

FLYING DART

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LEXINGTON EASY MONEY OPEN SETS NEW ATTENDANCE RECORD

Lexington's Easy Money Open, held February 26 - 28, set records for attendance in nearly all events. Friday night's luck of the draw had 422 players chucking arrows for \$1400.00 in total payout. Saturday saw 105 teams entering the mixed triples play and 49 teams of ladies competing in the women's cricket doubles. Open doubles cricket drew another healthy crowd of 164 teams. Saturday night the ladies turned out in record numbers again, with 60 teams playing for the first place honors in womens 501 doubles. Finishing Saturday night play, 171 teams played in the open doubles 501 competition which ended at a quarter to one Sunday morning.

Sunday morning started with 64 4-person teams playing in the Inter-City Challenge Match and continued into the afternoon with 75 women competing in the ladies 501 singles. Open singles attracted a whopping 222 players.

The list of winners at this tourney reads like a who's who of midwestren darts, beginning with Cincinnati's own **Mike Kenny** taking first in **Open Cricket Singles**, second place went to **Steve Ruff**, with **Tony Payne** and **Jim Ratliff** tied for the third place finish. First place in **Women's Cricket Singles** went to **Carol Merriman**, followed by **Angela Bevel** in second, while **Sharon Tolliver** and **Carol Greenwood** tied for third.

Mixed Triples winners were the team of **Ray Bachneler**, **Bill Tucker**, and **Pam Nicol** from the Wolverine Dart Association, with **Kevin**

Seaman, **Mark Becker**, and **Peggy Phillips** finishing a close second. **Ed Khelsean**, **Carol Merriman**, and **Steve Ruff**, all from Indianapolis, tied for third with **Rodger Detmon**, **Ruddy Jasso**, and **Ann Heidman** of the Lexington area.

Women's Cricket Doubles saw Cleveland's **Kathy Maloney** and **Karen Kus** finish in first place, with Cincinnati's **Ruth Kenny** and **Peggy Phillips** came in second, leaving the

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team of **Cindy Hatfield** and **Nancy Kenny** tied for third with **Mary Lucas** and **Samantha Burchett**.

In the **Open Cricket Doubles** competition **Don Figg** and **Hank Whoberry** led the field to split the \$800 first place money, finishing ahead of the very tough second place team of **Frank Pratt** and **Tony Payne**. **Steve Ruff** and **Ed Khelseau** split the third place honors with **Rodger Roush** and **Brad Wendel**.

Karen Kus and **Kathy Maloney** won for the second time in this tourney when they took the first place money in the **Women's 501 Doubles** event. Finishing second were **Cindy Hatfield** and **Nancy Kenny**. Dayton's own **Sue Kreuzer** and **Mary Tony** shared fourth place cash with **Debbie Allen** and **Nan**

Gehlhar. **Mike Kenny** and **Dave Smith** walked away with the first place honors in the **501 Open Doubles** competition. Following up with a close second were **Kevin Seaman** and **Mark Becker**. While **Sean McFall** and **Gary Blessing** tied with **Mark Turner** and **Jim Ratliff** for third place.

The first place honors in the **501 Women's Singles** went to **Carol Merriman** when she bested **Kathy Maloney** in the final round. Tied for third place in the singles were **Pat Keys** and **Maggie Jones**.

Tony Payne took first place in the **Open 501 Singles** ahead of second place finisher, **Greg Crowe**. While **Terry Carson** and **Rich Baldwin** shared third. The **Inter-City Challenge** was won by the team of **Willy Smith**, **Fred Penick**, **Jim Lewis** and **Greg Crowe** of Covington.

Judging from the size of the crowds, it appears that the Easy Money Open has made the grade as a tournament with great player appeal. Certainly the tournament organizers deserve a rousing cheer and a well done for keeping things running smoothly at a tournament that has grown so in popularity. If you missed this one, you really missed a good tournament. We certainly plan on being there next year. If the Bluegrass Dart Association who are the EASY MONEY OPEN host organization keeps up it's winning ways so will alot of other dart players.

Special thanks go to **Hugh James** for providing a special copy of tournament statistics to the FLYING DART.

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DAYTON PLAYER WINS A.D.O. PACIFIC CUP REGIONAL

Dayton dart player Bill Nicoll, Jr. won the right to represent our ADO region in the ADO area finals for the Pacific Cup team, scheduled to be played at the upcoming Lucky Lights Spring Fling in Cincinnati, April 15-17.

Bill won the regional final, held at the Indianapolis St. Pat's Open, on March 11-13, finishing with only one loss. He finished just one win ahead of his toughest competitor, Tony Payne of Cincinnati.

Bill was sponsored in the event by the Organization of Dayton Darters, who supplied his entry fee for the regional, when the Dayton Darting Association failed to hold spring qualifiers for the ADO event.

If Bill wins the Pacific Cup Area Finals and finishes in the top four of the National Finals, he will travel to Tokyo, Japan with the ADO team to compete for the Pacific Cup, on October 5-9 of this year.

Good luck and shoot well, Bill.

OH BABY, WHAT A NICE FINISH!

Sometimes nature takes a hand in the outcome of sporting events. Herb and Mary McIntyre certainly think so.

Thursday, March 10, Herb was scheduled to play with his dart team on a normal league night, or so he thought, when, Mary, his very pregnant wife told him that she was experiencing quite a bit of discomfort. Herb, realizing that pregnant women can be somewhat unpredictable, suggested that Mary probably ought to come along to darts with him, just in case (a true darter).

Shortly after arriving at the playing venue, in the middle of the 601 team match, Mary informed Herb if they did not want their child to be born in a pub, they had better not wait to see who got the double. Herb took a last look at the score, wished his team mates well and rushed off with his wife to the hospital.

They left the match at 8:50 pm arriving at the hospital at 9:15 pm and lo and behold Mary gave birth to a bouncing baby boy at 9:56 pm.

Weighing in at 7 pounds 1 1/2 ounces, Herbert Andrew, will probably end up like his father, a dedicated darter. How could he miss when he had such a great start. As for mother, Mary, we have but one thought, "WOW, what an outshot girl!!!"

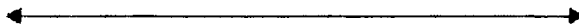
CARL AND RONI LEAVING DAYTON

Carl and Roni Stravinski are leaving Dayton for State College, Pennsylvania. They will be dearly missed by all of us.

Carl has been an active member of the Dayton Darting Association for many years. Carl and Roni edited and produced the D.D.A. Newsletter for several years.

Our best wishes for continued good luck go with them to their new home.

KING OF CLUBS TAKES ELECTRONIC MASTER'S DIVISION TITLE



The winner of the Gem Music and Vending Electronic Dart Master's Division Championship Title is the King of Clubs team. The team members of the first place team are Bill Nicoll, Sr. (captain), Bill Nicoll, Jr., John Stanborough, Dave Servis and Michael Frith.

The second place team was Rascal's Lounge, Mike Frizell (captain), Mark Stovall, Dave Emmons and Matt Handfelder.

Finishing in third place was the

McDigger's Pub team of John Ward (captain), John Welland, Ivan Cobb, Jim Marlatt and Rick Dunning.

The final statistics for the masters division were:

	Won	Lost
King of Clubs.....	151	65
Rascal's Lounge...	134	94
McDigger's Pub....	126	96
Side Room I.....	115	101
Gaslight Lounge...	107	109
Side Room II.....	87	117

ELECTRONIC PUB OF THE MONTH

The Side Room Lounge is our choice for the first of a series of articles on electronic dart pubs in Dayton. The Side Room is owned and operated by Denny Kuhn, and is located at 446 Patterson Rd., just off Shroyer. Denny completed remodeling the Side Room last summer in order to accommodate the three electronic dart boards that grace this small but popular dart pub. Don't be fooled by it's size, however, the Side Room has a whopping nine teams playing in six divisions of the Gem Music Electronic

Dart League, including two in the Master's Division.

While Denny and his homegrown darters range far and wide on the Dayton electronic scene, this unique darting establishment has two in-house dart leagues that are comprised of up and coming players. One has to wonder if the Side Room and it's darting farm system might not become the force on Dayton's growing electronic scene.

Any night of the week is a dart night at the Side Room and finding a game in this pub is never a problem.

THE NUMBERS GAME

by *BILL NICOLL, Sr.*

O.K. so you've got last months numbers down pat. It's not so hard is it, just memorize the triples and it becomes second nature from then on. Well I suppose you've avoided leaving yourself on 99, if you haven't then you now know how tough it is to finish with three perfect darts.

The next group that I want to cover is the numbers from 80 to 89. Starting with 89, the same principle applies to memorizing triples. Because the number is odd and we know that to get an even number we need an odd number to make it even. So with 89 being the outshot I start subtracting mentally using the high triples ie; triple 19 = 57 when subtracted from 89 = 32 aha the best number on the board to finish on. So much for that shot as long as I hit the triple 19 but should I miss then I'm left with a 70. In this situation I determine how close my opponent is to finishing the game, if it's close I shoot single 20 and double bull so that I at least get a shot. If he or she is not close then the proper follow-up is triple 18 double 16. Now 88 is a number that can be determined fairly easy, again start subtracting those even numbered triples, 60 = 28 well not so good but it is an outshot and triple 20 is what you aim for most often. I like to shoot the triple 16 which is 48 and leaves the top of the shop or double 20, thats a good finishing double. Lets have a look at 87, if you subtract triple 19 or 57 that leaves 30 and not one of the better percentage shots so lets look at triple 17 or 51 aha that leaves the very lovely double 18. So hit the triple 17 and take it out, looks easy to me and should be for you as well. The next number is one of my favorites, good old 86, of course the triple to use here is one of our cricket triples, triple 18 which

leaves double 16 or 32. Should you hit a single 18 then your next shot should be right back at it and with another single 18 would leave double bull, go for it. With the number 85 it is another one of our cricket triples, trip 15 or 45 which leaves the double top or 40. should you hit single 15 then it's single 20 and double bull. You'd be surprised how often you can hit that double bull for the big win. Number 84 is a number that converts well from the 20 bed with triple 20

SUGGESTED OUT SHOTS

- 89 = T-19, D-16
- 88 = T-16, D-20
- 87 = T-17, D-18
- 86 = T-18, D-16
- 85 = T-15, D-20
- 84 = T-20, D-12
- 83 = T-17, D-16
- 82 = D-B, D-16
- S-B, S-17, D-20
- 81 = T-15, D-18
- 80 = T-20, D-10

leaving double 12. Should you hit a single 20 when going for 84 it leaves 64 which is a two triple combination shot. Aim at the triple 16, triple 8 area and either one when hit will give you an excellent outshot, triple 8 leaves 40 and triple 16 leaves double eight. We now move on to number 83, using our odd triples to calculate the outshot, we find triple 17 or 51 is the shot to leave the number one finishing double the double 16. In this next number that we come face to face with there are a couple of options on this outshot. All

of the printed outshot sheets call for triple 14, which is 42, leaving the top of the board double 20. Thats still a good shot but most of our better players now shoot for the double bullseye which leaves good ole 32. So what do you do if you hit a single bull, that leaves 57, piece of cake single 17 and double top. My feeling is that this combination is probably your best percentage to finish the game quickly and convincingly. At least your opponent will think you know what your doing and that just might give you an edge. When shooting for 81 again it's a cricket triple number, 15 or 45 which gives us the double 18 or 36. The last number in this series is 80, which lets us throw at the most common triple on the board which is triple 20 or 60, if you miss the triple and hit a single then hit another single and bang the last dart into double 20 for the game and sometimes you can yell "boom" gameshot and match.

This completes the numbers from 80 to 100 in our numbers game column. These are the numbers that you arrive on quite often and I hope these directions help you to convert them into winning games.

I can not stress how important it is to practice this canny game we play called darts. If you just pick some of the above numbers and practice the outshot until you convert it, you'll find how easy it is to memorize the shot. When all you have to think about is where to place the dart instead of heavy calculations then you've arrived at the next plateau. See you next month with 70 to 79. Play darts it's fun.

Shoot Well,
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THE OLD CORNER BAR - One of Gallon, Ohio's finest dart emporiums. This particular establishment is probably one of the oldest dart pubs in Ohio. The beginning of darts in this small community, just above Columbus, was probably due to a man by the name of Tom Bates. Tom was a transplanted Englishman and just couldn't leave his dart heritage behind him. Consequently he became the driving force in starting the game in Gallon. Tom is no longer with us but he is remembered each year with a Tom Bates Memorial Tournament.

My first experience playing with Tom was when he and his son John, along with 5 or 6 other players came to Dayton to play in a very small tournament. This tournament was made up of almost the entire Dayton Dart Association membership (I think there were 12 of us in all at the time). This tourney was played in the basement of the DDA Executive Director, Steve Kay's home. The year was 1972, the finals were between Dayton's then number one Sam Bowers and himself, good old Tom. The results as I remember them were Sam 2, Tom 1.

Although it could have been Tom 2, Sam 1, what I remember was what a great time we had watching two old pro's go at it tooth and nail.

For quite sometime after that I was a regular at the Old Corner Bar whenever I passed through Gallon. Tom and John would always come down and we'd play till real late in the evening. They taught me a whole lot about this game and I certainly appreciated the teachings which have helped me to this day in our favorite pastime.

Of course the thing I remember most, along with all the dart camaraderie, were the great grilled ham and cheese sandwiches that the Corner Bar is famous for. In fact, their whole menu is one that will make your mouth water. Great cookin, friendly atmosphere, good darts and great fun. Next time your near Gallon, Ohio look up the Old Corner Bar right there on Main Street. When you do get a game, remember, play well cause Old Tom Bates is probably looking down on you. See you next month with another one of my old haunts.

Bill Nicoll, Sr.

PUB OF THE MONTH

Nortons 2505 Wilmington Pike. If you want great food, super atmosphere and a place to play darts. This is the place to be any night of the week except Sunday.

Scott, your genial host is usually on hand behind the bar serving up many of the imported beers that compliment the hospitality of this fine dart emporium. When Scott is not busy I'm sure that he can be enticed into a game of cricket or 301, watch out though he isn't as easy as he looks. Norton's host teams from the Gem, Gold, Silver, Blue, Red, Orange, Green, Yellow, Gray and Scarlet divisions of the D.D.A. and Cardinal and Falcon divisions of the S.D.D.A. League nights are on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Norton's is noted for sponsoring softball, volley ball as well as other sports related endeavors. Their silver bullet flag football team finished ninth in the nation this year and last year.

SOUTH DAYTON DARTING ASSOCIATION NOW IN THE FLYING DART

The Flying Dart proudly welcomes the South Dayton Darting Association to it's list of contributing organizations. The S.D.D.A. is a 2 year old darting association comprised of the Falcon and the Cardinal divisions. Each division has eight teams and all the teams are very competitive.

The S.D.D.A. is a league solely devoted to the promotion of darts and dart players. All monies collected in player fees are returned to the players in trophies and a banquet at the end of each season.

The association is headed by Gary Keith, it's president, and the board is made up of Gary, Vince Hunter, Lou Lovash, and John Hodges. The board members handle all league business and protests.

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IT'S A DARTER'S CHOICE

Those of you who caught last month's editorial comment in this column have responded with kind and glowing words in most cases, but there were a few of you who failed to see it as nothing more than a bit of humor. While this column is meant to entertain, I would also like to believe that it is informative. There are sure to be enough features in this publication in the coming months to provide the average reader with humor galore. Having thus prepared you for the worst, I would like to turn to more serious thoughts.

Most of the people who will have a chance to read these pages have or will become associated with the game of darts in some way, for those that don't, well, they'll probably go on to more serious pursuits such as becoming lawyers, politicians, or world statesmen.

While we as dart players don't necessarily understand why everyone doesn't play darts, there are some pretty good reasons why the rest of the world is largely ignorant about the game. The biggest reason that comes to mind is that it isn't shown on television in most countries. When you want to promote anything these days the boob-tube seems to be the most popular way to do it. The only problem with getting on TV as everyone knows is that you have to have a sponsor willing to put up the necessary bread to make it happen, and in order for that to happen, the sponsors have to believe that enough people will find the programs exciting enough and wholesome enough to watch.

Now, I know you're going to say, "Gee, I always thought playing darts was exciting." Yes, you're right, darts is an exciting game to play and can be an exciting game to watch at

the national, international, and even local levels of play. But, and this is a big "BUT", who knows about dart players and their game??? If I seem to be going in circles, it is only because the question of dart promotion itself runs in a vicious circle. If you want something recognized as a major contribution to today's world enough people have to be interested, to get people interested you have to promote, in order to promote, enough people have to be interested, and on, and on.

The real question of promoting the sport of darts really comes down to the local dart organizations. During my years around the game, I have belonged to a number of local dart organizations, some of them successful and some of them not so successful. One of the things that I noticed about all of the successful organizations was that all of them had one element in common, they all had people involved in them that never lost sight the main goal of the organization, which was to promote the fine sport of darts.

All of the dart organizations that are non-profit in nature and elect their officers from their general membership, have as their second bylaw, something that reads like, "The purpose of the organization will be for the organization and promotion of the sport of Darts under a charter granted by the membership of the organization." Sounds kind of fancy, doesn't it? Well, what it really means is that the reason for the organization is to organize and promote darts. That's a pretty simple statement of purpose. The rest of the bylaws just go on to say how these two things will be done.

When we look at dart leagues and organizations in the America, most of them have been pretty suc-

cessful at accomplishing the first reason, "the organization", otherwise they wouldn't exist. The second reason seems to be a little tougher for a lot of them to handle, but more about that later. First let's look at the organize function.

Webster's defines the word "organize" as a verb, meaning "to place in orderly arrangement, unite". Yep, sounds right. Let's see, dart leagues do that. They unite teams and organize them in an orderly body, so they can play games and matches by a standard set of rules under standard conditions. They establish some order where there was none.

So, establishing an orderly framework in which the game can be played is one of the first responsibilities of the organization. That means that the membership, through their elected officers, decide what rules to play by, what is acceptable and what is not during normal play. The elected officials then are charged with maintaining that framework, by settling disputes that arise and answering questions that come from the general membership.

Occasionally it becomes necessary for the elected officers to modify the rules or the organization itself in order to resolve a situation that conflicts with the second bylaw of the organization. What that means is, if a rule or standard does not promote the sport or can hurt the organization the elected officers should change it, but if the change is significant then the general membership should be polled for their approval. In any case the general membership should be notified before any change becomes permanent.

Darting organizations that do not operate along these lines tend to become (CONTINUED ON PG. 6)

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dictatorships, run for the benefit of the few at the top of the organization, and are harmful to the organization, the promotion of the sport, and operate to deprive the general membership of their rights as members. Many local and national dart associations have failed because their leaders became dictators or because the leaders weren't interested enough in their positions and the sport to do the job right. If in the interests of promoting the sport the membership of any dart organization can foresee this happening to them the time to change the elected officers can't be too soon.

If you find yourself a member of an organization that won't answer your questions; that won't settle your disputes on rules; that won't issue membership cards so you can be recognized as a member by affiliated organizations (be they national or international); that does not publish the time and place of their officers meetings; that does not publish the minutes of those meetings; conducts meetings in such a manner that agendas and motions are not open to discussion or questions from the general membership; that conducts the meetings of elected officers according to bylaws of its charter only when it is convenient and agrees with their own opinions; that makes exceptions to the rules and bylaws of the organization without the consent of the general

membership; that is not held accountable for their business practices and financial dealings; that makes decisions based upon little or no investigation of fact but merely on the opinion of the senior elected officers; that allows senior elected officers to override decisions or arrangements made by duly elected/appointed committee chairmen without their knowledge or the consent of the rest of the elected officers; or that does not allow you to voice your complaints or does not answer those complaints in open meetings; then your organization is on the way to becoming a dictatorship or already is one.

The above mentioned problems are not all of the symptoms of a poorly run organization, but they do give an indication that the organization has a long way to go toward being responsible to its membership. An organization that is not responsible or responsive to its membership can not hope to provide the proper framework to support or promote a sport into the prominence that it deserves and needs to grow and prosper.

Once a dart association, club, league, or organization has established a good working relationship within its own membership the promotion of the sport through cooperation with other organizations both on the regional and national

levels is the next step.

Elected or appointed persons who are to act as the representatives for your club or association when dealing with other groups must have an in depth knowledge of the sport and be willing to put that knowledge to work organizing and promoting the sport of darts through activities other than normal league play. While the AMERICAN DARTS ORGANIZATION is not perfect and has suffered from growing pains in recent years, it is basically a good organization. It has provided a forum for planning and platform on which to base playing standards and rules for the majority of local organizations. It has provided a window on the rest of the world through which America has become a force in darts. It also has provided us with an affiliation to the WORLD DARTS FEDERATION.

So, as we grow there is an outlet for our local talent in the game to seek higher and higher levels of competition. The only major problem facing local clubs today is how best to make use of the existing organizations to further their goals and the goals of their players. What is that goal, you ask? To make the great sport of darts a household word and catapult it into the limelight it truly deserves.

Michael Frith

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GEM MUSIC LEAGUE STANDINGS

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as of 3/28/88 top 3 teams/division:

TEAM	WON	LOST
NORTH LADIES LEAGUE		
SIDE ROOM I.....	83.....	49
PHONEBOOTH II.....	83.....	49
SLOPES.....	75.....	57
LADIES SOUTH LEAGUE		
MACDIGGERS II.....	88.....	44
MACDIGGERS I.....	78.....	54
SIDEROOM III.....	78.....	54
NORTH OPEN LEAGUE		
ORCHARD I.....	108.....	24
CHANCES R III.....	90.....	42
CHANCES R I.....	89.....	43
NORTH OPEN LEAGUE II		
MY BROTHERS III.....	108.....	24
CHANCES R IV.....	93.....	39
LUCKY BUCKS I.....	90.....	42
SOUTH OPEN LEAGUE		
LOUIES PLACE.....	86.....	46
PHONEBOOTH II.....	86.....	46
ZACHARIA'S I.....	77.....	55
SOUTH OPEN LEAGUE II		
CHER'S TAVERN I.....	93.....	39
MACDIGGER'S 1.....	92.....	40
GROUND ROUND I.....	86.....	46
EAST OPEN LEAGUE		
HILLSIDE TAVERN I.....	86.....	46
CANAL STREET I.....	79.....	53
MIKO'S.....	77.....	55
FAIRBORN OPEN LEAGUE		
JC'S LOUNGE III.....	106.....	26
LITTLE ABNERS II.....	101.....	31
JC'S LOUNGE I.....	99.....	33
NORTH MIXED LEAGUE		
ORCHARD III.....	83.....	37
SLOPES I.....	77.....	43
LITTLE ABNERS II.....	63.....	45
SOUTH MIXED LEAGUE		
MACDIGGERS II.....	83.....	37
LOUIES PLACE I.....	79.....	41
RASCAL'S.....	74.....	46
SOUTH MIXED LEAGUE II		
SIDEROOM III.....	85.....	23
MACDIGGERS III.....	72.....	36
SIDE ROOM II.....	68.....	40
MASTERS DART DIVISION FINAL		
KING OF CLUBS.....	151.....	65
RASCAL'S.....	134.....	94
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D.D.A. STANDINGS

DAYTON DARTING ASSOCIATION
standings as of 3/31/88 top
3 teams/division are:

TEAM	TOTAL
GEM DIVISION	
HANK'S S&TBG.....	156
DART TRAIN.....	144
KATZ HEAVY H.....	140
GOLD DIVISION	
LITTLE YORK TAVERN	167
CUBBYHOLE DESPAR	130
MERRY GO ROUND ...	124
SILVER DIVISION	
CLANCY'S UNTOUCH	185
NORTON'S WEIRD NU	163
C.J.'S ALLSTARS.....	138
BRONZE DIVISION	
HANKS PENETRATOR	146
LITTLE YORK TAV.....	140
KATZ'S MISFITS.....	127
BLUE DIVISION	
NORTONS VANISH PT	103
CLANCY'S (SIMMONS)	95
CHEERS FTB.....	91
RED DIVISION	
HANK'S HIT MEN.....	115
NORTON'S KNIGHTS..	109
BRUNS BUDWEISER..	100
ORANGE DIVISION	
CLANCY'S I DON'T CA	107
C.J.'S SLOP SHOTS.....	94
LANES&FAIR SPUDD....	82
GREEN DIVISION	
KIRK'S JERKS.....	118
ORBIT INN.....	93
KATZ.....	83
YELLOW DIVISION	
CHER'S TAVERN.....	102
KATZ 3 + 3 KREW.....	98
KIRK'S JERKS.....	89
WHITE DIVISION	
SHROYER INN KNIG...	106
HANK'S JUST TRYIN'..	102
CUBBYHOLE TROGS...	95
BROWN DIVISION	
SMEGGIES.....	104
HANK'S DART GODS...	95
CHEERS KILLER BEES .	89
GRAY DIVISION	
LITTLE YORK DRAGA.	124
CLANCY'S BEGGINE..	108
NORTONS KNOCK.....	96

TEAM	TOTAL
SCARLET DIVISION	
LITTLE YORK FU'S.....	106
PATT'S.....	106
STAN'S BEASTLY BO..	103
TAN DIVISION	
CHEER'S BAR.....	89
AOH HYDRO'S.....	79
CHER'S.....	72

S.D.D.A. TEAM STANDINGS (NEW FEATURE)

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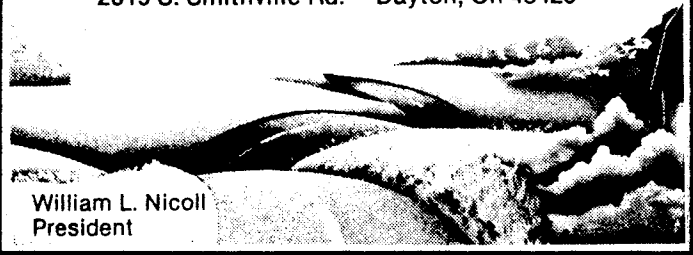
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Top 4

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Bud Honeycutt
Randy Gipson

Top 8

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Al Lambert
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Jack Webber

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Top 4

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Don Figg / Terry Carson
Bud Honeycutt / Randy Gipson

Top 8

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Mike Blessing / Mark Groves
Jack Webber / Randy Barker

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Paul Copper / Jim Medley

Top 8

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Sue Kreuzer / Mary Toney

Top 8

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ABOUT DARTS

A TON-EIGHTY ENTERPRISES™ SYNDICATED COLUMN

by HOWARD REED

If you've just stumbled across this story and what the heck it's doing here, we must advise you that you are looking at a Dart publication. On the other hand, if you're reading it on purpose you might just wonder what it is that Howard Reed is up to. Hang in there and hopefully by the end of this space everybody will have some answers.

For those that have stumbled on this column it is always good to start at the beginning; and in the case of darts, that might not be as easy as it sounds. There are stories that darts have been played since the beginning of time... a theory that would be very hard to prove, or for that matter, disprove.

There is some evidence that would point to the beginning of darts as we know it, to some three hundred years ago. One thing that is known, though, is that it was, like all games, invented for children to play and have fun. The simplicity of the game is part of the charm that leads dart fans to spell it with a Capital "D".

The story is told that the basics of the game were developed in England, and those that hold to that theory use as evidence the scoring system. The most popular games are 301, 501, or 1001. In each game the players start with a given amount of points, and the first one to reach zero wins. The logic that the game is English is that it is typical of the country, in that you start with something and when you end up with nothing you win. This may be very unfair, even though England did rule the world at one time and now has trouble ruling itself. As any dart player knows, a little bad luck here and a little bad luck there and you're out of the game.

A very wise person, probably not a dart player, once said of the

English, that they have a sneaky sense of humor. If this is true, and there is no evidence to the contrary, the finish of an 01 dart game is pure English. Not only do you have to finish (end) on exactly what you need, but you must do it on a double. Only the English would make you do something that you've never done to win a game, a country, or a bet.

Another wise man once said, "The English are great at inventing games - they just don't play them very well." as with most things said by so-called wise men, this person was half right. Where the wise one fell on hard times was in the statement that they don't play games well. This may be true in some cases, but they do play darts well, intelligently and with skill and brains. So much for that myth.

It is important, if playing darts, to have darts, a dartboard and the desire to engage in an activity that in the long run will drive you and those about crazy. Darts are habit forming, addictive, probably fattening, but to this point they have not been called illegal, put on the Attorney Generals list, nor is each game preceded by a warning from the Surgeon General. It should probably have a statement like the one that preceded every episode of Mission Impossible: "Your assignment Darter, should you accept it is to start at 01 and get to zero before your opponent." What this voice inside your head doesn't tell you is that should you become totally involved in the sport it will consume your life, dictate your actions and control your world. On the other hand, you can rest assured that this situation only prevails in ninety percent of all dart cases. At least you have a 10% chance of surviving the experience.

What are the attractions? What is it about the game that does these

things to, from all outward appearances, normal people? It's hard to explain. It can't be the darts, as they are nothing more than three pieces of metal, with a point on one end, some type of flight on the other end, and a persons hand in the middle or somewhere near it. Therein may be the problem - the hand in the middle. The dartboard can't cause this problem, even if the inventor did put 20 hours in the day, numbered according to his own system, then added some wires just to add some interest. The answer is probably like some sneaky teacher's multiple choice quiz, when the answer can be ... all of the above, ... none of the above, ... all answers are correct.

The game of darts is a combination of childish simplicity, mathematic possibilities that would test a graduate of M.I.T., the strategy of General Patton moving in on the Desert Fox, the stamina of a long distance runner, the liver of W. C. Fields, the hand-eye coordination of a member of a bomb squad, and the finances of a person named Rockefeller. The great part about the game is that should you be lacking in any of the above requirements, it doesn't make any difference, because 99% of the other darters in the world don't have all of them either. You should also have the patience of Job, and if you stay with us, we will, over the course of time, tell you more about the great game of darts than you probably want to know. Next time out we'll look at the darts themselves and how to select the dart that will give you the best performance.

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THE CARDINAL RULE

by RON CARDINAL

In the past, many have tried to pass my little quizzes. all have failed. This time I'll give you a fighting chance. The answers ought to be in this rag somewhere. Good luck, bucko, you're going to need it.

1. How can you tell a novice player and the tournament professional?
 - (A) The tournament pro has a dart named after him.
 - (B) The novice is the one at the scoreboard.
 - (C) The newcomer practices all day.
 - (D) The pro spends all day sewing his/her name on their shirt.
2. Fifty one fives is...
 - (A) A pot game.
 - (B) A new name for Cricket.
 - (C) Short for the number of five dollar bills spent on the average dart night.
 - (D) How most people play 501.
3. The average person takes up the game of darts because..
 - (A) They are independently wealthy.
 - (B) They are closet alcoholics.
 - (C) They are masochists.
 - (D) They have a deep psychological need to have their family and friends make fun of them.
 - (E) All of the above.
4. You're playing 501 and you throw 180 on your first turn. What is your remaining score after six darts?
 - (A) 141.
 - (B) 160.
 - (C) 181.
 - (D) 295.
 - (E) All of the above.
5. Each and every set of darts has how many projectiles?
 - (A) 3.
 - (B) Three.
 - (C) III
 - (D) Three less than you need.
6. What is the best method for the disposal of used darts?
 - (A) Burial at sea.
 - (B) Necklace and earrings for the little woman.
 - (C) Cryogenics.
 - (D) Give them to your worst enemy.
7. What can you tell about the player whose sweater is covered with 180 patches?
 - (A) They have moths.
 - (B) They're an excellent player.
 - (C) They can't hit a double.
 - (D) They're an excellent seamstress.
8. When people aren't out playing darts, they are...
 - (A) Memorizing out combinations.
 - (B) Praying.
 - (C) Knocking over 7-Elevens to pay for their habit.
 - (D) Are you kidding? (Get Real.)
9. How do you get 64 dart players in a Volkswagen?
 - (A) Paint a greyhound on the side.
 - (B) Double sixteen in the front and double sixteen in the back.
 - (C) Tell them it's Nicky Virachkul's.
 - (D) Put in a board and pay to the top sixteen.
10. What's the difference between an electronic dart player (for some reason they frown on the term "soft-tip player" and a steel-tip player (never mind, I think I figured it out)?
 - (A) The steel-tip player enjoys the quiet, mellow atmosphere.
 - (B) The electronic darter has a deep love of bells and whistles.
 - (C) The steel player is usually a pretty fair mathematician.
 - (D) The electronic player doesn't have 301 fingers and toes.

THE ANSWERS TO RON CARDINAL'S QUIZ ARE LOCATED ON PAGE NUMBER 14

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A VIEW FROM...

A TON-EIGHTY ENTERPRISES™ SYNDICATED COLUMN

by HOUSTON HARTWELL REED II

As a wise woman once said, "There is something wrong in the republic." (As an aside, this was uttered after ten years of marriage when she finally put 2 and 2 together and came up with 7. Her husband had spent every Tuesday night since their vows bowling. She had discovered that not only didn't he own a bowling ball, shoes, or a polyester shirt, but there was no bowling center within 400 miles. Some would say "Sad, but true.") When we were but young nipplers we were taught that English "Teasers" invented darts. "It's a sport for bums, drunks and politics are honest." At last a ray of light.

There is just no way that the English invented the game of darts. One reason being that is too complicated, yet too simple and just too darn much fun. The Brits love games that take forever to play, take little training, and interest almost no one else. (Albeit a weak argument here and maybe the wrong track to follow.) It is probably closer to the truth that the game of darts was invented by George Washington, the well known father of our country. (From the number of signs stating that "George Washington Slept Here" it is certainly possible that he made enough house calls to "father" if not our country, at least one that could receive large amounts of foreign aid.)

George's favorite game was American darts baseball and he carried a 50 plus average in the Olde Dominion, Virginia Super League. Abner Doubleday was a member of the same league, but as they say "That's another story for another time". George so influenced his fellow colonists that darts became a favored game, and in fact, the favorite game of most of the politicians of the period. This is not hard to understand because most of them did not have the the jumping ability for basketball (called "Powdered Wig Disease"), thought hockey was a game for the uneducated, and couldn't get excited when Ohio State played the school up north at football.

There were many things about the game that bothered George, and one was the distance that one had to toss the "arrows". When he first began throwing, the toss was made from 12 rodroots (about 19 feet by todays standards of measurement). Throwing from this distance made it very difficult to find a tavern large enough to house the league. (Besides sleeping around, George also liked to have a "wee touch" of the nectar now and again.) Using his well trained surveyor's eye, "I will move the line here" he said one night to Betsy Ross who shared many of his interests. (It is a little known bit of historical fact that had Martha known about this, she might well have been the first woman to mutter the words "Something is wrong in the Republic". The fact that there was no Republic at the time would not have bothered Martha a tad.) So saying, George moved the line to 8 feet and marked the spot with the end of a beer crate from Oche' Brothers Brewery. "We'll call the line the Brothers!" exclaimed Tom Jefferson as he wiped the "Ribs and Grits" from his face. There was a darkening of the clouds and a voice boomed from

above, "It shall be an Oche'." And it was. (Editor's note: the booming voice from above was probably that of the now famous Olly Croft who was always considered to be a bit ahead of his time.)

The original target for the game was the hind quarter of a bull and most of the game was spent throwing at the bull's "whatever". (Needless to note here that the term "Bullseye" was not in vogue at the time.) Having solved the distance problem, George set his mind to solving the target situation. Not that he didn't enjoy the game but the "Bull Hind Quarter" did get a little gamey. He found that membership was declining in the Virginia Super League at an alarming rate. One day while visiting the countryside and cheating the local natives out of all their good "Stuff" he spotted a Teepee decorated with a large circle, inside of which was another smaller circle, inside of which was yet another smaller circle located at the exact center of the outer two. Seeing this he exclaimed, "That's it!" (George was a man of few words.)

This move solved the animal part problem for about a day. The next day Alexander Hamilton strolled into the "Pewter Mug", then home to the Olde Dominion, Virginia Super League. On spying the new addition asked "What the heck is that Teepee doing against the wall?" "That's for darts", came the answer. "Did anyone ever think of taking the circle off the teepee and putting on the wall." When the reply was negative accompanied by astounded looks the Gov'nor of the establishment dispatched an underling to to cut the piece from the tent and tack it to the wall.

Later that day one of the local ne'r-do-wells was having a few thousand mugs and musing. (Musing was a very big pastime in the early days of our country.) "Hey, Al, someone 'as stolen the numbers off o' yer clock". "Bud, tha's not a clock. It's a dart target". "Yea, well someone still stole the numbers off yer clock". Rather than argue with this Rube the Gov said, "Well, Bud, you be right as rain and by the powder on my wig I'd be pleased if ya would replace 'em for me. Matter of fact, I'll front you a pint o' the best if ya finish afore the match tonight". Bud, doing his best with the thought of the free pint weighing on his mind, tried to remember a clock looked like, which was difficult at best as he had never seen one. Still, he solved this problem with the ingenious insight that was to make our country great.

Bud, was not to sure how many hours were in a day or on a clock, but he was sure that both were the same. Next, he reasoned that, as he could count to 20 there had to be 20 hours in a day. If there had been more he could've drank for more, if there were less, then why did he learn to count so high. Then he remembered that his dog always chased his tail left to right, so this had to be the direction that the clock went. He also knew that it was the start of the day when he could stand up, so he started at the top of the circle and numbered the "dart target" as he

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would a clock. 1-18-4-13-6-10-15-2-17-3-19-7-16-8-11-14-9-12-5-20, he managed to write in a shaky but clear hand around the face of the target. He was very proud, for this was the first time he'd ever gotten through his numbers from 1 to 20 on the first try. Having finished he turned to the bar for his free pint. Without looking up, the Gov'nor pushed a pint across the bar saying, "This Oche's for you, Bud". *(Little did he know how close he had come to making history with those few words.)*

George was delighted with his new game of darts. "Gee, this is more funner!" They played a game called, "Hit the outer ring, then score lots of points *(they started 10,00)* and finally hit the outer ring again with what you need, but first hit the Bull-center to begin."

Looking up from her sewing one night Betsy said, "The name of your game is as stupid as the laws and taxes that silly King George has put upon us." "Hey, you know she's right. Let's call them English Darts," replied Paul Revere. "So be it," pronounced the soon to be father of our country. *(As a footnote to history it must be noted that Betsy went to all home and away matches with George. Upon hearing this Martha (more and more the Dart Widow) was prompted to declare, "There is something wrong in the Republic!" she also indicated that Betsy, at best, was nothing more than a "Tungsten Tittle". Yet another first.)*

The game prospered as never before. Almost everyone loved the game. Then came that fateful night when when Paul Revere's voice was heard to scream, "The British are coming, the British are coming". And they did. When they left with their red coats in tatters, their breeches in rags they look with them the game of darts. *(Why not? There really wasn't a heck of alot else to take and some of them being a little smarter than average figured they could probably sell the game and make a few extra bob on the side, when they returned to England.)*

Meanwhile, in America, things returned to normal with George Washington being named the first president of the United States. George never lost his love for the game, he continued to play his team remained the same and Betsy continued to follow the team around, venue to venue. Well, there was one slight change in the makeup of the team. Abner Doubleday never did take to the new game. "I want to play baseball....I want to play baseball!" "Oh, Abner, why the heck don't you go outside and play.", uttered George. Well, yes, That is another story....

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