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The Board Talk

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Frisco Eddie's Revenge: The Return

A Series by Balboa Ron Schweikert

(Editor's Note: If you've missed Balboa Ron's series the last couple months, please let him know: Ron Schweikert, 1140 Coral Desert Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89123. He is still recovering from serious hip surgery, but was able to continue the adventures of Eddie and Lil at the big tournament in Reno. We're glad to have him back and wish him the very best!)

The tournament went smoothly after Dollar Dan and his Ape Man had been escorted out of the state of Nevada by plane. Lil's ex, Tony (the "Fixer") had seen to that.

The pro singles event was now underway. Both Lil and Eddie were still in the winner's bracket. They hadn't been matched against each other as yet, but if things kept going as they had been so far, the possibility of a playoff between them was highly probable.

With the side distractions now out of the way, a deep aura of serious shuffleboard had swept through the rooms. There were some really great overall games in progress, as well as some fantastic single effort shots. The intensity was firmly in place!

Lil remained in the winner's bracket, but Eddie had run into a rather unusual problem. He was playing against one of the best singles players around, who was called the "Oklahoma Kid." The game should have been won by Eddie. He had the Kid 14 to 11. Then, with Eddie's winning point on the board, the Kid lagged a 4! Eddie was still in the action, but there would be no room for any errors now, as one more loss would eliminate him from the running.

At one point, Lil walked over to Eddie and remarked: "You better not lose, Champ. I want to play you and I want your best game, too, so we can finally settle this thing once and for all!" Eddie looked her in the eye then and made a comment of his own: "I will be in the final match, sweet pea. You just better watch your own back; you've got Nelson Darelman coming up next!"

That little conversation seemed to instill new life into both Lil and Eddie. They shot perfect shuffleboard from there on out. As a result, they did indeed find themselves facing off in the pro singles title match!

A silent, and most serious, crowd had now formed as the match was about to begin. No one

wanted to miss this final playoff series. This would be THE game.....the game of the decade! --TO BE CONTINUED--

(Don't miss the next exciting episode to see who wi prevail -- Lil or Eddie!)

Heartland Handicap Draws Great Participation

The annual Heartland Handicap tournament, hel at the American Legion Post 73, Del City, Oklahoma, on Oct. 8-10 attracted shufflers from several states. There were 56 entries in the draw partner event and 24 teams in the bring partner.

Ex-Virgin Sue Lewis drew Rick Jones to take top honors in the draw partner (it will take a long time to wipe that smile off her face). Johnny Ballard of Texas and Lynn Tice from Oklahoma took second place, with Dino Fleming and Carol Ussery in third spot. Karla Hollowell and Tony Pelton travelled from Arkansas to draw each other and finish fourth.

That dynamic duo, Bill Melton of Oklahoma and Dave Williams of Texas, were winners of the bring partner. Rick Jones and Dino Fleming settled for second, with "retired" long-time tournament directo Ron Huddleston and Cliff Goff in third. Dave Fleming and E.T. Jenson took the final money spot

This was host Don Crall's "virgin voyage" without Ron Huddleston at the heim and he extends appreciation to him for being there to help. Don also thanks all participants for making this Heartland Handicap another success.

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