

Saturday 2025.01.18

Fall 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)

Cabrera, David	14.95
Urshan, Andrew	14.68
Meyer, Ben	14.64
X Lyons, Jay	14.63
Nicholl, Jack	14.23
Nolan, Tim	14.18
Dhillon, Raj	13.67
Narayan, Rama	13.51
Van Horn, Doug	13.12
Gibbons, Steven	13.09
Ercal, Fikret	12.66
X Wolf, Steve	12.65
Tharian, Denny	12.46
Bier, Barney	12.30
Andreyuk, Steve	12.10
Schaefer, Craig	12.00
Michelson, Jon	12.00
Sher, Ed	11.69
Ritter, Doug	11.46
Hendrix, Doc	11.44
Gregerson, Will	11.41
Berberich, Steve	11.06
Disch, Steve	10.50
Dannevik, Bill	9.96
Edsen, Jerry	9.68

Congratulations to **David** as the winner of this past season's Urshan Award, David's second time winning.

Congratulations too to **Andrew** 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	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 Olagbegi
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 Jay Lyons	14.66	David Cabrera
2024.2	14.87	Ben Meyer	14.49	Andrew Urshan
2024.3	14.95	David Cabrera	14.68	Andrew Urshan

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

Michelson, Jon	+2.30
Schaefer, Craig	2.20
Ercal, Fikret	1.82
Weinberg, Larry	1.73
Tharian, Denny	1.04
Gregerson, Will	0.88
Bier, Barney	0.87
Nicholl, Jack	0.50
Hendrix, Doc	0.50
Berberich, Steve	0.37

Great job guys.

Eighteen of the 39 players ended up with rankings higher than before (or than expected), the top ten of which are shown above. And 21 of our 39 players had rankings lower than before (or than expected).

B2. Biggest Improvement During Season

Of our 39 players, 22 played the minimum-needed 3 times in both the first and second halves of the season. Of those 22 qualifiers, these had a second-half rating that exceeded their first-half the most:

Berberich, Steve	+1.83
Schaefer, Craig	+0.92
Bier, Barney	+0.87

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

Cabrera, David	58.3%
Meyer, Ben	57.3%
Bier, Barney	55.6%
Narayan, Rama	55.0%
X Kelley, Tyler	55.0%
Hendrix, Doc	54.3%
Urshan, Andrew	53.4%
Dhillon, Raj	51.7%
Nicholl, Jack	51.5%
Nolan, Tim	50.8%

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

All Time Top Win Percentages (since 2008,Summer)			
	Top		
Season	Win%	Player	
2008.2	60.0%	Ed Sher	
2008.3	60.0%	Chris Hahn	
2009.1	56.3%	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	57.6%	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 Fauchaux	
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	
2024.3	58.3%	David Cabrera	

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:Meyer, Ben 2:Blechle, Mike)  
Court B - 9 games (19:Dhillon, Raj 5:Ercal, Fikret 9:Nolan, Tim 15:Dhillon, Raj)  
Court C - 11 games (3:Michelson, Jon)  
Court D - 11 games (7:Dannevik, Bill)  
Court E - 11 games (9:Edsen, Jerry 1:Kaiser, Larry)  
Court F - 10 games (14:Shanker, Mike)

Round 2

Court A - 15 games (14:Cabrera, David)  
Court B - 15 games (16:Meyer, Ben 19:Nicholl, Jack)  
Court C - 15 games (6:Narayan, Rama)  
Court D - 14 games (4:Bier, Barney 16:Kaiser, Larry)  
Court E - 14 games (6:Brooks, John)  
Court F - 15 games (9:Hedrick, Jeff)

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 2023.3)  
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)? Max possible is 30.

Rank	Wk#	Wins	Player
1	14	24	Cabrera, David
2	16	22	Meyer, Ben
2	9	22	Westrich, Dave
2	6	22	Narayan, Rama
2	4	22	Bier, Barney

How about the best weeks of all time (or at least since Fall 2021 (aka 2021.3))?

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
2	24	Cabrera, David	2024.3
6	23	done 8 times	

F. Most Versatile ... or Most Nomadic

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

25.8% Westrich, Dave  
25.0% Narayan, Rama  
23.8% Dannevik, Bill  
23.3% Berberich, Steve  
22.9% Ercal, Fikret

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

16.4% Schaefer, Craig  
13.3% Berberich, Steve  
12.0% Disch, Steve  
12.0% Andreyuk, Steve  
6.7% Bier, Barney

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

6.3% Weinberg, Larry

G. Spin Results for this Season

	Spins Won	Spins Lost	Spin +/-	Player
Luckiest	5.5	1.0	4.5	Weinberg, Larry
	6.0	1.5	4.5	Berberich, Steve
	4.3	0.5	3.8	Ercal, Fikret
	4.0	1.0	3.0	Jonz, Jon
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	1.0	5.0	-4.0	Michelson, Jon
	0.0	4.5	-4.5	Hendrix, Doc
	0.0	5.5	-5.5	Westrich, Dave
Unluckiest	1.0	8.5	-7.5	Dannevik, Bill

Luckiest ever:	Raj Dhillon	2023.Fal	6.5 - 0.0 = +6.5
Runners-up:	Jon Michelson	2023.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 Michelson	2023.Fall	2.5 - 10.5 = -8.0
	Bill Dannevik	2024.Fall	1.0 - 8.5 = -7.5
	Chris Unnerstall	2017.Spring	0.0 - 7.0 = -7.0
	Jon Michelson	2023.Fall	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 ]

- Annual **Bob Levy Award** (friendly on and off the court, reliable, consistent – a model MNT citizen) – **Steve Berberich and Raj Dhillon**

Past Winners –	John Brooks	Mike Comens	Jon Jonz
	Steve Matthews	Tim Nolan	Doug Ritter
	Denny Tharian	Mark Wright	
- "Anson/Bufalo" award (Most Frequent Sub) – Jeff Hedrick and Larry Kaiser (14 times each)
- Most philanthropic (most times got sub) – Tyler Kelley (16 times – SIXTEEN!)

Runners up –	Kent Evans and Denny Tharian (11 and 10 times)
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- Funny Sarcasm Award – Will Gregerson
- Encrigger Bunny Award – Jeff Hedrick, for his high energy and hustle on the court
- Encroachment Award – Tim Nolan, because he's coming in on serve & volley or a chip & charge, whether you like it or not
- In Tight Award – Jon Michelson, for always standing closer to service line than baseline when returning serve
- Billy Baroo Award – Jerry Edsen. I had to look that reference up. But, you can infer it from the context. This is for Jerry having a custom-purpose racket for serving.
- Exosuit Award – Barney Bier, for strapping on all the extra gear so he can keep playing this awesome game.
- Winter Explorer Award – 22 folks who showed up on January 6th

Thanks folks for the great suggestions (which make up some of the content in "H").

Congratulations to all the FLakey winners.