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Wisconsin State Championship

PlatteCon Omega - Notes by John Monnett

PlatteCon once again hosted the annual “Who’s the Big Cheese Now?!” tournament for the Wisconsin Shadowfist State Championship. Held Saturday, March 5th, the event featured eight players throwing down for the top honors.

Players included:

Willow Palecek	Madison	Dragons & Monarchs	Brawl, Fakir, recycle
Jim Sensenbrenner	Madison	Jammers	Site hurting stuff
Chris Turner	Milwaukee	Dragons & Hand	Big Bruisers with backup
Jeff Heinrichs	Milwaukee	Dragons	Big character punchthru
Matt Wolff	Chicagoland	Architects & Monarchs	“Darkitects”
Rebecca Frey	Madison	Monarchs	Fire Ping
Tim Jensen	Madison	Lotus	Walking Dead
John Monnett	La Crosse	Architects	“Green Principle”

We played two rounds with a winner-take-all final. Jim won two games, Willow and Chris each won one, so the 4th spot at the final table was taken by Rebecca on the strength of her game point total. Chris was able to pull out a win at the final table for all the cheese and the title.

Jim came in second place, and Rebecca, again due to her game point total, took third.

Congratulations, Chris!

Notes and observations:

Jeff, despite being the new guy, managed to win at the kids’ table while the people who knew how to play were vying for the title.

Matt is the first person to come from out of state to play in the tournament!

Before the tournament, we talked about the resource-less variants the Chicagoland play group had invented. In one, no cards require resources; in the other, no cards provide them. I found it interesting, if somewhat unnecessary, but then I count myself lucky if I can play Shadowfist 3 times a year. They’ve been playing every week for years.

Rebecca’s is an interesting story. We showed her how to play at Plattecon years ago and she’s been playing since, albeit not regularly. She immediately took to the Monarchs. Her knowledge of the cards may not be encyclopedic, but her deck is solid and she knows how to play it. She (correctly) identifies Jim, Willow, and I as the players to beat, and does her best to foil our plans, usually doing well for herself in the process.

Case in point: she was at the “winners” table all night, whereas I never got off the “losers” table. Another case in point: upon seeing the Golden Mile in action, her comment was “I understand. It’s good against Willow.”

As for me, my deck couldn’t get out of it’s own way so I wound up being the Gimp.

Wisconsin State Championship Deck

Look at the Part That Hits, by Chris "Littlemute" Turner

Foundation Characters

- 5 Golden Candle Society
- 3 Friends of the Dragon
- 2 Little Grasshopper
- 2 Brave Villagers
- 2 Hacker

Utility Charaters

- 2 Fist of Shadow
- 1 Chinese Doctor
- 2 Master Bowmen

Hitters

- 1 Shung Dai
- 4 Big Brusier

Edges

- 2 Shield of Pure Soul
- 1 Chinese Connection

Sites

- 2 Yellow Senshi Chamber

Events

- 2 Violet Meditation
- 1 Blade Palm
- 1 Wind on the Mountain
- 1 Willow Bends
- 1 Shaolin Surprise
- 2 Confucian Stability
- 2 Festival of Giants
- 1 High Noon
- 2 Blue Meditation
- 2 Robust Feng Shui
- 2 Rigorous Discipline
- 1 Never Surrender
- 2 Fighting Spirit
- 2 Final Brawl
- 4 Is that All you Got
- 2 Kii-YAAH!

Feng Shui Sites

- 1 Temple of Angry Spirits
- 2 Whirlpool of Blood
- 3 Ring of Gates
- 1 City Square
- 1 Arctic Fortress
- 1 Gambling House
- 1 Sacred Heart Hospital
- 1 Fox Pass





Left: Current and former Big Cheeses: Chris Turner poses with his newly won trophy alongside the defending champ, Willow Palecek, with the trophy she won last year

Below: The final table: (from left) Willow Palecek, Rebecca Frey, Jim “The Beast” Sensenbrenner, Chris “The Big Cheese” Turner



Tortured by March Madness!

by Willow Palecek

It was one heck of a month as 64 of Shadowfist's greatest warriors competed in the fiercest tournament bracket of all time!

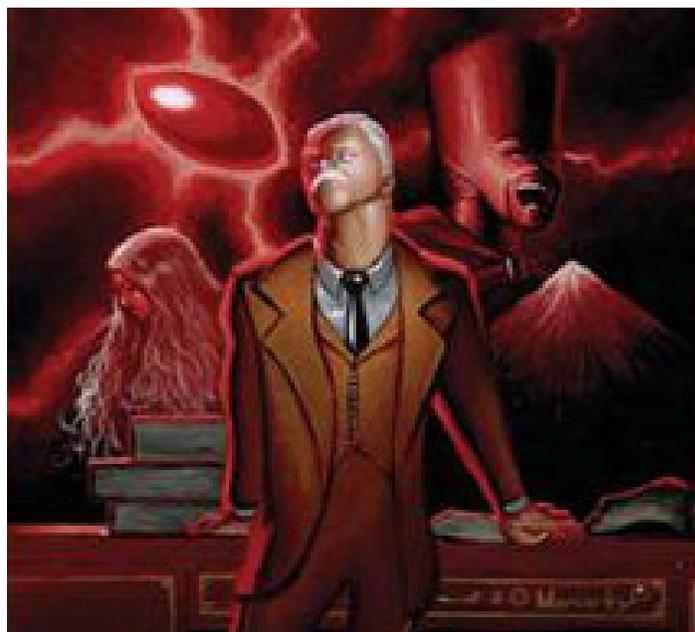
The final four included:

Ting Ting

Pi Tui, the Ice Queen

Ming I, the Darkness
Queen

Kar Fai



After Ting Ting defeated Pi Tui and Ming I took out the great Kar Fai, the iconic mascot of Shadowfist sent her flying kick right at the dark-haired head of the evil Darkness Mastermind.

Congratulations to Ting Ting for winning the first ever Tortured by March Madness!

Tortured by March Madness!

by Willow Palecek

For this, Inner Kingdom Games' first Tortured by March Madness, the polls varied from 18 to 30 votes per battle and we all saw more than a few upsets, not the least of which includes Destroyer inexplicably making it to round four.

As per the rules of the game, players submitted their bracket predictions and the player(s) with the most points based on a wildly complex and intricate series of proportional values against the successive rounds would win.

Our top two entrants scored 112 points each, with neither accurately predicting a winner past round four.

Congratulations to Clayton Threadgill and Willow Palecek for their entries and votes!

Many thanks also to Willow for conceiving and organizing this puzzle for Inner Kingdom Games.

Do you have a puzzle you'd like to see in the newsletter? Send an e-mail with your idea to icediadem@yahoo.com and we'll work toward making it a reality!

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CASTING CALL: THE PURISTS



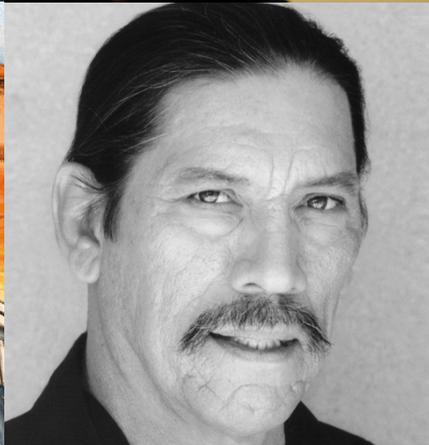
Rhys Engel

Chris Hemsworth, no stranger to sci-fi/fantasy, doesn't even need to bulk up after portraying the mighty Thor. If he swaps that hammer for a paradox cube and dons some Tron-like garb, you've got a mastermind forecasting the end of the world.



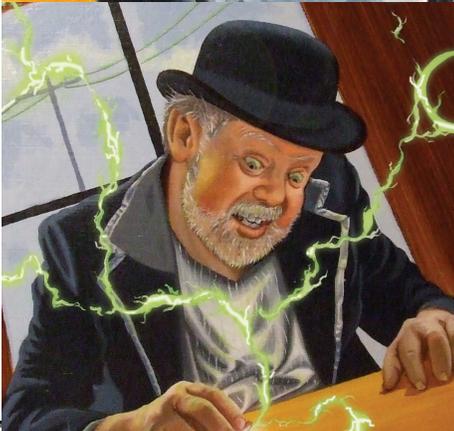
Primus

Primus is one of the most tragically unattractive figures in the game, which is sad if you're trying to cast a famous actor for the role. That said, Kal Penn has some free time now that he's no longer working alongside House, or the president.



The Insidious Dr. Fermat

If Kevin Costner can play an englishman and John Travolta a woman, then surely the unmatched in talent and badassery Danny Trejo can play... whatever Dr. Fermat looks to be.



Morse Code Poet

Fresh off another western role as True Grit's Harold Parmalee, Bruce Green could use a career boost, and the Morse Code Poet might just be his gateway to greatness.

CASTING CALL: THE PURISTS



Christine Winter

Between *The Next Three Days*, *Tron*, *Cowboys and Aliens* and *House*, Olivia Wilde has been one busy object of fanboys' affections. If we can pull her away long enough to play about 80 identical roles, we'll be all set.



Andrea Van de Graaf

The old school sorceress from the days leading up to the Purists' great coming out party requires a special combination of beauty and lethal magic to come to life on the big screen. Charlize Theron, no one could ever do it better than you.

Thank you for reading this month's issue of *The Inner Kingdom Update*. We welcome your feedback on how to better service the Shadowfist community.

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