GARTH GETS AHEAD. JOB CUT OUT FOR PETER T

Leichhardt Thu 05 Oct 2017: Despite having his butt kicked in the 1st round by rejuvenated player Peter T, Garth managed to cling onto his lead in the race for the coveted NPC trophy in what turned out to be one of the least nail-biting and anticlimactic final nights in NPC history. One of the three remaining contenders, Dave G, was on his way to the airport having decided he could not handle the pressure any longer. The only other contender, Phil P, had his comeuppance by suffering a humiliating almost pantsdown by mid-ranked Chris in the 1st round. Phil did, however, go on to play in the final against eventual round winner Peter T on a futile nopoints buyback run.



Above: The traditional "kissing of the cock" ceremony (informally known as a "cock sandwich") with outgoing winner, Dean (arse-end), handing over the coveted bird-ish trophy to 2017 winner, Garth (beak-end).

Whilst Garth was welldeserving of the trophy this year owing to his flawless performance in the first two rounds, top accolades for the night had to go to Peter T for making such a spectacular, albeit far too late, comeback and taking out 2nd equal place with Dave G for the year. Some have speculated that this late return to form by Peter T may indeed be a part of a longer term strategy whereby he is actually making early preparations to take out next year's NPC. Time will tell whether this is a viable strategic direction or whether it is simply more absolute drivel. Peter T's

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phenomenal pool skills on the night appeared to regain the usually hostile crowd's respect and indeed a cheer squad egged him on during the final game.



Above: As pointed out in the photo (inset), life is indeed peachy for Peter T as he regains his lost form and takes out the night in a spectacular run reminiscent of days past.

In an exclusive pre-match curbside interview with fleeing desertee, Dave G, he stated that he would "prefer to come 10th than 2nd, no doubt referring to his countless times as a luckless NPC wallflower. Unfortunately, it was not to be as Dave ended up coming 2^{nd} equal even in his absence. It is believed that Dave's self-enforced exile to the other hemisphere will allow him ample time for meditation and internalisation of his pool performance and life balance conflicts including dealing with his head apparel addiction.

Attempts to capture all of the top 5 players with photo mementos failed with one player, Smokin' Joe, vehemently refusing to be photographed. As a substitute and in order to complete the public record, this reporter has chosen to replace the missed photo opportunity with an uncannily similar stock photo.



Above: Replacement photo of Smokin' Joe following his refusal to allow his photo to be taken for the public record. Photo suspected to be of this reporter's lunch, a lamb biryani.

Dan T and Dave T, after their disastrous start by missing the 1st round owing to "calendar confusion", managed to climb up the ladder from last equal placing to more respectable 9th and 14th places respectively. Obviously, the twins don't always like to do it together as had been previously reported.

A celebrity visit by former NPC regular, Col, proved a little less than awe-inspiring as Peter T easily took him out in the 2nd round and sent him packing.

The unofficial pre-plebiscite adoption of the Same-Cue Equality preference appeared to work last night without any major issues being observed. Perhaps the informal use of this "gentleperson's rule" may negate the need for a costly and divisive plebiscite after all.

NPC 2017 FINAL RESULTS

The final results of the 2017 Nick Power Cup are:

| name | total | week 1 | week 2 | week 3 |
|--------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| GARTH | 93 | 40 | 40 | 13 |
| DAVE G | 76 | 39 | 37 | |
| PETER T | 76 | 23 | 13 | 40 |
| SMOKIN' JOE | 68 | 14 | 23 | 31 |
| PHIL P | 56 | 13 | 30 | 13 |
| DEAN | 51 | 15 | 13 | 23 |
| JINK | 45 | | 23 | 22 |
| CHRIS | 44 | 22 | | 22 |
| DAN T | 43 | | 13 | 30 |
| JUSTIN | 38 | 30 | 8 | |
| BIRD LOBSTER | 36 | 9 | 12 | 15 |
| SEAN | 34 | | 20 | 14 |
| SAMMY | 26 | 13 | | 13 |
| DAVE T | 26 | | 13 | 13 |
| GEOFF | 23 | 23 | | |
| OSCAR | 23 | | 23 | |
| COL | 21 | | | 21 |
| JOHN L | 14 | 14 | | |
| AXEL | 14 | | 14 | |
| ALEC | 12 | | | 12 |
| KATE | 12 | | | 12 |

The Glebe Globe extends its warmest congratulations to **Garth**, the 2017 NPC winner! Good luck to all for next year's exciting NPC challenge!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

Garth has advised that the Union Hotel, King Street, Newtown, has a regular Tuesday night pool comp (7:30pm) and has extended a warm invite to all NPC punters and friends of the NPC.

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