



The Missouri 8 Ball Pool League's Fall Season is the 81st session and concludes 27 years of operations. The schedule ran from September 10, 2012 thru January 11, 2013. Results and information include: 5-Player and 4-Player Division Champs, Playoff Winners, Top Players, Runners-up; Ladies & Stats! We do our best to give positive exposure to as many of our members as possible. To recognize these men and women who would not ordinarily get credit for their Playing Abilities, Leadership, Sportsmanship and Team Spirit. Because Missouri 8 Ball is spread over vast areas, both city and counties, perhaps you would like to familiarize yourselves with players from other Teams, Areas and Divisions.

Div. # 1 Tuesday 14 Weeks Ranked 2nd Toughest @ 27.40 points per match

Fandangos #1's Ross Belt took the top spot the 12th week and held off the ever tough Jerry Terbrock for Top Player honors, 28-8 .778 to 29-9 .763. Notice the difference of only one win and one loss. Although Ross and Jerry's teams made the playoffs it was Hotshots SC #2 taking out first place. It happened the final week as HSSC-2 took an 11-7 decision from HSSC #1 while Hotshots Arnold went down 11-6 to JP's Corner Gravois.

Leading HSSC-2 to the finish line was Mike Wills (33-13 .717) followed by teammates Jim Wanner (29-13 .690), Joe Curlee (15-13 .536) and Paul Edstrom (17-17 .500). Nice season guys!

First playoff week: Jeff Diekemper's four wins led Hotshots SC #1 to an 11-8 victory over Fandangos. Meanwhile over in Arnold, Matt Auclair's 4 'W's also led his Hotshots hot shots to an 11-7 win. Arnold took 6 of the last 7 games and Matt had two of those.

Second week: Even though Jeff Diekemper continued winning, his three wins, along with Mike Renick's three, weren't enough to hold off the charging guys from Arnold. Matt's marauders held on for an 11-9 victory earning their way to the big show. Arnonians making the honor roll were Matt Auclair (29-10 .744), Scott Diebold (28-16 .636), Scott Scholtz (23-18 .561) and Mark Wieland (19-16 .543).

In a losing cause HSSC #1's Jeff Diekemper led the playoffs with a 7-1 record.

Div. # 2 Tuesday 14 Weeks

Justin Lammert has added his niche to the Lammert Family seal of winners. Shooting out of Kirkwood Station Justin put together a neat 29-8 .784 season that clipped Wedge's Jimmy Fried, 33-15 .688. For the team title K-Sta. tied for first place with Fandangos #1, 10-4, but from the games W-L % the Fan Gang came out ahead, 133-94 .586 to 136-119 .533.

This tough Fandangos #1 crew dwarfed the field wire to wire and was led by the leading female Rhonda Bartram with a nifty 24-3 .889. Rhonda's teammates also making the honor roll are Robbi Rohr (21-11 .656), Mike Rotter (21-15 .583) and Ted Diekemper (18-16 .529). Nice going, Ronnie!

Playoffs: Kirkwood Station produced two 4-game winners as Larry Lammert and Matt Cox led the way to an 11-7 victory over Hotshots Arnold. Tom Potter's three wins helped to lead JP's Corner to an 11-6 win over Wedge. Second week saw JP's again come out on top as they dropped Kirkwood Station, 11-8 to get to the big dance. Matt Cox led the playoffs with a 7-1 record.

Div. #3 Wednesday 16 Weeks Ranked 7th Toughest @ 25.00 points per match

It's tough to beat a group with a winning background these guys have. This Fandangos gang produced another line to line season coming in 13-3, three games over Kirkwood Station's 10-6. Fandangos placed four members on the hot sheet with all four occupying the top four spots the 14th week. When the final sheet was printed three were still there with the 4th landing in the #6 spot. Getting Fandangos there was Top Player Bill Harwell with another outstanding season, 37-7 .841. Bill's teammates are (2nd place) Denis Dunbar (22-8 .733), (3rd place) John Porter (25-11 .694) and (6th place) Ronnie Hansen (24-14 .632). Great season, guys!

Playoffs: JP's Corner got 2-games on the wire from Hotshots SC and behind the 4-wins put up by Jim Musiol and three by Ken Pratt, rode it out for an 11-8 victory. Kirkwood Station had an easier time over Wedge as their 11-4 match shows. The second week had Kirkwood Station 11-8 over JP's with Joe Maciocia having a 4-win match. Joe also was the leading playoff player going 6-1. Three K.S. players made the hot sheet. Paul Edstrom (33-16 .673) was followed by teammates Steve Fox (25-15 .625) and Joe Maciocia (19-19 .500). Obviously Joe was saving the good stuff for the playoffs. As they say in books, "Timing is everything!" Nice season, guys!

Div. #4 Wednesday 16 Weeks

Whether it was by luck or design it certainly was a case of 'now you see him, now you don't'. Like the great magician Harry Blackstone, Tony M. Blackwood appeared at times and then like mist in the air - poof, he's gone. From week to week no one knew if he was real or imaginary.

For the first six weeks of the session Tony M. Blackwood wasn't even on anyone's radar. His team, 21 Rock #3, was in 6th place with only two wins and was on its way down to take up residence beside the Titanic. They were running into ice bergs every week.

But when the hot sheet came out the 7th week right there in broad daylight is Tony M. And his location is 3rd place. Great jump. But then for the 8th and 9th weeks Tony is again off the grid. The 10th week's sheet appears with Tony's name again and this time, with a few waves of his magic wand, he is up on top leading the parade with a nifty 17-3 .850. Wizardry? Voodooism?

But then like the elusive Mr. Blackstone, the mysterious Mr. Blackwood had disappeared again. The 11th and 12th weeks pass to the 13th when out of the shadows steps the missing Tony B. The 14th week he again fades into darkness. By this time the audience isn't quite sure how the next act will go. Tony M. puts the crowd at ease when he again materializes the 15th week, and again in first place. Another case of coup de théâtre!

But wait - there is still one week of play remaining. Everyone is asking the burning question: Will he show or won't he? And like the Great Blackstone pulling rabbits out of his Top Hat to ensure a crowd pleaser, for his final performance Tony M. pulled three wins out of his famous Jerry Terbrock cue to ensure and enjoy the pleasures of another Top Player title. It was a 'standing ovation' occasion.

All that is required is 32 plays and as the final seconds ticked away, and the curtain descended, the 32nd game was in the books and won not only assuring Mr. Blackwood the title with a lofty 28-4 .875, but also his team, 21 Rock #3, taking an 11-7 win to make the 5th spot for playoffs with an 8-8 record. It was a long way to the surface but they made it to float another day. Congratulations to 21 Rock #3's Tony M. Blackwood for a unique season and for keeping railbirds and the M0-8 pool world in suspense.

Runner-up for Top Player was Allan Ranay, 36-11 .766. Allan also led his team HS Fenton #3 to the big show. They opened the season 5-0 and rode it for a wire to wire 13-3 finish, only one game over 21 Rock #1's 12-4. Allan's teammates also on the honor roll are Bob Harvey (40-13 .755) and Rob Rooney (26-12 .684). Nice session everyone.

Playoffs: First week saw 21 Rock #3 knock off 21 Rock #1, 11-5, as JP's Gravois edged out 21 Rock #2, 11-10. Jim Hopen led with a 4-win match with Rick Jones adding three wins. Second week saw another JP's player with a 4-win match. It was Kyle Warren leading the way with Ed Parris and Sharon Luitjens kicking in three wins each for an 11-5 run-over of 21 Rock #3.

Div. # 5 Wednesday 16 Weeks

Jumpin' Joe Curlee found the tables at Slo' Tom's to his liking just as he did those from Stan's Bar. The first 10 weeks into the session Chuck Hooper and gang signed up to be the second team to play out of Stan's Bar. They relocated to Slo' Tom's for the remainder of the schedule. Joe was 17-2 while at Stan's and 10-3 out of Slo' Tom's for a Top Player award winning season of 27-5 .844. It was a right on the nose 32 games needed to win and Joe pulled it off. Nice shooting.

Runner-up was Filling Station's Semir Ekic with another great season, 43-9 .827. Semir's 43 wins also led the division as his team was two games over Stan's Bar 13-3 to 11-5. The gas station guys filled up with extra high octane and went into a first place tie the 10th week, then pulled away the 12th never having to look back. Other Station members making the honor roll are Larry Stafford (31-24 .564) and Art Muhs (18-16 .529). Two great races!

Playoffs: Jefferson Bistro received 5-games head start from Slo' Tom's but still wasn't enough as Slo' Tom's took an 11-8 decision. Pardella Club ran into a brick wall as Stan's Bar closed the doors on them to the tune of 11-4 behind 3-wins each of Kevin Horne and Mike Basinger. Second week action saw Stan's Bar get 5-games on the wire from Slo' Tom's - then with Mike Basinger having an outstanding playoff match with 4 more wins, Stan's Bar came away 12-9 winners. Making the hot sheet from Stan's Bar were Kevin Horne (34-17 .667) and Mike Basinger (30-21 .588). Basinger went 7-0 for the two weeks and for Slo' Tom's Rolla Hoffman was 6-0. Great race and great shooting, guys!

Div. # 6 Thursday 15 Weeks

Some Other Place turned out to be *the* place for action this session. Not only did they take over the division leadership the 10th week but placed six members on the All-Star sheet. That ties a record. Actually it was a tie for first with J.B. Rey's Fryhous, 12-3. But the games W-L percentage went to S.O.P., 160-122 .567 to 138-118 .539.

Ken Vogt led Some Other Place to the finish line with his Top Player performance, 28-8 .778. Ken's teammates also making the honor roll are Joe Curlee (26-12 .684), Duane Coberly (21-10 .677), Chris Collins (29-14 .674), Mike Severs (23-13 .639) and Dave Collins (21-13 .618).

Runner-up for top player was Hotshots Fenton's Ben Pona, 26-10 .722. Nice race everyone. The top female player is Fandangos Rhonda Bartram turning in another noteworthy season, 22-5 .815.

Playoffs: Bob Urberger turned in a 4-win match leading Hotshots Fenton to a squeaky 12-11 victory over Fandangos. Ken Mann and Ben Pona kicked in three wins apiece. Over at JB Rey's Fryhous Hotshots SC eked out another close one, 12-9. The action didn't stop for the second week as HSSC took an 11-9 decision from Fenton. Gary Henley went 6-2 for HSSC in the two-week playoff. Two members made the hot sheet, Ed Medlock (20-11 .645) and Roger Pheasant (19-13 .594). Nice going, guys!

Div. # 7 Thursday 15 Weeks Ranked 9th toughest @ 24.60 points per match

It took Cotter's Mark O'Brien eight weeks to overtake this talented field of shooters. Once there he stayed ahead by narrow margins but in the end Mark (32-9 .780) outlasted three Wedge players beginning with Phil Jordan, 28-12 .700, then Jimmy Fried (27-12 .692) and Harold Fuqua (26-13 .667).

Wedge opened the season with five straight wins and went coast to coast ending 13-2. That was three-games over Stan's #1, 10-5. In addition to the three listed two other Wedge members hit the hot sheet, Adam Bent (27-17 .614) and Mac McDonald (20-13 .606). Nice season guys!

Playoffs: There would be no trophy this session for Trophy Room as Cotters KO'd them 11-7 the first week. Meanwhile Stan's Bar #1, behind the 4-win match of Jim 'The Legend' Stevens, eliminated Stan's Bar #2, 11-8. Week two was a walkover for Stan's #1 as they took down Cotters 11-4. Jim the Legend was the playoff leader going 6-1 for the winners. Four of Stan's #1 members made the honor roll beginning with Greg O'Farrell (22-12 .647). Teammates are Joe Orr (26-15 .634), John O'Farrell (28-20 .583) and Jim Stevens (26-21 .553). Nice going, guys!

Div. # 8 Thursday 15 Weeks

Talk about a tight race. When you read that Foley's SC #2 went wire to wire you don't know the other side of the story. For eight of the 15 weeks they were tied for first place where only percentage points separated them. And that included the final week play. Foley's SC #2 tied with Ivory Coast Bistro and Foley's SC #1 at 10-5. Even though FO-2 lost their last match their games W-L % held by a fraction over the others. Only .002 was the difference over Bistro and .004 over FO-1. That's tight, bro.

It was a double win for Foley's SC #2 as Steve Gambill jumped into first play for Top Player the 10th week and held on to finish 27-7 .794. Runner-up was Sophie's Place Robert Froesel, 32-14 .696. Steve's teammates also making the sheet are Rick Hess (24-13 .649) and Bruce Dresner (21-12 .636).

Wedge's Kim Fried once again leads the ladies. No one can say that Kim didn't give it a great shot. She was always hanging around the 4th, 5th, or 6th spot throughout the session. The fact that her team finished last at 4-11 says something about her determination and ability to stay focused. Of the 20 making the All-Star sheet Kim's 28-15 .651 was good for 5th place. From Sophie's Place Dawn Froesel shot 20-20 .500 to help her team to the playoffs. Nice shooting, Kim and Dawn. Way to hang in.

Playoffs: Both first week matches ended 11-9. Sideline KO'd Foley's SC #1, and Sophie's Place, behind the 4 wins by Dawn Froesel, dumped Ivory Coast overboard. Second week Sideline received two games on the wire and rode it out for an 11-6 win to get to the big show. Sideliners making the hot sheet were George Kroenung (25-15 .625), Ron Nisbet Sr., (27-19 .587) and Dan Bryan (24-19 .558).

Div. # 9 Monday 14 Weeks

Waddell Whitehead is back in town and doing what he does very well, taking out another Top Player award. Waddell took this one as a member of Valley Clubhouse. His 26-7 .788 edged out teammate Mike McGhay's 20-9 .690, and Redbird's Mike Remiger also at 26-9 .690.

And it didn't stop there. Clubhouse took over the team lead the 8th week and beat out Classics #2, 10-4 to 9-5. It was a double victory for the gang over in the Valley of Florissant. In addition to Waddell and Mike, Chris Barnes also hit the hot sheet at 16-15 .516. Nice going guys.

First week playoff action saw Final Destination take out Classics #2 in a real squeaker, 11-10, while Redbirds gave up 6-games on the wire and KO'd Classics #1, 11-9. For the chance to get to the big dance Redbirds gave Final D a 3-game lead then fought for a double hill final game situation. Tom Dooley drew the #3 pill in the 4th round and won his 4th game of the match for a Redbird's winner. Tom (21-11 .656) joins Mike Remiger on the honor roll, and Calvin Niehaus added his 21-18 .538.

Merry Mary Stillwell is the leading lady from this division. This Classic's gal came in 4th on the All-Star sheet with a neat 22-11 .667. Nice shooting as always, Mary.

Div. # 10 Monday 14 Weeks

Although this kids game is known by different names depending from which part of the country you are from, here in the Midwest it is more commonly referred as 'seesaw'. Some may say 'teeter-totter', and that's cool, too. You know what it is and how it's played; a back-and-forth, up-and-down movement as of the lead between two contesting parties. Such was the circumstance from this division.

See-saw battles can be fun. Can also be kind of a letdown when the final see or saw is made; certainly depends on which end of the board you sit. The parties involved were Bob Follis from Toni's Dellwood and Nick Nieman of Final Destination. (Honorable mention is to Ron Young's 7th week lead!)

Other than Ron Young's one week at the helm, Nick Nieman was there nine weeks and Bob Follis for four. And as the game goes, it's the last 'see' that we 'saw' the winning party. Both gave it their best shot and for the last match Nick went 1-1 for a final 30-9 .769. Bob's last match proved better as his 3-1 took his final totals to 37-11 .771, or a skimpy .002 best.

Bottom line is this – had Nick decided winning the Top Player trophy was more important than helping his team make the playoffs he could have sat out the last match and won with a 29-8 .784. Team players and good sportsmanship come into play for a lot of us. Nice going Nick.

After all that now we inform you that neither of these two player's teams took first place. It was Hotshots NC #2. They beat out Classics 10-4 to 9-5. HSNC #2 took over the 10th week and earned only their second trip to the big show in five years. Captain Jon Pecoraro led the attack with his 4th place hot sheet finish of 36-14 .720. Three teammates also making it were Jon Knue (24-13 .649), Seth Pecoraro (26-16 .619) and Rich Dobrick (20-13 .606).

First playoff week was Final Destination's final destination as Classics won that match 11-5. Meanwhile, over in Dellwood, Toni's gang shot down HSNC #1 11-9. For the showdown Classics was down 7-3 to Toni's when they put together a charge winning the last eight games for a come-from-behind 11-7 decision gaining the second spot for the big payday. Four Classics' members hit the hot sheet led by Jeff Taylor (26-13 .667) and followed by Rich Henningson (22-12 .647), Al Jones (19-11 .633) & Kevin Mattingly (25-16 .610). Nice going everyone!

And a final word about Bob Follis' Top Player award if you please. Bob, you can't go anywhere but down from here. This was Bob Follis' first session with M0-8 and joins a select group that won their first time out. Congratulations Bob. See you next session.

Div. # 11 Wednesday 16 Weeks

When it got down to the nitty-gritty (are they still saying that?), it was a 14-2 tie between ABC Billiards #3 and Redbirds. It went from one to the other for several weeks until time ran out and ABC-3's games W-L % was higher, 174-100 .635 to Redbird's 166-120 .580. Five ABC-3 members hit the hot sheet beginning with runner-up for Top Player Brian Woolford, 34-9 .791. Teammates are Shawn Jaeger (23-17 .575), Mike Stude (23-18 .561), Anne Lavelle (21-18 .538) and Brian House (17-17 .500). So who was Top Player? Aha, glad you asked. Side Pockets #2's Kyle Kroeger led the field, 32-8 .800.

There were four ladies that made the honor roll. Julia Gabriel once again was the leading lady with a hefty 30-12 .714. Julia is from the all-girls team that missed the playoffs by .023 of a percentage point. Take it from someone who knows, this ladies team will be in the playoffs soon. The other three females are ABC-3's Anne Lavelle (21-18 .538), Side Pockets #1's Jan Clark (19-18 .514) and Duchesne B&G #2's Melissa Drew (20-20 .500). Way to go girls!

Two very close matches opened the first playoff week. Big 'A's got 4-games on the wire and took an 11-9 decision from Redbirds while Duchesne B&G edged by ABC Billiards #1, 11-10. For the final Big 'A's again got a 4-game head start and beat out B&G, 11-8. Out of the 30 that made the honor roll only one Big 'A's player, Ron King, is there. Ron came in 8th, 24-10 .706.

Div. # 12 Tuesday 14 Weeks

Young Leon Young did it again. That's all you hear; Leon Young wins another Top Player title. This time he pulled the old Geronimo hide, wait 'til target in sight trick, then bam, ka-boom, doom. It's not like some of his wins where he lets you know he's in the running around the 5th or 6th week. Oh, no. Not this crafty dude. He waited until the 13th week before showing his true intentions. If the Biffter thought he had a chance for TP, was he in for a shock the final two weeks. Biff Barieter ended 24-6 .800. Pretty good! But Neon Leon came in 22-4 .846 the final two weeks eclipsing Biff for the award. Geronimo would have been proud.

Aha, Biff gets even. His 'Nuts' team ended 13-1 or one-game over Leon's Classics, 12-2. Nuts opened the season taking the first five weeks but were always looking over their shoulders. It was a tight race all the way. Biff led Nuts' attack with his runner-up totals of 24-6 .800 followed by teammates Frank Smith (28-10 .737), Ron King (19-11 .633) and John Grisham (16-13 .552).

Playoff action saw Classics go down to Suwallers 11-6, while Cactus Inn put an 11-3 beatdown on The Office. For the shot at the big show Suwallers came back with an 11-9 win over Cactus Inn even though Brett Fallon kicked in 4 wins for Cactus Inn. Suwallers' making the hot sheet are Mike Waller (19-12 .613) and Mel Hendrix (22-19 .537).

Say congrats to LaJuania Henry for top female player. Of the 23 on the honor roll Lou finished 7th with a great 21-8 .724. Lou is a partner at Classics with Leon Young. Top Dude and Top Dudette!

Div. # 13 Wednesday 16 Weeks Ranked 5th toughest @ 26.24 points per match

Five Classic's members making the All-Star list were a big reason they outlasted Fucifinos to the finish line. That one win made a big difference because had there been a tie Fucifinos W-L % was higher .533 to .512. The five teammates are Pete Maassen (20-8 .714), Steve Monko (19-8 .704), Wayne Turner (21-12 .636), Danny Robinson (18-15 .545) and Uncle Pete Mocca (17-16 .515).

Two Fucifinos members did capture both Top Player titles; Cecil Smith from the guys, 33-11 .750 and for the gals, Carla Granderson, 24-19 .558. Congrats and nice shooting.

Playoffs: Fucifinos' Louis Erby put a 4-pack on Lehmann's running it to an 11-9 victory. It was closer over at Valley Clubhouse as #1 edged out #2, 11-10, behind three 'W's by Dave Woodruff.

For the final Clubhouse #1 took an 11-8 decision from Fucifinos. Club-1 members on the hot sheet are Dave Woodruff (24-14 .632), Allen Lewis (20-17 .541) and Bucky Bastien (21-20 .512).

Div. # 14 Wednesday 16 Weeks

Hotshots NC took the team lead the 7th week and edged out TJ's Aliby-Inn 11-5 to 10-6. Four members made the All-Star sheet and the Top Player was one of them. Brian Austin was in second place several weeks before jumping to the lead the final week for the title, 32-16 .667. John Williams from TJ's was runner-up, 26-14 .650. Brian's teammates also making the All-Star list are Jim Krisher (30-17 .638), Bill Ayers (30-18 .625) and Don James (25-23 .521).

Playoffs: After Ballards knocked out Lehmann's the first week they came back to meet TJ's for the final. Ballards got 2-games on the wire and held on for a tough 11-9 win. Two of Barbie's boys hit the list, Steve Mack (33-18 .647) and Justin Eifert (28-16 .636). Nice shooting, guys!

Div. # 15 Thursday 15 Weeks Ranked 4th toughest @ 26.70 points per match

With six members making the All-Star sheet it's plain to see how Ballard's, after jumping out of the gate winning their first seven matches, went on for a 12-3 finish. Ballard's was led by Billy Wimberly (24-14 .632), and then teammates Lonnie McGregory (21-13 .618), Matt White (24-15 .615), Waddell Whitehead (23-19 .548), Mario Webster (16-15 .516) and Zach Westover (19-18 .514).

Another thing about the first seven weeks is that Rich Sager was leading the All-Star sheet with a 13-1 record. Rich retired from M0-8 and returned to his home state of Iowa (or so I've been told). That will last about as long as Disco. Rich will be back – trust me. With Sager's departure that left the field open. Although it was open for all players, only one took the reins and ran with them. Rolla Hoffman was hot on Sager's heels when Rich left and carried on coming in so high it was .141 over the runner-up. Rolla came in at 31-6 .838 to Charlie Heavel, Jr.'s 23-10 .697. Great shooting, Rolla!

For the playoffs Hazelwood Redbirds #2 got past RB-#1, 11-9, as Final Destination clipped Fucifinos 11-7. Final D received 3-games head start against RB-2 but Rolla Hoffman and gang muscled up for an 11-3 (11-6) beatdown. In addition to Hoffman's Top Player totals of 31-6 .838, teammates Jeff Niebling (23-13 .639) and Ken Pruett (29-22 .569) also made the list.

Div. # 16 Thursday 15 Weeks

From this 7-team division only two went wire to wire together, first and second all the way; and both from the same location, Nuts. From matches played Nuts #2 (14-1) and Nuts #1 (12-3) never left one of those two places on the sheet. Bringing Nut #2 in were four members making the honor roll with Justin Smith leading Nuts #2's attack, 22-12 .647. He was followed by teammates John Grisham (23-13 .639), Frank Smith (21-15 .583) and Tom Black (16-13 .552).

However, it was Nuts #1's Jon Pecoraro taking out the Top Player title. Jon beat out Just Bill's Warner Brooks, 29-8 .784 to 34-11 .756. And this race also was a matter of these two players going one-two the final ten weeks. Great race and great shooting, guys!

Playoff action: Ballard's KO'd Nuts #1 as Final Destination eliminated Just Bill's Place by the same 11-10 score. Second week DaDa Harton won four games for Final D but it wasn't enough as Barbie Ballard's gang edged out an 11-9 win. Ballard's making the hot sheet are Al Smith (21-18 .538) and Kate Asquith (21-19 .525).

Two ladies earned a spot with their performances. Leading the ladies was Aleeta Smith from Just Bill's Place (21-16 .568) and Ballard's Kate Asquith (21-19 .525). Nice going girls.

Div. # 17 Thursday 15 Weeks Ranked 1st toughest @ 28.30 points per match

Side Pockets #4 won their first nine matches then, it seems by the looks of the finish, kinda relaxed. Going only 2-4 the final six weeks really didn't make a difference as it was for... say... fun and exercise. Because, as the final standings show, the 2nd and 3rd place teams got to only 8 wins. Still?

But then look at the top line here: This division is considered numeral uno of M0-8 and obviously loaded with top of the line shooters. Of the 15 making the All-Star list only one is below '6' level. And he has a chance of going up. Heh, heh, heh!

Back to Side Pockets #4 - five members made the honor roll. Top Player is Kyle Kroeger and runner-up is dad Brian Kroeger. What happened here is Kyle stole a page outta dad's play-book. Last session Brian won Top player by appearing only once and that was on the final sheet. Obviously son Kyle listens and observes his elders. Needing only 30 plays to qualify is all Kyle got and jumped to the head of the pack the final week beating out dad, 22-8 .733 to 28-14 .667 and Jim Scarcello's 26-13 .667. (If only more sons would listen to their dads.) Way to teach, pop.

Playoff action: Remembering that this division is the toughest of the tough - it comes as no surprise that all three playoff matches were tight. First week Nick Evans put four 'W's on the board as ABC Billiards took an 11-9 decision from Side Pockets #5. Across the room Side Pockets #3 was about to close it out on Side Pockets #1 with a big 10-6 lead. But then it is brought to our attention (as so often does) NO lead is TOO big. SP #1 came back with five straight wins taking the match 11-10 with Jeff Ayers winning the 10th game for the hill-hill tie then drawing the number one pill for the match win.

How important was coming back to win that match? Check out the second playoff week. This time ABC Billiards has a 10-6 lead. Sound familiar? As Yogi would say, "It was dé-jà vu all over again." Dennis Gallagher kicked in four wins, then, Jim Crosby tied the match 10-10. Here Pat Bredenkoeter got the #1 pill and pulled out another 5-games down, come-from-behind, double hill, 11-10 victory. Talk about the planets being aligned. Even Billiards 'R' Us scribes couldn't conceive or write a playoff ending to fit this scenario.

*** Drop down to the 5-Player Championship tournament results and check it out. The Pool Gods were shining. What else is there to say but congratulations to Side Pockets #1!

Div. # 18 Thursday 15 Weeks Ranked 10th toughest @ 24.04 points per match

Rich's Place banged out their first 10 matches to keep one step ahead of Duchesne B&G. At the end it was 12-3 to 11-4 with Rich's Place putting five members on the All-Star paper. David West beat out teammate Ron Griffin for Top Player, 19-6 .760 to 22-9 .710. Dave's teammates also making it are Mark Griffin (18-11 .621), Dave First (18-12 .600) and Bryan Davis (18-15 .545).

Payoffs: First week B&G, behind the 4-wins of Steve Schultz, dropped Teachers down a grade, 11-8. Bob Robbins also ran up 4-wins for the losing team. The Mark's Brothers faced each other and #2 ran away with an 11-3 victory over #1. For the second week Mark's #2 had it a little harder. Down 9-8, Mark's-2 rallied with the final three games to take it 11-9. M-2 members are Roger Maxwell (18-12 .600), Tim Graves (15-11 .577) and Mike Moore (16-14 .533). Nice comeback, guys!

Div. # 19 Thursday 15 Weeks

It was basically a two team race resulting in a 13-2 tie between ABC Billiards and Side Pockets #2. Games W-L % gave it to ABC 161-119 .575 to 155-119 .566. Four ABC guys hit the hot sheet led by runner-up for Top Player Rob Vaughn, 39-14 .736. Teammates are John Mackiewicz (33-18 .647), T.J. Powers (31-19 .620) and Roger Vaughn (27-23 .540).

When Kyle Wagner took the lead for the All-Star run he was 22-3 .880. When the final totals were calculated Kyle dropped a notch but still closed it out in style beating out his closest rival by .128. Kyle finished the season 38-6 .864 to Rob Vaughn's 39-14 .736.

Playoff action saw Salvatore's take an 11-6 victory over Redbirds while Side Pockets #1 KO'd Side Pockets #2, 11-7. SP-1's Vanna Leavy put up four wins to lead the guys into the second week where they outlasted Salvatore's 11-8 to get to the big show. Nice going, Vanna!

Side Pocket's #1 members making the hot sheet are Dean McDearmon (33-17 .660), John McWilliams (23-12 .657) and Jim Elschide (23-17 .575).

Div. # 20 Thursday 15 Weeks

Two things happened on the 8th week that proved big for one team outta this in-house division. ABC Billiards #1 took over first place and rode roughshod over the other teams coming in 13-2, which was 4-games over runner-up ABC #5's 9-6. The second was Monty Caldwell jumping to the lead for the Top Player title. Monty's 25-5 .833 edged out ABC #4's Tony Thieman's 32-9 780. Of course the six members landing on the All-Star sheet could have had something to do with it. As mentioned, Top Player Monty Caldwell led their attack, 25-5 .833. Fellow teammates are Pat Murphy (24-7 .774), Alex Reeder (also 24-7 .774), Andy Tebeau (22-9 .710), Brandon Hall (19-10 .655) and Eric Ryan (19-11 .633).

The leading female was Ann Roulston. Ann turned in a nice 20 wins for her second place team, ABC #5, and was 14th on the list, 20-18 .526. Nice going, Ann.

First week playoff action saw ABC #3 (a.k.a. Ghetto Gang), with the Ghetto Blaster turned up full volume, put a big-time beatdown on ABC #2 to the tune of 11-1 (11-6), and that was after giving them a five-game head start.

On the far side of the room Sandy's #4 guys edged out Ben's #5, 11-10 with Tony Thieman going 4-0. Second week: Sandy's received 4-games on the wire from #3's Ghetto Blasters and jumped off to an 8-1 lead after the first round. It was 10-6 after two, but the Ghetto Gang rallied for all five the third round closing the gap 9-10. Mike Zerr opened up round four by winning his 4th game bringing it to a double hill 10-10 tie. But newcomer Jim Roson fought it out for his 3rd win and Sandy's Shooters were ahead, 11-10 for the victory and the second spot for the team tournament. Nice going gang!

Div. # 21 Champions: Kenny's #2 (Barnhart) 11 - 2 .563 Captain – Lisa O'Farrell
Playoff Winner: Kenny's (Barnhart) Captain: Kenny Vaughn
Top Player: Jim Sales (Hillsboro Billiards) 19 - 6 .760

Div. # 22 Champions: JP's #1 (Eureka) 10- 3 .544 Captain – Nate Simmons
Playoff Winner: JP's #4 (Eureka) Captain: Fred Roulx, Jr.
Top Player: Oscar Wells (JP's #1 Eureka) 30 - 6 .833

Totals and Results of 5-Player Board - \$18,946

First: Side Pockets St. Charles \$6,356 Captain – Dennis Gallagher Members: Elmer Sargent,
Div. #17 Playoff Winners Tim Mislark, Pat Bredenkoeter, Jeff Ayers, Jim & Lisa Crosby

Second: ABC Billiards St. Peters \$4,300 Captain – Mike Stude Members: Brian Woolford,
Div. #11 Champions Brian House, Shawn Jaeger, Brett Creech & Anne Lavelle

3/4. Hotshots SC St. Louis \$2,150 Captain – Chris Collins Members: Dave Collins,
Div. #1 Champions Mike Wills, Paul Edstrom, Joe Curlee, Jim Wanner & John Lorts

3/4. Kenny's Barnhart \$2,150 Captain – Kenny Vaughn Members: Randy Simpson,
Div. #21 Playoff Chad Vawter, Mike Declue, Dale Bates, Brian Cartwright & Vicki Narez

5/8. Redbirds Hazelwood \$1,000 Captain – Andy Quinn Members: Denny DeMello, Heather
Div. #15 Playoff Robison, Ken Pruett, Jeff Niebling, Rolla Hoffman, Chris Salvo & Andrea Kohlen

5/8. Clubhouse Florissant \$1,000 Captain – Dave Woodruff Members: Jim & Dorothy Davis,
Div. #13 P.O. Matt Kiefer, Dave Helms, Allen Lewis, Bucky Bastien, Larry Porter & Mike McCormack

5/8. Ballards Florissant \$1,000 Captain – Waddell Whitehead Members: Lonnie McGregory, Div. #15 Champions Billy Wimberly, Mario Webster, Zach Westover, Matt White & Marland Choy

5/8. Fandangos St. Louis \$1,000 Captain – Donna Glasscock Members: Rhonda Bartram, Robbi Div. #2 Champs Rohr, Mike Rotter, Pat Dirsa, Ted Diekemper, Jeff Baird, Mark Collins & Bill Cloyd

Div.	Top Player	Team	Record	Runners-up	Team	Record
Div. # 4	Tony M. Blackwood	21 Rock #3	28 4 .875	Allan Ranay	HS Fen #3	36 11 .766
Div. #19	Kyle Wagner	Salvatore's	38 6 .864	Rob Vaughn	ABC Bill.	39 14 .736
Div. # 5	Joe Curlee	Slo' Tom's	27 5 .844	Semir Ekic	Filling Station	43 9 .827
Div. #12	Leon Young	Classics	22 4 .846	Biff Barieter	Nuts	24 6 .800
Div. # 3	Bill Harwell	Fandangos	37 7 .841 *	Denis Dunbar	Fandangos	22 8 .733
Div. #15	Rolla Hoffman	Redbirds #2	31 6 .838	Charlie Heavel, Jr.	HSF-2	23 10 .697
Div. #20	Monty Caldwell	ABC #1	25 5 .833	Tony Thieman	ABC #4	32 9 .780
Div. #22	Oscar Wells	JP's Eureka	30 6 .833	No info provided		
Div. #11	Kyle Kroeger	Side Pockets #2	32 8 .800	Brian Woolford	ABC #3	34 9 .791
Div. # 8	Steve Gambill	Foley's SC #2	27 7 .794	Robert Froesel	Sophies	32 14 .696
Div. # 9	Waddell Whitehead	Clubhouse	26 7 .788 *	Mike McGhay	Clubhouse	20 9 .690
				Mike Remiger	Redbirds	20 9 .690
Div. #16	Jon Pecoraro	Nuts #1	29 8 .784	Warner Brooks	Just Bill's	34 11 .756
Div. # 2	Justin Lammert	Kirkwood Sta.	29 8 .784	Jimmy Fried	Wedge	33 15 .688
Div. # 7	Mark O'Brian	Cotters	32 9 .780	Phil Jordan	Wedge	28 12 .700
Div. # 1	Ross Belt	Fandangos #1	28 8 .778	Jerry Terbrock	HS WC	29 9 .763
Div. # 6	Ken Vogt	Some Other Place	28 8 .778	Ben Pona	HS Fenton	26 10 .722
Div. #10	Bob Follis (1)	Toni's Dellwood	37 11 .771 (1)	Nick Nieman	Final D	30 9 .769
Div. #21	Jim Sales	Hillsboro Billiards	19 6 .763	No info provided		
Div. #19	David West	Rich's Place	19 6 .760 *	Ron Griffin	Rich's Place	22 9 .710
Div. #13	Cecil Smith	Fucifinos 2.0	33 11 .750	Pete Maassen	Classics	20 8 .714
Div. #17	Kyle Kroeger	Side Pockets #4	22 8 .733 *	Brian Kroeger	Side Poc.-4	28 14 .667
				Jim Scarcello	Side Poc.-3	26 13 .667
Div. #14	Brian Austin	Hotshots NC	32 16 .667	John Williams	TJ's	26 14 .650

*-Teammates

(1) First time player & winner of Top Player trophy

Timing is everything

The word 'timing' is significant in many ways, some good, others not so good. Everyone has heard it, everyone has experienced it. Timing plays a major part of just about everything we do.

Baseball batters know that connecting on a 100-mph Nolan Ryan fast ball takes perfect timing. Returning a 120-mph serve from a Roscoe Tanner tennis racket, no matter how wide your racket, is equally challenging.

So what are the odds of qualifying three teams in the Championship tournament and all three are in the highest placing? Two first place and one third place. The odds are greater than Hale/Bopp circling the planet for another passenger pickup.

The following took place Sunday February 17, 2013 at Side Pockets Sports Café in St. Charles, Missouri. It was one of those rare Sundays in Missouri 8 Ball history that the 8-ball gods often dream of but seldom pull off with such sweet execution.

More and more ladies captain 'open' pool teams. Until now, no one man, or woman, pulled off the slick trick that Lisa Crosby is sharing credit with. There have been several times teams with the same personnel finished high in the playoffs; too many to name. But this event is the first for personnel from three teams.

All information is listed above, but a short rundown: Four members from the first place 5-Player winners (Side Pockets), Lisa & Jim Crosby, Dennis Gallagher and Pat Bredenkoeter also are part of the first place 4-Player team (Teachers). Lisa and Jim are part of the 4-Player team (Hazelwood Redbirds)

that finished third. Doing some quick math we see that they share in over \$11,000. All of which taken by itself merits appreciation. But collectively, a celebration reserved for a once in a lifetime happening. Not bad for a three day weekend of having fun playing pool.

Another one that may have gone unnoticed is that O’Ace’s finished second from the 4-Player board and third from the 5-Player board. Both teams captained by Chris Collins. Nice going, Chris! Congratulations to all for another fine tournament.

Slick Chicks with Straight Shooting Sticks

Division	Player	Team	W	L	Pct.
Div. # 2	Rhonda Bartram	Fandangos #1	24	3	.889
Div. # 6	Rhonda Bartram	Fandangos #1	22	5	.815
Div. #12	LaJuania Henry	Classics	21	8	.724
Div. #11	Julia Gabriel	Side Poc. #1	30	12	.714
Div. # 9	Mary Stillwell	Classics #2	22	11	.667
Div. # 8	Kim Fried	Wedge	28	15	.651
Div. #106	Mary Stillwell	Classics	14	10	.583
Div. #16	Aleeta Smith	Just Bill’s	21	16	.568
Div. #104	Donna Pope	Pardella Club #2	14	11	.560
Div. #13	Carla Granderson	Fucifinos 2.0	24	19	.558
Div. #11	Anne Lavelle	ABC Bill. #3	21	18	.538
Div. #20	Ann Roulston	ABC Bill. #5	20	18	.526
Div. #16	Kate Asquite	Ballards	21	19	.525
Div. #11	Jan Clark	Side Pockets #1	19	18	.514
Div. # 8	Dawn Froesel	Sophie’s Place	20	20	.500
Div. #11	Melissa Drew	Duchesne #2	20	20	.500
Div. #105	Lisa Crosby	Redbirds #2	17	17	.500

Payout for the three tournaments

5-Player - \$18,956 – 44 teams
 4-Player - 3,726 – 27 teams
 Singles - 4,645 – 144 players
 Side Pot - 520 – 3 Top players
\$27,847.00

There are several new ladies on the sheet. Welcome to Ann Roulston, Anne Lavelle and Kate Asquite. Also nice to see back Dawn Froesel, Jan Clark, Lisa Crosby, Kim Fried, and Aleeta Smith, who most know by another name. Nice shooting, ladies. See you next time.

Div. # 101 Monday 14 Weeks

After 13 weeks of play three teams shared the top spot, Hotshots SC #2, and JP’s Gravois #’s 1 and #2, all at 9-4. The 14th week saw HSSC #2 and JP’s #1 drop double hill matches 9-8. JP’s #2 also went double hill but survived a 9-8 win thereby eliminating the games W-L percentage. And a good thing because the other two teams had higher game-percentages! Pulling their hides out of the fire were three guys making the All-Star sheet. They were led by Top Player Jerry Terbrock. Jerry went wire to wire for the title and also turned in the highest percentage this season at 33-2 .943. Aiding and abetting Jerry were Bill Ray (23-8 .742) and Jim Wannier (21-13 .618). Great races and great session, guys!

Playoffs: JP’s Gravois beat out 21 Rock 9-6 while Hotshots Arnold ran over HSSC #2, 9-3. The game for the big show saw Arnold muscled up for a 9-5 win over JP’s Gravois. Arnonians making the honor roll are Mike Poitras (24-13 .649) and Anthony Trevisano (22-14 .611). Nice going guys!

Div. # 102 Monday 14 Weeks

The first 10 weeks into the session Chuck Hooper and gang signed up to be the second team to play out of Stan’s Bar. They relocated to Slo’ Tom’s on Broadway for the remainder of the schedule and found Slo’ Tom’s tables as friendly as those at Stan’s. At Stan’s Bar they were 9-1 and at Slo’ Tom’s 3-1 for a 12-2 finish. That came out 3-games over the next three teams at 9-5 each. (If some of this sounds familiar see division #5)

Four members hit the hot sheet beginning with runner-up for Top Player Rolla Hoffman. Rolla went 32-8 .800. Teammates are Tom McLaughlin (22-9 .710), Pete Hoffman (34-14 .709) and Chuck Hooper (30-18 .625). Nice season, guys!

It was no easy task taking the Top Player title as Dave Koepke discovered. Dave had to beat out two solid ‘7’ shooters in Rolla Hoffman and Tattoo John Snyder. The final week of play Dave took his

Friendly's #3 club to a 12-9 victory over Ten Mile House and upped his totals with a 3-0 night to go into first place, 30-7 .811. What a couple great races. Nice come-from-behind, Dave.

First playoff week saw AMVETS move up with a 9-4 win over Stan's Bar. The friendly guys over at Friendly's Bar beat up on each other for almost five hours. When the final '8' ball was dropped Friendly's #2 took the double hill match from Friendly's #1, 9-8. Dave Koepke's 4-wins were half of what they needed, but not enough for the losers. After that close call Friendly's #2 put it all together against AMVETS by going 9-4 behind the 4-wins of Danny Kuntz and 3-wins by John Hale.

Div. # 103 Monday 14 Weeks

Git'er Done's Joe Oberkirsch got'er done and done it in style. When the whistle was blown Joe bolted outta the gate and dashed around the bend. After four weeks of play Joe was leading the field 14-0 with Mac McDonald breathing down his neck at 11-1. Around the far turn (10th week) Joe's lead only slightly improved 26-4 to Mac's 24-6. As they headed toward the finish line Todd Lamwersiek joined in on the fun by moving into second place. But Joe kicked into high gear with a final 13-1 surge and crossed the line with a great run of 37-7 .841. What a great ride. Runner-up for Top Player was Pardella Club #1's Todd Lamwersiek (26-8 .765) with Mac McDonald third (31-10 .756).

From the team side the race was just as competitive. Wedge #2 and Pardella Club #2 battled to the end with each coming in at 10-4. Wedge's games W-L % beat out PC's, 118-97 .549 to 98-84 .538. Getting Wedge #2 there were three members hitting the honor roll; Mac McDonald (31-10 .756), Vito Castelli (25-10 .714) and Ray Ridenour (27-11 .711).

Playoff action saw Pardella Club #3 take a 9-7 squeaker from Mary's Blue Ribbon, as Wedge #1 took out Pardella Club #2, 9-5. Second week was a tight 9-8 battle as Wedge #1 edged out Pardella Club #3, 9-8. W-1 members on the hot sheet are Brock Schmittler (21-8 .724) and Dave Hunter (20-13 .606).

Div. # 104 Thursday 15 Weeks

There was a rumor floatin' 'round that Tom Dinovi won the Lottery and retired to – some place where the weather is warmer than here. Well, if he did he must have missed us because he didn't stay away long. Tom did win the Top Player title. Not the same as winning the Lottery for sure. And as far as heating up the division Mr. Dinovi was hotter than a blast furnace in Death Valley.

Tom began his onslaught with a 9-week run resulting in a division lead of 16-0. However, not out of the woods by a long shot. Because just as hot and only a half-step behind was teammate Greg Martin with his own sizzling pace of 19-1. Other teammates joining in on the action (fun) were Bill Harwell and Denis Dunbar and at one time they occupied the top four positions on the All-Star sheet. It was like - there's Fandangos, and then – there's the rest playing co-stars in a one team show. Dinovi, wire to wire, Fandangos, wire to wire. Come on. What next? Team U.S.A.?

Tom Dinovi rings up the Top Player trophy with a very nice 27-3 .900. Teammate Greg Martin was a half ring away at 27-4 .871. Dig it; only one loss difference. Third was Denis Dunbar (23-6 .793), 6th was Todd Kippenberger (19-10 .655) and 10th was Tony Treffinger (20-14 .588). Bill Harwell did not appear on the final two sheets but his 19-3 .864 was right up among the leaders. So there you have it. Fandangos' always have good teams going to the big dance and this is another one joining their ranks.

Say congrats to Donna Pope. Donna is the leading lady from this division. Donna, from Pardella Club's #2 team, was 11th of the 18 that made the hot sheet with her 14-11 .560. You go girl!

Playoff action: Hotshots Arnold beat out Pardella Club #1, 9-4, while the guys from Libby's had to overcome a 3-point spot to Hotshots SC and pulled out a 10-8 victory. Libby's problems continued the second week as the battle was on again, now against Hotshots Arnold. Having to give them 2-games on the wire, and being down 8-6 after four rounds, Libby's took the first 3 games in round four for the 9-8 come-from-behind victory. Libbyians making the honor roll are Dennis Bullock (26-9 .743), Norm Berg (14-13 .519) and Dave Gibbs (18-17 .514). Great shooting, guys!

Div. #105 Tuesday Redbirds Hazelwood 14 Weeks Ranked 6th toughest @ 25.80 points per match
Basically it was a two-team race that went to the final match. Lisa Crosby's RB #2 gang pulled it out over Victor Day's #4 guys, 11-3 to 10-4. Getting there were two members hitting the hot sheet, Jim Crosby (21-10 .677) and Keith Grob (18-11 .621). Nice leadership, Lisa.

For ten of the 13 weeks Bob Pendergrass was atop o'the chart. Bob ran up a division leading 25-9 .735 for another Top Player title. Bob beat out teammate Victor Day who was close, 19-8 .704.

Playoff action saw Mel's RB-1 team knockout John Shields' #3, 9-5 and Jay's RB#5 edged out Victor's #4, 9-7. The second week, behind the 4-win match of Bob Brannon, RB-5 pulled out another 9-7 victory - this over RB-1. Getting RB #5 there were Rick Peters (21-10 .677) and Jay Carlton (20-11 .645). What a comeback. (See I.Q. Jones report at the end)

Div. # 106 Tuesday 14 Weeks Ranked 8th toughest @ 24.85 points per match

A great philosopher once intoned, "One good thing can be said about ties, they go good with blue suits." I don't know if it was a *great* philosopher that said it, or even a mildly known philosopher, or even a philosopher at all. But one thing for sure is ties can make funny situations at the end of the session.

Three teams tied for first place with 10-4 records. And then the 4th and 5th place teams ended at 6-8. For the first time (as far as we know) all teams had to go to the games W-L percentage for final placing's. Lehmann's #1 got the call with their .575 over Classics' .522 and Lehmann's #2, .494. Our Place beat out Pirates Cove for 4th place, .485 to .421.

Getting L.L. #1 there were Bullet Bob Pendergrass (28-8 .778), Gentleman Jim Harrison (22-10 .688) and Wild Bill Sago (21-15 .583). And Bob Pendergrass does it again. Bob plays in two of the top ten toughest divisions and again takes out the Top Player award. Bob's 28-8 .778 edged out Neil Owings, 16-6 .727. Nice going, Bob!

Playoff action the first week saw Pirates Cove get 3-games head start and KO'd a tough Classics team, 10-3. Over on Patterson Road, Our Place eliminated Lehmann's #2, 11-6. For the chance to get to the big show Our Place, behind the great Captainship of Patricia Zielman, made the Pirates walk the plank to the tune of 9-4. Congratulations Pat. Keep on truckin'. Dan Creel was their lone member making the final sheet at 15-11 .577. Dan also went 6-0 for the playoffs. Nice going!

Here's that gal again. Mary Stillwell led the ladies department. This Classics' girl was also 9th on the hot sheet at 14-10 .583. Nice shooting, Mary!

Div. # 107 Thursday 15 Weeks

The number 13 was unlucky for seven teams going to the finish line as well as each player battling for the Top Player title. Obviously some do not believe in 'triskaidekaphobia'. The entire team from Suwallers #2 pulled a few tricks as they slid past the field the 13th week and held on for the top spot. Not to be outdone, Dale Fallon also found that the number 13 to be his lucky number as he took over the top spot on the All-Star sheet and rode it out for a 35-8 .814 award winning season. Two Su-2 victories!

Aiding and abetting Suwallers' #2 and Dale to the finish line were Brett Fallon (28-13 .683) and Sam Dimarco (22-15 .595). Even though Suwallers' #1's Randy Turnbough led with 41 wins, his 41-15 .732 fell short and had to settle for runner-up.

As mentioned, seven teams were shut down for the top spot, but four had a second chance for the second spot. Suwallers #1 knocked out Lehmann's #2 (9-5) the first week while Lehmann's #1 beat out Rumors (also 9-5) behind the four wins by Mike Brusca. For the final Suwallers #1 came back with a 9-7 win over Lehmann's #1. Getting Suwallers #1 through the hard times: Randy Turnbough (41-15 .732) and Tim Carey (30-24 .556). Way *not* to let the number 13 keep you down.

Div. # 108 Thursday 15 Weeks

Classics #2 came in 2-games over runner-up Kitty's Korner, 12-3 to 10-5. Ron Claggett led the assault with his 3rd place finish of 29-16 .644. Teammates also reaching the hot sheet are Tony Zerillo (27-19 .587), Todd Brewer (19-15 .559) and Jay Decker (24-20 .545).

Dapper Dan Tucker (Classics #1) took over the lead the 10th week and held on to take out the Top Player title, 32-11 .744. Runner-up was Derek Mayes (Classics #3) at 24-11 .686.

Playoff action saw Classic's #1 double Classic's #3's score, 10-5, while Kitty's, behind the 4-wins put up by Joe Dixon, edged out Our Place 9-8. For the second match Kitty's received 4-games on the wire but still outshot Classic 5-1 for a 9-1 blowout. The only Kitty's player to make the hot sheet is Dean Harvey. Dean was 4th on the list with his 30-17 .638.

Div. # 109 Thursday 15 Weeks

Kenny's Korner held the top spot the last 13 weeks coming in 10-5 with a two-game lead. Two members hit the honor roll led by runner-up for Top Player, Vernon Perkins, 36-13 .735. Captain Joe Middendorf helped out with his 24-19 .558.

So who beat out Vernon? Say congrats to Jamie Mitcherson from Classics #1. Jamie took over the lead the 7th week and ran his totals to a season high of 24-7 .774.

Fifth place finisher Marley's came out of the two-week playoff by first beating Streiler's 9-8 even though Skip Barnum had four wins for the losers. After Classic's #1 knocked out Classics #2 (10-6), Marley's came along to take a 9-3 victory over Classics #1. Brian Oligschlaeger helped out with his 3-win match. Two members made the hot sheet: Cory Sotolar (24-19 .558) and Jeff Niebling (21-17 .553).

Div. # 110 Tuesday 14 Weeks Ranked 3rd toughest @ 27.12 points per match

It was just percentage points separating teams to the finish line in this tough division between ABC Billiards #2, Teachers and ABC #1. ABC #2 hit the line 12-2 for the win. Three members landed high on the All-Star sheet beginning with the top two, Brian Hedrick and Monty Caldwell. Brian took over the lead the 10th week and edged out Monty for the title, 29-11 .725 to 30-12 .714. Andy Lewton finished 7th, 22-12 .647.

Playoff action was just that – action. Elmer's edged out ABC #1, 9-8, while Teachers took their double hill match with Jeff Fairchild kicking in four wins, the 4th being the winner. Not to be out done, Dennis Gallagher shot in four '8' balls as he led Teachers past Elmer's 9-5 to get to the big dance. Three Teachers made the roll: Jeff was 19-11 .633, Jim Crosby (24-15 .615) and Pat Bredenkoeter (17-13 .567).

Div. # 111 Tuesday 14 Weeks

Side Pockets' Ross Hammond jumped to the head of the pack the 7th week and Teachers' Aaron Moss made a great challenge beginning the 9th week. From there to the finish line it was the "Ross and Moss" show. (Sorry, it's the best I could come up with on such short notice.) Mr. Ross held on and crossed the wire 30-9 .769 over Mr. Moss, 27-10 .730.

It was a double victory for Ross Hammond as his Side Pockets team either tied or led the division the entire season. They jumped the gate with four fast wins and came in 10-4, one game over Hotshots O'Fallon's 9-5. In addition to Ross, teammates making the final sheet are Mike Moore (28-11 .718) and Steve Poppe (22-12 .647). Nice shooting, guys!

Playoffs: Duchesne B&G gave up 3-games to Mark's Sports Bar, overcame that and went on to a 10-8 win. Rich's Place got a 2-game start over Hotshots O'Fallon but didn't need them. Chuck Humburg kicked in three wins as Rich's ran off for a 9-3 victory. Second week Rich's Place was at it again. Playing even they outlasted B&G 9-7, again with three more wins by Chuck Humburg. Paul Spellmeyer also had three wins. Will Bates (28-17 .622) made the All-Star sheet as did Paul Spellmeyer (29-19 .604).

Div. # 112 Champions – O'Ace's #2 (Imperial: 11 - 2 .588) Captain: Chris Collins

Playoff Winner: O'Aces #3 (Imperial) Captain: Rick Roth

Top Player: Roy Traugher (O'Ace's) 19 - 3 .864

Div. # 113 Champions – JP's #4 (Eureka: 11 - 3 .574) Captain: Mike O'Rourke

Playoff Winner: JP's #3 (Eureka) Captain: Ed Graham

Top Player: Tylor Bower (JP's Eureka) 29 - 9 .763

Div.	Top Player	Team	Record	Runners-up	Team	Record
Div. #101	Jerry Terbrock	JP's #2	33 2 .943	Denis Dunbar	JP's #1	27 7 .794
Div. #104	Tom Dinovi	Fandangos	27 3 .900 *	Greg Martin	Fandangos	27 4 .871
Div. #112	Roy Traughber	O'Ace's	19 3 .864	No info provided		
Div. #103	Joe Oberkirsch	G.E.D. #1	37 7 .841	Todd Lamwersiek	Pardella #1	26 8 .765
Div. #107	Dale Fallon	Suwallers #2	35 8 .814	Randy Turnbough	Suwallers #1	41 15 .732
Div. #102	Dave Koepke	Friendly's	30 7 .811	Rolla Hoffman	Slo' Tom's	32 8 .800
Div. #106	Bob Pendergrass	L. L. #1	28 8 .778	Neil Owings	Lehmann's #2	16 6 .727
Div. #109	Jamie Mitcherson	Classics-1	24 7 .774	Vernon Perkins	Kenny's K.	36 13 .735
Div. #111	Ross Hammond	Side Poc.	30 9 .769	Aaron Moss	Teachers	27 10 .730
Div. #113	Tylor Bower	JP's Eureka	29 9 .763	No info provided		
Div. #108	Dan Tucker	Classics #1	32 11 .744	Derek Mayes	Classics #3	24 11 .686
Div. #105	Bob Pendergrass	RB #4	25 7 .735 *	Victor Day	Redbirds #4	19 8 .704
Div. #110	Brian Hedrick	ABC #2	29 11 .725 *	Monty Caldwell	ABC #2	30 12 .714

*Teammates

Totals and Results of 4-Player Board - \$9,126

First: Teachers St. Peters \$3,726 Captain – Lisa Crosby Members: Dennis Gallagher, Div. #10 Playoff Champions Jim Crosby, Pat Bredenkoeter & Jeff Fairchild

Second: O'Aces Imperial \$2,000 Captain – Chris Collins Members: Pat Bruce, Div. #112 Champions Rob Saggio, Steve Grambling, Doug Pascall & Brent Dantone

3/4. Redbirds Hazelwood \$900 Captain – Lisa Crosby Members: Walter Crane Senior, Div. #105 Champions Jim Crosby, Keith Grob & Mark Voerg

3/4. JP's Gravois St. Louis \$900 Captain – Bill Ray Members: Amy Lindmann, Div. #101 Champions Jerry Terbrock, Jesse Sherrell & Jim Wanner

5/8. Lehmann's Landing Bridgeton \$900 Captain – Jim Harrison Members: John McCrary, Div. #106 Champions Bob Pendergrass, Pete Kelly, Moe Teimoortagh, Bill Sago & Mick Sago

5/8. Slo' Tom's St. Louis \$900 Captain – Chuck Hooper Members: Rolla Hoffman, Div. #102 Champions Pete Hoffman, Joe Curlee & Tom McLaughlin

5/8. Fandangos St. Louis \$900 Captain – Denis Dunbar Members: Tom Dinovi, Div. #104 Champions Bill Harwell, Greg Martin, Todd Kippenberger & Tony Treffinger

5/8. Marley's Ferguson \$900 Captain – Jason Bequette Members: Cory Sotolar, Div. #109 Playoff Jeff Niebling, Chance Chadwell, Bryan Oligschlaegen & Cliff Covert

4 Wins in a Match:

** 5 Wins - Bill Ray (JP's Gravois)- also 4 Wins Twice

*** 4 Wins - Dennis Gallagher (Side Pockets - Twice)

(Big A's) A.J. Felder, (JP's Eureka) Mike O'Rourke, (Kenny's) Kenny Vaughn, (Side Pockets) Jeff Ayers (Suwallers) Dale Fallon, (Hotshots SC) Jim Wanner, (ABC) Monty Caldwell, (Fandangos) Tom Dinovi (Slo' Tom's) Pete Hoffman, (Teachers) Jeff Fairchild, (Kenny's Korner) Joe Middendorf

Consecutive Wins

12	Jeff Fairchild	Teachers
10	Dennis Gallagher	Teachers
10	Jeff Ayers	Side Pockets
10	Bill Ray	JP's Gravois
9	Jerry Terbrock	JP's Gravois

10 Wins or More

Jeff Fairchild	Teachers	12	0	1.000
Dennis Gallagher	Teachers	10	0	1.000
Jeff Ayers	Side Pockets	14	2	.875
Mike Wills	Hotshots SC	14	3	.824

8	Dennis Gallagher	Side Pockets	Bill Ray	JP's Gravois	11	3	.786
7	Pat Bredenkoeter	Teachers	Chris Collins	Hotshots SC	10	3	.769
7	Tom Dinovi	Fandangos	Dennis Gallagher	S. Pock.	12	4	.750
7	Chris Collins	Hotshots SC	Jim Wanner	Hotshots SC	11	5	.688
7	Mike Wills	Hotshots SC	Shawn Jaeger	ABC Bill.	11	6	.647
7	Jim Wanner	Hotshots SC	Brian Woolford	ABC Bill.	10	6	.625
7	Kenny Vaughn	Kenny's					

Winner – Side Pockets	5-Player Teams	Second Place – ABC Billiards
Captain – Dennis Gallagher		Captain – Mike Stude
W. L. Pct.		W. L. Pct.
56 25 .691 (actual totals)		43 40 .518 (actual totals)
0 12 .000 (games gave up)	(games received)	21 3 .875 (games on wire)
56 37 .602 (modified)		64 43 .598 (modified)

Tied 3/4th – Hotshots SC	Tied 3/4th – Kenny's
Captain – Chris Collins	Captain – Kenny Vaughn
W. L. Pct.	W. L. Pct.
57 28 .671 (actual games)	25 24 .510 (actual games)
0 20 .000 (games gave up)	1 4 .200 (games gave up)
57 48 .543 (modified)	26 28 .481 (modified)

Winner – Teachers	4-Player Teams	Second Place – O' Ace's
Captain – Lisa Crosby		Captain – Chris Collins
W. L. Pct.		W. L. Pct.
36 7 .837 (actual games)		27 30 .474 (actual games)
2 8 .200 (games received and gave up)		13 0 1.000 (games got on the wire)
38 15 .717 (modified)		40 30 .571 (modified)

Tied 3/4th – Redbirds	Tied 3/4th – JP's Gravois
Captain – Lisa Crosby	Captain – Bill Ray
W. L. Pct.	W. L. Pct.
33 16 .673 (actual games)	30 22 .577 (actual games)
0 11 .000 (games gave up)	0 7 .000 (games gave up)
33 27 .550 (modified)	30 29 .508 (modified)

81st All-Star Singles Results – Payout \$4,645.00

First: [6] Mike Devers	1,000 & Trophy	9/12. [6] Brian Hedrick	120
2nd. [5] Mike Welker	765 & Trophy	9/12. [6] Ronnie Hansen	120
3rd. [5] David West	615 & Trophy	9/12. [4] Kyle Warren	120
4th. [7] Rolla Hoffman	475	9/12. [4] Jason Uttley	120
5/6. [6] Jeff Diekemper	335	13/16. [6] Dan Tucker	50
5/6. [4] Brian Austin	335	13/16. [6] Keith Heavel	50
7/8. [6] Pat Blackwell	220	13/16. [5] Will Ayers	50
7/8. [5] Jim Stevens	220	13/16. [4] Melissa Drew	50

Top Player Side Pot Winners – Payout: \$520.00

1. David West	\$260.00 + 615.00 = \$875.00
2. Rolla Hoffman	\$160.00 + 475.00 = \$635.00
3. Brian Austin	\$100.00 + 335.00 = \$435.00

Congrats to Melissa Drew for taking home part of the winnings.

As you can see the top two Mike's were not top players so they both had to go through Saturday's qualifying rounds. Mike Devers, shooting from the '6' flight won his first two matches (Dave Downing & Jim Kelly); lost the third (John O'Farrell) then closed it out with a tough win over Semir Ekic.

Mike Welker ('5' flight) had it just as hard. After winning his first match over Shawn Kline, Mike lost to Steve Fox then had to come back with three straight wins over three real tough '5's in Ken Pratt, Kurt Bauer and Pete Hoffman.

Mike Devers opened Sunday's matches with a 'bye', then knocked off three tough '6's. In order were Tony M. Blackwood, Brian Hedrick and Jeff Diekemper; then the last '7', Rolla Hoffman. That brought Mike to the final two on the winner's side. Against David West, Devers took the match then took a nap while waiting for the others to play catch up.

Mike Welker opened Sunday's rounds with two fast wins over Jim Sales and Lonnie McGregory before dropping to Brian Austin. On the one loss side Welker had some making up to do. He began his comeback by knocking out Jason Uttley, Jim Stevens, getting his revenge on Brian Austin, a tough-tough match over Rolla Hoffman, and KO'd David West for the shot at Mike Devers and the Championship.

So how did that come out? It was a very good Championship battle. Having to beat Mike Devers twice Mr. Welker went to work and took the first set 2-1. He then won the lag to open the second set. Welker broke and ran out the solids for a fast 1-0 start. Then he broke and started on the stripes.

To be honest everyone thought this match was over including Mike Devers. After making his last ball Mr. Welker got slightly hidden behind his opponent's 6-ball and tried a massé for a good hit. The hit was good but that left the table wide open for Mike Devers. Devers took that game and after a few minutes won the third game for the tough 2-1 win and his first Missouri 8 Ball Singles Championship.

Congratulations to Mike Devers and Mike Welker for a first class championship playoff match and to all that shared in the 81st Championship Shootout.

I.Q. Jones makes a report: 'Can you believe this really happened?'

The Tuesday morning 9:30 a.m. division, currently playing out of Redbirds in Hazelwood, has been going for 12 -14 years. And I can say with sincere honesty there is never a dull or surprising moment. Case in point: Four of the five teams finished over the .500 mark. Guess whose team did not! Jay Carlton's, that's who! Follow me on this because it true; unbelievable but true.

Because this division had an uneven number of teams, there are weekly 'bye' wins, right! The schedule worked out that Jay's team received three 'bye' wins. If at the end of the session his team shows five wins in the 'W' column, how many matches did they *actually* win? Simple math time here, folks. Even if you're from Chicago it comes out to an even - two. TWO!

We would have to go searching through the archives to find if ever a team, in the history of M0-8, received more 'bye' wins than actual matches won. An undertaking I am not about to attempt or waste time on. And wouldn't you just know it - it was Jay's team that is credited with this dubious honor.

But wait, the situation dramatically improves. And here is the 'can you believe this really happened' part; to make a long story short, they made the playoffs. You are thinking, duh, the 5th place team always makes the playoffs. Right! But I'm talking about winning both playoff matches that qualifies for the big show. Go figure. (Mox-nix; they were knocked out the first round at the tournament.)

I guess if I wanted to come up with a moral here it would be 'if Jay's team can do it, your team can also do it'. Hang in there. Just goes to show that anything is possible.

Mike the Spike: You read from Division 15 something about Rich Sager leaving town. That will last about as long as a Kardashian wedding. Saying Runout Rich will leave M0-8 is like saying Clark Kent will leave the Daily Planet. Trust me, Mr. Sager, like MacArthur, (if he hasn't already) will return.

Ben Franklin said it best:

We are not a democracy we are a republic!

Democracy is two wolves and a lamb voting on what to have for lunch.

Liberty is a well-armed lamb contesting the vote.

As usual we here at the Missouri 8 Ball office would like to thank each and every one of our members for their participation this past session and throughout our 27 years. The first session of the 28th year is underway and we hope you have as much fun and enjoyment as in the past. See ya next time.

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