

# LEAGUE 27 - WINTER 2024

## #3 SCOTT SHARP & #10 ANDY GADOWSKI HAD A TOUGH MATCH AGAINST #4 PAIGE CONNER & #6 SCOTT KROLL ~ SHARP STAYED 'SHARP' HELPING THEM TAKE THE MATCH BY 2 POINTS!

### Table 6: #3 Scott Sharp & #10 Andy Gadowski vs 4 Paige Conner & #6 Scott Kroll:

I want to call this the match of the night with four good shooters on the table in our final weeks regular match. At the start of this match in the **8 Ball Set** it looked a bit one sided as Andy and Scott S seemed to be well focused in the match. It was Andy nailing down the opening game winner as both Scott K and Paige could not seem to



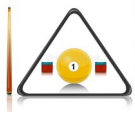
closeout the game. Scott Sharp continues to improve his game and ran 3 to finish game two.

Things just kept getting worse for Paige and Scott K as Andy continued to sharp shoot the shots as he ran his final four balls and the 8 ball in game 3 and continued to get some nice starting shots to put together another win in game 4. It was looking a little bleak for Scott K and Paige, but a missed shot by the opponents gave Scott K a great starting shot that he promptly pocketed and went on to finish the rack that put the team on the scoresheet, finally!

That would be all they could muster as Scott S closed out the set with another nice

shooting performance as he and Andy built up a 5 game lead heading into the **9 Ball Set**. Paige got the team going as she nailed a four ball run to take game one to start the set out on the right track. Scott S continued to shoot well and put together a nice run to notch a game winner in game 2.

Scott K got his second win of the match as he ran the final three balls in game 3 to put the team back in the lead in the set. Andy and Scott S continued to find good starting shots and Scott S posted the win in game 4 and Andy followed up right behind him with a win in game 5,



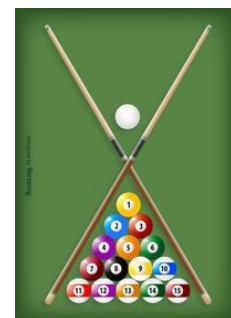
that put him and Scott S back in the lead in the set. Paige finished off the final game of the set with a nice bank shot to set up for a game winner. This set ended in a tie leaving Paige and Scott K still trailing by 4 points in the match. The **10 Ball Set** was definitely a better fit for Paige and Scott K as they seemed to step up in their game play.

Paige started the team off with a win in game one after the opponents missed their opportunity to close out the game. Paige was on her game once again in game two as she put together a four ball run to take the game and cut into the opponents lead in the match. Scott K got his chance again as he put together a three ball run and made a nice bank shot to get position to finish the game. Andy and Scott S could not get much going in the set and watched Paige again finish off a game that put her and Scott K up four games to zero

that tied up the match, at least for the time being. After a back and forth battle in game 5, Andy got a good look at a combo shot, using the 8 ball he nailed a winner and staved off a possible shutout in the set. Then, Scott S made the final game go quicker as he got a chance at a combo as well. He shorted the game using the 3 ball to nail the ten ball and gave he and Andy the win in the match by two points. It was a very good competitive match with all four players playing decently throughout the match. Good effort and try by Paige & Scott K. Good shooting Scott S and Andy.

**Scott S & Andy (10)**

**Paige & Scott K (8)**



## #12 WALTER WNUK & #11 RAY RESSLER DOMINATED THE MATCH AGAINST #8 CLYDE HUGHEY & #9 JOHN KILLETT TAKING 13 POINTS AND ASSURED THEM OF THE TOP TWO SPOTS IN THE LEAGUE!!

### Table #7 : #12 Walter Wnuk & #11 Ray Ressler vs #8 Clyde Hughey & #9 John Killett:

With a 14 point lead over 2nd place, Walter has locked up first place for the Winter 2024 season. Ray has built up a 19 point lead over 3rd place to lock up a 2nd place finish heading into the final position round in week 14. Walter and Ray performed well and kept Clyde and John from getting into any kind of rhythm in the match. The **8 Ball Set** saw Walter get things going for the team with a four ball run to close out game 1. Ray followed up with a nice starting shot in game two as he



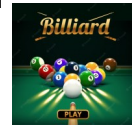
put a three ball run together to post the win. Clyde stepped up in game 3 as he had a very nice 6 ball run to nail down the win in game 3. His shot making and position play was great. That would be all that Walter and Ray would give up in the set as Ray went back to work closing out game four with a couple of back to back long shots to win the game. It was all Walter in games 5 & 6 as he took advantage of missed shots by the opponents. He ran the final four in game 5 and continued his sharp shooting to nail down a game winner in #6. This gave the team a 5 to 1 lead in the

match. Ray and Walter seemed to gel together in the **9 Ball Set** as well as Ray got things with a couple of nice shots to get started and closed out a game winner in game one. Walter continued to shoot well and he ran four and out in game 2 as he and Ray continued to take advantage when the opponents missed. Walter made quick work of game 3 as he nailed a 1-9 combo to take a three game lead in the set. Walter continued to shoot well and cleaned up the remaining balls in game 4 as he and Ray continued to keep John and Clyde from getting any momentum in the set. Ray found a decent combo try in game 5 and drained the 9 ball using the 5 ball to win the game.



John got his chance for a combo win using the 2 ball as he made the shot to end the game quickly and kept his opponents from shutting them out in the set. Ray and Walter took a 8 point lead in the match as they went on an 8 game run without a loss from the eight ball set and headed into the **10 Ball Set** well ahead of their opponents. Clyde made it two straight wins from the nine ball set as he got his chance to get his team going in the first game. After a three ball run he was left with a difficult bank shot to make the 10 ball. It was an opposite corner bank that went straight in the pocket to notch the first game of the set. Ray evened up

the set as he closed out the final two balls to take game 2. Walter got a good starting shot that the opponents left and he ran the final four balls to take game 3. Ray and Walter continued to stay sharp and not give up too many easy starting shots to their opponents. Ray closed out game 4 with some nice shot making and position play. John had a ball in hand opportunity in game 5 and after making the first two of the four balls remaining, made a very nice 7-10 combo to win game 5. Ray was on the verge of taking the final game, as he ran three balls and had a thin cut shot on the 10 ball in the corner that he sunk. Unfortunately his cue ball found the opposite corner pocket to give the opponents a game winner to finish the set. It was a good effort and valiant try by Clyde and John in a losing battle against two good shooters. Good shooting by Walter and Ray.



**Walter & Ray (13)**

**Clyde & John (5)**



## PAUL AND SUB MIKE HOLD ON TO TAKE THE MATCH FROM DALE AND LINDA IN A CLOSE CONTEST ~ BOTH TEAMS PLAYED SOME VERY NICE POOL IN OUR FINAL REGULAR SEASON ROUND!!

### Table #16: #1 Paul Cueny & Jim Guzowski (sub Mike Cadarian) vs #2 Dale Dexter & #5 Linda Kujat:

This turned out to be another close match with four equally talented players. Except for one of the sets, this match could have ended up in a tie. Mike got he and Paul off to a winning start in the **8 Ball Set** as he ran the final two balls of his group and notched the 8 ball winner. Paul followed up Mike with a nice three ball finish and the team was off to a two game lead. Dale put an end to that as he too had a nice run to close out game 3 and then Linda found a good starting shot to finish the final three balls in game 4 to tie up the set. It was Mike again stopping the two game run by the opponents to take game 5 with two very nice shots and the lead in the set once again for him and Paul. Dale got his chance to close out another game and finished off the set with a nice couple of shots and the set ended in a 3-3 tie. The **9 Ball Set** was an mirror image from the eight ball set as Paul got things started with a three ball run to take game one. Mike got a gift with a ball in hand chance and made it count as he closed out game 2. This time it was Linda



stopping the two ball run in the set as she made two nice shots to get position on the 9 ball to take game 3. Again some missed shots by Dale and Linda opened the door again for their opponents. Paul put together some nice shots and nailed down the win in game 4 and then Mike followed up with a nice four ball finish to take game 5. This

gave him and Paul a 4-2 lead in the set. Like the eight ball set, Dale stepped up and made a great shot to keep his run going and closed out game 6 with the win for him and Linda. Paul and Mike now have a two game lead in the match as the teams headed into the **10 Ball Set**. Linda was making nice shots but couldn't close the door on several chances in the first two sets, but seemed to settle down in the final set. She posted the opening win of the set. After a few missed chances by both teams, Paul found a good shot and nailed the 10 ball for a game winner. This set seemed to belong to Linda and Paul as their partners played supporting roles with some timely safety's throughout the set. Dale played an absolutely perfect safe allowing his partner Linda to put together a three ball run and pocket the ten ball for the win. With a two to one lead, Paul got some nice opening shots and notched the win in game 4. After misses by both teams, Mike left the opponents with no shot that resulted in a great chance to post back to back wins. He finished off the rack in game 5 and he and Mike took a 3-2 lead in the set. The final game of the set went back and forth until the opponents missed a crucial chance to get out. This gave Linda a chance to shut then down and ran the final three balls to finish this set in another tie. Other than the nine ball set, this was a very close match. All four players seemed to rise up to

the challenges throughout the three sets in the match. It was some nice shooting by everyone in the game. Good effort and try by Dale and Linda who played some very nice pool. Good playing by Paul and Mike as they win by a few points.

**Paul & Jim (Sub) Mike (10)**  
**Dale & Linda (8)**



Our payback party and year end tournament will be next week, 4/11/2024.

It has been a very nice season at our new venue, Hall of Fame.





“Mental Game” ILLUSTRATED PRINCIPLES Dr. Dave Alciatore, PhD Supporting narrated video (NV) demonstrations, high-speed video (HSV) clips, technical proofs (TP), and all past articles are available online at [billiards.colostate.edu](http://billiards.colostate.edu). Reference numbers used in the articles help you locate the resources on the website. If you have read my column for any length of time, you know I dedicate a lot of time to pool physics and cue ball (CB) control. However, many people’s games are limited and held back by the mental aspects of pool. Even if you have sound fundamentals and good skills in pool, there is no guarantee you will play at a high level when it counts. If you want to play at your best in competition, you must have a strong mental game. recently posted an online video (see NV J.37 and Photo 1) that describes and demonstrates the top 10 most important mental aspects of pool, which are summarized below.

1. **Plan and Visualize First:** It helps to have a consistent and purposeful pre-shot routine, being sure to plan and visualize successful execution of each shot before getting down to shoot. Also, when thinking or daydreaming about upcoming matches or tournaments, visualize yourself playing well and winning. This will help create a confident mindset. But be realistic with your expectations so you don’t create disappointment and lose enthusiasm and motivation. Also watch past videos of you performing well, especially before a major tournament. This will help remind yourself of and give you faith in your abilities.
2. **Respect and Focus on Every Shot:** Have you ever played a good positional shot and thought the next shot was too easy, and you didn’t give it enough respect, and you missed it? Give every shot the respect it deserves in terms of attention and focus, even the “easy” shots. Make it a goal to try your best and give 100% like every shot matters (because they do!). It is important to do this during practice so you will develop and reinforce this important good habit. Do it during competitive play also regardless of who you are playing and whether or not you are way behind or way ahead in a match. Always play your top game and never play down to an opponent or situation. If a disciplined and purposeful pre-shot routine is well practiced, it won’t take much emotional, mental, or physical energy to do it. Instead, it will be an effortless and natural habit.
3. **Pull the Trigger with a Clear Mind and Still Eyes:** There should be no uncertainty whatsoever just before or during your stroke. If there is, you should get up and re-start your pre-shot routine. If you are uncertain with your aim or didn’t plan CB control carefully, don’t just “Hit It Anyway.” Instead, always be methodical and purposeful. Also, if you are thinking stuff before the stroke like “Don’t miss,” “Don’t drop your elbow,” or “Don’t scratch in the corner,” your inner subconscious self (that needs simple and straightforward instructions to perform the stroking action) might only hear the negative parts (“Miss,” “Drop your elbow,” “Scratch”), especially if there is any doubt or insecurity. Instead, give yourself clear and positive thoughts and instructions like “Make the shot,” “Hit the middle diamond” and “Stay down and be still.” During the final stroke, there should be no high-level thoughts (or “second thoughts”) whatsoever. You need to get your mind out of the way of your natural action process. And remember, don’t “pull the trigger” until the alignment and aim look and feel perfect, with clear and still focus on the target. Then, with a quiet mind and still body, head, and eyes, trust your trained “muscle memory” to execute the stroke.
4. **Create Confidence Through Preparation:** You need to be confident and trusting in your skills and abilities. The only way to develop this is to work hard to improve your skills, break bad habits, and create new good habits. If you really want to improve and win more, you must be dedicated, disciplined, and motivated to do this work. Don’t just play during “practice,” unless you just want to have fun, which is a good thing. To get more benefit from “play” practice, when you miss a shot or position, diagnose what happened and play it again to learn from the mistake. Even better, don’t just practice a shot until you make it once ... practice it until you make it almost every time. Then similar mistakes will be much less likely in the future. Be sure to also practice safeties; and repeat them when they don’t go as planned. Also practice your break, striving to control the CB in the center of the table with a good look at a shot after the break.
5. **Breath:** Take deep breaths when necessary to fight nerves or break tension. Also take a deep breath (or several when necessary) to help calm yourself before and after each shot as part of your pre- and post-shot routines, especially when you are nervous.

There are 5 more tips, go to Dr Dave’s website to see the remaining 5. as well as Dr. Dave’s videos. Shoot well and enjoy the game.



**CURRENT STANDINGS AFTER WEEK 13**

<b>PLAYER</b>	<b>POS</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>
<b>#12</b>	<b>1ST</b>	<b>WALTER WNUK</b>	<b>154</b>
<b>#11</b>	<b>2ND</b>	<b>RAY RESSLER</b>	<b>140</b>
<b>#8</b>	<b>3RD</b>	<b>CLYDE HUGHEY</b>	<b>121</b>
<b>#4</b>	<b>4TH</b>	<b>PAIGE CONNER</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>#6</b>	<b>5TH</b>	<b>SCOTT KROLL</b>	<b>118</b>
<b>#2</b>	<b>6TH</b>	<b>DALE DEXTER</b>	<b>112</b>
<b>#10</b>	<b>7TH</b>	<b>ANDY GADOWSKI</b>	<b>109</b>
<b>#1</b>	<b>7TH</b>	<b>PAUL CUENY</b>	<b>109</b>
<b>#9</b>	<b>9TH</b>	<b>JOHN KILLET</b>	<b>105</b>
<b>#3</b>	<b>10TH</b>	<b>SCOTT SHARP</b>	<b>103</b>
<b>#5</b>	<b>11TH</b>	<b>LINDA KUJAT</b>	<b>103</b>
<b>#7</b>	<b>12TH</b>	<b>JIM GUZOWSKI</b>	<b>67</b>

