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CURRENT STANDINGS

Team	W	L	T	F	Score
PrgChr	3	0	0	0	6
WWhac	2	1	0	0	4
AceOfB	1	1	1	0	3
RustyT	1	1	1	0	3
Green	1	2	0	0	2
JVKno	1	1	1	1	2
Tang	1	2	0	0	2
TrtlW	0	2	1	1	0

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Week 4 – 03/08/06
Game 13- 7pm field1:
Pregnt Cheerldrs @ RustyTs
(ump: WW & McCool)

Game 14- 8pm Field1:
Wstsde Whakrs @ McCool Town
(ump: Preg&Rusty)

Game 15- 8pm field2:
TurtleWrnglrs @ Ace of Base
(ump: Green & Tang)

Game 16- 9pm field1:
Greenorhea @ Tang
(ump: Ace & 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 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.

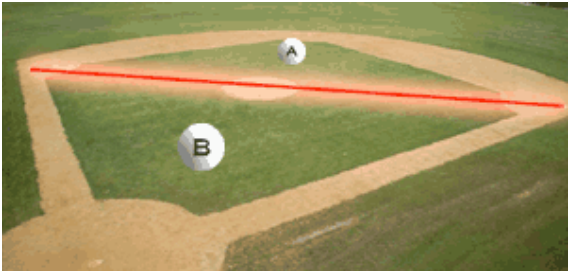
If you think there's something we should include in an issue, some bit of information that would be helpful, then send that along as well. Email all suggestions or submissions to Chris Hutchings at chris@gargrazz.com.

The Rules In Review

By Chris Hutchings

This week, we're going to look at rule 8.03 – *"No player may field forward the pitcher other than the catcher until the ball is kicked, and no player may advance forward the 1st-3rd base diagonal until the ball is kicked. Failure to abide by this rule results in a ball."*

This, like other WAKA kickball rules, differs from softball and baseball. In fact, the rule can be a bit confusing when you explore the ramifications in a game. So first, we'll start by defining the diagonal. In the graphic to the right, you'll see a red line between 1st base and 3rd base. This is the "1st-3rd base diagonal".



This is an imaginary line that's monitored by the 1st base ump primarily, but the home plate ump can make calls as well. As you can see, the line stretches between 1st and 3rd and crosses over the pitching strip. All defensive fielders must be behind this line (A) when the ball is kicked, including the pitcher, but not the catcher.

If any fielder (besides catcher) crosses this line before the ball is kicked (B), then the kick results in a "ball". The players will know this has occurred because an ump shouts, "BALL!" before the ball is kicked. Please note that an ump can make this call after the kick as well because a player might not cross until just a moment before the kick.

From here, one of two things can happen. The kicker, hearing the call, can decide not to kick. In this case, no matter where the ball passed in relation to the strikezone during the pitch, it will result in a "ball."

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Also, the kicker, for whatever reason, can decide to kick the ball anyway. In this case, regular play commences. Once play has concluded, the kicker is informed of the defense's infraction and they may decide whether to let the play stand (keeping all runners on the bases they are currently at and all outs that occurred) or kick again with a "ball" added to their count. A kicker will usually choose to let the play stand if their kick advanced runners and no outs occurred. They will usually take the "ball" and kick again if the play resulted in an out or a foul. If the play resulted in an out and a run scored, well... then they have some thinking to do because both the run and the out will be kept if they let the play stand.

This rule will seem a bit awkward to people familiar with baseball and softball rules and it may seem like the rule gives the kicker a strong advantage. They'd be correct in both cases. Kickball has many rules that do not have correlations with baseball or softball. Fielders can get the runner out by hitting them with the ball rather than tagging them (like baseball), rules are adjusted to make infield kicks a legitimate option. How much base running would actually occur if the game was just about pop-flies and ground-outs to fielders standing 5 feet in front of home plate like soccer players blocking a free kick?



The rule favors the kicker because it's designed to prohibit the infraction. Fielders will be more mindful of the line if their great outs are negated for "balls"!

So here is the final wording of the rule for *Dogtown Division only*. This is not an official ruling by WAKA national, just an

interpretation we will use until notified otherwise. The division board has the right to change this ruling without any prior warning (though we'll do our best to update you):

"Any encroachment is determined by either umpire and they should announce it immediately. If the ball is kicked and the kicker so chooses, the play can be withdrawn as if it were foul and is counted as a "ball". The kicker may also let the play stand and all base runners keep their positions and all outs stand once play is concluded. If the ball is not kicked, it results in a "ball" regardless of strike-zone."

Kick-Pic!



Each issue, we'll pick a great kick-pic to post in the issue. If you have a 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. In addition, we're going to start a fun new activity! Announcing the **Kick-Pic Caption Kontest!** When we publish a new kick-pic, feel free to email us a caption for it so we can include it in the next newsletter. Include your name and team name. We'll print any tasteful captions you send us before the publishing deadline. (Tasteful means funny, but not explicit or mean!) This week's pic is of the Greenorhea captain's brain trust, from the files of Carey Melton.

Mid-Season Charity Party Announced

Our three-headed team of Social and Charity board members have been hard at work whipping up a bevy of soiree plans for the mid season party on **TUESDAY, March 21st at 8:00pm**. (find an attached flyer announcing the event) The mid-season party will take place at, Brennan's, and include free food and drinks. Non-WAKA guests are more than welcome to come for a minor \$5 entrance fee (proceeds go to a free domestic draft beer and our charity), but please RSVP if you're planning to come. We have a bunch of great activities planned, including music on the patio and Dogtown's first flip-cup tournament! (Details of the flip-cup tournament will be outlined on the next page. RSVP at drinkforcharity@gmail.com

A Beginner's Guide to Flip Cup

Well, the midseason party has been announced and you hear that there's some flip-cup thingy going to happen. The problem is, you're not sure what that means. Flip-Cup is also known as Canoe or Boat Trip and is a drinking game that adults engage in with adult supervision (it's always better with adults supervising). It is also WAKA's unofficial, official drinking game. It's a fairly simple game that involves two teams of 5 people that will square off across a table-top. Each team will line up on opposite sides of the table from each other and each player will have a cup filled with an equal amount of beer to everyone else (if you don't drink, but want to play, you can use soda... or maybe ketchup... we're still looking into that...) This amount is usually up to the bottom "rib" on your average plastic cup.



See the image to the left for how team "Yonkers Aggregate Associated" lines up on the table. The refs will nominate the starting position and it tends to rotate to a new player in each round. Let's say in this case, it's Ghandi. He's a good starting pitcher and has mad technique. The player on the other team opposite Ghandi (not shown) is the other team's starter. If Ghandi is the starter and the pass will go from Ghandi to Poe, then the play will move from Ghandi, to Poe, to Randy, and then wrap around to the other end to Yogi, and then W is last and is called "the anchor."

Play begins when the refs say, "Go!" or, "Drink!" or, "Hale-Bopp!" or whatever they feel is appropriate to the mood. At that point, Ghandi, the opener, and his opponent opposite him (not shown) will pick up their cups and start to quaff their beverage (or ketchup). Once they've chugged or sipped their last drop, they'll set their cup on the edge of the table right side up (see image to right) and attempt to flip the cup in the air to make it land upside down by knocking it with their finger/hand/toe/tentacle (see image below). If Ghandi's flip does not achieve the desired result, then he will reset his cup and continue to attempt it until successful. Once Ghandi has successfully flipped his cup, then (and only then) may Poe touch his cup, chug it and attempt to flip his cup. Once Poe is successful, then Randy goes, then Yogi goes, then W. If W successfully flips his cup before his opposite across the table, then the "Yonkers Aggregate Associated" team wins! They become the new challengers and get to take on the next team in a new match.



Since this is a charity tournament to raise money for our division charity, each team that challenges has to pay \$10 to compete. (That's \$2 per team member). So bring a small bank-roll of singles and get ready to donate your arse off! (This money may also buy more beer in case this proves to be wildly popular.) Teams that win get to stay at the table and do not have to pay again until they lose and attempt to enter back in. So if you practice your flipping and get good enough, you get **FREE BEER ALL NIGHT** (in little, tiny portions). We'll probably have two tables set up on the night of the party and refs will have all final rulings – including disqualification for cheating. (Like touching your cup too early, or not completely draining the cup before turning it over.) So good luck and feel free to RSVP with 5-man teams before the event! Or make a team when you get there.

If you decide not to play, that's fine. Everyone loves a cheering section. Every person that

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RSVP's in advance (and their guest for \$5) will get a ticket for a free domestic draft beer. A selection of free appetizers will be available at the start of the party. They won't last long. Get there early for free nosh and suds. Help make this WAKA's most successful charity event EVER.

This season's Dogtown charity is for Girls On The Run, Southern California. Their mission is "To Educate and Prepare Girls for a Lifetime of Self-respect and Healthy Living." You can read more about them at www.gotrsocal.org.

The Week Three 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.

Westside Whackers 5, Rusty T's 1

From Whackers: Things were looking good for Team 8 (aka: "Rusty T's") - that is until they came face to face with the machine known as Westside Whackers. The Whackers came into the game ready full well knowing that Team 8 had just tied Ace of Base the week before. Their homework and skill once again paid off with 5-1 dominance. The game started out strong for the Whackers; in the first inning alone the Whackers brought in a whopping four runners - Mary Macias, Tom Bivens, Mike Fratarcangeli & Michelle Constant.

Team 8 managed to squeeze one run in during the first inning, but that easily proved to be their only score of the game. Even Team 8 couldn't help but comment on the MVP pitching form of Mike F. who, combined with a tight defense, managed to hold them well at bay. No doubt, the play of the night was newcomer third baseman Jen Palagi who caught a powerful pop-fly and closed out the third inning for the Whackers. The last score of the night was Zipporah Porton, who's quick thinking and aggressive base running brought in the fifth and final score of the night.

From Rusty T's: Wednesday was a tough setback for the Rusty T's. With aspirations of greatness, hopes were dashed pre-game when three starting infielders were 11th hour scratches. Playing with a revised lineup, the Rusty T's were still able to jump on a quick 1-0 lead. Unfortunately, it went downhill from there. The Wackers, with a robust and competent lineup, were led by an impressive pitching effort that was eerily reminiscent to that of PBA legend Mike Aulby's late breaking right-to-left movement.



In the end, the Rusty T's can take solace in knowing that while the roster was depleted on the field, the numbers were strong for postgame libations and spirits. The team is planning to regroup with a retreat and a viewing of one of the many inspirational episodes of Small Wonder.

Tang 4, Turtle Wranglers 1

From Turtle Wranglers: After a disappointing 4 to 1 loss to Tang, The wranglers learned one thing, the B's of Kickball are very important. What are the three B's? The first B is Base Coaching: We got killed by our baserunning errors. Better base coaching would have helped us keep momentum. I know I am to blame for one of those errors. The second B is Bunts: I guess a good team knows when to lay down a good bunt at the right time. Tang has learned the skillful art of bunting. Its quite tricky if you're not expecting it. Not to take away from a three run triple one of their players had. The third B is Beer: Speaking for myself, I think a few beers would have warmed me up, cause it was freezing out there.

Congrats to Tang for putting a whooping on us. The Turtle Wranglers are getting the hang of this sport and one day will be a sure threat. Turtle Wranglers never say Die!

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From Tang: Earlier that same Wednesday, Team TANG received this e-mail from an anonymous source; "I just want to reiterate how much I love our team, win or lose. However, if we lose, one team member will be ritually slaughtered at Brennan's. GO TANG!" This source was later identified as Co-Captain MattLevin. TANG, with the drive of not wanting to lose a member, as well as their new-found team collaboration of orange headbands and the first sighting of the TANG flag soaring high above the dugout, came out feet blazing.

TANG scored early, making the score 1-0 after the first when Karen Zlotnik crossed home plate on a ball well struck by Zubin Hariri. The Turtle Wranglers came back in the 2nd, tying the game 1-1. However, TANG would not be stopped. In the 4th, two were on for Rick Shirey who drove a triple down the right field line. He later scored himself off a Shana Levin single, giving TANG a 4-1 victory, their first win of the season.

McCool Town JV Knockers 6, Greenorrhea 2

From Greenorrhea: The word forfeit was thrown quite liberally around the Green locker room before the game and we all trotted out there thinking we'd get a good practice game in. Well, it wasn't good and it wasn't practice. We were schooled by the McCool Town sharp-shooting team that found every chink, hole and weakness in our defense. Fortunately, we're shoring up our lines for next week's game against the Orange Crush and we're sure to get back that imaginary win we snatched from the jaws of complete and utter defeat. Well played, Mcool... *well played*. We'll see you in the play-offs, don't see if you don't!

Not from McCool: That win counted? Sweeeeeet!

Pregnant Cheerleaders 3, Ace of Base 1

From Pregnant Cheerleaders: Cheerleaders showed up in full force and, for the second week in a row, clinched their game at the top of the 5th, thereby once again NOT kicking through their entire lineup. Little matter, as this game was all about the offense. Strong pitching from 'Zo, Kevin, and Big Poppa, along with some stellar first baseman-ing by Larry Caldwell and a full body catch by co-captain Sarah, kept the Aces at bay and handed them their first loss. I guess they really did see the sign. the STOP sign!

Not from Ace of Base: There was squishy swamp in the outfield, and mud in the infield, and no one brought goodies this week. Cheerleaders broke our hearts along with our unbeaten streak. We're too sad to write a recap.

FLIPPIN' FOR THE GIRLS

WAKA Mid-Season Party Benefiting Girls on the Run

When: Tuesday,
March 21st at 8pm

Where: Brennan's
Pub

Fee: \$0 for WAKA
members
\$5 for guests
\$0 for designated
drivers



1 FREE BEER per
entry and FREE
appetizers from
8pm-9pm

Flip Cup Tournament for Charity

- \$10 for a 5-player team
- Play 'til you lose!
- \$10 (\$2/person) re-entry
fee if you lose

PRIZES!! PRIZES!! PRIZES!!

Proceeds benefit Girls
on the Run, Southern
California.

"To Educate and
Prepare Girls for a
Lifetime of Self-
Respect and Healthy
Living."

RSVP:

PLEASE RSVP to drinkforcharity@gmail.com

- Include your name, Dogtown team, # of
guests and your 5 -player team if you are
playing in the Flip Cup Tourney. Individuals
may also register for the tourney.
- Flip Cup Refs Needed! Email if interested!