



Hoffman Cup Intragroup Play Statistics

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Having completed eleven seasons, the Red Hoffman Cup Matches have reached a point where there is enough data to feed meaningful analysis. The following table provides a snapshot of the performances of the top ten point-earning clubs / teams in the heart of the Hoffman Cup – the intragroup play – since the start of the event in 2005.

Each year, every Hoffman Cup club competes against the three other clubs in its group to determine which one moves on to the Semifinals. In each club-versus-club match, 12 points are up for grabs; 36 is the maximum amount a club can earn in its group. This table looks at only the event’s top-performing clubs (as defined by their intragroup points) and provides some insight into the Hoffman Cup.

Hoffman Cup Intragroup Point Average Leaders													
Club	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Overall Avg	
1 Black Oak GC								30.5	27	26	29	28.1 / 78%	
2 Baltusrol GC						29	19.5	24	26	24	31	25.6 / 71%	
3 Montclair GC	21.5	23	28	27	27	25	22.5	19.5	28.5	26	22.5	24.6 / 68%	
4 Knickerbocker CC						26.5	18.5	25.5	17.5	20	25.5	22.25 / 62%	
5 Manasquan River GC				14	19	23.5	22.5	19	28.5	27.5	24	62.25 / 62%	
6 Fairmount CC	25	19.5	21.5	29	25.5	15	18.5	18	25.5	18	24	21.8 / 61%	
7 Plainfield CC		16	21.5	23	20	22	24.5	21	25	21	22	21.6 / 60%	
8 Essex County CC		20.5	22.5	20	18	19.5	19	32	25.5	17.5	20.5	21.5 / 59.7%	
9 Arcola CC						17.5	18	17.5	17	20.5	31	20.25 / 56%	
10 Bayonne GC										22.5	17	19.75 / 55%	
Legend	Champion	Finalist *	Playoffs	Didn't play	* Semifinal rounds began in 2014								

An interesting observation is that only two of the top ten teams represent clubs with 27 or more holes. One would expect that a club with more holes would lead to more good players in the membership, and a stronger Hoffman Cup team. Another is the relatively few clubs that, upon joining the Hoffman Cup, have an immediate impact on the playoffs. **Montclair GC, Baltusrol GC** and **Black Oak GC** are clear exceptions, but every other team in this top ten has taken time to develop a consistently strong presence.

The information provided here displays the performances of the top ten point earners in the Hoffman Cup. We have collated these same intragroup statistics for each of the 32 Hoffman Cup clubs, all drawn from the Archives section of www.hoffmancup.org. If you are interested in finding out more about your specific club's performance and where it fits into the overall Hoffman Cup picture, contact Kevin Casey at kevincasey36@gmail.com.