

That Was The Week That Was Week 6

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If this column sucks... it's not my fault. I lent Lindsay Lohan my car.

Good morning, Capital kickballers, and WELCOME to the "morning before the shindig" edition of That Was The Week That Was. We had some phenomenally tight games on the Fields of Glory this week, there was drama oozing from every basepath as the Thursday teams came back from their Memorial Day break with fire in their eyes and springs in their insteps. It was quite a week of games, many of which will be recalled at the **FABULOUS MIDSEASON BASH** tomorrow night at Hamilton's.

More on that in a moment. First, let's get right to the good stuff. **THIS WEEK'S RESULTS:**

Your Moms Team 3, YTBD 3
APCO Allstars 1, Balls Optional 0
Sloppy Seconds 2, Team Lush 1
Big Kids 5, Red Rovers 0

Which makes the **STANDINGS** look like this:

Thick Femur 5 0 0
Big Kids 5 0 0
Your Mom's Team 4 0 1
>1.4 Miles 3 2 0
Here for the Beer 3 2 0
Bad News Barristers 3 2 0
Sloppy Seconds 3 2 0
DC Detention 3 2 0
Team Lush 3 2 0
AA-Team 3 2 0
YTBD 2 2 1
APCO Allstars 1 4 0
The Freqs 1 4 0
Campesinos 0 5 0
Red Rovers 0 5 0
Balls Optional 0 5 0

"THAT WILL BE THE PARTY THAT WILL BE" OF THE WEEK

Okay everyone, shine those shoes and brush off your tophats, tomorrow night is the 10th Annual MIDSEASON EXTRAVAGANZA, being held at the fabulous HAMILTON'S BAR AND GRILL, located at 233 2nd Street, NW Washington, DC 20001. [Web site](#) | [Map](#)

There will be fun! There will be laughs! There will be cheap eats! There will be hookups! There will be all-you-care-to-consume Miller Lite, Bud Light, Yuengling, cider, and rail from 9pm to 1am! How can you go wrong?

\$10 gets you in the door, \$20 gets your friends (and maybe even parents) in. Take Metro to Union Station, or take a cab. Ride a horse. We don't care how you get there, just GET THERE.

Oh, and also? **Be kind. Tip the staff. They love you long time.**

LOGJAM OF THE WEEK

I've never seen anything like it. **SEVEN** teams are tied for fourth place in the league right now with identical 3-2 records. There's a lot of kickball to be played, of course, but as of right now, we don't have a tiebreaker system that works for that many teams. We'll keep an eye on things as we go forward.

GAME OF THE WEEK

With two one-run games and a tie to choose from, we're gonna go with the best-played one of the bunch this time out. **YTBD** and **YOUR MOM'S TEAM** played a fierce game last night down on Field A, with wild shifts in momentum, deep kicks, and rampaging runners on the basepaths. YTBD took a 2-0 lead that the Mamas came back to tie, then took a 3-2 lead into the last inning, but the resilient Mamas fought back again, forcing a run across and leaving a 3-3 tie on the scoreboard as the dust settled. Congratulations to both teams for a pair of amazing efforts!

TEAM OF THE WEEK

Oh shut up, I only get one chance a year to do this. My beloved **BIG KIDS** beat the Red Rovers last night to improve their record to 5-0, three of those wins by shutout, and leap back into a tie for first place in the league with Thick Femur. The Kids have been doing it with defense this season, allowing just three runs so far, and look to be in good shape at the season's halfway point as the real meat of the schedule approaches.

Honorable mention goes to the **APCO ALLSTARS**, who rebounded from their 0-4 start with a 1-0 win over Balls Optional in a game that was decided by the last kick of the game. What improvement! Congratulations to the Lime Legion, though they get a big BOOOOOOOOOOOOOO for not showing up to the bar to bask in their glory.

PLAY OF THE WEEK

There were great efforts all over the fields last night, so I'm destined to get some "hey, what about..." emails, so I'll apologize in advance. I'm gonna give this week's honor to Your Mom's Team's **MARC**, who made a running, back-to-the-infield snare of a YTBD fly ball that was kicked approximately into center field of Field B. Honorable mention from the same game goes to YMT's **STEVE**, who also boomed a ball way up 17th street in their game, for a home run.

WILDEST PLAYS OF THE WEEK

There was chaos on the basepaths early on as **YTBD** rampaged to score a run as their runner escaped a throw that bounced into the crowd. Mama **JIM**, whose first throw missed, scrambled to pick up the ball as another YTBD runner rounded third, but tripped, left a cloud of dust as he fell, and got tagged for the out. Over on Field B, the Big Kids' **BRIAN** took off several layers of skin as he tried to slide into first base, and the Rovers got him out with a throw to the body. While the ball ricocheted around, two other Big Kids scrambled home to score runs of their own. Great effort!

"WTF" OF THE WEEK

APCO's **RICK** is a big dude. The kind of guy who, as soon as he's seen coming up to kick, forces your outfield to back up, wayyy up to keep the kick in front of them. What happened when he came up to kick for the first time this week? He laid a clever little bunt up the third base line for a single. Nicely done, but WOW.

"GO ON, YOU BIG FLAG" OF THE WEEK

The **SLOPPY SECONDS** unveiled a lovely banner on the fields with the happy, inviting exhortation SLOPPY SECONDS – IF YOU DON'T LIKE US, ACQUIRE TASTE on one side, the other side adorned with a skull and crossbones. The Red Rovers are asking the other kickball league advice about copyright law as we speak. Props to Sloppy artsy-craftsy teacher VICTORIA for the hard work behind it.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

I can empathize with Your Mom's Team's **MARC** when he says that it's not as easy running basepaths at age 37 as it is at age 27. As he galloped to third base, he squeaked out to his base coach "remind me to get a gym membership right after this game."

JUXTAPOSITION OF THE WEEK

There's something noteworthy about so many members of a team called "**Sloppy Seconds**" playing **Erotic Photo Hunt**.

CRYSTAL PITCHER UPDATE

It was a little calmer at 18A last night, as the heat sapped a lot of teams' energy. There were strong numbers by the usual suspects, but the real standout team last night was the **SLOPPY SECONDS**, who basically took over the basement, dominating at flip cup and dancing to salsa tunes. It was impressive. Props also to **BALLS OPTIONAL**, who gathered en masse as well, and to **JIDE** from **THE FREQS**, who couldn't resist the allure of kickball specials and showed up on his off night in his blue shirt to socialize.

By default, Jide's appearance means that there were more FREQS at the bar last night than **YTBDs** and **APCO Allstars**. We can only hope that those teams took the night off to ready themselves for tomorrow night.

Okay friends, I think that's going to cover it for this week. Get back to work, SLACKER! Have a great Friday, and we'll see you at the MIDSEASON GIGGITY

GIGGITY tomorrow night, right? RIGHT! We're all back in action on the Fields of Glory next week.

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