

# A NIGHT OF TEARS AND BIG COCK-UPS

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It was truly a night of tears and major cock-ups for many at the Golden Barley Hotel for the first week of the world-famous Nick Power Cup pool competition.

Tears came first to **Peter T** in the very first game of 2025, when he was absolutely trounced by up-and-coming star, **Paul**. Paul first played in the 2024 NPC and delivered a lukewarm performance earning a mere 10 points over the entire 3-week event. Clearly, Paul took that result to heart and has since honed his pool competence immensely. He ruthlessly cut through Peter T's floundering efforts letting him sink only 2 balls and thereby drastically reducing Peter T's chances for cup glory. "At least I kept my pants on" Peter T was heard to mutter through his pitiful sobs. The rest of the crowd was heard to chant in response "Thank f\*ck for that".



Above: A distraught Peter T (right) after being humiliated in the 1<sup>st</sup> round by Paul (left)  
Photo Credit: Alex and ChatGPT

Next to fall was last year's cupholder, **Dean**, who started off the night full of confidence only to be cruelly cut down by **Pat** who debuted last year and took out 4<sup>th</sup> place. Dean's solitary ball sunk earned him equal bottom placing with **John L**, another casualty taken out by **Dave C** who went onto the 3<sup>rd</sup> round but was then taken out by Paul who had dispatched Pat in the second round.

Another high-profile first round knockout that caused a murmur around the venue was **Garth** who earned a mere 4 points towards his quest for winning

the exclusive cup a second time. However, with his buyback he managed to claw his way to the final to snatch victory from **Aidan** who was desperate for his first match win since 2016.

The true star of the night was indeed Aidan who came out on top of the NPC ladder with 37 glorious points. He turbo-charged his way through the rounds brushing aside the likes of **Ben**, **Josh**, **Jesse** and then taking out Paul in the semis to cement his place in the finals.



Above: An ecstatic Aidan after his amazing journey through to the finals on the night.

Photo Credit: Peter T (AI-enhanced)

While not wanting to take anything away from his momentous achievement, it should be noted that, according to Aidan himself, he was assisted along the way by some of his opponents' in-offs and premature eblackulations. But that's all part of the rough and tumble of the Nick Power Cup.

Newcomers to the NPC were **Deb** (13 pts), **Ben** (7 pts), **Josh** (8 pts) and **Alison** (7 pts). A huge welcome to the prestigious Nick Power Cup.



Above: Newcomer Alison concentrating on a crucial shot against fellow newcomer Josh.

Photo Credit: Peter T

A notable absentee from the night's action was the much-maligned sweatband of Dave G. We look forward to seeing the return of the said item along with its attached owner next week to provide more content

for next week's Glebe Globe article.

Owing to a medical situation on the night, this reporter is not in a position to provide much more detail on the events that took place. So over to the scores:

place	name	score	place	name	score
1	AIDAN	37	10	PETE	7
2	PAUL	31	10	ALISON	7
3	DAVE C	21	10	BEN	7
3	JESSE	21	10	ALLY	7
5	ALEX	13	14	JADE	4
5	DEB	13	14	GARTH	4
7	MARCUS	12	16	PETER T	2
8	PAT	10	17	DEAN	1
9	JOSH	8	17	JOHN L	1

The Nick Power Cup was first played in 1998, the year Nick died, and has been played 24 times out of the 27 years since. There have been 15 individuals having won the title with 7 of those winning it more than once.

NPC Winners' Ranking		
Names	Wins	Last Win
Dean Smith	3	2024
David Campbell	3	2023
Peter Teutenberg	3	2010
Phil Ryan	3	2008
COVID	2	2021
Phil Piotrowski	2	2015
Henare Degan	2	2014
Alex Gordon	1	2018
Garth Thomas	1	2017
Lee Forster	1	2011
Paul Z	1	2009
Ben Spiers	1	2005
Justin Wallace	1	2002
Robbie Delaney	1	2000
Benjamin Farrawell	1	1998

Will 2025 be the year that someone wins the coveted cup 4 times? We await the answer to that over the next 2 exciting nail-biting weeks.

## CONTROVERSY ALERT

Concerns were raised by some when prior to game start the pool comp organiser (who shall, as per tradition, remain unnamed) upped the ante from \$5 to \$10 and then went on to win on the night raking in an enormous haul. Enquiries are progressing and may result in a disciplinary hearing should any impropriety including possible insider trading be uncovered.