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**Can Foul Balls
repeat this fall?**

**Not if you ask the
Mustache Ride, 5 O'Clockers or
The Emperors Club.**

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GHOST MAN ON THIRD

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NEWS & NOTES



This is the first issue of the “Peninsula Ghost Man on Third”. It’s going to be a weekly newsletter that’s going to run down all the news and notes from around the division. We’re going to recap games, preview upcoming games, and communicate important announcements.

I’d like for this to be an interactive newsletter too. So I’m going to need everyone’s help. Each week, be sure to send me your recaps, pictures, suggestions, and feedback. For this to be the best kickball newsletter, it has to have everyone’s feedback. My goal is to have a kick ass newsletter that everyone in the division can look forward to reading and hopefully laughing a little at. That can’t happen without your help.

Anyways, I don’t know about you guys, but I’m amped up to start another awesome season of Peninsula kickball!

- Brent

New Division President: After two terms as Peninsula Division President, Brent Wentworth is stepping down, which is the tradition set by our founding fathers (Davis Hill, not George Washington.) Taking over as Prez is Britney Travis from the 5 O’Clockers. Briters has been a very active member of the Peninsula Division board and no doubt will do a much better job as president than that piece of crap that we had before.

2009 Peninsula Open Tournament: On September 19th, the Peninsula Division will be hosting our 2nd annual charity tournament to benefit The [Kevin Eadie Foundation](#). We’ll be playing at War Memorial Stadium, home of the Peninsula Pilots! Be sure to save the date! More information will be coming very shortly about this exciting event!

Schedules Announced! The schedules have been posted to the website and can be [viewed here](#). We got some good games lined up in week 1. The Emperors Club and 5 O’Clockers will be trying to get some revenge against the teams that bounced them out of the tourney last season, while the Chubby Gangsters make their Peninsula debut with a double header against the TailGators and Jagernaughts.

Inside this issue: We preview every team in the Peninsula Division!

August 26th			
6:30 PM	The Emperors Club	Wilfred Brimley's Mustache Ride	FOUL
	Chubby Gangsters	TailGators	5OC
7:30 PM	Jagernaughts	Chubby Gangsters	WBMR
	Foul Balls	5 O'Clockers	VIP

Captain: Jen Nardi

Spring 2009 Record: 8-1-1

All Time Record: 17-3-1

Division Championships: 1 (Spring 2009)

Returning Players: Andreas Beyersdorf, C Roger Jackson, Jennifer Gates, Greg Moore, 1B Jen Nardi, Hannah Peaslee, P Jacob Smith, Katie Smith, Laura Shayder, P Charley Gates, Courtney Fox, Alex Hazelwood, Nick Wallace

New Additions: Missy Fritz

Foul Balls have developed into a force on the Peninsula. Since joining the division in the Fall of 2008, Foul Balls has an impressive 17-3-1 record, made the finals of two division tournaments and won the Spring 2009 championship. They have the highest win percentage of any team in Peninsula Division history with at least two seasons played.

Without a doubt, one of the main reasons for their success has been the outstanding play by C **Roger Jackson**. From behind the plate (and occasionally in front of the kicker) Roger dominates, making it extremely hard to bunt against Foul Balls. Try and kick away against them, and you won't have much more luck. Their outfield play is fundamentally sound and they don't make a lot of mistakes. Last season, their defense limited opponents to 1.3 runs per game. 1B **Jen Nardi** also stands out as the only regular fulltime female first baseman in the division. She's good. And I don't mean that in a "She's good for a girl" type of ways either. She's really good. Nardi has decent hand and catches most balls thrown in her direction. On off target throws, she regularly steps off the base and deflects the ball into the runner, often times resulting in an out. Another note on the Foul Balls defense, is that it's not uncommon to see P **Jacob Smith** enjoy a cigarette while out on the mound. You know how frustrating it is to be shut down by a guy chain smoking?

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This October, Foul Balls will be making the trip out to Las Vegas to represent the Peninsula Division in the Founders Cup. No doubt, it's going to be an awesome trip for them and it'll be great to see how they compete against the best teams in all of WAKA.

With pretty much the same team coming back for the Fall season, Foul Balls is of course expected to be title contenders once again, unless the rest of the division can figure out a way to score some runs against them.

Captain: Georgios Kiriazidis

Spring 2009 Record: 9-1 (Regular Season Champions)

All Time Record: 29-10-4

Division Championships: 1 (Spring 2008)

Returning Players: P Brent Wentworth, C Randy Devlin, CH Anthony Williams
OF Marland Burke, 3B Julie Jones, 1B Patrick Jones, SS Paul Devlin, OF Mike
Burke, P Georgios Kiriazidis

New Additions: Nicole Shaeffer, Dr. Jeremy Pinier, Lorraine Adkins, OF Jeff White,
Kayla Reed, Lori Medford, Jenn Mangus

Although The Emperors Club went 9-1 last season and outscored their opponents by 72 runs, if you ask any member of the team, the spring was disappointing. When it came down to tournament time, the VIPs fell short and lost in the semi finals to their old rivals, Wilfred Brimley's Mustache Ride.

This season The Emperors Club is ready to prove that they can get it done in the clutch. And they'll have some help. The VIPs recruited free agents **Nicole**

Schaeffer, Lorraine Adkins, and Dr. Jeremy Pinier after Your Mom decided to take some time off of kickball. All three players are former 1st Team All-Peninsula members and members of The Emperors Club Spring 2008 championship team.

The strength of this team lies in the defense. **SP Brent Wentworth** (3rd person alert!) throws a tough pitch that makes kickers uncomfortable. **C Randy Devlin** and **Ch Anthony Williams** smother all bunt attempts and fire rockets to first. In the outfield, **Marland Burke** covers a lot of ground as well as new VIP **Jeff White**.



The Emperors Club in Washington, D.C.

The Emperors Club

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When this reporter caught up with **Coach Kiriazidis** (who is always busy having sex) he had this to say, "We have a new and improved team this season, that is shaping up to be one of the best teams the Peninsula has ever seen."

In the off season, The Emperors Club traveled to Washington, D.C. to participate in the kickball365.com Open. Some of the best teams on the east coast were competing there and the VIPs went 2-2, losing in the first game of the elimination round.

Captain: Britney Travis

Spring 2009 Record: 9-1

All Time Record: 24-7-1

Division Championships: 1 (Fall 2008)

Returning Players: P Corey Carlyle, Britney Travis, C Adam Flowers, Ch Jeff Pauley, 1B Kenny Hopkins, Ashley Lane, Paul Phan, Toshia Soapes, Kristen Park, Billy Galantino

New Additions: Andrew Belleville, Courtney Efird, Cammi Shook, Josh Waldrop, Ryan Pinto, Danielle Curtis,

Last season, the 5 O'Clockers had an impressive regular season run and looked like they were on their way to back to back titles going into the tournament. Foul Balls had some other ideas though, and ended up beating the Clockers down pretty bad in their 2nd round match up. To say, the 5 O'Clockers were disappointed was an understatement.

When asked about her outlook for this season, Coach **Britney Travis** said, "We lost a lot of players for the fall season and had to recruit some kickball virgins" (*Editor's note: This is probably the only time that you will ever associate the 5 O'Clockers with the word virgin*) She continued, "Never the less, we are the 5 O'Clockers and we'll pull together to kick some butt!"



And while they will have some rookies, you can't overlook that the core of the team is returning this season. The 5 O'Clockers boasted one of the best defenses on the Peninsula in the Spring, holding their opponent to an average of 1.4 runs per game. Returning to lead the D this fall is C **Adam Flowers**, Charger **Jeff Pauley**, and P **Corey Carlyle**. Carlyle had a very effective season last year after making the adjustment to two bounce pitching early. Look for him to continue his outstanding performance.

Ultimately though, this may be a rebuilding season for the Clockers as they integrate new players into the fold. But even while doing that, no doubt they'll be one of the most competitive teams in the division. Just ask Coach Briters, "You can bet that after the disappointing end to the spring season, the 5 O'Clockers are even more motivated to get their trophy back!"

In week one, they'll have their first test, as they play Foul Balls. Will they be able to beat the team that trounced them in the playoffs last season?

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Captain: Samantha Dwyer

Spring 2009 Record: 5-5

All Time Record: 24-22-5

Division Championships: 2 (Spring 2007, Fall 2007)

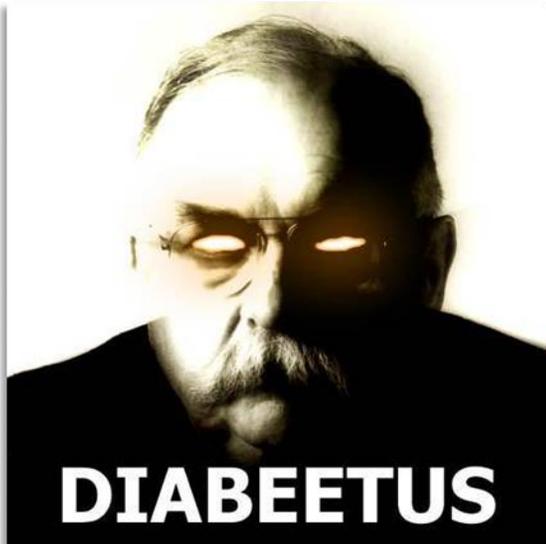
Returning Players: Samantha Dwyer, Cindy Parker, OF Joel Hartman, Eric Taylor, 1B Allen Walker, Bryan Freed, Ch Jerry Dwyer, Mack McElroy

New Additions: Christine Coppock, Davis Hill, Christy Hill, Melody Gardner, Ashley Williams, Dan Wright, Sabra Swilley, Rita Mayfield

One of the founding teams on the Peninsula, Wilfred Brimley's Mustache Ride has had more championships than any other franchise in division history. Last season, it appeared as though the Ride's glory days were well behind them after they went 1-4 to start the season. But they recovered and ended up winning 4 out of their last 5 games and secured the #4 seed in the tournament. Once they made the tourney, they beat Your Mom in the first round, upset the regular season champion VIPs in the 2nd, and went on the Finals against Foul Balls. Their bid for a 3rd championship fell just short though as they lost 1-0.

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Wilfred Brimley is lead by the big leg of **1B Allen Walker**, who is always a home run threat. Walker hit 3 home runs in the Spring, and was probably the first person in division history to be intentionally walked when the Ride played The Emperors Club late in the season. The Mustache Ride also has one of the best female players in the division, **Cindy Parker**. With a background in soccer, she's an athlete with speed who can bunt or kick away effectively. Just be careful; if you throw her out, she might try to punch you in the face. Unfortunately, when there is Cindy, there is her boyfriend, **Eric Taylor**. When Eric isn't at home playing with his Transformers toys, he's at the kickball field obnoxiously heckling anything that moves.



And while the Ride is losing a few key players from last season's roster, their also welcoming back former players from their original championship team, **Christy and Davis Hill**. Also joining Wilfred Brimley, is some members of the former Perpetual Motion Squad.

Will the Mustache Ride have enough to make a run at another trophy? I don't know, but I wouldn't underestimate them. If history is any indication, they'll be there at the tourney, even if they struggle in the regular season.



Just look at this asshole.

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Captain: Justin Littell

Spring 2009 Record: 2-8

All Time Record: 2-8

Division Championships: 0

Returning Players: Um, I don't really know too many people on the Jagernaughts, so I can't even really tell you who is new and who is returning.

In their first season, the team formally known as Space Balls started off 2-1. After that, they went on a 7 game losing streak to close out the season. This season though, they're coming back and they've shed the dead weight from their squad. (**Kim Merritt**). Overall, this is a fun team to play, and definitely one that 'pre-games' very well before their games. If I had to chose the "Most Likely to Vomit on the Field during a Game", I'd probably choose a Jagernaught.

TailGators		
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Captain: MarkAvery Claridge

Spring 2009 Record: 2-8

All Time Record: 7-41-2

Division Championships: 0

Returning Players: P MarkAvery Claridge, Amanda Warde, Angel Bottomley, R.J. Bodkin, April Bonnaville, Lena Little, Billy Allen, Robert Crispens, Jason Sheehan, Joey Lawrence (woah)
New Additions: Jonathan Calderon, Lauren Seney, Chris Tanner, Dorothy McGinty, Lisa Harwig,

The 'Gators are one of the original teams in the division, however, they haven't had much success. Although there have been some highlights (making the Fall 2007 finals, nearly upsetting The Emperors Club in the Spring 2009 tournament) mostly the TailGators have been all about, well, tailgating. I don't know if you could really expect a team with guys named Cupcake, Precious, and Snookums to be too serious, but if you sleep on the Gators, you could find yourself with a loss.

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Captain: William Patterson

Spring 2009 Record: N/A

All Time Record: N/A

Division Championships: 0

Returning Players: None

New Additions: The whole team.

The Chubby Gangsters are a rookie team this season in the Peninsula Division, although, there is at least one familiar face on the squad. Their starting pitcher, Brandon "Bam Bam" Ambrose played charger for the 5 O'Clockers during the Spring 2008 season. His athleticism and experience will definitely be an asset to the rookies on his squad. Besides all that though, Brandon is known most for his signature trash talk on the division Myspace comment board. The Chubbies haven't thrown their first pitch yet, and already Bam Bam has posted, "To all the teams... you all are fighting for 2nd not first. So, 5 O'Watches, you won't win it all! BamBam out!"