

The WAKA Weekly

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Scoreboard

Happy Hour vs. Sex Panthers

6 – 4

Balls and Dolls vs. First Cousins

12 – 0

Welcome back to CA Mercury, ladies and gentlemen! It was a pretty slow month not having kickball to look forward to on Tuesday nights, but I'm sure most of you got by. I know I did! I did a little spelunking, took up crochet, even swam with hippos. Yup, it was a pretty rad hiatus. Apparently, some people had an even crazier time off, mainly the entire Cutting Edge team. Sadly (ish), they decided not to return to the division this season for undisclosed reasons. An inside source tells us they ran into trouble with the law, however. The details are fuzzy, but apparently cow trafficking for meat profit is illegal in Mission Hills. Sounds like their rights were subject to the slaughterhouse of law (ha!). With the absent of Cutting Edge comes a new, fresh team now – Balls and Dolls – and what an appearance they made! Here's the scoop from First Cousins' captain Bridget Roy:

"The First Cousins opened up the season with another stellar game against newbies Balls and Dolls with the score reaching a phenomenal 11-0. Or was it 0-12? Yep, I'm pretty sure it was 0-12. No matter the score we had an excellent time.

Unfortunately your author has the memory of a fruit fly so I'm a bit sketchy on the details of the game. I do remember that the game started 40 minutes late (I'm going to thank the Panthers for that regardless of where the blame really lies). Nathan "Groucho /Mario" Boelhauf had an excellent slide into the safety of 3rd base for some reason I can't recall and continued to drop f-bombs despite the vehement scoldings of an 8 year-old. Newb Karrie Pascual had a perfectly placed kick that eventually got her to 2nd base. 2nd base! I also remember Cousin Karen running ominously from first base to third to keep a runner on base, Brian "I'm a feminist" Dennert intentionally

dropping the ball to lure a runner to 2nd, and a ball getting popped.

The whole night was topped off with a pleasant trip to Cronies (a bar without a stripper cage) for warmish food, ice-cold schooners of beer, and an excellent wait-staff."

And now, a write-up from Happy Hour captain Rick Herrera:

"To kick off the new season, rivals met in a rematch of last season's championship. Happy Hour and The Sex Panthers fought another close game that came down to the last inning. The Panthers came out in full gear wearing their familiar green and Happy Hour had a mix of new and returning players dawning their new royal blue shirts. Before the game Big Mike scarred a few by dropping his shorts... to unveil another pair of shorts (Wheew!) and new Happy Hour teammate Danielle came representing with her blue "Happy Hour Bitches" shirt.

The Sex Panthers started strong shutting down the Happy Hour offense, taking advantage of fielding mistakes and took an early 2-0 lead.

The Panthers played smart and heads-up kickball getting a double play when Big Mike had the sense to nail a Happy hour player who stepped off the third base bag after a pop-up out. It stayed this way until the top of the fourth when Katy drilled a shot down the first base line and which drove in a run and setup another. However, as quickly as Happy Hour tied it, The Sex Panthers returned the favor scoring two more runs on a home run to right field.

Happy Hour was down two, 4-2 heading into the top of the 5th and managed to put four runs on the board. New player Blanca started the inning with a single Joel followed along. Unfortunately, a controversial play at third base got both teams riled. (It wouldn't be a kickball game without a little controversy.) By the end of the inning, Happy Hour had made a come from behind rally and took a 6-4 lead. The Sex Panthers didn't go easily, but Happy Hour held on to win week one.

Picture This!!!



Happy Hour celebrating their 1st victory



Panthers looking sexy even in defeat



Welcome aboard, Balls and Dolls!



New additions to an old(ish) team

Stay tuned next week for a way better newsletter! I mean, better-ish.

P.S. Special consideration goes to Jeremy Chan for his valiant effort on the field. Someone came ready to play!