

One Point Decides Winner of Bourbon's Round Robin Singles

By Bill Niswonger

The 2nd Annual Round Robin Singles, held at the American Legion 424 in Bourbon, Indiana, on Aug. 18-19, marked one for the history books, with many of the strongest players from across the country. Participants included: Billy Mays and Pat Gainey of Texas, Bill Melton of Oklahoma, Chuck Muehlhauser of Missouri, Leon Black of Michigan, Greg Broka of Ohio, Harvey Walden of Tennessee, Lenny Dell and Rick Niblett of Maryland, Nick Chaffin of California, plus the Indiana "boys": Bobby Voorhis, Glen Ingram, Jim Long, Dave Boaz, Terry Dowell, Ray Miller, Mike Koontz, Larry Brown, Bill Niswonger and Mikel Johnson.

In preliminary action, on Wednesday and Thursday, Nick Chaffin and Mikel Johnson made a clean sweep: first in the winners-take-all open draw; and splitting first and second in two open single round robins.



Nick Chaffin (left) made his trip from California worthwhile, sharing his honors with auctioneer Mikel Johnson in the preliminary events. Nick also sponsored Mikel in the big event and he finished in the money.

On Friday afternoon, the big event was ready to begin, with tournament director Terry Dowell and assistant director Bill Niswonger setting down the rules and regulations of play. After this was done, Terry turned over the microphone and cut loose one of Indiana's favorite auctioneers -- Mikel Johnson.

After nine rounds of play Friday night until the wee hours of Saturday morning, four people were tied for first place. Play resumed again at noon on Saturday with some of the most skilled playing and games going right down to the wire. When it was all said and done, pro players Bobby Voorhis and Bill Melton were tied with 15 wins.

After point calculations were completed, it was Bobby V taking first place with 272 points and Bill taking second place with 271. A big "1" point difference!



One point separated these two pros, with Bobby Voorhis claiming the 2000 Round Robin Singles championship and Bill Melton settling for second.



Tournament Director Terry Dowell congratulates Glen Ingram (left) for his third place finish. The legendary Jim Long took fourth.



Lenny Dell came all the way from Maryland to take fifth place. Mikel Johnson captured the last place money spot for sixth.

This was one of the most exciting tournaments ever. Congratulations go out to Bobby Voorhis and Bill Melton for such an exciting finish. Congratulations also to Nick Chaffin and Mikel Johnson for having a successful week.

The Bourbon Legion would like to thank everyone for coming and a special thanks to bracket man Gary Neff for managing to run this tournament so smoothly.

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