

Season 13 - PLAYOFF Mini-tourney - 15/7/05

Friday, July 15th, it was a hot and humid day. Sixteen players – the 8 top players from each division – met for the second Playoff mini-tourney in our club's history – may there be many more.

The contestants: The top 8 players in each division competed for the title of Division Champion. In Zyzzyva, the division champion would have the added bonus of moving into Aardvark. Due to the sudden withdrawal of an Aardvark player, Zyzzyva Jayne stepped in to fill the void.

The format: Two groups (determined by the standings) of 4 in each division played a round robin. The final two games were strict King-of-the-Hill in each division.

The report: After two rounds in Zyzzyva, David and Hilda were the only unbeaten players. Their domination of the division continued until after round three. Round four – KOTH – David faces Hilda winning by a huge margin and having only an outside theoretical chance of losing the division title. Meanwhile, Seymour sneaked up from behind moving into second. Seymour needs to beat David by 180 points to win the tournament. Hilda needs to beat Joe W. by over 200 to win the Division. David and Joe W. both lost – but not by enough. David wins the division and the ticket into Aardvark. Seymour (once again...) is runner-up. Well done, all! In Aardvark, after three games, Evan and Ma'or are the only Aardvarks with three wins, facing each other in the fourth. Ma'or wins, but it's still anyone's tourney as there are now two players with 3-1 (Shmuel +265 ; Evan +205) and Ma'or's spread isn't great (+277). Ma'or needs to win (or lose by fewer than 6 points to Shmuel). Evan needs to win big. Ma'or and Evan both win in game 5, the title going to Ma'or, runner-up Evan. This is Ma'or's third division title in 13 seasons (his last was season #6). Well done!

Highest Winner: Joel and Maxine - 504

Highest Loser: Liliane - 401

Lowest Winner: Hilda - 341

Lowest Loser: Omri - 239

AARDVARK DIVISION

| Rank | Name | W | L | Cum. Differential |
|------|-----------------|---|---|----------------------|
| 1. | Ma'or Eichler | 5 | 0 | 355 |
| 2. | Evan Cohen | 4 | 1 | 278 |
| 3. | Shmuel Sussman | 3 | 2 | 187 |
| 4. | Naomi Landau | 2 | 3 | 38 |
| 5. | Joel Bailey | 2 | 3 | -43 |
| 6. | Liliane Servier | 2 | 3 | -129 |
| 7. | Jayne Robinson | 2 | 3 | -175 |

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| 8. | Gila Blits | 0 | 5 | -515 |
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ZYZZYVA DIVISION

| Rank | Name | W | L | Cum. Differential |
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| 1. | David Spolter | 4 | 1 | 424 |
| 2. | Seymour Rosen | 4 | 1 | 184 |
| 3. | Hilda Ben-Nun | 4 | 1 | 28 |
| 4. | Maxine Tsvaigrach | 3 | 2 | 265 |
| 5. | Joe Weisblatt | 2 | 3 | 55 |
| 6. | Julie Collins | 2 | 3 | -273 |
| 7. | Omri Rosenkrantz | 1 | 4 | -415 |
| 8. | Amos Fabian | 0 | 5 | -295 |