

# The Blueball Breakdown

## KC Blueballs Kickball



Fall Season Week 6 Recap and Playoff Breakdown!

### GAME OF THE WEEK RECAP – I'D KICK THAT BACK ON TOP

The Bolos and I'd Kick That met for the third time this season and it was an instant classic as usual. Both teams had to make some free agent acquisitions before the game as The Bolos were missing 4 of their heavy hitters including their captain; I'd Kick That was also missing their captain, Ball of Famer Nilo. The Bolos dropped an extra inning heartbreaker earlier in the day, and they needed a win to stay in first. I'd Kick That had other plans. MVP candidate Tinker, I'd Kick That, had a great game at third anchoring the defense and putting up great offensive numbers. Down 5-3 in the bottom of 7 The Bolos managed to knock one run in, and had the winning run on first, but they couldn't capitalize. The Bolos won the season series against I'd Kick That 2-1, but they lost their hold on first.



### The Commish Speaks

This column will be short and sweet as this will be the longest issue of the year! The playoffs are one of the most fun days that I have in a calendar year. Outside of football games on Friday nights there aren't many days I look forward to more. I hope we have a great day full of drinking our favorite adult beverages, eating good food, partying with our friends, and having a great day at the kickball fields!

### 2017 Regular Season All Star Team

#### 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, Emily T – I'd Kick That

**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', Andrew F. - Drinkers with a Kicking Problem,

**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, Jay H – Balls Droppin'

## 2017 KC Blueballs Final Regular Season Power Rankings

1. I'd Kick That (10-2) Getting hot at the right time and taking advantage of a weakened Bolos = New number 1
2. The Bolos (9-3) Two losses by two total points. This team will have a chip on their shoulder next week
3. STEAM Team (9-3) They win the Lower division regular season, and they earn the #2 seed
4. Tequila Mockingbirds(6-6) Won 4 of their last 6 games. Defense has been VERY good last 3 weeks
5. The Ol' Dirty Bastards(8-4) After dropping 4 in a row came back with 3 huge wins to claim the 4 seed.
6. Balls and Dolls (5-7) Huge win today. MVP Candidate Joe is throwing heat at the right time.
7. Amazeballs (3-9) Are their moral victories? They're a run or two away in a few games from being dominant
8. Slappin' Da Base(4-7-1) – Rough day against two top teams. Will they rebound next week?
9. Drinkers with a Kicking Problem(5-7) – Two forfeits today in winnable games prevent them from being .500
10. New Kicks on the Block(3-8-1) – They've crawled out of the basement! Watch out, world! Bring the bullhorn
11. Balls Droppin'(3-9) – The defense is full of holes, the offense is lifeless, and they aren't drunk enough.

## Award Candidates

### Matt Hess MVP – awarded to the best overall player in the league

1. Chris B - The Bolos; dominate pitcher and dangerous at the plate
2. Branden T. – I'd Kick That; 5 tool player – speed, contact, power, fielding, throwing
3. Joe L. – Balls and Dolls; nasty pitching. Dangerous at the plate combined with the intangibles

### “Mystery” Most Valuable Girl Award – awarded to the best overall female player

1. Caitlin B - The Bolos; good infielder with solid skills at the plate
2. Emily T. – I'd Kick That; has taken the reigns as pitcher and never let go. Big reason for their success
3. Taylor T – Tequila Mockingbirds; power hitter and a solid middle infielder. Dangerous combo!

### Mark Calandro Shit Talker – Given to the player who dishes the most mouth vomit

1. Chris C - Balls and Dolls; Terrible player with a nasty mouth – will we ever get rid of him?
2. Lacey A – Slappin' Da Base; This captain is a smooth infielder with a rotten mouth
3. Joe L. – Balls and Dolls; nasty pitching. Dangerous at the plate combined with the intangibles

### Guillermo “Big Sexy” Lopez Team Captain Award – The best team captain!

1. Jason D – Balls and Dolls; no slouch on the field but his team is always ready to go on Sundays
2. Andrew F – Drinkers; his team comes with a slew of awesome beverages and noms every Sunday!
3. Joe L. – Balls and Dolls; nasty pitching. Dangerous at the plate combined with the intangibles

### The Team Spirit Award – To the team that best demonstrates heathenism and fun

1. Drinkers with a kicking problem – they bring the party every single week
2. New Kicks on the Block – the bring a bullhorn and they are just a fun time!
3. Balls and Dolls – these veterans know exactly what is needed to bring the team spirit.

# KC Blueballs Kickball Fall 2017 Playoffs

After party 4:15 Johnny Kaw's Westport  
All Kickballers invited  
Wear a Blueballs Shirt



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at 4:15 Johnny Kaw's  
Westport  
First Keg is on us!



## Playoff Predictions!

### Round 1 – Pigtail matches 11:00 am

#### 8 Amazeballs vs 9 Slappin' Da Base

Tough first round matchup for Slappin' Da Base. Amazeballs may be 3-9, but they've lost those 9 games by a very small margin. They've been in competitive ball games with I'd Kick That and The Bolos. Lots of offensive firepower.

Winner – *Amazeballs 9-2*

#### 7 Balls and Dolls vs 10 New Kicks on the Block

Balls and Dolls will be the first competitive team that New Kicks has seen. They'll put up a fight and have great spirit, but Balls and Dolls has multiple 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> team All Blueballs Players.

Winner – *Balls and Dolls 13-0*

## **6 Drinkers with a Kicking Problem vs 11 Balls Droppin'**

Drinkers needs to be on upset alert if Balls Droppin' can figure out their offensive and defensive woes. This might be the game that the ship gets righted. Can Ben H. – Balls Droppin' – return to MVP form?

Winner – *Balls Droppin' 7-5*

## **Round 2 – Quarterfinals 12:00 pm and 1:00pm**

### **1 I'd Kick That vs 8 Amazeballs**

They've had some close games this year. I think that I'd Kick That is on a mission right now, and they won't be slowed down by Eric T, Trinity, and the rest of Amaze..Balls!

Winner – *I'd Kick That 9-5*

### **4 Ol' Dirty Bastards vs 5 Tequila Mockingbirds**

This has the possibility of being one of the best games of the day. Two really good teams looking to advance to the semis. Tequila has a superb outfield – Chris R, Rick P, Jacob F –and Ol' Dirty has some solid infields – Isaac M and Jennifer H.

Winner – *Tequila 5-4*

### **2 STEAM Team vs. 7 Balls and Dolls**

STEAM Team has some playoff experience. Balls and Dolls has the most experience of anyone. Joe L is an MVP candidate every season. STEAM Team has a bunch of solid players and plays great team kickball.

Winner – *Balls and Dolls 4-3*

### **3 The Bolos vs. Balls Droppin'**

The Bolos are going to have a chip on their shoulder, and they should be back to full strength. Missing most of their outfield and their captain hurt in week 6. If they come out firing on full cylinders, which I fully expect, they are going to be dominant.

Winner – *The Bolos 9-1*

## **Round 3 – Semifinals 2:00pm**

### **1 I'd Kick That vs 5 Tequila Mockingbirds**

Tequila has always envisioned themselves as giant killers. They'll get their chance in the semis to make a statement. I'd Kick That has several MVP candidates – Tinker, Thorpe, and Tony Q – who will be looking to end the 2017 year with another 3peat and their 6<sup>th</sup> straight.

Winner – *I'd Kick That 3-1*

### **3 The Bolos vs 7 Balls and Dolls**

This game will get heated. The Bolos lost a 3-4 extra inning heart breaker that cost them the number 1 seed in week 6. Balls and Dolls is a battle tested team. The last game was a pitching duel. I think this one turns into a shootout, and the team with the most firepower wins.

Winner – *The Bolos 11-9*

## **CHAMPIONSHIP – 3:00 pm**

### **1 I'd Kick That vs. 3 The Bolos**

The 4<sup>th</sup> matchup between these two teams this season has seemed inevitable. The Bolos hold a 2-1 advantage in the season series; This will also be their 4<sup>th</sup> championship game against each other with I'd Kick That holding a 2-1 advantage. The last time that I'd Kick that lost in a championship game was the spring of 2015 to...The Bolos. Since then I'd Kick That has won 6 championships, 5 straight, including 2 victories over The Bolos. Each team is elite. This game will likely come down to the last out.

Winner – The Bolos 4-3

MVP – Chris B. – The Bolos

REMEMBER – Kickball is just for fun. Let's have a great playoff and an even better party.

### **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.