

That Was The Week That Was Week 7

DCKickball Capital Conference

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If this column sucks... it's not my fault. I live in everlasting fear of a free Paris Hilton.

Good morning, Capital kickballers, and WELCOME to the "rounding the corner for home" edition of That Was The Week That Was. We reached the 2/3 point of the season this week, and the playoff picture looks to be starting to begin to commence coming into focus. What the games this week might have lacked in excitement, they made up for in significance, especially as the seven-way tie for fourth got broken up.

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

Balls Optional 6, Red Rovers 1
Your Moms Team 5, Sloppy Seconds 0
Big Kids 5, YTBD 0
Team Lush 3, APCO Allstars 0
DC Detention 11, Bad News Barristers 0
AA-Team 4, The Freqs 4
Here for the Beer 0, >1.4 Miles 0

Postponed, Moved to Wednesday, July 11

Thick Femur vs. Campesinos

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

Big Kids	6	0	0
Your Mom's Team	5	0	1
Thick Femur	5	0	0
DC Detention	4	2	0
Team Lush	4	2	0
>1.4 Miles	3	2	1
Here for the Beer	3	2	1
AA-Team	3	2	1
Bad News Barristers	3	3	0
Sloppy Seconds	3	3	0
YTBD	2	3	1
The Freqs	1	4	1
APCO Allstars	1	5	0

Balls Optional	1	5	0
Campesinos	0	5	0
Red Rovers	0	6	0

Note: because of the postponed game this week, standings are ordered by points (2 for a win, 1 for a tie) until everything's evened up.

Expanded standings, as always, can be found here:

<http://dckickball.org/capital/expanded-standings-summer-2007>

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

The Capital Conference would like to extend its prayers and deepest sympathies to the family of Your Mom's Team's **LINDSAY MARTI**, whose brother Nathan was killed by a drunk driver on 395 early Tuesday morning. We are very sorry to hear the news and hope for all the best in this time of great sadness for her family and her teammates.

CROSSING OVER

Make sure to check your schedule for next week, as the second of two crossover weeks is upon us. That means half the division will be playing on their normal "off" night. Here's the lowdown on the hoedown...

Wednesday, June 13

06:30PM

Campesinos vs. Your Moms Team (A)

DC Detention vs. Red Rovers (B)

07:15PM

Thick Femur vs. Balls Optional (A)

Team Lush vs. Here for the Beer (B)

Thursday, June 14

06:30PM

AA-Team vs. Big Kids (A)

Bad News Barristers vs. APCO Allstars (B)

07:15PM

The Freqs vs. Sloppy Seconds (A)

>1.4 Miles vs. YTBD (B)

Got it? Great! Let's get back to TWTWTW.

"PEOPLES BEEN ASKING" OF THE WEEK

As we maneuver around the standings and figure out who's where and who's what, I need to answer the most common question asked: **Everybody makes the playoffs.** We will have a full 16-team tournament when the season ends, handled NCAA-bracket style, with #1 vs. 16, 2 vs. 15, etc. So keep an eye on the expanded standings, you'll start seeing your opponents a bit more clearly in the coming weeks.

GAME OF THE WEEK

The **FREQS** and **AA-TEAM** played a spirited battle on Wednesday night amidst the cannons in a game worthy of GOTW honors. Though you wouldn't know it from how quiet it was. The Freqs roared out to a first inning lead, but AA-Team clawed their way back into the contest and eked out a 4-4 tie when all was said and done. Well done to both teams!

TENSEST MOMENT OF THE WEEK

Moments after the in-game declaration by **Here for the Beer's** LAUREN that "this is the most boring game ever," Things got really serious in the bottom of the last inning when **>1.4 Miles** got a runner to third in the bottom of the last inning in their Wednesday night contest. Some smart defense held the runner at third as the bases loaded up with two outs, but a last-kicker foul out ended the game in a 0-0 tie. Well done ... to both teams' defenses!

PLAY OF THE WEEK

The contest between the Bad News Barristers and DC Detention was still in the early stages when DCD's **JEFF CHAPMAN** came up to kick with the bases loaded. Like lightning in a bottle, Jeff thundered a kick to deep left field and stormed around the bases for that rarest of rare (in kickball anyway) grand slam home run. Four runs score, six run lead, and for all intents and purposes, game over. Well done!

FUNNY PLAY OF THE WEEK

AKA "always count your outs" of the week. In the midst of the Freqs' big early rally Wednesday night, co-cap **JONATHAN OLSEN** dashed for third base while an out was made elsewhere on the field. Jonathan started to make his way to the sideline. The problem? There were only two outs. AA-Team whipped the ball back to the pitcher who made the tag for the easiest out anyone had all season, much less this week.

Honorable mention goes to the **RED ROVERS SIDELINE**, who waited a full ten seconds to celebrate a run that scored. They didn't really see what was going on as their lady runner rounded third and sprinted home while a play was going on at second base. After a long pause, we heard "did she score? She scored! WHOOOOOOOOOO!"

TEAM OF THE WEEK

AKA "off the schneid" of the week. **BALLS OPTIONAL** finally put everything together and won their first game of the season, stunning the Red Rovers with a 6-1 win on Thursday night. There was chaos all over the basepaths, as players in pink scored more runs in one game than they had all season and cruised to victory. Congratulations!

"HOW IN THE HELLS" OF THE WEEK

TEAM LUSH has scored nine runs in six games this season, third worst in the league, and they are tied for fourth place. **HERE FOR THE BEER** has allowed 26 runs in six games this season, fourth worst in the league, and they're tied for sixth. **YTBD** has scored 35 runs this season, third best in the league, and they're in 11th place.

Topsy turvy world, this kickball league.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

HERE FOR THE BEER put on a stunning flip cup clinic in the basement Wednesday night, crushing challenger after challenger until a combined team of AA-Team and DC Detention finally vanquished them. H4TB's **LAUREN**: "It took a team of alcoholics and convicts to beat us."

"HEY NOW, HEY NOW HEY NOW" OF THE WEEK

There has been a smattering of complaints in the last couple of week about cup flippers in the basement. First and foremost, fun though they may be, these best-of-nine and best-of-eleven matchups take a long time to play, tend to monopolize the table and not let some other eager players flip. So please be conscious of other players, and share the wealth. Play reasonable games. Trust me, after seeing some of you all, you could use a break from time to time.

Second, if you lose the game and leave the table, make sure the pitchers you take away with you are yours. Some teams have (surely unintentionally) walked away with other peoples' beer the last couple of weeks. Maybe I'm just old school, but regardless, aren't you supposed to leave your pitchers behind when you lose anyway? To the victor goes the spoils, or so I've always thought. Then again, back in my day, we played flip cup with iron flagons that you had to use catapults to flip.

CRYSTAL PITCHER UPDATE

Once again, Thursday night was the night to be seen at the 18th Amendment, as the place was packed to the rafters with jolly kickballers all night. The "Big Five" were well represented both nights, with the aforementioned Here for the Beer domination of the flip cup table on Wednesday. Newcomers **SLOPPY SECONDS** basically owned the table on Thursday.

"Much improved socially" honors go to **YTBD**, who actually showed up on Thursday night (and played flip cup, too), and let's make some noise for **YOUR MOMS TEAM**, who basically owned the upstairs (and the smoking area outside) all night.

APBs are still out for >1.4 Miles (who are running the risk of earning the nickname "1.4 CM" if they don't stop going to bars contracted to other leagues), APCO, and the Bad News Barristers.

Okay friends, I think that's going to cover it for this week. Get back to work, SLACKER! Have a great weekend, and we'll see you on the Fields of Glory next week.

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