

WEEK 5 EXPERT PICKS WE'RE GETTING BETTER EACH WEEK. FIND OUT WHO WINS TONIGHT!

**RECAPS
RANKINGS
AND THAT'S
ABOUT IT!**

**SKEET SKEET
SCORES
1ST RUN!**

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**Not much to talk about.
Just enjoy the view.**



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HOLA KICKBALLERS! COMO ESTAS? As you folks might have noticed by now, this issue of Kickball ESPN is much abbreviated, as our entire staff is currently in Cancun, Mexico covering the annual Spring Break Really Wet T-shirt Championships. Believe us when we say we'd rather be back home with you guys. And

if you believe that, boy do we have this new home based business opportunity that would be perfect for you to throw your money into.

Week 5 is upon us, and the good thing now is that every time has finally scored a run. Yes, Skeet Skeet got the monkey off their backs and scored in a run last week against Gotham's #1 team, Mobile Homies. And that's what kickball is all about – scoring on the field and scoring off the field. If you seriously fail to do that, then you must be a really lonely person.

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Now some of you may be thinking why do we even bother with the newsletters if we're out on the beautiful beaches of Cancun. Well, it's not so much that we care, but that some idiot who's got a torn meniscus in his right knee thought he's be fine going on a dive with some black nose tip sharks, only to discover that attaching a fin to the foot of an injured knee and the added resistance from the ocean water do not a healthy or good combination make. So let's just say that a certain someone will not be participating in some afternoon activities and instead is sitting poolside with his laptop to get this issue completed. Bastards!

Anyway, we all talked last week about big parties coming up. We'll go into more detail starting next week. For now, enjoy your games, enjoy this shortened issue, and hopefully your NCAA Brackets aren't already in the trash. Adios!

-Sa Dizzle
The Kickball Hombre



STANDINGS RANKINGS

WEEK 4 AT A GLANCE

Mobile Homies def. Skeet Skeet (14-1)
 Real Talk def. Balls Deeper (8-2)
 Schweaty Balls def. Ballz N Dollz (10-3)
 Costa Messy def. With Ourselves (3-2)

Vampirates def. DDBK (12-3)
 New Kicks def. Red Ball Vadka (10-0)
 Burning Sensations def. Drunk Again (5-4)
 TYMT def. Average Joes (6-0)

SURF CITY STANDINGS

BATMAN LEAGUE

TEAM	W	L	T	PT	RS	RA
Mobile Homies	4	0	0	8	35	6
Costa Messy	3	1	0	6	30	10
W/ Ourselves	3	1	0	6	15	9
Richard & TSB	2	2	0	4	20	9
Real Talk	2	2	0	4	15	7
Balls Deeper	1	3	0	2	23	22
Ballz N Dollz	1	3	0	2	13	43
Skeet Skeet	0	4	0	0	1	45

SUPERMAN LEAGUE

TEAM	W	L	T	PT	RS	RA
Vampirates	4	0	0	8	38	5
Tell Your Mom	4	0	0	8	24	4
Brn Sensations	3	1	0	6	30	18
Drunk ALTS	2	2	0	4	21	14
Average Joes	1	2	1	3	16	27
New Kick OTB	1	3	0	2	12	20
Red Ball Vadka	0	3	1	1	8	30
Drunk Dgrnts	0	4	0	0	10	40

KICKBALL POWER RANKINGS

1	VAMPIRATES A phenomenal season thus far, but tonight's game against Drunk Again LTS is first real test.
2	MOBILE HOMIES First team to give up a run to Skeet Skeet. Will never be able to live that down the rest of season.
3	TELL YOUR MOM THANKS Even without star pitcher, team throws shutout. League leading defense getting even better.
4	COSTA MESSY Survived a fierce overtime battle with With Ourselves. Mid season and team is in championship form.
5	TEAM BURNING SENSATIONS Nice upset on league veterans DALTS. Will the roids be able to help them against Tell Your Mom?
6	WITH OURSELVES* So this is what it feels like to lose rookies. Great match against CM, but Homies are next tonight.
7	RICHARD & THE SCHWEATY BALLS Back to their winning ways. Against Balls Deeper tonight they need to pile runs cause CM is next week.
8	REAL TALK Back in stride just in time for a battle of the 2008 Champions, Costa Messy (fall) vs Real Talk (spring).
9	DRUNK AGAIN & LOOKING TO SCORE Team going through first ever 2 game losing streak. Make it 3 when they have to walk the plank tonight.
10	AVERAGE JOES(Spanish pronunciation)* Without their trash talking enforcer, Average Joes play well below average and fail to score.
11	BALLS DEEPER The ranks decent begins. Can team do anything to stop the slide? Not with SB, CM and MH up next.
12	NEW KICKS ON THE BLOCK 10-0? Wtf did that come from? Oh wait, Captain Patrick was out of town. Explains a lot.
14	BALLZ N DOLLZ Despite giving up as many runs as Skeet Skeet, BnD able to at least score runs, though not much.
13	RED BALL & VADKA Still recovering from last week's trash talk debacle, Red Ball lay a complete egg against New Kicks.
15	DRUNK DEGENERATE BALL KICKERS Team was no match for the barrage of runs and water cannons that were fired by Vampirates.
16	SKEET SKEET Stop the presses. Call the president! Skeet Skeet scored a run – and against the Mobile Homies!

*Rookie team aka kickball virgins.

FLIP CUP POWER RANKINGS

1. DRUNK DEGENERATE BK
2. TELL YOUR MOM THANKS
3. WITH OURSELVES
4. VAMPIRATES
5. BURNING SENSATIONS

6. AVERAGE JOES
7. BALLS DEEPER
8. REAL TALK
9. BALLZ N DOLLZ
10. DRUNK AGAIN LTS

11. RED BALL & VADKA
12. NEW KICKS OTB
13. SKEET SKEET
14. SCHWEATY BALLS
15. MOBILE HOMIES
16. COSTA MESSY

GAME DAY PREDICTIONS

Join ESPN's Game Day Psychic Justin Wiebe as he dissects each and every match-up and offers his expert analysis on each team.

Spread, breakdowns, picks – he's got them all.
Because when it comes down to predicting victory,
you've got to make a bunch of sh*t up.

ESPN Game of the Week:

Mobile Homies (-1) vs. With Ourselves (+1)

With Ourselves comes in having faced their first loss of the season in OT to the reigning Orange County Kickball Champions, Costa Messy. Mobile Homies are still riding high on an undefeated record and look to roll through these rookies. The game was just as billed with both offenses struggling to find the holes in the defense. The Mobile Homies end up with the win in the bottom of the fifth when they take a drag on their last cigarette and get one past the right fielder for the last run and the win. *Mobile Homies - 1, With Ourselves - 0.*

Costa Messy (-1) vs. Real Talk (+1)

Costa Messy continues its run through the heart of the Batman leagues when they face past champions Real Talk. Both teams again play superb defense but the addition of Greg Earl back for Costa Messy propels them through to the end like one of Greg's punches through the face of a New Kicks on the Block team member.

Costa Messy - 2, Real Talk - 1

Balls Deeper (+7) vs. Richard AHSB (-7)

Richard and His Wetness Down There come into this game trying to find themselves. They find themselves on the right side of a blow out win against perennial cellar dwellers Balls Deeper. The game is never in doubt as Richard gets some much needed drying out time down there. *Richard and His Wetness Down There - 8, Balls Deeper - 1*

Ballz n Dollz (-2) vs. Skeet Skeet (+2)

ESPN Kickball Experts were horrified last week to learn Skeet Skeet managed to score a run against first place Mobile Homies. With this momentum it led Skeet Skeet to come into this game hungry for a win. (Ed. Note: For the record, Skeet Skeet considers a win scoring a run or more and only losing by under 8 runs.) The game was sloppy and Ballz n Dollz did all they could to give this game away until Skeet Skeet ultimately realized they were Skeet Skeet and rolled over. *Ballz n Dollz - 9, Skeet Skeet - 7*

Vampirates (-2) vs. Drunk Again LTS (+2)

Oh how the once mighty have fallen. Drunk Again and Looking to Score seems to have forgotten how to play kickball though they certainly haven't forgotten how to be league @\$holes. Vampirates have their first real test of the season and respond with an impressive game playing something called defense that the Superman league has not seen a lot of outside of Tell Your Mom. *Vampirates - 3, Drunk Again - 1*

Burning Sensation (+5) vs. Tell Your Mom Thanks (-5)

The upstarts on Burning Sensation look to Tell Your Mom No Thanks but end up being yet another victim of this team of soon to be card carrying AARP members. With the help of a number of well placed kicks off of walkers and wheel chairs Tell Your Mom Thanks easily disposes of Burning Sensation. *Tell Your Mom Thanks - 5, Burning Sensation - 0*

Average Joes (-1) vs. New Kicks OTB (+1)

New Kicks on the Block are currently under investigation by WAKA for what officials are saying was a complete substitution of their team in last weeks first wins of the season. With the investigation on their weak and feeble shoulders New Kicks OTB allow a late run that costs them the game. *Average Joes - 6, New Kicks OTB - 5*

Red Ball Vadka (+2) vs. Drunk Degenerates (-2)

With WAKAs current investigation of the New Kicks OTB game last week Red Ball Vadka received word that they would be allowed to continue in kickball until further notice. WAKA had initially cut Red Ball Vadka from the league after having lost an embarrassing game to New Kicks on the Block last week. With the game still in question Red Ball Vadka appeared to be flustered and allowed several easy runs to get through and the eventual loss to Drunk Degenerates. *Drunk Degenerates - 4, Red Ball Vadka - 2*

WEEK 4 RECAPS



*Seriously, are you that busy you can't spend a few minutes in-between flossing your cat and clipping your toe nails to give us a quick rehash of your game? For your lack of effort, the **ESPN** hereby proclaims your team as Douchebags of the Week!*

**Schweatty Balls | Real Talk | Red Ball & Vadka
New Kicks OTB | Drunk Again LTS | Balls Deeper**

WITH OURSELVES

It was a cool and tranquil Monday evening as the sweet smell of clovers came whisking down the Irish countryside into Edisonland. The moon began to rise which signaled it was time for another festival of kickball. Little green leprechauns came running in from all over the land to perform their weekly ceremony. Enjoying the playful night, they laughed as their balls were tickled by the long swaying grass on the field.

All the sudden, the sound of water cannons were heard in the distance, and the joyful laughter fell to a silence. The Celtic ceremony fell into a frenzy. At that moment, two armies found themselves in the midst of a civil war, and realized that playing With Ourselves was going to create an epic mess along the coast.

After both armies invading home base twice, they found themselves holding fire after the 5th battle. Avoiding the slapping of hands and fists to finish the war, Costa Messy decided they were willing to push forward until their opponent was green in the face. Battling one ball at a time and managing to hold their own in the 6th, Costa Messy penetrated home base for the third time that evening and conceived their prize.

Congrats to Costa Messy for discovering that there is gold at the end of a rainbow. Little did they know, they had awoken a sleeping green giant. Join us for the conclusion of this fairytale during playoff season. Until then, sweet dreams Costa Messy, your luck is about to end.

COSTA MESSY

The weather was brisk as defending Orange County Kickball Champions Costa Messy took the field against the rookie upstarts on With Ourselves Monday night. Both teams played smart defense and kept the game close going into the fifth inning with Costa Messy trailing 2-1. Well placed kicks and heads up base running eventually evened the game at two apiece. With both teams looking dejected at the prospect of a tie game the mighty commissioner would step in to announce a new tie breaker in the Surf City league.

Both teams would play another inning with the team up to kick putting a runner on second base to start the inning. The defense in turn was only allowed eight defenders, four of each sex. The OC Champions were able to get out of the top half of the inning without allowing a run and it would be up to the bottom of their lineup to come through with a win. It came down to two outs with a runner on second and third when rookie Sean "Why don't we go out to the bar like all the other teams?" Oberbeck strolled to the plate and lined a pitch over the second baseman's head for the go ahead run and OT victory. With the win Costa Messy moved into second place, dropping With Ourselves to third place.

When asked for comments in the locker room the players on With Ourselves said they were extremely excited yet nervous to play their idols on Costa Messy. The team pitcher was quoted as saying, "Man, we watched these guys all through the playoffs last year and realized that is the way kickball is supposed to be played. I was really hoping Greg "Muscle Milk" Earl would have been there tonight as I owe my creatine and Muscle Milk shake addiction to him. I was really hoping to get an autographed bar bell or at least Muscle Milk 2.0 box signed." Costa Messy was excited after the win but knew their season was not even half way completed. Costa Messy management had the following comments in their post game press conference when asked about their team, "We have a long way to go. Those guys showed us something and gave us the best game of the season. We are already working with BALCO on a new product in the event we face those guys again in the playoffs."

AVERAGE JOES

Let's just make it really clear that the no trash talking rule is retarded. It completely threw us off of our game. Next week we plan on bringing it big time, and mark my words that sticks and stones will break your bones, but our words will f*cking kill you. Thanks.

TELL YOUR MOM THANKS

Tell Your Mom Thanks continued steam-rolling through the Superman League with another classy shutout Monday night, doing away with Average Joes, 6 - 0. AND THEY DID IT WITHOUT THE GOLDEN ARM (which, mind you, was just short of broken after Friday night's dodgeball debacle) OF THEIR CAPTAIN AND PITCHER, JAKE. Don't worry, Average Joes...after all, you're average and, well, we're not! While details on the game are limited, it's safe to say that TYMT is really clicking on both sides of the ball right now and will vie for the division crown later this season.

I was informed, however, that, led by Austin "The Hammer" Cathey, TYMT also had an awfully strong showing at the bar later that evening, torching both Skeet Skeet (wait, seriously, I thought y'all were the drinking-game gurus...I mean, after all, y'all SUCK on the field, so you've got to make up for it somewhere, right?) and Team Burning Sensations at flip cup. Bravo, team, bravo. As for Team Burning Sensations, get used to that "defeated" feeling, kids, 'cause it's gonna happen once more on the field next Monday night!

SKEET SKEET

It was much of a surprise that Skeet Skeet had actually started a game with no less than 11 players on the field, but at no surprise, they have lost another game. After three games with zero runs, Chong (team Skeet Skeet captain) was determined to end that streak. It started off badly when Chong was unable to defeat Mobile Homies' captain at Rochambeau. Mobile Homies must have been reading the recaps and has learned that Chong always throws the hammer. The first place ranking team against the lowest ranking team, this was going to be a slaughter of epic proportions. At bottom of the last inning with Skeet Skeet losing 0-14, Chong was up to kick first. First pitch, ball. Second pitch, strike. Third pitch started to roll to the left and was going to be a ball, but Chong kicks it anyways. This caught Mobile Homies off guard, but unfortunately it was a weak ground ball that was going right to the pitcher. Without hesitation Chong raced to first with this cape flapping behind him as if he was flying through the air. The tie goes to the runner and he was safe on first! Next up was co-captain, Kurtis. Failing to keep the ball low, his kick was caught by Mobile Homies' short stop. Third kicker was Damon, who you may have read in last weeks recap that he was fitted with bionic parts after an horrible mishap with his parachute. Thanks to Skeet Skeet's sponsor and insurance carrier Vicencia & Buckley Insurance Services, Inc., Damon was now better, stronger, faster. With the fear popping the kickball with a super-bionic kick, Damon ended up kicking to ball much too softly and allowed the catcher to hurl the ball to first base before Damon could get there. However, this allowed just enough time for Chong to make it all the way to third base. At the

bottom of the last inning with two outs, it was up to Dave to take Chong home for Skeet Skeet's first run. It was a ground ball that zoomed past the short stop then onto the outfield. Chong finally scores the first run for Skeet Skeet! Cheering, clapping, high-fives, and tears; Skeet Skeet may have lost the game with 14 runs against them, but they were finally able to walk a way with one.

MOBILE HOMIES

After the game on Monday, our fan line received many calls about the outcome, so I would like to address those questions. First off, did your team allow Skeet Skeet to score their first run of the season? The answer is, undeniably yes. Secondly, do we care? NO. To have seen the look on those 10 faces, and the spark of pure joy in their wide eyes, it was truly a great moment in the Gipper files.

Now for the game. With the Homies winning home field advantage, Skeet Skeet had first chance to score, but unfortunately nobody was able reach first base. The Homies came out swinging, putting up 5 runs in the 1st. The next few at kicks for Skeet Skeet were the dreaded 3 up-3 down, with both impressive pitching and fielding being the rock of our defensive foundation.

The real improvement however has been in the steadily increasing offensive power coming from all players at the plate. Matched with superb base running, the Homies have managed to increase their run output significantly since their nail biter 1-0 in week 2. With momentum at our backs, and confidence growing, being the last undefeated team in Gotham, the Homies are looking forward to next weeks challenge. The Phoenix continues to soar, dropping bombs on those below.

BALLS N DOLLZ

Ballz-n-Dollz, in the effort to become the most reliable team in kickball, lost again. Although the Female Armada in the outfield played well as usual, they could not handle the sheer force of Schweaty Balls. There were some great defensive plays and a few impressive offensive manuevers, however. Nobody can deny that Scott is the fastest SOB on the field but one White Lightning was not enough. The real game, however, happened after kickball. Flip cup, the second sporting event of the night, was a completely different matter with Ballz-n-Dollz players wreaking havoc on the tables. In light of their new-found superdope-wicked-retarded-mad-stupid flipcup skillz a few members of the team have proposed to change the team name from Ballz-n-Dollz to Lost Again and Going to Sharkeez. We can only speculate.

TEAM BURNING SENSATIONS

Burning Sensations produces its third upset of the season, blowing Captain-Doucher-ESPN-Psychic's terrible prediction yet again. If no one has noticed yet, Burning Sensations is leaving a lasting mark on their opponents. We are like herpes, the gift that keeps on giving.

Seth "Sethoris" Lewis started us off hot with a beauty to deep center field, bringing him home. As he put it, he managed to score a run while wearing a collared shirt. Impressive, sir.

Ray "Poon" Tang, appropriately dressed in a full Santa Claus suit (with beard) attempted a high fly ball to tag the base runner up home, but instead unleashed the manliest kick this league has ever seen. Reports from Drunk Again LTS came back with serious fatigue after chasing down the smattered kickball. Even with his horrific spill attempting to run around first base, he still managed to get all the way home with ease.

With Drunk Again's impressive homerun to deep right, the game was all evened up. It didn't take long in over-time for Burning Sensations to finish the job, leaving the opponents to find the own penicillin with a tough-to-digest one run loss. Good game, sirs.

VAMPIRATES

Locked and loaded the Vampirates arrived at the field early to feast on what was going to be another debacle in our kickball battle. However, together with our hybrid Vampire/Pirate brethren, we also brought with us our fellow water balloon assassins, who made us proud is launching the water cannons at the heathens who refused to dress up in honor of St. Patrick. For a good full hour as kickballers arrived, they ran for their lives as water balloon after water balloon came falling from the sky to lay waste on the unsuspecting victim. We must admit that there were some innocent casualties, but we'll just chalk that up to being "guilty by association."

On to the game, you can read our previous recaps to find out what happened: we won, and in convincing fashion. The team known as the "kickbrawllers from 2008" dared not to raise a finger at us, for our feet were ready to destroy the ball while our water balloons were loaded in our hands. In fact, it took no more than 2 innings for the captain of the DDBK squad to call it quits after realizing it wasn't worth losing a testicle in this forsaken battle.

We await our next foe, the Drunk Again Hippies. We'll show you what it's like to lose to a really good team.

DRUNK DEGENERATE BALL KICKERS

Sa's team scored a lot of runs and the Drunken Degenerates scored very few runs....which means we lost once again. On the bright side, we have scored more runs than Skeet Skeet, so we aren't the worst team in the league. In case you forgot....DDBK (currently No. 1 in the flip cup power rankings) and Skeet Skeet were in the finals of the Fall 2008 Flip Cup Championships....correlation, the better you flip the cup the worse you kick the ball. And as if the beating on the field wasn't enough, the Vampirates decided they would wish us farewell with the splattering of water balloons.

Looking back at Monday's game, there is only one great highlight and it came from our captain. Trying to do to much, Chay, playing second base, decided he was in perfect position to catch a fly ball in deep right field.....ummmm, O.K. Unfortunately his body and mind weren't on the same page and he injured his penis area (non-medical term). The bright side.....he made the catch.

Obvious from the last paragraph, no one really had their 'A' game Monday so we are going a different direction this week and awarding Art MVP honors for taking the green-motif to a totally different level. Never really related camo with St. Patrick's Day, but he made it work after accessorizing the outfits with bullets instead of Shamrocks.



After kickball, the REAL battle begins....



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