

January 17, 2016... CHAMPIONSHIP DAY!!!

It's finally here. The day that we all dreamed about when we were young. Championship day is upon us. There are a few things worth commenting on here. We can discuss the unlikely journey of Window Lickers as they have overcome obstacle after obstacle to reach the apex of our sport. Or we can chat a little about how Just the Tips feels like this is their strongest team since this dynasty was put together a few seasons back. Both are worthy discussion topics, neither are what I want to address on this day. I want to look into this matchup from a different angle.

Picture this: It's a cold, blustery day. The sun left sometime in November and winter's wrath promised no survivors as January's end drew near. A young Holly Iversen stands alone in the family's winter cabin. This was meant to be a family vacation. This was meant to be a happier time for young holly. She was supposed to have one more week before he arrived. One more week before he was born. That day a shadow cast over young Holly Iversen. A shadow greater than any storm cloud she had ever seen.

Baby brother Theodore was born the favorite. As he aged, his athletic achievements only strengthened the love and devotion from everyone around him. With every district, regional, and state title, holly felt smaller and smaller. She could never be the unbelievable athlete that Lil Teddy was. As Teddy's trophy collection grew, so did his ego... and Holly despised him for it. At the age of 16, Holly realized what she had to do ... she had to beat Teddy. But, how could she do that? Teddy was a naturally gifted athlete. She had never seen him lose.

I'm running out of time here so here's the point of this: Holly has spent a very large section of her life in the shadow of her little brother because he is such a gifted athlete. Tonight, Holly is out for redemption. Tonight, Holly gets to show the Iversen's that she is the best athlete in the family.

JUST THE TIPS vs WINDOW LICKERS ... to the victor goes mama Iversen's love!

January 9, 2016

Sources say that contract negotiations between Just the Tips management and Joel Littrell are not going well. Joel may find himself as an unrestricted free agent before the banquet. League sources say that if cut from the team, Joel forfeits any prize money. In other news, the first week of playoffs was rather exciting, wasn't it? We had close matchups across the board, including one match that went down to a seesaw team-701 match. As the semi-finals approach, I'm hoping for much the same. Lets take a look at the semifinal match previews:

You know what? There is no preview. I had a few paragraphs typed about each team, but I just can't get one thing out of my mind... Did anyone else see Joe Sparks' old school Jacksonville Jaguars coat. That thing was awesome. No wonder they won the match. I wasn't able to concentrate on my own match because of this thing. If Joe sports a Starter jacket this week, I may spot his team 2 wins before we even start. If you didn't

see this jacket, you missed out. This thing has been keeping Joe warm since the Jaguars inception into the NFL. I'm not kidding when I say I want to buy the darn thing from him. Let's look at this team's overall fashion:

1. Brian Bradshaw refuses to let tie-dye die.
2. Kim Kamradt sports new threads every week because the girl won't leave the gym and her clothes don't fit week to week. Leave the gym and eat a cheeseburger dammit.
3. Denise Miller just can't decide on a hair color and the anticipation each week of what color she will choose simply kills me.
4. Mario Fernandez has a epic ponytail. That hair is clearly inspired by Kevin Sorbo's Renegade.
5. And now we have Joe Sparks and the circa 1996 coat.

I am clearly not rooting for them this week, but I don't think I can be mad if these fashionistas take us down this week.

December 20, 2016

Tuesdays in December. It's cold outside. It's snowing. It's absolutely miserable, but at least we have darts on Tuesdays in December. I, personally, am not a fan of the winter season. I do not like the cold. I do not like the wind and snow. I try to leave my house as little as possible. Tuesday night darts are the light at the end of the tunnel. They are the warm glow on a blustery winter's night. We forget what ails us. We forget the natural depression that the Christmas season brings forth. Tuesdays in December give us meaning. They give us hope.

Now, tonight's match up is what Tuesdays in December is all about. I circle this date on the schedule every year. There is nothing better than going into a match against Brian Morris and his calamitous crew of riff raff. This next message is specifically for Mr. Lui Rodriguez: I'm coming for you, pal. I hope you don't mind having a group of people, including your son, watch you weep.

Also, tonight is a special night in the Just the Tips family. The youngest member of the JTT family is having a birthday celebration today. Hopefully, Joel brings Joel 2 by so we can all celebrate.

December 1, 2016

As I was completing handicaps and weekly averages this week, I began to think about who my dream team would consist of. If I took all of the players from the current league and in compiled the greatest team possible, who would I take? There are so many factors to consider. Am I picking a team to win now or do I want to build for consistent success of a period of 5 or 6 season? Do I want to play the handicaps or do I think the best players could overcome any handicap advantage? I look at players like Lui Rodriguez and wonder if he'd be any good if he didn't have the Brian Bros carrying him and allowing him to throw a stress free match. I scout players like Joe Sperando and his ability to scream just at the right time during an opponents back swing... that's what I call defense. I have to pick a female or two in this coed team of greatness. Do I pick

Kim? She seemed more interested last week in making sure I write a commentary on the art of sporting a good mustache. How about Lauren Caruso? She makes fun of me too much and while I may seem like the epitome of what a man is, I do have feelings so she's out.

I take all sorts of things into consideration when determining the FSAC Darts Dream Team. After weighing all of my options, here are my picks: Billy Pappas for his leadership, Joel Littreell for his dedication to the game, Holly Chasse because she is just plain awesome, and Meghan Kennedy because she is my favorite dartist of all time. Let's face it folks, if it ain't broke, don't fix it. JUST THE TIPS WILL REIGN AGAIN! Enjoy the battle for second place!

And now, here is everyone's favorite hero:

November 17, 2016

Handicaps will be updated when I get all of the score sheets. The only promise will be that they will be ready by Tuesday.

Congrats to Krystin New Last Name. Since I haven't heard anything, I am assuming the wedding went off without any issues.

October 27, 2016 (Late Entry)

OMG! Check out Joe Littrell being all that he can be! I feel safer already knowing studs like this are out there protecting my freedoms... Thanks for your service GI JOEL!

October 27, 2016

Scott Wesner's eyes were glued on the tv Tuesday night as his beloved Cubs could not figure out the riddle that is Corey Kluber's 2-seam fastball. While Scott's sorrows were building, he failed to notice the epic sports moment going on just a mere 8 feet from him.... What do we know Kim Kamradt for? A poll was taken recently asking that very same question. The results are as follows: 5% said Kim K Photography, 18% said her plunging neck line, 27% said her body transformation (you always looked good Kim) and 30% said "who? is that that loud b*tch over there". The remaining 20% were just there to watch the Cubs game and had no interest in my study. What I will remember is her epic 9-mark round to clinch victory over her hated rivals.... To be fair, I'm not sure Kim has the ability to hate anyone. I don't know if her team would consider anyone their rivals. I don't even know if Kim's team won that game at all. I was also always glued to the tv until I was so rudely interrupted by Kim yelling and screaming like she had just won the lottery. I looked at the screen and saw nine marks, silently said "good job Kim" to myself, and went back to watching the Cubs. The whole episode completely slipped my mind until Kim came over and requested this week's commentary be about her and her amazing dart play. Jesus, Kim. Act like you've been there. So here is to you

Kim. For your unbelievable, never before done dart play, I commend you. Now sit down, people are trying to watch the Cubs.

October 17, 2016

Monday (or Darts Eve as I like to call it) is upon us. Commentary suggestions have been pouring in. I've received everything from "Why is Sperando's shirt a size too small?" to "Does Brian Miller really give the warmest hugs?" In fact, I've received multiple requests for information about Brian Miller's hugging ability. I've begun to question all of you.

What I really want to talk about is the idea of trades. It has come to my attention that a member of a particular team (one that I am in no way affiliated) has just suffered an injury that required surgery. This particular team now would like to offer this player for a trade. This team is willing to accept absolutely anything including perishable food items. While injured, this person would like to continue playing. His current team has lost all confidence in him and just flat out don't like him anymore. Please send your trade proposals to seeyajoel@justthetips.com.

October 13, 2016

We are getting better at this darts thing. Another great week has come and gone. A couple of future playoff match-ups played out much to my disappointment. Steve Farns and friends cheated their way to defeating Just the Tips. A full scale investigation has been launched into how this happened.

I received a few suggestions for commentary topics this week. I am currently compiling my thoughts and will be back later to entertain.

October 6, 2016 (Later on)

So I was at the gym today working on my quadriceps and latissimi when I naturally began thinking about darts and my Tuesday night family. We come from all walks of life. We are office folk, laborers, hair stylists, and truck drivers. We are short, tall, fat and skinny. We are sweaty bald men and loud incorrigible women. We are dartists of all skill levels. The beauty of this game is that there is no prototypical style of person or technique.

Let me tell you a story: At age 27, I knew my chances of being a professional baseball player were fleeting. My ten year old highlight reels were being returned to sender and, while I had 4 years of NCAA eligibility left, I wasn't being offered the scholarships I deserved. I had come to a crossroads in life. I needed to make a decision. With my biological clock ticking loudly in my ears, I decided to join the business world.... then the

call came: Just the Tips needed a player. My first thought was 'who the hell named this team?' Then I began thinking about what type of people I would meet. After a minute of googling, I was quite sure it was going to be mostly sweaty bald men. Fast forward a few years and a few JTT championships (woohoo) and I am pleased to say that I am very happy to have met all of you sweaty bald men.

October 6, 2016

Well done, people! We had some respectable scores come across this week. I'm very proud of you all.

We may have some minor schedule changes coming up. Stay tuned.

Commentary to come tomorrow. The rain has drained me of any creativity today.

September 30, 2016

Week 2 was better than week 1. Not great, but better. We had a handful of respectable 01 scores to post. Cricket was weak, but its still early in the season.

Post league darts is where the action really happens on Tuesday nights. Whether there is a friendly wager or just bragging rights are involved, darts after 11:00pm can get exciting. Just ask Dee and Joel... Picture this: Tuesday, 11:03pm. A dimly light bar. 90's alternative scratched through the speaker hanging over the dart board. Joel had already had a frustrating night. His team won, but he was no factor. His team huddled ten feet away. Each time they looked up Joel knew he was the topic of discussion. He was playing in the final year of his contract. Two weeks into the new season and he knew that the club wouldn't pick up his option for next year. He threw dart after dart. He began to think about dart set was going to be the next in his never-ending, always for sale collection. Dee walked across the playing area with a purpose. As Joel threw a dart, Dee reached up and snatched the dart out of mid-air. "This is my board," she snapped. The remaining bar patrons turned towards the two rivals with anticipation of 'sh*t going down'. Joe held his head low. He didn't want any trouble. He was just glad his children weren't around to see him cower. The two competitors began playing.... yadda yadda yadda... Joel lost. He is officially on the trade block. Early reports say that the team will not exercise their club option to extend his contract through the Winter 2017 season.

September 22, 2016

Welcome back, ladies and gentlemen! The fall session kicked off on Tuesday and we all showed that practicing darts was not a priority over the summer. A lot of rust still to be shaken off.

In the waning hours of the evening, while most had already gone home, Kevin Yagoda toed the line for the last time. After his previous throw, Kevin angrily punched the wall (don't tell Billy). Now, with frustration flowing through him, Kevin stared a certain defeat as there was no way he was going to take out a 138 after the round he had been having. Frank watched in anticipation knowing exactly what he needed to do to secure victory after Kevin missed. Kevin threw his first dart... bullseye. Nice shot, Kev! The second dart left Kevin's hand with a bit of grit and a barrel of determination... bullseye. A hush fell over the crowd. Ange's eyes looked away. A grueling back and forth battle all night had left her exhausted. She knew her team's fate before Kevin even threw his dart. As Kevin's final dart stuck in the D18, the normally quiet and reserved Joe Sperando sprung from his stool with a fist held high and gave a mighty, victorious roar. Kevin had done it. The Misfits won 10-9. The history books will show this as a mere week 1 victory with no real impact, but those who were there will tell the tale of a hero in the making. Congrats, Kev... you are my hero!.

AUGUST 25, 2016

CHAMPIONS: MIND GAMES - CONGRATS TEDDY, JOHN, AND MIKE

Another season is in the books! Congratulations to everyone for a great season. Mind Games conquered all and took the championship. The banquet is on August 30th. Luck of the Draw begins at 730pm SHARP!!

The Fall Season is set to begin on September 13th. SPREAD THE WORD!!! There is no better advertising for the league than our players. We are always looking to grow. Let Joe and Billy know what teams are playing. We are looking for a minimum of 10 teams.

August 11, 2016

VERY IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT : THE CHAMPIONSHIP WEEK AND THE BANQUET HAVE BEEN PUSHED BACK A WEEK! THE CHAMPIONSHIP WILL BE PLAYED ON AUGUST 23RD AND THE BANQUET AUGUST 30TH.

Championship time is upon us.

The top two seeds in this season's championship bracket will square off. Just the Tips and Mind Games coasted through their semifinal match ups. If the weekly averages carryover to next week, we are all in for quite a show.

Off Constantly and A Mexican, polish blah blah (Mario's team) will have to pick up the pieces from their soul crushing losses in the semi finals. The payout difference between 3rd and 4th place should provide enough motivation to make this a very exciting match.

Start letting us know about your fall plans!!! The new season begins September 13th. We are always looking to add players and teams. Spread the word and lets continue to make this league the best around.

July 28 2016

Well that was a fun regular season. Lots of parody in this league these days. The 1st place team had a weekly record of 6-4!!! Anyone can win on any given night. Congratulations are in order to all the new record holders. I'd name them all, but then the league records page doesn't have many clicks lately, so [click here](#) to see all of them. It is nice to see Lui Rodriguez's name drop off a few times.

As many projected, Mind Games ran away with first place in the end. The most exciting finish in the standings was between Bent Tips and A Mexican Guy... Mario and friends narrowly held on to third place in the last week by only 1 game. WOWZERS!!!

If I were a betting man... I still would not place a bet during these playoffs. While in my heart, I know that One Hole Bullshit will conquer all, I cannot say this with the confidence that I would like to have.

Updated payout schedule is posted!!

Start letting us know about the Fall season. We are always looking to grow. Tell your friends how much fun you have.

We are always looking for suggestions on how to make the league better. Let us know what we can do to improve your Tuesday nights!!