. Chilsters/Willie	30 - 22	.577	5tie

### 4-Player Team Records

Team	W - L	Pct.	Place
1. Airport Billiards	27 - 15	.643	3tie
2/3. Players Pub	26 - 15	.634	2nd
2/3. Classic's	26 - 15	.634	3tie
4. 10-Mile House	24 - 18	.571	1st

### Player Winning Streaks

1/2.	'CC'	Tony Overkamp	Ethyl's	11	Won first 11 games
1/2.	'C'	Mike Johnson	Hillsboro	11	
3.	'CC'	Tracy Boyce	Streiler's	9	Won first 9 games
4/6.	'BB'	Paul Verhulst	Penalty Box	8	Won first 8 games, also
4/6.	'BB'	Paul Verhulst	" "	8	Won last 8 games
4/6.	'CC'	Jim Meyer	Chilsters	8	
7/8.	'B'	Pat Tobin	Chilsters	7	Won first 7 games
7/8.	'B'	Derrick Bockius	JP's	7	

### Players with 10 or more Wins

		W-L	Pct.	Team	
1.	'BB'	Paul Verhulst	16-1	.941	Penalty Box
2.	'CC'	Tracy Boyce	11-1	.917	Streiler's
3.	'CC'	Tom Blair	11-2	.846	Streiler's
4.	'CC'	Tony Overkamp	17-4	.810	Ethyl's
5.	'B'	Casey McTaggart	12-3	.800	Olde Bridge Inn
6.	'C'	Mike Johnson	11-3	.786	Hillsboro Billiards
7.	'B'	Brian Kroeger	12-4	.750	Penalty Box
8.	'DD'	Paul King	11-4	.733	Hillsboro Billiards
9.	'CC'	John Schneider	13-6	.684	Ethyl's
10.	'C'	Rick Ritter	13-7	.650	Ethyl's

Oh, by the way; just in case anyone is really interested in how well yours truly did, again. Allow me put it in proper perspective. See if this is clue enough for you!

If you are familiar with Susan Lucci, 'nough said. If not, she's the soap opera gal who has been on TV every day for 19 straight years. And for those 19 straight years she has lost out for the daytime Emmy award. Funny how our respective situations parallel. (Yeah, hilarious.)

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And yours truly, Jay L. Carlton. As always, it's been great fun.