

## 24th Dick's Hatband – The Dirty Dozen

Welcome again to DHB Week. The Serb's calendar says Monday. The Serb's existence is nothing more than a week of Mondays. Every day is a dang Monday. Every football game is Monday Night Football (unless it is Monday Day Football). Monday. Monday. Monday. Looking now at the very word Monday has The Serb feeling weak and disoriented. Monday. Weird.

This 24<sup>th</sup> edition of the DHB has seen its share of downs and downs. What a glorious 16 it was on 7/31. Then MEL out. Oops. Still a wonderous 15 on 8/4. Oh to be fooled by the optimism of STL ready to return to The Majors. Down to 14 on 8/7. That's still good, right? Then JRY. Then BKB. And it was still the 7<sup>th</sup>. Black Seventh. Boom! 12 friggin' War Pigs. Thank you very much. The Serb quotes the late great Ricky Bobby: "That just happened!"

That's the short and fabled history. The DHB field is set at 12 on Monday August 12<sup>th</sup>. And The Serb loves The Dirty Dozen. Winners everywhere – 7 DHB Champs. 10 Majors Champs. The top 4 in the OWGR and 9 of the top 12 are here. The other never heres? The Serb won't waste The Serbs time! This is the field. A dynamite field each with lofty goals and even loftier dreams.



The weather appears to be, in a word, gorgeouistic to start the week followed by periods of increasing soupiness with a big ridge of swelter through to Monday (every day is Monday). The Serb sweats as The Serb dictates and watches The Serb's type-staff typing. The Serb also fears the real threat of CPO from EWRS&S. According to The Old Serber's Almanac, August is the rainy season for the DHB. The FWV will be welcome.

The Serb revels in the DHB consistency and commitment to tradition: Same venues (MF, MHCC, PL, WR) - Same tee boxes (different colors) - Same rules (The Serb abstains).

Sure, The Serb dreamt of 16. But it's 12. The DHB is good at any number. 11? Is it 11 yet? No matter, The Serb is ready. Anybody can win! Who is gonna start fast? Another W2W domination for DOED? MGY still in HHS form? Wiscy mojo for BDD? Can CGO overcome that PIQ? Drought finally over for BT5? A breakthrough for MSG? A coronation for World #1? ICN with a Monday (EDIM) BN? Tuna Row for TST? Some Mickelson magic for TT? Classic W finish on the Home Field? Who is JUD?

The Serb knows:

### The Serb's Prediction:

Pretenders – JUD, TST, ICN, TT  
In the Mix – W, MSG, MGY, BT5  
Contenders – BDD, DOED, CGO, LUF

Dark horses to Win: MSG, MGY, TST  
**24th DHB Winner: DOED (why not?)**

The Key (ICYAW):

CPO – Cart Path Only  
FWV – Full Week V  
HHS – Hoo Hoo Shoot  
BN – Back Nine  
ICYAW – In Case You Are Wondering

EWRS&S – Early Week Rain Showers & Storms  
W2W – Wire to Wire  
PIQ – Whack Arnold's Handicap  
EDIM – Every Day is Monday  
SOTM – State of the Majors (*see below*)

*[Note: Regarding the unfortunate ugliness in the SOTM brought on by comments from who-knows-you in and around the Winter Summit: The Serb would never fake, fabricate, fudge, falsify, feign, or any other f-word any correspondence that touts the greatness of The Serb. Simply wouldn't and any insistence to the contrary is nothing more than contrary insistence. And The Serb won't tolerate it. The Serb is here. The Serb endures. The Serb is bigger than the DHB. The Serb is grander than The Majors. That is what makes The Serb so great as has so eloquently been written of often in letter and song.]*