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FALL 2008 FLakey Awards

My serve:

Another season over, and it's time once again for ... the FLakey Awards. Here are the winners of the Fall 2008 FLakeys:

A. Highest Rated Players – season (top 10)

Hahn, Chris	14.81
Brumley, Joe	13.79
Wonsidler, Eric	13.66
Fagala, Matt	13.63
Bufalo, Doug	13.57
Diehl, Dave	13.51
Edsen, Jerry	13.22
Niemann, Billy	13.08
Romero, Alberto	12.92
Strutz, Tom	12.91

It wasn't even close. So, congratulations go to **Chris Hahn**, tennis stud for the Fall 2008, and clearly the **FLakiest player** in the league.

Points are based on a system that tracks wins and losses giving higher credit for higher courts. The stats of subs don't count toward the points for each player. So whether you had a sub, or you served as a sub, those points don't affect your season points results (and aren't included in the #games above either).

B. Most Improved (based on change from prior season's ratings or, if a new player, initial expectations)

Hahn, Chris	+3.16
Edsen, Jerry	2.13
Romero, Goyo	1.55
Sonnenschein, Canaan	1.45
Bufalo, Doug	1.25
Tyberend, Dennis	1.09
Diehl, Dave	1.04
Meshoto, Dan	1.03
Harris, Paul	0.76
Wonsidler, Eric	0.60

Fourteen of the 31 players ended up with rankings higher than before (or than expected), the top ten of which are shown above. And 17 of our 31 players had rankings lower than before (or than expected). Near the bottom of the list, sadly: Michelson, Jon -1.94 :(But, I'm just setting myself up for most improved next season. Yeah, that's it.

C. Highest Win Percentage (all courts)

- 60.0% Chris Hahn** – incidentally, this was exactly the same as the top win% from last season.
- 59.2% Joe Brumley
- 58.6% Dan Mullen
- 57.8% Ron Beck

USUALLY, the three category winners (A, B, and C, above) are all different, although we've had it happen in the past that

two categories had the same overall winner. But, even though the three categories are somewhat related, I'm pretty sure it has never happened before that we've had the same winner for all three categories. So, it's impressive and worth noting that Chris Hahn is a **triple crown winner**.

D. Most Wins in a Given Round by Court (includes subs)

Round 1

Court 5 – 9 games (4 times)

Court 6 – 10 games (**Eric Wonsidler** week 7, **Josh Vorvick**, week 9)

Court 7 – **12 games** (**Dan Mullen** week 15)

Court 8 – 11 games (**Deron Rehma** week 16)

Round 2

Court 5 – 14 games (**Chris Hahn** week 17)

Court 6 – 14 games (**Matt Fagala** weeks 4 and 5, **Joe Brumley** week 13)

Court 7 – 15 games (**Josh Vorvick** week 12)

Court 8 – 14 games (**Dan Meshoto** week 8, **Don Anson** week 14)

E. Miscellaneous Awards

- Craziest serve (serve most likely to generate a return swing-and-a-miss or a return hit off of a light fixture) – Joe Brumley
- Best play despite a bad shoulder – Dan Mullen
- Most humble player – Billy Niemann
- Best long distance vision ;-)) – Rob Kramer
- Least intimidating serve that's still really hard to return – Don Anson
- Best acting job after getting hit by a ball – Doug Bufalo
- Best grunts – Mike Wieser

Not tennis related:

- Most admirable job – Canaan Sonnenschein
- Scariest job (i.e., scariest to me) – John Brooks
- Newest job – Gary Lerner
- Smartest (i.e., most frugal) traveler to interesting lands – Jerry Edsen
- MFP (Most Famous Player) – Paul Harris
- Best advertisement for a new heart valve – Bob Levy
- Youngest looking for his age – Goyo Romero

Back-to-tennis-related:

- Best player without hip cartilage – Doug Weber
- Most consistent overhead shot (John Brooks)
- Buffalo Bills in the Super Bowl award – Joey Bedell (January 12)

- Largest decrease in win% when playing with Jon Michelson (probably) – Doug Ritter
- Best attitude – pretty much everybody ... thanks!

Congratulations to all the FLakey winners.