

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)

|                     |              |
|---------------------|--------------|
| <b>Meyer, Ben</b>   | <b>14.87</b> |
| 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)

| #1     |        | #2                                 |        |
|--------|--------|------------------------------------|--------|
| Season | Rating | Player                             | Rating |
| 2008.2 | 14.77  | Matt Fagala                        | 14.36  |
| 2008.3 | 14.81  | Chris Hahn                         | 13.79  |
| 2009.1 | 14.43  | Chris Hahn                         | 14.21  |
| 2009.2 | 14.40  | Tom Strutz                         | 14.16  |
| 2009.3 | 14.41  | Chris Hahn                         | 14.29  |
| 2010.1 | 15.25  | Chris Hahn                         | 14.65  |
| 2010.2 | 14.51  | Matt Fagala                        | 14.40  |
| 2010.3 | 14.49  | Kevin Ray                          | 14.44  |
| 2011.1 | 14.17  | Matt Fagala                        | 14.14  |
| 2011.2 | 13.43  | Gary Lerner                        | 13.22  |
| 2011.3 | 14.69  | Steve Hawkins                      | 14.50  |
| 2012.1 | 14.82  | Steve Hawkins                      | 14.59  |
| 2012.2 | 13.66  | Canaan Sonnenschein                | 13.40  |
| 2012.3 | 14.76  | Joe Brumley                        | 14.25  |
| 2013.1 | 14.36  | Gary Lerner                        | 14.02  |
| 2013.2 | 13.74  | Gary Lerner                        | 13.25  |
| 2013.3 | 14.75  | Gary Lerner                        | 13.83  |
| 2014.1 | 14.77  | Gary Lerner/Kevin Ray              | 14.33  |
| 2014.2 | 13.96  | Gary Lerner                        | 13.44  |
| 2014.3 | 14.48  | Canaan Sonnenschein                | 14.32  |
| 2015.1 | 14.88  | Andrew Urshan                      | 14.44  |
| 2015.2 | 14.33  | Andrew Urshan                      | 13.68  |
| 2015.3 | 15.16  | Andrew Urshan                      | 14.25  |
| 2016.1 | 15.06  | Andrew Urshan                      | 14.48  |
| 2016.2 | 14.40  | Andrew Urshan                      | 14.18  |
| 2016.3 | 14.54  | Andrew Urshan                      | 14.34  |
| 2017.1 | 14.73  | Nicholl, Jack                      | 14.54  |
| 2017.2 | 14.65  | Andrew Urshan                      | 14.47  |
| 2017.3 | 15.10  | Andrew Urshan                      | 14.15  |
| 2018.1 | 15.02  | Andrew Urshan                      | 14.49  |
| 2018.2 | 15.03  | Drew Cheyney                       | 14.70  |
| 2018.3 | 15.24  | Drew Cheyney                       | 14.51  |
| 2019.1 | 14.97  | Jack Nicholl                       | 14.45  |
| 2019.2 | 14.74  | Tim Nolan                          | 14.31  |
| 2019.3 | 15.11  | Tim Nolan                          | 14.96  |
| 2020.1 | 14.86  | Tim Nolan                          | 13.93  |
| 2021.3 | 14.80  | Tim Nolan                          | 14.73  |
| 2022.1 | 15.13  | Ben Meyer                          | 15.04  |
| 2022.2 | 15.51  | Tim Nolan                          | 14.75  |
| 2022.3 | 14.92  | Tim Nolan                          | 14.91  |
| 2023.1 | 14.93  | Andrew Urshan                      | 14.11  |
| 2023.2 | 14.86  | Ben Meyer                          | 14.73  |
| 2023.3 | 15.15  | David Cabrera                      | 14.85  |
| 2024.1 | 14.80  | <del>Andrew Urshan</del> Jay Lyons | 14.66  |
| 2024.2 | 14.87  | Ben Meyer                          | 14.49  |

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

|                       |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| <b>Westrich, Dave</b> | <b>+1.67</b> |
| 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)

| Top    |       |
|--------|-------|
| Season | Win%  |
| 2008.2 | 60.0% |
| 2008.3 | 60.0% |
| 2009.1 | 56.3% |
| 2009.2 | 57.4% |
| 2009.3 | 58.2% |
| 2010.1 | 60.7% |
| 2010.2 | 61.7% |
| 2010.3 | 58.8% |
| 2011.1 | 61.4% |
| 2011.2 | 56.0% |
| 2011.3 | 56.7% |
| 2012.1 | 56.7% |
| 2012.2 | 57.0% |
| 2012.3 | 55.8% |
| 2013.1 | 58.9% |
| 2013.2 | 57.2% |
| 2013.3 | 60.7% |
| 2014.1 | 60.6% |
| 2014.2 | 58.9% |
| 2014.3 | 55.0% |
| 2015.1 | 58.3% |
| 2015.2 | 57.6% |
| 2015.3 | 57.5% |
| 2016.1 | 58.3% |
| 2016.2 | 61.1% |
| 2016.3 | 60.8% |
| 2017.1 | 59.2% |
| 2017.2 | 57.9% |
| 2017.3 | 58.5% |
| 2018.1 | 58.5% |
| 2018.2 | 68.0% |
| 2018.3 | 64.5% |
| 2019.1 | 63.4% |
| 2019.2 | 62.2% |
| 2019.3 | 62.3% |
| 2020.1 | 56.7% |
| 2021.3 | 64.5% |
| 2022.1 | 61.1% |
| 2022.2 | 63.8% |
| 2022.3 | 59.7% |
| 2023.1 | 56.4% |
| 2023.2 | 58.6% |
| 2023.3 | 62.9% |
| 2024.1 | 56.7% |
| 2024.2 | 59.2% |

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

G. Spin Results for this Season

|   |                     |             |                    |                  |
|---|---------------------|-------------|--------------------|------------------|
|   |                     |             |                    | :                |
|   |                     |             |                    | :                |
|   | 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   |                  |
|   | Denny Tharian       | 2023.Sum    | 6.5 - 1.0 = +5.5   |                  |
|   | Jerry Edsen         | 2023.Fal    | 5.5 - 0.0 = +5.5   |                  |
|   |                     |             |                    |                  |
| Unluckiest ever:  | Canaan Sonnenschein | 2019.Fall   | 1.0 - 11.5 = -10.5 |                  |
| Runners-up:   | Jon Michelsons      | 2023.Fal    | 2.5 - 10.5 = -8.0  |                  |
|   | Chris Unnerstall    | 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.   |                     |             |                    |                  |
|   |                     |             |                    |                  |
| Miscellaneous Awards [ remember - nominations are welcome ]                                     |                     |             |                    |                  |

↑ 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.