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WPBA PACIFIC COAST CLASSIC THE COMMOTION BY THE OCEAN

Day Two:

October 3rd, 2008 – Lincoln, City OR at the Chinook Winds Casino

Day two dawned overcast and drizzly as players made their way into the arena with the first matches starting at 11:00am. It's an unusual hour for Karen Corr to see, as for the first time in recent memory, she was knocked into the one loss bracket after her first round defeat to Japan's Kyoko Sone. Karen played Susan Mello and won handily, 9-2. She then went on to face Arizona Women's Billiard Tour player, Susan Williams, and although it was a bit of a tough go in the beginning, came out on top 9-4 and went on to face Aileen Dimmick in her next round.

Tiffany Nelson and Megan Minerich, both Top 40 Exempt Pros, had also lost their first round matches but advanced their next round through the one loss side. Top players such as Miyuki Sakai, Jennifer Chen, Liz Ford and Debbie Schjodt all had disappointing finishes this event, going two and out. The door has been opened for more than one dark horse to emerge from this field.

Kelly Fisher escaped an early exit after a tough hill-hill match with Tiffany Nelson in the 3rd round 1 loss side bracket. Kelly goes on to face 3-time Collegiate Champion Eleanor Callado.

The 6pm round matchups include a feature match-up between Melissa Herndon and Julie Kelly. Helena Thornfeldt faces off against Canadian Champion Maureen Seto. Melissa found herself down 4-1 but after a slow and steady progression, tied up the match at 5 all. Melissa went on to win 9-7.

Melissa Little and Joanne Ashton duked it out, trading games throughout their match, as did Stacy Hurst and Morgan Steinman. The two 6pm round matches extended well into the 8pm rounds as the four players refused to give any ground. Morgan emerged victorious over Stacy Hurst, and Melissa Little came out ahead of Joanne Ashton after 2 hours and 40 minutes of grueling pool.

The 8pm round featured a match between two of the most recognizable faces in our sport, Jeanette Lee and Ewa Laurance. Jeanette dominated in the match, taking a fast 6-2 lead over her fellow veteran opponent and eventually winning 9-4. Meanwhile, Kelly Fisher faced off versus 4 time collegiate champ, Eleanor Callado. Vivian Villarreal had her hands full with Pilipino player, Iris Ranola. Line Kjorsvik, fresh off of her first television appearance at the WPBA Carolina Classic, matched up against WPBA Board Member Dawn Hopkins. Megan Minerich and Heather Lloyd made up the go purple team as both chose the color for their blouses, while Kim White played against Melissa Morris. The "shortest combined player match" featured Sarah Rousey and Anna Kostanian. Karen Corr defeated Aileen Dimmick and moved along looking to eventually avenge her first round loss.

(Later this same day....)

Four spots have been spoken for in the Final 16 in the winner's bracket. Line Kjorsvik defeated Dawn Hopkins 9-7. Jeanette Lee defeated Ewa Laurance 9-4 and Iris Ranola, proving that she's here to stay, defeated Vivian Villarreal 9-7. Anna Kostanian and Sarah Rousey's match went hill-hill with Anna prevailing.

(Later still.....)

The 10pm rounds began with Gerda Hofstatter taking a 3 game lead over Xiaoting Pan, 4-1. Xiaoting fought back to tie the match up 4 all and the two competitors traded games. Gerda jumped back ahead to reach the hill first, 8-6 – sinking the 9 ball, Gerda looked up and smiled as she advanced into the Final 16. Xiaoting continued on into the one loss side.

Helena Thornfeldt took a commanding lead over veteran player Belinda Calhoun and never looked back winning 9-3, while Monica Webb and Yu Ram Cha went back and forth in their match with neither player giving in to the other until Yu Ram gained the advantage and reached the hill first, up 8-6. Monica wouldn't go gently into that good night though, and closed the gap to hill-hill! Yu Ram had the break advantage but failed to pocket a ball. Monica surveyed the table but wasn't happy with what she saw and was forced to play safe. Yu Ram blinked first and Monica began the task of picking through a tough layout which she did comfortably to win the match and advance to the Final 16. Yu Ram continues on in the one loss side.

Laura Smith and Kyoko Sone faced each other for the first time and Kyoko proved her mettle by taking a 6-4 lead. With Kyoko reaching the hill first, Laura showed she wasn't ready to go home yet and continued to fight her way back to get within 2 games, 8-6. Despite a valiant effort, Kyoko proved too tough and won the match 9-6. Janet Atwell, after having a disappointing season to date, won her first two matches but came up against Ga Young Kim. Ga Young, clearly uncomfortable at the start of the match, settled in to take a 5 game lead and won by the same margin, 9-3. Janet continues on into the one loss bracket.

Allison Fisher and Kim Shaw came together in the battle of the Snooker players – Allison jumped ahead 7-1 as Kim couldn't seem to get things moving. Kim finally started getting into stroke but was looking at a 4 game deficit with Allison leading 8-4. Kim missed the 9 ball in game 13 and Allison easily made it to advance into the Final 16. Kim Shaw moves on into the one loss side.

Melissa Little and Morgan Steinman fought a hard match, trading games throughout until Melissa took charge to reach the hill first, up 8-7. Morgan wasn't about to give up though and the match ended up hill-hill. In the final game, Melissa scratched after pocketing the 2 ball, giving Morgan ball in hand on the 3. Morgan accidentally bumped the 6 ball with her body and after a short debate Melissa moved it to where she thought it was. Unfortunately, Morgan missed the ball and Melissa came back to the table shooting, running out to win the match 9-8. Morgan finishes tied for 25th.

(It's REALLY late now.....!) Good night and check back tomorrow for updates!