

## Day 1 Recap & Day 2 Announcements

Dear Friends,

The annual Carolyn Lumber Tournament has officially begun! Are you ready for two weeks of tennis, food, fun, friends, drinks, and soul-crushing anxiety? Yes? Me too! Well, not actually me, because I'm on a plane to Chicago as I write this. If you look into the stands and don't see me there, that's why.

But I was there last night! I watched many matches, and really enjoyed my lasagna dinner (thanks 3.5 men!). 5pm. The first matches of the tournament. Here we go! We had Max Deiss vs. Cris Valverde on Court 1. Max played great - I haven't seen him play in a while and clearly life on the tennis team at Central is suiting him well. Very impressive. He could definitely keep up with Cris, just not for as long. I think we'll see him going deep in the Open bracket in the not-too-distant-future. Court 2: George and Charlie Gardner vs. Henry Drotning and Pete Jacobs (although I think Steve Darling was actually out there playing - these substitutions are CONFUSING for your write-up staff!). The father/son duo prevailed in a close-third-set-tiebreak. Match momentum turned around when George started to attack Steve's service returns at the net. Clever play wins out.

Court 3. Ian Rogers and Allan Warman vs. John Lynch and Tom Harvey. Allan and Ian roared out to a strong start and maintained their lead throughout the match. Allan was hitting huge shots from the baseline - watch out for him in this draw! Court 4. Irene Gilbertson vs. Leigh Anne Dew. It's always fun to watch competitors sit right next to each other during the changeovers and chat as they rest and drink their water. You sure don't see that in USTA matches! Lots of good lobs and passing shots. This was a loooooong match. Confusingly, Irene and Leigh Anne shook hands at the end of the first set. Then they started their second set. Irene pulled it out in a third set tiebreaker - the match lasted a full two hours. Maybe three.

6:30 matches. Trish Vawter and Maddie Karpinski - on their way to USTA Nationals in Surprise, Arizona (good luck, ladies!) - brought their 'A' games against Wendy Weddle and Rebecca Martinez-Griffin. Wendy and Becca played great and varied their playing styles throughout the match, but Trish and Maddie played too well on this day. They had it in the 'bag.' Chris Kayser and Bob Grenzer on court 2 warmed up for approximately 30 minutes before starting their match. It took a while for Chris to get a handle on Bob's slice, but he eventually managed, and now moves on to the semifinals. On court 3, Omar Martinez won a nail-biter against Keith Zawadzki. Keith's sleeveless shirt wasn't quite able to propel him to a 'W.'

Karen Lettiere and Yoona Park played an absolute barn-burner on court 4. Karen edged Yoona out - with a 4-6, 6-3, 11-9 win. What a match! OK, need a break from the tennis? Here's a quote from the stands: "It's not a lie if you believe it. I think that's a lawyer mantra." - Ashleigh Kayser to Chris Kayser (a lawyer). "No, George Costanza said that." - Chris Kayser

8 o'clock matches. Perennial Open-level players Mark Radford and Ry Koteen played Nicholas Walrod and Josh Schweitz. I have no idea who Nicholas and Josh are, but they sure can play tennis! Anything Ry and Mark sent their way, they could handle - and that's saying a lot. Very impressive. Nicholas and Josh advance. Heather Selis and Laurie Sykes took on Chris Farentinos and Wendy Schmidt on court 2. I don't know Wendy - but she sure played great last night. This match had all sorts of momentum shifts. The first set was close - 7-5 Chris and Wendy. The second set was even closer - 6-7. The third set almost didn't happen, because all four players lost track of the set score and shook hands at 5-6. They left the court and everything. But then someone remembered and they came back to finish the set, play the tiebreaker, and finish the match. Unfortunately, Heather and Laurie lost twice and move on over to the Consolation round.

Great playing everyone! And, we're just getting started! Tonight the action starts at 5pm - be sure to go and cheer on your friends! Wear white tonight - let's make it look like Wimbledon in October in Portland. Tonight's meal is Nacholadas, hosted by the 4.5 women. Have some! Who doesn't like a nacholada now and again?

Sorry for the extreme length of this write-up, but it's the only one I'm doing! I'll be sending out tournament information every day, but there will be fewer daily reports (8 in total, to be exact). So, you have several days to finish this one! Wait, if you're reading this you're already finished. Oh well - now you know.

Check out [Tournament Central](#) for all the information you need. Or, head on over to the [USTA website](#) if you'd like to see who played, who's playing, draws and scores (see the "Media Report" for scores, and the "Daily Schedule" for the schedule). Have a great tournament everyone!

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