

Bookie's Week in Review

November 15-21, 2010



The final curtain!

That's all folks – the end – it's over! The Slammer Tour puts a period on the 2010 season. Just three events this week to determine who's going to hang on to that coveted Number One position and win the *Combat Hockey Cup* that's given to whoever has the top spot at the end of the year. To dispel the suspense, the winner is none other than....Ticklar! He of the Poulter hair-do. And the honour is well-deserved with Tick having defeated Chef at Arnprior last week, and then defending successfully at Canadian and Falcon Ridge, under fairly frigid conditions. His victims? Crenshaw, Rulz, Sunny, Chilly, Suds and Steamer. Throughout the year many Slammers vied for the top spot – especially the triumvirate of Chef, Chilly, and Ticklar.

You have to hand it to Ticklar for sticking with it to the very end – and this season it was both quantity and quality – because he sure showed his determination at the final event! By the seventh hole, he was four down to Chilly, but he didn't give up. Little by little, he wore away at Chilly's lead until they were all square by the twelfth hole. From then on, he never trailed, and found himself one-up after hole number 16 (where he also got a dog). And then he just held on for dear life! Congratulations Ticklar!

There were just three events this week – I say "just" but the fact that were *any* at all in November is a tribute either to global warming or to Slammer fanaticism! Champlain, Canadian and Falcon Ridge were the last three courses to be played. Tuesday at Champlain was actually quite pleasant, with the temps rising to near double digits. We were able to sneak in among the other golfnuts and finish before dark.

With Ticklar detained in Toronto traffic, the rest of us went after the better ranks. KaDaver came out the big winner, copping four skins (no jokes please) with two pars and two birdies – especially impressive since they came on the last two holes and assured him a 3-0 outing as he took down Smitty on the 17th. But a pile of skins wasn't enough for the dead man – he also took two dogs. Ticklar might be lucky he didn't make it!

Also of note was the play of Monkee, whose "business" brought him a low score and a nifty 3-0 day as well.

As the week went on and we contemplated the weekend's possibilities, we cast our eyes toward the heavens and the Weather Channel, hoping that the white stuff would refrain from spoiling our perfect season. And yes, we lucked out! Well at least there was no snow. The temperatures, however, did dip a tad and the wind blew like old man winter. Still, Canadian allowed us to tee off – albeit on the 11th hole! The back nine plus one, I guess. Girded with appropriate warm gear, 27 Slammers took to the links. Ticklar was in the mix, putting his top standing against the likes of Crenshaw, Rulz and Sunny.

Unfortunately, Sunny's arthritis flamed up and he had to quit halfway through. If you haven't played with Sunny, you've missed out on one of the wittiest players on Tour. Get well, Sunny, and come back in the spring.

Besides Ticklar, PointZero, Ruskie (or as IronMaiden says, Русский) and Burnsy all had stellar days. And maybe we should mention PizzaMan, who continued to play well. He went 3-0 and I'm sure that one less than *quatre-vingt* is in his future!

Finally, in temps so cold that even yours truly could not see himself playing, twelve hearty Slammers put an exclamation point on a wonderful season at Falcon Ridge. According to reports, the greens were fabulous and the port-a-potties welcoming! Again, aside from Ticklar (can't forget him), The Game and Bubba65 made great showings. Nice job, snowmen!

It's been a great year and I think we can all agree with this sentiment so aptly expressed by IronMaiden:

*Winter time is here;
Only four more months until we get the clear
My arm you will not have to bend
To hit the links with me again my friend*

So that's it Slammers. Until March? April? Till then, it's get your vicarious kicks on The Golf Channel, or swing away at the various indoor leagues: Slammer, Ladies, Senior & T&L Mixed.

And don't forget the Slammies on Friday, December 17th at Falcon Ridge. Lots of good food, cheer and awards. Be there!

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