

“I’LL BE BACK NEXT YEAR COCK-HUNGRY”

Erskineville, Fri 15 Nov 2024:

Resigned to his obvious fate, **Dave C** offered a teary public statement following his humiliating drubbing two weeks in a row: “*I may have lost the cock this year but I’ll be back next year cock-hungry*” he optimistically declared. After coming into the 2024 NPC on a high having won the previous 3 years’ contests, Dave was well and truly put in his place twice in the first 2 weeks. In the first game of the second week, Dave was pistol-whipped and once again trampled underfoot in the rush for the honours by relative newcomer **Pistol Pete**. This spectacle perfectly highlights how the NPC can so cruelly knock high-rollers from their lofty perches.

On the subject of lofty perch knockers, another example was displayed when **Garth’s** early lead from the first week was brutally stripped from him by that stalwart of HPDP pool, **Dean**. Dean, the instigator of the original and one-and-only Harold Park Hotel pool competition in 1986, has strived relentlessly over the years to get his name on the coveted Nick Power Cup once again. And he inched closer to this goal after snatching the overall lead from Garth on the second night.



Above: Dean on his way to top honours on the night and overall for the NPC 2024.

Photo Credit: Alex

MarKus with a “K”, following his devastating blow to Dave C in the first round of the first week, failed miserably in the second week with his hugely embarrassing introduction to the cruellest of all *premature eblaculation* scenarios, sinking the black off the break. This awkward faux pas allowed Garth to cruise through to the 3rd round before being defeated by

Dean who then went on to claim the NPC overall lead.



Above: MarKus and Garth lamenting over MarKus’ 1st round premature eblaculation.

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Jink Senior suffered a similarly devastating end to his 2024 cup challenge when, after having only one of his balls left to sink, it all went “*terribly badly*”. **Kate**, in her first game for the season, took advantage of Jink’s incredulous ineptitude by catching up against the odds and went into the second round only to be dismissed by **Prashant** who went on to the semi-finals before being taken out by Dean.



Above: The intense concentration seen on Jink’s face failed to reflect reality.

Photo Credit: Alex

Alex, still reeling from his first week horror show, performed creditably this week and put down **Jade** and Pistol Pete before he was taken out by Prashant who was rampaging his way into the semis.

Newcomer **Bud**, after narrowly missing taking out Dean in the first round had a second chance to do so when, on a spoiler buyback, he faced Dean again in the final but to no avail.

Pat, after knocking out newcomer **Paul** in the first round, was taken out convincingly in the second round by Garth, however, managed to hold onto 3rd place overall owing to his finals appearance in the first week.

Noticeable absentees on the night included: Dave G (reportedly in counselling following his disastrous first week performance); Francois

(reportedly back in rehab after relapsing); Jink Junior a.k.a. Aidan (just MIA) and John L (reportedly still John L).



Above: A member of the crowd going absolutely mild following his woeful efforts.

Photo/Caption Credit: Jink

Next week the NPC will have the great honour of a special appearance from our esteemed webmaster guru and 2014 NPC winner, Henare, who has not graced us with his presence for many a year. Come in, spoiler!

NPC 2024 RESULTS

The top 10 results following the 2nd round of the 2024 Nick Power Cup are:

name	total	week 1	week 2
DEAN	63	23	40
GARTH	60	40	20
PAT	46	37	9
PRASHANT	43	13	30
SMOKIN’ JOE	33	30	3
BUD	29	22	7
PETER T	26	13	13
ALEX	25	2	23
MARKUS	24	23	1
JESSE	23	23	

Only the above players have any chance of winning the 2024 Nick Power Cup. For full results check out the HPDP NPC results website: stats.hdpdp.org

IN OTHER NEWS

In an extraordinary display of corporate overreach, the **Glebe Globe** received a complaint allegedly from the Australian Press Council regarding alleged misreporting of an NPC player in its 8 November article. Allegations included: a photo reference to stick length thereby implying male inadequacy; incorrect spelling of the person’s name [name withheld so as not to cause undue embarrassment to the complainant, MarKus]; and highlighting via a photo his “grey hair” and “dishevelment” thereby drawing attention to the middle-agedness and scruffiness of the subject.

The Glebe Globe would like to highlight the fact that the published spelling of the name was provided by the pool comp organiser who does have a history of incorrectly spelling names, writing illegibly and does struggle with his/her/their English in general. As for the other two allegations, the Glebe Globe managerial team responds with “*suck it up, princess!*”.