

That Was The Week That Was Week 9

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If this column sucks... it's not my fault. [The boss is giving me a dirty look.](#)

Good morning, Capital kickballers, and WELCOME to the "in sight of the finish line" edition of That Was The Week That Was. With one week of regular season games to go (is it just me, or has this season gone by way too quickly?), this extraordinary kickball season etched out yet another week of drama, stellar plays, and a surprise rainstorm. THANK YOU to all the Thursday refs, players, and captains, who waited out a half hour rain delay while the weather passed by and we were still able to get four full games of five innings played. Well done to everyone!

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

Big Kids 4, Team Lush 1
YTBD 4, Sloppy Seconds 1
APCO Allstars 6, Red Rovers 0
Your Moms Team 7, Balls Optional 0
AA-Team 4, Bad News Barristers 4
Here for the Beer 1, DC Detention 0
>1.4 Miles 4, Campesinos 0
Thick Femur 2, The Freqs 1

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

Big Kids	7	0	1
Your Mom's Team	7	0	1
Thick Femur	7	0	0
>1.4 Miles	5	2	1
Here for the Beer	5	2	1
DC Detention	5	3	0
Bad News Barristers	4	3	1
AA-Team	3	2	3
Team Lush	4	4	0
YTBD	3	4	1
Sloppy Seconds	3	5	0
The Freqs	2	5	1
APCO Allstars	2	6	0

Balls Optional	1	7	0
Campesinos	0	7	0
Red Rovers	0	8	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.

Tiebreakers: The Big Kids and >1.4 Miles each have better records against common opponents than Your Mom's Team and Here for the Beer, respectively.

Expanded standings, as always, can be found here:

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

PLAYOFF SCHEDULE NEWS

With one week of games to go, it's time to start looking at the calendar to see what we have ahead of us. The league has one more week of regularly-scheduled games next week, then we're off for the Fourth of July. The following week is set aside for any rainouts rescheduled, so for many teams that will likely mean a second week off. Then, starting **WEDNESDAY JULY 18** and **THURSDAY JULY 19**, we will play the first round of playoffs. The following week, **JULY 25-26**, will be the second round, and the semifinals and final will be played on **SATURDAY, JULY 28**.

Any playoff games rained out will be pushed into the days of the next round. Any second round games rained out will be played earlier on Saturday the 28th.

Got it?



KEEP YOUR CALENDARS FREE

Speaking of the playoffs, teams have been asking about which night their first round playoff game will be played on. Here's how the playoffs will be scheduled: **where applicable**, we will schedule the playoff games on the "home" night of the higher seeded team. I say "**where applicable**" because some higher-seeded teams may get bumped to the other night based on the matchups of the other games, whether all of the higher seeded teams are from the same night, or playing teams from the same night, etc.

As of right now, it looks like a couple of Wednesday teams are going to be bumped to Thursday. With this week's games in the books, we have six Wednesday teams in a row who are going to be the higher seed in their playoff games. The top four of those are guaranteed to play on Wednesday night; the rest will be bumped. As of

right now, the two teams who would be bumped are the **BAD NEWS BARRISTERS** and **AA-TEAM**.

There's still next week's games to be played, and teams will be leapfrogging each other all over the place, so nothing's set in stone, but stay flexible!

Got it?



Oh well, let's get back to TWTWTW, already in progress.

GAME OF THE WEEK

We paid extra special attention to the **DC DETENTION – HERE FOR THE BEER** contest this week, it might have been the most evenly-matched game we saw played all year. H4TB actually pitched a perfect game into the third inning, as their stout defense kept the penitent ones off the basepaths despite hundreds of jello shots being bounced all over the field. Seriously. This game was brought to you by Kraft Foods and Skyy vodka. DCD was no slouch either, as their defense played up to their usual standard of excellence. After the play of the week (see below) gave H4TB a 1-0 lead, DCD pressed, and actually had a runner on third in the last inning before the chug kids put the game away 1-0. Well done to both teams for a fantastic display of kickball!

PLAY OF THE WEEK

It wasn't possible to segue this one into the GOTW as easily as usual this time, sorry to say. Here for the Beer's **ALISON** slugged a home run to right field that bounced among the tourists and provided the winning margin in their close game. A gaggle of kickball old-timers surmised it was the first home run kicked by a woman since the Cranston sisters terrorized the league back in the old country. Well done!

Honorable mentions go to **AA-TEAM's** outfielder who slung a desperation throw away from his body to nail a scampering Barrister steps away from home plate, to the **BALLS OPTIONAL** outfielder who stifled the onslaught in their game with a very nice feet-first sliding catch, and to the Big Kids shortstop **HILARY**, who hit the deck three different times to make catches and bat balls to second and third base to make outs. Well done!

FUNNY PLAY OF THE WEEK

I promise, good things happened in other games too, but this can't go without mention. DCD's **SUSAN** was anxious to make a play as she stood on second base. Rip, snort, ready to go. So when her opportunity came, she FLEW off the base, in a MAD SPRINT...

...right to first base.

No one knows why.

ROCKETTES OF THE WEEK

The **CAMPESINOS** were having a lot of fun with the patriotic music being played at the Twilight Tattoo Wednesday night. Several outfielders and sideline-dwellers were seen doing high kicks in time to the music. The only problem was the kickballs flying around. Because, you know, the game was still going on.

TEAM OF THE WEEK

Where have you been all season, **APCO ALLSTARS**? The lime-green monsters thumped the Red Rovers 6-0 last night despite a complete self-professed lack of strategy. The team who lost their first four games by a combined 42-2 plus a forfeit have actually won two of their last four games and have scored evenly with their opponents, 13-13. Is this a team on the rise? They're up to 13th place as we speak. Look out!

THE YEAR OF LIVING DANGEROUSLY

THICK FEMUR are undefeated and in the drivers seat to finish in the much-cursed first place in the league, but for the third straight game, and fourth out of five, they squeaked past their opponents with a 1-run win. This game will be sponsored by General Electric's Defibrillator Division.

BROKEN REC- BROKEN REC- BROKEN REC OF THE WEEK

Do people in this league even remember records? Maybe I should call this the "CD Skip" of the week. For what must be the 1000th time in ten years of kickball, Femur's **CARLTON** scored a run. How did he do it? The **SAME EXACT WAY HE SCORED ALL THE OTHER ONES**. Come on folks, learn to defend this thing. It's like the Five Guys Menu – only six things, but they're all done to perfection. Nothing new. To wit:

- (1) Carlton bunts to get on first base.
- (2) Next Femur kicker kicks short to the right side. Pitcher picks up the ball and throws to first.
- (3) Carlton rounds second and heads for third
- (4) Defense throws to third to try and get Carlton out.
- (5) Defense mishandles ball at third.
- (6) Carlton runs in to score.

You want fries with that? Regular or Cajun?

"ABOVE AND BEYOND" OF THE WEEK

The Big Kids' **JAKE** happened by the fields on Wednesday night as he was biking around the Mall. While he was visiting, **AA-TEAM** was in serious danger of a forfeit, with their last woman circling the fields looking for a place to park her car. In one of the most selfless acts I've ever seen, Jake went off to meet the lady in her car and parked it while she ran up to the fields to play the game. Big thanks to Big Jake!

Maybe even from the Barristers, in time.

DRESS CODE NOTICE OF THE WEEK

Okay, it's time to get more serious about this. WAY too many players played this week without their DCKickball shirts. Special circumstances are always kept in mind, especially in cases like last night's storm, but please consider this as being on notice for the rest of the season: **all players participating in games must wear their team shirt from here on out.** I say this because two Campesinos were wearing grossly offensive shirts in their game this week (Manchester United strips).

BIG THANK YOU OF THE WEEK

To all the **captains, umpires and players** who came out to play last night despite no weather notice from the league. We had NO idea, I mean literally NO idea that any rain was coming anywhere near the area last night, and when the storm hit at 6:10, it looked bleak. But the captains remembered the weather hotline number (I know because I received 29 calls in ten minutes) and kept their teams informed when we announced the 30-minute rain delay. With a few minor exceptions, all of last night's games went off without a hitch.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Ain't no humor like cannon humor. A foul ball on field A bounced into Field B on Wednesday night, causing a short delay while it was retrieved. Right as the >1.4 Miles player gathered in the ball, the mighty nightly triple-cannon blast shattered the twilight sky, sending kickballers running for cover. Without skipping a beat, Femur's **BRIAN** Looked straight at the Miler and said "NEVER COME ON THIS FIELD AGAIN!"

Honorable mention goes to the **Campesinos** lady outfielder who circled under a fly ball saying "I got it.... NO I DON'T!"

TEAM CHANT OF THE WEEK

The winless **RED ROVERS** revealed that they've been sandbagging it all season when they called out at the end of their game "WE'RE SAVING IT FOR THE PLAYOFFS!"

ODDEST SIGHT OF THE WEEK

Wednesday night's basement was inhabited by six ladies dressed in sexy nurse outfits, which garnered a lot of attention from the kickball men – and a lot of lame jokes about needing physicals. Turns out they had been up protesting the premiere of "Sicko" up on Connecticut Avenue.

Careful – this might inspire a theme for the End of Season Party.

GOLD STAR FOR CREATIVITY OF THE WEEK

Okay, Victoria, I'm finally going to mention you in one of these things! No doubt you've noticed **SLOPPY SECONDS'** creatively decorated shirts. You might not know that most of them were designed and executed by SS's **MOUTH FROM THE SOUTH**, who wants to thank her Mom for teaching her to draw cartoons. We WOULD want to

thank Victoria for keeping things non-obscene, but we should be careful, some shirts haven't been decorated yet.

CRYSTAL PITCHER UPDATE

First mention this week has to go to **BALLS OPTIONAL**, who came out to the 18th Amendment in good numbers... BOTH NIGHTS! Well done! Liver exams are on the left.

HERE FOR THE BEER and **DC DETENTION** staged a titanic flip cup struggle Wednesday night. All I saw was DCD winning, but H4TB's Lauren assures me that they were only playing their "B" squad, when their "A" squad had called it a night, by the time I got there. Email from Shanor calling BS coming in 5... 4.. 3...

Strong numbers on Wednesday also by **AA-TEAM**, **FREQS**, and **THICK FEMUR** as well, and hey, get this... the **BAD NEWS BARRISTERS** have actually promised they will show up at the bar next week! Hooray!

Thursday was, in a relative sense anyway, a little more subdued than usual this week, almost certainly brought on my the rain and the delayed start of games (and thus late arrival). But let's give out some love to **TEAM LUSH** and the **RED ROVERS**, who flooded the place (pun!) as usual. Also a "most improved" award has to go out to **YTBD**, who showed up for the third straight week and were actually seen socializing. We think it has to do with their new Executive Planning Committee of Fun, or EPFC (pronounced EP-FIK!)

Okay friends, this one has gone on **WAY** too long. 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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