

Frisco Eddie's Revenge: The Return

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[At the end of last month's episode, we saw young Jack in a dilemma. He would have to choose, or decline a "money" date with a pretty young thing called "Candy". She was urging him on from her seat at the bar. -- REMINDER TO ALL: FRISCO EDDIE'S STORIES ARE FICTIONAL]

Eddie said once more: "Well, what's it to be lad - an hour with that sweet thing, or we call it quits for the night, and get us some 'shut-eye' before the games tomorrow? It's your call my man."

Then Jack replied: "Believe me, the offer sounds great, and I'd hate to turn it down - but I feel like we better put things on the 'back burner' for now, ok?" Eddie looked him right in the eye the, and said: "Well how about that guys - My man here has 'done it according to the book!' I'm really proud of you Jack." They all shook hands then, and laughed the whole thing off with a round of drinks - courtesy of Eddie.

They left the "House of Bottles" shortly after that, making promises to meet up at noon the next day, for the one's that would be competing in the Turkey shoot at the "Talk A Lot Tavern".

The next day was Saturday, and after a huge breakfast, they headed out for the "Talk A Lot Tavern". It wasn't a long drive. All they had to do was follow Las Vegas Blvd. north to Lake Meade, hang a right, and then take a right turn into the Mini Mall just before they got to Eastern Ave.

They arrived there at about 11:30 a.m., so they had plenty of time to practice, and socialize before the first round of games that would start at 1 p.m. The second Shoot would begin at 4 p.m., and the Board would be open for challenge play after that.

This wasn't going to be a "walk"; mainly because it was "draw for partners" for the Turkey Shoots, and there were a couple of Pro's who were now living and working in Las Vegas that would be teaming up for the "bring your partners" games following the first two events.

Frank, and several of the guys from last night were there. There were also a few that Eddie had met during the Reno tournament. There was one Pro player named Chris Fasteroni that he knew from other tournaments. Eddie figured he and Jack would be facing him and a partner of his before the night was over.

Things went pretty good for both of them. Jack drew a good partner, whose name was "Dangerous Dan", and they won the first event. Similarly, Eddie drew a Lady named Dorothy for a partner for the second event. She was also a good shooter, and they had a tough drive, to win the second Draw for Partners shoot.

As winners, Eddie and Dorothy had the board to accept challenges. The first challenge was from the Pro, Chris Fasteroni, and his partner, who was called the "Indiana Flash", and was also rated real high.

The Challenge game turned out to be a "weight for weight" affair, but in the final frames, Eddie's partner was forced to give up a few points, and they lost the game. Now Jack had put up his name to challenge the winners. A similar situation occurred there, he and his partner Dan lost by 4 points.

At this juncture, no one seemed to want to challenge the two players who held the board - except Eddie and Jack of coarse. Now the guy from Indiana didn't really want anything to do with a partner's game... if Eddie was involved.

They hassled around for a bit, and then a proposal was made. If Jack agreed to play Chris in SINGLES - they'd go for a "Best out of Three" series for \$400. Now the ball was in Eddie and Jack's Court!

Jack had never been in this level of action before, and was apprehensive about the deal. But, after a few minutes of deliberation, he told Eddie: "Well now, I did get that good nights rest instead of going for that 'Hustle' you guys tried to get me into - so let's get it on man!"

Eddie strolled over to where Chris was sitting then and said: "Let's get the board ready, and the stake put up... my man is in!"

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