LONG LIVE THE DUKE

Another debacle for the players last week. Only 14 of 40 came up with winning records. Dogs were 10-5-1 so that usually translates to doom for the masses. Best Bets and Survivor plays came up wanting as well. Enough gloom - - let's get to the *highlights!*

The weekly prize is shared by two players who haven't done a lot of damage to the prize fund in their pool career's so Bob and I like to see those players do well. 10-5-1 isn't wonderful but it IS the high score of the week so kudos to Carl Borman and Frank (The Quiet Man) Pisano.

Carl is only 4 years in with us but he's been mostly short of the podium so far. Great to see you "Bring It" bro. Maybe you've turned the corner. Good job!

Frank (The Quiet Man) Pisano has been with us forever and has been mostly - - well, quiet. Earning his moniker with few moments of glory. Really good to see him get a taste of honey. This good week also puts him in a tie for 1^{st} place in the Main Pool early on. Very nice my friend!

Oh - - this week's headline is an ode to Frank and John Wayne who the moniker is based on. Youngsters in the pool may have to google this reference.

A shoutout goes to rookie Louis Adams, who has started his pool career nicely with two 2^{nd} place finishes and a sweet 19-11-2 two weeks in and tied for best record. Nice work Louie! But now you got a target on your back so be careful.

What's next? Ah - the Best Bet Pool. It's too early to talk standings here so I won't, but 14-21-5 for the week as a group ain't good at all. Needless to say - everyone is in play.

There was more carnage in the Knockout Pool. 10 more vanquished leaving only 7 in the pool. We are already down to the point I can start naming the survivors thru week 2. But I'll wait 1 more week. It could be reduced further. It's **never** been this ugly this soon!

OK - you know where we have to go now. Basement Bertha gets her wish! Her job is to take in the lame, the poor, the down on their luck, the losers. She gives them comfort as best she can, because she knows what it's like to be all those things. She was rooting for as many as possible to visit her this week. Well, with 4-11-1 Hindenburg Disasters, three will be coming down to stay in her cellar flat.

Rookies often struggle early on so for Ryan Pehush, I know this isn't how you wanted to make your first recap but take heart, it will click for you eventually. The other guys will show you the ropes down there. Don't let the cat trip you.

Stu Schrenzel came in 3rd in last year's Main Pool. So I think this was just a blip in the road and he will battle through this early season (12-18-2 first two) slump.

Bobby Higgins . . . I don't know what to say my man? We all know you know your football. I guess sometimes you're the windshield - - sometimes the bug. Even The Duke took one on the chin from time to time.

I've run out of room this week so I will report the Prize List on Monday when I put out the line for Thursday's game. Talk then.

Standings after 09/15/24 - Week 02

| Standings | | | |
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| | W | L | Т |
| Standings | | | |
| Frank Pisano | 19 | 11 | 2 |
| Louis Adams | 19 | 11 | 2 |
| Tony McFarland | 19 | 11 | 2 |
| Kyle/Kevin Conroy | 18 | 12 | 2 |
| Paul Korinth | 18 | 12 | 2 |
| Teresa Kelly | 18 | 12 | 2 |
| Carl Borman | 17 | 13 | 2 |
| John Cocchieri | 16 | 14 | 2 |
| John Moser | 16 | 14 | 2 |
| Mike Lamagna | 16 | 14 | 2 |
| *** Bob for Fun *** | 15 | 15 | 2 |
| Arnie Komet | 15 | 15 | 2 |
| Dave Ritter | 15 | 15 | 2 |
| John Tallarico | 15 | 15 | 2 |
| Joe Bednarski | 14 | 16 | 2 |
| Mark McCain | 14 | 16 | 2 |
| Mike Banha | 14 | 16 | 2 |
| Rocky/Matt Durocher | 14 | 16 | 2 |
| Steve DeFabiis | 14 | 16 | 2 |
| Stu Silverstein | 14 | 16 | 2 |
| Bo Lebon | 13 | 17 | 2 |
| Brian Lamagna | 13 | 17 | 2 |
| Brian/Brady Anderson | 13 | 17 | 2 |
| Dan Stensgard | 13 | 17 | 2 |
| Justin Hawkins | 13 | 17 | 2 |
| Kevin Joel | 13 | 17 | 2 |
| Nate Singh | 13 | 17 | 2 |
| Ralph Marra | 13 | 17 | 2 |
| Tanya Tallarico | 13 | 17 | 2 |
| Chris Reed | 12 | 18 | 2 |
| Dom Mancini | 12 | 18 | 2 |
| Mike Pasch | 12 | 18 | 2 |
| Stu Schrenzel | 12 | 18 | 2 |
| Brad Yale | 11 | 19 | 2 |
| Ken Demchak | 11 | 19 | 2 |
| Tony Mascio | 11 | 19 | 2 |
| JoMarie Sacchinelli | 10 | 20 | 2 |
| Ray Lavender | 10 | 20 | 2 |
| Ryan Pehush | 10 | 20 | 2 |
| Bob Higgins | 9 | 21 | 2 |
| John Labriola | 9 | 21 | 2 |
| John Edonold | | | |

| Best Bet | | | |
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| | W | L | Т |
| Best Bet | | | |
| Brad Yale | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Carl Borman | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Ken Demchak | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Mike Banha | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Paul Korinth | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Stu Silverstein | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Steve DeFabiis | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Tony McFarland | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| *** Bob for Fun *** | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Brian/Brady Anderson | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Dan Stensgard | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Dave Ritter | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Frank Pisano | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| John Cocchieri | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| John Labriola | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| John Tallarico | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Justin Hawkins | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Kyle/Kevin Conroy | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Louis Adams | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mark McCain | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Ralph Marra | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Ray Lavender | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Rocky/Matt Durocher | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Stu Schrenzel | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Teresa Kelly | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Tony Mascio | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Bo Lebon | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Bob Higgins | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Dom Mancini | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| John Moser | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Arnie Komet | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Brian Lamagna | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Chris Reed | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Joe Bednarski | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| JoMarie Sacchinelli | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Kevin Joel | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Mike Lamagna | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Mike Pasch | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Nate Singh | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Ryan Pehush | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Tanya Tallarico | 0 | 2 | 0 |