



STANDINGS AFTER WEEK 3

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2ND KASPER 34

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4TH SCOTT 23

5TH MARTIN 20

6TH JIMMY 20

7TH RAY 19

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SCOTT KROLL CONTINUES TO SHOW GREAT IMPROVEMENTS IN HIS GAME BUT COMES UP SHORT IN HIS MATCH AGAINST MARTIN LUTZ WHO SHOT WELL TO TAKE THE MATCH BY TWO POINTS!!

Table #15: #7 Scott Kroll vs #2 Martin Lutz:

This turned out to be the closest match of the night with some very nice shooting by both players. Scott opened the **8 Ball Set** with some very nice shot making and great position play to close out game one in the set. Martin has



steadily shown some great improvements on the 9 footers and put together a very nice run to close out game two and even up the set. He continued to get some extra chances and nailed down a long shot to post the win in game 2. He seemed to keep the momentum going in game 3 and after a four ball run closed out the game to take a lead in the set. Scott turned the set around quickly as he put together a three ball run to finish game 4 and kept on getting some extra shot chances and made it two straight wins to regain

the lead. The set ended in a tie as Martin capitalized on a few missed chances by Scott and was able to notch the win in game 6 to end the set in a tie. Martin made it two straight wins as he opened the **9 Ball Set** with a game one winner to start the set. It was all Scott in game 2 as he put a nice three ball finish together. Game three went back and forth until Scott took a chance at a combination shot to pocket the 9 ball and it paid off as he used the 5 ball and shortened the game early with four balls left on the table. Scott continued to get some good chances to make it three in a row, but missed the 9 ball that gave Martin the win in game 4. Scott made quicker work in game 5 as he nailed a 2-9 combo and continued to get some nice chances in game 6. He worked his way through the final three balls to post



the win and take the set 4-2 and take a two game lead in the match. Scott made it three straight wins as he nailed another combination shot, this time using the 3 ball to make the 10 ball to start the **10 Ball Set**. Scott seemed to go cold on his shooting, missing several chances to finish games. Martin seemed to get some nice starting positions throughout this set. He made a four ball run in game two and seemed to continue to keep the momentum on



his side. He finished off game three and four as Scott continued to give him good starting positions. Martin would go on to take the final two games, making it five straight in the set to overcome Scott's lead and win the match with a 5-1 set win. Good match and shooting by both players.


Martin Lutz 10

Scott Kroll 8


WALTER WNUK CONTINUES HIS FINE SHOOTING TO MAINTAIN FIRST PLACE AND HAS A TWO POINT LEAD OVER 2ND PLACE KASPER GASKEVICIUS AS HE TAKES DOWN ANOTHER GOOD SHOOTER IN WEEK 3 ~ JIMMY MCKILLOP!!

PAIGE SQUARES OFF AGAINST 2ND PLACE KASPER GASKEVICIUS AND DOESN'T FAIR VERY WELL AS SHE LOSES TWO OUT OF THE THREE SETS TO KASPER WHO CONTINUES TO SHOOT VERY WELL!!

TABLE #19: #8 Walter Wnuk vs #4 Jimmy McKillop:

Walter continues to play excellent pool and got off to the opening win in the **8 Ball Set** with a five ball run in game one of the set. Walter missed a good opportunity to go up two games with a miss that gave Jimmy a decent starting shot an he pro-
 ceeded to nail down four and out in game 2. Walter surged ahead of Jimmy again with a very nice run to take game 3. Jim came

roaring back with some very nice position play and tied up the set with the win in game 4. Walter took Jimmy's game serious and posted some key safety shots to find the opening need to capitalize and win game 5. He continued to keep Jimmy off the table in game 6 and nailed another win to take the set with a 4-2 lead in the match. Walter got things rolling on his side again to start the **9 Ball Set** as he made it three in a row from his back to back

wins to end the previous set. Jimmy answered with a four ball finish to end Walters winning streak at three. Jimmy  posted some key shot making and good position to close out game 2. Walter put together a very nice run in game four to regain the lead in the set. It was Jimmy again finding an opening and nailed a game winner in game 4 and continued to keep the momentum in game 5 to take the lead in the set. The set would

end in a tie as Walter finished off the final four balls in game 6, but maintained a 2 game lead in the match as they headed into the **10 Ball Set**. Walter seemed to keep the momentum going in game one of the set as he put together a four ball run that included a nice bank to keep him on the table. He closed out game one and then nailed a game winner after Jimmy missed his opportunity to get out in game 2. This gave Walter a three game run from the end of the nine ball set. Jimmy slowed Walter down a bit in game 3 as he played some nice safeties to find an opening and posted the win in game 3. Walter made quick work in game four as he ended the game with a 2-10 combo and took a 3-1 lead in the set. It was all Walter in the final two games as he put some very runs and key position play in games 5 and 6 to take the set with a 5-1 win and wins the match by six games. It was a very admirable try by Jimmy and nice shooting by Walter. With the win, Walter stays a couple points ahead of second place.

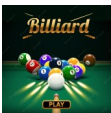


TABLE #1: #1 Kasper Gaskevicius vs #5 Paige Conner:

Kasper continues to play some very nice pool and was matched up against another good shooter, Paige Conner in week 3 of the season. Kasper put together a 5 ball run in game one of the **8 Ball Set** as he kept Paige off the table with

some key runs and safety play. Paige continued to shoot decently and she ran the final four balls in her group to close out game 2 and tie the set. Some key misses by Paige opened the door and Kasper jumped on the opportunity and ran the final three balls in his group in game 3 to again take the lead in the set. Too many misses by Paige kept Kasper on the table most of the 4th game and he made it count to take a 3-1 lead in the set. Paige rebounded in game five as Kasper gave her a decent starting position and she did what she had to do, finish who group and make the eight ball. She remained a game behind in the set and watched who chances to tie it up as Kasper made some very nice shots in game 6 and went on to win it and take a 4-2 lead in the match. Kasper opened the **9 Ball Set** with a game one winner after Paige missed her chance to finish the game. This set went back and forth. Paige put together a three ball run in game 2 to square things up. Kasper ran 5 balls in game 3 and took the lead in the set again. Paige got a chance to even up the set as Kasper missed a golden opportunity to close out game 4, but an un-

timely miss gave the game to Paige as she ran the final three balls to take game 4. It was all Kasper in game 5 as he made some key shots with near perfect position play to put the win in his column. The set would end in a tie as Paige again stepped up her game with some very nice shots that kept her four ball run alive. She takes game 6 and the set ends in a tie with Paige trailing by two in the match. Kasper got things rolling in the **10 Ball Set** as he got a look at a combination shot early in game 1. He executed it well using the four ball to nail the 10. He continued to get chances and found his second game winner, another combination, this time using the 9 ball to win the second game of the set. It just seemed like Paige was off just enough and continued to give Kasper easy starting shots and he made it count. He won games 3 and 4 with some nice shot making.
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NATHAN DECKER PLAYED RAY RESSLER AND PLAYED EXTREMELY WELL TO TAKE THE MATCH BY FOUR POINTS AGAINST A DECENT SHOOTER ~~NATHAN ONLY TRAILS THE LEADER BY THREE POINTS!!

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Paige fought back in game five as she nailed down the final three balls in the game to stave off a shutout in the set. Kasper closed out the final game to take the set with a 5-1 advantage. Kasper played some excellent pool against a very formidable opponent. Good effort by Paige and nice shooting Kasper.

Kasper Gaskevicius 12

Paige Conner 6

Table 21: #6 Ray Ressler vs #3 Nathan Decker:

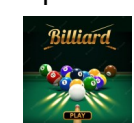
Nathan continues to play some excellent pool with some very nice shooting talent. He opened the **8 Ball Set** with some great shooting and position play. He ran the final 5 balls in his game one to start the set on a positive note. Ray seemed to be a bit off, missing at inopportune times and giving Nathan more chances to keep the momentum on his side. Nathan



racked up game 2 as he played an outstanding safety that opened the door for another nice run and game winner. Nathan continued to get extra chances with Ray not able to hold him off with misses that continued to keep Nathan in a nice rhythm. With each miss by Ray, Nathan showed some exceptional shooting ability, making some long shots with great position to nailed down game 3. He ran 5 balls in game 5 and took a commanding lead in the set with five straight wins. Ray somehow got

a gift opening when Nathan gave him a ball in hand in game 6. Ray finished his final three balls and the eight ball to avoid the shutout in the set. Nathan take a 5-1 lead in the match heading into the

9 Ball Set. A few misses by Nathan gave Ray a little advantage in game one of the set and he made the best of it with a three ball finish to take game one. Game two went back and forth with some safety play by both players until Nathan got a good look at a 7-9 combo in game two, nailed it and evened up the set. Ray stayed a game ahead of Nathan as he completed a nice run to take game 3. It was all Nathan in game 4 as he ran the final five balls to finish off game 4. Ray and Nathan split the final two games with Ray winning game 5 and Nathan closing out game 6. This set ended in a 3-3 tie with Nathan now taking a four game lead in the match. Nathan continued to shoot well and finished a 5 ball run in the first game of the



10 Ball Set. He continued to punish Ray with some key safety shots that left Ray making the hits but leaving easy starting shots for Nathan. Nathan closed out game 2 and seemed to continue to have the momentum in the set. Ray played a very decent safety in game 3 that left a 7 ball tied up on the 10 ball figuring that Nathan wouldn't be able to make a long rail combo. Nathan maneuvered the shot with an excellent long rail combination to take three games in a row. Things changed a bit in game 4 as a

few untimely misses by Nathan gave Ray extra chances to get back into the set. He finished off the final three balls in game 4 and looked like he had some momentum going in the set. He finished game 5 with some nice position play and key safeties Ray. The set ended in a tie again as Ray nailed his own 7-10 combination shot to win game 6. Nathan take the match with some great shooting. Nice effort and try by Ray.

Nathan Decker 11

Ray Ressler 7

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Cue Care

Basically, to take care of your cue, just keep it clean, and chalk the tip regularly. If you use a shooting glove, the shaft will automatically stay cleaner. You are also more likely to get a consistent feel on every shot.

Before or after every use (or anytime it feels dirty) wipe the shaft with a damp towel. You should also rub it dry with a non-wet towel. If you have a wood shaft that is really dirty, use a damp piece of Magic Eraser. That will usually remove most of the dirt and stains, and it won't abrade the soft wood grain. If you want to remove more dirt and stains, you can use a scouring pad or fine-grit sandpaper; although, these will wear down the shaft slightly, especially the soft parts of the grain. When you are done with deep cleaning, it is a good idea to burnish the shaft, either with a dollar bill or with a piece of leather. If you use a carbon-fiber shaft, it doesn't need much care. You can just wipe it down with a damp towel. If that doesn't get it completely clean and smooth, you can use a little dishwashing liquid. Just be sure to wipe off all the soap residue with a clean and damp towel. If the shaft is really dirty or oily, you can use Billiards Digest June, 2021 rubbing alcohol to make it squeaky clean. And again, if you want to keep your shaft clean, use a playing glove, which will keep the shaft clean for a long time.

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A “golden break” is where you pocket the 9 “on the snap” for an early game victory. Sometimes, this occurs due to blind luck, but there are several techniques that can improve your chances with skill and knowledge. Below, I summarize all the approaches demonstrated in my recent YouTube video (NV L.5) covering this topic. First, let’s take a brief look at standard 9-ball break strategy from online video NV J.74. As shown in Image 1, with no special rules in effect, most pros use a side break, where the cue ball (CB) is placed close to the side rail. With a good rack and a square hit, you will pocket the near wing ball (the 8 in Image 1). With the right speed, it is easy to get a look at the 1 in either upper corner, based on break speed. Image 1 Standard 9-ball break strategy As illustrated in Image 2 (on pg 3), one golden break approach is a cut break, where you hit the 1 non-square to send the CB off the side rail into the stationary 9, to pocket it in the corner or side. Obviously, this approach works only if the balls are racked tightly, ensuring the 9 doesn’t move much or at all with the initial hit on the 1. For advice on how to get a tight rack, see the “how to get a tight rack” break resource page at billiards.colostate.edu. As demonstrated in online video NV L.5, the 9 can go in the corner or the side, the CB can carom off another ball and still pocket the 9, and the 9 can be banked cross-side or cross-corner.

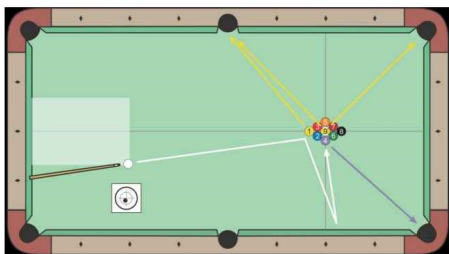
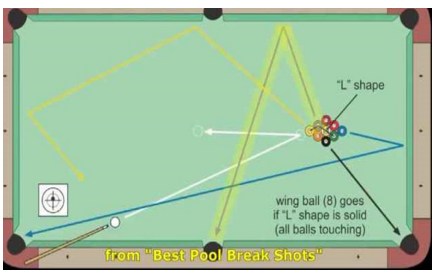


Image 2 Cut break from the box



These drawings and tips are from of Dr Dave Billiards - billiards.colostate.edu.

Videos of these are found in his website.

STANDINGS WITH PLAYERS STATS

<i>POS</i>	<i>PLAYER</i>	<i>WON</i>	<i>LOST</i>	<i>TIE</i>	<i>POINTS</i>
1ST	WALT W	5	0	4	36
2ND	KASPER G	5	2	2	34
3RD	NATHAN D	4	2	3	33
4TH	SCOTT K	3	4	2	23
5TH	MARTIN L	1	5	3	20
5TH	JIMMY M	2	5	2	20
7TH	RAY R	2	2	2	19
8TH	PAIGE C	0	3	3	13

RAY RESSLER & PAIGE CONNER HAVE A MAKE UP MATCH TO COMPLETE FOR WEEK 2!!