

Wenzel Cup Prospects

As we near the end of the Wenzel Cup competition with only 2 rounds to go, it's time to look at the winning chances of those who are the leading scorers.

First up, we can categorically rule out any competitors with less than 336 points. Anyone with this score has to win the next 2 rounds and hope anyone in the leading few players doesn't score. That means they don't play at all because under the scoring system, playing will guarantee a minimum number of points - as low as 22 through to 49.

The lowest average score (for games played) is more likely greater than 30 but for analysis, let's assume 30 points is the minimum average. Applying that to the current leader (Greg Baschiera - 436) would see him move to 496. However, Greg's average for the 10 rounds (maximum 50 points 3 times) has been 43.6 so if he plays to his average, he will finish with 522 points.

Runner up at present Jim Knight, with 429 points (max of 50 once), playing to his average will finish with around 514 points.

This of course means that if Greg and Jim play both final rounds and play to their average, anyone below 414 points (nearest on 408) at present, cannot win even if they score maximum points in both final rounds!

So, while there are some in the top few who have played and are playing top golf at present, my money is on Greg or Jim. If Greg scores the maximum for the 4th time this year in one round and average for the other, he almost certainly will take home the trophy.

If Jim scores maximum points in the last 2 rounds, a win is still not guaranteed unless Greg's aggregate for the 2 rounds is less than 93.

There are some fast finishers in the top 10 and two are there despite playing only 9 rounds – Sam Graeber and Matt Judd whose averages for matches played are 42.7 and 42.5 respectively!

My picks – Greg B, 1st, Jim K 2nd and 3rd.....out of Ron Wenzel, David Schultz and Josh Pym. I'll go for the latter. I don't think any of those under 405 at present can snatch 3rd.

After the penultimate round, I'll have another look at the numbers. What has to be said though is that it is a great competition and it is no mean feat to finish in the top few!

Ed.