

Week 7 of League 27 Winter 2023 Newsletter

Eddie continues to hold a slim lead over 2nd place Jason by a couple of points and 3 points over 3rd place Ray. We will have our second position round next week so I expect that we may see some changes to the standing sheet after the round. But again, it will depend on who shows up to play and who doesn't. I don't mean physically but in their game play next week. Good luck to all this week, play well and remember, have fun. That is what this league is all about.



Table 1: #6 John vs #3 Dale & & 4 Jason: John got things rolling in the 8 Ball Set posting the opening win with some nifty shooting and position play. Jason then followed up John with back-to-back wins in game two and three. He got hot and was dropping in the balls that John was leaving. Dale was playing some decent safeties giving Jason some extra chances to close out games. John stopped the mini run with some great shot making and closed out game 4 and the set was all square. Jason and Dale combined to finish off the set to take a two-game lead in the match. John again got in the winning was as he opened the 9 Ball Set posting the opening win to cut the lead to a game in the match, that was short lived. Dale found a few extra shots in game 2 and closed it out with some very nice shooting. His position play in the game was done very well and he was rewarded with the win. John notched a win in game 3 on a few mistakes his opponents made to put him up one game in set. Then to many mistakes by John kept Dale and Jason on the table enough to continue to win games. Jason seemed to get into a very nice rhythm along with some nice shooting and put wins on their scoresheet in games 4, 5 & 6. Every chance he got, the balls were dropping in the pocket for wins. He finished off the final three games and he and Dale went up 8-4 in the match. The way Jason and Dale were shooting, it looked like this could be a blowout. John had other ideas of his own in the 10 Ball Set as he opened the set with a game one winner. Jason went cold on his shooting and Dale seemed to miss at the most inopportune times that helped John stay on the table more in this set than in the two previous sets. John seemed to find shots each game to start a string of wins. John notched games 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 and assured himself of no less than a tie as he had 9 wins. Jason and Dale came back in game 6 to take the game and this match turned out to be all even at 9 games each. Good comeback and shooting by John and some nice shooting Dale and Jason.

<u>John (9)</u>



Jason (7) - Dale (2)



Table 2: #7 Ray & #2 Linda vs #8 Scott K: With only ten players in the league, Scott had to play it alone this week as he had no partner for the match. Ray got things started with the first win to start the 8 Ball Set. Misses by Ray and Linda put Scott in the driver's seat in game 2 and he had a four-ball run to close out game 2. He seemed to continue to gain momentum and nailed down the win in game 3. Linda got her chance in game 4 as Scott missed a few chances to get out. Linda made some very nice shots and she notched the win for her team in game 4. Ray followed up game 5 with a very nice run to nail the win and their team went up a game in the set. It was Scott taking advantage of some misses by the opponents and took game 6 and this set ended in a tie at 3-3. Scott made it two straight as he opened the 9 Ball Set with a great run and position play to take game 1. Scott broke in game 2 and this game went back and forth. It came down to a possible combo shot for Linda, using the 7 ball. She drained it for the win. Then it looked like the momentum changed and started to favor Linda and Ray. Ray finished off game 3, Linda made some nice shots and closed out game 4. Scott could not seem to get into any kind of rhythm in the set. Each miss gave his opponents more chances to win games. That is just what they did. Ray finished off the set with back to back wins and they took the set with a 5-1 win, giving them a 4 game lead in the match. Several misses by Ray and Linda kept Scott on the table more in the 10 Ball Set. Scott got into sync and with some very nice shooting jumped into the lead in the set with back to back wins in games 1 & 2. Ray slowed him down some posting the win in game 3 but again he and Linda stalled again. Scott nailed down wins in game 4 with a three ball run and closed out game 5 with misses by the opponents. Scott took a 4 game lead in the set and needed only one game to make this match all even. Too many chances were given to Ray and Linda and they took advantage of each miss by Scott. Ray had a four-ball run to finish off the final game as Scott scratched and gave the him a ball in hand start. This was a very close match by Linda and Ray squeaked out the win in the match. Good shooting by all in a very good match.





Table 3: #9 Scott S & #5 Eddie vs #10 Karen & #1 Walter: This was going to be a close match all the way with two of the top shooters in the league playing against each other. Walter opened the 8 Ball Set with back-to-back wins to get things going for him and Karen. Eddie got him and Scott on the score sheet in game 3 with Eddie taking advantage of some misses by the opponents. After a few safeties back and forth by both teams, Walter got his chance on a miss and capitalized taking game number 4. Scott got into the act as well, making some very nice shots, posting a three ball run to get out in game 5. Walter closed out the set after Karen played a great safety to give Walter the chance to finish off game 6. This set ended with Karen & Walter taking a 2game lead in the match. Walter kept the winning going for him and Karen as he opened the 9 Ball Set with the opening win. Eddie seemed to get on track and put together a nice run and a win in game 2. He got more chances than needed as he continued to gain the momentum for his team. He nailed the win in game 3 and with some key shot making put the win in game 4 on their score sheet. Scott nailed down the win in game 5 to give his team a 2-gamlead in the set. The set ended with Walter pounding in the 9 ball for the final win in the set. This match was all square after two sets heading into the 10 Ball Set. Scott and Eddie got the jump on Karen and Walter as Eddie seemed to get hot. He made some nice runs and combined with a few well place safeties by Scott, took the opening two games in the set. Walter stopped his run at two as he put together a long run and nailed the win in game 3. Eddie continued to get chances and made good each time. He put together a nice run in game 4 and finished off the rack in game 5 as he and Scott took a 4-1 lead in the set. Karen got her chance to get into the scoring and closed out the final game in the set. With the 4-2 win in the set, Eddie and Scott won the match by 2 points. It was a close match all the way through. Good shooting by all.

<u>Eddie (8) – Scott S (2)</u>



Walter (7) Karen (1)