

PRETTY TO WATCH: DEAN GRABS COCK

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Above: The traditional kissing of the cock's arse by 2023 winner Dave C and kissing of the cock's beak by 2024 winner, Dean.

Photo Credit: Peter T



Above: Dean clearly revelling in one of his new-found groupies, Ally, after his win.

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Surprisingly, **Dean's** favourite saying “*Pretty to watch*” became the catch-cry of the evening despite Dean having a shocking night and being knocked out in the first round of the third week of the 2024 NPC. Following his devastating early knockout, Dean was still in the running to take out the overall title for 2024 if all the stars aligned and the other prime contenders suffered similar early fates. By gaining another six points he had already dispatched **Peter T**, **Alex**, **Markus** and **Jesse** from contention. The same fate awaited **Garth** when he lost his first-round game. Next to fall by the wayside in the first round was **Prashant**, followed by **Pat** then **Smokin' Joe** in the second round. Dean’s mood was buoyed as he realised that there was only one player left with a chance to equal his score and face a play-off, **Bud**, the



Above: Dean “shitting bricks” during his long wait to know his fate.

Photo Credit: Alex

newcomer the week before who took the comp by storm.

But Dean had an agonising nail-biting wait until the semi-final before Bud was taken out of the race by **Markus**, who went on to win the honours for the night and a third placing overall just behind Garth the runner-up. What an absolutely thrilling finale to the 2024 NPC.



Above: Spoiler Bud coming very close to dashing Dean’s chances.

Photo Credit: Peter T

In a classic case of divine intervention by the pool gods, three times cup winner, **Dave C**, was humbled into 12th place this year. This was despite him taking out Dean in the first round – the true definition of a spoiler but, alas, it was too little too late.

Late arrivals to the comp, **Henare** and **Col**, jockeyed for position for last place, however, settled for sharing the honour. Before the comp, Henare had proclaimed he was attending as a prime cock-blocker (spoiler) although his loss to **John L** in the first round seemed rather a limp effort to say the least. John L used this opportunity to leapfrog from his first week last placing to a commendable 21st place overall.



Above: Henare in his battle for last place with Col watched on by a confident John L

Photo Credit: Peter T

In what was initially heralded as a game-changer first-round game for **Peter T** versus **Ninja**, both players certainly changed the game of pool into more of a 5-day cricket match with neither player displaying any particular levels of skill at the game.

Surprisingly, both father (**Jink**, a.k.a. Jink Senior) and son, (**Chris**, a.k.a. Jink Junior Junior) appeared equally bereft of such skills belying the very fact that they have a pool table at home thereby providing limitless opportunities to hone their pool skills, a fact that was only revealed on the night.

As no Glebe Globe article would be complete without a reference to our beloved **Dave G**, it should be noted that Dave’s unlucky 13th place matched the demonstrated unluckiness of his chosen headgear. We can only imagine what its form will take next year.

And on that note, it’s adieu until 2025. May all your balls be round and your sticks straight!

RESULTS

Nick Power Cup 2024 Placings					
place	name	score	place	name	score
1	DEAN	69	17	NINJA	19
2	GARTH	67	18	ALLY	18
3	MARKUS	64	19	FRANCOIS	14
4	PAT	60	20	PISTOL PETE	14
5	BUD	58	21	JOHN L	14
6	PRASHANT	49	22	CURTIS	14
7	ALEX	47	23	CHRIS	13
8	SMOKIN' JOE	45	24	JADE	13
9	MITCH	42	25	PAUL	10
10	PETER T	32	26	KAT	7
11	GEOFF	29	27	RAHUL	7
12	DAVE C	26	28	AIDAN	6
13	DAVE G	26	29	MATT	6
14	JINK	25	30	DUNCAN	5
15	JESSE	23	31	HENARE	3
16	KATE	20	32	COL	3

Nick Power Cup Winners 1998 - 2024				
Phil Ryan	2003	2004	2008	
Peter Teutenberg	2001	2007	2010	
Dave Campbell	2019	2022	2023	
Dean Smith	1999	2016	2024	
Henare Degan	2012	2014		
Phil Piotrowski	2013	2015		
COVID	2020	2021		
Ben Farrawell	1998			
Robbie Delaney	2000			
Justin Wallace	2002			
Ben Spiers	2005			
Not played	2006			
Paul Z	2009			
Lee Foster	2011			
Garth Thomas	2017			
Alex Gordon	2018			

ERRATUM

In a November 15 Glebe Globe article it was incorrectly implied that Henare had only won the NPC in 2012. The Glebe Globe, following its noble tradition of truth in reportage, acknowledges this error with sincere apologies as Henare has won the NPC both in 2014 and 2012. This error can be confirmed by actually reading the names engraved on the NPC Cup and set in print in the listing above.

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