

July 13, 2012

FLYNN IT TO WIN IT

Sunday at the Mondo. A tradition unlike any other. And on this past Sunday something unlike any other thing happened. The new guy won. This has not been seen since Tucker Kennedy, by definition a new guy, won the first ever Major at the 2001 Unfrozen Caveman.

Interestingly, David Flynn's record setting 65 did not even factor into his victory. His dominance in the Carnoustie events and squeaker of a win in the Ballybunions made the difference. The 65, while one for the archives, was good for no money in the Low Net category. Go figure? No need. This is the Mondo.

Statistics, while hard to decipher, seem to show that runner-up Randy Degroot, third-place Brett W. Tilly or fourth-place Tucker Kennedy could have scooted past Flynn and actually won the tournament if any of them had shaved just one stroke off his score. That is how heavily weighted Low Net is here. Only a complete sweep of the Carnousties and Ballybunions could have pushed Flynn over the edge and into the title pool. And it did. By the thinnest of margins. A margin so thin that had Flynn been unable to arrive first on the number twelve tee box, he would have also been unable to hoist the trophy.

Flynn had no trouble assimilating into the Mondo culture. With a simple "I'd like to see that again", he successfully launched his first ever anti-shapiro at UFC champion Randy Degroot. Degroot later counter-attacked Flynn, anti-shapiroing the latter's twenty foot putt that seconds before had died in the cup. Flynn answered the call - this time ramming the same twenty footer home with force as if to say "this is my tournament, thank you."

The only difficulty the new champion seemed to have on the day was with Madison's open floorplan and tight green to subsequent tee box proximities. He expressed concern on a number of occasions for the safety of golfers in other groups. Flynn will need to develop a keen sense of only himself and a total disregard for others if he wants to completely assimilate into Majordom.

Degroot followed up his earlier UFC victory with another top two finish. His net 64 accounted for the majority of his winnings while he picked up a few bucks in the Ballybunions and garnered one skin. Brett W. Tilly showed some flashes of his old imposing self at times. Two birdies led to eight skins and a net 65 landed W. in third place. Kennedy is establishing himself as a consistently high Mondo finisher. Sunday he tied Degroot for low net (64) and made it to the top four again. Big Dan was a distant fifth place.

Defending Mondo champion Jeff Doeden played steady throughout the day collecting sixteen Carnousties and a few skins along the way. Zach Tilly, returning to Majors action after a multi-year hiatus, defied expectations and glommed up four skins which

determined his seventh place position. Major Tournament Directors Todd Tilly, Brad Tilly and Phil Tilly all sucked. As did Denny Tilly and Brent Deener. Although Denacious T sucked less as he somehow eeked out a skin and two dollars and fifty cents.

In related afternoon action, the MEC team of Kwon Richardson, Doctor Runkel, Sean Hannity and Lloyd Christmas defeated the challenging team of Lariat Link, DeGroober, Doed Looks Like A Lady and The Inter-Dimensional Outer-Space Being in the second ever Erlenmeyer Flask competition. The final score was -14 to -10 therefore no tournament record has been established and the flask now holds eighty dollars for the taking. The MEC albatrossed its way to victory with a three, net two, on the par five sixth hole at hosting Metamora Fields. Other items of note: The course was inexplicably cart path only due to "heat and dryness". The cranky old fossil of a ranger reinforced this bewildering policy with a harsh chewing out of the groups early in the contest as their carts rested in the tall grass of the rough. They were not totally busted as Dr. Runkel quickly assumed the role of group fibber and do you know who I ammer.

July 12, 2012

NEW GUY NEVER WINS CONJECTURE PROVEN UNTRUE

(AP) It took a few days but scholars Brad Tilly and Phil Tilly have, in a not so auspicious manner, put the world on notice that the NGNW Conjecture is false. After two days of review and another two days of certification and announcement planning, new guy David Flynn was declared the official certified winner of the Mondo at Royal Madison for 2012. Randy Degroot, previously and in error declared the winner, actually finished in second place displacing Brett W. Tilly who fell to third. Besides Flynn, Tucker Kennedy was a big winner monetarily as he will collect another \$72.50.

How could this type of error occur which affected the apparent outcome in such a dramatic way? President of the Majors Todd S. Tilly put it this way when questioned: "This was a perfect storm of unique events or errors, if you will, that singularly would have no effect on the outcome. But piled on top of each other, they led to us not getting the winner right. At least at first. On the first day that is." An extremely close competition, lack of on-site computerized score tallying machines, and figuring miscues amidst the pressure cooker that is the Mondo may have all led to the nightmare scenario. "In the end, thanks to Brad Tilly's precise scoring review, we got the correct winner which is crucial because we want to keep the integrity of the Majors up there in the mid to lower troposphere where it always has been and always will be. Its just slightly unfortunate that the cows got out and ran all over the place mauling and killing people before we could get the (expletive deleted) barn door closed."

Tournament Director PV Tilly was lauded for his handling of the situation. He personally telephoned Degroot to tell him the unfortunate news before it hit the wires. Then he made the decision to not clawback any of the prize money awarded in error. And will in turn personally bestow the rightful amounts on the two players who are due more

money. MEC members TST, BPT and W have pledged to contribute to the prize money shortfall.

July 8, 2012

MONDO RECAP TO COME...

MONDO PREVIEW

July 4, 2012

TWELVE IN TWELVE

(AP) The Mondo 2012 has equaled a Majors record with twelve entrants into this Sunday's contest. Only the Dick's Hatband of 2004 was as big. Granted, the Hatband is a four round event and the Mondo only a one rounder but Mondo Director PV Tilly will surely claim equivalence, citing the "four tournaments within a tournament" format. Anyway you look at it, twelve is an accomplishment. Kind of like making it through level ten of Space Invaders. Remember when we thought that was good?

The foursomes have been decided as well. PVT has in essence flighted the Mondo by arranging the foursomes in three tiers based on perceived ability. In the top level group UFC Champion Randy DeGroot joins fourteen time Major title holder Brad Tilly, Defending Mondo Champion Jeff Doeden and David Flynn who was recently voted the New Guy Most Likely to Prove the New Guy Never Wins Conjecture False (NGMLTPTNGNWCF). This one will be a shoot out for the ages. BPT will outdrive Flynn on occasion. But outdrive to where? Look for Flynn to pick up the majority of Tigers and Greenies. BPT will get his share of Arnies. DeGroot and Doeden will need to be heavy into the Sandies, Polies and Arnies to keep up. And all four must avoid the dreaded Snake. Strategy will be perhaps more important in this group than the rest. Anti-Shapiro Flynn and let BPT off the hook? Gutsy call. Make RWD rechip? He just might put it in next time.

Scorekeeping changes in effect: PVT is spreading the calculatory wealth. Instead of just one scorekeeper per foursome keeping busy, now three of four will have at least some new responsibility tracking Ballybunions, Carnousties, or raw and net scores. The fourth player will provide general oversight and purity control. This should minimize scoring errors. Or really maximize them.

There won't be a ton of time after the event to figure stuff out either. Eight of the players have to skedaddle off to the second ever edition of the Erlenmeyer Flask contest held later in the day, Flynn has to bust it up north for a 5:30 clunky teenage concert, and Big Dan has some important stuff to get back too RIGHT AWAY!! - you just wouldn't understand.

Pray for same-day service, good weather and pep.

June 12, 2012

MONDO POSTPONED

(AP) A last minute dropout and fears of inclement weather have forced the postponement of the Mondo at Royal Madison until later in the summer. Tournament Director PV Tilly made the call on Sunday night, the day before the event was to occur. Either of the determining reasons probably could have been dealt with had they happened by themselves. But the spectre of violent thunderstorms combined with a wicked short-notice seven player lineup was too much to handle. The hope is that a new tournament date can be found which will accommodate all of Ocean's Seven.

June 4, 2012

DOEDER DANA DEFLECTS

(AP) Not since gold was first struck in 18th century Doedwood South Dakota has such an improbable stroke of luck materialized. By taking the eighth and final spot in the Mondo, David Flynn again may have turned all anti-shapiros on himself and away from defending champion Jeff Doed. Doed had been expected to be the target of all three replay shots, known as anti-shapiros, due to his solid game and title ownership. But now, Flynn, with his better than scratch game may take the heat off the Doed. In reality though, for Doed to feel the coolness of relief, two things must happen. One, he and Flynn must be paired together in the same foursome and two, their other groupmates must be convinced that directing the all-powerful anti-shapiro Flynn's way isn't just a waste of time and ammo. As Kwon Tilly has proven in Mondo's past, a good player can repeat any shot any time. Any time. And any time.

In other news, Big Den has had to drop out of contention in order to attend to personal matters and to stay married. 2011 Rookie of the Year Brent Deener is a welcome addition. He may be the longest hitter in the field. And Good Old Nup And Down continues his sporadic Majors appearances. Have to look it up but this may be his first Mondo in which case we will see how he handles the not-so-straightforward rule schemes.

May 15, 2012

JEFF DOEDEN DEFENDS

(AP) In a field of eight, possibly more, Doed Doeder Dana Doornail will attempt to repeat as Mondo champion. Doed tied an all-time Majors record for low gross with 70 in last year's contest. Predictably, all anti-shapiros will be initially aimed his way. Can he

resist the typical "Oooh, it's unfair!" reaction to sitting on the throne? A defending Mondo Champion and his inner spoiled child are rarely separated.

Will Denny "I Belong To Arrowhead Now, Oh, And By The Way, You Don't" Tilly finally break through with his new found game? Or will all the work associated with his retirement really keep him out of competition?

Perhaps W can rekindle the lost magic of his yesteryear.

Peeps struggles to hang on to any semblance of a world ranking by putting "fourth" a respectable showing.

The world's number one, BPT has been playing well as of late. Will overconfidence abound at the all-forgiving Madison Golf Lynks?

And will reigning Majors trophy holder and UFC champion Randal El Degroot even enter the fray and attempt to extend his personal run for the roses - the Majors Quadruple Crown? This Grand Slam has never been seen. Only the W Slam - which is good for nothing but a Fat Tire at the Winter Summit.

Stay tuned. The Mondo is on the way.