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The "Did You Know That Jamie Lee Curtis And David Copperfield Made A Cheesy '80s Horror Movie?" Edition

IS THIS THE BEST STRING OF TURNS IN RDL HISTORY?!?!

I don't have any way to really track this statistic, as we've never had million dollar computers tracking every dart of every turn for every player... because this is a local dart league, duh. But we do pretty well in terms of tracking a lot of what happens around here. And knowing what I know about how things went down last week, and knowing what I know about the perfect throw and fast game achievements of the RDL's finest over the years, I think we can pretty confidently say that last week's achievement is (at the very least) one of the two greatest dart strings in the RDL's history. Ladies and gentlemen, I present to you, **Joe Zawrotniak** of Lunatic Fringe and his 15-dart stretch of awesome!!! Last week, Zawrotniak (affectionately known as Joe Zee to many of you) had these five turns in succession across two games in doubles: **9-mark, 9-mark, 1-mark (eek!), 3-bulls, Ton-80**. Yes, that's right, Zawrotniak threw THREE perfect throws in a five-turn span (and peppered in a little game-sealing 3-bull as well). How many of you have three perfect throws in league play in your entire life!? Yeah, honestly not that many of us. Now, how many have three in one season? So very few of us. But in one friggin' night?!?! Holy crap. And then you add in the lunacy of doing it in just a five-turn stretch?! Just... nuts... Congrats to Zawrotniak. That is some silly level of great.

For those who are curious what the other amazing dart string was, here is an item I included in the Spring 2001 banquet newsletter: "Want to hear something pretty damn impressive? Well, too bad, because I'm telling you anyway. In my tournament semifinal match, I played Bob Gargan [of Industrial Strength] in 301. And he threw 8(!) consecutive perfect darts against me! He finished the first game with t17-d16 for an 83-out. Then he hit a dBull diddle (I matched but mine fell out, and I'm not in the habit of hitting back-to-back dBulls...). Then he started with d16-t19-t20, followed by two more t20s. He hit a s16 instead of the double, so he didn't hit the 'perfect' six-dart game, but it was damn impressive. EIGHT in a row. If he had hit the ninth, I would have had a game in which I threw ONE turn..."

RDL TRIVIA

Last week's question(s): *Building on the story above [in last week's issue], we note from page 3 that Alex Spellman of The Bullies presently has the leaguewide fast games in three of the four sets. What is the greatest number of leaguewide fast games a player has had in a season (during my statistician tenure of 1996-forward)? Who has done it?*

The answer: Alright, this was an interesting run through the records. It turns out that during the 49 seasons during my tenure as statistician, 15 different people have thrown the leaguewide fastest game in 2 sets in a season. Tom Brown (3x), Jim Budelman (3x), Don Butman, Joe Gaglione, Chuck Greer, Simon Healy, Dale Hyler, Kevin Kendall, Chad Massengill (3x), Robbie Phillips (4x), Alberto Sandoval, Mike Seward (2x), and Bob Terry (3x). [To be fair, I think one of the pairs by each of Brown, Massengill and Seward should count more than the others, as all three of them dragged my sporadic mess of a game to a fast set.] Beyond those 25 double-setters, we've also had four throwers claim a leaguewide fast game in three sets: Tom Brown in Fall 2005, Robbie Phillips in Spring 2007, Brian Blake in Fall 2007, and Wil Tan in Fall 2011. But even those four amazing seasons don't measure up to the two times when a thrower took ALL FOUR: in the Fall 2015 season, **Robbie Phillips** completed the four sets in 8/15/19/15 darts; and in Spring 2017, **Chad Massengill** did it in 8/15/15/14 darts. (p.s. in Phillips's season, his partner in both doubles was... Massengill. In Massengill's season, he won them with Tom Brown and Wil Tan.)

This week's question(s): **What is the longest losing streak that an eventual division champion has had to start a season (during my tenure of 1996-forward, of course)? Who had it, and when?**

AND NOT TO BE OUTDONE...

For the second week in a row, current league hammer Alex Spellman came within a dart of tying an all-time league record fast game. In week 10, he was one dart off the 11-dart SCKt record, and last week, Spellman and partner P.J. Stewart joined the handful of games one dart off the 11-dart 501 league record.

RDL HEADLINES

"Leaguewide": What the heck was up last week? Several teams used sheets with player lists from back in about weeks 1-3.

Some teams never update, but last week it was a bunch! Sigh.

"A" Division: The Bullies rip off three set sweeps on the way to becoming the first team to clinch a division this season; Liver sweeps 501 to pull one out of the fire against Lunatic Fringe

"B" Division: Terror Bulls take all four sets in smooth win over Armed; Inconsistent jumps on Serious early, never lets them get the lead back; Boom closes out DD, then takes 501 nap

"C" Division: Niners, shorthanded as per usual, take out the F Bombs and keep their slim title hopes alive; J.J. Tant plays for first time since wk01 and the Outlaws remember how to roll

"D" Division: Big Bulls leap all over the Bandits in singles, then hang on for clutch narrow win; Off Constantly cruises to a big number, regains some measure of control in the point race

"E" Division: Sanchez roll big, Rangers roll almost as big, and Debauchery rolls even a little less big, basically matching the standings expectations; Ducks' DCKt sweep locks in 6th a bit

"F" Division: Dart Side and Dart Knights each take 5 doubles, match results again on the way to their imminent showdown; Banging narrowly escapes We Throw It, moves up to #3 slot

Name the band/singer? the song? Last week's answers: Song 1 = "Surfin' Bird" by The Trashmen; Song 2 = "Grease" by Frankie Valli; Song 3 = "Word Up" by Cameo. And the theme? Word! That's it, just word. Bird is the word... or Grease is the word... but either way, Word up, bro. [We had a new participant this week! Vice President Maridy Knight jumped into the game, and she almost nailed the entire thing -- she got the theme and all of songs 2 and 3, but she only knew 'what song it is' for song 1, not the actual song title or the artist. Still a fantastic first lyric pool leap. Not quite as good of oft-champion Mikey Hindle though, who knew it all (and put it all in a funny email). - JK]

Week 12, song #1 lyric: "How could I forget, And he hit me with a surprise left, My jaw left hurting, Dropped wide open, Just like the day"

Week 12, song #2 lyric: "I wish I would've met you, Now it's a little late, What you could've taught me, I could have saved some face"

Week 12, song #3 lyric: "It was the third of June, another sleepy, dusty Delta day, I was out choppin' cotton, and my brother was balin' hay"

DIVISIONAL TEAM STANDINGS and MATCH RESULTS FROM WEEK 11 (10/20/21)

(Home team listed second in each match.)

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>Teams</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>301</u>	<u>SCKt</u>	<u>DCkT</u>	<u>501</u>	<u>1001</u>	<u>ASPs</u>	<u>Short-handed?</u>	<u>Penalties</u>	
"A" Division	👉 The Bullies	👉 10	0	182	Shadows	2	2	0	0	0	-	20.5	-	-
	2 North Raleigh Alliance	7	3	146	Bullies	22	4	6	6	6	-	53.0	-	-
	3 The Reunited Element	5	4	126	Alliance	22	6	4	6	6	-	24.5	-	-
	4 Liver Die!	5	4	106	A-fenders	2	0	2	0	0	-	14.5	-	-
	5 Lunatic Fringe	4	6	101	Liver Die!	13	4	3	0	6	-	28.5	-	-
	6 Shadows Count	1	8	64	Fringe	11	2	3	6	0	-	30.5	-	-
	7 3-PEAt A-fenders	1	8	56	Element	-		(BYE)			-	-	-	-
"B" Division	1 Brown's Terror Bulls	9	2	164	Armed	8	2	2	2	2	-	21.0	-	-
	2 Why So Serious?	8	3	137	Terror Bulls	16	4	4	4	4	-	14.0	-	-
	3 Boom Baby!!!	7	4	146	Serious?	9	1	4	2	2	-	19.0	-	-
	4 Armed & Hammered	7	4	143	Inconsistent	15	5	2	4	4	-	15.5	-	-
	5 Darty Daze	6	5	120	Boom Baby	15	4	5	6	0	-	15.0	-	-
	6 Consistently Inconsistent	5	6	126	DD-214	9	2	1	0	6	-	8.5	-	-
	7 Show Me Your Tips	2	9	117	Darty Daze	11	4	3	2	2	-	13.5	-	-
👈 DD-214	0	11	87	Show Me	10	1	2	3	4	-	17.5	Yes	-	
"C" Division	1 F Bombs	8	2	140	Nine Lives	11	2	4	4	1	W	9.0	Yes	-
	2 Nine Lives	6	3	113	F Bombs	11	4	1	2	4	L	9.0	-	-
	3 Dysfunctional Outlaws	6	4	121	Shark Shooters	4	1	1	0	2	-	7.5	-	-
	4 Rif Raf	4	5	96	Outlaws	20	5	5	6	4	-	15.5	-	-
	5 Cheap Shots	4	5	95	Toeing	8	2	3	2	1	-	7.0	Yes	-
	6 Shark Shooters	4	6	107	Rif Raf	14	3	3	4	4	-	13.0	-	-
	7 Toeing the Line	1	8	88	Cheap Shots	-		(BYE)			-	-	-	-
"D" Division	1 Off Constantly-Reboot	7	2	130	Menace	3	1	2	0	0	-	6.5	Yes	-
	2 Big Bulls	7	3	137	Off Constantly	21	5	4	6	6	-	5.0	-	-
	3 One Armed Bandits	5	4	132	Bandits	11	2	1	4	4	-	7.5	-	-
	4 Hump Day!	5	4	104	Big Bulls	13	4	5	2	2	-	11.0	-	-
	5 Sharky's Machine	5	5	101	Hump Day!	8	3	3	2	0	-	6.0	-	-
	6 Board Royalty	2	7	78	Machine	16	3	3	4	6	-	7.0	-	-
👈 Menace 2 Sobriety	2	8	92	Royalty	-		(BYE)			-	-	-	-	
"E" Division	1 Darty Sanchez	9	2	156	Death Throw	4	0	1	0	3	-	5.5	Yes, & 2 in 301	-
	2 Red-eye Rangers	8	3	150	Sanchez	18	5	5	6	2	-	13.0	-	-
	3 Darts & Debauchery	7	4	145	Corkers	7	0	1	2	4	-	4.5	-	-
	4 Death Throw	6	5	118	Rangers	17	6	5	4	2	-	9.5	-	-
	5 Left, Right, Corkers	5	6	118	Ones	10	4	2	4	0	-	3.0	-	-
	6 Salty Damn Duck Gone...	4	7	126	Debauchery	14	2	4	2	6	-	8.0	-	-
	7 Ones Are Closed	3	8	115	Just F'd	9	2	3	0	4	-	10.0	-	-
	8 Just F'd	2	9	109	Ducks	15	4	3	6	2	-	8.0	-	-
"F" Division	1 Dart Side of the Moon	9	2	150	Dart Side	16	2	4	6	4	-	8.5	-	-
	2 Neighborhood Dart Knights	9	2	144	Sofa Kings	8	4	2	0	2	-	3.0	-	-
	3 Banging The Wire	7	4	148	Dart Knights	16	2	4	4	6	-	11.5	-	-
	4 Coach 4:4	7	4	144	Coach	8	4	2	2	0	-	9.0	-	-
	5 Flight Privilege	6	5	139	We Throw It	11	3	2	2	4	-	3.0	-	-
	6 Sofa Kings	5	6	137	Banging	13	3	4	4	2	-	9.5	-	-
	👈 We're Sexy & We Throw It	1	10	92	Gutter Balls	9	1	4	0	4	-	6.0	-	-
👈 The Gutter Balls	0	11	61	Privilege	15	5	2	6	2	-	4.0	-	-	

👉 = regular season division champion 👈 = clinched "top-two" finish in division 👈 = clinched "bottom-two" finish in division