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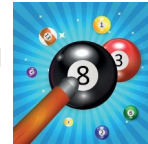
**WALTER INCREASES HIS LEAD TO 11 POINTS OVER 2ND PLACE IN OUR SECOND POSITION ROUND AS HE AND JOHN ENDED CLYDE'S WINNING STREAK @ 7 MATCHES !!**

**Table #6: #12 Walter Wnuk & #9 John Killett vs #8 Clyde Hughey & #3 Scott Sharp:**

Clyde & Scott S had their hands full with two good shooters they had to face in the 2nd position round of the season. Clyde continues to shoot well and he put a nice run together to jump out in front of the opponents in the first game of the **8 Ball Set**. The lead didn't last long as Walter continues his great shooting ability. He put together some nice cut shots and good position to post the win in game 2. playing better and game 3 to put he in the set. But then continued to get the some nice shot making to vault ahead in the set. Walter pounded in the eight ball in a nice four ball run to even up the set. He then got another break on a missed shot by the opponents and put another nice run together to put him and John ahead in the set. John who has had some struggles in the last several weeks got his shooting up back and he strung together a three ball finish in game 6. This gave him and Walter a 4-2 set win. John and Walter seemed to gel together even more in the **9 Ball Set**. John made it two wins in a row as he capture the first game of the set with some very nice shots. The opponents continued to give John and Walter extra chances to finish games and Walter did just that in the 2nd game of the set. He put a four ball run together to win game 2. John continued to find open shots to put another win on the sheet for him and Walter as they take a three game lead in the set. After a back and forth battle of some safety play, Clyde finally broke through with a win in game 4, running the last four balls in the rack to cut the lead to 2 games in the set. It's hard to keep good shooters off the table long enough to catch up. Missed shots and opportunities by Scott S and Clyde continued to give Walter and John extra chances



to win games. Walter admitted that he wasn't on his games, but with the extra chances made good and posted and continued in game 6. He game and took the set 5-1 and increased their lead in the match with a 6 game lead. Walter coming off the final two wins in the previous set started the team with another win to start the **10 Ball Set**, making it three straight wins. Clyde again was playing decent but just had trouble getting good starting shots. In game two he got his chance and made sure running three and out to even up the set. Scott didn't have any wins since the first set got his chance to win game 3. In doing so help to put the team ahead in the set. Walter then went back to work in shot making and position play nailed down a winner in game 4 to even the set at 2 - 2. It was Scott again getting a chance with a nice starting shot, after a well placed safety by Clyde to take the lead again in the set. It was John again stepping up to finish off a game with two great shots and very nice position to close out the set with a three to three tie. It turned out to be a tough match for Scott and Clyde as both Walter and John kept the momentum on their side most of the match. Good effort and try by Clyde and Scott and nice shooting by John and Walter. With the win, John gets his first win of the season and Clyde suffers his first loss. Walter increases his lead to 11 points over 2nd place. John moves up two spots to 10th, three points ahead o Scott Sharp who is in 11th.



**Walter & John** \_\_\_\_\_ (12)  
**Clyde & Scott S** \_\_\_\_\_ (6)

**EVEN AS CLYDE SUFFERS HIS FIRST LOSS OF THE SEASON, HE STILL HAS THE BEST RECORD OF THE LEAGUE. HE AND SCOTT S. PLAYED TWO TOUGH OPPONENTS (LEAGUE LEADER WALTER AND HIS PARTNER JOHN) IN OUR SECOND POSITION ROUND OF THE SEASON!!**

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WITH POSITION ROUND #2, RAY AND DALE WERE MATCHED UP AGAINST THE SAME OPPONENTS THEY PLAYED IN WEEK 8, ANDY AND SCOTT K WITH ALMOST THE SAME RESULTS AS THE PREVIOUS WEEK!

### Table #7: #11 Ray Ressler & #2 Dale Dexter vs #6 Scott Kroll & #10 Andy Gadowski:

We do want to keep Andy's wife in our prayers as she had some health issues last week. Andy did make the league night, but it looked like he was somewhat distracted by his wife's health issues. The position round found Dale and Ray again partnered up against the same two players they met in the previous week, Scott Kroll and Andy. Ray has seemed to pick up his game a bit and got he and Dale off to a very good start. Ray got a great opening with a few balls left on the table to put game one on the scoresheet to start the **8 Ball Set**. Ray continued to get some great starting shots and with three balls remaining in his group, he nailed a game winner to take game 2. Both Scott and Andy were not given very many chances to finish games in the set but got one in game 3. Scott put together three nice shots with great position till he got to the 8 ball. He left himself a tough shot, and elected to play a long bank shot that hit his called pocket perfectly for the win. After a few misses by both teams, Ray stepped up and ran his last 6 balls and played perfect position to win game 4. The opportunity was afforded Ray by a perfectly played safety by his partner Dale. The tables were reversed in game 5, as Andy kept Ray from any good shots with three hooks in a row, allowing Scott to close out game 5 with his second win in the set. The set ended with another good finish by Ray and he and Dale take a 4-2 lead in the match. Andy who as I said had been fairly quiet in the first set, put together a four ball run in game one to start the **9 Ball Set**. It was Dale getting a good look at a combination shot, not an easy one, but he nailed the combo using the 7 ball to make the 9 ball. Game 3 saw Ray again get a good starting shot after a scratch by the opponents and turned it into another win for the team. Scott continued to shoot well and put together another nice run to close out game 4. Andy continued to keep Ray



going in the set with some great safety play giving Scott more openings to finish off games. Scott closed out game 5 to put him and Andy in the lead in the set. It was Dale again stepping up to finish off game 6 and make this an even set with each team winning 3 games. Ray and Dale head into the **10 Ball Set** with a two game lead in the match. Ray continued to stay in a nice rhythm and opened the set with a four ball run to take game 1. Scott also continued to shoot well and he followed up Ray's win with his own four ball run to even the set up. Things went cold for Andy and Scott after game 2 as Dale and Ray continued to keep them from gaining any momentum. Ray finished off game 3 with a three ball run posting some great position play. It was Ray playing some nice safety shots to allow his partner a chance to finish off another game. Dale closed out game 4 as he and Ray took a 3 - 1 lead in the set. Dale made it two game winners in a row as he made a three ball run in game 5. Scott continued to play well for the team and he closed out the final game for the win in game 6 to end the match. Good effort and try by Andy and Scott. Nice shooting by Dale and Ray.



**Ray & Dale (11)**

**Scott & Andy (7)**

**Using your Cue to Aim - continued from last week:**

#### **4. Visualize the Ghost Ball**

The ghost ball is the imaginary position the CB needs to be at OB contact to create the necessary OB line to the pocket. if you place a ball at the required ghost ball position, you can practice visualizing the required aim both while standing and while down in the shot. You can also tap down on the ball to make a mark on the cloth. Now you have a precise aim point to target. You can also place a self-adhesive hole-reinforcement label ("donut" or "sticky") to make the target point even more clear. As demonstrated in the video, by placing the cue over the CB with the tip in the center of the donut, you can clearly see the required line of aim of the shot. And you can use the same marked OB and ghost-ball positions to practice shots of many different cut angles. Go to [billiards.colostate.edu](http://billiards.colostate.edu) for the video's posted NV J.75.

RAY AND DALE PLAYED WELL FOR THE SECOND WEEK IN A ROW AS RAY MOVES UP INTO 2ND PLACE AFTER POSITION ROUND #2 ~ SCOTT DROPS DOWN 2 SPOTS INTO 5TH AND BOTH DALE AND ANDY REMAIN IN THEIR SAME POSITIONS FROM LAST WEEK!!

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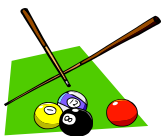
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**PAIGE HAD TO PLAY IT ALONE IN THE POSITION ROUND AND PLAYED WELL AGAINST LINDA AND PAUL ~ PAIGE MOVES UP 3 PLACES INTO THIRD AS PAUL & LINDA REMAIN IN THEIR SAME POSITIONS!!**

### Table 16: #1 Paul Cueny & #5 Linda Kujat vs #4 Paige Conner:

Paige has been playing extremely well the last several weeks and continues to do so into the position round. Paige was pretty unstoppable most of the night. Many missed shots along with some very steady shooting gave Paige the edge most of the night. Shooting by herself, she had the momentum most of the night. She started the **8 Ball Set** with the opening win putting together a solid four ball run. Both Paul and Linda had a tough time keeping her from staying in a good shooting rhythm. Each miss seemed to give Paige more control of the games. She ran three to get out in game 2 and never looked back. She continued to take advantage of each miss by either Linda or Paul and posted another win in game 3. Con- on the table and she stayed in sync the entire set. She ran four and out in game 4 with a couple of very nice position plays to end the game. She posted wins in games 5 and 6 with continued steady shooting each time the opponents missed. Paige takes a commanding 6 game lead in the match as she shut out her opponents. The **9 Ball Set** had a much more positive start for Paul and Linda. Paige was a bit off in her shot making and left more chances for Linda and Paul good starting shot opportunities. Linda put together a three ball run to close out game 1 of the set to break the 6 game run by Paige. Again, Paige left the door open in game two and Paul ran the remainder of the balls out to take a two game lead in this set. It was three straight for Linda and Paul again as Linda closed out game 3 with some nice shots and good position play in the game. Game four ended rather quickly but not for Paul and Linda as Paige got a shot at notching a 1-9 combo to take game 4. Paige seemed to find her eye back and ran off four straight shots to finish off



gam 5 and trailed by a game in the set. Game number 5 went almost as quick as game 3 as Paige got another chance at a combo shot in the game. She nailed a 2-9 combo to take game 6 and split the set with her opponents. She heads into the **10 Ball Set** with a six game lead in the match. Unfortunately for Paul and Linda, they seemed to stall and Paige coming off three straight in the previous set continued to maintain the momentum. She pounded in game winner after game winner. Paige was well focused on the task at hand playing by herself in the match. She continued shooting well and took every game in the set. She had several three and four ball runs enroute to shutting out her opponents for the second set of the match. A valiant effort by Linda and Paul. Very nice shooting by Paige.



**Paige (15)**

**Paul & Linda (3)**

**Using your Cue to Aim - continued from last week:**

#### **5. Aim with Cue Pivot :**

Image 2 (go to website to see images listed in the article) shows a simple way to use the cue to help you aim fairly accurately. First place the tip at the center of the required ghost ball position, with the cue pointing at the pocket (see Image 2a). With an accurately-placed donut, you can practice judging how close the tip needs to be to the OB to locate the center of the ghost ball. Try to remember how big the gap looks, or just remember that the tip needs to be half a ball's diameter in front of the OB. Now pivot the cue to the center of the CB (see Image 2b). This gives you the required line of aim of the shot. When you pivot the cue, it helps to apply downward pressure on the cue to prevent the tip from sliding during the pivot. After the pivot, it can help to pick a spot on the cloth or a far point on the rail as a precise aim target. Alternately, you can just visualize where the line of aim is relative to the edge of the OB.

**MORE TIPS NEXT WEEK**

**PAIGE PLAYED SOLO AND SHOT VERY WELL IN POSITION ROUND #2 ~ SHE TAKES THE MATCH FROM PAUL AND LINDA AND MOVES UP INTO 3RD PLACE!!**