

Season 15 - PLAYOFF Mini-tourney - 4/8/2006

Season #15 is over. As usual, we had our playoff mini-tourney in London Ministores to decide on the division champions and the newest additions to Aardvark.

The format: The top 6 players in each division competed for the title of Division Champion. They would play a Round-Robin format, competing against each of their fellow division members for the title and the passage to Aardvark.

The report: In Zyzzyva, two games into the event, Adriana started off terribly – 0/2 – 243. Why mention this? Wait and see... Amos started off well, leading the division at the break after 3 games – 2/1 +168, followed closely by Daniel, 2-1 +75, and Agi, 2-1 +1. The 4th game changed the picture dramatically. Daniel won and Amos lost to Adriana, and the new leader was Daniel – 3/1 +121. Amos and Omri were both 2/2 +29, followed by Adriana, 2/2 –27. Agi was 2/2 –45. A win in the final game, and Daniel would be division champion. But who would the other spot in Aardvark go to? Any one of 4 players would take it provided they won, and won by enough. Daniel v. Omri, Amos v. Agi, Adriana v. Joe – final game #5 had now begun. Daniel won his game taking the division title in his first full season in the club. Welcome to Aardvark. Amos followed Daniel, beating Agi by 69 points, finishing 3/2 +98. Adriana had to beat Joe by 126 points to overtake Amos. And that's just what she did. Last to finish – but earning her ticket into Aardvark in the process, Adriana won by exactly enough, snatching the runner-up position at the last minute and returning to Aardvark after being in Zyzzyva for only a single season. Well done, all!

In Aardvark, there was much excitement too. At the lunch break, Liliane led 2/1 +243, followed by Michelle, 2/1 +130, and Evan 2/1 –89. Evan and Michelle both won game #4. Going into the final game, Michelle and Evan were the only 3/1 in Aardvark, meaning that if only one of them won, they would take the title. If, however, they both won, Michelle had an advantage, leading 3/1 +172 to Evan's 3/1 –65. Liliane in 3rd with 2/2 +200 needed both to win and have both Michelle and Evan lose. Game #5 – Liliane v. Michelle, Evan v. Gila, Chaya v. Naomi. Liliane defeats Michelle, finishing 3/2 +261. If Evan wins, the title is his. If he's defeated by Gila, Liliane will take the title with an unprecedented 3/2 record. Evan won taking the title with 4/1 +97, followed by Liliane 3/2 +261 and Michelle 3/2 +111.

Words played: 49 bingos were played by the 12 of us. Evan had the most (8), including two nice ones (ESURIENT and AEONIAN), Liliane and Joe had the fewest (1 apiece). But Daniel, Michelle and Adriana certainly had the nicest. Adriana's LINIMENT was beautiful. Daniels' ARBOROUS and INCISION (lots of I's) were great. But the nicest bingo of the day goes to Michelle's ESCARGOT. Well done!

Bingos:

Adriana	DEVOTED	LOUNGERS	SEARING	STATUED	LINIMENT
	DONATES				
Agi	REGIONS	SEEDING			
Amos	BESTING	GIRDLES	SNEEZERS	ENTICING	COVERING
Chaya	GAOLERS	STRIPES	PUNNERS	UNDAMNED	
Daniel	FASTENS	HAUNTERS	YEASTING	ARBOROUS	INCISION

	UNGLOVE	REVERSER			
Evan	AEONIAN	ESURIENT	RUNLETS	ENTASIA	MONGRELS
	FANNERS	VUGGIER	SERIATE		
Gila	DESERTS	CURDLES			
Joe	BEARDED				
Liliane	FIXATES				
Michelle	TINKERS	LISTENS	AIRPORT	APRICOTS	WITTERS
	ESCARGOT				
Naomi	SCRAPED	ORNATEST	EBONIES		
Omri	TAENIAS	SALIENT	SERIATE	ANTIRED	

Season #15 is over. Season #16 had now begun. The best of tiles to everyone!

Final Standings

AARDVARK DIVISION

Rank	Name	W	L	Cum. Differential	Average (for)	Average (against)
1.	Evan Cohen	4	1	97	424	404.6
2.	Liliane Servier	3	2	261	408.8	356.6
3.	Michelle Moshelian	3	2	111	402.8	380.6
4.	Naomi Landau	2	3	9	384.8	383
5.	Gila Blits	2	3	-224	356.2	401
6.	Chaya Amir	1	4	-254	354.8	405.6

ZYZZYVA DIVISION

Rank	Name	W	L	Cum. Differential	Average (for)	Average (against)
1.	Daniel Lowbeer	4	1	215	415.8	372.8
2.	Adriana Spira	3	2	99	365.2	345.4
3.	Amos Fabian	3	2	98	364.4	344.8
4.	Omri Rosenkrantz	2	3	-65	357.4	370.4
5.	Agi Brener	2	3	-114	348.6	371.4
6.	Joe Guter	1	4	-233	338.4	385