

## WHO ARE THE BEST PLAYERS IN VEGAS? - PART 1

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This is a topic that is always being discussed and disputed in any pool room, in any city in America. Vegas pool rooms are no exceptions.

In fact, just last night one of my younger league players asked me this question. Funny, my top 3 answers were players he had never heard of! As our conversation continued, we finally found some names of players that we both know and I gave him my thoughts on those players. Actually, I was flattered that he was told I was one of the best players in Vegas. I'll take honorable mention as a decent player, but I'm not even close to the

top of my list.

Before I begin, I need to tell you that I'm basing my top picks based on talent and success. Whether they are still active in the Vegas pool scene or not. There are a few players who live here that many of you don't know or ever see.

# 1.... Ed Kelly. This is a no brainer, the only Vegas player in the BCA Hall of Fame. By far the best player in Vegas. Eddie is older and has been retired from pool for some time now. His prime was in the late 60's when he won the world all around championship. I had the pleasure of catching Eddie at the end of his career in the mid 80's. His skills were as good as I have ever seen. His stroke was one of the finest the game has ever seen and he has the knowledge to use it.

# 2.... Ronnie Allen (older version). Here again, an older player that peaked in the 60's. Considered one of the finest one-pocket players of all time and a great all around player. Known for his colorful, flamboyant style and gambling escapades, I know he has been nominated to the hall of fame....maybe he'll make it one day.

# 3.... Walter Glass. Walter is also on the back side of his career, but still out there competing. I have personally seen Walter play for three decades. He has won many titles and has competed against many great players of his time, not just here, but all over the country. His reputation is well known in the pool world, and is respected as a player and gentleman.

# 4.... Toby Fleharty. Another retired player but just a few years ago he was playing high dollar pool at Cuetopia and then at the Cue Club. He was revered as one of the country's top one-pocket players, but played all games at a championship level.

# 5.... Fred Boggs. Hi Freddie!! Not trying to knock your action...LOL. But I think your all around skills and knowledge put you in my Top 5. I didn't know you in your prime, I never got out to the East Coast much, but I know you were a formidable player.

Well that's my Top 5. I know that many of you don't know these players. It's unfortunate that all of you haven't seen these players in action. They all play the game at a level you don't see much of any more in Vegas.

I'm going to continue with my top picks next month. I'll give you my opinions on the regular active players that most of you do know...