

# Game ON!

*"It's beautiful!"*

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Cookee's held their first ever Xbox 360 tournament, with 22 participants. Cookee's owner, Doug Grant, said he likes this kind of thing and hopes to be able to host more such tournaments in the future.

The tournament was held in the building that formerly housed Cook-Spence TV next to Cookee's Drive-In. As you enter the building, there were two T.V. sets for the waiting teams to practice on. The actual tournament play was held in a darkened  
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Austin More and Markus Fleming show off their winnings with organizer Logan Butterfield, center, enjoying the competition.

# Game

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back room with a central projector displaying images of Black Ops sprayed across opposite walls, making it appear as if you were actually in the game.

Competition and excitement was high. Players and spectators oohed and awed at good maneuvers. The thrill of the game was enhanced by an organized, competitive atmosphere. Throughout the day defeated players, as well as spectators, would pop back in to see the progress of the competition. "Who's still in?" and "Who's competing now?" were some of the questions that kept the atmosphere intense.

Austin More and Markus Fleming comprised the team that won the grand prize of \$88, \$44 apiece.

Grant said, "A thing that sticks in my mind was when we handed over the envelope with the \$44, one of the kids held the winning envelope in the air and opened it up and said, 'It's beautiful!'" Grant explained that to young boys, \$44 seems like a ton of money.

This was Grant's first time doing a tournament like this, and he gave credit to Logan Butterfield for how smoothly everything worked out.

"It ran like clockwork," said Grant. "Teams were scheduled, matches were held when they were supposed to be held, and any spectators were invited in to watch the eight minute long matches."

The gaming started at 1 p.m. on Saturday and the finalists kept playing until around 10 p.m. that night when the champion was named.

This was a double elimination tournament. In such tournaments there eventually is a team that is undefeated going into the last match. This time, the spoils went to the underdog team, More and Fleming, who had to face-off with these, so far, undefeated players. This made for a surprise ending in the tournament and a lot of commotion.

The Cookee's tournament is still in its infancy stages, but because of popularity Grant and Butterfield had no problems starting it out of the blue.

It is rumored to be a monthly tournament year round to feature competition in many popular games of the day.

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Saturday, Aug. 20, there is a volleyball tournament scheduled at Pleasanton's High school and it will be the season opener.

Head Coach Danny

Talking with Grant, he explained that he will have a poll on Facebook to vote on which game they will use at the next tournament. Although it has not yet been announced, tournaments will be held the second Saturday of every month.

