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**Season Fourteen
CAPITAL CUP XIV
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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Wed/Thurs July 6/7: Playoffs Round 1 and most of Round 2. Which night you play is determined by the higher seeds in your mini-bracket.

Saturday July 9 Starting at 9 AM: Super Saturday Round 2 cont. Elite 8, Final 4, Capital Cup Championship

Saturday July 9 Starting at 8 PM: End of Season Party

1. GHOST MAN'S WELCOME

Greetings Kickballers,

Welcome to the final Ghost Man of the year. What time is it Kickballers? GAME TIME!!! That's right, win or go home, put up or shut up, insert more sports clichés here, either way it's time for the 2011 DC Capital/Federal Division Playoffs! Where true kickballers are born and at the end of one glorious Saturday, one lucky team will walk away with the coveted Capital Cup!

This July marks the fourteenth time DC Capital players have faced off in the playoffs to play for the Cup. This is also the tenth time for DC Federal. Both are the oldest playoffs in the wide world of adult kickball and the Cup is one of the most coveted.

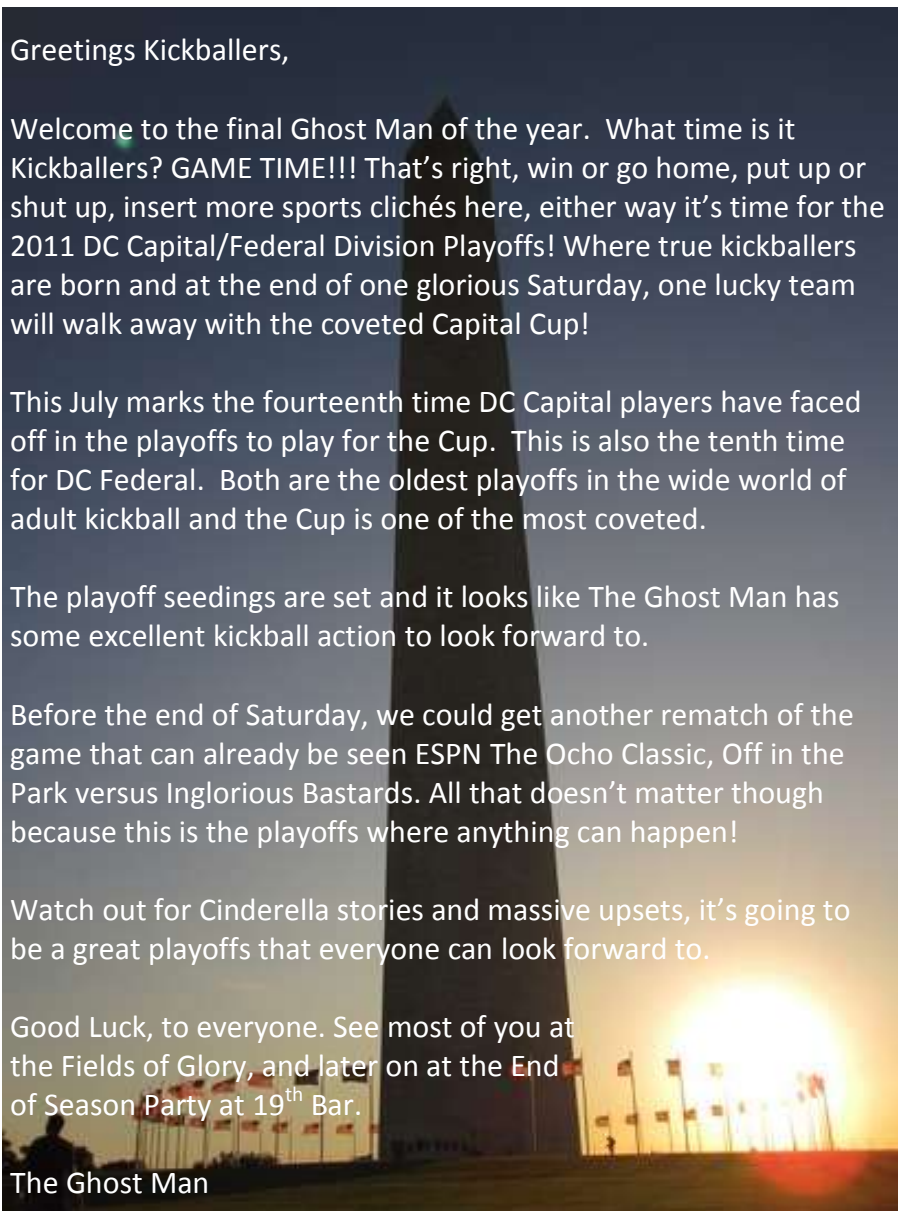
The playoff seedings are set and it looks like The Ghost Man has some excellent kickball action to look forward to.

Before the end of Saturday, we could get another rematch of the game that can already be seen ESPN The Ocho Classic, Off in the Park versus Inglorious Bastards. All that doesn't matter though because this is the playoffs where anything can happen!

Watch out for Cinderella stories and massive upsets, it's going to be a great playoffs that everyone can look forward to.

Good Luck, to everyone. See most of you at the Fields of Glory, and later on at the End of Season Party at 19th Bar.

The Ghost Man



2. LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Wednesday, June 22, 2011

Swamp Donkeys 12 - Multiple Scoregasms (Fed) 0

Swift Kickin' the Balls 14 - Cool Name Pending 2

99 Problems 6 - Take me HOME Tonight 1

3. NAME CHANGE?

GFYITP decided to revert back to the name they've had for the previous four years – **Off in the Park**

4. STANDINGS

	Team	W	L	T	F	PCT	RS	RA
1	Off in the Park	8	0	1	0	0.944	85	8
2	Inglorious Bastards	8	0	1	0	0.944	120	8
3	Swamp Donkeys	7	1	1	0	0.833	43	16
4	Balls of Glory	7	2	0	0	0.778	69	22
5	G.T.B.	7	2	0	0	0.778	58	30
6	Bureaucrats with Balls	7	2	0	0	0.778	67	38
7	Head First Into 3rd Base	6	3	0	0	0.667	49	33
8	Swift Kickin' the Balls	5	3	1	0	0.611	44	27
9	Kick Heads	5	4	0	0	0.556	43	47
10	Balls to the Mall	4	4	1	1	0.417	38	52
11	Derelict My Balls	3	5	1	0	0.389	25	48
12	Multiple Scoregasms (Federal)	3	5	1	0	0.389	34	49
13	In the Pink!	4	5	0	1	0.361	28	52
14	Scotchatory Tape	3	5	1	1	0.306	35	47
15	Kicktators	2	6	1	0	0.278	20	38
16	Kickers and Screammers	3	6	0	1	0.250	23	51
17	I'd Hit It... Again	3	6	0	2	0.167	35	60
18	#Winning	1	6	2	1	0.139	26	63
19	99 Problems	1	6	1	1	0.094	26	56
20	Cool Name Pending	2	7	0	1	0.139	34	77
21	Multiple Scoregasms (Capital)	1	8	0	1	0.028	15	63
	Take Me HOME Tonight	1	8	0	3	-0.139	13	50

Full Standings including tie-breakers can be found at : <http://kickballlegends.com/waka/dccapital/standings>

5. END OF SEASON PARTY

What: DC Capital / DC Federal End of Season Party

When: Saturday, July 9th. 8PM - Midnight

How Much: FREE for DC Capital/Federal 'ballers.

Why: FREE BEER (Beer – tapped kegs until there are no more, \$5 Rail drinks), and...
2011 Regular Season Title Han Solo Flip-off between MS and IB and
2011 AWARDS PRESENTATION.

Where: 19th Bar. 1900 I St NW

Awards: During the party, the final Awards for the season will be given out, including the Crystal Pitcher (Most Social), Golden Kickball (Team Spirit), Best Efforts (Team Most Likely To Succeed in a Sport other than Kickball), and the sacred Capital Cup to the Division Champion.

6. THE BOOKIE REPORT

Welcome to the greatest week of the Kickball Calendar. We start off with the first and second rounds on Wednesday and Thursday. There are some great games in those match ups. The best of which could be **Head First into Third Base** taking on **Balls to the Mall**. Both teams have lofty aspirations on Super Saturday, but only one will be able to make it. **Bureaucrats with Balls** looks to continue to earn respect and gets a shot at one of the best Federal Division has to offer, **Multiple Scorgasms**. If you are looking for an upset than take **I'd Hit It** to beat **Kicktators**.

The excitement hits high gear on the weekend. On Super Saturday a team that has never won the Capital Cup will be crowned champion. Of the 22 teams in the division only one has ever even made it to the Capital Cup Finals. **Balls of Glory** made it twice but dealt with disappointment at the hands of the Keg Kickers and Other Shot Callers. There are a couple potential big matchups in the early rounds that day. **Inglorious Bastards** could face HF3B in the quarter finals, which always has the potential for fireworks. **G.T.B.** and Balls of Glory may get a chance to renew their friendly rivalry. As for the finals, there are thousands of potential match up combinations, but only one features two undefeated teams. Get the popcorn ready if iB goes against the newly rechristened **Off in the Park**. Last year they had a barn-burner during the regular season. This year the two teams retooled and tied. However there is a lot of excitement to unfold between now and the finals. The would be OSC-iB rematch last year was thwarted when iB didn't have a fourth female for Super Saturday. Stay tuned to see what shocking developments occur this year. Word to the Wise, unless you see Noah in an Ark going down Constitution Avenue the games will probably be on.

When the sun sets the day has only yet to begin. That night at the End of Season Party we will be handing out the Off-the-Field Awards. This includes the coveted Crystal Pitcher. Last year a dance off was needed to break the tie on Captains' Votes. Speaking of ties this year two teams ended in a tie for the regular season Flip Cup Title. Both iB and Multiple Scorgasms Federal went undefeated in the regular season. There can be only one and on Saturday the two will go head to head to crown the champion. Add in Golden Kickball Award and bar specials and we have the makings of a great night and a rough Sunday Morning.

7. HOW THE PLAYOFFS WORK

Determining Home Team

Throughout all tournament games the higher ranked team has the option to choose Home or Away status and therefore whether or not they will kick first in the first inning.

Time Limits

Because extra innings are a possibility and field time is sometimes scarce, referees and Captains are urged to start all games on time. The 15 minute grace period shall be honored per the WAKA Rules, but any late start may result in reduced overall playing time. Saturday: Please respect start times and realize that traffic and parking at the Washington Monument on a Saturday is usually a little more difficult than a Wednesday or Thursday.

Game Length and Extra Innings

All games shall consist of 5 innings, unless falling into the below categories:

- 1) Mercy Rule: *At the end of the third inning or at the end of any full inning thereafter a team up by 12 or more runs* automatically wins the game and the game is over.
- 2) In the event of a tie score after 5 innings, we will play extra innings until the tie is broken at the end of an inning. **Each extra inning should be played with these modifications:**
 - Place the last kicker (1) from the previous inning on second base
 - **Only 8** players on the field for the defense consisting of 4 men and 4 women
 - All kickers start with an unmodified count (0 balls, 0 strikes, 0 fouls)

8. SUPER SATURDAY

There are a lot of questions on what exactly is happening Saturday morning. Here's the run-down:

9:00 AM Final Sweet 16 games (IB, OITP and their opponents)

9:45 AM Elite 8

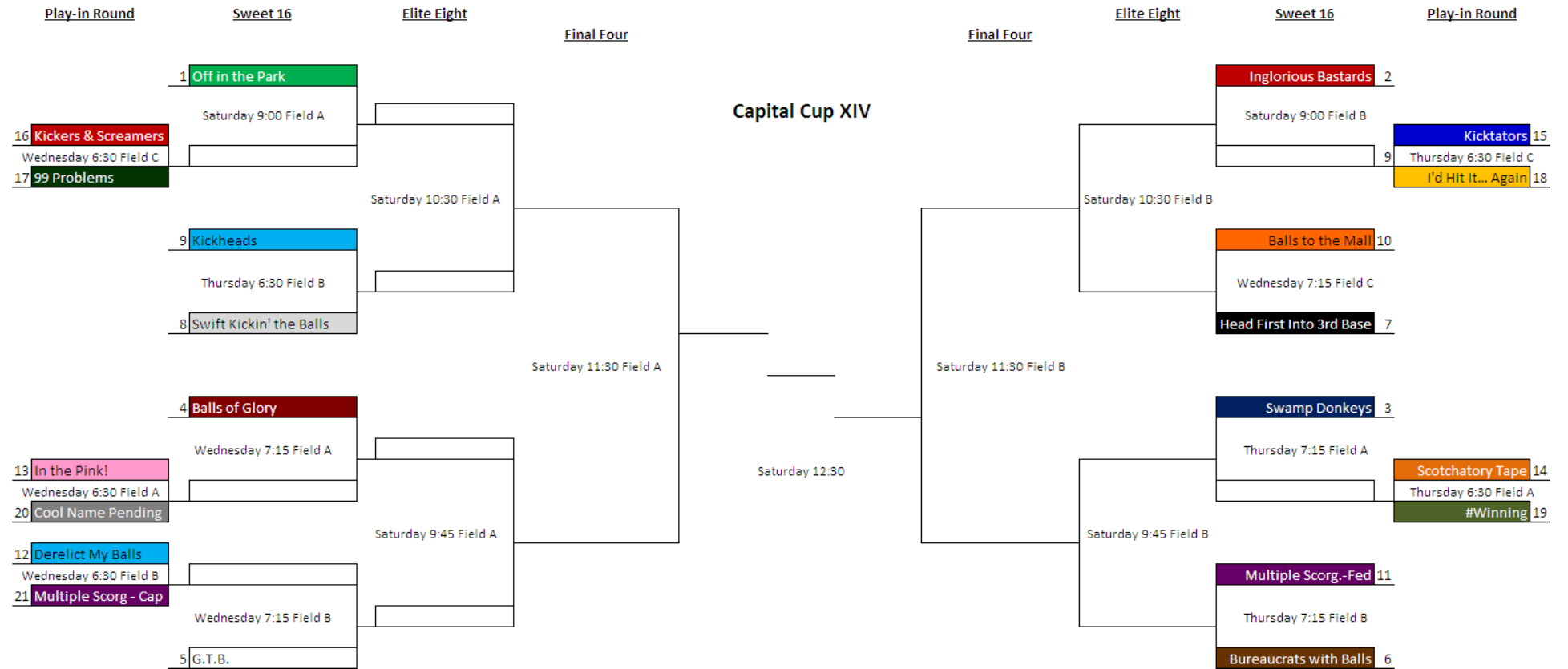
10:30 AM Elite 8

11:30 AM Final 4

12:30 PM Capital Cup XIV Finals

9. PLAYOFF BRACKET

Play along at home!



10. SCHEDULE, LINES & PICKS PLAYOFFS

RAINOUT POLICY FOR PLAYOFFS:

If it rains on Wednesday or Thursday, these games will be played on Saturday. Saturday we will play rain or shine. Only lightning and an apocalyptic flood will cancel Super Saturday.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6TH

6:30, Field A

#20 Cool Name Pending vs. #13 In the Pink

LINE REFEREES: **BALLS OF GLORY**

Social Krau: CNP will be looking forward to the End of Season Party and the awards ceremony after this game.

Ghost Man: In the Pink is better than their record suggests and should take the game. But don't count out CNP. They somehow magically got to the Semi's last year.

GP: Pink C22: PINK B:

6:30, Field B

#21 Multiple Scoregasms-Cap vs. #12 Derelict My Balls

LINE REFEREES: **GTB**

Social Krau: A week 9 rematch where DMB won 6-1, take DMB for this one.

Ghost Man: This is such a tasty matchup. DMB has never won a playoff game in their five tries. Could year six be their first?

GP: DMB C22: DMB B:

6:30, Field C

#17 99 Problems vs. #16 Kickers & Screammers

LINE REFEREES: **BALLS TO THE MALL**

Social Krau: One of the more interesting matchups, 99 Problems should take this one as their last forfeit dropped them in the standings

Ghost Man: 99P is the veteran team and managed to get to the Wednesday Night Semi's last year. K&S showed signs of greatness throughout the season, but they're still a rookie team.

GP: K&S C22: K&S B:

7:15, Field A

Winner of Pink/CNP vs. #4 Balls of Glory

LINE REFEREES: **Loser of PINK / CNP**

Ghost Man: CNP's and Pink's magic will only go so far as they face the Wednesday Night defending champs BOG.

7:15, Field B

Winner of MSC/DMB vs. #5 G.T.B.

LINE REFEREES: **Loser of MS-C/DMB**

Ghost Man: Both DMB and GTB have 7 years of playoff experience between. Never once have those two teams made it to Super Saturday. That streak ends today.

7:15, Field C

#10 Balls to the Mall vs. #7 Head First Into Third Base

LINE REFEREES: **Loser of 99P/K&S**

Social Krau: HF3B will be taking this one seriously against a full BttM team, HF3B will win this close one.

Ghost Man: BttM is another team that has tried 3 times to get to Super Saturday and has never gotten there. HF3B in their first year got there losing in the Wednesday Night Finals. If you want to pick a good upset – pick BttM here!

GP: HF3B C22: HF3B B:

Legend: B: Bookie, GP: Glitter Pitcher, C22: Catch-22

THURSDAY, JULY 7TH

6:30, Field A

#14 Scotchatory Tape vs. #19 #Winning

LINE REFEREES: SWAMP DONKEYS

Social Krau: Take ST for the #Win here.

Ghost Man: The Tapists are no stranger to playing on Saturdays where they got to the DC Thunder Championships last Fall. They have to get past #Winning who has actually done more real Winning than Charlie Sheen.

GP: ST C22: ST B:

6:30, Field B

#9 Kickheads vs. #8 Swift Kickin' the Balls

LINE REFEREES: MULTIPLE SCOREGASMS - FED

Social Krau: Toss up game, take Swift Kickin for the close victory here.

Ghost Man: Kickheads are DC Federals best team. Swift is one of Capital's upstart rookie teams. This game right here is Swift's audition for the role of this year's Tournament Cinderella.

GP: SKTB C22: SKTB B:

6:30, Field C

#18 I'd Hit It... Again vs #15 Kicktators

LINE REFEREES: BUREAUCRATS WITH BALLS

Social Krau: The kicktators have been struggling lately, IHI will rebound from their forfeit and take this one.

Ghost Man: I'd Hit It has been steadily going down as of late. Despite the seedings, Kicktators are the underdog. But don't be surprised if IHI forfeits or doesn't bring their A-game.

GP: IHI C22: Kickt B:

SATURDAY, JULY 9TH

9:00 AM, Field A

Winner of 99P/K&S vs. #1 Off in the Park

LINE REFEREES: TBD – By Friday

Ghost Man: OITP lost in the first round of Super Saturday last year. This year they've positioned themselves as the #1 seed and an upset here is unlikely.

7:15, Field A

Winner of ST/WIN vs. #3 Swamp Donkeys

LINE REFEREES: Loser of ST/WINNING

Ghost Man: ...and If the Tapists win their first game, they slam right into a Navy Blue wall. Swamp Donkeys have been steadily improving their game. That beat-down of MS-F was a statement game.

7:15, Field B

#11 Multiple Scoregasms-Fed vs. #6 Bureaucrats with Balls

LINE REFEREES: SWIFT KICKIN THE BALLS

Social Krau: BwB has won the close games this year and that'll continue here.

Ghost Man: MS might be looking ahead to their flip-off with IB at the End of Season Party. Meanwhile, BwB is looking to do some damage in the playoffs.

GP: BwB C22: BwB B:

Legend: B: Bookie, GP: Glitter Pitcher, C22: Catch-22

9:00 AM, Field B

Winner of IHI/Kicktators vs. #2 Inglorious Bastards

LINE REFEREES: TBD – By Friday

Ghost Man: Last year IB couldn't must up enough girls for Super Saturday. Did they fix that problem for this year? Regardless, it's a Saturday Tournament and this is what IB has been preparing for. They should have a easy run to the Finals where they should meet OITP for the Cup.

11. WEATHER REPORT

Remember to get all official weather reports from our twitter feed: @wakadccapital



12. AND THE NOMINEES ARE

Voting: Captains should expect an email from the board telling you who to send your votes to

And the nominees are:

[The Crystal Pitcher](#)

The Crystal Pitcher is the coveted "Most Social Team" award.

Ask yourself, what would the kickball after-party be without these teams?

Balls to the Mall – The 2009 Crystal Pitcher winners are no strangers to how this is done. After losing it to a dance-off last year, they came out full force this year.

Cool Name Pending – They are the 2010 Crystal Pitcher winners, and they've raised their game by having theme weeks. Whether it be Thursday or Wednesday, you will always find CNP trying to start the dance party.

Balls of Glory – While not in the same league (literally) as the above two teams, BOG is a Wednesday staple and managed to convince their opponents (including the Federal ones) to drink with them week after week.

[The Golden Kickball Award](#)

The Golden Kickball Award goes to the team with the most team spirit (i.e., dances, chants, props, etc)

Cool Name Pending – Anyone who's played them knows that they might not bring the runs, but they sure do bring the spirit to the field.

Derelict My Balls – The 2009 Golden Kickball winner has spirit all right. We after week, they are still there, despite the results on the field

Multiple Scorgasms – Federal – They've got a first-rate chant, they bring the music, the dog, and they even have a doppelganger team.

Balls to the Mall – Every week is shark week for the team in orange... except the week where it was Founding Fathers week.

Best Efforts Award

AKA "The Most Likely to Succeed at a Sport Other Than Kickball" Award

Umm – yeah – this award is what it sounds like...

In the Pink – Pink has some great athletes on their team. They also had a pretty rough schedule. We're pretty sure they would win at skeeball.

99 Problems – What happened to 99P? They were a top Wednesday team last year. We're pretty sure they would win intramural track and field.

Kicktators – You got to love the heart that kicktators provide. They roll deep late in the season where other teams start to fade out. If there is ever a zombie invasion, there's enough Kicktators to help you survive.

#Winning – #Winning is the only team that actually talked with me via Twitter. Sadly the schedule gods gave them a nasty schedule. They would win more in a less-competitive division like... any of the other ones.

13. TWTWTW NOMINATIONS

This is the last *Ghost Man On Third*, but we have 2 more That Was The Week That Was. (One on Friday, one on Monday)

Send all TWTWTW nominations to Andy "Biased Media" Festa at andy_festa@yahoo.com. In order to get it in the next issue, I need it by 10 AM on Friday.

14. POWER POLL PLAYOFFS EDITION

Don't cry for me Argentina or DC Capital/Federal because this is the last installment of the Power Poll for the season. This is the Big Kahuna, the last Power Poll of the season. Enjoy and remember that this Poll is made up of nothing but facts and made up figures..

These two teams are the teams to beat.

1. (2) GFYiTP (8-0-1)
1. (1) Inglorious Bastards (8-0-1)

The contenders

3. (3) Swamp Donkeys (7-1-1)
4. (4) Balls of Glory (7-2)
5. (5) Head First Into Third Base (6-3)
6. (6) Bureaucrats with Balls (7-2)
7. (7) G.T.B. (7-2)
8. (8) Swift Kickin' the Balls (5-3-1)

The best of the rest

9. (10) Balls to the Mall (4-4-1)
10. (9) Multiple Scoregasms (Federal) (3-5-1)
11. (11) Kick Heads (5-4)
12. (12) Scotchatory Tape (3-5-1)
13. (13) In the Pink! (4-5)

14. (14) I'd Hit It... Again (3-6)
15. (15) Derelict My Balls (3-5-1)
16. (20) 99 Problems (1-6-1)
17. (16) Kickers and Screamers (3-6)
18. (17) Kicktators (2-6-1)
19. (18) Cool Name Pending (2-7)
20. (19) #Winning (1-6-2)
21. (21) Multiple Scoregasms (Capital) (1-8)
22. (22) Take me HOME Tonight (1-8)

15. DC CAPITAL ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Kickball365

Where can you find an open forum to talk trash about your upcoming games? Where can you find a semi-anonymous place to rub the loser of last night's game in the dirt? Or can you not get enough of kickball and want to discuss it with others around the country? That would be the wonderful world of Kickball365.com We have our own forum in the best place to talk kickball.

DC Capital forum: <http://www.kickball365.com/forum/viewforum.php?f=103>

Twitter

Follow wakadccapital for all official live announcements. Like score updates, GMOT updates, rain out notifications, etc. ...Or you can just send us Drunk Tweets while at The Times, or on your way home.

<http://twitter.com/wakadccapital>

Foursquare

If you play foursquare, the Fields of Glory are a venue that you can check into. Check into WAKA DC Capital

Kickball Fields: <http://foursquare.com/venue/2781430>

and of course, so is Irish Times: <http://foursquare.com/venue/5533>

16. GET BACK TO WORK!

That's it for now! See you all on the Fields of Glory this week!

Send announcements and other tidbits to andy_festa@yahoo.com .

The content of this week's GMOT is entirely true, except for the made-up bits. It has been brought to you by your Capital Division Board of Directors, including...

- * The Bookie
- * Biased Media
- * Social Krau

Also featuring our prognosticators:

- * Natalie "Glitter Pitcher" Leonhard – Awards and random stuff
- * Ryan "The Last Baller" Hart –All-Star Festival Coordinator
- * "Old Dirty Roy" Gifford – Head Umpire type person, Spread setter

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