

# That Was The Week That Was Week 4

## DCKickball Capital Conference

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*If this e-mail stinks ... don't blame me; I'm not JP.*

*(This week's TWTWTW is brought to you by various members of your BoD, with help from captains, players, and other assorted busybodies.)*

### GENERAL RECAP OF THE WEEK

This first crossover week was mainly a success despite threatening weather on Wednesday and two forfeits. (Grrr. All teams are reminded to give advance notice if they suspect they will have to forfeit. All teams also are reminded to provide SIDE UMPIRES for the early/late game on the same field. Failing to provide a side ump by game time = forfeit.)

Thursday at the 18th Amendment was especially rockin' and festive. Here's hoping that the next crossover week (Week 8) will be equally or more joyous!

### THIS WEEK'S RESULTS

AA-Team over APCO All Stars (forfeit)  
The Freqs over YTBD (forfeit)  
Bad News Barristers 4, Sloppy Seconds 1  
Big Kids 2, >1.4 Miles 1  
Team Lush 3, Campesinos 1  
Here for the Beer 10, Balls Optional 1  
Thick Femur 6, Red Rovers 0  
Your Mom's Team 6, DC Detention 2  
AA-Team 7, The Freqs 5 (scrimmage)

### WHICH MAKES THE STANDINGS LOOK LIKE THIS ...

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

## SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK

REMINDER: **Next week, ONLY THE WEDNESDAY TEAMS ARE PLAYING**, thanks in part to the Memorial Day weekend and rainout make-ups we had built into the schedule. So Thursday teams get a break next week. BUT they can still come out to the bar on Wednesday and mingle with all the friends they made during Crossover Week!

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## SIGH OF THE WEEK

### **WEATHER-NOTIFICATION POLICY: READ THIS**

Your Capital Conference Board of Directors has a long-standing policy of sending out e-mail (or posting web notices) **ONLY** if games need to be called off due to weather – **NOT** to tell you that they are still on. We made an exception this Wednesday, but don't expect to get "GAME ON" messages ever again.

The **games are ALWAYS ON UNLESS YOU GET A "GAME OFF" MESSAGE**. To repeat: If there's no e-mail, if there's nothing posted on our website, that means that you should proceed as normal, that you should go to the fields, that the GAMES ARE ON – even if it's still coming down in buckets where you are. There's no need to e-mail us and ask. We're watching the weather. We know the sky is dark downtown. We know the rain is falling heavily in Arlington. We're on it!

This Wednesday, we played a game of chicken with Mother Nature. We looked at the radar, we checked with our players downtown, and we guessed that Mother Nature was going to flinch by game time. And she did – even though the rain kept coming down elsewhere in the region. The fields were fine on Wednesday, and six teams showed up to play some fun games of kickball.

So, to beat a dead horse: If you do not get an e-mail by 5 p.m. on game day, or if you see nothing posted on Capital's website, that means that the games are ON. ***Once again: NO NEWS = LET'S PLAY!***

## PARTY! PARTY! PARTY!

It's time for the **Capital Conference Mid-Season Extravaganza!**

Here are the details for the **MID-SEASON PARTY**:

**Where: Hamilton's (233 2nd Street NW, Washington, DC 20001)**

**When: June 2nd, 9pm – close**

**How Much: \$10 kickballers/\$20 non-ballers at the door**

All you can drink (9pm – 1am):

\* Miller Lite, Bud Light, Yeungling and Cider

\* Rail Liquor

Kitchen will be open until 2am. \$5 wings and nachos.  
1am to close:  
\* \$3 rail; \$2 drafts; \$8 pitchers  
Tables outside for smokers; tables inside for flip-cup.

See you there!

### MAN-OVER-MACHINE PLAYS OF THE WEEK

The **Big Kids' Laura T.** kicked a ball foul on Wednesday, and it went bouncing toward the sidewalk – right into the path of a big green forklift moving equipment for some upcoming hootenanny on the Mall. The forklift looked certain to run over the ball, but screams from the field brought the forklift to a halt, just inches from the ball. Catastrophe averted. But then, on Thursday, a similar catastrophe almost occurred. While **Your Mom's Team** was warming up for their game against **DC Detention**, a ball went into 17th Street and right into the path of a speeding ambulance – sirens blaring and everything. But the ambulance actually stopped. A YMTer tried tell the ambulance driver to keep going, even if it meant destroying the ball. But that didn't work, so the YMTer quickly removed the ball from the path of the ambulance and the vehicle went on its way. Here's hoping that the stray ball did not threaten anyone's life or health. Our guess is that the ambulance was probably just responding to a softball-to-the-head incident. And as we know from experience, those are rarely life-threatening.

### FUNNY HUMAN PLAY OF THE WEEK

**Here for the Beer's Shay** bolted in from the outfield to catch a fly ball near second. Shay made the catch and got the kicker out, but in the process ran into **HftB's Erin**, spinning her and knocking her to the ground, where she landed (with little grace) on her side.

### RIDDLE OF THE WEEK

Q: How many **Red Rovers** does it take to play the erotic photo hunt game on the machine in the basement of the 18th Amendment? ... A: Nine.

### SONG OF THE WEEK

“Rock the Casbah” by The Clash. It was on the jukebox and the flip-cuppers (especially **HftB**) were bouncing, swaying, and rocking out as they flipped – like they were filming an end-credit montage for a kickball movie or something. Surreal in a way.

## MONKEY OF THE WEEK

**Your Mom's Team** FINALLY beat **DC Detention**. It took 4 years to do (going back to the Team Lush years for some of the YMT players). YMT was 0-2-2 against DCD until last night, but they finally got the monkey off their back with a 6-2 victory. We hear the game was pretty good also. YMT scored 4 runs at the bottom of the 1st and DCD scored a run in the 3rd and 4th and closed the gap at 4-2 and YMT was getting a little nervous. **DCD's Mike O.** was pitching very well but the YMT defense shut down DCD the rest of the way, and YTM scored 2 runs in the bottom of the 4th to take a 6-2 lead and the victory.

## CURSED FIELD OF THE WEEK

Three people from **Lush** got hurt on the same field on Thursday – thanks in part to holes and divots. The field was kind of improvised due to a fairly crowded Mall – what with random stages in the way and everything. We've played on worse fields. But in the future, we'll try to avoid that one if we can. Note: Despite the injuries, Lush won.

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"It's the sound a vibrator makes." – An ex-**Lush** explaining her team nickname ("**Murr**") to a clueless **Rover** rookie named **Murray**, whose team nickname also is "Murr."

## ONE-ON-ONE FLIP-CUP CONTEST OF THE WEEK

Crossover week saw **Team Lush's Rebecca** going head to head with **HftB's Dan** in a one-on-one flip-cup competition. One table. Two lines of cups. Only two cup-flippers. And the result of 8 rounds? Dan 5, Rebecca 3.

As we've said before, it sounds like that team really is Here for the Beer.

## EXPLANATION OF THE WEEK

Turns out there's a teacher or two on **Campesinos**. Our understanding is that the name was randomly plucked from a textbook vocabulary list – or something like that. Expect the team to change its name to something equally random next year – like "Biblioteca" or something.

## FLASHBACK OF THE WEEK

**Thick Femur's Zippy** reminded us this week of a short piece we wrote back in 2004 while playing in another sports league. Those of you who have spent time at the Irish Times during Cop Week will perhaps remember and/or appreciate this—especially given that Cop Week is wrapping up and since, three years after DC weathered the storm of cicadas, another major city (Chicago) now is all abuzz over the coming cicada infestation. (Note: We have 13 more years till the cicadas re-emerge in DC – and we'll probably still be playing kickball then.) Read on! ...

*From 2004:*

“You’re not a cop, are you?” Oh, if only we had a nickel for each time we have uttered that phrase! But it’s a useful question to ask. And with Cop Week upon us, it becomes especially useful, since it is often difficult to tell cops from regular revelers at the Irish Times.

Throw the friendly cicada into the mix, and things become even more difficult. That’s right: The cops AND the cicadas are a-comin’, ready to swarm all over the greater DC area and claim it as their own! Don’t worry. They’ll both leave you alone if you don’t bother them.

Don’t know what a cicada is? Check out this link (<http://abbot.si.edu/highlight/cicadas/faq.htm>) for more information.

Still not sure what a cicada is? Still afraid you will confuse the harmless cicada with the friendly cop at Cop Week? Fear not! ...

### **How to Tell the Difference Between Cops and Cicadas:**

- A cicada will never buy your girlfriend a beer.
- A cicada will never offer you 20 bucks for your panties.
- The women on your team will never abandon you to talk to a cicada.
- If it wears a suggestive T-shirt, it is not a cicada.
- If it has a mustache, it is not a cicada.
- If it sings loudly and out of tune, it might be a cicada.
- One clings to your leg and stares up at you with spooky red eyes. The other is an insect with a 17-year life cycle.
- If it accidentally becomes entangled in your hair and you shriek madly and flail about until it releases and falls on the floor with a splat, it might not be a cicada.
- A cop will never lay its eggs in a tree.
- If it talks about how much it detests paperwork, pervs, and perps, it’s a cop.
- If it calls loudly in search of a mate, it is a cop.
- If it molts beforehand, it is a cicada.

### **AND SO ON ...**

Have a great weekend, everyone! We’ll see you WEDNESDAY TEAMS on the fields and at the bar next week.

*... And That Was The Week That Was Week 4!*