



Results of the 78th Missouri 8 Ball Season Sept. 12, 2011 to Jan. 12, 2012
Division & Playoff Team Winners, Top Players & Runners-Up
5-Player & 4-Player Championship Winners, Ultimate Champs
All-Star Singles Placings, Ladies Information, etc.

Div. # 1 16 Weeks Tuesday (Considered 3rd Toughest Div. @ 28.5 Points)

It was coast to coast for this hot Fandangos gang. They didn't get their first loss until the 5th week, but held on outlasting both Hotshots SC & Hotshots Fenton #2, 11-5 to 10-6. Four members of the starting lineup hit the hot sheet led by Ross Belts's 31-15 .674. Teammates are Coty Harlan (23-12 .657), Brian Daniels (24-14 .632) and Chad Bickel (29-17 .630). And there was nothing easy about it. This division is considered the 3rd toughest in M0-8. The average of 28.5 points per team speak for itself.

And there's more. Of the 15 players making the All-Star sheet, there was nothing below a '6'. There was one '8', six '7's and eight '6's, with .582 being the - lowest. That's tough, bro.

It also says something about the Top Player's winning percentage. It was anything but a runaway. The final seven weeks the title was up for grabs between John Porter, Sam Devers and Ross Belt. Porter weathered the storm by a scant .005. John (Hotshots Fenton #2) was 30-11 .732, Sam Devers (Libby's) came in runner up, 24-9 .727, and Ross Belt (Fandangos) third, 31-15 .674. Great race, guys.

The first playoff matches went to Hotshots SC over Hotshots Fenton #1, 11-8, and Libby's outlasted Hotshots Fenton #2, 11-10. When it got down to brass - a - brass - a - brass tacks, yeah that's it, brass tacks, the shootout was between two teams playing 30 & 31 points. This is what's called the shootout at Hotshots South County. It may not rival the Shootout at the O.K. Corral, but with heavy hitters like Mike Renick, Sam Devers, Ed Libby, John Pedrolie, Tom Davidson and new comer Elvir Fale, hey, it could have gone either way. Power against power. Mano a mano. Hotshots SC came away with a hard fought 11-8 victory. Elvir Fale led their attack with a 6-1 playoff record. One great battle, guys.

Div. # 2 16 Weeks Tuesday

Fandangos #1 went wall to wall ending the season with a great 14-2 record. It was 3-games over Wedge and 4-games over Hotshots SC. Several reasons attributed to this showing. Bill Cloyd taking Top Player honors with a whopping 29-4 .879 is one. And here's a kicker to his title-run - Bill began the season as a '5'. After going 13-0 Bill was, without the due formalities, abruptly raised to a '6'. Obviously it did not bother his playing as from that point to the end he went another 16-4. Mike Devers (Fandangos #2) came in a close 2nd, 37-9 .804. Nice race, guys.

Third on the list we see Rhonda Bratram's 28-8 .778. She has improved to close to her former self. Look out when she reaches back to when she was the Missouri State female Champion. I won't give away the year Rhonda, let's just say a few years ago. Gary Heffernan's 4th place 24-8 .750 is another. And let's not forget, and say welcome back to Donna Glascock. Donna threw in a first year total of 20-17 .541. But don't let that little bit fool you. Once Ms Glascock gets back in stroke she will be a tough as ever. Donna also was in that same Missouri State Championship tournament and finished runner-up to Rhonda. So it was these two ladies that led the female side of this division. No surprises here.

From the 2-week playoff we see that Wedge knocked out Fandangos #3, 11-6, but Fandangos #2 got past Hotshots SC, 11-8. For the 2nd spot Fandangos #2 won over Wedge, 11-8.

Div. # 3 16 Weeks Wednesday (Considered 6th Toughest Div. @ 24.2 Points)

Great race to the finish line by four teams. Fandangos #1 began 6-0 but ended in a 2-way tie with Hotshots SC, 11-5. The games W-L % went to Hotshots SC 156-134 .538 to 159-142 .528. Four Hotshots SC members hit the hot sheet. Jody Zeni led the team with his 3rd place finish, 37-12 .755. Others are Nick Wanko (26-17 .605), Greg Newman (24-18 .571) and Bob Urberger (21-17 .553).

It was another Top Player title for Ronnie Hansen. Rockin' Ronnie fought it out with Tom Dinovi on the very last week and went to the very last game. While Tom Dinovi (Fandangos #2) went 1-2, Ronnie (Fandangos #1) overtook the lead by going 2-1. Two very good races from this division.

Playoff matches the first week saw Fandangos #1 k.o JP's Corner #2, 11-7, while Hotshots Fenton #1 beat up on Fandangos #2, 12-8. For the finale it was 'dangos-1 taking it 11-5 over HS Fenton #1.

Div. # 4 16 Weeks Wednesday

21 Rock #2 took over the lead the 11th week and held on 12-4 to 11-5 for JP's Corner. It was a double victory as 21 Rock #2's Sean Gray also held on for Top Player honors. The final six weeks Sean and Russ Sechrest shot it out changing places a couple times before time ran out and Sean's 28-7 .800 edged out Hotshots Fenton #2's, Russ, 39-12 .765. Sean was aided and abetted by teammates Jamie House (39-14 .736), Bill Keith (28-14 .667) and Mark Mann (21-20 .512). Great race, guys.

For the 2-week playoff it was the 4th and 5th place teams being successful. 21 Rock #1 edged out Hotshots SC, 11-10, while Hotshots Fenton #2 took an 11-8 victory over JP's Corner. The final match saw 21 Rock #1 get past the 7-wins of Russ Sechrest and take an 11-8 victory over HS Fenton #2.

Div. # 5 16 Weeks Wednesday (Considered 9th Toughest Div. @ 23.8 Points)

Stan's Bar #2 overtook the pack the 11th week and held on for a one-game finish over both Jack Patrick's and Wedge #2, 11-5 to 10-6. It's easy to see why when you notice that three of the first four players on the All-Star sheet are from the winning team. They were led by Rolla Hoffman (44-15 .746) and teammates Chuck Hooper (33-16 .673), Pete Hoffman (36-19 .655) and Joe Curlee (27-21 .563).

For the Top Player it was interesting to notice that eight of the last nine weeks the top three on the list are Ed Libby, Rolla Hoffman and Chuck Hooper. Easy Ed held off the tenacious duo with a hefty total of 44-7 .863. Nice shooting, Ed. And great race, guys.

Action from the first playoff week saw Libby's take an 11-6 win over Wedge #2 with Ed posting a 4-win match. Not to be outdone Brian Battocletti took four wins in leading Jack Patrick's to an 11-5 waltz over Wedge #1. And we see also that Ms Ericka Battocletti may not have made the All-Star sheet but that didn't stop her from tossing in three wins to help the team to their first playoff win. Go Ericka.

Jack Patrick's was in fine form the second playoff week as they beat out Libby's to the tune of 11-4 to go to the big show. Nice race, guys.

Div. # 6 16 Weeks Wednesday

Stan's Bar kicked off at 8-0 before dropping their first match winding up 13-3, one-game over Pardella Club's 12-4. Stan's Bar was led by John Wenzel's 30-14 .682. Teammates helping along the way are Rob Terry (25-15 .625), Rebekah Katzenberger (28-18 .609) and Frank Favazza (28-21 .571).

Talk about two guys on a mission. The race for Top Player went week to week with Dan Wisdon constantly looking over his shoulder. After five weeks Dan, from Tesson Station #1, was 13-0, but it was anything but a runaway. Hot on his heels the last 12 weeks was Filling Station's Semir Ekic. Dan edged out Semir, 32-4 .889 to 43-8 .843. Great race, guys.

Playoff time saw Filling Station get past Tesson Station #2, 11-9, while Ten Mile House took an 11-6 victory from Pardella Club. For the final Filling Station and Ten Mile House were tied 5-5 after the 2nd round. Before the 3rd round began Filling Station filled up on high octane fuel and sped off with the final six games cruising to an 11-5 win.

If you haven't already, say hello to M0-8 newcomer Rebekah Katzenberger. There hasn't been this kind of impact by a female since Julia Gabriel twice won the 'Open'. Of the 23 players making the honor roll, Rebekah finished 9th. Applying her talents for Stan's Bar, Rebekah was their 3rd highest shooter and first of all females for this division. Rebekah went 3-5 against '5' & '6' level opponents, but beat up on the '2', '3' and '4' level rivals to the tune of 25-13. Just to let you know, we're keeping an eye on you, girl. Don't try to hide. You can't escape, heh, heh, heh. Congratulations Rebekah; nice shooting.

Div. # 7 15 Weeks Thursday (Considered the 8th Toughest Div. @ 23.9 Points)

When a team kicks off the season winning their first six matches, most often they go all the way. Such is the case with Hotshots Fenton. Leading the way to the finish line were five Fenton players. Tom

Davidson led the attack with his 37-13 .740. Teammates are Ken Mann (30-15 .667), Ben Pona (21-15 .583), Rich Parshall (24-19 .558) and Bob Urberger (20-17 .541).

Hotshots SC #1 finished 2nd with three players making the hot sheet. Top Player is Ed Medlock. Ed locked up the title with a 36-11 .766, just a slight .026 over runner-up Tom Davidson's 37-13 .740. Tom enjoyed the top spot the first seven weeks before Ed wrestled the lead away and finished there the final six weeks. Great race, guys.

For the 2-week playoff we see that Hotshots SC #1 gave this new team, Hotshots SC #2, 5-games on the wire. It didn't stop them from pulling out a 12-10 win with four players winning 3-games each. Wedge had an easier time against Fandangos, 11-4. Week two HSSC #1 brought home an 11-6 win over Wedge behind the fine playoff shooting of Denzil Smith (6-0) and Jason Skrbn (5-1).

Div. # 8 15 Weeks Thursday

The gang out of Friendly's Bar was anything but friendly to the competition. Kind-a down right unsociable if you ask the other 10 teams. By winning their first 13 matches Friendly's Bar put a damper on the season for them. It was 7th spot Sophie's Place that handed Friendly's their only loss, 11-6.

Friendly's 14-1 was 2-games over Cotters, 12-3. Leading Friendly's Bar to the title was Kevin Hampton and his runner-up totals for Top Player, 36-5 .878. He was helped by teammates Robert Binkley (32-11 .744), Allen Barnhart (31-13 .705) and Harold Kendall (22-18 .550). Great shooting, guys.

John O'Farrell (Stan's Bar) took Top Player honors. Big John was 17-0 after eight weeks and ended up 27-2 .931. As mentioned Kevin Hampton was 2nd, 36-5 .878.

Congrats to Dawna Kunz (Stan's Bar) for being the top female player for this division. Dawna came in 20th of the 28 that made the hot sheet. She was 21-16 .568. Nice shooting, Dawna.

Two squeakers the first playoff week. Stan's Bar edged out Foleys SC #2, 11-10; and Cotters clipped Skip's Place #2, 11-9. For the big show match Cotters took an 11-5 victory over Stan's bar.

Div. # 9 16 Weeks Monday

Cactus Inn #2 rode the surf board straight the first 12 weeks. When they were hit by the tsunamic that capsized them there was Final Destination waiting. Going 4-0 the last four weeks gave Final-D a 13-3 record to Cactus Inn #2's 12-4. What a come-from-behind victory. Of the 13 players making the All-Star sheet four are Final D's. Two of them finished 1st & 2nd. Nick Nieman beat out teammate Derek Helms, 22-3 .880 to 19-3 .864. Another great race. Two others that made it are Rick McBride (20-10 .667) and C.J. Winkerman (16-13 .552).

Cathy Nickles (Cactus Inn #1) led the ladies with a nice 20-20 .500. Nice shooting, Cathy. For the 2-week playoff a couple things happened we may never see again. The first week Cactus Inn #1 took an 11-4 match from Lehmann's Landing. That's not one of them. Here is the first: Cactus Inn #2 gave Hotshots NC 9-games on the wire and beat them 15-9. Yep, it was a whitewash 15-zip. Now, the 2nd week Cactus Inn #2 goes up against Cactus Inn #1, gives them 7-games head start and smokes them 13-1, (or 13-8 counting the spot). By winning the first four games in the second match that ran their consecutive playoff victories to 19-0. And than Carl Morris lost a game to Cathy Nickles.

Cactus Inn #2 took the final nine games for a 2-week playoff total 28-1. It has been rumored that a petition was circulating that Carl Morris should by the team two rounds every week for the coming new season. Carl gonna need a second job.

Div. # 10 16 Weeks Monday

For eight weeks Classics #2 worked hard to get to the head of the pack. But once there they still had to look out for New Classics #2. Check out their games W-L percentages. Classics #2, 155-134 .536 to New Classics #2's 159-138 .535. Only .001 difference. How tight is that. Just messing with ya.

I only threw that in to show the difference had they tied. Actually Classics #2 finished first, 13-3 to New Classics #2's 12-4. As tight as that team race was it took every member's efforts to stay there. Six C-2's made the All-Star sheet, all in the top 12 positions. It comes as no surprise that the Top Player was one of them. Rich Taylor led the attack with his 25-7 .781. Ironically Rich shot at a 13-3 clip the final eight weeks and took over the top spot the 15th week. That was good enough to hold off the charging Tom Dooley. Tom Terrific (NC #2) posted a 19-4 run coming up a little short. Tom finished 39-12 .765.

Rich's teammates are Zach Westover (25-8 .758), Sean Deckard (23-8 .742), Bill Thompson (21-8 .724), Matt White (22-10 .688) and Randy Pohlmann (20-10 .667).

The 2-week playoff offered some outstanding cue work by a few players. The first week Clubhouse takes an 11-10 match from Aftershock. In that match Marland Choy won four games and Tony Gregory was 3-1. Across town at New Classics, this #2 team took an 11-8 decision from Classics #3 and Tom Dooley put up a 4-win night. C.J. (Carolyn Jones) pitched in with 3-wins to help out.

The second week saw another great shooting exhibition as Clubhouse knocked off New Classics #2, 11-8. In this face-off both Marland Choy and Tom Dooley went 4-0. C. J. helped out with two wins but fate was against them.

Div. # 11 16 Weeks Tuesday

After all the confusion was settled there turned out to be a tie for first place as Say When Lounge and Clubhouse #2 ended up at 11-5. The games W-L % came out in favor of Say When, 159-137 .537 to CH-2's 167-150 .527 sending Clubhouse #2 to the 2-week playoff board where they knocked out Joe Momma's 12-8. While that was going on around the corner on West Florissant Classics was in the process of eliminating Our Place in a tight 12-11 shootout. For the final it was Classics taking an 11-4 win over Clubhouse-2 earning a spot in the big tournament.

It was another one of those tight races for Top Player. Scott Abrams took over the top spot the final week edging out Phil King, 35-10 .778 to 38-11 .776. How tight? Only .002 difference. Not only is this Scott's first Top Player title he becomes the first player ever to win the award while shooting out of Our Place. Congratulations to Scott.

Div. # 12 16 Weeks Tuesday

After opening the season by winning their first eight matches Charlack Pub kinda coasted to the finish line with a 4-4 closing. Their 12-4 record was one-game over Lehmann's Landing's 11-5. Five Pubsters hit the hot sheet led by Jim Lowery's 28-13 .683. Helping out were teammates Jim Lentz (30-15 .667), John Breeding (26-14 .650), Brett Blackwell (28-16 .636) and Kenny Barstow (28-23 .549).

We see that Larry Jackson (The Office) is back in the winners circle for Top Player honors. Larry had a hard way to go as he was constantly being stalked by Bob Ackley (Hotshots NC). Larry's 3-0 the final week put him over the top, 31-9 .775 to Bob's 36-11 .766. Another great and tight race.

There was only one match the first playoff week as Final Destination #1 did a no-show. Lehmann's Landing gets the forfeit win. The match that was played saw Suwallers knock out Hotshots NC 11-6 behind the 4-win shooting of Mel Hendrix. Suwallers showed no signs of slowing down the second week as they dropped an 11-5 loss on Lehmann's earning a spot at the big show.

Div. # 13 16 Weeks Wednesday

After Airport Billiards closed up shot, Tommy Cardwell and Company took their show on the road to find another establishment to apply their talents. They found a new home at Final Destination on St. Charles Rock Road. There they showed everyone that the location or the table made no difference,

they could play anywhere. Proof is found here where they went wire to wire ending the season 13-3. Sure, it was by only one game, but so what. A first place win is a first place win by any measure, one or a 100. They didn't have the most game wins, Bottle Cap did. They didn't have the fewest game losses, those belonged to Cactus Inn. What they did have was the most match wins, and both highest percentages, games and matches. They also had five players make the All-Star honor roll. The five Final-D #2 players were led by Allen Berkbiegler, 34-16 .680. Others are Tommy Cardwell (29-15 .659), Josh Lawson (34-19 .642), Bobby Carlton (30-18 .625) and Desmond Rodgers (23-16 .590).

It was obvious from the 9th week on it was going to be a member from Bottle Cap taking the Top Player title. The lead changed names four times the final eight weeks. Primes Oden finally took over with his 25-7 .781, outlasting teammates Louis Erby (29-11 .725) and Cecil Smith (22-12 .647). Nice going.

First playoff week was a couple tight matches. Bottle Cap edged out Hotshots NC 11-9, while Final Destination #1 clipped Cactus Inn 11-8. For the final Bottle Cap gave FD-1 five games head start and pulled out another 11-8 victory. Quinton Mabins shot a 6-0 for the two playoff matches.

Div. # 14 16 Weeks Wednesday (Considered the 10th Toughest Div. @ 23.5 Points)

Well, if you came down with the rain and sleet Friday night, January 20, 2012, I guess you don't know how this division came to be the 10th toughest. However, if you were privy to inside information, (tantamount to many insider trading in DC) and if you put down a bet that included your house, your car, your retirement savings, your first born, and it was rumored that certain North County establishment was putting together a 'Super' team - YOU WIN. But don't feel exclusive. When you see an A division lineup in a B-C division setting, well - the light kinda goes off.

Think about it. This division is listed as the 10th toughest with a team average of 23.5 points played by each team each match. Remember, that's an average. Some may play 19-21 and others 25-26, but 23.5 is the norm. How did it jump up from a 13-14 ranked division to 10th and get to 23.5? Read on. It's really easy once you decide to put together a 'Super' team. First you look for a couple players that have solid backgrounds in winning. A guy that carries an '8' would certainly come in handy. Another who was an '8' but was lowered to a '7' to get him back in action would certainly be another solid choice. Throw in a couple '6' level players with solid winning records over the past 15-20 years, add a 'new' player that has the talent to keep up with the other higher level teammates - and bingo. We're not taking about a bunch of little blue-haired old ladies here.

Classics #1 waltzed from a 6-0 beginning to a 13-3 finish and was never out of first place. With 166 game wins, a .541 W/L % and six members on the All-Star sheet, I think it's safe to say these guys were in a class by themselves. A tougher division would have better suited their talents. But, dat's sho' biz.

The Top Player race went weekly around Jimmy Eberhart, John Ragusa and Wayne Turner, all teammates from Classics. Wayne Turner outlasted this "Murderous Row" bunch with a great 27-6 .818. The Big Ragu, John Ragusa, finished second 31-9 .775 and Mike Stevenson was 4th, 23-9 .719. New comer Ken Kowrach pitched in 21 wins and Lance Kerkemeyer added another 23. The highest hitter fell off the sheet only for not having enough games played. That was Jimmy Eberhart. When last on the All-Star roll Jimmy was 23-4 .852. For all intense and purposes it was a one horse race.

The 2-week playoff saw Clubhouse #2 k.o. New Classics 11-8 in one match and Streiler's take a 12-10 decision from CH-#1 behind Allen Lewis' 4-win night. The final was another 12-10 win for Streiler's over Clubhouse #2. This time it was Jim Davis with the 4-win night. Least we forget that it was Dorothy Miller-Davis that won the 12th and final game sending Streiler's to the big show. Kudos Dotty.

Div. # 15 15 Weeks Thursday (Considered the 7th Toughest Div. @ 24.0 Points)

G.B. Field players (also known as 'Olde Tymers, heh, heh, heh), formerly of Bottle Cap, proved they can win here as they did there. The 11-4 record was one short game over Ballards and Hotshots NC at 10-5. Leading the Fielders were Robert Zamarripa (28-9 .757), Sean Azerolo (22-11 .667), Jerry Jordan (20-14 .588) and Eric Peterson's 12 wins.

There was good news and there was bad news the last week of play for Jerry Ray. Well, more good than bad. Actually it was a good last two months. Jerry has come close to taking the Top Player title for three years and he finally made it; but almost blew it. Jerry took over the top spot the 7th week and held on for a final total of 26-7 .788. The other good news is Jerry was so far ahead even though he went 1-3 the final week, it still was good enough to beat out runner-up David Lehner's (Ballards) 26-8 .765. Only one loss difference. Dave went 4-0 the final week making it too-too close.

The first playoff week was a no-show for Seansies Pub giving Ballards a free pass. Cocktails had to give Hotshots NC 7-games on the wire. Cocktails pulled out a 13-10 win as Ken Morisaki and Jerry Ray turned in 3-0 nights. The 2nd week Cocktails again had to give their opponents seven games head start. It was another come-from-behind victory, 13-11, over Ballards with Jerry Ray going 4-0 bringing his playoff totals to 7-0. Nice run and congrats Jerry on the Top Player award.

Div. # 16 15 Weeks Thursday

Two things about this division's races. One: Final Destination #2 sashayed their way to the finish line without any real competition. They were 14-0 with one week remaining when they took their only loss. It was at the hands of sister team FD-3. That last win put FD-3 into 2nd place, 11-4.

Two: Final Destination's Alex Ramon went coast to coast for the Top Played award. His 30-6 .833 was a little better over Office's Leon Young, 21-7 .750. Great race, guys.

Two ladies made the All-Star sheet. Cathy Nickles (Cactus Inn) at 18-18 .500 and Aleeta Fahrenholz (Bottle Cap) was 17-17 .500. Nice going girls.

The first playoff week saw Nuts knock off Cactus Inn 12-8, and Office put the big hurt on Final Destination #3, 11-3. The final match Office gave up 3-games to Nuts and took a 12-6 victory.

Div. # 17 15 Weeks Thursday

This 7-team in-house division out of Redbirds had action from start to end. RB-4 didn't lose a match until the 8th week and were never out of first place, ending 14-1. Leading their parade to the finish line was Bob Mannecke, 31-6 .838. Teammates also making the hot sheet are George Allen (31-14 .689), Dave Downing (27-13 .675) and Yondell Bass (18-16 .529).

The 2-week playoff saw RB-7 give RB-6 eight games on the wire and with the help of three forfeit wins, beat them 14-9. Meanwhile, across the room RB-2 gave two games to RB-8 and eked out an 11-10 victory behind Steve Boucher's four wins. Second week RB-2 received 4-games head start against RB-7 and pulled it off 11-8 behind two big wins by Chandra Davis. Nice shooting, girl.

Its happened before and we are sure this won't be the last time a player finishes atop the ladder only to be told they didn't climb high enough. Ran outta rungs. But this one has to hurt. The Top Player title was in the bag for Andy Quinn - until that last game. Andy could afford to lose only one game. That's the way it went - until that last game. Oh, I already said that. Anyway, when he lost the last game he played, the title went south. South to the next player on the sheet. So who gets the photo shoot? Say congratulations to Ken Pruet. Kenny turned in a 28-4 .875 season that beat out teammate Rolla Hoffman, 31-6 .838. Andy was 26-0 at one point and looked like he was going to pull it off. But lost two of his final five games for a great 29-2 .935. An '8' level player has to hit .965 for this division. Gripes!

Andrea Kohlen, and teammate of Andy, Ken and Rolla, topped all ladies from this division. Little wonder when considering the talent she has around her week after week. Andrea's 23-10 .697 was 8th on the All-Star sheet that listed 18 qualifiers. Great shooting, Andrea; and good luck with the new ranking.

Div. # 18 16 Weeks Wednesday

Scott Carter joined the Top Player list the 12th week. He landed in the 5th spot with a 17-7 record. Leading the parade at that time was Jason Helmholtz with a hot 20-4. Week by week and match by match Scott pecked away at the lead until it was the final match. That final week Jason went 3-0 for a 6-week run of 10-4. Scott did a little better. First he put up 4-0 his final match resulting in a 6-week stretch of 10-

0. That last and final game put Scott over the top. What a great come-from-behind effort.

As if that wasn't enough Scott's team, ABC Billiards #2 took over the team race the 9th week and cruised to a 13-3 finish, 3-games over both ABC Billiards #1 and Rich's Place #1 at 10-6. Aiding and abetting Scott to the winner's circle were Walter Crane Sr. (33-10 .767), Kirkwood Tom Vogt (32-14 .696) and Tom Lowery Sr. (24-16 .600).

Of the 25 that made the All-Star honor roll we find two ladies. Leading the female contingency is Susan Dobbs Valet. Susan (Rich's Place #2) brought in a 19th place finish, 20-15 .571. Following was Anne Carion from Side Pockets #3. For the season Anne was 21-19 .525. Nice going ladies.

The shootout from the playoffs went this way. First week action saw Rich's Place #2 pull off an 11-5 win over Rich's #1. Meanwhile ABC #1 spotted Teachers 5-games then went on to a 12-9 victory behind the 4-wins put up by Mike Welker. Week-2 ABC #1 ran off to an 11-3 win as Jason Helmholtz brought in 3-wins and Mike Welker increased his playoff numbers to 6-0. Great race, guys.

Div. # 19 15 Weeks Thursday (Considered First (#1) Toughest Div. @ 29.73 Points)

This is it. The big enchilada. Numero Uno in M0-8. This Side Pockets in-house division is so tough (how tough is it?), so tough that if you don't post at least 29.73 points per week you're considered a piker. So tough - you're not allowed on the All-Star hot sheet with less than a '6' rating. So tough, one '5' rated player made it once and another made it twice, but none after the 9th week. This division is so tough that the top player finished with a .681, the lowest of all Top Players, that's how strong the competition is from this division. And consider this, the runner-up was at .680; only a scant .001 difference. Of the 15 players that made the honor roll there are two '8's, five '7's and eight '6's. What a tough and great race.

Tony Napoli takes the title by edging out Tattoo John Synder, 32-15 .681 to 34-16 .680. Andy Hurwitz was going strong at 12-2 the final five weeks when time ran out and Andy had to settle for 3rd at 25-12 .676. Fourth was Rich Sager (27-14 .659) and 5th, Jeff Ayers (21-11 .656). Ta-ufffff!

From the team race we find that Side Pockets #2 took over first place after the 4th week and held on for an 11-4 finish, 2-games over both SP-5 & SP-1 at 9-6. Leading Side Pockets-2 was Brian Kroeger (28-16 .636) followed by teammates Mike Werner (31-18 .633) and Paul Verhulst (19-14 .576).

The winner of the 2-week playoff began with SP-1 taking an 11-9 squeaker from SP-6 behind the 4-win shooting of Dennis Gallagher. Meanwhile, across the room, SP-5 had an easier time of it by knocking out SP-4 to the tune of 11-2. The final match was a good one. SP-5 gave SP-1 two games on the wire. SP-1 won four games the first round for a 6-1 lead. SP-5 came back strong with four wins the 2nd round closing the gap 7-5. SP-1 took three games the 3rd round increasing their lead to 10-7. But this match was far from over. SP-5 clawed and scratched their way to a 4-win fourth round for a great come-from-behind 11-10 victory. Top Player Tony Napoli led the playoffs with his 6-0 shooting.

Div. # 20 15 Weeks Thursday (Considered the 5th Toughest Div. @ 24.64 Points)

Hotshots O'Fallon fought off the field the final four weeks ending at 11-4, one game over both Hotshots 94 and Elmers at 10-5. What's kinda hard to believe is that of the 25 that made the All-Star sheet only two O'Fallon players made it on the last one. One was Walter Crane Jr, who just happened to win the Top Player award. The other finished 24th. Ben Wilson brought in a 23-20 .535. Ben also was the only '4' level player. As this is the 5th toughest division it comes as no surprise that of the other 24 that made it there were twelve '6's and twelve '5's. Walter took over the lead the final week beating out Denny Moran, 37-12 .755 to 27-10 .730. Great race, guys.

For the first playoff week there were two 11-10 squeakers. ABC Billiards knocked out Hotshots 94 and behind the 5-win match of John Richardson, Elmers k.o'ed Teachers. Teachers got to 10 behind Jackie Rehklau's 4-win match. For the final Elmers' John Richardson couldn't make it and ABC came out on top 11-7. ABC top hitters for the playoffs were Andy Lewton (6-1) and Kats Berryhill (6-2).

Div. # 21 15 Weeks Thursday

Jeff Hasse is a member of the Church Street Congregation. Unfortunately a few more prayers needed to be answered for a better team showing. They didn't place high enough for the playoff as their 9th place 4-11 record shows. They stayed out of the basement by as little as .009. That's the bad news.

On the positive side Jeff Hasse didn't allow that to bother him as he stayed focused with his playing. Jeff wrestled the top spot away the 14th week and edged out Kyle Wagner for the Top Player title, 25-7 .781 to 36-14 .720 with Larry Russ coming in third, 23-9 .719. So we say congratulations to Jeff Haase for bringing a sort of respectability to the Church Street gang.

Here's another eye-opener. Mark's Sports Bar fought hard from the 10th week and held on for a 12-3 tie with Night Shift #2. Mark's Sports Bar's games W-L percentage was slightly higher 134-104 .563 to 144-130 .526. And the leading player for Mark's Sports Bar is, may I have a drum roll please, thank you - it is Dawn Utterback. Delta Dawn's 25-13 .658 led her team with her 8th place All-Star sheet finish. Other teammates making the sheet are Kevin Kline (24-18 .571) and Steve Pittaluga (25-20 .556). Dawn also was the leading female from this division, 25-13 .658.

First playoff week saw Rich's Place put an 11-3 beat-down on Side Pockets #3 while Night Shift #1 received 3-games on the wire from Night Shift #2 and came out a 12-10 winner. The final match was Night Shift #1 receiving one-game head start and walked off with an 11-6 victory. Jason Miller led Night Shift #1 with a playoff record of 6-1. Nice shooting, Jason.

Div. # 22 15 Weeks Thursday

This five-team in-house division from ABC Billiards wasn't even close to a race. ABC #1 started off with a bang going 7-0 before dropping their first (and only match). Then picked up by taking their last seven matches for a big 14-1 season. There hasn't been this big a massacre since Rambo wiped out half of Afghanistan. That was a whopping 6-games over runner-up ABC #6, 8-7. In fact these are the only two teams over .500 in both matches and games played.

So how did the playoffs go? Glad you asked. First ABC #6 could get only three players to show and decided to forfeit their match rather than go through the motions. ABC #3 received the forfeit win. Across the room ABC #4 gave ABC #5 three games on the wire. ABC #4 overcome that and took an 11-9 decision behind the 4-wins put up by Andy Tebeau and 3-wins by Jason Mears.

The final saw ABC #4 give another three games up to ABC #3. Pat Murphy led ABC #4 to a 12-10 win with Andy Tebeau and Eric Ryan kicking in 3-wins each. Tebeau led the playoffs with a nice 7-1.

Here's something we haven't seen in awhile. A new player taking out the Top Player award. Tony Thieman (ABC #5) made his presence felt by jumping on the hot sheet the 10th week. It was close but Tony held on to end the season 26-8 .765 to runner-up Mike Buster's 21-7 .750. Great going Tony. So what have you got for an encore? Can't go anywhere but down now dude. Great race, guys.

Div. # 23 Champions: Hillsboro Billiards: Rick Dycus Capt. Playoff Champs: Hillsboro Billiards John Neels Capt. Top Player: Kenny Vaughn (Kenny's) 30 - 7 .811.

Div. # 24 Champions: JP's Eureka: Paul Banta Capt. Playoff Champs: Jammin' Dave Briggs Capt. Top Player: Jay Pettlon (JP's Eureka) 29 - 4 .879.

	Top Player	Team	Record	Runner-up	Team	Record
Div. # 8	John O'Farrell	Stan's Bar	27 2 .931	Kevin Hampton	Friendly's	36 5 .878
Div. # 6	Dan Wisdom	Tesson Station #1	32 4 .889	Semir Ekic	Filling Station	43 8 .843
Div. # 9	Nick Nieman	Final Destination	22 3 .880 P	Derek Helms	Final Dest.	19 3 .864
Div. # 2	Bill Cloyd	Fandangos #1	29 4 .879	Mike Devers	Fandangos #2	37 9 .804
Div. #24	Jay Pettlon	JP's Eureka	29 4 .879	No info for runner-up		
Div. #17	Ken Pruett	Redbirds #7	28 4 .875 Pa	Andy Quinn	Redbirds #7	29 2 .935
Div. # 5	Ed Libby	Libby's	44 7 .863	Rolla Hoffman	Stan's Bar	44 15 .746

Div. #16 Alex Ramon	Final Destination	30	6	.833	Leon Young	Office	21	7	.750
Div. #14 Wayne Turner	Classics #1	27	6	.818 P	John Ragusa	Classics #1	31	9	.775
Div. #23 Kenny Vaughn	Kenny's	30	7	.811	No info for runner-up				
Div. # 4 Sean Gray	21 Rock #2	28	7	.800	Russ Sechrest	HS Fenton #2	39	12	.765
Div. #18 Scott Carter	ABC Billiards #2	27	7	.794	Jason Helmholtz	ABC #1	30	8	.789
Div. #15 Jerry Ray	Cocktails	26	7	.788	David Lehner	Ballards	26	8	.765
Div. #10 Rich Taylor	Classics #2	25	7	.781	Tom Dooley	New Classics #2	39	12	.765
Div. #13 Primes Oden	Bottle Cap	25	7	.781 P	Louis Erby	Bottle Cap	29	11	.725
Div. #21 Jeff Haase	Church Street	25	7	.781	Kyle Wagner	Side Pock #1	36	14	.720
Div. #11 Scott Abrams	Our Place	35	10	.778	Phil King	Clubhouse #2	38	11	.776
Div. #12 Larry Jackson	The Office	31	9	.775	Bob Ackley	Hotshots NC	36	11	.766
Div. # 3 Ronnie Hansen	Fandangos #1	34	10	.773	Tom Dinovi	Fandangos #2	28	9	.757
Div. # 7 Ed Medlock	Hotshots SC #1	36	11	.766	Tom Davidson	HS Fenton	37	13	.740
Div. #22 Tony Thieman	ABC #5	26	8	.765	Mike Buster	ABC #1	21	7	.750
Div. #20 Walter Crane Jr.	HS O'Fallon	37	12	.755	Denny Moran	Hotshots 94	27	10	.730
Div. # 1 John Porter	HS Fenton #2	30	11	.732	Sam Devers	Libby's	24	9	.727
Div. #19 Tony Napoli	Side Pockets #5	32	15	.681	John Synder	Side Pockets #4	34	16	.680

P = Partners Pa = Andy Quinn did not hit high enough for Top Player

5-Player Tournament Results & team Members - \$23,020

1st. Fandangos	\$7,020	Captain: Jason Krentz	Members: Ross Belt, Brendan Sullivan
Div. #1 Champs (St. Louis)		Chad Bickel, Coty Harlan, Colby Hinch & Brian Daniels	
2nd Hotshots (St. Louis)	\$4,000	Captain: Mike Renick	Members: Brian Donovan, Elvir Fale
Div. #1 Playoff Champs		Johnny Moore, James Goedeker & Tom Davidson	
3/4. Classics	\$2,000	Captain: Lance Kerkemeyer	Members: John Ragusa, Jimmy Eberhart
Div. #14 Champs (Florissant)		Bobby Goss, Mike Stevenson, Ken Kowrach & Wayne Turner	
3/4. Hotshots	\$2,000	Captain: Roger Pheasant	Members: Jason Skrbins, Denzil Smith
Div. #7 Playoff Champs (St. Louis)		Ed Medlock & Becky Smith	
5/8. 21 Rock	\$1,000	Captain: Joe Noskay	Members: Mark Mann, Sean Gray, Bill Keith
Div. #4 Champs (Jefferson County)		Jamie House, Jim Crowell, Dan Bockskoff & Shana Davis	
5/8. Friendlys	\$1,000	Captain: Allen Barnhart	Members: Wayne Crew, Charlie Bellers, Kevin
Div. #8 Champs (St. Louis)		Hampton, Robert Binkley, Harold Kendall Dan Shelton & Kathleen Green	
5/8. Final Destination	\$1,000	Captain: Sam Carter	Members: Sammy Carter, Alex Ramon
Div. #16 Champs (Bridgeton)		Tim Samples, Mark Sanderson & Andrew Remiger	
5/8. Jammin'	\$1,000	Captain: Dave Briggs	Members: Bill Rainwater, Lyn Kingsbury
Div. #24 Playoff Champs (Jefferson County)		Niel Eder, Tom Krejcie & P. J. Smith	
9/16. Hotshots	\$500	Captain: Tommy Lowery	Members: Derek Bell, Walter Crane Jr.
Div. #20 Champs (O'Fallon, Mo.)		Ben Wilson, Nick Lowery, Tom Lowery & Scott Carter	
9/16. Mark's Sports Bar	\$500	Captain: Dawn Utterback	Members: Heather Robison
Div. #21 Champs (St. Peters)		Tracie Gray, Joe Abrewczynski, Kevin Kline & Steve Pittaluga	
9/16. JP's Corner	\$500	Captain: Paul Banta	Members: Debbie Reese, Bill Hartge
Div. #24 Champs (Eureka, Mo.)		Tony Szyhowski, Kirk Sandberg, Mick Demello & Ron Burt	

9/16. Fandangos \$500 Captain: Mike Coen Members: Jeremiah Thompson, Dave Roskin
 Div. #2 Playoff Champs (St. Louis) Pat Thompson, Craig Pemberton, Tom Kloemper & Patrick Hartman

9/16. Fandangos \$500 Captain: Mike Devers Members: John Porter, Bill Harwell
 Div. #3 Playoff Champs (St. Louis) Ronnie Hansen, Dennis Agnew & Tony Treffinger

9/16. Suwallers \$500 Captain: Mike Waller Members: Jason Hicks, Mel Hendrix
 Div. #12 Playoff Champs (Overland) Tim Goedeker, Randy Turnbough & Josh Fuwell

9/16. ABC Billiards \$500 Captain: Andy Tebeau Members: Eric Ryan, Chad Wagner
 Div. #22 Playoff Champs (O'Fallon) Jason Means, Pat Murphy, Lisa Van Middlesworth
 Carl Adcock, Brian Jackson & John Mikiska

9/16. Valley Clubhouse \$500 Captain: Jim Hunt Members: Dave Raycraft, Larry Porter
 Div. #25 Playoff Champs (Florissant) Ken Hoorman, Kenny Fredricks, Phil King & Chris Foust

Players with 4 Wins in a Single Match - Team first followed by Player:

(Side Pockets) Paul Verhulst (Stan's Bar) Rolla Hoffman (Hillsboro Billiards) Jodi Zeni, Jody Bequette, Mick DeMello & Tony Szyhowski (Final Destination) Tommy Cardwell & Sammy Carter (Cactus Inn) Kevin Torralba (21 Rock) Bill Keith (Jammin') P. J. Smith (Classics) Ken Kowrach (Hotshots S.C.) Ed Medlock (Fandangos) Coty Harlan, Mike Devers & Bill Harwell

**Elvir Fale only player to do it twice (Hotshots SC)

**Rhonda Bartram only female (Fandangos)

10 or More Wins

1.	Ken Kowrach	Classics	15	2	.882
2/3.	Elvir Fale	Hotshots SC	15	3	.833
2/3.	Brian Daniels	Fandangos	15	3	.833
4.	Coty Harlan	Fandangos	15	5	.750
5.	Jason Frantz	Fandangos	13	7	.650
6.	Chad Bickell	Fandangos	12	7	.632
7.	Ed Medlock	Hotshots SC	11	3	.786
8.	Tom Davidson	Hotshots SC	11	4	.733
9.	Wayne Turner	Classics	11	6	.647
10.	Brian Donovan	Hotshots SC	10	3	.769
11.	Bobby Goss	Classics	10	7	.588
12/13.	John Ragusa	Classics	10	8	.556
12/13.	Brendan Sullivan	Fandangos	10	8	.556

Consecutive Wins

1.	15	Elvir Fale	Hotshots SC
2.	14	Ken Kowrach	Classics
3.	11	Brian Daniels	Fandangos
4.	10	Ed Medlock	Hotshots SC
5.	9	Mike Devers	Fandangos
6/8.	7	Ronnie Hansen	Fandangos
6/8.	7	Jason Krentz	Fandangos
6/8.	7	P.J. Smith	Jasmin'
9/12.	6	Eric Ryan	ABC Billiards
9/12.	6	Tom Lowery	Hotshots O'Fallon
9/12.	6	Tom Krejcie	Jammin'
9/12.	6	Coty Harlan	Fandangos

Slick Chicks with Straight Shooting Sticks

Div. # 2 '5'	Rhonda Bartram	Fandangos #1	28	8	.778
Div. #101 '5'	Carol Hamilton	JP's Corner #1	26	11	.703
Div. # 17 '4'	Andrea Kohlen	Redbirds #7	23	10	.697
Div. # 21 '3'	Dawn Utterback	Mark's Sports Bar	25	13	.658
Div. #102 '4'	Lori Love	Skip's Place Too	26	14	.650
Div. # 6 '5'	Rebekah Katzenberger	Stan's Bar	28	18	.609
Div. #101 '4'	Julie Hemann	JP's Corner #3	19	13	.594
Div. # 18 '5'	Susan Dobbs Valet	Rich's Place #2	20	15	.571

Div. # 21 '2'	Kelly Duncan	Rich's Place	20	15	.571
Div. # 8 '5'	Dawna Kunz	Stan's Bar	21	16	.568
Div. #102 '3'	Victoria Mataya	AMVETS #2	22	17	.564
Div. #110 '4'	Jenny Taylor	Classics #1	18	14	.563
Div. # 2 '4'	Donna Glascock	Fandangos #1	20	17	.541
Div. # 21 '3'	Renee Iverson	Side Pocket's #3	21	18	.538
Div. #111 '6'	Julia Gabriel	Allstars	25	22	.532
Div. # 6 '4'	Donna Pope	Pardella Club	20	18	.526
Div. # 18 '4'	Anne Carion	Side Pockets #3	21	19	.525
Div. # 6 '4'	Robin Rice	Filling Station	22	22	.500
Div. # 9 '3'	Cathy Nickles	Cactus Inn #1	20	20	.500
Div. # 16 '3'	Cathy Nickles	Cactus Inn	18	18	.500
Div. #103 '4'	Donna Pope	Pardella Club #1	18	18	.500
Div. # 16 '4'	Aleeta Fahrenholz	Bottle Cap	17	17	.500
Div. #103 '3'	Dina Erdmann	G.E.D. #2	17	17	.500
Div. # 22 '3'	Megan Chall	ABC Billiards #6	15	15	.500

Top Player	Team	Record	Runner-up	Team	Record
Div. # 107 Bob Pendergrass	L.L. #2	49 5 .907	Mike Doak	Lehmann's #1	25 9 .735
Div. # 110 Wayne Turner	Classics #2	43 7 .860 *	Steve Monko	Classics #2	32 7 .821
Div. # 116 John Pedrolie	JP's Eureka	38 7 .844	No info for runner-up		
Div. # 109 Ron Deloney	Classics #2	35 7 .833 P	Joe Mele	Classics #2	29 6 .829
Div. # 103 Frank Depoutot	Mary's BR #1	27 6 .818	Joe OberKirsch	G.E.D. #1	44 11 .800
Div. # 114 Nathan Brugmann	S.P. #1	18 4 .818	Mike Woodruff	Side Pockets #2	14 7 .667
Div. # 115 Rich Benz	O'Aces	38 9 .809	No info for runner-up		
Div. # 101 Anthony Trevisano	HSSC #4	31 8 .795 *	Jerry Terbrock	JP's #1	44 4 .917
Div. # 108 Mike Doak	Lehmann's	31 8 .795	Dale Fallon	Suwallers #1	31 9 .775
Div. # 112 Andy Lewton	ABC Billiards	38 10 .792	Ronnie Levoock	Church St. Bar	33 12 .733
Div. # 102 Allen Barnhart	Friendly's #1	40 12 .769	Eric Blastenbrei	Skip's Place Too	36 11 .766
Div. # 111 John Snyder	Side Pockets #2	45 16 .738	Brian Kroeger	Teacher's #3	33 16 .673
Div. # 113 Nick Evans	ABC Billiards	26 10 .722 P	Ricky Evans	ABC Billiards	22 11 .667
Div. # 104 Dan Lowe	Fandangos	20 8 .714	Mike Watson	Elmo's	27 11 .711
Div. # 106 Jay Carlton	Redbirds #2	40 17 .702	Leon Young	Redbirds #1	24 11 .686

P = Partners

* Div. # 101 - Jerry Terbrock, as an '8' level player, needed to hit .950 or higher.

Div. # 101 16 Weeks Monday

Hotshots SC #4 took control of the race the 10th week riding out a 14-2 finish that barely edged out JP's Corner's 13-3. HSSC #4 placed five members on the All-Star sheet beginning with runner-up for top player Anthony Trevisano, 31-8 .795. But wait, as it turns out Anthony gets the Top Player title by proxy. Seems Jerry Terbrock, as an '8' level player, needed to hit .950. Jerry was .033 short. His 44-4 .917 was far and above second place, but short for this division.

Anthony's teammates helping to get to the wire were Mike Poitras (32-15 .681), Tom Neusz (23-11 .676), Jason Huson (also 23-11 .676) and David Poitras (23-17 .575).

The first playoff week saw both JP's Corner's teams knock out both Hotshots Fentons. JP's #1 gave 6-games on the wire to HSF #1 and rallied for an 11-8 victory while JP's #2 gave HSF #2 3-games head start. It was a 10-5 win setting up the JP teams for the final.

There was good news and there was bad news and then more good news here for JP's #1. The good news is JP's #1 gave 3-games on the wire to JP's #2 but came back to win 10-9. The bad news was that JP's #2 had a 9-6 lead after three rounds but couldn't close it out. JP's #1 took all four games the 4th round for a great come-from-behind victory. So Jerry Terbrock gets somewhat of a revenge. In addition to Jerry leading JP's #1 to the big show with his 44-4 .917, teammates assisting were Bill Ray (40-15 .727), Carol Hamilton (26-11 .703) and Jim Wanner (27-13 .675). Great shooting, guys.

Congratulations to Carol Hamilton for leading the ladies with Julie Hemann (JP's #3) coming in 2nd, 19-13 .594. Nice shooting, ladies.

Div. # 102 16 Weeks Monday

Skip's Place Too skipped ahead of the field the 5th week and took off big time. They skipped their way to a 13-3 season, 3-games in front of American Legion 111's, 10-6. Getting the skipperos there were Eric Blastenbrei (36-11 .766), Lori Love (who, heh, heh, heh, edged out Jim, 26-14 .650 to 31-17 .646) and Kyle Blastenbrei (24-15 .615). In fact Lori Love led the ladies with her 5th place finish, 26-14 .650. In 10th place was AMVETS #2's Victoria Mataya, 22-17 .564. Nice shooting, ladies.

From the 6th week to the goal posts it was just a two player shootout; Eric Blastenbrei (Skip's Place Too) and Friendly's #1 Allen Barnhart. The last five weeks Eric went 9-2 and Allen shot a 9-3. Allen edged out Eric by a scant .003, 40-12 .769 to 36-11 .766. Great shooting, guys.

From the playoff we see that Libby's took an 11-7 victory from American Legion 111. A.L. could field only three players this playoff match and had to forfeit four games. Elsewhere AMVETS #2 gave Friendly's #2 4-games on the wire and beat them 9-6. The second week AMVETS's Rob Worley pitched in four wins but was outgunned by the entire Libby's team 9-7. Libby's Jim Nuelle went 6-1 for the P.O.

Div. # 103 16 Weeks Monday

Mary's Blue Ribbon #1 gained the lead the 6th week ringing up a 14-2 record taking the division title by two games over Wedge #1's 11-5. It was a double win for MBR-1 as Frank Depoutot captured the Top Player crown. Frank barely slipped past Joe Oberkirsch the penultimate week and won 27-6 .818 to Joe's 44-11 .800. Aiding and abetting Frank were teammates Jim Daum, Jr (24-6 .800) and Eric Sondermann (18-16 .529). Great race, guys.

Two ladies made the hot sheet both ending with .500 records. Dina Erdmann from G.E.D. #2 and Donna Pope from Pardella Club #1. Nice shooting, girls.

First playoff week GED-1 k.o.'ed Friendly's Bar 9-6 and Wedge #1 knocked out Pardella Club #2 - 9-5 behind Dave Gevermuehle's 4-win match. The 2nd week Git'er Done got'er done again. They gave Wedge-1 two games on the wire and went on to win 9-6. Tom Downing led GED with a 5-1 P.O. record.

Div. # 104 15 Weeks Thursday

It's been a long time since we've seen this name atop o' the heap; but here it is. Congratulations to J.B. Rey's Fryhouse. They shot their way into first place the 11th week and ended the season 12-3, or 2-games over Pardella Club #2's 10-5. Four J.B. players making the All-Star sheet were led by Jumpin' Joe Curlee, 23-10 .697. Joe's teammates are Frank Depoutot (24-12 .667), Duane Coberly (24-13 .649) and Chris Collins (27-18 .600). Nice shooting, guys.

As the first 13 grueling weeks passed, if you had money on Mike Watson or Tony Chagolla for Top Player - YOU LOSE. You lose because Fandangos' Dan Lowe came out of left field the 14th week and pulled off a last minute - or in this case a last week - coup (koo). Dan's 20-8 .714 edged out Elmo's Mike Watson (27-11 .711) and Pardella Club's Tough Tony Chagolla's 34-14 .708. What a successful sneak attack. They could use you in Iran, Dan.

From the first week playoffs we see that Elmo's took down JP's Corner 9-8 behind the 4-wins put up by Chris Farrow. Also taking a 9-8 decision is Pardella Club #2 over G.E.D. with both Alex Brown and Tony Chagolla knocking out three wins each. For the final it was a 9-6 win for Pardella Club #2 over Elmo's. Tony C. and Donna Pope dropped in three wins apiece with Tony having a 6-2 playoff record.

Div. # 105 No Division 105 This Session

Div. # 106 16 Weeks Tuesday Morning (Considered the 4th Toughest Div. @ 26 Points)

Writing from third person perspective without getting too corny (but why stop now?). This 4-team in-house division played at Redbirds had more twists and turns than a "All My Children" soap. Just ask soap's watcher John Shields. For the first 10 weeks RB #2 showed a not very auspicious beginning with a 4-6 record. For the first 11 weeks the lead changed for three of the four teams. Only RB #2 never led. Then the 12th week showed just how even this division was. All four teams were, ready for this - 6-6. It was like starting over. But even at 6-6 RB #2 was still in 3rd place with a games W/L % of .483.

More incredible things began to happen. Both teams over the .500 games W/L % were beaten by both teams under .500. Now two teams at 7-6 and two at 6-7 and for the first time RB #2 was in the lead. And that's when they took off. RB #2 won five matches in a row to lead the field 9-6, but still only one game ahead of RB #3 at 8-7. And as luck would have it the schedule worked out that they had to face each other the final week. Which meant, of course, the winner of this final match won the team title, because RB #3 had a higher games W/L percentage. Well, RB #2 got 114 lucky rolls and took that last match 9-2. You would have lost money betting on the outcome of that score.

The first playoff week saw LaJuania Henry's Redbird #1 team knock out RB #4, 9-4. For the final it was Victor Day and Company (RB #3) taking a 9-5 victory gaining the 2nd spot to the big show. Ken Martin and Al Sullenger chipped in three wins each. Victor Day was not present to witness the win as he was recuperating from a car accident. While avoiding hitting a deer he hit a tree instead. Was out that week only and recovered well.

The Top Player race was another one that went to the very last game played. Victor Day led the 10th 11th and 12th weeks. Calvin Niehaus took over the 13th week. Leon Young was in front the 14th and 15th weeks. The final week Leon went 2-1 and Jay Carlton finished 3-0 and for the first and only time Jay took over the lead. Jay ended 40-17 .702 to Leon's 24-11 .686. Two great races.

Div. # 107 16 Weeks Tuesday

From the 8th week on it was all Lehmann's Landing, either #1 or #2. At the end it was LL #1 out dueling LL #2, 12-4 to 11-5. Three LL #1 members hitting the hot sheet were Mike Doak (25-9 .735), Neil Owings (34-16 .680) and Paul Fitzgerald (27-19 .587).

From the first playoff week we see that T.R. Gaters edged out Lehmann's #2, 9-8 while Pirates Cove gave up 3-games to Kenny's Korner and coming back with a 10-8 victory. The final was another double hill match, this one taken out by Pirates Cove 9-8 over T.R. Gaters. There were four buccaneers

making the hot sheet led by Marty McCormack (22-12 .647). Teammates are Mike Moore (32-23 .582), Mark Moore (28-22 .560) and Mike McCormack (31-27 .534).

The Top Player title went to Bullet Bob Pendergrass (LL #2). Bob ran off with the title by hitting a heavy 49-5 .907. Bob didn't actually take over the lead until the 5th week. At that time he was 17-2. From that point to the end he went another 32-3. Once Bob got on a roll he didn't stop. His .907 was .172 over runner-up Mike Doak's 25-9 .735. Bob's 49 wins is a tie for 2nd place on the all-time win list for a 16-week schedule. The record is still 51 wins by Mike Warfel.

Div. # 108 15 Weeks Thursday Suwallers #2 edged out sister team Suwallers #1, 11-4 to 10-5. Su #2 took over the 5th week but was always aware of the situation and took preventive measures. Those preventive measures were to simply keep on winning. And that they did. The three big guns were Mike Yocum (29-11 .725), Tim Carey (30-16 .652) and Big Mike Waller (20-14 .588).

Su #1 wasn't so lucky in the playoffs. They went down to Country Club 9-4. Lehmann's Landing shocked Aftershock to the tune of 9-7 behind the 4-win match of Mike Brusca. For the final Lehmann's again turned up the heat and burned out Country Club's chances, 9-5. Mike Brusca took the playoff crown with a 7-1 record. It was almost like the playoffs was what Mike was waiting for. Of the 12 players making the hot sheet, Brusca was 11th at 18-14 .563. Counting the playoffs Mike increased his personal totals to 25-15 .625.

The Top Player race was another good one. Another Mike, Mike Doak does it again. Doak shooting out of Lehmann's Landing took over the top spot the 14th week and came away at 31-8 .795. Runner-up was Suwallers #1 Dale Fallon at 31-9 .775. As you can see only one loss difference. Wow.

Div. # 109 15 Weeks Thursday Classics #2 kind-na waltzed to the finish line. They won their first match, lost their second, then ran off 13 wins in a row. Their 14-1 was 2-games better than Classics #1's 12-3. Classics #2 had four members on the All-Star sheet and all in the top eight positions. Also, the first two for the Top Player title. Ron Deloney edged out Joe Mele 35-7 .833 to 29-6 .829. Only .004 difference. Might have been closer had Joe not missed four weeks but not a bad one-two punch. The other two are Winston Mayes (21-11 .656) and Jamie Mitcherson (21-12 .636).

First playoff week Classics #3 defeated VFW 9-5 behind the 4-win shooting of Dave Vaughn. Not to be outdone Ron Clagget put four-wins together as Classics #1 knocked out Seansie's Pub, 9-7. For the final Classics #1 was victorious over C- #3, 9-4. Ron's 2-week playoff record was 7-1.

Div. # 110 15 Weeks Thursday

Let's do this one by the numbers beginning with the 5th week when Classics #2 took over first place. The 10th week they had 100 wins to go with their division leading 8-2.. The 11th week the first five players listed on the All-Star sheet are C-2 members. That has never happened from an 8-team division. It would be redundant to say they led the division. Their 13-2 was 3-games over Classics #1 and Kenny's Korner at 10-5. Incredible as it may seem C-2 did not have the highest games W/L %. Their .551 was 2nd to C-1's .559. Gives you an idea of how many games on the wire they gave up to opponents.

Also by the 15th week four C-2 players were still in the top four All-Star positions and the 5th dropped to 8th. Not bad for the 16 that made the final cut. Which brings us to which of the five Classic-2 members won the award. A drum roll if you please - thank you. It was once again "8-Ball-Burner" Wayne Turner. Wayne burned forty three 8-balls on his way to the title. His 43-7 .860 edged out Steve Monko's 32-7 .821. Third place was Kelly Ambrose (29-10 .744), 4th Dan Tucker (31-13 .705) and 8th Sean Deckard (21-11 .656). I think it's safe to say this line up will rival any in M0-8.

The 2-week playoff went this way: Classics #1 gave up two games to Marley's #2 and jumped all over them to the tune of 9-0 (9-2). Clubhouse knocked out Kenny's Korner 9-6 behind the 4-wins of Skip Barnum setting up the final. The final was tough but Clubhouse pulled off a 9-7 victory, again with Skip having a great 4-win match. Skip's 8-0 playoff shooting was just ahead of partner Joe Branstetter's 6-1.

Jenny Taylor (Classics #1) led the ladies with her 18-14 .563. Jenny reached as high as 10th at one time and ended the season 15th on the list. Nice shooting, Jenny.

Div. # 111 16 Weeks Tuesday (Considered the 2nd Toughest Div. @ 29.29 Points)

It was a 3-team race to the end from this division. As you can see it is considered the 2nd toughest of all M0-8 divisions. From the 6th week to the finish line Allstars, Side Pocket's #1 and Teachers #3 landed in double figures in the win department. Allstars and Side Pockets #1 tied at 11-5 with Teachers #3 at 10-6. Going to the games W/L % we find that the all-stars from Allstars came out on top 126-98 .563 to 119-95 .556. Close all the way. Getting Allstars to the top spot were perennial all-stars Eric Rackley (33-20 .623), Jason Oberdas (19-14 .576), Eden Chan (28-22 .560) and Julia Gabriel (25-22 .532). Tough, tough lineup. And once again Julia led the female contingency.

However, the Top Player and runner-up were from other teams. John Snyder (Side Pocket's #2) took out the title 45-16 .738 to Teachers #3, Brian Kroeger's 33-16 .673. Great race, guys.

The battles continued from the two-week playoff. Elmers #1 outshot Teachers-3, 9-6 with Nick Fernandez having a 4-win night. Side Pocket's #1 clipped SP-2, 9-7 with Kristen Werner pitching in with two 'W's of which her second was the match winner. The final saw SP-1 give 2-games head start to Elmers-1. It wasn't easy but SP-1 came away 9-7 winners and the right to go to the big show.

Div. # 112 16 Weeks Tuesday

At one stage of the season ABC Billiards was in 2nd place and the following week dropped to 5th. Huh! Yep, from 2nd to 5th in one week. It took awhile but they clawed their way to the front of the pack and by the 13th week they made it. ABC ended at 12-4, 2-games up on Church Street Bar's 10-6. Getting ABC there included Top Player Andy Lewton bringing in a nice 38-10 .792. Teammates were Keith Birch (35-13 .729), Adam Fulkerson (29-20 .592) and Jeff Davenport (22-20 .524).

Runner-up for top player was new-comer Ronnie Levock. Ronnie shooting out of Church Street Bar came in at 33-12 .733. Nice first season, Ronnie and great race for the title.

Results from the 2-week playoff action saw Hotshots O'Fallon take a 9-6 decision over Teachers Billiards, and it was a 9-7 win for Duchesne B&G over Church Street Bar. The final was a 9-3 win by Duchesne B&G over Hotshots O'Fallon. B&G's Don Vogeled led the playoff with his 5-1 shooting.

Div. # 113 13 Weeks Thursday

It was the Evans Clan from ABC Billiards once again leading their gang to the winners circle. Top Player Nick Evans edged out brother Ricky, 26-10 .722 to 22-11 .667. Of the eight All-Stars Mikey Evans took the 5th spot, 21-11 .656. Their 10-3 team record was one-game over Hotshots O'Fallon's 9-4.

Hotshots O'Fallon's troubles didn't end there. They were eliminated in the playoff with Side Pockets for the 2nd slot at the big tournament. Jim Scarcello led Side Pockets with his 22-12 .647 with teammate Shane Palmasano adding his 23-17 .575. Nice shooting, guys.

Div. # 114 10 Weeks Monday

Side Pockets #2 edged out Side Pockets #1 - 8-2 to 7-3 for first place in this short 10-week season. Leading SP-2 to the wire were Mike Woodruff (14-7 .667), Mark Chapman (10-6 .625) and Tim McGann (10-9 .526). But SP-1 also qualified for the big dance behind the Top Playing shooting of Nathan Brugmann's 18-4 .818. Runner-up for TP was Mike Woodruff, 14-7 .667. Nice shooting, guys.

Div. # 115 Champs: O'Aces #1: Roy Traughber Capt. - Playoff: O'Aces #2: Brian Smith Capt.
Top Player: Rich Benz (O'Aces #1) 38 - 9 .809.

Div. # 116 Champs: JP's Eureka #1: Tylor Bower Capt. - P.O: JP's Eureka #2: John Pedrolie Capt.
Top Player: John Pedrolie (JP's Eureka #2) 38 - 7 .844.

4-Player Tournament Results - Team Members - \$10,866

1st. Allstars	\$4,616	Captain: Eric Rackley	Members: Julia Gabriel, Eden Chan
Div. #111 Champs (St. Charles)			Jason Oberdas, Kats Berryhill & Kenny Smith
2nd. Side Pockets	\$2,250	Captain: Steve Smith	Members: Chantel Davis, Matt Wilson
Div. #113 Playoff Champs (St. Charles)		Chris Bauer, Jim Scarcello, Shane Palmasano & Jason Stone	
3/4. Classics	\$1,000	Captain: Tom Cody	Members: Pat Cody, Jay Decker
Div. #109 Playoff Champs (Florissant)			Ron Claggett, Tony Zerillo & Todd Brewer
3/4. JP's Corner	\$1,000	Captain: John Pedrolie	Members: Amanda Pedrolie
Div. #116 Playoff Champs (Eureka, Mo.)			Jason Schnapp, Eric Jenkins & Matt Purcell
5/8. Skip's Place Too	\$500	Captain: Kyle Blastenbrei	Members: Lori Love
Div. #102 Champs (St. Louis)			Jim Love, Bill Blastenbrei & Eric Blastenbrei
5/8. Redbirds Sports Bar & Grill	\$500	Captain: Jay Carlton	Members: Ronn Nadeau
Div. #106 Champs (Hazelwood)			Joe Lombardozzi, Jesse Napoli & Rick J. Peters
5/8. ABC Billiards	\$500	Captain: Keith Birch	Members: Andy Lewton
Div. #112 Champs (O'Fallon, Mo.)			Adam Fulkerson, Jeff Davenport & Megan Chall
5/8. Valley Clubhouse	\$500	Captain: Dave Branstetter	Members: Bob Strini
Div. #110 Playoff Champs (Florissant)			Joe Branstetter, Fred Gerber & Skip Barnum

Players with 4 Wins in a Single Match

Team first followed by player: JP's Gravois: Bill Ray, O'Aces: Roy Troughber & Kris Ross, JP's Eureka: John Pedrolie, Classics: Steve Monko, Allstars: Eden Chan, Redbirds: Jay Carlton

*** 5-Wins: JP's Gravois: Jim Wanner

Consecutive Wins

1.	Kats Berryhill	Allstars	9 (12-3)
2T.	Steve Monko	Classics	7 (7-0)
2T.	Kris Ross	O'Aces	7 (7-0)
2T.	Jason Stone	Side Pockets	7 (11-5)
2T.	Jason Oberdas	Allstars	7 (10-2)
6T.	Jim Scarcello	Side Pockets	6 (12-5)
6T.	Eric Blastenbrei	Skip's Too	6 (7-2)
6T.	Jim Wanner	JP's Gravois	6 (6-2)

Players with 10 or More Wins

1.	Kats Berryhill	Allstars	12	3	.800
2.	John Pedrolie	JP's Eureka	12	4	.750
3.	Jim Scarcello	Side Pockets	12	5	.706
4.	Eden Chan	Allstars	11	3	.786
5.	Jason Stone	Side Pockets	11	5	.688
6.	Jason Oberdas	Allstars	10	2	.833
7.	Julia Gabriel	Allstars	10	3	.769

Results of 78th M0-8 All-Star Singles Tournament - \$5,555

Place	Player	Skill	Winnings	Place	Player	Skill	Winnings
First -	Primes Oden	'6'	1,000 & Trophy	13/16 -	Jay Carlton	'6'	80
2nd. -	Sean Gray	'4'	800 & Trophy	13/16 -	Scott Carter	'6'	80
3rd. -	Tony Tieman	'6'	635 & Trophy	13/16 -	Mike Doak	'5'	80
4th. -	Ken Kowrach	'5'	500	13/16 -	Bobby Carlton	'5'	80
5/6. -	Marland Choy	'6'	375	17/24 -	John Ragusa	'7'	40
5/6. -	Keith Birch	'5'	375	17/24 -	Walter Crane Jr.	'6'	40
7/8. -	Brian Kroeger	'7'	275	17/24 -	Tony Napoli	'6'	40
7/8. -	Matt White	'5'	275	17/24 -	Bob Pendergrass	'6'	40
9/12. -	Mike Renick	'7'	170	17/24 -	John O'Farrell	'5'	40
9/12. -	Andy Lewton	'6'	170	17/24 -	Nick Nieman	'5'	40

9/12. - Jamie Mitcherson '5' 170

17/24 - Alex Ramon '5' 40

9/12. - Jeff Huelsing '4' 170

17/24 - Tim Samples '4' 40

The three Top Player Side Pot Winners just happened to go to the three players that ended 1-2-3. This is the first time that has happened. A total of **\$440.00**

Primes Oden takes home the \$200 first prize giving him a weekend total of \$1200.00.

Sean Gray gets an extra \$140 for second place taking his total to \$940.00.

Tony Tieman finished third for an extra \$100.00 for a total of \$735.

Congratulations to these three and to all 186 players that participated in this biggest event.

Primes Oden is new Missouri 8-Ball Champion

Speaking of the latest Missouri 8-Ball League Champion, Mr. Primes Oden. He's been up and down and over and out, time and again, yet now, after this, after several improbable shootouts with the best this competition has to offer, there is little question that Primes Oden has added his name to an elite list of champions. In so many ways, this was the season that belonged to him. To win the Top Player title Primes took over the lead with two weeks remaining with a 25-7 .781, outlasting teammates Louis Erby (29-11 .725) and Cecil Smith (22-12 .647).

Primes, shooting out of the 6-level flight, ran up against and defeated several tough customers beginning with Jeff Haase. Next came a pair of tough Tony's, Tony Thieman and Tony Napoli. Andy Lewton was next followed by the always hard to beat Marland Choy. This is where he ran into Sean Gray. Sean was knocking out players as fast as Primes was.

Sean sent several over to the loser's side beginning with Rick Jones. In order were Mikey Evans, Sammy Carter, Tim Samples, Ken Kowrach and Keith Birch. Sean Gray handed Primes a 2-1 defeat sending him to the one-loss side.

But that didn't slow Oden down. While Sean was waiting for them to catch up Tony Thieman came back strong knocking out Brian Kroeger and Marland Choy for another shot at Primes. Oden won their second encounter making Tony a 3rd place finisher. This set up a return match with Sean Gray.

Call it luck, call it divine intervention, call it what you will, but don't forget this - call it part of the game. And part of the game is luck, and mistakes, and scratches, and runouts, and yes, getting a second chance. Here's what happened in the first set of the championship match. Sean Gray and Primes Oden even, 1-1. In game three Sean runs the table and seemingly on his way to the win. Sean has a difficult slice on the '8' for the side pocket. Suddenly Oden's chances of capturing the crown were about as good as a Kardashian Wedding lasting longer than 72 days. Sean shoots. The '8' rolls toward the side pocket. It barely, and I mean barely, touches the point for a silly millimeter miss. It was that close. Oden steps to the table, takes his time and methodically picks off each ball as if they would implode on impact. He runs off his group for a 2-1 win sending the championship match into the second and final set.

Oden got on a roll and didn't let up. He won both games of the second set and takes away his first M0-8 Championship victory. It's been a long time coming but he pulled it off. And did it in style. Both Primes and Sean took it as far as they could take it and both came away winners.

Congrats again, Primes, see you next time to make it two in a row.

Odds and Ends

I.Q. Jones says: "Steven Tyler's butchering of the National Anthem Sunday Jan. 22, 2012 at the Patriots - Ravens playoff game, is rated just slightly better than Roseanne Bar's gargle a few years ago; but not by much. Both reside at the bottom of the barrow. And I apologize for embarrassing the barrow."

Joe Lombo says: "One wonders what the powers that be were thinking by having Steven Tyler, who obviously can't sing without a loud and reverberantly noisy background, and looks like a refugee from a prehistoric Iranian cave, get in front of millions of viewers and butcher up our National Anthem?"

“To say he struggled is being kind. We can only hope that in the future more thought and consideration will go into whom to offer this prestigious spotlight.”

Mike the Spike asks the burning question: “Were the big wigs at NBC slightly inebriated or all the way soused when offering Steven Tyler the opportunity to appear and sing the National Anthem in front of millions of football fans?

“This is not the first time. You would have thought they would have seen the red flag Tyler sent up last year when he warbled the Anthem prior to the beginning of the Bruins game. We can only hope they are sober in the future. And NBC wonders why they are the lowest rated of the major networks.”

Missing in Action: Before their match with Classics, Fandangos checked out the lineup Classics was to play. They had some concern about the ‘8’, Jimmy Eberhart. When they noticed that Jimmy wasn’t playing they showed a sigh of relief. As this was the “final four” round Fandango members knew that at least they had a chance. And the match went to the 21st game, which was taken out by Fandangos for an 11-10 squeaker. Classics finished in a tie for 3rd-4th taking out two-grand. What knocked them out of the finale was two things. One: Their ‘8’ Jimmy Eberhart did a no show. One wonders with their best hitter in the lineup how badly they would have beaten the opposition and taken out the Championship instead of losing their last match 11-10? Fandangos went on to beat Hotshots 11-8 for the \$7,020 prize.

Say it ain’t so, Joe.

PS - Oh, you want to know what number two was? You’ll have to ask them.

In Memorial: Long time M0-8 player Dave Stafford passed away December 8, 2011. Dave partnered with brother Larry on several M0-8 teams for many years. Dave was 59 years old.

From the M0-8 Office:

Thanks to all who participated this past session and last 26 years keeping the Missouri 8-Ball Pool League in the St. Louis, St. Louis County, Jefferson County and all surrounding areas, the number one pool league with the most players and most teams.

We continue to have more 5-Player team tournaments, 4-Player team tournaments, Singles’ events, Doubles events, which includes Top Player Side Pot rewards, and the Ultimate Challenge between the winning 5-Player and 4-Player team winners that offers the highest monetary rewards.

The Breakdown for this Session:

5-Player Team Board	\$23,020	Winner’s Share - \$7,020 & Trophy
4-Player Team Board	10,866	Winner’s Share - 4,616 & Trophy
All-Star Singles	5,555	Winner’s Share - 1,000 & Trophy
Top Player Side Pot	440	Winner’s Share - 200
Ultimate Challenge	1,000	Winner’s Share - 1,000
Totals	\$40,881	Totals \$13,836

Thanks again. Hope to see you at the next big event.

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