



DOGTOWN

DIVISION THIRD

GHOST MAN ON THIRD

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CURRENT STANDINGS

Team	W	L	T	F	Score
WWhak	5	1	0	0	10
PrgChr	4	2	0	0	8
Green	4	2	0	0	8
AceOB	2	2	2	1	5
RstyT	2	3	1	0	5
Tang	2	4	0	0	4
TrtlW	1	3	2	1	3
McCool	1	4	1	1	2

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Week 7 – 03/29/06

Game 25- 7pm field1:

Whackers @ Turtle
(ump: Base & Tang)

Game 26- 8pm Field1:

Ace Of Base @ Tang
(ump: Whack&Turtle)

Game 27- 8pm field2:

Rusty Ts @ McCool
(ump: Cheer&Green)

Game 28- 9pm field1:

Cheerleaders @ Green
(ump: Rusty&McCool)

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!



Play-Off Structure and Dates

Now would be a good time to take a peek at the schedule posted to the website. We have a slightly different schedule posted for the playoffs to accomodate for the Passover holiday as well as to get a few more games in before Spring Season starts up!

The last week of regular season play is April 5th. Unless the rain has wracked the field this week, then we'll use the passover week (April 12th) as a either a make-up day for the season or as a practice week for pickup games before the playoffs. Then we'll start a marathon three week playoff stint that starts April 19th and ends May 3rd. Once the championship is concluded, we will have one pickup week to take a breather before our spring season starts up on May 17th!

Next week, we'll go into the ins and outs and the hows and whys. For now, here's the dates and the games:

Week 1 (April 19th)

- Game 1: (field 1) 7th place @ 2nd place
- Game 2: (field 1) 8th place @ 1st place
- Game 3: (field 2) 5th place @ 4th place
- Game 4: (field 1) 6th place @ 3rd place

Week 2 (April 26th)

- Game 5: (field 1) Winner Game3 @ Winner Game2
- Game 6: (field 1) Winner Game4 @ Winner Game1
- Game 7: (field 2) Loser Game4 @ Loser Game3
- Game 8: (field 1) Loser Game2 @ Loser Game1

Week 3 (May 3rd)

- Game 9: (field 1) Winner Game8 @ Winner Game7
(winner is 5th place, loser is 6th)
- Game 10: (field 1) Loser Game5 @ Loser Game6
(winner is 3rd place, loser is 4th place)
- Game 11: (field 2) Loser Game8 @ Loser Game7
(winner is 7th place, loser is 8th place)
- Game 12: (field 1) Winner Game5@Winner Game6
(winner is Champion, loser is 2nd place)

Kick-Pic!



If you have a picture for submission, email it to chris@gargrazz.com. This week's pic is of a salty band of flip-cuppers showing sportsmanlike respect to the bald-headed champions.

Mid-Season Party Marred by Nickerson-Sattler Feud

By Woodrow Carlbern



Controversy marred the success of Dogtown's Mid-Season Party last Tuesday after Sarah Nickerson was accused of illegally flipping her cup during a Flip Cup competition. After the conclusion of the Dogtown Flip Cup Regionals, Nickerson and Pat Sattler, both of the Pregnant Cheerleaders, engaged in a one-on-one Flip Cup competition to determine who was the best "flipper". Such competitions are not uncommon at other Flip Cup Regionals, and usually start with a "throw down", which involves a challenger throwing an empty plastic cup at another player's feet. "Throw downs" are rarely rejected as the act is also seen as extremely disrespectful. Once a "throw down" is accepted, the two players battle in "rounds" by drinking and flipping two cups of beer. The first player to successfully drink each beer and flip each cup wins the round. At press time, no one was aware whether Nickerson or Sattler threw down, or if the decision to compete was mutual.

During the competition, Nickerson beat Sattler four rounds to one in a best of seven series. Sattler, gracious in his loss, remained calm, but declined any requests for interviews. In an apologetic tone, Sattler said, "Thanks, for coming out, but this one is tough for me right now. Sarah's a great kickballer. That's all I have to say right now. I'm sorry I can't add anymore."

Despite Nickerson's apparent dominance, controversy erupted during game four when spectators accused Nickerson of flipping the cup illegally. In a

traditional flip, the player places the cup upside down with part of the lip hanging over the edge of the table. In an upward motion with the hand, the player "flips" the cup by hitting the exposed lip of the cup. The player continues to "flip" the cup until it lands right side up.

Brian McWilliams of Flippers Unite!, California Chapter, a national Flip Cup association, explained, "Nicky's style is reminiscent of 'tip cup', an archaic form of Flip Cup that allowed the player to tip the cup over using both hands as opposed to just flipping it over. Tip Cup, back in the day, was just too easy. It's really for rookies--people who have yet to master the true Flip Cup technique. You have to have a strong wrist for Flip Cup, which obviously makes Flip Cup a lot easier for guys. Nicky's wrists just aren't as conditioned as they should be."

McWilliams added, "Pat's grievance is understandable. Nicky is known for pushing the envelope. Sometimes, she pushes the envelope too far."

Unconfirmed reports suggest that Nickerson's boyfriend tipped off officials to Nickerson's allegedly illegal flips. At press time, he could not be contacted to verify these reports.

When asked about the controversy, Nickerson said, "You all are just jealous of my talent. You can't hold me back, even when you try to. It doesn't matter what you say or what you do. In the end, I'm going to get paid AND get my drink on. Why is it that every time a small town girl from Connecticut plays with the big boys and teaches them a lesson, you have to try and tear me down? I'll tell you why: you're afraid of me, and you're afraid of my talent. I'm unstoppable."

Close friend and teammate Kasey Shuda offered her support by saying, "Word. Suckers."

The controversy mars the otherwise successful return of the versatile Sattler, who has made himself a household name in the 3rd Position and Anchor positions. Big Papa, as Sattler is commonly known, came out of retirement specifically for this event. In a stunning move last season, Sattler announced that he would leave the sport so that he could study the religion of kihkballah in the mountains of Tibet. Kihkballah blends a mystical teaching of the Hebrew Scriptures with the basic rules of kickball.



The Week Six 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.

Greenhorrea 3, Rusty T's 0

From Greenhorrea: PEOPLE OF THE WORLD...The WHO (World Health Organization) has issued a condition red warning to all kickball players in the western United States. Apparently all attempts to halt the progress of Greenhorrea have failed miserably in the wake of their 3rd consecutive victory. After a 3-0 win last week against the spirited (BUT FOOLISH!!) Rusty Trombones, the WHO has deemed Greenhorrea "an unstoppable force of nature" akin to that of forest fires that can only burn themselves out (see flipcup results). HOWEVER - the WHO has advised that it is highly unlikely that the talented (and rapidly mutating) strain of STD will be stopped this season. Buy some duct tape and some plastic and stay indoors - what they are kicking cannot be caught; but you can still be infected...

Not From Rusty T's: Those Greenhorreas need to bring a salve, or something, for their opponents.

Turtle Wranglers 2, Pregnant Cheerleaders 1

Not From Turtles: Eh, we won. Whatever.

From Cheerleaders: Oddly enough, the Preggos celebrated their first regular season loss by losing a second game in a row. Brian Cheng scored the lone Preggo run on a fly-out by Dustin Petok. Big Poppa blames himself for drinking non-Diet Coke products on Tuesday night. They will try to stop the streak at two against the Naked Photo Hunt Champions this week.

Tang 2, Westside Whackers 4

From Tang: The lovely Field 2 played host to two veteran teams. Whackers started off with a run in the first inning thanks to Scott scooting around the bases in a hurry. Tang couldn't get runners on base. But in the 2nd inning, Dan scored a run and tied up the game. Whackers answered with three more runs to make it 4-1. Tang continued to have trouble getting peeps on base. Until the 5th inning. It was our last chance. Two outs. Nick gets up. Does the strategic thing - bunts. Now we've got a runner. Rick 'The Rocket' Shirey gets up. HOME RUN. Tang scores two runs. But it's not enough. We lose 3-4. We vow vengeance. It's all just practice for the playoffs.

From Whackers: "Coach Gizer" pinch hit for Captain Carey to lead the Westside Whackers to victory last Wednesday. The game started strong, with the Whackers gaining a 1-0 lead over Tang. Both teams played well defensively making for a few short innings. BUT the Whackers really brought it home (literally) when Scott Gizer, Mary Macias and Jim Kakalik all crossed home plate, bringing the score to 4-0 as we closed out the 4th inning. At the top of the fifth, things got a little hectic for a second when Tang placed a runner on first and their next kicker wailed the ball to deep right field, bringing in two runs. Fortunately, the Whackers held off any other scoring and closed out the game at 4-3.

McCool Town JV Knockers 1, Ace Of Base 2

From Knockers: McCool Town JV Knockers suffered yet another heartbreaking defeat at the hands of Ace of Base. The 2-1 score is indicative of the hotly contested match between these two powerhouses of the division -- with Ace of Base really getting upset over the lack of an "obstruction" call by the first base umpire. I don't think Ace of Base would have won if it wasn't for their "manager" sexually harassing Ian "Watch My Form" Landgreen while he was on the field - saying something about Ian not being allowed to wear shorts "with legs like those!" The Knockers really need to get serious about Kickball if they're going to do anything in the playoffs. By the way, we would like an official investigation of the legality of the pitcher's matching yellow gloves, which must have been used to conceal his prosthetic bionic hands.

From Ace: Despite yet another near forfeit because of a pending rocket launch, various injuries/illnesses, and a film shoot, Aces pulled it together with a tight defensive line. With key

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defensive plays all around, our team's chemistry and communication actually made it look as if we like each other. Gratefully, we have Johnny back from his injury in the first game. Unfortunately, it seems that Johnny's healed injury has been offset by Ben's new injury. However, he did some killer coaching and even tried to do some shit talking (if you know how nice he is, you'll know how funny that is).

Offensively (as we frequently do offend), our kickers were facing a mighty wicked spin from McCool's pitcher. Sure, Preggos have that slow-bouncy bitch of a pitch, but McCool's pitcher actually pitches it for reals, and nearly struck out 3 of our players. He obviously has done some serious training. I hate to suggest it, but perhaps he is the one Melton should be investigating? Despite his pitching prowess, though, we got some walks and base hits. In the bottom of the fifth, Grant kicked our first RKI! Booyah! Aces ended up scoring 2 runs right under the gun, with the lights threatening to go off at any minute.

Of course, we were tacky and had a paper forfeit because we neglected to ump the game prior. Our apologies, ne'er again! This was actually my first forfeit/paper forfeit as a captain. And no, I'm still not over it.