

# The Blueball Breakdown

## KC Blueballs Kickball



Fall Season Week 5 Recap

### KCBB Award Candidates

#### MVP

- Tinker – I'd Kick That
- Chris B. – The Bolos
- Joe L – Balls & Dolls

#### MVG

- Caitlin B – The Bolos
- Amber B – Amazeballs!
- Emily T – I'd Kick That

#### Trash Talker

- Chris C. – Balls & Dolls
- Lacey A – Slappin' Base

#### Team Spirit

- Balls and Dolls
- Drinkers With a Kicking Problem
- New Kicks On the Block

#### Best Captain

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

### GAME OF THE WEEK RECAP – SLAPPIN' DA BASE SLAPS DRINKERS

Slappin' Da Base (4-5-1) and Drinkers with a Kicking Problem (5-5) faced off in our game of the week and it was a showdown until the very end. Drinkers, led by dual threat Captain Andrew F, kept it close. Andrew had a *grand slam* and struck out 4 through 7 innings, but Slappin' Da Base had too much offensive firepower for him to contain. Captain of Slappin' Da Base, Lacey A, was happy with the victory as she wants her team to go into the final week riding the momentum. Drinkers with a kicking problem were seen after the game and the lose seem to hit a nerve as they were taking out their frustration on the alcoholic beverages they brought.

### BALLS DROPPIN' LIVE UP TO THEIR NAME

Balls Droppin', usually one of the better defense teams in the league, surrendered 29 combined runs this Sunday. This year's powerhouse teams, The Bolos and I'd Kick That, are a bad matchup for any team, but they are near unstoppable when their offenses are clicking. The Outfield was full of holes; when they had players to the ball they committed errors. Balls Droppin has finished in the top 3 the past 2 seasons, but a return to the championship game looks unlikely unless they can their defense can return to their championship form.

### The Commish Speaks

Who is the best player in KC Blueballs

### KCBB Game of the Week

**The Bolos (9-1) @ I'd Kick that (8-2)**

**Field 1 – 1:00pm**

**The division championship may be wrapped up by this point if The Bolos take care of business in game 1, but this is the best game of the week. I'd Kick That Averaging 7.2 runs scored and 2.8 allowed; Bolos averaging 6.8 scored to 3.4 allowed. If Bolos wins they sweep. I'd Kick That hasn't lost 1 time let alone 2 or 3 in a season since...?**

kickball history? Tough question. I have 3 in mind. It should come as no surprise that the 3 listed below all belong to 3 of our 4 former champions. The first is Sean M – I'd Kick That. Wherever he plays on defense is an area of the field that is now a no kick zone. Offensively he hits for average and power combined with great running ability. Scott S – Slap The Bag. Strickler was a stud third baseman turned outfield. He lacked overall speed, but the dangerous lefties's power at the plate put him in a class of his own. Chris B – The Bolos. Chris is maybe the most dominant pitcher in league history. He combines speed with nasty breaking pitches. At the plate he is a threat ever plate appearance to put one deep into the outfield for a homerun. The only championship team not represented is Red, White, and Brew: a team that consisted of a bunch of great players many of which have signed with I'd Kick That as RWB dissolved due to retirement, drug addictions, and babies.

## 2017 KC Blueballs Fall All Stars With One Week to GO!!!!!!

### First team

**Pitcher** – Chris B – The Bolos

**Infield** – Trinity W – Amazeballs, Branden T. – I’d Kick That, Ben H – Balls Droppin’, Scot S – Balls & Dolls

**Outfield** – Jacob F – Tequila Mockingbirds, Jeff – The Bolos, Tony Q. – I’d Kick That, Bob H. – I’d Kick That

**Catcher** – Dave – The Bolos

**Utility** - Nilo F. – I’d Kick That

### Second team

**Pitcher** – Joe L – Balls & Dolls, Andrew F. - Drinkers with a Kicking Problem,

**Infield** - Lacey A. – Slappin’ Da Base, , Isaac M – Ol’ Dirty Bastards, Caitlin B – The Bolos, Ben C. – The Bolos,

**Outfield** – Chris R– Tequila, Brian S. – Ol’ Dirty, Cory R. Amazeballs, Jared N – Balls and Dolls

**Catcher** – Jack M – Tequila

**Utility** - Jason D. – Balls & Dolls

### Honorable Mention

**Pitcher** –Ryan W. – Balls Droppin’, Emily T – I’d Kick That

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

**Outfield** –Steve - New Kicks, Howard – Slappin’ Da Base, Mitch – STEAM TEAM, Justin L. Balls Droppin’, Rick P. Tequila,

**Catcher** – Heather – New Kicks, Kayla – STEAM TEAM

**Utility** - Eric T. - Amazeballs

## 2017 KC Blueballs Power Rankings

1. The Bolos(9-1) – A dominant day at the field. Tequila kept it close, but the result was never in doubt.
2. I’d Kick That (8-2) – Beat two teams. They have a showdown with The Bolos next week.
3. Balls and Dolls (4-6) – Lost by a point to the defending champs and beat a tough Amazeballs team.
4. STEAM Team(7-3) – Got dominated in game one, but came back with a solid victory to stay in first.
5. Tequila Mockingbirds(4-6) – Can’t get over the the hump against the Bolos. Two losses by 3 points.
6. Amazeballs(2-8) – has there ever been a better 2- 8 team? I wouldn’t want to run into them in the playoffs
7. The Ol’ Dirty Bastards(6-4) – Showed up. Lost a tough one and dominated in game 2.
8. Slappin’ Da Base(4-5-1) – Won a close one and then had...a tie?
9. Drinkers with a Kicking Problem(5-5) – At times they look dominant, & at times they look like the doormat.
10. Balls Droppin’(3-7) – Not a great day at the park. Gave up 29 runs to 4 scored. Brown Bag flu to blame?
11. New Kicks on the Block(2-7-1) – Played better but left the **bullhorn** at home, plus they had a tie...

## Dodgeball sign-ups are now open!

Do you like playing kickball with big blue balls? Well, we are so close to getting KC Blueballs Dodgeball off and running! The first tournament is tentatively set for November 18<sup>th</sup>! We are looking at the KC Sports Lodge basketball courts right now.

We will be offering 4 tournaments – one tournament in November, December, January, and February so cleverly named: Turkey Tourney(november), Christmas Clash(December), New Year Rumble(january), Valentine Showdown(February).

General information – Saturday Tournaments(tentative). 8v8 with 6 balls. 8-12 members via team, \$150 per team(early sign-up). Full court dodgeball. Each team guaranteed a minimum of 3 games. Winners will receive Johnny Kaw’s Cash(tentative/age dependent), trophy, and koozies. We must have a **MINIMUM OF 6 TEAMS TO PLAY – MAXIMUM OF 16**. IF we do not reach 6 teams you will be ***fully refunded***. \$40 minimum at sign-up. Rules are being edited and revised now for the website!

IF you have any interest let me know! This is a great way to stay active in those winter months when you’re missing KC Blueballs - [blueballskickball@gmail.com](mailto:blueballskickball@gmail.com).

## Playoff Format

I’ve already been asked, “Commish, what will the playoff format be?” Well, I’m currently deliberating on the best system to create fair matchups and reward the excellence of teams during the regular season.

Option 1 – Seed the competitive bracket 1-6 and the lower bracket 7-11.

Option 2 – Alternate seeding – 1,3,5,7,9,11 from the competitive and 2,4,6,8,10 from the lower division

Option 3 – Have a competitive bracket and lower bracket that meet in the middle

Option 4 – Seed the division winners 1 and 2 – seed the rest of the bracket based on record and tie breakers

Option 5 – Seed the entire tournament by record regardless of division.

The KC Blueballs Playoff Competitiveness committee is actively researching all playoff and tournament brackets including those found in Bloodsport, The Karate Kid, March Madness, the BCS, ESPN The Ocho Dodgeball Committee, Semiprofessional water polo, and the WNBA.

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