

Sunday 2026.05.24

Spring 2026 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 in total (for self OR as a sub). Results below include weeks for players playing as subs.

X↓ = not eligible

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

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Rating. Top players include Meyer, Ben (14.78), Tulloch, Don (14.64), Blechle, Mike (14.25), Kim, Peter (14.24), Ray, Kevin (14.19), etc.

Congratulations to Ben Meyer as the winner of this past season's Urshan Award. This is the FIFTH straight year that Ben has appeared in the top spot during one of the year's three seasons.

Congratulations too to Don Tulloch as the silver medal winner in his first season!

Points are based on a system that tracks wins and losses giving higher credit for higher courts. If you had a sub, his results that week don't affect your ratings here. But, if you served as a sub, those results do flow here (for this season). [FYI, if you're really curious about this, I do have ratings and results available that exclude "as-a-sub" results.]

A2. Highest Rated Player – Top Player in PAST SEASONS

All Time Top Ratings (since 2008, Summer)

Table with 4 columns: Season, Rating, Player, Rating, Player. Shows historical top ratings from 2008.2 to 2026.1, with Ben Meyer and Tim Nolan as recent top performers.

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

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Improvement Value. Top improvers include Kim, Peter (+2.24), Beck, Jim (1.68), Olagbegi, Charles (1.23), etc.

Great job guys.

Twenty-One of the 43 players ended up with rankings higher than before (or than expected), the top ten of which are shown above. And 22 of our 43 players had rankings lower than before (or than expected).

B2. Biggest Improvement During Season

Of our 43 players, 30 played the minimum-needed 3 times in both the first and second halves of the season. Of those 30 qualifiers, these had a second-half rating that exceeded their first-half the most:

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Improvement Value. Top improvers include Maguire, Bob (+1.72), Hammann, Gregg (+1.58), Homan, Eric (+1.33).

And, alas, these three had the biggest dropoffs:

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Dropoff Value. Bottom performers include Miller, Mark (-1.16), Michelson, Jon (-1.24), Berberich, Steve (-1.51).

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

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Win Percentage. Top performers include Urshan, Andrew (58.0%), Hammann, Gregg (57.2%), Tulloch, Don (56.7%), etc.

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

All Time Top Win Percentages (since 2008, Summer)

Table with 4 columns: Season, Win%, Player, Win%. Shows historical top win percentages from 2008.2 to 2026.1, with Eric Wonsidler and Dan Mullen as recent top performers.

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 - 12 games (15;Meyer, Ben) ← Wow!
Court B - 11 games (13;Olagbegi, Charles)
Court C - 11 games (2;Schaefer, Craig)
Court D - 10 games (6;Junga, Seunghyun (SJ))
Court E - 11 games (2;Beck, Jim)
Court F - 10 games (4;Shanker, Mike 13;Weber, Doug)

Round 2

- Court A - 14 games (12;Lyons, Jay)
Court B - 15 games (13;Bier, Barney 4;Ray, Kevin)
Court C - 15 games (13;Koenig, Andy)
Court D - 16 games (13;Michelson, Jon)
Court E - 14 games (5;Hammann, Gregg 8;Weinberg, Larry)
Court F - 14 games (12;Best, Dana)

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, 2026.1)
Court B - 11 games (eleven times now – 3 of which were by Tim Nolan)
Court C,D - 12 games (Dan Mullen 2008.3, Andy Koenig 2025.1)
Court E - 16 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 (Pawel 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.

Table with 4 columns: Rank, Wk#, Wins, Player. Top weeks include Homan, Eric (22.5 wins), Ray, Kevin (22 wins), Urshan, Andrew (22 wins).

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

Table with 4 columns: Rank, Wins, Player, Season. Top weeks include Oetjen, Joe (25 wins, 2023.2), Koenig, Andy (24.5 wins, 2025.3), Niemann, Billy (24 wins, 2021.3), etc.

F. Most Versatile ... or Most Nomadic

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

- 25.0% Maguire, Bob
24.6% Edsen, Jerry
23.4% Olagbegi, Charles
22.5% Homan, Eric
20.0% Steuby, Tom

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

- 20.0% Hammann, Gregg
15.6% Koch, Matt
10.8% Michelson, Jon
10.8% Ercal, Fikret
10.8% Edsen, Jerry

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

- 7.7% Ercal, Fikret
4.6% Edsen, Jerry

G. Spin Results for this Season

Table with 5 columns: Spins Won, Spins Lost, Spin +/-, Player. Luckiest: 7.0 wins, 0.5 losses, +6.5 spin (Beck, Jim). Unluckiest: 1.0 wins, 4.5 losses, -3.5 spin (Datir, Vikram).

Luckiest ever: Raj Dhillon 2023.Fal 6.5 - 0.0 = +6.5
Runners-up: Jon Michelson 2026.Spr 7.0 - 0.5 = +6.5

Unluckiest ever: Canaan Sonnenschein 2019.Fall 1.0 - 11.5 = -10.5
Runners-up: Jon Michelson 2023.Fall 2.5 - 10.5 = -8.0

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]

- "Anson/Bufalo" award (Most Frequent Sub) – Paul Hulen (9 times) runner-up: Jon Michelson (8 times)
Most philanthropic (most times got sub) – Jon Jonz and Dave Westrich (5 times each)
Hardest Forehand ("Fearhand") – Peter Kim
Best Recruiters (recently) – Larry Weinberg, Dana Best, Kevin Ray, Ben Meyer, David Bundy, Rob Wesolich, and Steve Disch – each responsible for adding a player to the league in the last year.
Worst round serving – Court A in week 11 (3-3 score after all servers lost) [a mystery note was on the court sheet about that. Players: Meyer, Andreyuk, Kim, Ray]
Perfect attendance award (most weeks & no subs) – Jim Beck, Craig Schaefer (16 times each)
Best Lob – Larry Weinberg
Most Improved Serve – Jeff Irwin

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

Congratulations to all the FLakey winners.