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BGBL 2008-2009 Standings

Men's Competitive Division			
Team	W	L	GB
B&G Drillers #1	11	4	-
Club Café Ballers #2	9	5	1.5
Fenway Franks #3	9	6	2.0
Fritz Bears #4	6	8	4.5
Ramrod Renegades #5	5	9	5.5
Ashmont Aggies #6	3	11	7.5

Last week's scores:
 Drillers 67 Franks 50
 Bears 41, Renegades 37
 Ballers 44 Drillers 34
 Franks 63, Aggies 62

Women's Division			
Team	W	L	GB
NKOTB #1	11	2	-
ABC #2	8	5	3
Elton John	6	7	5
Elvis	6	7	5
Michael Jackson	5	8	6
Bell Biv Devoe #6	3	10	8

Last week's scores:
 ABC 32, Elton 27
 Michael Jackson 44, NKOTB 37
 BBD 42, Elvis 36

BGBL 2008-2009 Standings

Men's Recreational Division			
Team	W	L	GB
Gold Rush	10	3	-
CHACR Tangerines	10	3	-
Whiplash	9	4	1
Fenway Medics #4	8	5	2
Club Café	4	9	6
Paradise Fighting Irish	4	9	6
Fritz Bulls	4	9	6
Machine Scoregasms	3	10	7

Last week's scores:
 Whiplash 29, Gold Rush 28
 CHACR 32, Machine 27
 Fenway 40, Club Café 32
 Paradise 27, Fritz Bulls 32

What's On Tap?

Competitive

Thursday, March 19

7:10: Fritz Bears vs Ashmont Aggies
 8:20: Ramrod Renegades vs CC Ballers

Women

Thursday, March 19

7:00: Elvis vs ABC (TOBIN)

Saturday, March 21

10:10: NKOTB vs Elton John
 11:20: Michael Jackson vs Bell Biv Devoe

Recreational

Saturday, March 21

12:30: Whiplash vs CHACR

1:40: Fritz Bulls vs Fenway Medics

2:50: Club Café vs Gold Rush

4:00: Machine Scoregasms vs Paradise Fighting Irish

BGBL Championship Saturday!!



Mark the date on your calendar NOW. April 4, 2009! It promises to be a great ending to a wonderful year. Here is the schedule:

11:00: Women's Final

12:30: Recreational Final

2:00: BGBL 3-point Contest

3:00: Competitive Final

6:00: End of the Year Banquet at Machine/Ramrod

Featuring: Food, drinks, awards, our end of the year video, '09-'10 Officer Elections.

Officer Elections

At the end of the year banquet we will be electing officers for the following season—2009-2010. Our Officer positions are: Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner – Competitive Division, Assistant Commissioner – Recreational Division, Assistant Commissioner – Women's Division, Secretary and Treasurer. To run for one of the three Assistant Commissioner positions you must play in the division you run to represent. For the other three, you can be from any division. Some of the current officers have chosen not to run again and we are looking for committed and caring individuals to step up and run for offices. We have meetings about once a month, both on and off-season, and at times more, if necessary. So, if you love the league like I do and are looking to give something back—now is your chance!

If you have any questions about any of the positions, feel free to ask any of the current officers. This league cannot operate without the generous volunteering of people in our league. Please consider being apart of it. And we have a great time doing it too!!

Comp Corner by Luke Dwyer

B&G Drillers 67, Fenway Franks 50

The match up between the Drillers Brad Mayeux and the Franks Matt Richenthal, two of the league's MVP candidates, did not disappoint. With a victory key to each team's efforts to obtain a first round bye, Richenthal started the game on fire, scoring 15 points in the first quarter of the game, giving the Franks an early 18-14 lead. While Richenthal would finish the half with 20 points, Mayeux was not to be out done, scoring 16 of his own and leading his team back from a 21-30 deficit to trail only by two at halftime, 30-32. The key to the Drillers first half rally and subsequent domination of the 2nd half was a switch from man to man defense to a 3-2 zone that completely flummoxed the Franks. The

change forced the Franks in to numerous turnovers which the Drillers turned into a 44-38 lead. Luke Dwyer would hit a big three point shot to cut the lead to 44-41 at the end of the 3rd quarter, but that is as close as the Franks would get. The Drillers continued to pull away led by Brad Mayeux's 33 points and 21 rebounds, tying for the third highest scoring game in BGBL history. Matt Richenthal had 29 points in a losing effort for the Franks. The win clinched the #1 seed for the Drillers with two games to play.

Fritz Bears 41, Ramrod Renegades 37

With key forward Tim Schmitt back on the floor, the Fritz Bears ended a four game slide and clinched the #4 seed going into the BGBL playoffs in two weeks with a 41-37 win over the Ramrod Renegades. Schmitt had 18 points and 13 rebounds including ten points in the fourth quarter of the game as the Bears improved to 6-8 on the season, 0-4 when Schmitt does not play. While waiting for their fifth player, Patrick Mabry, to arrive at the game, the Renegades were forced to start the game with just four players. Aaron Fulgham took advantage for the Bears, scoring seven quick points to start the game. Despite playing a man down, however, Dean Serino would best Fulgham's start with eight points of his own, including drawing three fouls. When Mabry finally arrived, the Bears only led, 10-9. The dearth of scoring would continue in the first half, with the Bears taking only a 17-15 lead into half time.

Serino would continue to play well in the second half and was the only Renegade to score in the third quarter with seven of his game high 19. Eric Lenz would hit two three-pointers in the quarter, half of his twelve points, to help extend the Bears lead to 27-22. Down by five, the Renegades would step up their defense, recording nine steals in the second half, including four by Serino. Trailing 39-35 with less than 20 seconds to play, Serino hit two free throws to cut the lead to two and then Kieth Bruneau picked off a pass while the Bears were trying to get over half court. Jim Goodwin would make a game saving play, intercepting Bruneau's follow-up pass and finding Schmitt all alone at the other end of the floor for the game sealing basket.

Club Cafe Ballers 44, B&G Drillers 34

After their emphatic 67-50 victory over the Fenway Franks two days earlier that clinched the #1 seed for B&G, the Drillers had little left to play for and it showed on the floor. The Club Cafe Ballers, however, needed to win one of their remaining two games and ended any last week suspense against B&G, clinching the #2 seed with a 44-34 win. Scoring was plentiful through the first quarter of the game, as Matt McDonald hit two three pointers and Mike Rickman and Eric Calderwood responded with threes of their own en route to a 14-14 score. The scoring would slow down in the second quarter and the Ballers took a 21-20 lead into halftime. The Drillers started the first eleven minutes of the second half unable to score as the Ballers ran their lead to 31-20. Brad Mayeux would finally end the scoring drought with two free throws. Mayeux and Eric Calderwood would do all of the scoring for the Drillers in the 4th quarter, scoring 14 points, but the Ballers would hit five of six free throws at the end of the game for the win. Gary Freeman led all scorers with 14 points for the Ballers, while Tom Wines had 11 rebounds. Mayeux and Calderwood each had 13 for the Drillers.

Fenway Franks 63, Ashmont Aggies 62

Once the Ballers had defeated the Drillers, the Franks and Aggies had nothing left to play for having clinched the #3 and #6 seed respectively, but neither team played like it. In a preview of a first round match 12 days later on March 26th, Chase Seibert dominated the first half, scoring 20 points on eight field goals and four for four from the free throw line. The Franks, however, got scoring from six of their seven players and only trailed by two at half, 25-27. The Aggies, winners of three of their last four, built a 57-51 lead with under five minutes to play, setting up a wild finish.

Steve Marsi grabbed a key offensive rebound and found Fred Olsen at the top of the key for a three pointer that cut the lead to 54-57. Mario Casal was then forced out of bounds by Luke Dwyer on the ensuing inbounds pass, creating the turnover. Matt Richenthal followed up Dwyer's hustle play with a basket, foul and made free throw to tie the game. Unrattled, the Aggies came right down the floor and found Chase

Seibert for an easy bucket under the basket and a 59-57 lead. Dwyer came right back down the floor, drove to the basket, got fouled and hit both free throws to tie the game. Once again the Aggies went to Seibert in the paint and he scored the final two of his 35 to give the Aggies at 61-59 lead. Dwyer tied the game again, with a put back off of a Richenthal miss. The Aggies tried to go to Seibert for a third time in a row, but Richenthal deflected the pass that landed in Dwyer's hands who returned the favor to Richenthal, finding the MVP candidate for a transition basket and a 63-61 lead with under 30 seconds to play. The Franks would do a good job of denying Seibert the ball on the final possession, but Casal got past the Franks perimeter defense, forcing Marsi to commit his 5th foul trying to prevent the game tying basket with 1.5 seconds to play. Casal cooly hit the first free throw, but back-rimmed the second and the rebound corralled right into Dwyer's hands as time expired.

Seibert's 35 points were the 2nd most in BGBL history, one shy of the 36 he scored against the Franks in their previous game. Casal added 12 points for the Aggies on three three pointers. Richenthal scored 22 points for the Franks and Olsen hit five three pointers for his 15 points.

March Madness "BGBL Style"

It is coming down to the final week to decide who will come in first in the Recreational Division. Also, the 5-8 spots are also still yet to be determined. It will be an exciting day of games on Saturday leading into the playoffs next week. Our own Marc Davino broke down all the possible outcomes for the top seed in the division:

Gold Rush – 3 losses (1 to Tangerines, 1 to Whiplash)

Tangerines – 3 losses (1 to Gold Rush, 1 to Whiplash)

Whiplash – 4 losses (1 to Gold Rush, 0 to Whiplash)

Next week, Gold Rush plays Club Café while Tangerines and Whiplash have their rematch.

This is what I think the scenarios are. Two do not involve ties:

1 - Gold Rush takes first if it beats Club Café AND Whiplash beats Tangerines. Whiplash would get second.

2 - Tangerines take first place if they beat Whiplash AND Gold Rush loses to Club Café. Gold Rush would get second.

Two other scenarios end up with a 2- or 3-way tie. Since we're only playing each other twice in the recreational division, head to head will only break a tie if Whiplash beats Tangerines; both would have 4 losses but Whiplash would have swept Tangerines and win the tiebreaker. (Hence in #1 above, Whiplash gets second and Tangerines third.)

The next tie-breaker after head to head is forfeits but we haven't had any.

It then comes down to free throw percentage!

IF Gold Rush beats Club Café and Tangerines beat Whiplash: Gold Rush and Tangerines tie for first, better FT team gets #1 seed, other gets #2

IF Club Café beats Gold Rush and Whiplash beats Tangerines: all 3 teams have 4 losses but Tangerines would get #3 seed as it would be 1-3 vs. the other two. Gold Rush & Whiplash tie would be broken by FT%.

Team Free-Throw %

Gold Rush	50.00%
CHACR	49.38%
Whiplash	45.80%
Fenway	46.20%
Club Café	45.40%
Fritz Bulls	48.48%
Paradise	32.90%
Machine	47.13%

BGBL PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 24

SEFC

7:20: Women #3 vs Bel Biv Davoe

8:30: Women #4 vs Women #5

Thursday, March 26
SEFC

7:20: Fenway Franks vs Ashmont Aggies

8:30: Fritz Bears vs Ramrod Renegades

Saturday, March 28
SEFC

10:10: NKOTB vs lower remaining seed

11:20: ABC vs higher remaining seed

12:30: Rec #1 vs Rec #8

1:40: Fenway Medics vs Rec #5

2:50: Rec #2 vs Rec #7

4:00: Rec #3 vs Rec #6

Tuesday, March 31
SEFC

7:20: Rec Semi-Final Game #1

8:30: Rec Semi-Final Game #2

Thursday, April 2
SEFC

7:20: Club Café Ballers vs higher remaining seed

8:20: B&G Drillers vs lower remaining seed

Saturday, April 4
Championship Saturday
SEFC

11:00: Women's Final

12:30: Recreational Final

2:00: 3-point Shootout Final

3:00: Competitive Final

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