

NEW NPC CONTROVERSY ENGULFS SENIOR FIGURE

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Controversy is never far from the Nick Power Cup, the global benchmark for excellence in pool and the highest standards of administrative integrity.

And controversy involving the esteemed role of pool comp organiser has also never been far from the headlines. In what became an embarrassing moment for the current (under review) pool comp organiser (who shall remain nameless to avoid embarrassing **Garth** any further.... oops), the person in question (PiQ) overlooked one of the most basic rules involving the “break” process. While playing his 1st round game against Peter T, and after sinking several balls off the break, he was questioned as to why **Peter T** only had 6 balls left after not having a shot as yet. The PiQ incorrectly insisted that the breaker could continue even after sinking one of their opponent’s balls off the break. After referring to the rules and the wise oracle, Dean, a re-rack was summarily ordered.



Above: Highly controversial NPC official with what appears to be a smug look on his face

The NPC Committee issued an advisory to ensure all players, in particular the organiser, are familiar with the simple set of agreed rules posted at the venue at every NPC event since 2006.

3. If big and small balls are potted off the break, then the breaker is on the first to fall. **It is then the opponent’s shot.**

Despite being thrown off his stride by this enormous and unsettling cock-up, **Peter T** went on to almost clean up, however, after several near misses on the black, lost his balls completely and gave them to **Garth** on a platter.

The 1st cab off the rank for the night was staunch stalwart, Jink, who expertly managed to tweak **Dave C’s** bum buzzer to the max, giving some heart-stopping moments to the current cup holder. Unfortunately, Jink was unable to keep his finger on the buzzer long enough to whip **Dave’s** butt allowing him to slip through to the keeper, **Dave G** in the 2nd round. However, the luck of the headband was not with **Dave G** on the night (is it ever?) and he suffered a tragic *premature eblaculation* and was relieved of his duties. It is believed that such events are quite common on one’s 18th birthday as it was for **Dave** – his 18th NPC comp, that is.



Above: Dave G looking a little worse for wear on his 18th birthday

Perhaps the pool gods were looking down on the night and exacted their own punishment as **Garth** also suffered a crushing *premature eblaculation* in his 3rd round match against newcomer **Francois**.

Further controversy erupted during a late 1st round stoush between **Kate** and **Ross** when **Ross** (seemingly innocently) used a non-white ball to play a shot and subsequently left **Kate** at a significant disadvantage. The organiser’s failure to pick up this violation in time added further fuel to calls for an impeachment of said official.

Dean, one to watch as always, managed to move into the 3rd round to play against **Dave C**. Unfortunately for **Dean**, **Dave** pulled off a glorious pretty to watch reverse cushion double sinking not only the black but **Dean’s** chances on the night.

Francois may have been a newcomer to the NPC, however, he did not appear to be a newcomer to alcohol. Despite all of the wobbly odds against



Above: Francois requiring a stick and table for stability

him, however, he did go on to play in the semi-final. This flew in the face of many pundits who had noted that he could barely scratch himself let alone wield a pool cue with any precision.

In a similar condition was **BoD** (nee **Smokin’ Joe**). It is believed that he was in such a state because he was celebrating coming out with how he now identifies... a **Bag of Dicks**. He requested everyone respect his new identity and nouns and no longer refer to him using his deadname, **Smokin’ Joe** (RIP).



Above: Bag of Dicks with a bag of balls left to sink

After a hiatus since 2019, **Nicko** returned to the NPC green felt and put in a good 1st round effort against **Marcus**. Such was not the case in his subsequent match against the already juiced-up **Francois**. Much angst was clearly visible during this match and perhaps was the trigger for **Nicko** pulling off his own *premature eblaculation* and ejecting the black ball off the table at great speed.

Ross, after his embarrassing 1st round cock-up, went on to play **Dave C** in an exciting final with both butts buzzing quite audibly.

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As always, praise and thanks are passed on to the illustrious and industrious **Henare** for once again updating the HPDP NPC source of truth and enlightenment website at: stats.hpdp.org.au/2023/