

### **Multi-Titled Ballantine's Bludgeons Wild Wild X, 12-0, Catapults itself to Numero Uno.**

Awesome display of firepower and balanced scoring paved the way for the Whiskey drinkers in destroying hapless Wild Wild X, 12-0 and shoots itself to the top from no. 7 to Numero Uno. Everything was going right for Ballantine's, scoring at will and gaining 4 bonus points in the process as the opposing expansion team could only scratch their heads and searched for anybody in their team to bail them out. All 4 players fielded by Team Captain Mario Magdaluyo, scored more than 600, led by "Boy Wonder" Robin Edralin's 640, "Silent Operator" (who is not so silent now) Ricky Reyes' 635, Joylyn Sta. Barbara's 634, Audrey's Mom, Marivic Alfaro's 617 and the Captain himself was just one mark short of 600 with his 592. While this is a bad news for all other aspiring teams, this is a very good news for the Whiskey drinkers who parades with a formidable team line-up enough to compete in any GCC event, but somehow submerges from time to time and let other teams shine.

Sherlock, another championship aspirant, and is likewise well-stacked to give any team a fight on any given day, gains ground and moves back to the elite top 10 at no. 6 when it scores an impressive 9-0 versus previous no. 2 Harimanok Farms. If not for an up and down performance, it could have already been a no. 1 position instead of no. 6, but, hey this is just a 3 round old league, stilla long way to go, and definitely anybody's ball game. Team Captain, Edgar Ramos takes matters in his own hands and decides to lead his team's charge by scoring a team high, 658 on a balanced scoring of 225/211/and 222. GCC mainstay, Tina Tabon played a solid first game of 232 to finish with her own 612, while the small but deadly Stephen Fideles, scores a quiet 589, Gem Ganzon plays a handicap maintaining score of 539, while new recruit Rica Asuncion who played as the team anchor, scores just a 516 but delivers when it mattered most during the crucial last 2 frames of the games. Only Audrey's Daddy, Alvin Alfaro puts up a semblance of a fight as he scores a 605 but the rest of the Farmers were not so effective this time.

After the opening day loss, FC Bowler follows-up their round 2 win with another win, this time versus the electrical engineers, IIEE, shutting down the opposition with a clinical 8-0 score, led by their vastly improving Class A anchorman, Ronald Valdez with scratch series of 636. Supporting Ronald is another continuously improving wingman, Chris Calgao, who upped his average from 177 to 190 after only 3 rounds. He rolled a 625 in 3 games, followed by the 570 of Team Captain Noel Benavidez and Reb Esma's 554 plus the 508 of new recruit Alma Jumpay and that was all enough to subdue IIEE. Although 2 players from IIEE scores above 600, Christine Ocampo (614) and Joven Hinampas' (peromahinalang) 605, the other casts where nowhere to be seen. Remember last conference when FC bowlers were right at the coattails of the leaders? Well, don't be surprised if the reverse happens this conference.

Well, well, well the Approach-a-bowls so far, are an over-achieving bunch. Continuing the misery of the Team Covenant, they juiced the opposition with an 8-0 production. The star of the show was no other than the import from Abu Dhabi, Archie Agustin who eventually won the series of the week by slam-dunking 681 pinfalls and was ably supported by come-backing new Mommy Joanne Dela Cruz with her 600 series. Transferee Romy Alcantara contributed his own 576 and rounding up were the similar 551 of Arnold Asuncion and Daisy Rivera. Although, Maureen Dujali waxed hot with her 660, no other team mates came near as Marlon Martinez can only come up with 573. Watch out for Miss Daisy Rivera's approach-a-bowls and don't say I didn't warn you.

DCC Cargo slams RAK Pocket Sniper, 8-2 with excellent bowling and making full use of their handicap advantage of almost 6 marks. They played like a well-oiled machine in the first 2 games, earning 2 bonus points along the way, perosabinga, hindiarawarawpasko and so, they surrendered the 3<sup>rd</sup> game but not after safely ensuring that the series will be theirs. Except for the 562 of Anchorwoman Merle PilapilCada all 4, nay 5 players, compile 600 plus, led by Sophomore bowler Filo Escabel's 651, Lukas Sta. Barbara's 619, Manager Danny Casio's 613, and the combined scores of Bing Castaneda and Elvin Sumague (611).

V for Victory earned 7-2 versus B&G from the sustained attacks of Myke Vargas who carried the world in his broad shoulders by posting his conference high of 673, plus Andy Matic's 584 and the B&G was clearly the beaten team.

Team Pilipinas found itself again in their familiar role as the giant killer when they upended the surging and erstwhile leader Team Optio (TBS), 6-2 thru the heroics of reigning MVP Mark Bumagat who scorched the lane with his 627 scratch and 672 handicap. In his support is another bowling "petmalu" couple Janice Castillo (606) and Rey Castillo (583). Don't look now but Team Pilipinas now stands at no. 4.

Rounding up: Defending Champion Tweeners eclipsesXclusive 6-2, and DBC's Pride pole-axes Dercan Strikers 6-2.