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DDA FIRST ROUND FINAL STANDINGS

The first round of the 1982-83 dart season is history. It was embarrassing to Stosh the Pole in the selection of the winner in the Gem Division preseason poll. The last I heard, Stosh is eating

his prediction flavored with a bit of Hamtramack (Detroit) kielbasa.

Here are the results for all Divisions for the first round: CEM DIVISION

GEN DIVISION				
Heavy Heavers				31
Lancers		4 Guys & A (31
Tuffy's	45	Inns & Outs		25
Untouchables	38	Ton. Loc. 50)1	21
T80 SHOTS:				
Dave Servis	3	Carl Stravir	nski	
Carl Kreuzer	2	Ray Yocum		
D. Littlefiel	.d 2	Frank Detmar	1	
Billy Nicoll		Julie Sulliv	ran	
Mark Link		Rich Mays		
OTHER HIGH SCOP	ES:			
Gary Yocum	T77	Dave Servis	T71	(3)
Bob Burn	T77	Tim Brown	T71	
Jack Rutan	T71	Ed Conduff	T41	
HIGH IN SHOTS:				
Dave Servis	T60	, T25, all bi	lls	
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John McKinney T34 John Rife T20 HIGH OUT SHOTS:

Dave Servis T57, T20, T17 Mark Link T30 John Rife T17 Frank Detman T20, T09 Rich Stoner T11 GEM DIVISION NOTES:

The Heavy Heavers, throwing excellent darts, won back-to-back victories over McGuffy's Fuffy's in the final match and 3. NO TEAM WINS AT LEAST TWO ROUNDS position round of the first round.

GOLD DIVISION

L.D. Top Cats	4 J.C. 'S T'S	37
Cubby Crunch	4 The Rascals	35
	O Hara Hide C	ut 31
	7 VFW RR	20
HIGH SCORES :		
Jim Richie	T65 Herb Hi	rsch T56
S. Shiverdecke	· T60	

(See Standings, Page 2)

HOW DIVISION PLAYOFFS WILL WORK

Darters have already questioned the determination of Division winners for the 1982-83 season under the present 3-round system being employed. To all concerned, Mark Link, DDA Prez, has reviewed the various playoff possibilities and has established the following playoff possibilities and procedures.

POSSIBILITIES:

- 1. SAME TEAM WINS ALL THREE ROUNDS
 - The three round winner automat-Α. ically becomes Division Champ.
 - On March 17 Division 3rd and 4th Β. place winners will play each other at a predetermined location.
 - C. On March 24 the 3rd and 4th place winners will playoff at McGuffy's and the winner will play the 2nd place team. The winner of this match receives 2nd place award, the loser, third place.
- 2. SAME TEAM WINS TWO ROUNDS
 - The two round winner is automat-Α. ically in the finals for first place.
 - Β. On March 17 the 3rd place team plays the one round winner at a predetermined location. The loser takes third place.
 - On March 24 the two round winner C. plays the winner of the March 17 match in the finals at McGuffy's.
 - The team with one round won outright and/or the best overall position, is in the finals.
 - On March 17 2nd and 3rd playoff Β. at a set location.
 - On March 24 the finals will be C. played at McGuffy's.
- 4. PLAYOFF ELIGIBILITY
 - Any team that wins one round or ties for first place is in the playoffs.
 - (See Playoffs, Page 3)

STANDINGS (Cont'd from Page 1) HIGH IN SHOTS: P. O'Connell T60 C. Adams T02 Ken Webb T34 M. Gifford T02 Gary Lykins T12 Jan Storm TOL John Burns T12 HIGH OUT SHOTS: Ken Webb T26 Ron Ansell T02 S. Unger T12 GOLD DIVISION NOTES: The Lions Den Top Cats finished strong to score 14 points in two weeks to eke out a tie for first round Division honors. RED DIVISION 45 Hanks Wms. Gold Key 3.8 The Champs 44 Shroy Inn #1 35 Shroy Inn #2 42 Bullshots 27 Wee Bee Units 39 Point Freaks 18 HIGH SCORES: C. Stroop **T80** Ernie Davis T65 J. Baker T74 HIGH IN SHOTS: Ron Jones T20 Steve Darney T08 T08 Doug Marsh Alan Rhodes T03 **RED DIVISION NOTES:** The Red Division race was hotly contested with Hanks-Williams being tied for third place going into the position round to come out with a controversial 8-1 victory to win the first round. BLUE DIVISION J.T. 's Misfits 47 Spearchockers 35 Irish Rover 44 34 Corkers 42 G.R. Tokens Irish Misfits 31 T.B. Hopkins 39 Spanky's Gang 16 HIGH SCORES: M. Baldwin T80 Gary Burke T74 HIGH IN SHOTS: J. Corbin T20 Don White T20 BLUE DIVISION NOTES: The solid weekly performance of J.T's Misfits enabled them to take the lead after the second week of play and maintain it through the position round. GREEN DIVISION A.J's Darters 49 Boozers Bullshooters 40 Burnt Weenies 32 Countrysiders 39 Irish Rebels 31 Chillers 38 Board Busters 25 HIGH SCORES: B. Maidment(2)T80 G. Koerner T54 W. Fannin T80 Jim Chase T54 Jim Zimmer T71 Bob Murray T47 T60 M. Bergman

(See Standings, Page 3)

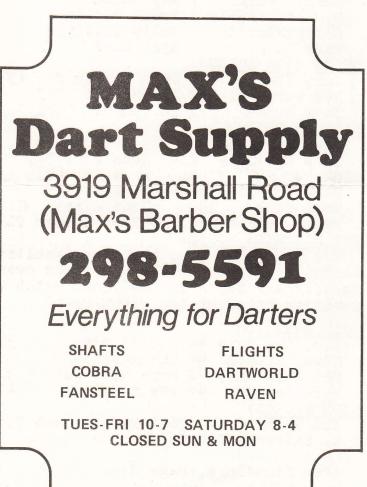
LUCKY 16 LADIES AT WINDY CITY OPEN

The Windy City Open drew a large Dayton crowd including most of the Ladies Lucky 16. Betty Freese, a Lucky 16 shooter, and Carla King, both from Cincinnati, placed in the Top 8 of the Ladies Doubles. Jan Storm and JoAnn Segers, Chicago, placed in the Top 8 of the Blind Draw. Cheryl Gearhardt with Cincinnatians

Cheryl Gearhardt with Cincinnatians Mike Geiger and George Stoeppel shot their way to the Top 16 in the Mixed Triples. Ladies Singles produced several Lucky 16 winners. Gayle Ingram, Sandy Cobb and Linda Lou Busch placed in the Top 32 and Libby Staub, Cincinnati, placed in the Top 16. Julie Sullivan shot good darts to finish in the Top 16 of the Ladies Singles.

A highlight of the Windy City weekend was the superb shooting of Linda Lou who fired the ever elusive T80, her first in competition. Congrats are out to you, Linda.

-Submitted by Linda Lou Busch and Jan Storm-



PLAYOFFS (Cont'd from Page 1)

- B. Any other playoff positions will be determined by:
 - a. Overall finish position for each round.
 - b. If tied, total league points for all three rounds as determined from the final weekly standings.
 - c. If tied, heads up league points, as recorded in the final weekly standing, between the tied teams.
- 5. <u>PLAYOFF DATES</u> March 17 - first playoff to be held at a location not common to either team.
 - March 24 all eight Divisional finals will be held at McGuffy's.

Mark Link will designate the neutral playoff sites prior to the playoff dates. Any questions you may have concerning the proposed playoff procedure should be directed to Mark Link for clarification.

STANDINGS (Cont'd from Page 2)

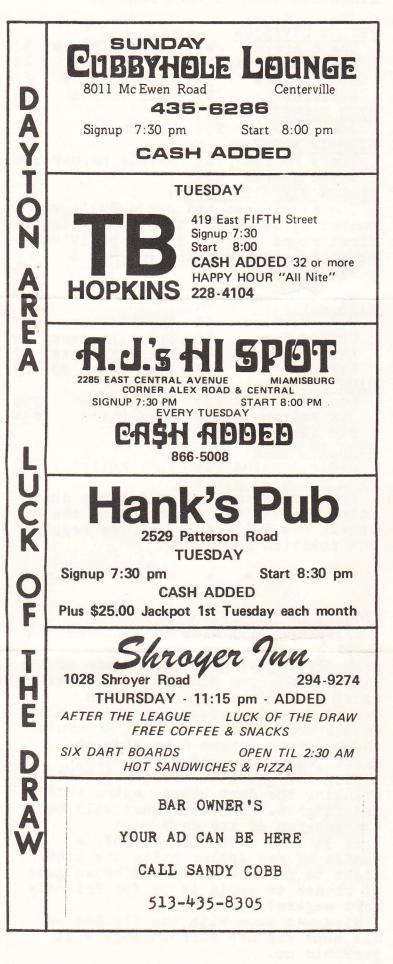
- HIGH IN SHOTS: E. Mendenhall T06 <u>HIGH OUT SHOTS</u>: J. Greggor T16 Bill Adams
- J. Greggor T16 Bill Adams T14 GREEN DIVISION NOTES:

A.J's Darters combined 6-3 and 7-2 victories over Hanks Bullshooters the last two weeks of the round to walk away with a solid and decisive margin. Bob Maidment, Irish Chillers, had a hot hand in the position round shooting 2T80s, T40, T20 and T15. Nice firin', Bob.

ORANGE DIVISION

Corndog D.	46	Hotshots	33
Hanks Steady	44	Lunatic Fringe	
H.D.W.T.	42	Leshafts	29
Short Shafts	36	Gamblers	25
HIGH SCORES:			
R. Madlinger	T80	Dan Poulos	T60
HIGH IN SHOTS:			
Dan Loges HIGH OUT SHOTS	T12		
HIGH OUT SHOTS	1		
Charlie Mar	T38	Brian Smith	T16
Dan Loges	T25	Randy Early	T16
C. Christophe	erson	n T17	
ORANGE DIVISION			
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Corndog Delights headed the Division and took command after the 2nd week never relinquishing the lead through the position round. (more)



YELLOW DIVISION			
The 6 Arrows	47	L. High Fives	37
Joe's Bulleyes	1 47	LYT Tripes	29
Southsiders	39	Lion's Den #2	27
Buzzards	39	Van. Points	23
HIGH SCORES:			
Joel Vedder	T52	Tom Baggot	T47
HIGH IN SHOTS:			1.
		Debbie Hapner	T06
Gayle Ingram			
YELLOW DIVISION	the state of the s		
		Joe's Bulleyer	
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first round and	5-4	in the position	n
round to salvage	a t	ie for No. 1	
position.			100

PINK DIVISION

G.R. Rowdies	51	Hypoblasters	37
Chosen Few	42	Spearchockers	30
LYT Targets	41	Lucky Knights	27
LYT	37	Lion's Den #3	23
HIGH SCORES:			
Don Sentell	T80	Perry Popp	T56
Tim Holiga	T74		T54
Jim Allamon	T74		-
HIGH IN SHOTS:			
Manla Pauling	man	Mana Malina	mal

Merle Bowling T30 Tony Holiga T16 PINK DIVISION NOTES:

The Game Room Rowdies totally dominated the Division outclassing the Chosen Few 8-1 and 7-2 in the regular and position round.

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NICOLLS ON CARRIBEAN CRUISE

Ellie and Bill Nicoll, Sr., are basking in the warm Carribean sun, probably enjoying a pina colada or Marguerita. The Nicolls are rendezvousing with a group of Western darter friends, after completing plans at the North American Open, to cruise the southern waters debarking at Nassau, San Juan and St. Thomas.

Nick was given the responsibility of bringing the dart board, extra shafts and flights. I wonder what will be the program of the day?

Is it true that Bill ran off a bundle of new dollar bills the other night to partake in a well known game of chance or could it be for friendly dart wagers?

Nick was down with the flu but we all hope the new surroundings will perk him up.

DARTING HINTS-TECHNIQUES

You have selected your darts. Your next step is to develop your form and master the various darting techniques. Stance, grip, aiming and sighting, the throw or stroke and the follow through require techniques to be developed which will determine the form of the darter. The mechanics of the game is simply throwing the darts at a dart board. In the minds of a greater majority of people, and the sports minded, darts is a simple and elementary game. Darts require little or no attention to techniques as compared to some of the more complicated sports such as basketball, tennis, swimming, gymnastics, etc. Physical conditioning--well, the better the physical condition, especially in the longer tournaments where 20-25 games may be played in one day, physical condition is a prime factor in determining the winner.

The stance - The first indication of the darting game is the position of the feet and body the darter assumes at the hockey. This position is the stance. Here you will note a wide variation in styles. Basically the object is to assume a comfortable position from which to deliver the darts on every throw.

The positioning of the feet may be "dead on," toes against the hockey, facing the board or at an angle with the board to being parallel with the hockey. Feet are spread slightly with weight balanced equally or slightly on the right foot for the right handed thrower and on the left for the left handed thrower. It is recommended the body be kept motionless. It is wise to keep body movements and variations to a minimum. Any body movement will affect the flight of the dart and its accuracy. More on this is covered in the stroke.

The grip - The manner in which the dart is held in the fingers is a matter of personal preference. Note the grips used by darters in your local pub. You will find many different variations.

It can universally be stated, the thumb should be placed under the center of gravity, or balance point, of the dart. The remaining fingers, placed on top, giving support and (See Hints, Page 5)

DARTING HINTS (Cont'd from Page 4)

control of the dart. A simple test for an acceptable grip is to roll your dart between the thumb and forefinger. Whether you use a two, three, or four finger grip, the thumb should be at the balance point. The two-finger grip is used by majority of present day darters.

Moving the thumb behind and forward of the balance point is used by proficient darters to respectively place darts below others in the board or to "bloop" or shoot over existing darts. This technique takes practice in knowing the proper adjustments in locating your thumb along the barrel.

The throw - The darting action is centered about this aspect of the game, the mechanical action required to propel the dart to the target. The upper arm should be practically horizontal and at right angles to the board and should remain as stationary as possible during and after the throw. Throwing the dart should not be a pushing movement, one which comes from the shoulder. The muscular action should not originate from the shoulder. The movement to propel the dart should result from the lower arm, pivoting about the elbow. The elbow motion should be the same on all throws, smooth and uniform, with a smooth follow through.

Follow through - After the release, allow the lower arm to continue in its natural motion with the wrist snapping forward and fingers fully extended in the direction of the target and the flight of the dart. The darter should not try to jerk or snap the dart into the desired spot on the board.

Aiming and sighting - Sighting is variable in all individuals which may be very noticeable in some darters. Others just appear to throw without considering any aim. In reality the hurry up darters are sighting the board with their eyes on the target. The darter has peripheral view of the dart while concentrating or aiming visually at the target.

Some darters use one or two short aiming motions of the lower arm, in front of the eyes, prior to the delivery. Some darters place the dart along side of the eye using short stroking motions. After aiming and stroking, the release

(See Darting Hints, Page 6)

WE NEED YOUR NEWS !!!!

In the past we have made requests of our members for dart related news, anecdotes, cartoons, etc., to publish in our NEWSLETTER. From time to time a darter would pass along a timely happening and in all cases these were published. The remaining copy is a figment of the imagination of your Editor and various officers of the DDA.

We all know there are news and human interest stories happening which pertain to darts or darters. The problem is reporting the event to us. There always seems to be a barrage of reports after the NEWSLETTER is published about something that happened in the past and no recognition given to the incident or person involved. Please let us know when it happens. That is the time to get the details to us. We can let all 353 members know of your good fortunes and help you enjoy your happy moments.

To help our reporting, it would be best to write up the incident stating the who, when, where, what, why and any other facts. Get them to your Editor. All newsworthy items will be reviewed, edited and prepared for publication.

If you think you would like to help in the preparation of the NEWSLETTER, or if you have newsworthy items you would like to submit, mail them to me, give me a call, or see me at the next L.O.T.D. Carl Stravinski, 7537 Eagle Creek Drive, Dayton, OH 45459, phone 433-3786.

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L.O.T.D. WINNERS

Sept.

8 McGuffy's-Tim Brown/Steve Smith 9 Shroyer -Mindy Crafton/S. Smith 15 McGuffy's-D. Cloutier/S. Smith 16 Shroyer -E. Steiner/C. Stravinski 22 McGuffy's-Tim Brown/Ken Webb 23 Shroyer -S. Anderson/Karen Davis 29 McGuffy's-B. Macy/D. Servis 30 Shroyer -Ed Linden/Ron Cloutier 0ct. 6 McGuffy's-B. Nicoll/Pat Roberts

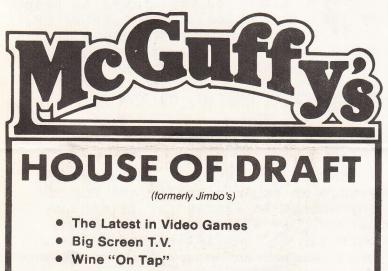
13 McGuffy's-Tom Boots/Ken Webb
14 Shroyer -Ken Webb (singles)
20 McGuffy's-Ron Cloutier/Dave Servis
21 Shroyer -Ed Linden/Ken Webb
27 McGuffy's-Bill Nicoll/S. Smith

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WINNER AWARDS FOR 1982-83 SEASON

Mark Link, President, reports the DDA will award plaques to the first, second and third place winners in all Divisions. The third place awards are new additions to the awards list. Five player plaques will be awarded to each winning team in addition to a plaque for the sponsor of the first place team at the annual banquet.

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of the dart should occur at the same point on every throw. This normally is at the top of the arc during the pivoting action.

An early release wull result in a high dart and a late release in a low dart. Darts to the right or left of the target indicate a deviation in the vertical stroke. To correct the horizontal error, practice imaginary throws, "chopping the board," with movements of the lower arm pivoting about the elbow. Note the motion of the lower arm when "chopping the board" (cutting vertically through the 20 bed, the Bull and the 3 bed). When the stroke is vertical, grip your dart, take your stance and stroke.

There is no reason to dwell on the throw except for this one point. It is important the throw become a smooth, uniform rythmic motion with the wrist and fingers interacting precisely, and releasing the dart at the same position on every throw. Once perfected, the same action for every throw should be maintained to create a smooth rythmic pendulum motion.

Develop a rhythm in your throws to not lose your PERSISTENCE OF VISION. This simply stated is: You are concentrating on the target, you close your eyes and you will see the target on the retina of the eye for about 1/16th of a second. If you develop a rhythm within this time period, your brain can still carry the picture of your first shot, and be able to compensate for any deficiency in it. Therefore, it makes sense to develop a rhythmic pattern in your throwing.

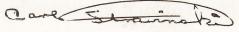
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Fellow Darters:

Your second round schedules are underway into the holiday season. Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays will be observed. Please check your schedules for the off Thursdays.

During these trying times, all DDA officers would like to extend you and yours the best for the holiday season. Have a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

Your Editor,



QUEEN CITY OPEN WINNERS - Kings Island Inn, Cincinnati - 11/12-14/82

BLIND DRAW Top 8 -Ron Cloutier FOUR MAN TEAM 2nd Place -Dave Servis/Billy Nicoll/ Frank Detman/Frank Pratt. Columbus OPEN DOUBLES Top 16 -Sam Few/Mark Link -Billy Nicoll/Frank Pratt WOMENS DOUBLES 1st Place -Sandy Cobb/Jan Storm 3rd Place -Linda Busch/C. Gearhardt -Ellie Nicoll/J. Sullivan Top 16 OPEN SINGLES -Gary Sizemore Top 32 WOMENS SINGLES 2nd Place -Julie Sullivan 3rd Place -Donna Macy MIXED TRIPLES -C. Gearhardt/M. Geiger/ Top 4 G. Stoeppel, Cincinnati -Linda Busch/ Sam Few/ Top 16 Mark Link

QUEEN CITY OPEN SIDELIGHTS

I understand the "Gunners" in the fourman team of Servis, Nicoll Jr., Detman and Pratt could not line up the doubles in their sights. The irony of the loss of first place money is the fact "our gang" was down to the doubles while enjoying a lead of over 200 points. Tough luck, guys; if you need a lesson, see the old pro.

K. C. Mullaney is finding out Dayton darters are shooting tougher. Loose Sizemore whipped the K.C. 2 out of 3 after shooting a terrific 3rd leg. Loose is the second Dayton darter to conquer the Big Boy. Atta way to do it, Loose.

The hospitality was extra hospitable in the Dayton Hospitality suite at the Queen City Open held in the Kings Island Inn. The bathroom again proved to be the popular room. It was not bathtub gin but bathtub wine which flowed freely and, contrary to Julio Gallo, passed over the palate much before its time. I understand the telephone in the bathroom provided a conflict with the general purpose of the room. Is that the right story, Julie?

The Cincinnati zoo never had been on a fruit, vegetable, or nut menu that could compate with the cages areas in the DDA suite. The pistachio nuts are only for animals of the highest breed and I enjoy them for the delicate taste, but all over the floor -----? What is the true story of the "Pistachio Nut Incident?" Mary Nairn started the tale but never finished when someone introduced a lesson on the human anatomy. My, my.

Oh yes, I guess this will go down as the best, biggest, "bustiest" bacchanalian beer party at the Queen City Open in years.

By the way, all was in control. The six uniformed security men provided five minute interval checks to see no one would interfere with the revelers.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

12/3-4-5	Bullseye Holiday Season
	\$10,000. Columbus, Ohio
12/3-4-5	San Diego Open, San Diego
12/12	Tips Cafe Open
	\$1300. Harrison, Ohio
2/25-26-27	11th Blueberry Hill Open
1983	St. Louis, Missouri



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THE DARTER'S PRAYER

Lord, Hear this plea of a darter poor Whose darts hit wires and then the floor I need your help to win my game; To make mine a remembered name.

After the coin toss, let me diddle Double cork, right down the middle And if the games are five-oh-ones, Help me shoot a bunch of tons.

Give me a chalker whose counting flows Without the use of hands and toes Who moves with speed to mark the score But, while I shoot, moves nevermore.

And as the booze and nerves cause trouble Please guide my dart to the proper double And as your will is ever done, Leave me not with the double one.

Bless me with the skill and ease Of Daniels, Lowe, Sheerbaum and Rees One last request I beg, O Lord, Please help me find an open board!

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PROTESTS RESOLVED

Two protests were officially received by the Board. In accordance with Paragraph 6 of the Rules, three Board members, not directly involved, were appointed to make a ruling. They were C. Gearhardt, D. Servis and E. Nicoll.

The first protest had to do with the order of play--Must the games be shot in the order on the Weekly Match Report (W.M.R.)? The Board decided since there is no specific rule in Paragraph 3 governing the order of play that it is up to the captains to agree to an order of play if they want to vary from the generally accepted order on the W.M.R.

As an example, if you have three players present and know your fourth player will arrive by 8:30, you can go ahead and play some of the games provided the other captain agrees. If the fourth player does not make it, then the rules in Paragraph 2 apply.

The second protest has to do with adding a new player to a team on a position round. Rule 1 on who may play says nothing about position round play but only restricts the addition of a player in the last five weeks of play. The Board decided that the member added met all requirements in accordance with Rule 1. The Board did approve an interim rule to restrict additions for play on position nights for the rest of the season.





