



*(FAO 24 is for amusement only)*

**#RETIREDLIFE:** One game to pick, and with 88 players we somehow ended up with a solo winner, thanks in large part to an unusual score. Eight points off was best, and there were 4 poolies lurking right behind with 9 points off.



**RETIREDINDAVALLEY:** Jim Ecker, 72, Harrisburg, PA  
Born: Hanover, PA  
High school/college: South Western HS Mustangs/York Business School

Family info: two daughters, two grandsons, three granddaughters

Job info: retired (in da valley)

Favorite NFL team: **COMMANDERS**

Favorite TV show: VSIN sports betting channel

Favorite movie: The Blues Brothers (orange whip?)

Favorite musical artist/group: Grateful Dead

Hobbies & Interests: college sports gambling; live music; snoozing

Brush with greatness: he's gotten up close and personal twice with Kathie Lee Gifford, and also met baseball HOFer Dave Winfield at a hotel in Philly at the 1996 All-Star Game.

**RETIREDINDAVALLEY** has played The Pool for a long time. This is his first win since Week 5 of the 2018 season. With the win, he's up 1 to 85<sup>th</sup> place.

**Congrats, RETIREDINDAVALLEY!!!**

**PLAYOFFS BONUS GAME:** Three poolies were best with records of 11-2 in the 13 playoff games. The winner made it by a single point off, at 11-2, 46 points off over 4 weeks.

**(NOT SO) WEE MAN:** Dallas Cook, 26, Mechanicsburg, PA. Pictured far right at brother Dylan and Kelly's wedding last fall  
Born: Harrisburg, PA

High school/college: Trinity Shamrocks; Penn State Nittany Lions

Family info: Parents Gregg & Sue; brother Dylan (PRESTIGE WORLDWIDE), his wife Kelly and their son, Callum (3 months).

Job info: Human Resources, PA Department of Corrections

Favorite NFL team: **EAGLES**

Favorite movie: Animal House

Favorite TV show: Better Call Saul

Favorite musical artist/group: Muse



Hobbies & Interests: sports, movies & games

Brush with greatness: got photo with and autograph of Phillies great Ryan Howard

**(NOT SO) WEE MAN** has played The Pool for several years. Earlier this season, he shared a weekly win in Week 16. With his post-season success, he finished the year in 15<sup>th</sup> place, 3 games out of the Top 10.

**Congrats, (NOT SO) WEE MAN!!!**

**THE WINNER...AND NEW CHAMPION: PIKETOWN** dominated The Pool this year, finishing at the top of the heap despite not winning a single week, and also securing the top spot in the points off race. You may remember him from his win in Pool Madness.

**PIKETOWN:** Ed Solimeo, 72, Harrisburg, PA

High school/college: Central Dauphin Rams/HACC Hawks

Job info: Retired from PA Liquor Control Board

Family info: wife of 51 years, Kenda; daughters Gina & Tiana

Favorite NFL team: **EAGLES**

Favorite TV Show: Gold Rush

Favorite movie: Top Gun

Favorite music: country

Hobbies & Interests: remodeling, golf, hunting, gardening

**PIKETOWN** will enjoy having his name appear in PURPLE next year in The Pool standings, in addition to collecting his winnings from finishing #1 in the standings and in points off.

**Congrats, PIKETOWN!!!**



### **END OF SEASON UNITS WINNERS:**

Top 10

- 1) PIKETOWN- Ed Solimeo, Harrisburg, PA
- 2) GOLLYWOGS- Rose Mape, Camp Hill, PA
- 3) RALLY MONKEYS- Rich Fradin, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA
- 4) SKI UTAH!- Ted Baumann, Park City, UT
- 5) SLEDDOGS- David Doyle, Harrisburg, PA
- 6) BOOMER- John Bowser, Hershey, PA
- 7) DABIRDS- Jason Sweger, Harrisburg, PA
- 8) THACK ATTACK- Brett Thackara, Elizabethtown, PA
- 9) BUSHWACKER23- Bob McCloskey, Harrisburg, PA
- 10) SILVERJEEP- Sasha Brosius, Dillsburg, PA

Top 3, Fewest Points Off

- 1) PIKETOWN- Ed Solimeo, Harrisburg, PA
- 2) ONE BIRD IS REAL- Gerry Wosewick, Enola, PA
- 3) BWILSON7- Blake Wilson, Castle Rock, CO

Last Place Booby Prize

CATS09841- Jesse Karns, Camp Hill, PA

## THE UNITS LIST

Total units earned over the course of the season

1) PIKETOWN	950	13T) BUSHWACKER23	150
2) GOLLYWOGS	550	13T) BWILSON7	150
3) BOOMER	525	13T) CAPTAIN AHAB	150
4) SLEDDOGS	400	13T) GO UTES!	150
5) THE COMMISSIONER	375	13T) I.P. FREELY	150
6T) ONE BIRD IS REAL	350	13T) IRISH EYES	150
6T) RALLY MONKEYS	350	13T) LAST PLACE VEREB	150
8) THACK ATTACK	325	13T) NICK FERRARO & ALLSTARS	150
9) SKI UTAH!	300	13T) QB EAGLES	150
10) (NO SO) WEE MAN	225	13T) RETIREDINDAVALLEY	150
11T) CATS09841	200	13T) ROY HOBBS JR	150
11T) DA BIRDS	200	13T) SLAP THE SIGN	150
13T) BBOY 2.0	150	13T) WSTELLEFSO	150
13T) BEACH BOY	150	13T) WVU GRAD	150
13T) BIG DADDY WAGS	150	30) SILVERJEEP	125



**FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMISSIONER:** The Super Bowl picks: **EAGLES** (60), **CHIEFS** (28). Poolies were OVERWHELMINGLY leaning toward the Birds...Points off ranged from **RETIREDINDAVALLEY**'s 8 to **SWEAVER**'s 36...The Top 10 remained the Top 10, and the Top 3 in fewest points off remained the Top 3...30 of 88 poolies (34.1%) won units this season...Units have been or will be distributed to poolies in the following states: Pennsylvania, California, Utah, Colorado, Texas, and Georgia...The March Madness Basketball Pool is up next. As a member of The Football Pool, you will automatically be included in the email for March Madness...The next

NFL football game that counts is on Thursday, September 5, 2025...The **EAGLES** are expected to play in that game.

### THE COMMISSIONER'S FINAL FAB FIVE:

1) **EAGLES**, 2) **CHIEFS**, 3) **BILLS**, 4) **COMMANDERS**, 5) **RAVENS**

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