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**There's Only One Postseason.
There's Only One BGBL.
There's Only One MARCH!**

Thursday, 3/20/08 (TOBIN)

7:00pm

#5 BALLERS (2-12)	#1 TIGERS (12-2)
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8:00pm

#3 JOLLY ROGERS (10-4)	#2 THA ONEZ (11-3)
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Thursday, 3/20/08 (SEFC)

7:20pm

#6 dBar (3-12)	#1 WHIPLASH (13-2)
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8:30pm

#5 FRITZ BULLS (3-12)	#2 MACHINE (11-4)
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Saturday, 3/22/08 (SEFC)

12:00pm

? J. ROGERS OR THA ONEZ	? BALLERS OR TIGERS
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1:30pm

#4 MANHUNT (8-7)	#1 FRITZ BEARS (11-4)
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3:00pm

? BULLS OR MACHINE	? dBAR OR WHIPLASH
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Saturday, 3/22/08 (MACHINE)

6pm

End of Year Banquet at Ramrod / Machine	Featuring: Food, Drinks, Awards, End of Year Video, '08-'09 Officer Elections
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Join the 2008 BGBL NCAA March Madness Bracket Group!

This is a fund raiser for the league with half of the money going to the league and the remainder being awarded to the winner. It is \$20 per entry and instructions on how to pay for your entry are available on the group page. Don't forget - NCAA action begins on **Thursday!**

To join the group, cut and paste this link into your browser's address bar:

<http://bostongbl.mayhem.sportsline.com/e>

Contact me (Ken) if you have any issues signing up.

You'll be asked to enter the group's password before you can join. The group password is: **boston**



BGBL '07-'08 Final Standings

Men's Competitive Division			
Team	W	L	GB
Fritz Bears #1	11	4	-
Club Café Rush	9	6	2
CHACR-Cons	8	7	3
Manhunt Nets #4	8	7	3
Bank of America	7	8	4
B&G Drillers	2	13	9

Last week's scores:

Semi-finals - Fritz Bears 49, B&G 39

Semi-finals - Manhunt 51, Club Café 46

1st Round - B&G 52, CHACR 50

1st Round - Manhunt 47, Bank of America 40 **3OT**

BGBL '07-'08 Final Standings

Men's Recreational Division			
Team	W	L	GB
Whiplash #1	13	2	-
Machine #2	11	4	2
Fenway Medics	10	5	3
C.F. Donovan's Fighting Irish	5	10	8
Fritz Bulls #5	3	12	10
dBar #6	3	12	10

Last week's scores:

1st Round - dBar 34, Fenway 20

1st Round - Fritz Bulls 34, Donovan's 31 **3 OT**

BGBL '07-'08 Final Standings

Women's Division			
Team	W	L	GB
Costello's Tigers #1	12	2	-
Jeanie Johnstone Pub Tha Onez #2	11	3	1
McCormack & Scanlan Jolly Rogers #3	10	4	2
James's Gate Buckets	5	10	7.5
Blair Legal Firm Ballers #5	2	12	10
Doyle's FBB Rabbits	1	14	11.5

Last week's scores:

1st Round - Jolly Rogers 34, FBB Rabbits 33

1st Round - Ballers over Buckets

Get Your BGBL T-Shirts!



Order forms will be available at games this week.
You can get a tank or t-shirt in one of three colors:

NAVY
ROYAL TEAL
ORANGE

Men's Competitive Semi-Finals (by LD)

#4 Manhunt 52, #2 Club Cafe 46

Manhunt Nets guard Tom Barry knew he was feeling good going into the semi-final game with Club Cafe, but no one could have predicted how well he'd play. With the Nets MVP candidate Matt Richenthal still suffering from the flu, Barry picked up the slack. **Averaging just 3.30ppg during the season, Barry led the Nets with 17 points**, who trailed by as many as eight in the first half. Richenthal hit a three-pointer and was fouled as the half expired, cutting the deficit to 28-30. Behind Barry's offense, the Nets would quickly take the lead in the second half and Richenthal sealed the win with three free throws down the stretch.

#1 Fritz Bears 49, #6 B&G 39

Early on it appeared as if the upset magic B&G used to defeat CHACR in the quarterfinals would continue through their semi-final match up with the top seeded Fritz Bears. B&G led 22-14 early in the first half behind 3 point shooting from Mario Casal and Mikey Rickman. Fritz finished the half on an 8-0 run and never looked back, opening up a big lead in the 2nd half and showing why they are the #1 seed.

Men's Recreational Quarter-Finals (by KS)

Fritz Bulls 34, C.F. Donovan's 31 3 OT

Danny Swain scored 12 points as the Fritz Bulls won a classic in **the second triple overtime game of the playoffs**. Danny, Keith Colburn, and Gil Brovar each hit a free throw in the third overtime and foul trouble plagued the Donovan's which left them with only three players on the court at game's end. Six players scored at least four points for Fritz and Jason Raisner led the Bulls with three steals. 8 of Fritz' 10 points in overtime came from the line.

Tanner Chesney had another strong game and scored 15 points and hauled in 19 rebounds for the Donovan's. At halftime, the score was Tanner 10, Fritz 8. With the score tied 24-24 and time

running down at the end of regulation the Donovan's got a good look at the top of the key for a game winning three but it bounced in and out (*Those last two seconds were the longest two seconds ever*).

The Fighting Irish trailed 31-28 with time winding down at the end of the second overtime but **Mark Hernandez forced the third overtime by sinking an improbable three-pointer** deep from the left wing with a defender nearly hitting him. Mark finished with 6 points (on two three-pointers) and veteran Tom Kidd added 8 points. This was the second triple OT game of the season for the Irish.



#6 dBar 34, #3 Fenway 20

David Dilullis scored 11 points before incredibly leaving the game early to catch Avenue Q as dBar upset Fenway in the first round. **It was the second straight year that the #6 seed upset the #3 seed** in the Recreational Division. (Last year, the #6 seed B&G Tooth Fairies beat the #3 seed dBar).

David drained three threes in the first quarter to help dBar open a commanding 19-3 lead. For a while, Bon Lam was Fenway's leading scorer with two points. dBar put the D in Defense and nothing was falling for Fenway. Fenway tried desperately to make a run in the third quarter but Adam Snodgrass responded with a great sequence for DBar - a nice steal followed by a score that upped the lead to 23-10 lead. Bob Symonds added 8 points in the upset victory. Chris LeBrun scored 10 points for Fenway.

(In David's defense, he did have tickets to Avenue Q well before their playoff game was shifted from Wednesday night to Saturday afternoon.)

Men's Competitive Quarter-Finals (by KS)

#4 Manhunt 47, #5 Bank Of America 40 3OT

Matt Richenthal dished two assists to Alex Woodcock to open the third overtime and Luke Dwyer sealed the game with four free throws as Manhunt outlasted Bank of America in a thriller that capped an incredible opening night of playoff action.

The game started slowly but picked up energy as Steve Marsi provided a spark for Manhunt and tied the game at 14-14 on back to back baskets (offensive rebound / tip in, catch off a missed shot and lay-in). Bank of America led 18-17 at the half.

Manhunt came out strong and held BOA scoreless for most of the third quarter to build a 31-22 lead. BOA responded as player / coach Scott Mclsaac nearly saved their season with a short hook that rolled in for a 33-33 tie. BOA got the ball back for one final possession and (like in the Donovan's 3 OT game) nearly won it on a three from the top of the key at the end of regulation. The first overtime period ended with Aaron Fulgham and Alex exchanging blocks. Ali Noorani tied the game 37-37 on a short jumper to force another period before Manhunt ran away with it in the third overtime.

Alex came up big with 10 points, 18 boards, and 5 blocks. Matt R scored 16 points, grabbed 12 rebounds and 4 assists. BOA's Aaron had 12 points, 14 boards and 4 blocked shots.

#6 B&G 52, #3 CHACR 50

Charlie Perry drove coast to coast and finished with a game-winning lay-in as B&G upset CHACR to open the '07-'08 BGBL playoffs. Charlie finished with 17 points (13 in the 2nd half) in a game that was close throughout.

Fred Olsen started out on fire as he hit three three-pointers to give CHACR a 15-9 lead. A 9-0 run from Charlie and Mario Casal gave B&G the lead 18-15. Just before the half, Eric Lenz had a nice steal then went under his legs on an assist to Tim Schmitt for a layup at the buzzer. CHACR led at the half 30-27.

With under a couple minutes left, Fred hit a leaner to tie the score 48-48. Charlie followed with a coast to coast drive, was fouled and hit two free throws to put CHACR up 50-48. Eric then hit a clutch jumper to tie the game at 50-50 setting up Charlie's game ending dramatics. Chase Seibert was a man on a mission and led B&G with 25 points and 13 rebounds. Fred and Tim combined to score 39 points for CHACR but 11 of their 13 field goals came in the first half.

Men's Competitive Finals Preview (by KS)

#4 Manhunt Nets (8-7) vs. #1 Fritz Bears (11-4)

Manhunt Nets 65, Fritz Bears 63
Fritz Bears 51, Manhunt Nets 49
Manhunt Nets 43, Fritz Bears 36

Fritz Bears (league ranking in parenthesis):
Scoring Leader: Brad Mayeux 19.2 ppg (1st)
Rebound Leader: Brad Mayeux 13.8 rbg (1st)
Assists Leader: Dan Shovak: 3.5 apg (2nd)
Steals Leader: Dan Shovak: 2.0 spg (1st)
Blocks Leader: Brad Mayeux: 0.8 bpg (5th)

The Fritz Bears were the best defensive team giving up a league leading 44 points per game. Fritz led all teams in rebounds and blocked shots.

Manhunt Nets (league ranking in parenthesis):
Scoring Leader: Matt Richenthal 19.2 ppg (2nd)
Rebound Leader: Alex Woodcock 10.1 rbg (3rd)
Assists Leader: Luke Dwyer: 3.6 apg (1st)
Steals Leader: Tom Barry: 1.8 spg (3rd)
Blocks Leader: Alex Woodcock: 0.4 bpg (10th)

Manhunt scored more points than any team in the league averaging 54 points per game. Manhunt led all teams in assists and steals.

Fritz' average loss was by 4.5 ppg and Manhunt's average loss was by 5.4 ppg so both teams were in every game all season long. Both teams have a league MVP candidate – Brad for Fritz and Matt R for Manhunt. Manhunt was the only team to win a season series over Fritz. Both teams showed resiliency as Manhunt survived a first round triple overtime game while Fritz rallied from a big deficit to win their first game. This should be a close one - *Fritz Bears favored by 5 points.*

Men's Recreational Preview (by KS)

#6 dBar (3-12) vs #1 Whiplash (13-2)

Whiplash swept season series 3-0
Whiplash 22, dBar 17
Whiplash 28, dBar 16
Whiplash 32, dBar 26

This battle showcases the two best defensive teams in the recreational division. Whiplash gives up a stifling 26 points per game while dBar gives up only 28 points per contest.

There is the (Whiplash Player / Coach) Tony LaCasse factor to consider - last season, he was on the first rec team to go 15-0. He has led or been on teams that have captured the #1 seed three years in a row (AAC '06, Buzz '07, Whiplash '08) and in that span, he has a combined regular season record of 40-5. Will he parlay that into postseason success this year?

Whiplash, like another orange clad team (the Tigers), is on fire winning 9 consecutive games. They move on to the finals. *Whiplash favored by 8 points.*

#5 Fritz Bulls (3-12) vs #2 Machine (11-4)

Machine swept season series 3-0
Machine 35, Fritz Bulls 27
Machine 37, Fritz Bulls 31
Machine 42, Fritz Bulls 32

One story line in this unexpected match up pits former Bulls Joe Bennett and Brandon Tang against their old Coach Bob Quist. Also, Brandon and Bob have each made three trips to the finals since 2002 and on Thursday one of them will be adding a fourth.

Machine has a good balance of scorers - four of their players (Brandon, Joe Bennett, Bob Silva and James Layden) are in the top 16 in the league for scoring. Fritz has somehow survived injuries this season to Michael's ankle / knee, Gil's back, my leg, Danny's knee / face, and Bob's hand / knee / back / shoulder / neck.

Machine has too many players with the ability to score going against a Fritz defense that allows the most points per game (38). *Machine favored by 8 points.*

Chicago Tournament

Good luck to the following players who will be traveling to Chicago for an upcoming tournament: Alberto Barcenas, Joe Bennett, Conroy Jackson, Chris LeBrun, Jason Lemay, Bob Quist, Kevin St. Gelais, Bob Symonds, Brandon Tang, Chris Wolf.



Player's Poll

Who will win the championship?

Women's Division:

40% Tigers
40% Tha Onez
10% Jolly Rogers
10% Buckets (eliminated)

Men's Competitive Division:

50% Fritz Bears
30% Manhunt
10% Club Café (eliminated)
10% B&G (eliminated)

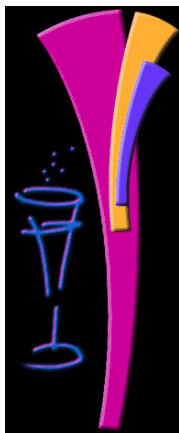
Men's Recreational Division:

46% Whiplash
13% Machine
13% dBar
13% Donovan's (eliminated)
13% Fenway (eliminated)



SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT – Costello's Tigers

The Tigers are riding a wave of momentum and they are one of the hottest teams in the BGBL. They stole the #1 seed in the final weekend which gave them the opportunity to avoid the Jolly Rogers in the semi-finals. Here's info about their sponsor.



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"If you're still hungry, you didn't eat here!"

'21' – Featuring Kevin Spacey

Brandon Tang and I got to work as extras in a few of the Chinatown scenes in this movie opening on Friday, March 28th. We were amidst a ton of other Asians so the odds that we will appear in the movie and be recognizable are... low.



Do you want to run for office?

Executive positions in the BGBL include: Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner, Treasurer, and Secretary. Elections will be held at the End of Year Banquet at Ramrod / Machine.

The Secretary position will be open next season so someone will need to continue the tradition of the Court Reporter. Maybe Andy Ryder could come back from Iowa?

Your BGBL Officers - info@bgbl.com

Commissioner	Kevin St. Gelais
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Assistant Commissioner	Bob Symonds
Assistant Commissioner	Sherie Torres
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