

Arlington Dental Bowling Team

Week 24 Newsletter

Friday Feb. 22, 2008

Minimizing the Damage....

The Headline

After losing the first game by 20 pins and then the second by 67 pins, it looked like we were in for another dismal night. But, led by Lee, we came storming back to take the last game by 216 pins taking the third game and total pins.

We bowled against WTFC, who had the same record as we did. They also happen to have the highest average bowler in the league, Bruce Wintersteen. I think in the end Bruce regretted even asking while we were warming up, "Where's Lee?" I said, "Oh don't worry. He'll be here."

Little did he know that Lee came in at his normal time, just as practice was ending. He also didn't know that Lee has been fired up for a few weeks waiting to bowl this team, specifically to go head to head with Bruce. As the saying goes..."be careful what you ask for." He asked for Lee, and he sure as shit got him!!

And DAMN what a night Lee had. Bruce better be careful because Lee is coming fast. He needs to start looking over his shoulder from time to time, because if he doesn't he might just miss Lee passing him up! Bruce is down to 219 after a rather bad night for him: 193, 182 & 181, which came to 104 pins below his average. Lee jumped to almost 211 with games of 223, 248 and an incredible 280! That came to a 751 series, which is 127 pins over his average. So, in the end he beat Bruce by 195 pins! I'd say he sure as hell made a statement. I'll bet Bruce is wishing he never asked about Lee.

Oh yeah. The last time we bowled these guys, Lee rolled a 758 series! So, do you think he has their number! I have been saying it all along, that Lee is capable of winning the league average race. There is no doubt in my mind. He lives and feeds off of competition and he now has it. This is fun to watch.

The Business of Bowling

Bill took over the lead off duties this week, with Chris having the night off. He got off to a decent start with a 143 (-7), then dipped a bit to 120 (-30). But he managed to come storming back, riding the Lee Train to a very nice 193 (+43). Overall it was a solid night for Bill with 456 series (+6).

Mark followed Bill in the lineup. He got off to a good start with a very nice 197 (+26). He took a little bit of a dip in game two with a 158 (-13). But he came right back with a solid 187 (+16). Overall he had a real good night with a 542 (+29).

Brian slid into the three slot. He started things off with a solid 176 (-9). He also dipped a bit in game two with a 161 (-24). And just like Bill and Mark he came storming back in game three with nice 204 (+19). In the end, totaled only 14 pins under average, which is acceptable.

Yours truly got off to truly shitty start with a horrible 179 (-16). I will take full responsibility for the 20-pin loss in game one. The lanes were just too oily for me and it took me a while to find any kind of line that would work. I came back in game two for a 192 (-3). And followed that with a 194 (-2). Overall it was not a good night for me with a 565 (-20). Those conditions are tough for me. To be honest, I was quite happy that I was able to get back to the 190's.

I already told you what Lee bowled, but it's worth mentioning again. The incredible thing is, he started off with a 223 (+15) and just kept getting better from there. Game two he rolled a 248 (+40). And you all know what he rolled in game three, a 280 (+72). That's some serious bowling boys! Obviously he gets the ***Bowl Space High Five Award*** for the week! Incredible, incredible job! It truly is fun to watch

In game one we actually bowled 9 pins over our average with a 918. But, it was not enough as we lost by 20. The total scores with handicaps were 1079 to 1059.

In game two we bowled 30 pins under our average with an 879 and it cost us, in losing by 67. Actually we would have had to bowl over our average by 38 pins in order to win. We just had too many guys bowling under their average. The final was 1087 to 1020.

Game three was awesome, but for sure it was a prime example of, "it's not what you bowl, but when you bowl it." We shot 149 pins over our average and won by 216 pins. The final score was 1199 to 983. If you take 21 pins from that score and add it to game one, we win. If you take another 68 pins and add it to game two, we win that one as well. And, we still have enough left over to win game 3. Get the picture? For some reason, the majority of us have our tough game in the same game. We need to spread that out a little.

Anyway, coming back and taking three was a good way to finish, that's for sure. We are still in the race for this part of the season and total points. There's a long way to go. Let's just get down to it and "Shut Up And Bowl!"

Oh I forgot to mention, we lost five to L&O last week.

Here are the standings after the first three weeks of the third part of the season.

1.	Lucky Strikes	20
2.	SAFX	14
3.	WTFC	13
4.	Arlington Dental	12
5.	Done in the 3 rd	12
6.	Trojans	12
7.	Jokers Wild	11
8.	Maxim	10
9.	Unique Carpet	10
10.	L&O	9
11.	Pin Chasers	7
12.	Mixed Nuts	7
13.	Team 11	6
14.	Legion	4

To the best of my knowledge here are the Total Points Standings:

1.	Pin Chasers	101	Clinched Playoffs
2.	Maxim Mortgage	88	Clinched Playoffs
3.	SAFX	93	
4.	Jokers Wild	85	
5.	L&O	85	
6.	Trojans	85	
7.	Arlington Dental	82	
8.	Done In The Third	81	
9.	Mixed Nuts	77	
10.	Team 11	72	
11.	WTFC	72	
12.	Lucky Strikes	70	
13.	Unique Carpet	68	
14.	Legion	66	

I thought of three ways we can make the play-offs. The first is obviously by winning the third part of the season. The second is by having SAFX win the third part and we finish first in total points vs. the rest of the teams that did not win a part of the season. The third is if one of the two winners repeat, and we finish second behind SAFX. This gives us the second wildcard birth. So, we are rooting for us, SAFX, Pin Chasers and Maxim Mortgage.

The FUN Stuff

My head out of my ass

Bill: I just want to let you know that I am going to try and get my head out of my ass this game.
Pete: If you need forceps let me know.
Bill: They're going to have to be big ones.

Cards

Lee: Did you hand your cards in?
Bill: I think I had one or two that game.
Lee: I meant did you hand your card in?

John Lennon

Brian: Look at this card.
Mark: What?
Brian: It looks like a picture of John Lennon under her boobs.
Mark: Oh yeah. Look at that.
Brian: Her boob and the shadow of her boob are his eyes.
Bill: Man he really looks at those cards closely doesn't he.
Mark: Yeah, he's really artsy, fartsy.

"Bill's Line of the week"

Lee was explaining to Bill's best friend Tony how he rarely gets here in time for practice.

Lee: Almost every time I don't practice I get a strike on the first ball.
Tony: You don't need to practice then.
Lee: Every time I do that Pete's tells me how much he hates me.
Pete: **Yep. I love him to death... but I really hate his ass some times!**

And that's Bill's Line of the week!

Lineups:

February 22nd: vs. Unique Carpet, lanes 3 & 4

Lee, Pete, Art, Bill, Chris

February 29th: vs. Legion, lanes 9 & 10

Mark, Pete, Bill, Brian, Chris

March 7th: vs. Pin Chasers, lanes 7 & 8

Mark, Lee, Pete, Art, Brian

March 14th

Mark, Lee, Pete, Bill, Chris

