



began. We started off to an early 1 - nil score which held until an equalizer late in the third kept the game interesting. It was only until a 3 run last inning that the Oats gave succumbed to their Pepto colored opponents and looked onward to the glories of the flip cup table at Times.

Our "sly minx's" reconnaissance mission from last week proved effective as we gained precious intel on where to strategically position our team's lovely ladies for maximum distraction. Yes Doug, we definitely had our eyes on you. A underhanded tactic? Possibly. But like they say, "All is fair in love and war... and flip cup." While there was no embarrassing two stacked cup flipping on his part, Ball and Oats just couldn't pull off the win. They were good sports and as always a lot of fun to play against.

For some reason or another, pink held tight with good ol' Pete Papageorge after our late game with BSC (personally, the fact that I missed the Cupid Shuffle crushed my spirits to the point that only hard liquor and Pete's rustic rendition of "Wagon Wheel" could mend the wound.) With the return of our footloose leader Elise this coming Thursday, we are sure to rejoin the rest of Freedom in the sweaty ranks of the DoL.



Single and Looking to Score: Week 3 was a wakeup call for SaLTS. We looked solely at the record of **M2S** and decided to not take them seriously. Shame on us. We found a kink in our armor and were unprepared for what turned out to be a very good team. With our pitcher still trying to determine if Miley Cyrus' performance on the Teen Choice Awards was in fact a pole dance (was it? I seem to think the pole was just a prop. I mean she thrust on it for like 2 seconds then just stood there), M2S went up 2-0 early and never looked back. Their defense played directly into our NO BUNTING game plan, as they stacked the infield with ladies and had an entire outfield of guys. Good strategy on their part, but we as a team are too stubborn to succumb to such a communist act as bunting.

We would much rather not disrespect the namesake of the sport itself (Honestly, Miley is a role model, why would she jeopardize that with something so provocative?). After the loss our spirits were down and we were anticipating a chance to redeem ourselves on the flip cup table. Well...we will just have to wait until next week (Side Note: I think at one point each team had 13 players flipping. I was impressed). Another dismal performance puts us at 0 for 2 on the day in competitive activity. So after that loss, we did what any normal American Athlete would do (No, we did not go to a dog fighting ring, kill a man, make it rain on some "hoes," smoke weed, or test positive for performance enhancing drugs), we did the Cupid Shuffle and drank our faces off.

So, in short we as a team have decided that Miley in fact DID NOT do a pole dance and that the ice cream cart with the pole was just a prop and that her song "Party in the U.S.A" is actually quite catchy. If you do not believe us, just search on Youtube.



My Balls, Your Field

Shouts Outs:

- *Props to PPIP (Orange) for showing up despite not having a game. That's dedication.
- *FFoB: Great turn out even though it was your bye week...that's what we like to see.
- *Random guy who gave two girls on our team a ride home, Thanks.
- *Our entire team was awesome tonight, but a special shout-out goes to Mel for winning the intense game of Survivor between a lot of red and dark blue players...GREEN TEAM REPRESENT.
- *BttM wishes Sterling from BSC a speedy recovery after her surgery for a kickball-related injury. Get Well Soon!

felt in sync with nature during Week 3. As we stretched and hydrated prior to the game, our week-old team t-shirts were soaked by a passing rain shower. The rain washed away the previous week's losses and energized us for the game ahead of us. At least, that's what we told ourselves. But before we knew it, we were on a roll (just like our new Yahtzee-themed group cheer) against **Monumental Disaster**. During the first inning, we scored two runs back-to-back, a significant improvement from the previous week. As we beamed at each other over our progress, a rainbow (really!)

beamed down over us in the Mall area – a sign that, somehow or another, we were going to hit the jackpot to take us all the way through flip cup and subsequent shenanigans. We were tantalizingly close to winning... Things unfortunately started unraveling a bit for us during the fifth inning. Despite our best efforts, MD managed to win by kicking a three-run homer. We took solace in the fact that (a) our kickball skills had improved by leaps and bounds, (b) we were well-hydrated, and (c) we had just won four-fifths of a game. As we dusted off our shoulders and tried to figure out how to get to Kelly's, the glorious sunset over the American flag inspired us on to flip cup.

MBYF was pleased to know that, while we're still working on our kickball skills, our cup-flipping skills are paramount. Even though we weren't victors on the field, we certainly trounced MD off the field in some good old-fashioned flip cup. The rest of the night proceeded in typical DoL style. As far as we know, no members of our team lost their pants this time around while dancing. Unless someone accidentally lost their pants during the Cupid Love Slide, but who knows...

Word on the field is that someone will be bringing margaritas (on the rocks) to next week's game.

Monumental Disaster: Both teams came to the fields of glory not only looking for their first win, but also having scored only 2 runs each in their first two games. We knew we had the Gods on our side when the jello arrived, made by a rookie jello shot maker and they were good enough for eating.

MD got off to a rough start in the field, and **MBYF** capitalized on the errors putting up 3 runs in the top of the 1st. MD regrouped a little with a 1 run first, thanks to a player who finished the game with zero hits but two RBIs...as our first base coach noted, "For such a sh@tty player, you have 2 RBIs this game."

From there the game was relatively uneventful with each team putting the other away quickly. MD's teamwork was on display as a pop-up to second literally bounced off our second baseman and into the hands of our pitcher, who bobbled it and threw to first for the final out of the inning...that's just the type of day we had.

Heading into the bottom of the 5th, it was a 1-run game and MD had their top of the order. Time to put up or shut up. While we get ridiculed at times for bunting - including MBYF's pitcher who yelled "I thought this was a co-ed team and you're supposed to have guys on your team" - our strategy worked to perfection. Our first 2 batters bunted, each getting on safely. Our 3rd sacrificed up the first

baseline advancing the tying run to third and the winning run on second with our clean up at the plate. After watching 2 strikes, and fouling 1, he drilled the ball to the outfield, scoring two and securing MD's first win of the year.

Got to give it to MBYF, they were at a table ready when we showed to the bar & are a cool team to play. The flip cup game was as close as the kickball game - this time MD took the early lead only to have OBYF make a comeback to close it out 5-4. It's always rough when 1 guy shows up to play flip cup, even rougher when he's the weak link.



Swift Kick In the Grass: FYI GFY... GFY. Yeah, that's right. Take some advice from your team name and go f\$%& yourselves.

Hey, what's better than a 3 mph pitch rolling smoothly toward you? If you guessed "not kicking it with the hopes of it being called a ball," then you'd be correct! And after watching 6 or so easily kickable pitches roll by, apparently the most suitable choice for a male kicker is to... munt? With GFY, it was all about winning, with little emphasis on having fun (although one guy did break out his Team America silk shorts – unfortunately, their appearance was short-lived, and he probably got cut from the team for actually enjoying himself).

Now that that's out of my system, I think you're all good people. Even the ref (7 years of kickball refing experience, thank you very much) – who takes his job at the plate more

Overheard by the M2S Pitcher:
"I'm a little rusty, I forgot to masturbate today."

seriously than my coworkers do at work – was a good guy.

But as we all know, the real fun takes place at the bar. And as usual, SKitG brought their A-game: Shades on, music blasting, bodies gyrating... and teammates locking faces with the enemy? I won't mention any names, but I think it's fair to say that it's a good night when AT LEAST two teammates were making out with players from other teams, while another was almost performing an act that, when done in public, is usually frowned upon (and is probably illegal).



Team GFY: The third game for **Team GFY** was cut short due to apparent lightning from the far distant skies, and daylight coming to an end. Team GFY started off fast with timely bunting and a great kick to come out to a 2-0 lead. Team GFY then scored 2 more runs in the 2nd to bring the score to a possible shut-out at 4-0. Then **SkitG** came alive with a 2 run 3rd, but soon found themselves still down 5-2 by the time the bottom of the 4th inning came around and Team GFY was ready to kick again. The top of the line-up was due up for GFY in the bottom of the 4th, and with a 3 run lead already it was destined to be a much larger deficit for SkitG to make up in their last at bat. This last at bat and last inning never happened. Due to lightening in the distance and the sun setting the game was called before Team GFY could bat. Team GFY is looking to game 4 with an undefeated and confident swagger.

GFY's anger and discontent of having the game called early paid off this week with a 5-3 win on the beer soaked Tables of Glory. I think we played more games of survivor after our official game than Fox TV series!



Free Iran: Bump on the road and a well earned learning experience is how I would summarize this game. Opposing team wins the paper/seizers challenge and claims home field (ironically home field was a pivotal factor throughout the match and specifically with regards to when team **Free Iran** was on defense). Home team scored first but team F.I countered by scoring the first run all season against the home team. A mishap on defense led to one more run for the home team. The early affects of being on the road, along with a list of compiling injuries were beginning to take their tool on the defending champs. Injuries were becoming a crucial new factor since most involved the lady "Free Iran team" players. *The team thanks you for playing hurt so we could field a squad).*
Game on.

A blown ball, one out (yeah that's right, blown as in no air inside). The ball hits the dang tree, another out. Double hit, foul ball. Bunt and run as fast as you can- you're out! Team F.I was being handled on offense. On defense, well, it was tough. Defense is about, team work, desire and having fun. It's tough to do all that on the road. The home team was loaded and had already practiced on these grounds. They knew about the outer right field being an out fielder's trap. Out Fielder goes to the right and there is the fence, O.F goes back and there's the road. Ideally one would want the ball to be right in front but in this spot, that is blocked by a tree! So it should be of no surprise, that a perfect, predetermined strike to the right outer field, could lead to a game turning event. It was tough for team F.I to recover from the third and fourth inning challenges and the fifth inning was marred by perhaps a stolen run but the gap was too much to recover from for team Free Iran. Final score 7-1, home team.

Coaches' corner: Know your field. Ladies, let's work on catching the long ball. More strikers please. Time for the boys to show up to the game (*Come on freedom fighters, show up and have some fun backin' up the ladies*).

FistFul of Balls
After two, sad and depressing, weeks FFoB got to take a bye. Therefore, we declare ourselves winners by default! The scoreboard may be no different but our morale is sky high, and we're ready to take on the conveniently named 'Monumental Disaster' since that is the doom they face next week.

Though we had our bye week, that did not exclude us from showing up at the Times around 7:30 to welcome all the other ballers to the festivities. And was it a weird night. Little to say, one of us acquired a new taser, and figured it would be opportune to try on fellow (slightly inebriated) teammates. Long story short, those things work like a charm.



Big Slick Cowboys Vs. IDLY: 7-0
 Youth in Asia Vs. Free Iran: 6-1
 Monumental Disaster Vs. MBYF: 5-3
 Elephantitis Vs. BttM: 4-4
 I Dewey Love You Vs. Ball and Oates: 4-1
 GFY Vs. SKITG: 5-3
 M2S Vs. SaLTS: 3-1

Power Poll – Week 3

Big Slick Cowboys – After a 7-0 win against a 2-0 IDLY, BSC continues to be the team to beat in the division. In week 4, BSC should have no problem when facing off against last place MBYF.

Youth in Asia – YiA showed that they are deserving of the 2 spot in the power poll beating down undefeated FI 6-1. They are facing a 3-win SaLTS in week 4. This should be the match-up of the week in the division.

Team GFY – GFY did win a big game in week 3 against SKitG, but they did not do it in convincing fashion only winning 5-3. Rumor has it that the score was closer than the game actually played out. GFY will have to win games in more dominant style if they want to move up on this poll.

A Swift Kick in the Grass – SkitG did lose in Week 3, but they lost in a close game to a strong team. They were dominant in their wins in weeks 1 and 2 and have the 3rd best offense in the league averaging almost 6 runs a game. They have a chance to make a statement in week 4 against an experienced BttM team.

I Dewey Love You – IDLY won and lost in week 3. They showed that they have both athleticism and kickball experience, thus notching them 3 wins on the season so far. Week 4 should be a real tell of how IDLY's season will play out when they play 3-0 GFY.

Menace 2 Sobriety IV – M2S had a huge win over 3-0 SaLTS in Week 3. Additionally, their one real loss (they had a forfeit in there) was to #2 YiA by only 2 runs. Unfortunately, they have a bye in week 4, so we'll have to wait until week 5 to see more of what this team is capable of.

SaLTS – This team quickly jumped out to a 3-0 start in the first two weeks, and looked to be the heavy favorite in week 3 against M2S. M2S, however, had different plans, and knocked off SaLTS dropping them to the 6th ranking. In week 4's game of the week, SaLTS has a chance to quickly move up this pool if they can beat #2 YiA.

Free Iran – FI had a bad week 4 getting beat by YiA 6-1. FI is the first team on the season to record a run against YiA though, and that may be just the spark they need to get it going the rest of the season. They will have a good chance to get their 3rd win as they are the favorites in week 4 against Ele.

Monumental Disaster – MD finally broke their curse, and got their first win of the season. They did it against the last place MBYF, and play an 0-2 FfoB in week 4. Look for MD to get their second straight win and start on the up and up.

Elephantitis – Ele finally got out of the loss column tying 4-4 against 0-2-1 BttM. Ele leads the two loss teams in runs scored, and still needs to do more defensively to get their first win. Unfortunately for Ele, their schedule doesn't get easier in upcoming weeks when they play both FI and SaLTS.

Balls to the Mall – The party hardy BttM team also got out of the loss column tying with Ele. This experienced team will hope to take advantage of a recently beaten SKitG team in Week 4 and start to make some noise in the division.

Putting Pitchers in their Places – PPitP was idle in week 3 with a bye and we didn't get a chance to see more of what they have. They have a good match-up in week 4 against 0-3 BaO. Look for PPitP to take advantage.

My Balls, Your Field – MBYF is in the basement of the division standings. However, they have shown signs of life scoring 3 runs against MD on week 4. They'll need to keep it close against #1 BSC in week 4 to try moving up in the rankings.

Ball and Oats – BaO are definitely a fun team to hang out with on the bar, but they need to do more for themselves on the kickball field. They are 0-3, and have a great match-up with PPitP in week 3 playing another team that has not gotten out of the loss column.

A Fistful of Balls – FfoB also had a bye week in week 3 so we were unable to learn more about them. They are scoreless on the season, and really need to show that they can come up with some offense to show that they can be a contender in the post season. They have a good chance in week 4 to elevate their rankings when they play 1-1-1 MD.

WEEK 3	DC FREEDOM DIVISION - SPRING 2009 SEASON KICKBALL STANDINGS												
Team	Games Played	Wins	Losses	Ties	Forfeit	Paper Forfeit	Points	Win %	Runs Against	Runs Scored	Run Diff.	RA Avg.	RS Avg.
Big Slick Cowboys	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	100%	1	34	33	0.33	11.33
Youth in Asia	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	100%	1	16	15	0.33	5.33
Team GFY	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	100%	7	21	14	2.33	7
Single and Looking To Score	4	3	1	0	0	0	3	75%	4	13	9	1	3.25
I Dewey Love You	4	3	1	0	0	0	3	75%	9	8	-1	2.25	2
A Swift Kick in the Grass	3	2	1	0	0	0	2	67%	8	17	9	2.67	5.67
Free Iran	4	2	1	1	0	0	2.5	63%	8	6	-2	2	1.5
Monumental Disaster	3	1	1	1	0	0	1.5	50%	6	7	1	2	2.33
Menace to Sobriety IV	3	1	2	0	1	0	0.25	8%	4	3	-1	1.33	1
Elephantitis	3	0	2	1	0	0	0.5	17%	23	9	-14	7.67	3
Balls to the Mall	3	0	2	1	0	0	0.5	17%	28	4	-24	9.33	1.33
Putting Pitchers in Their Place	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0%	10	2	-8	5	1
Ball and Oats	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0%	11	2	-9	3.67	0.67
My Balls, Your Field	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0%	13	5	-8	4.33	1.67
A Fistful of Balls	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0%	14	0	-14	7	0



WEEK 3		DC FREEDOM DIVISION - SPRING 2009 SEASON FLIP CUP STANDINGS						
Team	Games Played	Wins	Losses	Win %	Games Against	Games For	Diff.	
I Dewey Love You	4	4	0	1	7	20	13	
Balls to the Mall	3	3	0	1	6	15	9	
A Swift Kick in the Grass	3	2	1	0.67	7	13	6	
Youth in Asia	3	2	1	0.67	9	13	4	
Team GFY	3	2	1	0.67	8	11	3	
Menace to Sobriety IV	3	2	1	0.67	10	10	0	
Free Iran	4	2	2	0.5	11	13	2	
Single and Looking To Score	4	2	2	0.5	17	15	-2	
A Fistful of Balls	2	1	1	0.5	9	9	0	
Putting Pitchers In Their Place	2	1	1	0.5	7	6	-1	
Ball and Oats	3	1	2	0.33	11	10	-1	
Monumental Disaster	3	1	2	0.33	13	12	-1	
Big Slick Cowboys	3	1	2	0.33	14	10	-4	
My Balls, Your Field	3	1	2	0.33	14	6	-8	
Elephantitis	3	0	3	0	15	8	-7	

WEEK 4, AUGUST 20TH SCHEDULE:

SQUATTING: I DEWEY LOVE YOU & TEAM GFY
EQUIPMENT: FREE IRAN & BALLS TO THE MALL

FIELD/TIME	TEAMS	REFS
FIELD A 6:45 PM	I DEWEY LOVE YOU TEAM GFY	FREE IRAN
FIELD B 6:45 PM	BALL AND OATS PUTTING PITCHERS IN THEIR PLACE	SINGLE AND LOOKING TO SCORE
FIELD C 6:45 PM	MY BALLS, YOUR FIELD BIG SLICK COWBOYS	A FISTFUL OF BALLS
FIELD A 7:30 PM	A FISTFUL OF BALLS MONUMENTAL DISASTER	TEAM GFY
FIELD B 7:30 PM	A SWIFT KICK IN THE GRASS BALLS TO THE MALL	I DEWEY LOVE YOU
FIELD C 7:30 PM	FREE IRAN ELEPHANTITIS	MY BALLS, YOUR FIELD
FIELD D 7:30 PM	YOUTH IN ASIA SINGLE AND LOOKING TO SCORE	BIG SLICK COWBOYS
BYE	MENACE TO SOBRIETY IV	