# Week 10 of League 27 Winter 2023 Newsletter 

Eddie could have increased his first-place lead to more than 7, but he ended up finishing with a draw in his match last week against solo player Scott Kroll. Meanwhile, Walter moved up the ladder again and is now tied for $2^{\text {nd }}$ place with Ray. Ray had to play alone last week and was unable to win his match against Dale \& Walter who combined with some nice shooting to keep Ray from gaining ground but instead dropped another couple points behind Eddie.


Table 1: Bye \#1 \& \#7 Ray vs \#1 Walter \& 3 Dale: A couple of missed shots by Ray opened the 8 Ball Set for Dale and Walter as Dale put together a nice run with some very nice position play to close out the game 1 with a win. Ray got back even in the set as he put together a decent finish in game 2 and then got another opening with a miss by his opponents in game 3 to put him a game ahead in the set. Walter then seemed to get into a great shooting rhythm. His eye was sharp as he nailed a game winner in game 4. He stayed sharp and in control every time he stepped up to the table. He posted some great shots and runs to nail down the final two games of the set as he and Dale took a 4-2 set win. Walter continued to stay focused and in stroke as he made it four straight wins opening the 9 Ball Set with a win. He didn't slow down at all and put together a very nice run to take game 2. Dale broke in game and never gave Ray a chance to get on the table as he dropped the 9 ball on the break. This gave him and Walter a 3 game lead in the set. Ray slowed them down for a game as he took advantage of a missed opportunity and put the nine in for the first win of the set for him. A few nice safety's by Dale kept Ray from getting any momentum in his shooting even getting two shots at it in each rack. Walter closed out game 5 and Ray was able to post a second win closing out the set winning game 6 . Dale \& Walter took a huge lead in the match doubling Ray's score. Ray opened the 10 Ball Set with a 1-10 combination to take game 1. He continued to get a few extra chances and notched game 2 trying to get back into the match. Walter continued to shoot well and put the winning back on his side nailing a 10 ball winner in game 3. Walter continued his marvelous shooting and position play and put game 4 on the score sheet. Game 5 ended rather quickly as after making a ball on the break, Walter had an open shot at a 1-10 combo, and dropped it to give him and Dale a 1 game lead in the set. Ray finally got a good chance to post another win and put together a 7 -ball run to win the final game of the set. Good shooting by Walter and Dale. Good try by Ray.

Table 2: Bye \# \& \#8 Scott K vs \#5 Eddie \#1 Walter \& \#6 John: John recovered from being under the weather last week and seemed to be on his game from the start of the 8 Ball Set. He put together a very nice run to put the win in the box on the score sheet in game 1. Eddie got there a bit late but jumped right in with some key shots and position to notch game 2. Misses by Scott continued to give Eddie \& John extra chances to put wins on the sheet. John put back to back wins in games 3 \& 4 to help his team take a 4-0 lead. Scott avoided a shutout as he took advantage of the mistakes by his opponents made and nailed a win in game 5 . He finished off the set with a four ball run to close out the set with back to back wins. Scott got off to a very good start as he notched the first win to start the 9 Ball Set. John continue to get some good opportunities and a few safety's by Eddie and some missed shots by Scott, John nailed a game winner in game 2. Scott evened up the match with some nice shot making and put together back to back wins in games 3 \& 4. Eddie, who has been a bit quiet got a chance for a combo win, and make it happen with a pretty quick win using the 2 ball to nail the 9 for the win. John evened up the match, finishing off three balls and the final win in the set. This set finished even, but John \& Eddie maintained a 2-game lead in the match. After dropping the final two games to continue to trail by two games, Scott put together a 4 ball run to notch game 1 to start the 10 Ball Set.. Scott, Breaking in game 2, it was rather quick as the 10 ball found the bottom of the pocket to give Scott back-toback wins. It was Eddie stopping the run with a 5 ball run, using some great position play to notch the win. The second 10 ball on the break came in game 4, as Eddie did what Scott did in game 2, made the ten ball on the break. That would be all Scott would give up in this set as he continued to find openings left by the opponents and put together a decent run in game 5 and then finished off the set with a game winner in the last game of the set and match. Scott finished with a 4-2 set win and came from behind to turn a possible rout into an even match. Good shooting by John, Eddie \& Scott.

Table 3: \#9 Scott S \& \#4 Jason (absent) vs \#10 Karen (absent) \& \#2 Linda: Karen was caught at work and her and Jason were unable to make league night. Scott had to go it alone as did Linda. Scott had his hands full as continued misses helped to Linda in stroke throughout the match. Linda put together a nice opening win to start the 8 Ball Set. Then it was one travesty after another for Scott with missed shots that continued to keep the momentum in Linda's corner. She notched game two putting together a threeball run. Miss after miss continued to give Linda the edge in the set. She took advantage of each miss with a win. She posted wins in game 3, 4 \& 5 as Scott just seemed to be off the mark just enough to continue to have the pockets reject several of his shots, leaving them for Linda. Linda did what she had to do, make the shot, and win the games. She continued to shoot decently and get extra breaks with Scott's misses. Scott finally broke through and put game 6 on his side of the scoresheet. Just when you think the momentum changed in the 9 Ball Set , it didn't. Linda continued to maintain some good shot making and Scott continued to jaw the balls and leave then for Linda. Linda nailed games 1, and continued to find open shots to keep her on the winning note. She took games 2 \& 3 as well and now had built up a 7 -point lead in the match. Scott finally broke through again, putting some nice shots and position play in game 4 and made it two in a row to cut into Linda's lead. Linda closed out the set with a win in game 6. Linda opened the 10 Ball Set with the opening win. Scott got to the table and had a chance to notch a win using the 6 ball to pocket the 10 ball. He made it happen to take game 2. Game three went even quicker as he had another chance for a combo shot. He used the one ball this time to nail down the win. Linda came right back after the back to back combo wins by Scott to notch a win in game 4 and followed that up with another win in game 5. This gave her a one game lead in the set. Scott took advantage of a missed chance by Linda and notched the win in game 6 to split the set. Good shooting by Linda throughout the match and a very honorable try by Scott.


