

The Blueball Breakdown

KC Blueballs Kickball



Fall Season Week 3 Recap

Early KCBB Award Candidates

MVP

- Tinker – I'd Kick That
- Chris B. – The Bolos

MVG

- Caitlin B – The Bolos
- Amber B – Amazeballs!

Trash Talker

- Chris C. – Balls & Dolls
- Emily T – I'd Kick That

Team Spirit

- Balls and Dolls
- Drinkers With a Kicking Problem

Best Captain

- Jack M. – Tequila Mockingbirds
- Jason D – Balls & Dolls
- Andrew F - Drinkers

GAME OF THE WEEK RECAP – BOLOS TAKE THE SERIES!

The Bolos (5-1) led by pitcher Chris B. beat I'd Kick That 8-5. In an uncharacteristic poor defensive game for both teams there were 3 homeruns, one by The Bolos Chris B. that scored 3 runs early. I'd Kick That kept gnawing away at the lead as Alex L, -former Red, White, and Brew all-star - kicked solo shot that went over 220 feet. In the bottom of the 7th I'd Kick That had the tying run at the plate before The Bolos got the final out on a pop-up. This guarantees the Bolos the key head to head tie breaker in the fall playoff seeding if the teams end the season with the same record. The Bolos and I'd Kick That will meet again in week 6 in what is sure to be the game of the week.

RULE IDEAS FOR 2018

Sources inside the league office say that there are a few rule adjustments that are being looked at for the 2018 season. A huge one is the addition of 6' white foul poles being added to each field. This would be a huge addition to the playing field. Sources also say some inside the league are in favor of adding a 10' foul ball line that would make any kick shorter than 10 feet an automatic foul ball. This would not eliminate the bunt call according to league officials, but it would help eliminate miskicks leading to singles. Other ideas are moving the out of play line from 15' to 20', creating a post-season all start game.

KCBB Game of the Week

Tequila Mockingbirds (2-4) @ Balls Droppin' (2-4)

Field 1 – 1:00pm

After starting 2-0 Balls Droppin' looks to get back to their winning ways as they have dropped 4 straight games. Ben H and Ryan W. will look to get the offense back on track. Tequila, losers of 4 games by a total of 9 points, look to keep playing tight defense led by OF Chris R and IF Jacob F. who are both very dangerous at the plate. Both teams are looking to get out of the upper division basement and climb back into contention for a high playoff seed.

RSVP NOW to the Fall Post-Season Party!

Check out our Facebook – KC Blueballs Kickball – and RSVP to our end of season party. ALL kickballers will be welcome as we celebrate the end of the 2017 seasons and introduce our 2016 and 2017 Ball of Fame classes!

The Commish Speaks

BUNT. The bunt all has always been the most controversial call that is or isn't made in our league. I'm here to give you my personal opinion on the dirty b word. First thing – this is kickball. It isn't buntball. I've watched leagues where bunting is allowed all the time, part of the time, a certain amount of time, blah..blah..blah. I'll give you a b-word that I think of when it comes to bunt leagues. **BORING.** We recently hosted a charity tournament (not the

SAVE INC, tourney – that one was awesome) that without our knowledge changed the rules to make it a bunt tournament. I had no idea this was happening as they asked for our rules to use. When I arrived to watch I had a first row seat to watch the catcher and first baseman make almost 80% of the plays. The outfield rarely got a fly ball. Only 2 out of the 10 players on the field got to make plays. RIDICULOUS! That isn't kickball!

Here's the rundown on what our refs look for when calling a bunt. 1. Did the kicker follow through? 2. Did they kick with the side of their foot? 3. How far did the ball go? 4. Can the defense realistically make a play on the ball? 5. Lastly, did the kicker just miss the ball and have a really shitty kick? All of these factor into making the bunt call!

2017 KC Blueballs Fall All Stars at the Halfway Point

First team

Pitcher – Chris B – The Bolos,

Infield – Jacob F – Tequila Mockingbirds, Trinity W – Amazeballs, Branden T. – I'd Kick That, Ben H – Balls Droppin'

Outfield – Sean M. – I'd Kick That, Jeff – The Bolos, Tony Q. – I'd Kick That, Chris R. – Tequila Mockingbirds,

Catcher – Dave – The Bolos

Second team

Pitcher – Nilo F – I'd Kick That, Amber B. - Amazeballs

Infield - Lacey W. – Slappin' Da Base, Jason D – Balls & Dolls, Isaac M – Ol' Dirty Bastards, Caitlin B – The Bolos, Ben C. – The Bolos

Outfield – Emily T – I'd Kick That, Jack M – Tequila, Javier S – Bolos, Brian S. – Ol' Dirty, Cory R. Amazeballs

Catcher – Kloe H – Slappin' Da Base, Chris C – Balls & Dolls

Honorable Mention

Pitcher –Andrew F. – Drinkers, Ryan W. – Balls Droppin', Lee V. – Ol' Dirty

Infield – Bob H. – Drinkers, Jeff P. – Tequila, Travis K – Amazeballs, Hunter – STEAM TEAM, Jennifer H. – Ol' Dirty Bastards

Outfield – Mason – New Kicks, Howard – Slappin' Da Base, Mitch – STEAM TEAM, Scot S – Balls & Dolls, Justin L. Balls Droppin'

Catcher – Heather – New Kicks, Kayla – STEAM TEAM



2017 KC Blueballs Power Ranking

1. The Bolos(5-1) – Beat I'd Kick That twice. Only loss to a sneaky good Amazeballs team.
2. I'd Kick That (4-2) – Two losses to The Bolos. Are good losses a thing? I think they are in this case.
3. Balls and Dolls (3-3) – avenged an early season loss to Tequila in week 3
4. The Ol' Dirty Bastards(5-1) – Lost for the first time in the lower division. Only 9 runs allowed all season
5. Tequila Mockingbirds(2-4) – Lost 3 games by 5 points. Lost 10-11 to Bolos on a walkoff.
6. Amazeballs(2-4) – Beat the Bolos last week(their only loss), but went 0-2 in week 3.
7. STEAM Team(3-3) – Beat the Ol' Dirty Bastards, but they've struggled in the lower division
8. Balls Droppin'(2-4) – 4 straight losses. Usually strong offense has been struggling.
9. Slappin' Da Base(2-4) – 2 big wins including a 14-3 beatdown of Drinkers.
10. Drinkers with a Kicking Problem(3-3) – went 0-2 in week 3 after starting 3-1. Too much pregame!
11. New Kicks on the Block(2-4) – Had a rough week 3 giving up 28 runs in 2 games.

KC Blueballs Way Too Early Playoff Predictions

We're halfway through the regular season! That means it is time for me to make a bunch of predictions for the playoffs!.

Upper Division Regular Season Champion – The Bolos

At 5-1 at the halfway point the Bolos have the tiebreaker with the #2 team. Their offense is solid, and their defense is tough.

Lower Division Regular Season Champion – The Ol' Dirty Bastards

They have a great offense and a salty defense (only 9 points allowed in 6 games).

Team on Upset Alert– Balls & Dolls

Balls & Dolls has a solid core, but I have a gut feeling they may exit the playoffs early and be grilling the rest of the afternoon!

Lower Division Team to watch – The Ol' Dirty Bastards

All the reasons listed above plus they have some playoff experience.

Dark Horse – Tequila Mockingbirds

Tequila has lost 3 games by a total of 5 points. They've been close to upsetting The Bolos and I'd Kick That already. Definitely a team with talent to watch out for.

2nd Place – I'd Kick That

I'd Kick that makes it to the championship game, but I think they fall short. They're missing some key players.

CHAMPS – The Bolos

The Bolos are tough. This team was always a contender, but they've made some solid additions to their core group. They have a great defense and a much-improved offense that can seemingly score at will.

MVP – Chris B. of The Bolos

Burton might have the nastiest curveball in the league as a pitcher plus he is a solid defender on the mound. He also might be their best offensive player as he is a threat to go deep every single game.