

That Was The Week That Was Week 8

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If this column sucks... it's not my fault. I'm suing my cobbler for losing my shoelaces.

Good morning, Capital kickballers, and WELCOME to the "what a week this was" edition of That Was The Week That Was. We saw some stellar performances by some underdogs this week, as each of the top three teams in the standings had a narrow escape and survived what would have been a major shakeup in the standings as we close in on the end of the season. Some teams who have been sandbagging it all year came alive this week, and suddenly the playoff picture is looking a lot more interesting. So is week 9. Mark your calendars.

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

AA-Team 1, Big Kids 1
Bad News Barristers 10, APCO Allstars 6
The Freqs 7, Sloppy Seconds 1
>1.4 Miles 3, YTBD 1
Your Moms Team 1, Campesinos 0
DC Detention 12, Red Rovers 0
Thick Femur 7, Balls Optional 6 (3 innings)
Here for the Beer 5, Team Lush 1 (3 innings)

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

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

Balls Optional	1	6	0
Campesinos	0	6	0
Red Rovers	0	7	0

Note: because of some teams having played seven games and other teams six, 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>

TIE ME UP! TIE ME DOWN!

As we get to the last few games of the season, it's time to revisit the tiebreaker procedure once again. Thankfully, that massive seven team logjam from a few weeks back has gone away for good, but there are remnants out there that will need to be taken care of. The editing crew of TWTWTW has endeavored to keep these tiebreakers in mind in the extended standings, but come on really. Who cares that much at this point, especially with so much kickball to go? But when it's time to polish this thing off at the end of the season, here's what the Capital Conference Competition Committee has been using for tiebreakers for the past few years:

1. Better head-to-head record, where applicable
2. Fewer forfeit losses
3. Better record against common opponents
4. Better run differential in games vs. common opponents
5. Harder strength of schedule
6. Better overall run differential
7. Coin flip
8. In absence of coin, rock-paper-scissors
9. In absence of hands, bribes

Got it?



Great! Back to TWTWTW, already in progress.

GO EASY, OR DON'T GO AT ALL

We need to get something straight for people here after some of the displays we saw on the field this week: **Go easy on your refs. Refs are volunteers. It's not an easy job. Don't make it more difficult.**

Let's mention another important thing here, while we're at it: **only the co-captains**

are allowed to argue calls. A whole sideline yowling at a ref - particularly about a call that's perfectly legal – is an ugly scene. You want to carry it like that, go play in the other league.

Got it? Good. Now let's get back to the silly stuff.

GAME OF THE WEEK

Almost everyone reading this newsletter is too young to remember a middleweight fight in 1985 between "Marvelous" Marvin Hagler and Tommy "Hit Man" Hearns. Calling it savage is an understatement, as each fighter beat the hell out of the other one until Hagler knocked an exhausted Hearns out in just the third round. I mention this because **THICK FEMUR-BALLS OPTIONAL** was game of the week.

Balls Optional had Femur on the ropes, I mean really on the ropes, with a 6-2 lead going into the last inning of a game that was shortened to three innings by Wednesday's storms. But Femur, who have got to be the most resilient team in the history of kickball (ask them about the Miracle on Constitution Avenue), put five runs on the board, including a grand slam by **Matt Seiler**, in the top of the third and held on for a three-inning 7-6 win.

To the victors, congratulations. To the vanquished, WOW. And for any of you interested in the boxing match I was talking about, go here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZYHSHd1xfpY>

PLAY OF THE WEEK

Seiler's grand slam, mentioned above, gets the nod this week not only because it was a great play, but because of the huge effect it had on the outcome of their game. Honorable mentions go to the **Campesinos** pitcher, who caught a line drive kick and whipped the ball to first to double up a YMT runner, to the **Red Rover** outfielder who made a spectacular diving catch, to **Here for the Beer's** two-player bounce-deflect-volleyball-set-catch in their outfield, and to **AA-Team's Elissa**, who snagged line drive after line drive to squelch rallies by my beloved Big Kids.

Jerk.

TEAM OF THE WEEK

THE FREQS were third place finishers in the fall league, and everyone was wondering what the hell was going on when they started their season 1-4 with only a forfeit win to show for their toils. Well, they have awakened, and the rest of us had better look out. They trounced Sloppy Seconds 7-1 on Thursday night with a strong performance, and are suddenly looking like the team we expected them to be when the season started. Well done! For your reward, you get Thick Femur next week.

Let's also make some noise for **DC DETENTION**, whose 12-0 win over the Red Rovers ensures them of their first-ever season with five or more wins, and almost certainly guarantees that they'll finish with their best seed ever in the playoffs, topping last year's #8.

WEDNESDAY DOMINATION

Sigh. We thought things would be different in the new league. But once again, Wednesday kickballers dominated both crossover weeks, going 6-1-1 this time out and 5-3 back in week four, for an aggregate record of 11-4-1.

HAIR OF THE CHINNY CHIN CHIN AND ALL THAT STUFF

Going into this week, my beloved **Big Kids**, **Your Mom's Team**, and **Thick Femur** were a combined 16-0-1 and favored to win their games by 3, 7, and 10 runs respectively. Well, they emerged from the week 18-0-2, but not before **AA-Team**, **Campesinos**, and **Balls Optional** gave each of them one of the scares of the season. And though we're still pretty certain that those three teams are most likely to be the top three seeds in the playoffs, none of them looked particularly invincible this week.

NUPTIALS OF THE WEEK

The Capital Conference would like to extend its sincere congratulations and warmest regards to Your Mom's Team's **Marc England** and **Jessica Ruiz**, who will be jumping the broom tomorrow in front of a ton of kickball friends. We also would like to do the same for Your Mom's Team's **Jeff Tackett** and Big Kid **Lauren Havighurst**, who did the same last Saturday in a lovely ceremony that brought us the...

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Lauren and Jeff met back when their teams played in the other division, and have been one of our sport's cutest couples ever since. Their chance meeting was mentioned by the minister in their ceremony last Saturday: "God can do many things. But only God can bring two people together via kickball."

Honorable mention goes to Here for the Beer's DAN, who, while observing DCD's Brian hollering like a madman at the flip cup table, uttered "I thought Carlton wasn't here tonight."

JELLO SHOT OF THE WEEK

DCD's Amy Thek has been slacking on the creative jello front this season, and now she has a new challenger for her spot. Big Kid **HOLLY** brewed up special shots with maraschino cherries in the middle – aka "little kickballs." Very clever!

CRYSTAL PITCHER UPDATE

Crossover week brought a lot of the CP favorites to the bar on Wednesday night this week, and it was clearly the night to be seen at the 18th Amendment as all eight teams brought great numbers to the bar. Once again, **Here for the Beer** dominated a crowded flip cup table, and **DC Detention** gave them a serious run for their money. Special commendation also goes to the **Campesinos**, who were not only INSIDE the bar, but were spotted flipping cups in the basement as well.

Thursday night was a different story for the overall bar, but the teams who came out did a great job keeping the basement packed. My beloved **Big Kids** owned the flip cup table this time out, and the bar was jammed with **Freqs** and **Sloppy Seconds** dancing and mingling.

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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