

Frisco Eddie's Revenge: The Return

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(Editor's Note: In last month's episode, Frisco Eddie and Long Beach Lil were about to meet each other in the finals of the Pro Singles in Reno.)

The time had now arrived for the play-off between the two hottest players in the Pro Singles event -- Long Beach Lil and Frisco Eddie. The tournament rooms were alive with conversations about the outcome of these games (and the side bets were very lively, too!). This was it -- the Game of the Decade!

Both players (possibly in an effort to appear "cool") didn't show up until very shortly before the action would begin. Their greetings were cordial, and everything very business-like while the officials set everything up for the play to begin.

Now the major pressure was on Eddie, as he had come from the loser's bracket, and as such, he would have to win both best 2 out of 3 series or he would be eliminated automatically! All Lil needed to do was to win the first series -- and she would be this year's champion!

Strangely enough, just before the announcement was made to begin shooting, Eddie's supposedly secret bride-to-be in two days, Shelli, came over to Lil and gave her a hug, along with wishes for good luck! The recent events, especially concerning the close calls with Dollar Dan, had actually brought them a little closer together (that is, as far as Shelli was concerned). She had confided some things with Lil....some of which had been probably better left unsaid.

The small room had now filled up and the first series was underway. Eddie knew that if he got by this first round of play, his odds would be greatly improved for his winning the whole event. The first game was close -- very close, but Eddie took it 15 to 13. The second game was kind of a blow-out. Eddie won it 15 to 10, which meant he had gotten by the first best out of three play-off games. Things were evened up by now, as they were both coming from the loser's bracket. Whoever won the next best out of three series would be the champion!

The first game of the next round found Lil picking up a little. The game was very close. Lil's lag was really getting hot. She ended up winning 15 to 12. If Lil won the next game, it would be over! Fortunately, Eddie got his second wind and came back to take the second game. The final game was now underway....

This one was close. The shooting on both their parts was excellent. The crowd was on its feet for this one. The game progressed until the score was 14 to 12 in Lil's favor, with Eddie's hammer left to be shot. What happened next could have a strong bearing on the outcome of the championship.

Just as Lil was moving away from the table, and Eddie was approaching for his hammer shot, Lil very quietly, and with a sneaky grin on her face, made a comment to him: "Congrats on your upcoming wedding, Champ; and oh, by the way -- do you have any names picked out for the baby that Shelli has on the way....?"

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(Remember, folks, Shelli has not yet told Eddie about her pregnancy. How will this news impact Eddie and his hammer shot? Tune in next month.)

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Season!*



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