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SPRING FLINGS, TRASH TALK, Eh?

Irvine, Spring Season Week 1 is here. And you know what that means? It's time to put aside your spring fever for you fellow kickball compadre, forget about the childhood crush you have for a member of the opposite team and play some ball. Its war people, if you cannot handle the excitement, well..... ok who are we kidding its kickball. It's time to get drunk, have fun and look like the giddiest bunch of schoolchildren while doing it.

Week 1 went very well my friends for and this season has great things written all over it. The scent of Extinction floats in the air for the almighty Walruses. The Fighting EMU have become SOCIAL. (Yes, I think hell did freeze over about 23 days ago)



We have 2 rookie teams this season and Risky Bizness has come back for more torture after a season break.

FLIP CUP! Be sure to show up at the Auld Dubliner for after game festivities and competition. Since entering the After Kickball Flip Cup Series (AKFCS) The Fighting EMU have absolutely dominated. They are awaiting challenges every Wednesday Night.

THEME WEEK! Week 2 will be our first them week. **CRAZY HATS!** Let's see what you got, as all veterans know, anything goes. (Think pink shorts and male camel toe.... Ugh!)



WEEK 1 AT A GLANCE

Fighting EMU def. Risky Bizness (5-2)
 Killer Walruses def. Alcoballics (4-3)
 Smack That def. The Ch. 4 News Team (7-2)
 Looking To Score def. Ball Busters (3-1)

KICKBALL STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	PT	W%	RA
Looking 2 Score	1	0	0	2	100	1
Fighting Emu	1	0	0	2	100	2
Smack That	1	0	0	2	100	2
Killer Walruses	1	0	0	2	100	3
Ball Busters	0	1	0	0	0	3
Alcoballics	0	1	0	0	0	4
Risky Bizness	0	1	0	0	0	5
Ch 4 News Team	0	1	0	0	0	7

FLIP CUP POWER RANKINGS

1	FIGHTING EMU Domination is easy when you're this good.
2	LOOKING TO SCORE 1 out of 3 against the EMUs..... Close only counts in horseshoes. Your captain needs to show a little more heart.
3	BALL BUSTERS One thing is certain, the Ball Busters have heart. Too bad heart doesn't win you flip cup games.
4	RISKY BIZNESS You may be a veteran at kickball, but you sure look an amateur on the flip cup table. Try, try again.
5	ALCOBALLICCS Maybe if choking a person was the sport, then the Alcoballics would be in 1 st place and not 5 th ?
6	SMACK THAT Kickball and Flip cup go hand in hand. If you want to make it in this league, you're going to have to learn to flip better.
7	CHANNEL 4 NEWS TEAM Wow, could you possibly be as bad at flip cup as you are at kickball? NAW, you at least have to show up to the table.
8	KILLER WALRUSES Bueller, Bueller, Bueller? Anyone?

KICKBALL POWER RANKINGS

1	LOOKING TO SCORE In a confusing and disturbing turn of events, the team voted most likely to actually off of themselves after their rough inaugural season, has come blazing back into the Spring season with a victory. Sitting high atop the charts, how long will they remain #1? Oh wait, their next opponent is the Fighting EMU. Sorry, you'll only be looking to score after the game to console yourselves after the loss.
2	FIGHTING EMU With the Ballfockers muscled out of Wed. nights, the EMU can reclaim their status of the most hated team in kickball. (Although, their afterhours socialization is beginning to tarnish this reputation)
3	SMACK THAT* The first of two newbie teams to grace the Power Rankings this week. ST won "Battle of the Newbies" convincingly and is on their way to kickball stardom. Ok, let's be honest.....they probably won't win another game. Enjoy it while it lasts.
4	KILLER WALRUSES Comeback kids! The arctic walrus was placed on the endangered species list this past week. Looks like dominance is slowly slipping into extinction.
5	BALL BUSTERS If complaining equaled runs scored, you guys would be at the top of this prestigious Power Ranking. But alas, you handed the team that showed up in the short yellow bus their first victory. NICE!
6	ALCOBALLICCS Meltdown 101! Rookies this is a great example of how to stay at the bottom on the Power Rankings. Talent and determination cannot afford mediocrity.
7	RISKY BIZNESS If anyone forgot about this team in their season absence, you are in store for a campaign of shock and COMPLAIN! The only thing bigger than the Bizness complaint box, is the shadow shrouding what talent the team actually has.
8	THE CHANNEL 4 NEWS TEAM* The other newbie team in the Central Division this season. What this team lacks in kickball ability, they make up with hot chicks. Too bad they didn't use that to their advantage in week 1. Hey, I got some hot news.....you guys stink!!

* Brand new team.



Kickball 101

Greetings boys and girls, Professor Kickball, PhD here – your guru for the ins, outs, and what-have-yous about kickball: The rules and strategy. Face it folks, this is not NAM, there are rules. Rules we must follow. There is also strategy. Yes, some of us kickball die hards actually have strategies. Each week we will discuss a topic to help improve your knowledge of our beloved sport. So, heads up and stay alert for Kickball 101.

REF'ING -101 The backward basics to Ref'ing Kickball

Kickball's underlying purpose is to have fun (actually sex). Since we live in a world with other people (who knew?), the goal is to enjoy this precious moment with all that have taken the time to show up. The intent of this editorial is to avoid unnecessary tension during games. (but if someone is super-tense after a game, there is a quick and immediate fix to that - see 1st set of parentheses)

Each game has two opposing forces; two colors competing to bleed dominance over the other. Each team is biased towards themselves, the same way you are always looking out for good ole #1 (you selfish prick!). There are going to be times when a call is perceived as "unjust" or "horrible" or "complete and utter shit." All sorts of profanity could come flying, along with the transference of all sorts of emotional baggage. The refs have to simply ignore any of that and remain calm and collected (or grab their genitalia as a form of distraction). They are not to react to others unfortunate attachment to the color they play for. The refs must understand that each color is only looking out for his/her own kind and they know they would do the same, if they were to be part of a specific color. (See any war, including the one happening in your mind)

When a close call is made, it's inevitable that the side it went against is going to voice their opinion! It went against their color, of course they are! It's just how it is. The refs duty is to make the call, instantly. It has to be spontaneous. Once thoughts get in the way, then both colors end up getting frustrated. Make the call with confidence, so it can't be put in question. The

second you give yourself time to think, both sides will immediately become frustrated and start voicing their opinions. Then, it almost becomes a "what side do you want to choose for" and that breaks the ref'ing code of ethical standards as sanctioned by WAKA (ok, so that's obviously made up, but...).

The captains are the only people that should have direct communication with the refs when arguing a call. It's ok to talk to the ref, ask them what they called, confirm the call, ask how many outs there are, etc. It's not OK to have 10 different people scream 10 different things at once towards the refs. (Can you have 10 conversations at once? If you could, can you teach me?)

On the flip side to that, when the refs are perceived to play a hand in the end result of the game, they did not fulfill their duty (of being the colorless intermediary). The ref's goal is to simply be an observer to the events that unfold before him(or her). He (or She) has to call the game as they see it and stick to that. (even if they are fucking blind)

Each week, four brave souls are chosen by the invisible Hand in order to be an impartial witness at each game, keeping the chaos of kickball in relative harmony. It's important to remember these four glistening souls are HUMAN (except the Emu, they are sub-human feces). It's ok if they make a mistake (or what you THINK is a mistake). Live with it and move on. One of your teammates (or you) are going to be a ref at some point during the season - so respect the ref as if it was one of your own (unless you are one of those sadists).

This editorial is filled with redundancy and repetition. This was intentional (See: 2nd grade learning curve of WAKA participants)

Next week: Bunting 101 - Finding that Special Place (the one that makes all the cheerleaders quiver with excitement)

- Professor Kickball, PhD



GAME 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 **7th Inning Stretch** hereby proclaims your team as Douchebags of the Week!

**Risky Bizness
Smack That
The Channel 4 News Team**

FIGHTING EMU VS RISKY BIZNESS

Submitted by Fighting EMU

And so it begins.....
The FIGHTING EMU were pitted against their longtime rival RISKY BIZNESS. Last time these teams met, RB took the cocky EMU by surprise and solidified a victory, knocking them out of the playoffs. A game not to be forgotten.

The EMU hit early and hit hard....scoring 4 of their 5 runs in the 1st inning. Not knowing what hit them, Risky Bizness didn't know how to respond. Dumbfounded by the EMU tenacity, RB barely got runners past first base. In the 3rd inning though, they got runners in scoring position and hit a lazy looper which rolled to the centerfielder, captain, Jay Wiltshire, and then went right by him, allowing 2 runs to cross the plate.

"There's a lot of rocks in the outfield because all the riff raff in these parts of town" exclaimed Wiltshire after the game. " I'm probably going to talk to the league about it, because it's really not safe out there".

That 3 run cushion was all EMU pitcher, Diesel Winstead needed though, who didn't allow more than 3 hits the rest of the game. Surprisingly though, the standout EMU of the night was 2nd year man, Leo

Contreras, who shrugged off the dreaded sophomore slump and hit an in the park homerun.

"I have to say, I'm pretty great when it comes to kicking" exclaimed Contreras.

There you have it, kids. Another game, another FIGHTING EMU victory.

CAAA CAAAAA



We are the Fighting EMU!

Submitted by Risky Bizness





KILLER WALRUSES VS ALCOBALLICS

Submitted by Killer Walruses

The season started off in typical Walrus fashion, with our players showing up right at start time or fashionably late. We like to give our opponents the assumption that we have to forfeit our games. Why? We haven't figured out an answer to that yet.

The Walruses were a complete shit show on the field, but at least we had enough jello shots to compensate for our lack of kickball skills! I don't know what Charla put in those shots, but we were able to somehow rally from an 0-3 deficit at the bottom of the 5th inning. We were so riled up, that we even tripped our winning run on his way to home! We'll blame it on the jello.

I'm not sure if the Alcoballics weren't drunk enough or if they were too drunk to play, but the Walruses were just perfectly drunk to pull off a win at the bottom of the 5th.

We tried to let the Alcoballics redeem themselves at flip cup, but only three of them represented at the bar! What kind of team calls themselves the Alcoballics, but doesn't show up to the bar!?

Submitted by Alcoballics

A shot rang out.

Horrified, Bambi glanced back over his shoulder at his mother. "Keep running! Keep running!" she cried hoarsely. "Don't look back!" Another shot echoed in the air just as he reached the edge of the woods. He leaped forward, darting through the trees, and with a final burst of energy, tore through the underbrush, down the last steps of the old, familiar path, and into the thicket. There he stopped, gasping for breath. "We ... we made it, Mother!" he panted.

"We made it!"
There was no answer.
"Mother?" Bambi faltered.
Silence.

For the Alcoballics, using such sickeningly, sappy movie synopsis to describe our game is out of character – but in this case, even the best joke in the world, or all the vodka in Russia couldn't soften the blow of Wednesday's heartbreaking loss. So, we might as well use the saddest loss in movie history to inflict our pain on you...

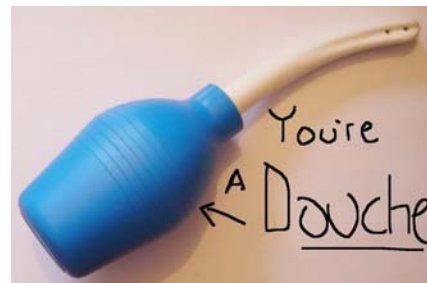
With a 3-0 lead, the Alcoballics were grazing the field, getting to know our new teammates without a care in the world - you could say we were "Bambi-esque".

The Walruses, like camouflaged hunters in the forest, began to pick us off one by one, and in the last inning, secured a devastating 5-3 win.

Weep – not just for Bambi, but for the Alcoballics. Our story makes Bambi's tragedy look like a "walk in the meadow"...

SMACK THAT VS THE CHANNEL 4 NEWS TEAM

Submitted by Smack That



Submitted by The Channel 4 News Team





LOOKING TO SCORE VS BALL BUSTERS

Submitted by Looking To Score

Can you handle it? CAN YOU HANDLE IT? The team Formerly-Known-As-Balled-And-The-Beautiful WON our FIRST GAME! You can't even handle the ALL CAPS text that this news requires! And we beat a non-rookie team!

It was a beautiful, beautiful scene indeed. Ohhh, how we drank...but we were on our a-game fo' sho. Clearly adding some new faces to our team only improved what was already a fantabulous team.

Much props to Brandon, Alex, and Adam for hooking us up with our points. The author can sense all you teams shaking in your booties (as you should). Cheers to the new season!

Submitted by Ball Busters

Leave it to the Ball Busters to lose to Looking to Score...the team that didn't win a game all last season! Don't be fooled by the loss, BB will bounce back. If you don't believe us, we'll bust your balls, that's a promise!

PHOTO GALLERY



Looking To Score Vs. Ball Busters



Dance Lessons Anyone?



Match UP!



First place for one week.....

DIVISION BAR – AULD DUBLINER

How do you not know this yet? Auld Dubliner is WAKA Central's official division bar. It's the place to be every Wednesday after kickball. Here are just a few reasons to head over to Auld Dubliner:

1. Happy Hour drinks specials
2. 20% off all food and merchandise
3. Wednesday night TRIVIA NITE
4. Flip cup & Beer pong (someday)
5. Great outdoor patio for smoking/star gazing
6. Mix/mingle with singles from other teams

The Auld Dubliner



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