

Tons of Newsletter

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The "I'm So Saving The 'It Always Feels Good To Say Yes' Line... Sooooo Saving It" Editor

WAS THIS A SCORESHEET RECORD?

You're probably seeing this newsletter FAR earlier than you expected (heck, it's out far earlier than even I expected - I actually told one person there was no way the newsletter would be out before the weekend). But... maybe for the first time(?!), I had every scoresheet in hand by the end of Thursday(!). Yes, Thursday. Sure, it was 11:30 p.m. Thursday, but I'm counting it. I don't think I even get all the sheets by Thursday when I beg and plead on the front of this newsletter (like for wk13 and wk14 sheets), so this week was AWESOME. So I stayed up Thursday night entering stuff, and now you have the news way earlier than you're used to having it. Thanks for the quick sends!! [On that note though, I always find it funny when I receive scoresheet photos late Friday night... it's not like you JUST got a scoresheet or JUST got a phone with a camera on it... why put yourself through the procrastination stress? Now, if you're waiting until you're by your scanner (and yes, to be honest, scans really are clearer and cleaner), that makes complete sense. But if you're just going to send photos, why not just do it already?]

RDL TRIVIA

Last week's question: *In the Fall 2003 season, the league instituted the "Fulton Crowley rule" - the addition of a match loss for each late scoresheet penalty after your first two in a given season. How many times since that rule was instituted has a team lost a match win for a 3rd (or more) late sheet? (Note: many years prior, as in pre-1996, every late scoresheet also cost you the match win! Ouch. Pretty harsh, eh?)*

The answer: Ok, the very first rule I pushed the Board change when I took over as statistician was the "late scoresheet costs you all your points AND your match win" rule. The Board agreed that was overly harsh and switched it to just "all your points" (and it was later changed to the constant value of 16 points so that a team wasn't punished more or less than another team for the same offense). And that all worked just fine... until the Spring 2003 season when Fulton Crowley of Mangina Douche in F division just decided that the points no longer mattered after the second of his eventual SIX late scoresheets that season. Since he didn't care about the points anymore, he would just save his sheets up and send them in every couple weeks. His team won the division despite having ONE HUNDRED fewer points than the 2nd place team. Thus, the current third- forfeit-starts-costing-match-wins rule went into effect. And in the 29 seasons since the rule was enacted we've had exactly ONE team reach a 3rd forfeit in a season (although quite a number have danced the line by having two - including The Neighborhood Dart Knights this season so far). In the Fall 2006 season, No Maam in G rang up late sheets in week 2 and 3, and then ripped off three more in weeks 4, 9 and 12!! Their 8-6 record (yes, they had 5 late scoresheets in just 8 wins) dropped to 5-9 and dropped them into 5th place. That team was officially captained by Worth Pearsall, but I'm pretty sure it was "run" by Shervin Ejlali of this season's Another Coach Creation in H. Hey, Shervin!

This week's question(s): **It's getting to be about that time when some start caring about who I put on my unofficial seasonal all-star teams (and some of you care a LOT). In light of that, which five**

RDL HEADLINES

"Leaguewide": Wow, no perfect throws in any division in week 11?; first division crown is clinched; no winless teams left (other than the team that simply quit after week 1, of course)
"A" Division: Dartistic hauls in win #1, drilling shorthanded Darty and passing them in the standings; Alliance uses hot DCKt set to push past Dead Beats, locking in a top-3 finish
"B" Division: Things rip the last four games to come back on Irrelevant (just like was done to them seven weeks earlier); Rif Raf rolls McGavin in doubles, keeps within reach of title chase; Kiss This downs the Jedis with a double-8 barrage
"C" Division: Inconsistent consistently pulls away from Bangin', now the lead team in a four-pack of 3-loss teams leading C; Niners win again, despite being short; Machine streaking!
"D" Division: Show Me uses a cricket advantage to just sneak past the Corkers; WINNAU runs their win streak to 6, face two huge pairings after a bye; Bulls Up ekes out win in 1001
"E" Division: Just the Tip trails Serious 10-8 before tearing off the last four games and creating an awesome 3-way fight for 1st; Game just outlasts Rangers to keep control of their fate
"F" Division: Parade takes out Scorekeeper to reach 10-0 and become the first team of the season to clinch a division title!; Kings sweep Hump Day in 501, but #2 Humpers still all alone
"G" Division: Ummm... what the h*ll? Dr.unks lays a month full of eggs and mess, then comes out and absolutely bashes the division leaders in the face?! 17-1 after 301?! Seriously?; Old Darting shoots down the Quackers, all of a sudden in 1st
"H" Division: Three H matches in one night?! What a treat!; Sanchez uses 501 sweep to leave Tips behind, keep hold of the lead; Grip It rolls shorthanded Coach, cutting race to two

league members (just a taking shot here that there isn't a giant tie for 5th on this list) have the longestcurrent strings of seasons on my divisional all-star teams? How many seasons?

Name the band/singer? the song? Last week's answers: Song 1 = "Long Train Runnin" by the Doobie Brothers; Song 2 = "Runaway Train" by Soul Asylum; Song 3 = "Crazy Train" by Ozzy Osbourne. And the theme? Technically, this was a set inspired by all of the light rail news swirling around the Triangle, but I would accept basically anything that focused on trains. [Three of our lyrics game stalwarts came through with full sets this week - Pete Rutten, Paul Jacobi and Mikey Hindle! Only Rutten linked it all the way to the light rail stories like I had though - which is funny, because usually Hindle gives me way too much credit and comes up with more distant links than I even intend. The one week he doesn't, right? Oh, and Jacobi sent me a great set of lyrics back too, which was cool. You know, I never knew the name of Train in Vain by The Clash, despite singing that song probably a hundred dang times. Learn something every day... - JK]

Week 12, song #1 lyric: "He had nasty reputation as a cruel dude, They said he was ruthless, said he was crude"

Week 12, song #2 lyric: "So I signed my name on number 24, hey, Yeah the judge said, "Boy, just one more, huh"

Week 12, song #3 lyric: "See my old man's got a problem, He live with the bottle that's the way it is, He says his body's too old for working"