

Thursday 2024.08.29

Summer 2024 FLakey Awards

Note: To be eligible for awards A, B, or C, a player has to be a scheduled player (not just a sub) and has to have played at least 3 times for self (not as a sub). Results below exclude weeks for players during which they played as a sub.

X| = not eligible

A1. Highest Rated Players – THIS SEASON (top 25)

Meyer, Ben	14.87
Urshan, Andrew	14.49
Singh, Harry	14.35
Nolan, Tim	14.34
Gibbons, Steven	14.31
Blechle, Mike	13.99
Van Horn, Doug	13.89
Dhillon, Raj	13.49
Narayan, Rama	13.46
Andreyuk, Steve	13.23

X Brewer, Chip	12.46
Bier, Barney	11.43
Tharian, Denny	11.42
X Hendrix, Doc	10.94
Ercal, Fikret	10.84

Edsen, Jerry	10.79
Berberich, Steve	10.69
X Gregerson, Will	10.53
Brooks, John	10.20
Steuby, Tom	10.15

Westrich, Dave	10.12
X Schaefer, Craig	9.80
Michelson, Jon	9.71
Kelley, Tyler	9.70
X Unnerstall, Chris	8.68

Congratulations to **Ben Meyer** as the winner of this past season's Urshan Award. His third time!

Congratulations too to **Andrew Urshan** as the silver medal winner.

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. [FYI, if you're really curious about this, I do have ratings and results available that include "as-a-sub" results.]

A2. Highest Rated Player – Top Player in PAST SEASONS

All Time Top Ratings (since 2008 Summer)

Season	Rating	Player	Rating	Player
2008.2	14.77	Matt Fagala	14.36	Ed Sher
2008.3	14.81	Chris Hahn	13.79	Joe Brumley
2009.1	14.43	Chris Hahn	14.21	Joe Brumley
2009.2	14.40	Tom Strutz	14.16	Gary Lerner
2009.3	14.41	Chris Hahn	14.29	Gary Lerner
2010.1	15.25	Chris Hahn	14.65	Matt Fagala
2010.2	14.51	Matt Fagala	14.40	Gary Lerner
2010.3	14.49	Kevin Ray	14.44	Matt Fagala
2011.1	14.17	Matt Fagala	14.14	Steve Hawkins
2011.2	13.43	Gary Lerner	13.22	Joe Brumley
2011.3	14.69	Steve Hawkins	14.50	Gary Lerner
2012.1	14.82	Steve Hawkins	14.59	Kevin Ray
2012.2	13.66	Canaan Sonnenschein	13.40	Justin Freed
2012.3	14.76	Joe Brumley	14.25	Gary Lerner
2013.1	14.36	Gary Lerner	14.02	Dan Mullen
2013.2	13.74	Gary Lerner	13.25	Mike Wieser
2013.3	14.75	Gary Lerner	13.83	Charles Olagbeji
2014.1	14.77	Gary Lerner/Kevin Ray	14.33	Dan Roddy
2014.2	13.96	Gary Lerner	13.44	Matt Fagala
2014.3	14.48	Canaan Sonnenschein	14.32	Dan Roddy
2015.1	14.88	Andrew Urshan	14.44	Gary Lerner
2015.2	14.33	Andrew Urshan	13.68	Tim Nolan
2015.3	15.16	Andrew Urshan	14.25	Canaan Sonnenschein
2016.1	15.06	Andrew Urshan	14.48	Tim Nolan
2016.2	14.40	Andrew Urshan	14.18	Canaan Sonnenschein
2016.3	14.54	Andrew Urshan	14.34	Jack Nicholl
2017.1	14.73	Nicholl, Jack	14.54	Andrew Urshan
2017.2	14.65	Andrew Urshan	14.47	Canaan Sonnenschein
2017.3	15.10	Andrew Urshan	14.15	Ben Martin
2018.1	15.02	Andrew Urshan	14.49	Jack Nicholl
2018.2	15.03	Drew Cheyney	14.70	Jack Nicholl
2018.3	15.24	Drew Cheyney	14.51	Canaan Sonnenschein
2019.1	14.97	Jack Nicholl	14.45	Andrew Urshan
2019.2	14.74	Tim Nolan	14.31	Ben Meyer
2019.3	15.11	Tim Nolan	14.96	Andrew Urshan
2020.1	14.86	Tim Nolan	13.93	Eric Wonsidler
2021.3	14.80	Tim Nolan	14.73	Jack Nicholl
2022.1	15.13	Ben Meyer	15.04	Andrew Urshan
2022.2	15.51	Tim Nolan	14.75	Ben Meyer
2022.3	14.92	Tim Nolan	14.91	Ben Meyer
2023.1	14.93	Andrew Urshan	14.11	David Cabrera
2023.2	14.86	Ben Meyer	14.73	Tim Nolan
2023.3	15.15	David Cabrera	14.85	Jack Nicholl
2024.1	14.80	Andrew Urshan	14.66	David Cabrera
2024.2	14.87	Ben Meyer	14.49	Andrew Urshan

B1. Most Improved (based on change from prior season's ratings or, if a new player, initial expectations)

Westrich, Dave	+1.67
Andreyuk, Steve	1.58
Steuby, Tom	1.56
Blechle, Mike	1.49
X Schaefer, Craig	0.68

Gibbons, Steven	0.51
Singh, Harry	0.51
Tharian, Denny	0.43
Dhillon, Raj	0.42
Datir, Vikram	0.41

Great job guys.

Fifteen of the 34 players ended up with rankings higher than before (or than expected), the top ten of which are shown above. And 17 of our 34 players had rankings lower than before (or than expected).

B2. Biggest Improvement During Season

Of our 34 players, 10 played the minimum-needed 3 times in both the first and second halves of the season. Of those 10 qualifiers, these had a second-half rating that exceeded their first-half the most:

Westrich, Dave	+2.33
Shanker, Mike	+0.74
Meyer, Ben	+0.31

C1. Highest Win Percentage (all courts) - THIS SEASON

Blechle, Mike	59.2%
Meyer, Ben	58.9%
Urshan, Andrew	56.7%
X Hendrix, Doc	56.7%
Bier, Barney	56.7%

Steuby, Tom	55.0%
Nolan, Tim	54.5%
Jonz, Jon	54.0%
Van Horn, Doug	52.7%
Gibbons, Steven	52.4%

C2. Top Win Percentage (all courts) - PAST SEASONS

All Time Top Win Percentages (since 2008 Summer)

Season	Win%	Player
2008.2	60.0%	Ed Sher
2008.3	60.0%	Chris Hahn
2009.1	60.3%	Billy Niemann
2009.2	57.4%	Gary Lerner
2009.3	58.2%	Eric Wonsidler
2010.1	60.7%	Chris Hahn
2010.2	61.7%	Gary Lerner
2010.3	58.8%	Alberto Romero
2011.1	61.4%	Eric Wonsidler
2011.2	56.0%	Gary Lerner, Mike Wieser
2011.3	56.7%	Steve Hawkins, Tom Strutz
2012.1	56.7%	Gary Lerner
2012.2	57.0%	Harish Sundaram
2012.3	55.8%	Dan Mullen
2013.1	58.9%	Gary Lerner
2013.2	57.2%	Canaan Sonnenschein
2013.3	60.7%	Gary Lerner
2014.1	60.6%	Kevin Ray
2014.2	58.9%	Gary Lerner
2014.3	55.0%	Mike Gregory
2015.1	58.3%	Jerry Edsen
2015.2	57.3%	Andrew Urshan
2015.3	57.5%	Andrew Urshan
2016.1	58.3%	Andrew Urshan
2016.2	61.1%	Mark Roddy
2016.3	60.8%	Jack Nicholl
2017.1	59.2%	Don Anson
2017.2	57.9%	Andrew Urshan
2017.3	58.5%	Andrew Urshan
2018.1	58.5%	Andrew Urshan
2018.2	68.0%	Drew Cheyney
2018.3	64.5%	Drew Cheyney
2019.1	63.4%	Jack Nicholl
2019.2	62.2%	Cliff Faucheux
2019.3	62.3%	Andrew Urshan
2020.1	56.7%	Don Anson
2021.3	64.5%	David Mitchell
2022.1	61.1%	Jerry Edsen
2022.2	63.8%	Tim Nolan
2022.3	59.7%	Ben Meyer
2023.1	56.4%	Andrew Urshan
2023.2	58.6%	Tim Nolan
2023.3	62.9%	David Cabrera
2024.1	56.7%	David Cabrera
2024.2	59.2%	Mike Blechle

D1. Most Wins in a Given Round by Court (includes subs) - THIS SEASON

shown for each is the week number and player name as "(w#:player)"

Round 1

Court A - 10 games (5:Nolan, Tim 8:Meyer, Ben)
Court B - 9 games (1:Blechle, Mike 9:Steinmetz, Cary 10:Gibbons, Steven 11:Narayan, Rama 2:Steinmetz, Cary)

Court C - 11 games (5:Dhillon, Raj)
Court D - 9 games (1:Bier, Barney 5:Michelson, Jon 2:Steuby, Tom)

Court E - 10 games (9:Horsford, Bill)

Round 2

Court A - 14 games (9:Meyer, Ben)
Court B - 14 games (13:Blechle, Mike)

Court C - 13 games (13:Tharian, Denny)
Court D - 14 games (11:Berberich, Steve)
Court E - 14 games (3:Jonz, Jon)

D2. Most Wins in a Given Round by Court (includes subs) - ALL TIME RECORD

[ALL TIME RECORD or at least since Summer 2008 (represented below by 2008.2)]

Round 1

Court A - 12 games (Ben Meyer 2022.3)
Court B - 11 games (Wieser 2008.2, Michelson 2009.3, Mullen 2010.1, Fagala 2010.3, Nopachai 2013.2, Nicholl 2016.19, Nolan 2022.3 & 2023.1, Urshan 2023.2)

Court C,D - 12 games (Dan Mullen 2008.3)
Court E - 12 games (Jack Nicholl 2016.2 and Steve Matthews 2022.1)
Court F - 12 games (Billy Niemann 2012.3, Weinberg 2022.3)

Round 2

Court A - 16 games David Cabrera 2024.1
Court B - 16 games (Canaan Sonnenschein 2013.2, Tim Nolan 2015.2)
Court C,D - 17 games (Matt Fagala 2013.2, Mark Wright 2022.2)
Court E - 16 games (Paul Harris 2009.1, Todd Gaughan 2010.1, Trevor Rees 2017.3, Chip Brewer 2022.3, Dave Westrich 2023.3, Denny Tharian 2024.1)
Court F - 16 games (Jon Michelson 2011.1, Yudovich 2015.1)

E. Best Week

Who had the best individual week this season (most total wins in the week)?

Rank	Wk#	Wins	Player
1	9	22	Meyer, Ben
1	5	22	Dhillon, Raj
1	3	22	Meyer, Ben
4	4	21	Nolan, Tim
4	1	21	Bier, Barney

How about the best weeks of all time (or at least since Fall 2021 (aka 2021.3))? [Max possible is 30.]

Rank	Wins	Player	Season
1	25	Oetjen, Joe	2023.2
2	24	Niemann, Billy	2021.3
2	24	Mitchell, David	2021.3
2	24	Meyer, Ben	2022.1
5	23	done 8 times	

F. Most Versatile ... or Most Nomadic

Spent at least this much of his time on 3 different courts

33.3%	Ercal, Fikret
30.0%	Edsen, Jerry
25.7%	Westrich, Dave
22.2%	Brooks, John
20.0%	Schaefer, Craig

Spent at least this much of his time on 4 different courts

16.7%	Steuby, Tom
13.3%	Brooks, John
8.6%	Westrich, Dave
6.7%	Kelley, Tyler
5.7%	Michelson, Jon

Spent at least this much of his time on 5 different courts

4.5%	Brooks, John
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G. Spin Results for this Season

	Spins Won	Spins Lost	Spin +/-	Player
Luckiest	4.0	0.3	3.7	Matthews, Steve
	4.0	1.0	3.0	Meyer, Ben
	3.0	0.0	3.0	Kelley, Tyler
	2.0	0.0	2.0	Schaefer, Craig
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	0.0	3.0	-3.0	Jonz, Jon
	0.5	4.0	-3.5	Edsen, Jerry
	0.0	4.0	-4.0	Steuby, Tom
Unluckiest	1.0	5.0	-4.0	Berberich, Steve

Luckiest ever: **Raj Dhillon** 2023.Fal 6.5 - 0.0 = +6.5
Runners-up: **Jon Michelson** 2016.Fal 7.5 - 2.0 = +5.5
Jerry Tharian 2023.Sum 6.5 - 1.0 = +5.5
Denny Edsen 2023.Fal 5.5 - 0.0 = +5.5

Unluckiest ever: **Canaan Sonnenschein** 2019.Fal 1.0 - 11.5 = -10.5
Runners-up: **Jon Unnerstall** 2023.Fal 2.5 - 10.5 = -8.0
Chris Michelson 2017.Spring 0.0 - 7.0 = -7.0
Jon Michelson 2023.Fal 2.0 - 9.0 = -7.0

Total for 2-consec. seasons: **Canaan Sonnenschein** 3.3 - 15.5 = -12.2 for seasons ending 2019.Fal
2-season Runner-up: **Jon Michelson** 3.0 - 13.0 = -10.0 for seasons ending 2017.Sum

↑ Spin result measurement started 2016.Fall

H. Miscellaneous Awards [remember - nominations are welcome]

- o "Anson/Bufalo" award (Most Frequent Sub) – Larry Kaiser (8 times), Steve Disch (7 times)
- o Most philanthropic (most times got sub) – Mike Blechle (7 times). Runners up with 6 times each: Gregerson, Hendrix, Michelson, Unnerstall, and Westrich

Congratulations to all the Flakey winners.