

That Was The Cup That Was Capital Cup XIV July 11, 2011

If this column sucks... I'm sorry, Fine. Do you want to do it? Wait... Why is Google+ suggesting that one of my friends be Mark Zuckerberg?

Good morning Capital and Federal Leagues, and welcome to the final 2011 edition of That Was the Week That Was. It Was hot Saturday on the Fields of Glory, but a breeze kept the weather bearable. 10 teams entered Super Saturday. One 1 remained victorious.

Without further ado, here are...

SUPER SATURDAY RESULTS:

Play-in Games... 9 AM

- #1 Off in the Park 17 - #17 99 Problems 1
- #2 Inglorious Bastards 5 - #18 I'd Hit It Again 0 (FORFEIT)

We had the last 2 round of 16 games at 9 AM Saturday Morning. I'D HIT IT decided to not let anyone know they were boycotting Super Saturday. OFF IN THE PARK, in their first game since changing their name back to their original name, started off the morning strong by solving 99 PROBLEMS.

Elite Eight... 9:45 AM

- #4 Balls of Glory 9 - #12 Derelict My Balls 2
- #3 Swamp Donkeys 7 - #6 Bureaucrats with Balls 2
- #1 Off in the Park 10 - #8 Swift Kickin' the Balls 1
- #2 Inglorious Bastards 12 - #7 Head First Into Third Base 0

IB and OITP continued winning. BALLS OF GLORY and SWAMP DONKEYS ended DERELICT MY BALLS and BUREAUCRATS WITH BALLS days early, but by winning, spared them from the next round.

Final Four... 11:30 AM

- #1 Off in the Park 12 - #4 Balls of Glory 0
- #2 Inglorious Bastards 13 - #3 Swamp Donkeys 2

The 3 and 4 seeds were no match for the 1 and 2 seeds and it showed as IB and OITP used this round to play all of their skill players in preparation for...

Capital Cup XIV... 12:45 PM

OFF IN THE PARK as the #1 seed opted to be home, and so they took the field. Pitcher Josh F, was on fire as OITP managed to get IB's top bunters out. IB still managed to strike first. Roy hit a ball into the outfield that allowed Paul and Jordan to score.

OITP was ready for this moment in the bottom of the first Joe scored to cut the lead in half. A Crandall kick into was dropped by the IB outfield, and as Dwyer and Crandall rounded the bases and eventually got home, it was called that Crandall never stepped on first base, and what was the most controversial call of the game, both runs were erased.

Over the next 3 innings, both teams put on a clinic for spectators on how to run a defensive game.

Going into the top of the 5th inning, with IB holding onto a 1 run lead, IB's top of the lineup puts up 3 runs courtesy of Paul, Ryan and Jordan. When OITP took the field with a 5-1 deficit, Dwyer managed to get a score, but it wasn't enough to overcome the deficit. INGLORIOUS BASTARDS win Capital Cup 14 with a score of 5-2.

THE CAPITAL CUP

Congrats to the Capital Cup XIV Champions
INGLORIOUS BASTARDS



UPDATING OUR RECORD BOOKS...

1998 - Big Kids 4, Kickin' Chicken 2
1999 - Afterschool Specials 7, Keg Kickers 6
2000 - Thick Femur 1, Afterschool Specials 0
2001 - Screaming Caissons 2, Playground Avengers 0
2002 - No Whammies 13, Big Kids 3
2003 - My Left Foot 3, Dropkickers 1
2004 - Dropkicker United 6, My Left Foot 5
2005 - My Left Foot 6, Keg Kickers 1
2006 - Keg Kickers 6, Afterschool Specials 2
2007 - Keg Kickers 8, Balls of Glory 5
2008 - Ballers and Shot Callers 1, Keg Kickers 0
2009 - The Others 3, Ballers and Shot Callers 2
2010 - The Other Shot Callers 7, Balls of Glory 1
2011 – INGLORIOUS BASTARDS 5, OFF IN THE PARK 2

END OF SEASON FLIP-OFF

The Background

It all started the week before the start of the season. When The DC Federal teams opted to keep their sponsor bar (Exchange) when we joined forces this season, this set in motion the possibility of not every team being able to play Han Solo Cup each week. This is when I made the executive decision to sort Han Solo Standings by Win Percentage, followed by Round Percentage. Heading into Week 7, there were still 3 undefeated teams. BALLS OF GLORY, MULTIPLE SCOREGASMS (Fed), and INGLORIOUS BASTARDS, and this wasn't an issue because the first place team, BALLS OF GLORY made sure to play every Federal team, and hadn't lost a single round up until that point. When IB beat BOG in a thrilling 5-4 match, the debate began. Should 8-0 INGLORIOUS BASTARDS be ranked ahead of 6-0 MULTIPLE SCORGASMS? According to the original sorting, MS, only had lost 3 rounds all season. IB had lost 10 rounds all season. In the next 2 weeks, MS's match with SWAMP Donkeys was rained out. #WINNING forfeit to IB. Then BOG and MS decided to just go to separate bars, and IB beat GFYITP. IB was now 9-0, MS was still 6-0. According to IB, they had just won the Han Solo Cup Regular Season. According to the standings, IB and MS were still tied, with MS getting the Rounds Won tie-breaker. This caused a heated debate on the message board that led to the division board to make the final ruling: An End of Season Party Flip-off between the tied teams. 8 vs. 8. First team to 4.

The End of Season Party

In the week leading up to Super Saturday the question was whether the board was serious about this flip-off. Was IB? Was MS? Troy of IB and Art of MS made the agreement to change it to 7 v 7 because IB had someone non-drinkers and didn't have 8.

MULTIPLE SCOREGASMS had just won the Golden Kickball for most team spirit. INGLORIOUS BASTARDS had just won the Capital Cup earlier in the day. Which team was going to win this?

MS jumped out a 2-0 lead surprising the large crowd of on-lookers. IB, was not about to get shutout and won the next two rounds to tie it up. Art, doing his best to motivate his team, got them to win the next round. Troy motivated his team, and IB bounced back to tie it up again at 3. Here it is. Game point. For the title of "Bragging Rights over Spreadsheet Sorting." The flipping was close, but in the end, MS won and then cheered.

Controversy over. Tune back in next year, for next year's "As the Solo Cup Flips".

FROM THE WINNER OF BEST EFFORTS - KICKTATORS

Saturday night turned out to be a victorious night for the 'tators. It was a magical moment when we heard our name called for the winner of the best effort award. Knowing that our lack of skills on the field had paid off in some way made losing almost every game worth it. Each piece of this award is dedicated to a tator and we will laminate it to remember our rookie season!



GOLDEN KICKBALL

MULTIPLE SCOREGASMS spirit on and off the field contributed to them getting voted "The Most Spirited Team." Here they are hoisting up the Golden Kickball in celebration.



CRYSTAL PITCHER

COOL NAME PENDING's theme nights, ability to start a dance party anywhere, and obsession with Miley Cyrus earned them the most coveted off-the-field award – The Crystal Pitcher.



THE BOOKIE REPORT: GLITTER AGAIN

So Season 14 is in the books. The Capital Cup now sits on INGLORIOUS BASTARDS' Mantel. The Crystal Pitcher still resides with those crazy folks from COOL NAME PENDING. MULTIPLE SCOREGASMS took home the Golden Kickball with a chant that made every passer by in the street take a second glance. The grass on the Fields of Glory will get a chance to grow back with a couple weeks of inactivity.

Don't be too sad though. We are about six months out from the first board meeting of the 2012 season. That being said I want to take a moment to thank all of those that made this season possible. Ryan of iB was in charge of all of the small details that made the All Star Festival Great. Roy of iB made sure our bags made it to the field each week and the rules were upheld. Natalie of DERELICT MY BALLS showed skills worthy of an Art Degree with her end of season awards. Dave of OFF IN THE PARK managed to work out all the contracts for our great parties. Andy of BALLS OF GLORY lived and breathed DC Capital / Federal everyday with Schedules, Ghostmen, TWTW, and countless other forms of Media. Finally, Will of OITP and Michelle of KICKHEADS did another great job as WAKA's customer service reps. For those of you that had a great time this you please thank these folks. If you want to help out let us know.

In the end, the good times are what you will look back on. Over time the seasons will blur together, but the good stories will live on. Countless times over the course of the season I was reminded by folks of some of the funnier moments over my 10 years with DC Capital. These experiences are too good to pass up and on Saturday Night after making good on my promise to take my wife to "Wicked" at the Kennedy Center I tossed her the keys to my Jeep and let her know I had a party to get to (you can write off these types of mistakes in the first year of marriage, well I think so). And similar to last year I woke up around the crack of noon on Sunday with my wife asking me "Why is your face covered in glitter again?" I could only smile back with fond memories of the night and season gone by and say "Kickball".

Enjoy the Off Season and see you in 9 months on the Fields of Glory,

Mike Grinnell

HOW OUR PROGNOSTICATORS FINISHED

Ryan (aka Catch-22) wins this year's GMOT Pick'em. Ol' Dirty Roy, who set the spread this year, correctly set the spread on 49% of the games. The Bookie's strategy of always taking the underdog only got him to 59%.

Catch-22: 63-32 (66%)

SocialKrau: 54-30 (64%)

Bookie: 56-39 (59%)

Glitter Pitcher: 53-42 (56%)

Ghost Man: 51-42 (55%)

Ol' Dirty Roy: 39-41 (49%)

PHOTOS



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UNTIL NEXT YEAR...

All right, that's it for this year. Keep an eye out for Spring Registration sometime around March. On behalf of the DC Capital Board of Directors, have a great summer, fall and winter. We'll see you on the fields next year in April 2012 for our Fifteen Season! (DC Capital is officially in High School!)

All right, that's it for this week. Now get back to work, SLACKERS!

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

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