

Arlington Dental Bowling Team

Week 25 Newsletter

Match Date: Friday Feb. 22, 2008

Frustrated!

The Headline

I don't know about you guys, but I'm a bit frustrated. I just can't figure out what the problem is. I am beginning to believe we have just run into a bad luck run. This was a golden opportunity to continue our momentum and get things back on track, after our awesome third game last week. We were bowling Unique Carpet, who is not having a good year.

Both Toms (Kulick and Tomlinson) bowled ahead, so they only had three guys on hand. The way Tom Kulick was carrying on after he pre-bowled, I thought for sure he didn't bowl well at all. But that was not the case as he bowled a 191, 198 & 221 for a 660 series. The 221 went a long way in helping them win the third game.

In the end, we lost all seven, which is really getting out of hand. That's the fifth time that's happened to us this year; especially when we've only won 7 three times. We are tied for 9th or 10th, depending on how you look at it with 12 points. The leader has 27. Needless to say we are running out of time to turn this thing around and get back into contention for either the third part race or the overall race for the wildcard slot. There are five weeks left before position week.

I'm throwing down the gauntlet right now. I am challenging us to take at least 25 points in the next five weeks. That would give us a total of 37. I think that puts us right back in the total points race. I am not sure if it's enough to get back into contention for this part of the season though. But, we need to take our best shot. I'm up for the challenge if you guys are.

The Business of Bowling

As is the case every time we get beat like this, I am not going to get into a lot of individual game and series stuff. We win as a team and we lose as a team. There is no glory in individual achievements if you are not winning. Well... I take that back. There is if you bowl a 700 series or a game over 265. But, no one did that this week. And, there's no BowlSpace High Five Award this week either.

The lineup was: Chris, Bill, Art, Pete, Lee. We all had some tough games and we all had some good games. Again, we just could not find the proper mix of games in order to pick up some points.

In game one, four guys bowled under average, and one guy bowled over. That combination is destined for disaster. And it was. We lost by 64 pins.

In game two, two guys bowled over average, but not by much. One guy bowled his average, and two bowled under their average. Surprisingly, the two guys that bowled under average were Lee and myself. We undoubtedly take the hit for this loss, as we got beat by 10 pins. We were a combined 36 pins under average. If one of us bowls our average, we win.

In game three, two guys bowled a combined 44 pins over average. And the other three bowled at or within eight pins of their average. Technically, as team we bowled 41 pins over average. But it just wasn't enough as we lost by 4 pins! That's right! FOUR pins!

When we consistently lose by such close margins, to me it's just bad luck. Again, if we change some scores around and put them in different games, we could have easily taken four or five points. I'm not sure how you fix that. At this point, we just have to keep rolling and hope some of that luck turns around. Other than one team, who seems to be running away with it, it won't take much to get right back into this thing. So, Shut Up And Bowl!!

3rd Part Standings

1. Lucky Strikes	27
2. Unique Carpet	17
3. SAFX	17
4. Trojans	16
5. Maxim	15
6. WTFC	15
7. Done in the 3 rd	14
8. Jokers Wild	13
9. Arlington Dental	12
10. Pin Chasers	12
11. Mixed Nuts	12
12. Team 11	11
13. L&O	9
14. Legion	6

Overall Standings

1. Pin Chasers	106	Clinched Playoffs
2. Maxim Mortgage	93	Clinched Playoffs
3. SAFX	96	
4. L&O	90	
5. Trojans	89	
6. Jokers Wild	87	
7. Arlington Dental	84	
8. Lucky Strikes	84	
9. Done In The Third	83	
10. Mixed Nuts	82	
11. Unique Carpet	80	
12. Team 11	77	
13. WTFC	74	
14. Legion	68	

The FUN Stuff

10 Pin

Chris has a rough night with 10 pins. I think he set some kind of record. He had to leave at least 15 by the time the night was over.

Bill: If you had a nickname, it would be 10 Pin

Chris: That would be Mr. 10 Pin

Pete: There's your user name for Bowlspace. Mr. Ten Pin.

Who's playing?

Art: So who's playing at the concert?

Chris: 311

Art: Do you like them?

Chris: Yeah, they're good.

Art: Do they sound anything like Perry Como?

Caffeine

Pete: What's the Greek word for caffeine?

Art: *No response here. He just started shaking his head and laughing.
After a few seconds, he continued the conversation.*

Art: You know the word economics is a Greek word.

Pete: It means caffeine?

"Bill's Line of the week"

One of the cards I pulled from the deck was of a girl in a navy uniform with humongous boobs.

Pete: Hey Art! When you were in the Navy and you had to turn it up a notch by turning up the valves, did they look anything like those?

Art: HOLY SHIT!! If she went overboard she'd never sink, not with those balloons!!

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

Lineups:

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

Mark, Pete, Lee, Brian, Bill

OFF: Art, Chris

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

Mark, Pete, Chris, Art, Brian

OFF: Lee, Bill

March 14: vs. Trojans, lanes 13 & 14

Mark, Lee, Pete, Bill, Chris

OFF: Art, Brian

March 21:

Mark, Pete, Art, Brian, Bill

OFF: Lee, Chris