

NOW THE GIRLS ARE AFTER THE COVETED COCK



Above: The coveted NPC cup (a.k.a. the Chook, a.k.a. the Cock)

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First it was the boys clambering to get their hands on the coveted cock. Now it seems the girls have cottoned on and are wanting to get some of the action as well. Last night saw two of the Union local gals, Julie and Ally, cause chaos amidst the usually male-dominated pool arena or 'patriarchy' (as preached *ad nauseam* of late by the Church of Insanity & Latter Day Political Correctness).

In the first game of the night, Julie used her match against Peter T to finely hone her skills in wearing down the opposition. With Peter T seven balls up and on the black, she then initiated her final tactical attack plan. After Peter T was left snookered time after time on the black (was it deliberate or pure luck), his resolve wore down and Julie struck her ultimate deadly blow thereby removing the possibility of him once again holding the cock in his hands for 2019.



Above: Julie starting on her rampage through the high rollers

Julie then went on to play last week's winner, Dave C, and appeared to be following an identical battle plan as her previous game. Turn after turn, Dave was up against the ropes and it looked highly likely that he too was about to suffer the same fate as the still shell-shocked Peter T. With a lot of luck on his side, Dave only just

recovered in time to avoid a near bloodbath on the green felt.

Not to be outdone, Ally stepped up to the plate against once-Smokin' Joe in the 1st round and convincingly snuffed him out.



Above: Ally aglow whilst Dave G ponders whether a god might be a better option than a headband

Ally then bravely took on top local player Chris R almost also taking him out of action. Despite this rattling experience, he went on to the final. However, it was not his night as Peter T, once again demonstrating his unerring ability to peak late, came through on a spoiler buyback and, with some exceptionally fine pool, took top honours on the night albeit with only 7 NPC points towards his already abysmally paltry total.

Other high scorers who suffered early round defeats included: Garth, much-lauded for his success in previous years, now just another tail-ender on the cutthroat NPC circuit; Dean, awash with confidence following his 2nd placing the previous week, cruelly felled in the 1st round with only 4 points by Alex who fared slightly better than his own pummelling in the 1st round last week; Geoff and Dan T rounded out the other higher-profile 1st round losers. Somewhat late for Halloween, it will still no doubt go down as one of the most chilling NPC mass slaughters of all time.

Now sitting in a lack-lustre 12th place, Dave G continued his losing streak with somewhat less than zero performance improvements from his dubious and highly-overrated headband. Some have questioned whether Dave should in fact abandon his long-running futile experiment and consider the possibility that he simply needs to lift his game.

Only 7 players remain in with a chance to take the cup:

Dave C, Dean, Chris R, Joe, Alex, Julie and James.

Thanks again to Henare, the latest scores can be found on the HPDP NPC statistics website at:

stats.hpdp.org.au/2019/npc

! SCANDAL ALERT !

Scandal was narrowly averted after a discrepancy in the handling of buybacks was overheard by an anonymous whistleblower. After a stewards' inquiry was convened, the cause of the error was determined to be related to the inadequate handover of administrative tasks from the now-discredited former pool ambassador. Owing to this, no impeachment process was initiated against the incumbent.



Above: Covert 'adjustments' made just prior to the stewards' inquiry.

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