

GARTH PULLS IT OFF AGAIN WHILE DAVE COMES UP BEHIND

Leichhardt Thu 28 Sept 2017: Shamelessly flaunting it for all to see, Garth once again pulled it off in the NPC 2nd match last night. The crowd were in uproar as shouts of “Rigged!!” and “Shame!! Shame!!” echoed through the normally staid streets of Leichhardt. A subsequent stewards’ enquiry deemed there was “no more graft and corruption than usual” and summarily dismissed the desperate unwarranted appeal.



Above (front): Garth looking defiant after being cleared by the stewards’ enquiry. “F*** those 2 clowns behind me!” he was heard to rant, indicating towards B1 and B2.

Garth’s amazing achievement of winning two weeks in a row is actually far from unusual and typically occurs as a result of lacklustre performance from the other punters. This was no more evident than in the case of Peter T, once the darling of the NPC fan club after having his name engraved three times on the trophy. However, this year as with some previous years, his game skills have proven to be totally pathetic. Last night, he played a disastrous 1st round against newcomer and non-graded player, Oscar, in what can only be described as a demonstration of how not to play pool. After reading last week’s Glebe Globe, he was heard chanting the oft-used mantra “There’s always next year” as if it was his guarantee of an imminent return to fame and glory on the pool circuit.

Dave G once again proved that he is suffering either a major identity crisis or possibly Linus Security Blanket syndrome.

After being without a headband last week and coming 2nd overall, this week he initially tried the same approach. Then, mid-game, he appeared to be unexpectedly struck by a chronic anxiety attack and later turned up to centre court sporting a crudely hand-drawn headband to the amusement of the crowd. Despite this highly irrational behaviour, Dave went on to take out 2nd place again. One can only speculate what this latest result will trigger in Dave’s head next week.



Above: Dave G displaying identity crisis triggered by anxiety attack. Medics baffled but suspect the cause may be his use of over-tight performance-enhancing head apparel.



Above: Dave G displaying aggressive tendencies also triggered by anxiety attack. “And ya dog!” quips in Phil P, background.

Dan T and Dave T, late starters this year, claimed that they were confused by the email announcing the dates. It was later confirmed that they are just confused full-stop. There is absolutely no confusion around the fact that they are both last equal on the ladder lending support to the old proverb “Twins like to do it together”.

As usual, a warm welcome was given to two newcomers, Axel and Oscar. Although being knocked out in the 1st and 2nd rounds respectively, they had

played some excellent shots and provided some brown-pants moments for both Peter T (1st round) and Phil P (twice, including an almost loss of game followed by the Jam Shot of the Year by Tin-arse Phil).

And where would the NPC be without at least some degree of controversy? Several punters were overheard grumbling over the use of personally-owned cues as opposed to the slabs of 4x2 provided by the venue. The claim was that it gave an unfair advantage (some claim up to 24.84%) to the person using a better quality personal cue. One suggestion to resolve this was that both players have the option to use the same cue regardless of whether it is a personal cue or pub slab. This would require a change to the HPDP constitution which will necessitate a full plebiscite to determine its fate and inclusion in the rules. Watch out for further news regarding the Same-Cue Equality plebiscite.

NPC 2017 RESULTS

The results following the 2nd round of the 2017 Nick Power Cup are:

| name | total | week 1 | week 2 | week 3 |
|--------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| GARTH | 80 | 40 | 40 | |
| DAVE G | 76 | 39 | 37 | |
| PHIL P | 43 | 13 | 30 | |
| JUSTIN | 38 | 30 | 8 | |
| SMOKIN' JOE | 37 | 14 | 23 | |
| PETER T | 36 | 23 | 13 | |
| DEAN | 28 | 15 | 13 | |
| GEOFF | 23 | 23 | | |
| OSCAR | 23 | | 23 | |
| JINK | 23 | | 23 | |
| CHRIS | 22 | 22 | | |
| BIRD LOBSTER | 21 | 9 | 12 | |
| SEAN | 20 | | 20 | |
| JOHN L | 14 | 14 | | |
| AXEL | 14 | | 14 | |
| SAMMY | 13 | 13 | | |
| DAN T | 13 | | 13 | |
| DAVET | 13 | | 13 | |

Note: Only Garth, Dave G and Phil P have any chance of winning this year although, as we all know, everyone is a winner when playing in the NPC.

The Glebe Globe extends its heartiest congratulations to **Garth**, the 2017 NPC 1st and 2nd round winner! Good luck to all for the last round of the NPC for this year and all subsequent years!

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