

## 33rd Erlenmeyer Flask (EMF) Preview

After a season of indifference, 33 is finally on! This EMF will be played at the illustrious and often feared, Gallery South, a fitting host. "The best course in Tucson" – John Cook, The Golf Channel.

The Syndicate is predictable. The Bureau is a bunch of who's in and who's out bellyacres that

The logo for the 33rd Erlenmeyer Flask (EMF) is displayed in a dark green rectangular box. The text "ERLENMEYER XXXIII" is written in a white, serif, all-caps font. The letters are slightly shadowed, giving the logo a three-dimensional appearance.

always knows they're gonna get there. And they did. The Mutatos again struggled with missed potential and feigned excitement. Was it simply not to be? OR? Was it something more? The Serb ponders the existential threat that the Mutatos pose to the EMF. Why are these "so-called" competitors not excited and privileged to partake? So many are so quick to say no. The lameness and feeblity abound! Why? The Serb ain't know. The Serb is a competitor. The Serb loves the EMF. The Serb loves the simplicity. As The Serb reminds you often: the world could use a few more The Serbs. Maybe then the Mutatos would show up. Needless for The Serb to say, we have an EMF. But The Serb is just whelmed.

It's been TEN EMFs since The Great Mutts cleaned out the Flask on 2020. And with only one tie and nine consecutive recordless winners since, The Flask now holds a disrespecktable \$780 (dis?). So at issue is \$1,100 big ones. The Serb surmises its better that a stick in The Serb's eye.

Here it is: The Syndicate (6) vs The Bureau (8). Ali vs Frazier. Seinfeld vs Newman. Edison vs. Tesla. Cards vs Cubs. The Serb vs The Greek. The Globetrotters vs The Generals (The Serb steals). The classic spring rivalry. One-sided? Maybe. But things have happened that have never been explained. It's Sunday at The Gallery – anything is possible.

The Serb would like you all to consider the Path to the Flask. How do these teams get to -21 and \$1,100?

- #1 – Reachable Par 5 presents an eagle opportunity - EAGLE
- #2 – Shortish Par 4 with a daring aim left with driver – BIRDIE
- #3 – Devilish Par 3 where par is a good score – PAR
- #4 – Long Par 4 water down the right – PAR
- #5 – Long Par 5 send shot over the schmutz, very very difficult green – BIRDIE
- #6 – Medium Par 4 with deceiving trouble left, narrow – BIRDIE
- #7 – Very short Par 4 drivable. Tipped green makes eagle sometimes easier than birdie – EAGLE
- #8 – Rock Crag Par 3 medium length, false front, and hugely sloped green – BIRDIE
- #9 – Medium to Long Par 4. Non-descript but not easy – BIRDIE
  
- #10 – Short Par 5 reachable easily with a good drive from the greens – EAGLE
- #11 – Short Par 4 no driver with Schmutz in front of the green (TST all time favorite) – BIRDIE
- #12 – Very Short Part 4 carry the bunker to get within 20yds of the green. Easy birdie – BIRDIE
- #13 – Long Par 4 again carry the bunker to make it reachable – otherwise 200+ - PAR
- #14 – Long double green Par 3 with falsies all the way around – PAR
- #15 – Medium Par 4 aim at the tree (you might not hit it) false front on the right is popular – BIRDIE
- #16 – Short Par 3 nothing to it. Right in front of you. – BIRDIE
- #17 – Medium Par 5 best hole in all of Tucson reachable with the longest 3 wood you've ever hit – EAGLE
- #18 – Long Par 4 beautiful finishing hole uphill with an unfortunate set of fairway bunkers – BIRDIE

The Serb offers the obvious leeway. Not all these scores are required to get to -21. But The Serb is telling you there is a path. At the Gallery South - what really matters are the winds and the pins. A wind of 15+ in any direction is music to the Flask's ears. Either 1-7 straight into it or all the uphill holes on the back straight into. The Serb is confident to say to anyone named Bob: "Not good, Bob". More importantly, if the selected pin locations for the day are location 1 or location 3, The Serb urges both teams to simply forget it! The Gallery greens are huge, hard, and fast – and many roll subtly front to back (The Serb cites the nubbin). The SERB stresses: Pins matter!

Here's The Serb's quick assessment...

- The Syndicate (6) – BT5, W, LUF, TST – No surprises. No comments.

- The Bureau (8) – DOED, TBK, YCC, SMBA – The Serb is searching. The Bureau has no compass. DOED is an EMF vet but with only 6 wins in 23 events. TBK (aka FlaskEnema) has only 6 events but has been in on two Flask flushes. YCC is 1-1-1 in three events. SMBA is new to all of it. How does this Bureau get the ball in the hole? The Serb doubts but The Serb also believes. It's the fairway metal. These guys, all of them, can hit a thimble from two under yards with a fairway metal. DOED sneaky long. TBK in the fairway all day – playing to a fairway metal number. YCC putts like a fool sometimes (it is a PM round, however). That is The Bureau's real path. [Note: The Serb admits The Serb has no tape on SMBA.]

### **The Serb's Analysis:**

The Flask senses no danger. Winds and pins take the day. The scores don't go low. This ain't no airport. This will be close.

### **The Serb's Predictions:**

- 1) Scores largely disappoint. The Flask doesn't flinch.
- 2) The match flips on a Syndicate birdie on 17 and a Bureau bogey on 18.
- 3) With a slim one-stroke lead, W's masterful pitch on 18 ensures **The Syndicate victory**.

**The 33rd EMF Winner: The Syndicate (TS -16 TB -15)**