



DOGTOWN

DIVISION THIRD

GHOST MAN ON THIRD

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CURRENT STANDINGS

Team	W	L	T	F	Score
PrgChr	2	0	0	0	4
AceOB	1	0	1	0	3
RstTrm	1	0	1	0	3
Green	1	1	0	0	2
WWha	1	1	0	0	2
JVKno	0	1	1	0	1
Tang	0	2	0	0	0
TrtlW	0	1	1	1	0

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Week 3 – 03/01/06
Game 9 - 7pm field1:
Ace of Base @ Pregnt Cheerldrs
(ump: McCool & Green)
Game 10 - 8pm Feld1:
McCool Town @ Greenorhea
(ump: Pregs& Ace)
Game 11 - 8pm field2:
Tang @ TurtleWrnglrs
(ump: Trmbns & Whack)
Game 12 - 9pm field1:
RstyTrombns @ Wstsde Whakrs
(ump: Tang & Turtle)

DIVISION BAR NEWS



We encourage everyone to head over to Brennan's after the game. They're not just a great bar, they also give us a great deal, \$2.50 burgers and \$2.50 draft domestic beers each game night!



Contributions Welcome!

This is the first issue of the Winter Season's Ghost Man On Third, the official newsletter of WAKA's Dogtown Division. This, in addition to the website, is our way of letting you know about the goings-on in our division. But we also hope it can be entertaining. We need your help! If you have any insights, comments, critiques, anecdotes, poetry, prose, artwork or just idle thoughts, then feel free to send them to us! We're going to try to put out one a week through the end of playoffs.
If you think there's something we should include in an issue, some bit of information that would be helpful, then send that along as well. Email all suggestions or submissions to Chris Hutchings at chris@gargrazz.com.

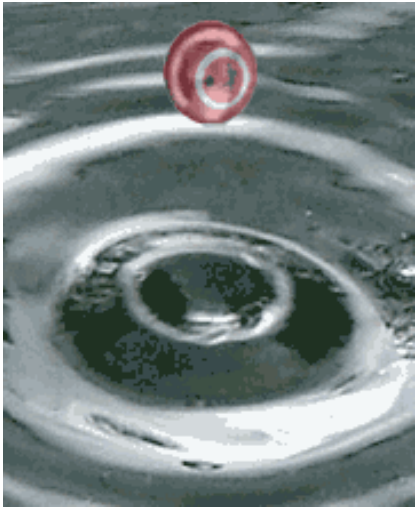
Whether Weather Permits...

By Chris Hutchings
As I type this Monday night, I can hear the steady patter of raindrops outside my window which makes me rush to the weather website to make sure it doesn't go through Wednesday.
With a rush of relief, I can see that we're in for dry skies, but maybe a soggy field. If you were with us last season, you'll remember the right field swamp. This will be the first test of the off-season field maintenance that took place and a true test of the average winter-WAKA kickballer's mettle.

I encourage all of you out there reading this to keep those plans to show up on the field Wednesday night. There are few opportunities to play winter kickball under perfect conditions and if you signed up for warm, dry, nighttime recreation, you missed registration by a few months!

If you're still a little hesitant to come out and subject your heartier team mates to a possible forfeit (shame!), then here's a little advice to prepare you for worst-case scenario conditions...

First of all, we won't play in a down pour. So don't worry about showing up to an aggro group of mud-dogs battling it out with lightning crashing down around the home plate foul cage. We may really like kickball, but we're not crazy. We will, however, play on a damp field. How damp a field we'll play on is subject to some division board discussion on the night of the game, usually at the field. In rare cases, a



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board rep will check up on the field before hand and call the game early. It'll be announced over the email system. (Which is one of many reasons to be sure you add yourself to the division email list if you haven't already – check the right hand side of the webpage.) If the games are called for whatever reason, then we adjourn to the division bar for food and drinks to warm the belly.

If the games go on, be ready for the conditions. I suggest wearing clothes that you won't mind getting muddy in. Wear warm socks and make sure your shoes have some traction. Layer up or bring a change so you don't have to go to the bar soaked or muddy. The infield tends to be manageable, the worst of it is dealt to the outfielders. Everyone gets to play with a mud-caked wet ball.

So bundle up, take some extra socks and come join us on Wednesday when the REAL die-hards show up to play!

Kick-Pic!

Each issue, we'll pick a great kick-pic to post in the issue. If you have a great picture for submission, email it to chris@gargrazz.com. Make sure it's WAKA-relevant. Either from a game, a WAKA event, or at the division bar and involves registered WAKA kickballers. Feel free to include any text you'd like to print along with it.

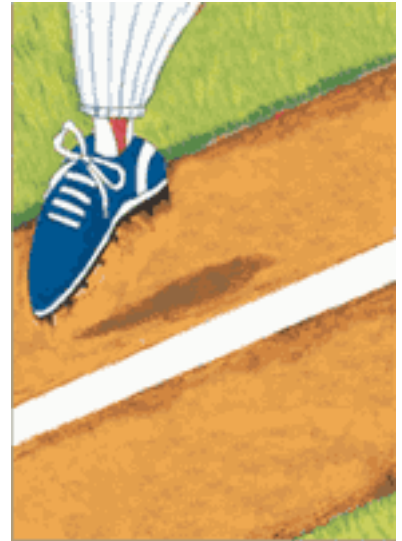
This week we have a photo from the files of Carey Melton. It's a romantic moment between Homecoming King Pat Sattler and Scott Gizer at last season's end-of-season prom. To see more photos from the event, go to the website's Pic section!



The Rules In Review

By Chris Hutchings

Occasionally, "spirited discussion" about rules happen on the field because of confusion on the part of umps or players about WAKA's set of stereo instructions, otherwise known as their game rules. *The Rules In Review* is an effort to highlight rules issues that came up in regular game play and to clarify any confusion so that everyone is on the same



page in future games. Remember, our umps are not infallible, and they do make mistakes. With this in mind, it's important to remember that no call by an ump will make precedent for future calls. Our hope is to slowly steer everyone toward the ideal of knowing and following the WAKA rules so when our championship team shows up at regionals, they don't embarrass themselves by arguing rules that don't exist for other divisions.

Last week there was an issue to highlight. It was about some surprising (for some) foul ball mechanics. Without citing the specifics or the players involved, we'll just look at the rules themselves. The rule that applies in the situation is Rule 1.04 in the WAKA Rulebook and has some unique aspects to kickball. The easy part is that a potential foul that is touched by a player before the ball hits the ground is determined by the player's feet and if they are in fair or foul territory. This is despite whether a player catches or does not catch the ball. If the player touches the ball and their feet are in fair territory, then it's a fair ball and the ball is in play. If their feet are in foul territory, then it's a foul. If the player catches the ball in foul territory, it's an out. If the player drops it in foul territory, it's a foul. The sticky bit is when the player's feet are in the air when they touch the ball. If a player jumps from fair territory, he's in fair territory while in the air, and if he touches a ball that hasn't bounced foul before he himself lands in foul territory, it's a fair ball. If, somehow, they jump from foul territory, then it would be foul and follow the same rules as if his feet were in foul territory.

Now having said that, it's important to remember that the umpire is only responsible for calling a foul ball. **So it's always a good team policy to play every kicked ball as if it was in play.** No runner or fielder can claim that they "thought" it was foul and so didn't run or throw the ball. What matters is what the ump feels, and your captain can't discuss it with them until the play is dead. Get the ball to the pitcher before debating the calls!

We'll be covering more rules in future issues. If you have any specific questions, submit them to the division and we'll do our best to address them.

The Week Two Recaps

In addition to any reviews of the games we do on the website, we'd like to include player-eye-view recaps of the games submitted by players that actually played in the games. This gives us a better opportunity to mention the great plays, the heroic players and the scathing smack-talk. So if you feel your team is not properly represented in this newsletter, then we encourage you to nominate yourself as the team rep for weekly recaps and submit them to us! If you're not up for it, help find someone on your team to handle them. These submissions should be in to our writers before the weekend so we can include them in the publication by Wednesday morning. (Also, we'll try to print the week one recaps next week along with week three.)

Pregnant Cheerleaders 2, Tang 0

PC: Sometime between betting on red and busting the dealer, I received a text message from Pat Sattler saying we won. Yay Cheerleaders - now that's luck. Maybe I'll go to Vegas every Wednesday.

Tang: Um. we didn't win the game OR write a recap. But we were at the bar. We're ALWAYS at the bar - that's how we roll, that's why we rock. After all, it's not "Drink Tang," it's "Drink, Tang!"

Westside Whackers 6, Greenorrhea 3

WW: Luck? Pfft. The Whackers didn't need any stinkin' luck last Wednesday's game. That's right -- they played with skill...refined skill, and beat Team Five (err, I mean Greenorrhea) 6-3. Because of a combination of hard-nosed defense and the unparalleled pitching skill of Mike Fratacangeli (go ahead - try to pronounce it) the game was a tight one up until the fourth inning. Before then the Whackers kept their defense tight, showcasing an awesome asset to their team. What is this asset, you ask? It was the Mike Leonardi/Scott Gizer combination tag outs. Each time a Greenorrhea runner would attempt to make it to second base, Mike L., who was playing second base, would catch the ball just behind the pitcher & lightly toss it to Scott, who was playing centerfield (but standing right at second base) for an easy out at second. Apparently, tag-teaming with Mike L. wasn't enough for Scott because he also played the ultimate outfielder -- running from each end of the outfield catching balls in left, center and right field.

In the top of the fourth inning Scott, Tom Bivens, Mike F. and Michelle Constant all scored. The most memorable run was Michelle Constant, who ran Speedy Gonzalez-style from third to home. Fortunately for her (or unfortunately, depending on how you look at it) the catcher lost sight of the ball and let it roll just past home base. While the catcher scrambled for the ball, she left her leg across the base line. Before Michelle had time to see this obstacle, she became airborne and dove home for the big finish. Completely covered in dust, she reached a couple of inches over to tag home just in time!

Mike L. scored the sixth and final run for the Whackers in the top of the fifth inning. Greenorrhea tried to stage a comeback, bringing in three runs before the game finally came to a close. And once again, the Whackers had an awesome showing at the bar, selflessly supporting the cause by taking full advantage of the new beer & burger specials at Brennan's.

GREEN: It was a tight game on a loooong field on Wednesday, with both teams tied at 0-0 going into the 4th, when mighty Greenorrhea decided that the Whackers had been having a tough run at it, and well, hey, they are all nice chaps and lasses, so why not give them four runs in the 4th just to convey our deepest well wishes? It was unanimously decided that this was a good plan, and thus it was. Four in the 4th, then two in the 5th. But we made some friends. And THAT is what it's all about.

McCool Town 1, Turtle Wranglers 1

MCC: In a heated battle of rookie teams fresh from promotion from the farm leagues, McCool Town and Turtle Wranglers ended in stalemate at 1 run apiece. The Turtle Wranglers scored a home run on a monster blast by their first kicker of the game. McCool Town hung in there and scored the tying run in the last inning of the game with some expert base running by Sonya Landgreen. Both teams wanted to finish out the game in extra innings, but the umpires called the game due to lack of beer.

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WAKA Dog town Division GMOT, Wednesday, March 1, 2006

TW: Dear Mr. GMOT guy, Please excuse the Turtle Wranglers from writing a recap. They are still recovering from a long weekend of "wrangling their turtles" (wink wink, nudge nudge). Signed, Epstein's mother.

Ace of Base 3, "Team Eight" 3

AoB: Veteran Aces attempted to flatten the notes of the Rusty Trombones... but found that these rookies have a fairly impressive defense despite their small number. Aces lost their first player of the season, our favorite first baseman Johnny T, to a sprain early in the game. Luckily, it looks like he'll be back in the game just in time for the play offs! Nome continued to prove himself a worthy pitcher and Grant did his signature winging of the ball from 3rd to 1st. Veronica per usual shocked herself with a fantastic kick and Patricia continue to show her fierce offensive and defensive skills.

T8: We're still trying to think up a new name, and you want us to write you a recap?? Besides, we've been drinking with Tang since Wednesday. Catch you next week.