That Was The Week That Was Week 8
June 10, 2011

If this column sucks... I’m sorry, I spent all day Thursday playing guitar on the Google homepage when I should’ve been prepping for this week’s Week That Was.

Good morning Capital and Federal Leagues, and welcome to this week’s edition of That Was the Week That Was. It was a Hot Hot Hot Week out there on the Fields of Glory. In fact the actual fields look like a desert with all of that dead grass and dust. We could really use some rain on Mondays and Tuesdays. Maybe some cooler temperatures on Wednesday and Thursday... and Friday. I’m waiting for that perfect Friday where I can leave work early to sit at Lauriol Plaza with a frozen margarita. This week saw 3 forfeits, which might be the worst week yet. Was it the weather? Are people getting burnt out just like our grass?

Without further ado, here are...

THIS WEEK’S RESULTS:

WEDNESDAY:
Balls of Glory 5 - G.T.B. 3
Kickers and Screamers 5 - Take me HOME Tonight 0 (FORFEIT)
Bureaucrats with Balls 6 - Kicktators 4
Kickheads 6 vs. Multiple Scoregasms (Cap) 3
Derelict My Balls 3 - Multiple Scoregasms (Fed) 3 (TIE)

THURSDAY:
GFYITP 4 - Swamp Donkeys 0
Swift Kickin' the Balls 6 - I'd Hit It... Again 3
Balls to the Mall 5 - Cool Name Pending (FORFEIT)
Inglorious Bastards 5 - #Winning (FORFEIT)
Head First into 3rd Base 8 - 99 Problems 7
In the Pink! 8 - Scotchatory Tape 4

Which makes the STANDINGS look like this:

WEDNESDAY CONFERENCE
Balls of Glory 6 2 0 0 (21)
G.T.B. 6 2 0 0 (30)
Kick Heads 4 4 0 0 (42)
Multiple Scoregasms Federal 3 3 1 0 (34)
Derelict My Balls 2 5 1 0 (47)
Kickers and Screamers 3 5 0 1 (41)
Multiple Scoregasms Capital 1 7 0 1 (14)
e-Take me HOME Tonight 1 6 0 2 (39)
e – denote elimination from playoffs

THURSDAY CONFERENCE
GFYITP 8 0 0 0 (4)
Inglorious Bastards 8 0 0 0 (4)
Swamp Donkeys 5 1 1 0 (16)
Bureaucrats with Balls 6 2 0 0 (36)
Swift Kickin’ the Balls 4 2 1 0 (21)
Head First Into Third Base 5 3 0 0 (33)
Scotchatory Tape 4 3 1 0 (38)
Balls to the Mall 4 3 1 0 (47)
Kicktators 2 5 1 0 (27)
I’d Hit It... Again 3 5 0 1 (55)
99 Problems 1 5 1 0 (51)
In the Pink! 2 6 0 1 (56)
#Winning 1 5 2 1 (55)
Remember that Tie Breakers are based on Forfeits, Head to Head Matches, Common Opponents, and then Runs Allowed. At no point is Runs Scored taken into account. Expanded standings are available at the website, and on Tuesday in the Ghost Man On Third.

FORFEIT ALERT

I hate writing this section. It’s sad when teams forfeit. It’s sad for the forfeiting team, and its sad for the opponent who didn’t get to play a game.

TAKE ME HOME TONIGHT: 2 forfeit losses (Week 4, Week 8), 1 paper forfeit (Lack of Refs - Week 8)
MULTIPLE SCOREGASMS (CAP): 1 forfeit loss (Week 1)
KICKERS AND SCREAMERS: 1 paper forfeit (Lack of 3 Refs – Week 5), 1 forfeit loss (Week 7)
I’D HIT IT AGAIN: 1 forfeit loss (Week 7)
IN THE PINK!: 1 forfeit loss (Week 7)
#WINNING: 1 forfeit loss (Week 8)
COOL NAME PENDING: 1 forfeit loss (Week 8)

TMHT is the first casualty. With 3 forfeits, there are no eliminated from the playoffs. It’s a sad day. Hopefully everyone else takes notice and makes sure they don’t have the same fate!

GAME(s) OF THE WEEK

Kicktators vs. Bureaucrats with Balls
Out under the blistering sun, KICTATORS and BUREAUCRATS WITH BALLS were slated to play. BUREAUCRATS WITH BALLS took the field first. For the first couple of innings, the KICKTATOR offense started out slow, with a number of up-and-down outs. But their held strong, and they kept the scoring low at 3-0. Top of the 3rd inning, KICKTATORS first up to bat, Kevin "Magic Foot", stood proud at the plate. The pitches were going every which way, and he waited for the perfect one. The ball rolled toward him, and the KICKTATORS all held their breath as the perfect connection was made and the red ball rotated slowly through the air and way out past the out-fielders. A home run! The KICKTATORS were on the board.

The bottom of the third, though, the KICKTATORS defense took a turn for the worse. A few BWBs got on base, and then there was a kick deep into left field. Two KICKTATORS ran to the ball, and mayhem ensued. One grabbed the ball, only to throw it a few feet to the other KICKTATORS in the outfield. Said KICKTATOR proceeded to punt the ball.... directly into the tree trunk in front of him, allowing the BWBs to score 2 runs. Current Score: BwB 5, Kicktators 1.

But the KICKTATOR defense came back. As it was hot out in the field, some of the KICKTATORS had intelligently brought out liquid refreshment for their stint as defenders. One such KICKTATOR at second base, Kay, was taking a sip of her Pepsi just as a BWB kicked a pop-up straight to her. She knew the ball was hers, so as it soared through the air, she calmly replaced her Pepsi cap, set down her drink, walked back a few feet, and some say they even saw her wink at the runner before making a perfect catch. OUT.
In the top of the final inning, the KICKTATOR offense finally kicked into gear. With some excellent strategic kicking, they were able to get two Kicktators on base when one Michael Z came up to bat. He hit a beautiful kick into the outfield and brought in 2 runs. A sacrifice bunt down the first base line brought in a third run, but alas it was not to be as the inning ended. Final Score: BUREAUCRATS WITH BALLS 6, KICKTATORS 4

MULTIPLE SCORERASMS (FED) vs. DERELICT MY BALLS
MULTIPLE SCORERASMS and DERELICT MY BALLS arrived in spirits as high as the temperature and not to be deterred MS brought their happy juice in loads....WATER!!! While both teams were there on time something more important than them was missing...THE REFS!! BIG SHOUT OUT to the G.T.B. for reffing despite not being assigned to do it and despite the heat. Once everything was settled the game began with groans and moans over the heat. Thankfully this was not a repeat of last week's HAIL storm. DMB jumped out ahead with some good kicking. Even the field fought back against MS. A valiant effort to field a fly ball with the bases loaded by MS Kevin was squashed as the field jumped up and took out his legs. The first aid was quickly applied----BOOZE!! And the game continued. MS held DMB while clawing back to tie it up. The last inning could not come fast enough with that heat. MS batted first and put runners on but only got them as far as 2nd base as DMB locked it up. MS took the field for their last at bats. They quickly put on a runner and sacrificed an out to advance him to 2nd. Somehow, someway MS turned it around and got DMB to pop up twice to the same fielder.

GFYiTP vs. SWAMP DONKEYS
GFYiTP was more than ready for this long awaited rematch against SWAMPE DONKEYS. And neither team disappointed. GFYiTP scored early in the first inning but was held until the 3rd without a run. Then it was time for the ladies on the team. The GFYiTP ladies were an epic win! All girls either got on base or got in a runner. They played amazing defense and won us the game.

99 PROBLEMS vs. HEAD FIRST INTO THIRD BASE
This game wasn’t supposed to make the highlight reals, but considering underdog 99 PROBLEMS took a huge lead over defensive power-house HEADFIRST INTO THIRD BASE, this has to get a nod. Maybe it was the the heat and humidity blanketing the fields of glory, but 99 PROBLEMS took a 6-0 lead right off the bat. After a few power plays, some tremendous hustle, HF3B made an aggressive come back and avoided the upset with an 8-7 win.

SCRIMMAGE(s) OF THE WEEK
Without a sufficient number of girls COOL NAME PENDING had to forfeit what could have been a great game. No worries though in true kickball spirit BALLS TO THE MALL loaned a few players to CNP for a friendly scrimmage. No bunts in sight both team had a great time, playing kickball the way it was meant to be played: long kicks, running down players and goofing off. So remember that kid in gym who used to sit in the outfield and look up at the clouds? Well since this was only a scrimmage and it was hot as balls BttMer Sean decided to take a break in the outfield and sit down. CNP had a pop up to center field. Sean looks up and then leans a little to his left to make the catch of the season, sitting down in the middle of center field to end the game!

After the GFYiTP vs. SWAMP DONEKYS GAME, GFYiTP played a friendly few innings with INGLORIOUS BASTARDS as their opponents forfeited. It was a great preview of what is to come next week. Bring your popcorn and lawn chairs.
PLAY (s) OF THE WEEK

It was a short kick into mid center field. Lindsey for BUREAUCRATS WITH BALLS, was playing deep because the last time the KICKTATOR kicker was up he had kicked a home run. Lindsey made a head first dive and came up just short of the catch that was missed more by impossibility than lack of effort. Not only did she take one for the team, but so did her week old engagement ring. That’s some sacrifice.

BLOOPER (s) OF THE WEEK

The game between BALLS OF GLORY and G.T.B. was a very cordial game. Of course it would be since both teams work for the same company and at the same office. In the fifth inning, with BOG holding onto a slime 4-3 lead, BOG kicker Sokchhan bunts, the ball is picked up and there’s a throw towards first base. The ball is off the mark, and the GTB first baseman leans into the base path where Sokchhan plows through him. They both get up and shake hands.. and then Sokchhan takes off for 2nd.. because nobody bothered to field the ball that was still rolling away.

PLAYERS(s) OF THE WEEK

Nancy form BUREAUCRATS WITH BALLS loves third base. In the outfield, whenever anyone else tries to take her position she gives them the stare-down and no one has yet challenged her. Even when she kicks she wants to ‘get to third or nothing at all’. And that is what happened this week once again. This week, Nancy kicked a triple deep into left field bringing in the two winning runs.

THIS WEEK’S HAN SOLO CUP FLICKING RESULTS

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Kicktators 5 - Bureaucrats with Balls 4

THURSDAY:
GFYiTP 5 - Swamp Donkeys 2
I’d Hit It... Again 5 - Swift Kickin’ the Balls 1
Balls to the Mall 5 - Cool Name Pending 0
Inglorious Bastards 5 - #Winning 0 (FORFEIT)
Head First into 3rd Base 5 - 99 Problems 0
In the Pink! 5 - Scotchatory Tape 0 (FORFEIT)

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K&S 1 4 -15
MS-C 1 5 -14
GTB 1 6 -14
CNP 1 6 -21
BwB 1 7 -16
SKTB 0 7 -21

*The All-Star Han Solo Cup Flipping Tournament mid-season is based on the above standings. Expanded standings are available on Tuesday in the Ghost Man On Third.

ULTIMATE ULTIMATE

BALLS OF GLORY and G.T.B. managed to cram 30 people in the Irish Times back room to play a 30+ person game of Ultimate Survivor. One round at a time. Not like the Riff Raff’s “Let’s do separate tables until the top 10” pansy version. Lots of beer was drank, lots of cups flipped, lots of loud team chants. But when the dust settled, one team remained as the top 6 players were all from BOG. Alex U from BALLS OF GLORY won the epic drinking battle 5 rounds, and 3 tie-breakers later.

SHOUTOUTS

Shout Out to GFYiTP girls for being amazing and getting us the win!! -from the GFYiTP guys.
Shout Out to Swamp Donkeys for being super cool!! Thanks for staying and reffing the GFYiTP v. IB preview game. You guys ROCK! -from GFYiTP

Big shout out to BttM for being good sports about the whole forfeit thing. It was a great time! – COOL NAME PENDING

Good luck to IB in Hotlanta this weekend. Hope you survived your 11 hour drive with each other. Do DC Capital proud! – BALLS TO THE MALL

Shoutout to 99P, great times at the field and the dungeon. Survivor flip cup was a good time. – HEAD FIRST INTO THIRD BASE

GOLDEN KICKBALL UPDATE

It appears that more teams are doing themes than ever before. This week BALLS TO THE MALL’s theme was “Founding Fathers”

For COOL NAME PENDING, safety was the name of the game. Debbie made sure there was no running and that the kids left the pool for adult swim.
CRYSTAL PITCHER UPDATE

We’re getting to that part of the season where only the dedicated social teams remain and all of the other teams fade out.

Wednesday...

Not much can be said about Wednesday night. Teams left early. Some teams didn’t show up. The Riff Raff are done for the season. Irish Times closed the Dungeon early. But when the clock turned midnight, BALLS OF GLORY and G.T.B. were still drinking and having a good time.

Thursday...

Thursday is having the same attendance issues that Wednesday is having. GFYITP and BALLS TO THE MALL were still out in force including SWAMP DONKEYS and COOL NAME PENDING. I’m not sure where everyone else went...

I’m starting to construct a picture of who the Crystal Picture finalists should be... you have 1 more week to step up your game!

NOT GETTING GMOT OR TWTWTW?

Twitter: http://twitter.com/wakadccapital

Those are the mediums that get them first.

Email. Everyone gets emailed the link. If you don’t get it, check your Email address on the WAKA site and/or check your Spam settings.

MEET US AT THE MESSAGE BOARD

Want to discuss last night? This newsletter? Happy Hour tonight? Meet us on the DC Capital Forum at Kickball365:
All right, that’s it for this week. Now get back to work, SLACKERS!

Questions? comments? Unspeakable outrage? Andy_festa@yahoo.com

Have a great weekend and we’ll see you on the fields next week!

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