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## The Professor-Q-Ball Fall 2016 3-Cushion Tournament - Rushville Illinois

On Thursday October 13th, 2016 30 3-Cushion Billiard Players from 11 states (IL, WI, MN, IA, IN, OH, MO, MD, TN, FL, & KS) converged on Rushville, Illinois to battle for fame and fortune. The "battle field" includes 3 Sam Kim Steel, 1 newly acquired Gabriel's Emperor and 2 Brunswick. The Sam Kim Steel and Gabriel's tables feature new cloth and are heated. The 2 Brunswick tables are rarely used other than for tournaments. The cloth is in excellent condition and play well, thanks to expert table mechanic and tournament host George Ashby, but these tables are not heated.

Originally slated as a 24-player tournament the event filled within 24 hours after the early June event announcement and the Waiting List had accumulated an additional 9 players within 48 hours. Unfortunately two of the entered players passed away over the summer (George Theobald - Chicago and John Langhoff - Milwaukee). A variety of other personal issues caused other players to drop out and the final player tally settled in at 30.

The Preliminaries featured two brackets of 8 players and two brackets of 7 players. One player was seeded in each bracket (Fred Lamers, Lupe Cruz, George Ashby & Brian Haff). Two players advanced from each bracket to an 8-man Round Robin Finals. The two best 3rd place finishers placed 9th (Fred Lamers) & 10th place (Luis Milan). They each received \$100 cash prizes but did not advance to the finals.

The action began with a 6:00 p.m. Player Meeting to draw for brackets, and to remind the contestants of the rules, regulations and dress code. Preliminary play began immediately thereafter with one round completed Thursday evening, four rounds completed Friday and two rounds completed Saturday by 2:00 p.m.

Noel Mendoza donated a beautiful \$850.00 "Schuler Cue by Noel Mendoza" to be raffled off. The raffle generated \$960.00 to the Prize Fund. The Raffle, the Hi-Run Out of the Money (Brian Haff - 8) and 9th & 10th place awards were conducted immediately after the preliminary play was completed. Fred Lamers was the lucky winner of the Schuler Cue by Noel Mendoza.

Four rounds of the 8-Player Finals were completed Saturday afternoon and evening with the last three rounds of the finals wrapping up about 2:30 p.m. Sunday. The Awards ceremony transpired immediately thereafter.

**BRACKET A:** The A-Bracket featured the always-strong Fred Lamers (seeded), Felipe Razon who is always a contender and never to be overlooked Jim Bishop. In A-Bracket Lamers had the Best Game average "twice" of 20 points in 13 innings to Avg. 1.538. He also had a high run of 6 but remarkably could only muster 3rd place in the bracket. The aforementioned Jim Bishop played strong and consistent throughout the bracket to go undefeated 7-0 and claimed the top spot. Felipe Razon took 2nd edging out Lamers on points scored 135 to Lamer's 132. Razon and Lamers both had 5-2 records and Bishop and Razon had high runs of 7. Bracket Average was 0.419.

**BRACKET B:** The B-Bracket featured the gentle giant killer from Des Moines IA, Lupe Cruz (seeded) who easily captured 1st in the bracket going 7-0. 2nd Place went to Rick Shryack, a local Rushville area contender playing in his first 3-C tournament ever. Shryack topped the evenly matched remainder of the B-Bracket with a 4-2 record and 107 total points, which included the bracket high run of 6. Cruz also captured the B-Bracket Best Game average of 1.250 with 20 points in 18 innings for a Avg. 1.250. His high run was 5. USBA Secretary Tom Paley took 3rd. Bracket Average was 0.368.

**BRACKET C:** Tournament Host George Ashby (seeded) easily dominated the C-Bracket allowing only 56 Points Against to be scored collectively by his 6 opponents. The 8-time former National Champ delivered a Best Game average of 1.429 and a Grand Average for the bracket of 0.930. A relative newcomer to 3-C from Minneapolis, John Logan, garnered 2nd in the C-Bracket losing to Ashby and only by 3 points. Chicago gentleman Luis Milan went 3-3 with two of his losses on the hill. Milan placed 3rd. Bracket Average was 0.485.

**BRACKET D:** The D-Bracket was a real dogfight right to the end. Brian Haff, who was seeded, was one of four players in this 8-man bracket that went 5-2 but with a 20 to 6 trouncing by James Richards Mr. Haff barely captured 3rd place by just 2 points. James Richards placed 1st with a most impressive performance against his very talented competition. James lost 18-20 to Tournament Sponsor Professor-Q-Ball Paul Frankel and 19-20 to Madison Wisconsin's finest, Nam Cho who placed 2nd in the D-Bracket. Bracket Average was 0.402.

**FINALS:** The 25-Point Final Matches began promptly at 4:00 p.m. Saturday afternoon and Lupe Cruz was ready. Cruz literally "cruised" over the competition going undefeated. His journey featured a Best Game Average of 1.190 and Grand Average of 0.774. High Run of 8. 2nd place Felipe Razon was the player to come within striking distance of Cruz. Even though he also had a Best Game Average of 1.190 and a better Grand Average of 0.800 Razon lost to Cruz 22-25. George Ashby finished a very strong 3rd and John Logan grabbed 4th. The Bracket Average was 0.544. Not bad for a quaint little town in southern Illinois.

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**Prize Breakdown:** 1st - Lupe Cruz - \$1,100, 2nd - Felipe Razon - \$900, 3rd - George Ashby - \$800, 4th - John Logan - \$700, 5th - James Richards - \$550, 6th - James Bishop - \$450, 7th - Nam Cho - \$375, 8th - Rich Shryack - \$215.00, 9th - Fred Lamers - \$100, 10th - Luis Milan - \$100, Hi-Run in the Money - Lupe Cruz - \$75, Hi-Run out of the Money - \$75, Ernie Presto Sportsmanship Award - George Ashby - \$50.

**See the attached Charts for Bracket and Player Details.**

**Spring 2017 Dates are March 9th (Player Meeting @ 2:00 pm), 10, 11, 12th**

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**Felipe Razon - 2nd, Lupe Cruz - 1st, George Ashby - 3rd**

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### CHART A

	LAMERS	KAPINOS	ROSSMAN	BISHOP	EAKE	VAN VOOREN	RAZON	HOVICK	WIN/LOSS	TOTAL POINTS	TOTAL INNINGS	GRAND AVERAGE	HIGH RUN	BEST GAME	FINAL RANKING
FRED <b>LAMERS</b>		29 4 20 0.690	21 3 20 0.952	38 3 19 0.500	29 2 13 0.448	13 5 20 1.538	32 4 20 0.625	13 6 20 1.538	5 2	132	175	0.754	6	1.538	3
BERNIE <b>KAPINOS</b>	28 2 7 0.250		51 2 16 0.314	55 1 9 0.164	66 3 19 0.288	66 4 17 0.258	21 2 4 0.190	59 2 12 0.203	0 7	84	346	0.243	4	0.314	8
TOM <b>ROSSMAN</b>	21 2 7 0.333	52 2 20 0.385		48 3 18 0.375	36 3 10 0.278	66 4 18 0.273	34 4 17 0.500	46 4 20 0.435	2 5	110	303	0.363	4	0.500	6
JAMES <b>BISHOP</b>	39 3 20 0.513	56 2 20 0.357	48 3 20 0.417		44 3 20 0.455	38 7 20 0.526	31 3 20 0.645	48 3 20 0.417	7 0	140	304	0.461	7	0.645	1
GARY <b>EAKE</b>	29 5 20 0.690	67 3 20 0.299	36 4 20 0.556	44 3 18 0.409		36 4 20 0.556	14 2 6 0.429	43 3 16 0.372	4 3	120	269	0.446	5	0.690	4
JOE <b>VAN VOOREN</b>	11 2 6 0.545	66 3 20 0.303	67 2 20 0.299	37 2 13 0.351	35 2 9 0.257		37 2 14 0.378	54 2 20 0.370	3 4	102	307	0.332	3	0.545	5
FELIPE <b>RAZON</b>	31 4 18 0.581	21 7 20 0.952	34 4 20 0.588	30 2 17 0.567	14 5 20 1.429	37 3 20 0.541		24 4 20 0.833	5 2	135	191	0.707	7	1.429	2
ROBERT <b>HOVICK</b>	13 3 6 0.462	59 3 20 0.339	45 3 16 0.356	48 2 6 0.125	43 3 20 0.465	53 2 14 0.264	23 4 8 0.348		2 5	90	284	0.317	4	0.465	7
Points Against	84	140	132	100	111	129	89	128		TOURNAMENT AVERAGE:					0.419

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### CHART B

	CRUZ	ROSENBERGER	PALEY	PICKLESIMER	SHRYACK	SAUNDERS	DRYER	WIN/LOSS	TOTAL POINTS	TOTAL INNINGS	GRAND AVERAGE	HIGH RUN	BEST GAME	FINAL RANKING
LUPE <b>CRUZ</b>		16 3 20 1.250	26 5 20 0.769	33 3 20 0.606	41 3 20 0.488	26 4 20 0.769	18 5 20 1.111	6 0	120	160	0.750	5	1.250	1
RUSS <b>ROSENBERGER</b>	15 1 6 0.400		36 4 16 0.444	56 5 20 0.357	44 2 5 0.114	62 2 18 0.290	58 2 20 0.345	2 4	85	271	0.314	5	0.444	5
TOM <b>PALEY</b>	25 3 6 0.240	36 4 20 0.556		37 3 20 0.541	57 1 16 0.281	21 5 20 0.952	42 3 20 0.476	4 2	102	218	0.468	5	0.952	3
ERNEST <b>PICKLESIMER</b>	33 3 9 0.273	55 3 17 0.309	36 3 14 0.389		63 2 14 0.222	63 2 20 0.317	51 3 13 0.255	1 5	87	301	0.289	3	0.389	7
RICK <b>SHRYACK</b>	40 3 13 0.325	45 5 20 0.444	57 4 20 0.351	64 5 20 0.313		88 2 20 0.227	35 6 14 0.400	4 2	107	329	0.325	6	0.444	2
DALE <b>SAUNDERS</b>	25 1 4 0.160	62 2 20 0.323	21 1 3 0.143	62 2 18 0.290	88 3 18 0.205		44 4 20 0.455	2 4	83	302	0.275	4	0.455	6
PAUL <b>DRYER</b>	18 1 1 0.056	58 18 0.310	42 3 18 0.429	51 3 20 0.392	35 4 20 0.571	43 2 11 0.256		2 4	88	247	0.356	4	0.571	4
Points Against	39	115	91	118	93	109	107		TOURNAMENT AVERAGE:					0.368

