

Spring 2023 FLakey Awards

Note: To be eligible for awards A, B, or C, a player has to be a scheduled player (not just a sub) and has to have played at least 3 times for self (not as a sub). Results below exclude weeks for players during which they played as a sub.

X↓ = not eligible

A1. Highest Rated Players – THIS SEASON (top 10)

(increased to show top 25 instead of top 15)

Urshan, Andrew	14.93
Cabrera, David	14.11
Nicholl, Jack	14.09
Nolan, Tim	13.95
Lyons, Jay	13.67
Wolf, Steve	13.57
Van Horn, Doug	13.50
Rees, Trevor	13.49
Narayan, Rama	13.19
Angelov, Stan	13.17
Dhillon, Raj	12.88
Ray, Kevin	12.84
Roddy, Dan	12.67
Michelson, Jon	12.41
Tharian, Denny	12.36

(now increased to show top 25 instead of top 15)

Bier, Barney	12.29
Disch, Steve	12.05
Berberich, Steve	11.94
Singh, Harry	11.92
Edsen, Jerry	10.94
Unnerstall, Chris	10.88
Wright, Mark	10.73
Brooks, John	10.57
Gregerson, Will	10.14
Compton, Greg	10.04

Congratulations once again to **Andrew Urshan** as the winner of this past season's Urshan Award. Andrew has been a frequent winner in the past, but this was the first time he's won it in 5 years.

Congratulations too to **David Cabrera** as a silver medal winner.

Points are based on a system that tracks wins and losses giving higher credit for higher courts. The stats of subs don't count toward the points for each player. So whether you had a sub, or you served as a sub, those points don't affect your season points results. FYI, if you're really curious about this, I do have ratings and results available that include "as-a-sub" results. I'll just note here that while **David Cabrera** played 4 times for himself, he subbed 8 additional times. Had as-a-sub results counted, David would have won the top spot this year, outpointing **Andrew** 14.84 to 14.74.]

A2. Highest Rated Player – Top Player in PAST SEASONS

All Time Top Ratings (since 2008, Summer)

Season	Rating	Player	Rating	Player
2008.2	14.77	Matt Fagala	14.36	Ed Sher
2008.3	14.81	Chris Hahn	13.79	Joe Brumley
2009.1	14.43	Chris Hahn	14.21	Joe Brumley
2009.2	14.40	Tom Strutz	14.16	Gary Lerner
2009.3	14.41	Chris Hahn	14.29	Gary Lerner
2010.1	15.25	Chris Hahn	14.65	Matt Fagala
2010.2	14.51	Matt Fagala	14.40	Gary Lerner
2010.3	14.49	Kevin Ray	14.44	Matt Fagala
2011.1	14.17	Matt Fagala	14.14	Steve Hawkins
2011.2	13.43	Gary Lerner	13.22	Joe Brumley
2011.3	14.69	Steve Hawkins	14.50	Gary Lerner
2012.1	14.82	Steve Hawkins	14.59	Kevin Ray
2012.2	13.66	Canaan Sonnenschein	13.40	Justin Freed
2012.3	14.76	Joe Brumley	14.25	Gary Lerner
2013.1	14.36	Gary Lerner	14.02	Dan Mullen
2013.2	13.74	Gary Lerner	13.25	Mike Wieser
2013.3	14.75	Gary Lerner	13.83	Charles Olagbegi
2014.1	14.77	Gary Lerner/Kevin Ray	14.33	Dan Roddy
2014.2	13.96	Gary Lerner	13.44	Matt Fagala
2014.3	14.48	Canaan Sonnenschein	14.32	Dan Roddy
2015.1	14.88	Andrew Urshan	14.44	Gary Lerner
2015.2	14.33	Andrew Urshan	13.68	Tim Nolan
2015.3	15.16	Andrew Urshan	14.25	Canaan Sonnenschein
2016.1	15.06	Andrew Urshan	14.48	Tim Nolan
2016.2	14.40	Andrew Urshan	14.18	Canaan Sonnenschein
2016.3	14.54	Andrew Urshan	14.34	Jack Nicholl
2017.1	14.73	Nicholl, Jack	14.54	Andrew Urshan
2017.2	14.65	Andrew Urshan	14.47	Canaan Sonnenschein
2017.3	15.10	Andrew Urshan	14.15	Ben Martin
2018.1	15.02	Andrew Urshan	14.49	Jack Nicholl
2018.2	15.03	Drew Cheyney	14.70	Jack Nicholl
2018.3	15.24	Drew Cheyney	14.51	Canaan Sonnenschein
2019.1	14.97	Jack Nicholl	14.45	Andrew Urshan
2019.2	14.74	Tim Nolan	14.31	Ben Meyer
2019.3	15.11	Tim Nolan	14.96	Andrew Urshan
2020.1	14.86	Tim Nolan	13.93	Eric Wonsidler
2021.3	14.80	Tim Nolan	14.73	Jack Nicholl
2022.1	15.13	Ben Meyer	15.04	Andrew Urshan
2022.2	15.51	Tim Nolan	14.75	Ben Meyer
2022.3	14.92	Tim Nolan	14.91	Ben Meyer
2023.1	14.93	Andrew Urshan	14.11	David Cabrera

B1. Most Improved (based on change from prior season's ratings or, if a new player, initial expectations)

Ritter, Doug	+1.86
Dhillon, Raj	1.52
Evans, Kent	1.47
Nicholl, Jack	1.21
Van Horn, Doug	1.10
Wolf, Steve	1.07
Brooks, John	1.02
Tharian, Denny	0.97
Rees, Trevor	0.87
Angelov, Stan	0.67

Great job guys.

Eighteen of the 40 players ended up with rankings higher than before (or than expected), the top ten of which are shown above. And 22 of our 40 players had rankings lower than before (or than expected).

B2. Biggest Improvement During Season

Of our 40 players, 31 played the minimum-needed 3 times in both the first and second halves of the season. Of those 31 qualifiers, these had a second-half rating that exceeded their first-half the most:

Dhillon, Raj	+2.83
Brooks, John	+2.14

If I included "As A Sub" results, Trevor Rees would have played enough to qualify here, and his rating improvement would show +2.75.

C1. Highest Win Percentage (all courts) - THIS SEASON

Urshan, Andrew	56.4%
Disch, Steve	55.7%
Nicholl, Jack	55.4%
Narayan, Rama	55.0%
Ritter, Doug	54.7%
Nolan, Tim	54.4%
Tharian, Denny	54.2%
Angelov, Stan	53.9%
Wolf, Steve	53.8%
Dhillon, Raj	53.6%

C2. Top Win Percentage (all courts) - PAST SEASONS

All Time Top Win Percentages (since 2008, Summer)

Season	Win%	Player
2008.2	60.0%	Ed Sher
2008.3	60.0%	Chris Hahn
2009.1	56.3%	Billy Niemann
2009.2	57.4%	Gary Lerner
2009.3	58.2%	Eric Wonsidler
2010.1	60.7%	Chris Hahn
2010.2	61.7%	Gary Lerner
2010.3	58.8%	Alberto Romero
2011.1	61.4%	Eric Wonsidler
2011.2	56.0%	Gary Lerner, Mike Wieser
2011.3	56.7%	Steve Hawkins, Tom Strutz
2012.1	56.7%	Gary Lerner
2012.2	57.0%	Harish Sundaram
2012.3	55.8%	Dan Mullen
2013.1	58.9%	Gary Lerner
2013.2	57.2%	Canaan Sonnenschein
2013.3	60.7%	Gary Lerner
2014.1	60.6%	Kevin Ray
2014.2	58.9%	Gary Lerner
2014.3	55.0%	Mike Gregory
2015.1	58.3%	Jerry Edsen
2015.2	57.6%	Andrew Urshan
2015.3	57.5%	Andrew Urshan
2016.1	58.3%	Andrew Urshan
2016.2	61.1%	Mark Roddy
2016.3	60.8%	Jack Nicholl
2017.1	59.2%	Don Anson
2017.2	57.9%	Andrew Urshan
2017.3	58.5%	Andrew Urshan
2018.1	58.5%	Andrew Urshan
2018.2	68.0%	Drew Cheyney
2018.3	64.5%	Drew Cheyney
2019.1	63.4%	Jack Nicholl
2019.2	62.2%	Cliff Fauchaux
2019.3	62.3%	Andrew Urshan
2020.1	56.7%	Don Anson
2021.3	64.5%	David Mitchell
2022.1	61.1%	Jerry Edsen
2022.2	63.8%	Tim Nolan
2022.3	59.7%	Ben Meyer
2023.1	56.4%	Andrew Urshan

D1. Most Wins in a Given Round by Court (includes subs) - THIS SEASON

shown for each is the week number and player name as "(w#;player)"

Round 1

- Court A - 10 games (15:Nicholl, Jack 18:Cabrera, David 1:Nolan, Tim)
- Court B - 11 games (17:Nolan, Jack)
- Court C - 10 games (15:Edsen, Jerry)
- Court D - 10 games (3:Bier, Barney 2:Tharian, Denny)
- Court E - 10 games (16:Unnerstall, Chris)
- Court F - 10 games (11:Evans, Kent 17:Jonz, Jon)

Round 2

- Court A - 15 games (13:Cabrera, David)
- Court B - 14 games (2:Wolf, Steve)
- Court C - 13 games (11:Dhillon, Raj 16:Nolan, Tim)
- Court D - 13 games (9:Disch, Steve 10:Disch, Steve 3:Tharian, Denny)
- Court E - 14 games (1:Owens, Jim)
- Court F - 15 games (5:Brooks, John)

D2. Most Wins in a Given Round by Court (includes subs) - ALL TIME RECORD

[ALL TIME RECORD or at least since Summer 2008 (represented below by 2008.2)]

Round 1

- Court A - 12 games (Ben Meyer 2022.3,
- Court B - 11 games (Wieser 2008.2, Michelson 2009.3, Mullen 2010.1, Matt Fagala 2010.3, Nopachai 2013.2, Nicholl 2016.19, Nolan 2022.3 & 2023.1)
- Court C,D - 12 games (Dan Mullen 2008.3)
- Court E - 12 games (Jack Nicholl 2016.2 and Steve Matthews 2022.1)
- Court F - 12 games (Billy Niemann 2012.3, Weinberg 2022.3)

Round 2

- Court A - 15 games (EIGHT times Chris Hahn (twice), Matt Fagala, Andy Lerner, Tim Nolan, Andrew Urshan, Jack Nicholl, Ben Meyer, and David Cabrera)
- Court B - 16 games (Canaan Sonnenschein 2013.2, Tim Nolan 2015.2)
- Court C,D - 17 games (Matt Fagala 2013.2, Mark Wright 2022.2)
- Court E - 16 games (Paul Harris 2009.1, Todd Gaughan 2010.1, Trevor Rees 2017.3, Chip Brewer 2022.3)
- Court F - 16 games (Jon Michelson 2011.1, Yudovich 2015.1)

E. Best Week

Who had the best individual week this season (most total wins in the week)?

Rank	Wk#	Wins	Player
1	13	23	Cabrera, David
1	2	23	Wolf, Steve
3	18	21	Cabrera, David
3	11	21	Dhillon, Raj
3	5	21	Wolf, Steve

How about the best weeks of all time (or at least since Fall 2021 (aka 2021.3))? Max wins = 30.

Rank	Wins	Player	Season
1	24	Niemann, Billy	2021.3
1	24	Mitchell, David	2021.3
1	24	Meyer, Ben	2022.1
4	23	Brewer, Chip	2021.3
4	23	Nolan, Tim	2022.1 (twice)
4	23	Michelson, Jon	2022.2
4	23	Urshan, Andrew	2022.3
4	23	David Cabrera	2023.1
4	23	Steve Wolf	2023.1

F. Most Versatile ... or Most Nomadic

Spent at least this much of his time on 3 different courts

- 28.6% Roddy, Dan
- 28.6% Owens, Jim
- 27.3% Dhillon, Raj
- 26.7% Angelov, Stan
- 24.4% Bier, Barney

Spent at least this much of his time on 4 different courts

- 17.5% Edsen, Jerry
- 15.6% Bier, Barney
- 14.5% Berberich, Steve
- 14.3% Brooks, John
- 13.8% Michelson, Jon

Spent at least this much of his time on 5 different courts

- 12.5% Edsen, Jerry
- 7.5% Michelson, Jon
- 7.1% Brooks, John
- 5.5% Dhillon, Raj

G. Spin Results for this Season

	Spins		Spin +/-	Player
	Won	Lost		
Luckiest	5.5	1.0	4.5	Evans, Kent
	6.5	3.0	3.5	Singh, Harry
	6.5	3.5	3.0	Weinberg, Larry
	3.0	0.0	3.0	Nicholl, Jack
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	0.0	2.0	-2.0	Angelov, Stan
	0.0	4.0	-4.0	Rees, Trevor
	2.5	7.5	-5.0	Nolan, Tim
Unluckiest	1.0	7.0	-6.0	Shanker, Mike

Luckiest ever:	Raj Dhillon	2023.Fal	6.5 - 0.0 = +6.5
Runner-up:	Jon Michelson	2016.Fal	7.5 - 2.0 = +5.5

Unluckiest ever:	Canaan Sonnenschein	2019.Fall	1.0 - 11.5 = -10.5
Runners-up:	Chris Unnerstall	2023.Fal	2.0 - 9.0 = -7.0
	Jon Michelson	2023.Fal	2.0 - 9.0 = -7.0

Total for 2-consec. seasons: **Canaan Sonnenschein** 3.3 - 15.5 = -12.2 for seasons ending 2019.Fal
 2-season Runner-up: **Jon Michelson** 3.0 - 13.0 = -10.0 for seasons ending 2017.Sum

↑ Spin result measurement started 2016.Fall

H. Miscellaneous Awards [remember - nominations are welcome]

- o **Bob Levy Award (new award this season)** (friendly on and off the court, reliable, consistent – a model MNT citizen) – John Brooks, Steve Matthews, Mark Wright
- o **"Anson/Bufalo" award** (Most Frequent Sub) – NOT even close. Larry Kaiser (12 times) Runner up: David Cabrera and Doug Ritter (8 times each), Bob Maguire (7 times)
- o **Most philanthropic** (most times got sub) – Steve Wolf (8 times) Runner up – Jim Owens (7 times)
- o **Best short-shot and lob combo** – Mike Comens
- o **Best Recruiters (recently)** – Raj Dhillon and Harry Singh
- o **Most likely to have a tape measure (and use it)** – Bob Maguire
- o **Most consistently punctual** – Mike Comens, Jim Owens, Mark Wright
- o **Most competent Jon backup** – Jay Lyons
- o **Most intimidating knee contraptions** – Barney Bier
- o **Most inspiring** – Jerry Edsen
- o **If not most hip, then at least most lifetime hips** – Doug Weber (5)
- o **Quickest wrist** – Doug Ritter
- o **Most likely to beat you at tennis then demolish you at ping pong** – David Cabrera

Thanks folks for the suggestions (contributing to the content in "H").

Congratulations to all the FLakey winners.