

Everybody Scores!

DCKickball Capital Conference

Week Seven: June 6-7, 2007

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Fuzzy Party Memories!

So we are told that there was a mid-season party on Saturday and that it was a total blast. We were there. We sort of remember it. Our memory contains **flashes of random images** – of cups being flipped, of ping-pong balls being tossed, of Jell-O shots being downed, of dancefloor headstands being performed, and of general merriment being made.

No doubt it was a doozie. And there's little doubt that, if you missed it, it will probably be **one of the things you regret on your deathbed** (which is probably where you will wake up after the end-of-season party).

Thanks to all the party people who came out to Hamilton's on Saturday and made the party a roaring success. And **special thanks to Hamilton's** for hosting us. Big props also go out to all the stylists, barbers, beauticians, fairy godmothers, and magicians who turned a swarm of sweaty kickballers into the hottest people in all of DC. (Damn! **We look good** when we are all cleaned up and accessorized, don't we?!)

Our very very unofficial stats show that all but two teams were represented. There were lots of Big Kids (17 of them), Team Lushers (16), Red Rovers (16) Sloppy Seconds (13), DC Detainees (11), 1.4 Milers (11), Balls Optional (9), Your Mom's Teamers (9), Freqs (7), and Here for the Beers (7). There was also a smattering of Thick Femurs, Campesinos, Bad News Barristers, and AA-Teamers. Including guests, we estimate there were about 150+ people in attendance. **Not a bad crowd** for a Saturday night at the height of wedding/baseball/NBA-playoff/Stanley Cup/NASCAR/Dewey Beach season!

Planning for NEXT Week

Just a heads-up that **NEXT WEEK** will be the second of our two planned CROSSOVER WEEKS this season. **Half of the teams will be playing on a different night NEXT WEEK.** And all teams, as a result, will be playing an opponent who regularly plays on "the other night of the week." What this means is that **NEXT WEEK you MUST check the schedule to confirm which night you will be playing.** Once again, this is all going down NEXT WEEK.

Last Week's Results

APCO All Stars 1, Balls Optional 0
Your Mom's Team 3, YTBD 3
Sloppy Seconds 2, Team Lush 1
Big Kids 5, Red Rovers 0

Sportspersonship Stuff

Just a reminder that **it's just kickball**. You don't have to be a d-bag about things. And we're not saying that you, personally, are a d-bag. We'd never call you a d-bag. It's the *OTHER* guy who's a d-bag. So keep an eye on him. If he (or she) plays the role of sore loser or obnoxious winner, you might consider kicking him (or her) in the fanny (the American fanny, not the British fanny). And if you are on the other side of things - facing a sore loser or an obnoxious winner - for Zod's sake, don't be a whiner about it. It's just kickball. Walk it off. Laugh it off. Move on. ... And seek revenge later.

A Rule to Remember

Slicing across the field **from 1st base to 3rd base is an imaginary line** that runs through the pitcher's mound. **No fielder is allowed to cross that imaginary line until the ball is kicked.** In other words, don't crowd the plate. If a fielder crosses that line during the pitch (before the kicker makes contact with the ball), the head umpire will call the pitch a ball.

Weather Forecast

REMINDER: Your Capital Conference Board of Directors will post or send rainout notices by 5 p.m. on game days. If you don't hear anything by 5 p.m., head to the Mall. If you get there and it's a soggy ghost town, go to the 18th Amendment. (We ALWAYS will go to the sponsor bar, rain or shine.)

FORECAST:

(This week's weather is brought to you by Weather Girl Laura T., aka Polly Pants My Ass from the Big Kids. ...)

Here's hoping the hangovers from the mid-season party. This week's FULL weather report is brought to you by 2 - which is the number of days it took this weather girl to recover from the mid-season party.

We should be enjoying cooler temperatures this week, especially on Wednesday. Also the rain should make the ground a bit softer for sliding, so kickballers won't be making any skin donations to the National Mall.

Wednesday

A.M. Showers

Hi: 77

Low: 60

Chance of Rain: 30%

Humidity: 47%

UV Index: 9 - Very High

Sunset: 8:30 p.m.
Winds will be from the northwest at 8 mph.

Thursday

Partly Cloudy

Hi: 85

Low: 69

Chance of Rain: 10%

Humidity: 53%

UV Index: 9 - Very High

Sunset: 8:31 p.m.

Winds will be from the southwest at 8 mph.

No celebrities are getting arrested for DUIs this week – so I am out of witty comments.

Party Photos!

Oh, the photos already are starting to roll in! Go to www.dckickball.org/capital and click on the strip of photos in the middle of the page to find some good shots from Saturday.

Also be advised that DC Detention's Paparazzi was zonked from a weekend wedding and a flight from New England, so we're not sure he snapped any good pics on Saturday. But it never hurts to check his site for good kickball snapshots. You can find his site at ...

<http://jk.deuley.com/dck/>

Share your own photos by uploading them to flickr and tagging them with "dckickball-capital."

This Week's Match-Ups

JP (aka The Bookie) has drawn the wagering lines. They are for entertainment purposes only – not real wagering. Pickers this week include Scott (aka ScottPockets), Marc (aka Mountaineer Dude), and Hilary (aka Hard Core).

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

DC Detention (-1) vs. Bad News Barristers

6:30 p.m.

Field A

Umps: AA-T, Freqs

Hey, DCD! Remember all those rude anonymous text messages you were getting at the mid-season party? Well, they were from us. But they were nothing compared with the rude awakening that awaits you as you take on a strong and ever-strengthening BNB team. Practice saying "objection, your honor!" right now, because BNB is going to be doing some major Johnny Cochran stuff on the field this week.

MD: BNB

HC: DCD

SP: BNB

Thick Femur (-6) vs. Campesinos

6:30 p.m.

Field B

Umps: HftB, 1.4M

You might think that Thick Femur has got this one all sewed up, but it's actually "sewn up." (It's called the past perfect tense, yo.) Clearly, this would be the upset of the season if Campesinos could rattle the bones of Femur. But that's wishing for a lot. If the 'Sinos want to beat Femur, they will have to man-bunt. Of course, what good is a man-bunt if you lose your soul because of it?

MD: TF

HC: TF

SP: TF

AA-Team (-3) vs. The Freqs

7:15 p.m.

Field A

Umps: DCD, BNB

What the smurf? We really can't figure out why The Freqs haven't won more games. They're like a blue version of the Red Rovers: They have mad field skills; they just keep screwing up. AA-Team is probably feeling pretty comfortable – what with being in fourth place in the standings and all. But so are six other teams. So that's no comfort. We kind of want to predict a tie here, but that'd be lame. And we've already reached our lame quota for this season.

MD: AA-T

HC: Freqs

SP: Freqs

Here for the Beer vs. >1.4 Miles (pick 'em)

7:15 p.m.

Field B

Umps: Femur, 'Sinos

Here for the Beer is here for a win this week. (Oops. Looks like we just exceeded our lame quota.) The team is looking to bounce back from its Week 5 loss to Thick Femur, and who better to take it out on than >1.4 Miles? (Actually, we can think of 11 teams that'd be better to take it out on.) Both of these teams are among that large pack tied for fourth place in the standings. One will break out. The other will just break. Of course, it would be easier if they all just made out instead. But that's best done at the bar, and as we all know ... never mind.

MD: >1.4M

HC: >1.4M

SP: HftB

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

Balls Optional vs. Red Rovers (-2)

6:30 p.m.

Field A

Umps: BK, YTBD

Both teams have a chance to rocket out of last place by securing a win this week. Balls Optional showed serious fighting spirit against APCO last week and stands a chance to excel again this week. But your eyes do not deceive you. The Rovers are actually favored unanimously to win this game. For any other team, that would be a lot of pressure. But for the Rovers, who approach every week with a nothing-to-lose attitude, pressure is nonexistent (as are their underpants).

MD: RR

HC: RR

SP: RR

Your Mom's Team (-4) vs. Sloppy Seconds

6:30 p.m.

Field B

Umps: APCO, TL

You're a fool if you don't put your money on the yellow team in this match-up. But seriously, this mustard-versus-butter game is going to be about as confusing as a squid orgy. With base coaches, runners, kickers, catchers, and backstops all wearing yellow, things are bound to get all tangled up. Sure wouldn't want to be an ump for this one – not because of all the yellow, but because it would mean having to play on APCO or Team Lush. (Zing!)

MD: YMT

HC: YMT

SP: YMT

Big Kids (-1) vs. YTBD

7:15 p.m.

Field A

Umps: BO, RR

GAME OF THE WEEK!

Word on the street is that the Big Kids are so nervous about playing YTBD that they've added one extra crunch to their daily physical-training routine. So that brings them up to two crunches now. YTBD meanwhile has been preparing for this game by not drinking alcohol – at least not in public. Ought to be a dern good battle. Bring your rain poncho! Someone's hopes and dreams are going to get smashed like a watermelon at a Gallagher show!

MD: YTBD

HC: BK

SP: YTBD

APCO All Stars vs. Team Lush (-3)

7:15 p.m.

Field B

Umps: YMT, SS

A couple of weeks ago we would not have hesitated to pick Lush unanimously as the projected winner of this game. But the All Stars have finally chalked up a win. So a fire has been lit in the belly of the All Stars, while only a light beer has been poured into the belly of Team Lush. (You do the math.) Complicating Lush's game this week: legitimate physical injuries. Seems TL's Kelisa broke a nail at the mid-season. (The rest of the Lushies just have twisted legs, ankles, and arms. You know. Minor stuff.)

MD: TL

HC: TL

SP: APCO

Power Poll

Thanks to JP for conducting, compiling, and composing the Power Poll – which in years past has been a staple feature of Everybody Scores! This year, however, it's a semi-retired feature. We're bringing it back this week just to keep you interested. The Power Poll ranking is calculated based on the whim-tainted votes of a secret virtual council whose full membership is known only to JP. The Power Poll means absolutely nothing. Do not take it seriously. It doesn't mean squat. If you take it seriously, five points will be automatically deducted from Slytherin House. ...

This week's Power Poll theme: MID-TERM GRADES!

1. Thick Femur

FIELD GRADE: B+

The Black Death are undefeated, as expected, but have had some real scares from the Barristers

and Here for the Beer.

BAR GRADE: B

Show up in big numbers every week, but have been shooed from the flip-cup table a little more often than we've been used to in the past.

2. Your Mom's Team

FIELD GRADE: A

Everyone expects a good performance from Your Mom's Team, but this year has been something special.

BAR GRADE: A-

Good numbers, both human and canine. Could maybe do with spreading themselves out a little more.

3. Big Kids

FIELD GRADE: A-

5-0 with three shutout wins, and lead the league in fewest runs allowed, but are only #6 in total runs scored.

BAR GRADE: B

Strong numbers every week (EXCEPT crossover week), but haven't yet demonstrated a consistent performance at the flip-cup table.

4. Y TBD

FIELD GRADE: INCOMPLETE

Two wins by a combined score of 31-6, a 3-2 loss, a forfeit loss, and a tie. Huh?

BAR GRADE: INCOMPLETE

Came out in good numbers and good spirits – when they showed up. Big goose egg at the bar last week and at the mid-season party.

5. >1.4 Miles

FIELD GRADE: B+

Undefeated except for losses to Thick Femur and the Big Kids. Could maybe go a little easier on the umpires and their opponents.

BAR GRADE: D

This grade was much higher before they started spending their post-games away from 18A. The mid-season party showed why they should come back.

6. Here for the Beer

FIELD GRADE: A-

A HUGE improvement over last year's 2-6 squad. Gave Thick Femur quite a scare, too.

BAR GRADE: A

They basically take over the basement on Wednesday nights. Have to be one of the front-runners for the Crystal Pitcher.

7. Bad News Barristers

FIELD GRADE: B+

Another team showing huge improvement over last year. They just needed to get rid of Justin.

BAR GRADE: INCOMPLETE

We'd like to see them show up a little more often!

8. DC Detention

FIELD GRADE: C+

Inconsistent. Looked like killers against AA-Team, looked like roadkill against >1.4 Miles.

BAR GRADE: A

Along with Here for the Beer, they are the class of Wednesday nights where the bar is concerned.

9. Sloppy Seconds

FIELD GRADE: B-

Started the season 2-0, then fell to 2-2, and sit in the log-jam tie for fourth place right now.

BAR GRADE: A

Easiest the most boisterous turnout and noisiest flip-cuppers in the bar on Thursdays.

10. AA-Team

FIELD GRADE: B

It's refreshing to see how often they play with a full roster. Getting a little more consistent will push this grade up.

BAR GRADE: C+

When they DO show up, they rock. But their attendance has been thin the last few weeks. And where were all their non-Elissas at the mid-season party?

11. Team Lush

FIELD GRADE: B

Started strong, but injuries could hurt them going forward .

BAR GRADE: B+

As always, huge numbers and more silly props than anyone else in the league can boast.

12. The Fregs

FIELD GRADE: C-

They lost more games in the first three weeks than they did all of last fall. They are a better team than their record would indicate, and they need to wake up.

BAR GRADE: B

Impressive numbers each week, and good turnout at mid-season. Would like to see them spread out a little more.

13. Campesinos

FIELD GRADE: C-

Yeah, they're winless, but they're also almost all rookies. They get points here for their rowdy team spirit.

BAR GRADE: C

A few of them come out every week and enjoy a nice relaxing pint on the patio. They just need to play well with others.

14. APCO All Stars

FIELD GRADE: D

Outscored 42-2 in their first three games, then a forfeit loss, then - a WIN!

BAR GRADE: INCOMPLETE

Struggling to get people to show up. What, do you all go back to work or something?

15. Red Rovers

FIELD GRADE: D+

The Rovers have many goals at the start of every season. Playing well on the field is not one of them.

BAR GRADE: B+

You can't miss 'em; they're everywhere!

16. Balls Optional

FIELD GRADE: D

They're learning to play better, but they still have a lot of work to do.

BAR GRADE: B

To their credit, they come out every week, even the week they forfeited.

(Editor's privilege: Big Kids' bar grade dropped to a B from the B+ originally assigned by Big Kid JP – all because of poor showing on crossover week. Boo!)*

Etc.

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