Rodda on target to provincial and national finals



Darts

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Peter Evison, the English international and top twenty player, is in the Toronto area at the moment. He holds the Guinness record for the fastest three games of straight in/double out/do your own counting games of 301. His time is an incredible 1.21 minutes. Try it! The previous record holder was Keith Diller, another English top twenty player.

McGibbin I and Steep Rock player Gary Rodda has qualified for the provincial and national championships of Darts Ontario. Rodda fought his way through zones and districts to the runner up spot in the final round. Congratulations to a fine darts player. He, along with Anne Nicholson, reached the number 14 place in mixed doubles. McGibbon and Steep Rock represented the area well in the run down to this stage.

With four weeks and 56 points at stake left in the Monday Halton division Time Out I are 49 points ahead of McGibbon, the latest number two place holder. 'A surprising 12-1 win over O'Tooles (both teams had a player missing) kept the Time Out lads well in front. I expected a harder battle than was experienced. O'Tooles only point came from Mike Pepper, Jim Carter and Jim Carrick in the last teams set by 2-0 over self, Brian Beaumont and Brian Hicks. Beaumont, Pete Pickering and Eric Fuller each twice scored over the magic (for this league) 130 and Brian Hicks once.

However top score of the week is the maximum 180 and McGibbon I supply two scorers in Ian McDonald and Paul Kirby. I defeated their own II by full points. Gary Rodda popped in a couple of 140s, as did McDonald and Bonnie Schell also scored 140. Darlene Fyvie scored 138, beating Marty Wheeler by six in this department. Wheeler at last managed to win a singles, and over Fyvie at that - is he in trouble now! As a result of O'Tooles loss this win moved McGibbon I back into second place.

Hollywood are only two points behind McGibbon and have an 11-3 win over Time Out II to thank for the placing. Time Out took a couple of singles in token resistance from the throwing arms of John Colter and Joyce Morrows, the losers being Ed Kouyoumjian and Jeff Richardson. Richardson gained revenge with a top score of 140 and Dean Zilio replied with 135.

The remaining Monday nighter took place at Brackens with Copper Kettle visiting. Kettle took the first four singles in a surprise runaway at this stage. Brackens rallied to win three in a row, and back in the match. Kettle's Dave Ball took Dwayne Maltby for the last singles, 5-3 to Kettle. However only one team match and one doubles match went to Kettle. Brackens winning the remainder. What is the end result? 7-7 for a tie to keep the excitement boiling to

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the end. Greg Cummins, Ron Corbett and Joe Benoit each scored over the 130 mark for Kettle in this one.

There are also four weeks to go to the end of the league play in the Wednesday evening Industrial league at the Legion. A similar story to Mondays, the leading team is 36 points in front with 36 points at stake. Snowjacks Hustlers, like Time Out I have led from the front. The team took Panthers by 7-2 to retain top spot with a fairly comfortable victory. Jim Carter, with a fast start in game three followed by back to back tons changed the situation, albeit temporarily, and Luke Heikamp finished. Marty Wall opened with 122 and 148 in games five and six. However Beau Beaumont replied with 180 and Ron

Scarlett opened twice with 108. Scarlett, had seven starts (what were the rest of us doing?). He also had three closes. Jim Carter began two and Luke Heikamp had two starts and finishes. Not much news from the Exports - Ron Voll put the captain to sleep with a 180, perhaps. Roy Rudiger had five opens and a close for opponents Ensigns and Ken Baker opened with 108 in his first of three opens. Exports took the last game for the one point win to strengthen their hold on third place.

Westenders, a game ahead, and holding second place meanwhile were thrashing Golden Flights by 8-1. Yet Barry Sproule opened five games and Al Murphy three but could not put more together in finishing. Dennis Thorogood open-

for a leading performance. Ray Ackroyd came in five starts and Derek Hardcastle closed two. Eric Fuller shot a couple of tons. Rollers bit off more than they could chew in opposing Bulldogs. 'Dogs won the last two games to take the match by one. Hunter Carroll had two starts and three closes for Rollers and Jim Charter opened two. 'Dogs Don Eady and Dave Robinson each opened on 92 and Robinson also shot 140, hard to tell the other stats on the team.

Downstairs in second division play Steep Rock inflicted pain on Power of Pain by 6-3. Pain only had three players and won two of their points with the dummy. Rob Poynter closed all three and opened three for Pain. Rock's Gary

Rodda fired a maximum and 121 with Ian McDonald opening 100 and Paul Kirby closing 111. Other stats are cloudy in this match. Gasketmen Cutters remain in second place with a 5-4 result over third place Acadian Pools. Mark See opened and closed three games for Cutters and Rick Harden had a two-two showing. See had a 93 open and a high 125. In reply Mike Pepper had three starts, seven high scors to lead the team. Mike Finn and Tim Field each finished two and Gary Richardson shot 100.

Fourth placed Independents defeated Unknowns by 6-3 thereby putting their opponents back to the foot of the standings after a one week stay in second to last place. Jim Franks began with 116 and Continued on Page 22

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