

● Pickleball Statistics

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- **Analysis of the Men's gold medal match at the 2018 Grand Canyon State Games. Yates/Weinbach (winners) vs Kern/Staub 10-12, 11-5, 11-2. Very interesting.**

- **Match Stats:**

- # of rallies: 110.
- average shots per rally: 10.2.
- total shots: 1118.
- % of shot hit in: 94.2.
- longest rally: 39 shots.
- Lobs: only 3 lobs attempted (all by Staub – 1 out, 1 in, and one slammed back for a point).
- % of total shots of match hit: Staub 32.9%, Kern 17.5%, Yates 27.3%, Weinbach 22.3%.
- Only 2 serves in 110 were missed. (98.2% in)
- Return % in: 92.7%
- Kern didn't miss a dink (hit 58 straight)
- Yates and Weinbach didn't miss a serve and only missed one return each.
- Yates only missed one dink in 112.
- Weinbach didn't miss a 3rd shot drop and had a 3rd shot effectiveness of 83%.
- The players shots were 35.5% dinks and 15.7% drives.

- **Kill to Unforced Errors:**

- Weinbach: 14 to 8. Ratio 1.75
- Kern: 12 to 10. Ratio 1.2
- Yates: 11 to 10. Ratio 1.1
- Staub 15 to 27. Ratio 0.56

- **Definitions:**

- **Effective 3rd shot:** a 3rd shot that allows the serving team to start advancing to the kitchen or immediately wins the rally (unless it was from an unforced error).
- **Drive:** usually an offensive shot with more pace and not considered a block, defensive shot, drop or dink.
- **Kill:** an aggressive shot that is difficult to return resulting in an immediate win of rally
- **Unforced Error:** a ball hit out that was not caused by a particularly difficult shot by opponents