

25th Dick's Hatband – NINE MEN OUT

The Serb wishes you all a Happy Monday. Here we are. DHB 25! Twenty-five! Bainty Thincos! ExExVee! Ishirini na tano! Bill McKinley! The Jet! Twen T5! 二十五! Y! The Silver Jubilee!

The Serb is exciting for a raucous new look DHB. Yes, this 25th edition of the DHB has certainly gone the way of the DHB of late. The Belmont Stakes of the Majors Quadruple Crown regularly sees guys in and then out. Majors regulars claiming some crazy crud to avoid it: W, BDD, ERN, MGY, TT, CGO, WAR, JRY, BKB, MEL – all out. But the Serb (and The TD), for good reason, cares not. They simply stink. Nuff sedd.



The Serb moves on. For this rag-tag, hap-hazard, fly-by-night, hoo-flung-poo, carry-nation, caddy-wompom field of nine stalwartly chasteletons is glorious and remains true. One mission – take home that Big Beautiful DHB trophy (if there was one). This field of nine brings 44 Majors wins (8 DHBs) and the Top 5 in the Majors OWGR. Like The Serb's first wife, Dear Abby, The Serb proclaims, not too shabby.

The New Look of the DHB is in the schedule and the venues:

1. Weaver finally succeeding in goattrackify itself. Weaver out. (The Serb's crack staff did uncover that Weaver indeed starts with W.)
2. MHCC to the lead-off spot. (could M-Winn be next? – The Serb will text The Serb's pal Ollie)
3. Day 2 is now officially the Dr Leo Marvin Memorial Second Round at Lake Winnepesaukee (TAD proolly – see The Den)
4. Ah forever the normalcy of The Serb's course, Pine Lakes.
5. Finishing at the Met – The Serb dubs it “Halleluiahs in the High Grass”.

The rest of the DHB specs are still the rest. HBW, TCD*, PIQ, TVR, PIU, EBW, BTJSN*. **The DHB is nothing if not a big ole NASCAR car. (The Serb regrets the alliterative car-car, but The Serb got nothing else. The Serb doesn't own the rights to Formula 1 anymore.)*

How's the Weather? The Serb is forever a sucker for consistency. Pulled from The Serb's perfect 2025 Preview:

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 is sure it holds up!

QSA: Can The Serb take a minute? These tee boxes. These tee boxes are no good. Maybe they are tee boxes that only The Serb could love, but The Serb plain don't. The Serb loves the TD. The TD is truly unequalled, but The Serb's goodness, move these schlubs back! The Serb implores you. Let these big dogs eat! Let The Serb water your plants, for the love of God!

The Serb's Quality Player Takes: (PIQ are not in parens below as The Serb intended. The Serb takes Gates name in vane and also assures you that The Serb caned an intern over this).

TST The Herbal Equinox is a crap chute (shoot?). Major to Major The Serb is stumped. Putter extraordinaire but the SWDIFFHRPM not helping. DHB vintg cinq? Stumped. Plain stumped.

LUF Johnny Paul Jason is the OWGR #1. Long game, short game, putting. All there. 2nd in DHB ExExEyeVee. Self-proclaimed Best Player to have never won a DHB. The Serb must think on that.

DOE Fly Ash is battling a bad hand and a very poor grasp of the medical industry. Stock 7 now acts like a stock 8 but no worries. EOY DHBer. This is the OY!

3M Swarm Tamer makes his DHB debut after historic Mondo/HHS fame. The Serb heard him a lefty – and lefties no win no Majors. [Note: The Serb read that somewhere.]

STL If Barbados Bob survives the nemees on day one, look out chumps. The good news: The DL has not affected his all-around game. The bad news: All that time for self-reflection and confidence-building dinner work.

TBK Scissors is ready. Scissors is so hungry. Scissors wants a dinner! 1st DHB in 20 years! Every Shot counts! What Swing do I use? DOP!

MSG Khaleesi is back to stay. The Serb loves Khaleesi. He is the consummate partner but, all ass, this a Solonatarian event! His nup and down game is Big Dannish. The Serb is watching.

BT5 Sloughhouse and his PIQ are in good form. TD: “Just get better, baby”. After a win, SH may be done: “I choose not to play!” This headstart is as immaculate as it is egregious.

JUD Caramel Donut is the Longest Hitter out there. Has all the chops to go low. The Serb worries about 72 for CD. The lats will give out. Always do.

The Serb's Prediction:

Pretenders – 3M, DOED, TST
 In the Mix – JUD, MSG, LUF
 Contenders – BT5, TBK, STL
 Best Marker – DF, W

Dark horses to Win: MSG, DOED, TST

25th DHB Winner: BT5 (That's right, Lois.)

The Key (ICYAW):

- DHB – Dick's Hatband
- MHCC – Mt Hawley Country Club
- TD – Tournament Director
- OWGR – Official World Golf Rankings
- TAD – Two and Done
- HBW – Hatband Week
- TCD – The Champions' Dinner
- TVR – Television Rule
- PIU – Play It Up
- EBW – Everybody Wins!
- BTJSN – Big Thick Juicy Steak Night
- PIQ – Billy Bibbit Handicapping System
- CPO – Cart Path Only
- EWRS&S – Early Week Rain Showers & Storms
- FWV – Full Week V
- HHS – Hoo Hoo Shoot
- DL – Disabled List
- DOP – Drop of Pee
- EOY – Every Other Year
- OY – Other Year
- QTSA – Quick The Serb Aside
- ICYAW – In Case You Are Wondering
- SWDIFFHRPM - Spin With Driver is 4500 RPM
- NASCAR - National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing