

# That Was The Week That Was Week 1

DCKickball Capital Conference

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If this column sucks... it's not my fault. I just got a voicemail from Alec Baldwin.

Good morning Capital, and WELCOME to the "Raindrops wash pollen off my car" edition of That Was The Week That Was. What a great first week of kickball, we had bodies flying around, weather better suited for the ides of March, and somehow, some way, all sixteen teams in new t-shirts with new equipment playing all eight games to completion on non-permitted Fields of Glory before darkness fell in the last week of April. Give yourselves a big hand, a lot of work went into making this week happen and we somehow pulled it off.

## WHAT THE HELL IS THIS? ANOTHER EMAIL?

For those of you new to kickball, "That Was The Week That Was" is a weekly wrap-up of Capital's activities on the fields and at the bar. The content herein solely represents the opinions of Division President JP and the voices in his head. Contributions are welcome at any time, drop me an email.

Okay, let's get right to the good stuff. **THIS WEEK'S RESULTS:**

Thick Femur 6, 1.4 Miles 0  
AA-Team 8, Here for the Beer 6  
Bad News Barristers 3, Freqs 1  
DC Detention 4, Campesinos 1  
Sloppy Seconds 7, Balls Optional 4  
Big Kids 4, APCO All Stars 2  
YTBD 15, Red Rovers 6  
Your Mom's Team 4, Team Lush 0

We won't bother with the standings here, since everyone's either 1-0 or 0-1, but if you're truly inclined to see where everyone stands, including tiebreakers, you're probably beyond help. Who am I to talk? I created the page that shows it. Check out the expanded standings page here: <http://dckickball.org/capital/expanded-standings-summer-2007>

## BEFORE THE MIRTH AND MERRIMENT, A LITTLE BIT OF HOUSEKEEPING

This week, we had a team on the fields who either didn't hear, or didn't heed the warnings at the captains meeting and in all our emails, or willfully ignored them. So we'll put it in big bold letters and italics, color it green, and even give it its own line, so it can't be missed.

## *ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE PROHIBITED ON THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT GROUNDS.*

Jello shots are one thing. A big cooler full of bottles is another. That's past being brash, that's being extraordinarily **stupid**. Starting next week, we will be playing games on fields on which we had to apply to get permits. If a team gets busted drinking alcohol on the fields, we run the risk of losing that permit. So please. Don't make us turn into babysitters. **Do your drinking at the bar**. If you can't hold off your alcohol consumption for a 45-minute kickball game, you have problems bigger than anything kickball can do for you.

Got it? Great. Let's get back to TWTWTW, already in progress.

## GAME OF THE WEEK

Week one is usually about rust, cobwebs, introductions, and survival. One game really stood out though. For the first time in as long as any of us can remember, **AA-Team** actually had enough players to field a full squad this week, and they took on a much-improved **Here for the Beer** in a slugfest with wild shifts in momentum, runners rampaging on the basepaths, and some great plays on defense. When the dust settled, AA-Team won the game 8-6 and then (gasp) **actually went to the bar**. This is a season already with unprecedented triumphs! Well done to both teams.

## TEAM OF THE WEEK

Defending champions **Thick Femur** were mere minutes from a forfeit loss as they waited for a fourth woman to arrive on the fields. Conference newcomers **1.4 Miles** were salivating at the prospect. But just in the nick of time, the last player arrived,

and the bone daddies coolly rolled to a 6-0 win. If there were any doubts as to who the Peoples Cup favorite is in the league this year, they were probably settled on the fields Wednesday. Look the hell out, the Black Death is on the prowl.

Honorable mention goes to **Your Mom's Team**, who similarly calmly dispatched Team Lush 4-0 and played like a team that, for one week at least, looked like they're the class of Thursday nights this year.

### **STREAKS OF THE WEEK**

Thick Femur co-captain **Eric** was quick to note, after their game, that going back to last season's playoffs, they haven't allowed a run in five straight games. That means no one's scored on them in **nine months**. Well, now that he mentioned it, the win by my beloved **Big Kids** last night means they have been in first (%\$#&) place (or tied for first place) for ten straight weeks of regular season kickball, going back to May of 2006. That's **52 straight weeks in first place**.

Hey, MY column, MY rules.

### **PLAY OF THE WEEK**

It's hard to decide which was better, Femur's **Zippy** making a diving and contorting catch in left field to get a 1.4 Miler out, or the **Campesinos** catcher (sorry, never got the name) diving into the DC Detention sideline to make a fantastic catch of a foul ball for an out, so we'll go ahead and cite them both this week. Well done!

### **FUNNY PLAY OF THE WEEK #1**

Big Kids second baseman **Marc** lost his footing as he circled underneath a short fly ball and landed on the seat of his pants. Funny enough, the ball was still coming right at him. So he made what *would* have been play of the week, but the ball caromed off of his face and into the infield. Viz:



## FUNNY PLAY OF THE WEEK #2

We're not sure that this even involved a kickballer, but a lady on the **1.4 Miles** sideline was happily sitting observing the game leashed to a very cool canine. Said canine observed another canine lollygagging its way up the sidewalk and decided, rather excitedly, to have a sniff. So excitedly, in fact, that he sent her flying. Viz:



## TEAM SPIRIT OF THE WEEK

You might not have seen the **Campesinos** game this week, but chances are, if you were within a five mile radius of the District of Columbia, you heard it. Man, they screamed and cheered everything. Ball is pitched. WHOO! Ball is kicked. WHOO! Ball is caught. WHOO! It's getting dark. WHOO! I got a flat tire. WHOO! I'm not getting a tax refund this year. WHOO!

## TEAM CHANT OF THE WEEK

The **Red Rovers** were getting shellacked by **YTBD** on Thursday night, but as the game went on, they started chanting "JUST ONE RUN! JUST ONE RUN!" It worked. They scored six. That's more runs than half the division scored in their opening game. Now, if they can get their defense to allow less than 15, they might be onto something this year.

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

We can't figure out exactly why the Big Kids' **Hilary** was explaining what a dental dam is last night, but the descriptive "it's a piece of plastic. You put it on and 'nyuhl nyuhl nyuhl'" brought the 18th Amendment patio to a standstill for a moment.

Honorable mention to game ref and Your Mom's Team player **Jai**, who told a barking captain "I'll make the call when you SHUT UP." And also to Team Lush's **Rebecca**, who was quick to tell wandering kickballers from another league "you're over there, but we're more fun."

## POTENTIAL TEAM NAME CHANGE OF THE WEEK

A big welcome to newcomers **APCO Allstars**, the league's one and only team made up completely of kickball virgins, who threw a scare into my beloved Big Kids in their game this week, actually leading 2-1 in the second inning. Somewhere early in the game, one of their players noticed the similarity of the color of their lime green shirts and certain bodily discharges. So watch this space for a name change. Possibly **The Fighting Boogers**.

By the way, ZERO APCO folks showed up at the bar last night. Wha-wha happen????

## DID YOU GET YOUR DISCOUNT CARD YET?

One of the perks of our bar agreement with the 18th Amendment is the discount card you got this week. If you didn't get the card, yell at your captain. If you're a captain and you didn't get the cards to give to your team, yell at me. The card give you discounts on (non-kickball nights of course) at the 18th Amendment, Trustys, and the Pour House. Everybody Scores!

## PLAY KICKBALL FOR FREE

Okay you newbies, now that you've seen a week's worth of games, I think it's safe to say that you've got the hang of it. So volunteer to be a head ref. It's simple, it's easy, it's fun, and most teams buy their ump a beer after the game. Where's the downside? Well, if you ref eight games you get your reg fee back, so essentially you'll play for free this season. What, that's not a downside? Well all the better then!

Please contact [Marc England](#) to get signed up. Seriously, it's really important that we get some folks. We'll teach you the ropes. And it's a great way to meet new people.

## POST YOUR PHOTOS – IT'S FREE!

Thank you to several **Big Kids**, who added some very nice shots from this past weekend's Crystal Pitcher Invitational Tournament to the DCKickball-Capital photo page this past weekend. Check them out on <http://dckickball.com/capital> when you have a chance.

How did they get their pics on the Web site? They used [Flickr](#) to post their pics, and tagged them with "dckickball" and "dckickball-capital"

Don't have a Flickr account of your own? Use this:

<http://www.flickr.com>

username = registration@dckickball.org

password = r3drubb3r

Remember to organize your group of uploaded photos into a set and name the set appropriately. (eg: "Sloppy Seconds: we like nachos")

## CRYSTAL PITCHER UPDATE

For all you newbies, the Capital Conference is the home of the sport's most coveted trophy, **the Crystal Pitcher**. we award it to the team who makes the most impact at the bar. The current holders are **DC Detention**, and they proved their worthiness with impressive turnout at the bar Wednesday night, romping around both floors of the bar. Last year's runners up **Here for the Beer** impressed as well, with huge numbers turning out and, by all accounts (especially their own), they ruled the flip cup table. It's hard to pick a winner from Thursday night, but there were a lot of **Big Kids, Red Rovers, Your Mom's Team, and Red Rovers** everywhere you looked.

Thursday night was JAM PACKED in the basement, with kickballers flipping cups and later on, dancing up a storm. We were impressed with the turnout by 14 of our 16 teams. See above for **APCO**, and we'll be putting out an APB for the **Bad News Barristers** as well.

By the way, a lot of folks didn't notice: **there are two levels at the 18th Amendment**, street level and a basement. Both have unique specials and both are open to all kickballers. Both were rocking this week. Man, they love us there. Well done!

## THANK YOUs OF THE WEEK

—To the board of directors, who saw a lot of the offseason grinding come to fruition this week.

—To all the team captains who gathered up the t-shirts for their players and got everyone dressed in time for the games to start.

—To everyone who helped truck the t-shirts from my car to the fields.

—To everyone who came out to LINE REF. We can't do it without these folks. Please

keep this at the front of your minds as we go on this season.

—To the HEAD REFS who did a fantastic job this week.

—To all the teams and players who showed up and reminded us why we do this every year.

Okay friends, I'm gonna call it a column before it gets too long. Get back to work, SLACKER! Have a great weekend and we'll see you back on the Fields of Glory next week!

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