

PETER T DECLARES: “SAY NO TO DRUGS”

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After a horrendous and, quite frankly, woefully bad cock-up in his first-round match, Peter T began an almost evangelical rant about the evils of drugs. He claimed to have been “spiked” with a drug of unknown origins that suddenly took effect in the closing moments of his first game of the evening. After carefully lining up his last ball for a relatively easy cut into a middle pocket which should have left him set up for the black, he inexplicably decided to go for the black ball instead leaving the crowd absolutely gob-smacked by this totally nonsensical decision. However, things only got worse for our intrepid pool punter when, after going in-off the black ball he nonchalantly brushed the balls aside thinking (incorrectly) that he had just lost the game. In fact, he hadn’t lost the game and had only lost “it”. Some quickly claimed this to be a “*premature eblaculation*” of sorts whilst others mercilessly mocked him for “throwing a hissy fit” after “missing” his own ball. This, however, was not what was going through the drug-addled brain of this luckless punter who had just voluntarily voided himself from the night’s event.

Investigations are ongoing as to the source and type of drug used to spike him in what appears to have been a deliberate act to render him ineffective in the NPC competition. This was refuted by several attendees who stated that it would have been an unnecessary and futile act considering how bad he has been playing anyway.



Above: Peter T, still clearly under the influence of the “spiking”, asks Drew “WTF just happened?” whilst Aidan remains transfixed on the table in absolute disbelief

Other players, clearly not targets for spiking, fared better at the table although the top of the leader board had a bit of a shake-up with **Dave C** being taken out early by newcomer **Mitch** in the second round with a stunning finishing black shot by Mitch.

This opened the path for **Dean** to slip through to the final after taking out **Jink (Senior)**, **Nicko**, **Mitch** and then **John L** in the semi-finals. Although it wasn’t his turn to take out the night as Alex, sneaking up through the buyback bottom half after his creaming by Mitch in the first round, had an easy win against Dean in the final. However, Dean’s run on the night earned him sufficient points to catch up to Dave C and put him equal 1st place in the NPC stakes with both on 55 points after 2 weeks. This will no doubt lead to another nail-bitingly exciting final week playoff the NPC is renowned for around the globe.

Francois, appearing to have sobered up somewhat since the previous week, put in another gallant effort until he was taken out by **Allie** in the third round.

OG Kate first had to grapple with a highly testosterone-charged **Bag of Dicks** in the first round before fronting up against fellow chick-with-a-stick and newbie, **Chef Kate**, in the now infamous *Kates on Slate* tussle.



Above: Kate (left) vs. Kate (right)

This game captured the crowd’s attention as they cat-fought their way through it until Chef Kate finally triumphed and went into the next round. Unfortunately, she was then cruelly thwarted by rampaging **John L** who was doggedly clawing his way to the semi-final to take out 5th place in the overall NPC rankings.

In what appears to be a rather cozy familial clustering towards the bottom end of the ladder, **Jink Senior**, **Jink Junior** and **Jink Junior Senior** sit at 19th and equal 21st places, respectively, giving credence to the old proverb “*a family that plays together, stays together*”. [Ed. Or perhaps the author is confusing this with a similar Tasmanian proverb]

Another newbie, **Jesse**, was partly responsible for keeping the family so close-knit when he took out his first-round game against **Aidan** (a.k.a. JJS).



Above: Jesse (middle) after beating Jink Junior Senior whilst Jink Junior Junior appears to be gleefully celebrating the result

A Glebe Globe NPC report would be incomplete without a mention of that most colourful of characters, **Dave G**, and his inevitably unlucky “lucky” headband. In yet another desperate and clearly futile attempt to boost his ranking, Dave resorted to his rainbow headband in a clear hat-tip to his strong support for diversity and inclusion. Alas, there was no pot of gold at the end of his rainbow after being outed by John L.



Above: Diversity player, Dave G, being as colourful as the balls

As always, praise and thanks are heaped upon the awesome and stupendous **Henare** for once again updating the HPDP NPC source of truth and enlightenment website at: stats.hpdp.org.au/2023/