

Arlington Dental Bowling Team

Week 16 Newsletter

A Little Bit of a Rut.....

The Headline

The last two weeks have not been very productive for to us. Actually this whole second part of the season has not been good. After losing all seven last week to Glueckert, we took only two from *Done-In-The-Third* Friday night, whom we beat 7 to 0 the first time around. We are now quite a bit under the .500 mark at 15- 20, and we are at the half way point of the second part of the season. I cannot imagine we moved up from our previous 8th place position. I am guessing we moved down.

L &O, who was in first, lost all seven to the third place team Trojans. That gives the first place team 25 points, putting us 10 points behind the leader. Here are some other results that I heard. Unique Carpet took 5 giving them 17 points, so we are behind them. Pin Chasers took only two, but they now have 19. Glueckert I do believe took 5 also, giving them 16 points and putting them ahead of us also. YIKES... that means every team from our old league is a head of us! NOT GOOD!!

Do you see a trend here? We are losing ground quickly. We always hit some sort of skid during the course of the year. The difference here is we need to end this soon. This league is way too competitive and does not allow you to go into a prolonged tail spin. Catching the second or even first place team is no where near impossible. We have four weeks to put ourselves in a position to win this part of the season. I have no doubt that we can do it. We also need to keep in mind that the wild-card playoff team is the team with the most total points other than the winners of the three parts of the season. That means every point counts.

I'm not sure what the problem has been. The whole handicap thing is interesting and our record sucks even worse now when we are giving pins, but I really don't think that has much to do with it for us at least. We just need to get our heads back in the game.

On the bright side, other than game two, which seems to be our nemesis lately, we really did not bowl that badly. In game one we bowled a collective 30 pins over average and won. Game two we bowled 63 pins under our average and got killed. In game three we bowled 59 pins over average and got beat. That was just a matter of the other team bowling out of their asses... which seems to be another trend we run into.

Anyway, it's time to right the ship, and turn it up a notch (that would be counter-clockwise) as per the Top Gun!

So, "Shut Up and Bowl!"

The Business of Bowling

Chris started things in his usual lead-off spot. I'd say he chose a nice variety of scores to even out to his average. Game one he was at his 163 average (technically 2 pins under) with a 161. In game two he dropped 20 pins below his average with a 142. In game three he evened things out with a 20 pin over average 181. So much for the third game being your worst. Nice try on that theory huh? Oh yeah, and contrary to popular belief, Chris DID bowl-ahead last week. He obviously did not speak to anyone reliable to get the games recorded. For sure he did not flirt with that chubby girl! More on that later.

Mark seems to have settled into the two-slot. In game one he rolled a 19 pin over average 191. In game two, he took a dip to a 21 pin below average 151. Then in game three he rebounded with a nice 21 pin over average 193. Overall it was a solid night for the team owner. He for sure was not alone in that game two dip. Again, it seems like that game is really a mental block for us. It's very strange.

Bill seems to be enjoying being in the middle of things in the three position. Hmmmm.. Maybe that's not such a good idea with all of the banter that has gone on recently. But, we won't go there right now. Anyway, Wild Bill struggled a bit in games one and two with a 116 and 127 respectively. But, he managed to turn things around in game three with a very nice 166. For those that have a short memory, Bill has really helped us the last three weeks with some monster games, especially those two 200's. Hang in there buddy. You're doing great.

My good roll continued with my fourth consecutive 600 series a 626, which was comprised of a 223, 201 and 202. I seem to be flirting with my patented 199, but Thank God, I managed to avoid it. I really love lanes one and two. I have bowled well there all three times I've bowled there. Obviously the giving of pins does not affect me! So, I guess I fall in Lee's theory about giving pins. That whole thing is still up in the air, but it's still fun to talk about.

Lee was as steady as ever with another 600 series of his own, a 636. Yes he beat me again.. pain in my ass! Have I told anyone how much I hate him?☺. I say that with a smile on my face, but he knows exactly what I mean. And yet he still pulls a Phil and reminds me that he beat me again. Come on... did Phil really do that? YES, he sure did... far too many times!

In game one, our collective 30 pins over average, was enough for a 20 pin win of 1180 to 1160. I have to be honest; I thought we were going get on a roll again as we quickly bounced back from last week's shut out.

Unfortunately game two did not go in the same direction. We went right in the tank again, shooting even worse than last week's 891. We may have set a new team low with an 825 scratch! We lost straight up by 119 pins, 944 to 825. With handicap we lost by 128 pins, 1115 to 987. OUCH!!

Game three happened to be our best game. Unfortunately it was at the wrong time. A 59 pin over average effort got us nothing but an 1181 to 1109 loss. Those guys just bowled their asses off. Look at these scores: Adam = 29 pin over average 212. Scott = 45 pin over average 247. Carl = 8 pin over average 169. Sean = 2 pin over average 194; Mike 47 pin over average 188. That came to a team 131 pins over average. There is simply not much we can do about that. These things happen. It does seem as though we run into that quite often though. We bring out the best in teams I guess.

Other Stuff

Is it me, or is Lyle getting more annoying these days. For some reason, I just don't find him as funny. Bill, how the hell do you work with him? I remember when we used to love to bowl against them. Now, I could give a shit less. I guess that whole bowling too long thing has really left a bad taste in my mouth.

We figured out why Pin Chasers is so hung up on getting done quickly. They all hit the bar when they are done. Well, why didn't they just say that from the beginning? We could have just bought them a drink and this whole thing would have never happened. Yeah right.

Done In the Third's fourth bowler, I think his name is Scott, has caught on to Ted pretty quickly, in his own kind of way. Here is an exchange I had with him the one time I decided not to cut off Ted.

Pete: Some times I don't even bother. It's just not worth it.

Scott: Yeah, he pulls that shit all the time

Pete: He's such a fucking asshole.

Scott: Yeah, he's got a real problem.

Pete: It's been that way for years

Scott: You know, my dad looks just like him.

Pete: Really?

Scott: Hey, you can make fun of him all you want. I don't care.

Pete: Just as long as your dad doesn't act like him, you're fine.

Scott: Not even close.

I just got word for Chris that Brad is out for the entire month of January as well. He is saying he could be back in February, but at this point we probably shouldn't count on him. This throws a bit of a wrench into things, but we'll find a way to get through it.

The FUN Stuff

Chubby

Chris was at the front desk trying to find out what happened with his scores when he bowled ahead.

Bill: Hey is Chris flirting with that girl over there.

Pete: You mean that chubby one?

Bill: Yeah, that one.

Pete: You know, she could be kind of cute if she lost a few pounds.

Bill: Yeah, 40 or 50.....whatever

From Experience?

Lyle left himself wide open with this joke

Lyle: What do you call a black, female prostitute with braces?

A Black n Decker, Pecker, Wrecker.

Pete: So, I take it you know this from experience?

Party Time

Mark and I were discussing the party we have yet to have at his house

Pete: How's the house coming?

Mark: Oh it's good.

Pete: Good enough to host a mid-season party?

Mark: Absolutely.

Pete: Okay, mid-season party at Mark's house. Mark you just tell us when.

Mark: How about the Super Bowl?

Pete: I think that works.

Bill: What? What did I miss?

Pete: Super Bowl party at Mark's house. Can you make it?

Bill: Wait. Let me check my social calendar, yes I'm in.

M.F.

Bill: Whose initials are M.F.?

Pete: Mother fucker.

Bill: Well, that's the guy that beat us.

Balls are doing what?

Pete: Damn the lanes are drying up. My ball is just taking off now.

Mark: Balls are just taking off everywhere. *(as he's looking at Bill)*

Bill: What are you looking at me for?

Say what?

Pete: How's your thumb?
Chris: It's sticking. It's hurting and it's holding.
Pete: Say what?
Bill: *says nothing just rolls his eyes and looks up at the ceiling*
Pete: You need a fucking college degree to figure out what the hell he just said.

Bill's Line of the Week

Oh those Dick Cards

Lee: Did anyone get a dick card?
Pete: Yeah, Bill did
Lee: You did?
Bill: Yep.
Lee: You didn't announce it
Bill: You didn't know I had a dick?
Lee: **No**

*And THAT'S Bill's Line of the Week.....albeit the shortest winner ever!
The End.....*

Lineups

12/28:	Mark, Lee, Pete, Art, Chris	OFF: Brad, Bill
Jan 4th:	Mark, Lee, Pete, Bill, Chris	OFF: Art, Brad
Jan 11th:	Lee, Pete, Chris, Bill, Art <i>Mark is on vacation</i>	OFF: Mark, Brad
Jan 18th:	Lee, Pete, Chris, Bill, Art <i>Mark is on vacation</i>	OFF: Mark, Brad
Jan 25th:	Position Week = TBD	

Lee NEEDS a night off some where along the line. I was going to give him January 4th off, but that would mean, Art has to bowl four straight weeks, which would be really hard on him. So, it will have to wait until February. But, let's all be aware he needs a night off ASAP.

We will have a team discussion regarding the current status of our team roster and our lineups on Friday. Brad being off for 3 or 4 months is taking its toll on some of us.