

COURT REPORTER

Volume 15, Issue 17

Hoops for Men and Women of All Skill Levels

March 23, 2009

BGBL Final 2008-2009 Standings

Men's Competitive Division			
Team	W	L	GB
B&G Drillers #1	11	4	-
Club Café Ballers #2	10	5	1.0
Fenway Franks #3	9	6	2.0
Fritz Bears #4	7	8	4.0
Ramrod Renegades #5	5	10	6.0
Ashmont Aggies #6	3	12	8.0

Last week's scores:

Fritz Bears 49, Ashmont Aggies 34
CC Ballers 64, Ramrod 54

Women's Division			
Team	W	L	GB
NKOTB #1	11	4	-
ABC #2	9	6	2
Elvis #3	7	8	4
Michael Jackson #4	7	8	4
Elton John #5	7	8	4
Bel Biv Davoe #6	4	11	7

Last week's scores:

Elvis 5, ABC 36
Elton 34, NKOTB 32
MJ 37, BBD 30

BGBL Final 2008-2009 Standings

Men's Recreational Division			
Team	W	L	GB
Gold Rush #1	11	3	-
CHACR Tangerines #2	11	3	-
Fenway Medics #3	9	5	1
Whiplash #4	9	5	2
Fritz Bulls #5	4	10	7
Machine Scoregasms #6	4	10	7
Club Café #7	4	10	7
Paradise Fighting Irish #8	4	10	7

Last week's scores:

Gold Rush 58, Club Café 34
Machine 33, Paradise 25
Fenway 42, Fritz Bulls 34
CHACR 32 Whiplash 26

BGBL PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 24
SEFC

7:20: Elvis vs Bel Biv Davoe

8:30: MJ vs Elton John

Thursday, March 26
SEFC

7:20: Fenway Franks vs Ashmont Aggies

8:30: Fritz Bears vs Ramrod Renegades

Comp Corner by Luke Dwyer

Saturday, March 28
SEFC

- 10:10: NKOTB vs lower remaining seed
- 11:20: ABC vs higher remaining seed
- 12:30: Gold Rush vs Paradise Fighting Irish
- 1:40: Whiplash vs Fritz Bulls
- 2:50: CHACR Tangerines vs Club Cafe
- 4:00: Fenway Medics vs Machine Scoregasms

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

BGBL Spring League

Are you starting to get bummed the season is almost over? Well don't be! **The BGBL Spring Pick-Up League** will be here before you know it. The league will run for 8 weeks on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7-9 pm at SEFC. It will go from April 14th thru June 3rd. Tuesday nights are designated for "Recreational level" play. Thursdays are for "Competitive level" play. You may only play on your designated night. The cost to participate in the league is \$60. We have 20 spots available for the league. You can obtain a registration form on the website @ <http://www.bgbl.com/forms.html> or you also e-mail me for a form: kstgelais@gmail.com I will take e-mail confirmations if you intend on playing. However, your space will not be secure unless your fee is paid. You may drop off your forms at the SEFC this week or next week at the playoffs games or you can mail your form and fee to the following address:

B.G.B.L
12 Peverell St

#3 Fenway Franks (9-6) vs. #6 Ashmont Aggies (3-12)

Season series: Fenway 3, Ashmont 0
Week 4: Fenway 66, Ashmont 51
Week 9: Fenway 68, Ashmont 52
Week 15: Fenway 63, Ashmont 62

No. 3 Franks

How did they get here?

It was an up and down season for the Franks who's "small-ball" strategy looked brilliant at times and other times seemed like their undoing. The Franks never won more than three games in a row and never lost more than two games in a row. Despite starting 5-1, the team only finished 9-6, but won three of their last four to end the season including the last game of the year against the Aggies.

What do they need to do to win?

The winning formula is fairly simple for the Franks, regardless of opponent: Fastbreak points + made 3s = wins. The Franks led the league with 77 three pointers and 143 assists, with 31 threes and 41 assists in their three games against the Aggies.

How can they be beat?

Interior defense has been the biggest challenge for the Franks all season. They have no player over 6'1", no natural center and very few forwards. While his team has lost all three games, Aggies center Chase Siebert has killed the Franks with games of 26-9, 36-16, and 35-11. It's not just Seibert who has hurt the Franks, B&G's Brad Mayeux, Fritz's Aaron Fulgham and Ramrod's Alex Woodcock have all posted big games against the diminutive Franks.

Who to watch?

Matt Richenthal is the league's second leading scorer (behind Siebert) and leads the league in steals. But, the Franks' chances rest on the shooting arms of its three point threats: Fred Olsen, Steve Harrington and Luke Dwyer. The Franks survived Siebert's all-time single game scoring record 36 points in week 9 without Richenthal by hitting a BGBL single game record 13 threes in their 68-56 win.

X Factor

In that week 9 win without Matt Richenthal, Tom Walsh filled the role of interior scorer with ease, leading the Franks with 19 points. Even if the Aggies are able to keep Richenthal in check and stop the Franks outside scoring, Walsh can still take over the game for the Franks.

No. 6 Aggies

How did they get here?

After starting off the season 0-9, the Aggies ripped off three wins in their next four games before dropping their final two to finish 3-12. It's been difficult to completely evaluate this team as injuries to Jeff Guillot and John Ravesi limited each player to seven and ten games respectively. While Ravesi is back, Guillot is done for the year.

What do they need to do to win?

During their run of three wins in four games, the Aggies drastically slowed down the pace of the game and controlled the ball. In those four games, the Aggies averaged just 42.8 ppg, well below their season average of 45.4. However, the style change resulted in them only allowing 35.5 ppg to their opponents even further below their season average of 49.5.

How can they be beat?

The Franks have taken a "survive the storm" approach to Siebert and the Aggies, believing that if they can limit the effectiveness of the players around the league's leading scorer they can win. The strategy worked during the regular season, as only Mario Casal scored in double figures in any game for the Aggies and the Franks won all three. The Aggies need to get production from someone other than Siebert.

Who to watch?

That is, besides the match up of the league's two leading scorers in Siebert and Richenthal? How about Matt Olds who was the Aggies second leading scorer during the regular season, but only played one game against the Franks? Dan Shovak is another to keep an eye on. He injured his back in the last game against the Franks and missed the season finale. If he can't go, the Aggies will be very thin at guard.

X Factor

While the Franks three point shooting has been impressive, Casal is fifth in the league behind the Franks trio of bombers. If Casal can open up the floor with his long distance range, it could be another record breaking evening for Siebert.

#4 Fritz Bears (7-8) vs. #5 Ramrod Renegades (5-10)

Season series: Fritz 2, Ramrod 1

Week 4: Ramrod 37, Fritz 31

Week 9: Fritz 45, Ramrod 39

Week 14: Fritz 41, Ramrod 37

No. 4 Bears

How did they get here?

The Fritz Bears were in the running for a bye for the first nine weeks of the season, posting a respectable 5-4 record. They proceeded to drop out of contention with four straight losses before righting the ship with wins in their final two games. Their lone loss to the Renegades came without their top three players: Aaron Fulgham, Tim Schmitt and Eric Lenz.

What do they need to do to win?

Play defense. In their seven wins, the Bears have allowed a stingy 37.4 ppg. In their eight losses, they've allowed 47.1 ppg. The Bears are not a prolific offensive team, averaging only 42.2 ppg, second worst in the league, but fortunately they're playing the worst offensive team in the Renegades.

How can they be beat?

Even if they play solid defense, the Bears still need to score. During their four game losing streak towards the end of the season, the Bears only had one player score over twelve points in a game and played two consecutive games (weeks 10 and 11) with no one over seven points.

Who to watch?

When Tim Schmitt is in their lineup, the Bears are 7-4. When he's not? 0-4. Though he missed their game in week 13, Schmitt has posted double-doubles in each of his last three games, going for 12-15, 18-13, and 16-16.

X Factor

Who's the fourth leading scorer for the Bears? Everyone knows the Bears big three of Fulgham, Schmitt and Lenz, but most would be surprised to

learn that Kevin St. Gelais was the team's next leading scorer. The Bears do not have a lot of outside shooters and while St. Gelais isn't quite a three point threat, he still has great range from inside the arc and has pump faked everyone in the league at least once.

No. 5 Ramrod Renegades

How did they get here?

After nine weeks, the Renegades were 3-6 with their only wins against Ashmont and Fritz. They then shocked the 7-1 Club Cafe Ballers and followed that up with an unlikely win against the Fenway Franks. The Renegades were unable to build on the momentum, however, losing their last four games of the season. Injuries and absences crippled the Renegades with their starters missing a combined 18 games throughout the season.

What do they need to do to win?

The Renegades were far and away the worst offense in the league, averaging 4 ppg fewer than 5th place Fritz, but they were also the second best defense and led the league in steals with 120. The Renegades stellar defense has been a product of their size, which prevents teams from getting second chance points with offensive rebounds. Alex Woodcock and Patrick Mabry must keep Schmitt and Fulgham off the offensive boards.

How can they be beat?

Score 40 points. The Renegades rely on their defense to win them games and are 1-10 when they give up 40 points or more. They were 4-0 when allowing under 40.

Who to watch?

In their five wins, Alex Woodcock posted four double-doubles including one of only four 20-20 games in BGBL history (all in 08-09 with the other three by Brad Mayeux) with 23 points and 20 rebounds in their win over the Franks. In those five games, Woodcock averaged 13.6 ppg and 13.6 rpg.

X Factor

Larry White only played in eight games this year due to injuries and absences, but when he was in the lineup, the Renegades went 4-4. If Larry can't play, that forces the Renegades to either move Dean Serino from his more favored

shooting guard position to point guard or have leader Dan Van Roekel play point forward. Neither is preferable.

Straight Shot

by Ken Sawada

Rec Division Round One Preview

#1 Gold Rush (11-3) vs #8 Paradise (4-10)

Saturday at 12:30pm

Gold Rush swept the season series 2-0

Gold Rush 44, Paradise 35

Gold Rush 48, Paradise 33

Gold Rush finished first in the league in points scored (40.9 ppg) while Paradise finished second in the league in points allowed (31.2 ppg). Paradise scored their season high for points in a game (35 pts) against the Rush. Paradise is 2-1 in their last three games while Gold Rush is 1-2 in their last three games. Paradise Coach Kevin Quincy lost a triple overtime thriller last year in his playoff coaching debut ('08 Donovan's) so he will be hungry to advance. The two opposing coaches are currently tied for third in the BGBL brackets which further intensifies the emotions. Line: Off.

#4 Whiplash (9-5) vs #5 Fritz Bulls (4-10)

Saturday at 1:40pm

These two teams split the season series 1-1

Whiplash 31, Fritz Bulls 18

Fritz Bulls 30, Whiplash 28

The coaches of the past two recreational champions face off in Tony Lacasse ('08 Whiplash) and Bob Quist ('07 Fritz). Whiplash went from potentially taking first place to fourth place on the last day of the regular season. Whiplash finished first in the league in points allowed (30.1 ppg) and held Fritz to their season low of 18 points in their first encounter. Whiplash has won 4 out of 5 while Fritz

comes into the playoffs on a 4 game losing streak.
Line: Whiplash by 7.

#2 CHACR (11-3) vs #7 Club Cafe (4-10) on
Saturday at 2:50pm

CHACR swept the season series 2-0
CHACR 44, Club Cafe 41
CHACR 42, Club Cafe 40 OT

First year coach Brandon Tang of CHACR led the league in assists (1.8 apg) and steals (2.7 spg) and is looking for his third straight appearance in the finals ('07 Fritz, '08 Machine). CHACR led the league in two points baskets. Club Cafe's Tanner Chesney led the league in scoring (18.8 ppg) and had exactly 100 2-point baskets (the next closest player was Fenway's CJ with 71). CHACR is charging into the playoffs on a five game tear while Club Cafe has lost five in a row (four of those losses were by an average of 3 points).

Line: CHACR by 4.

#3 Fenway (9-5) vs #6 Machine (4-10)
4:00pm

These two teams split the season series 1-1
Fenway 42, Machine 33
Machine 60, Fenway 52 OT

Fenway's Jason Lemay and Machine's Joe Bennett square off in one of the most intriguing first round battles of the playoffs. On February 28th, they played one of the greatest recreational games of the year as Fenway made an improbably rally from a 20 point deficit to force overtime but eventually lost to Machine. Machine's Joe Bennett led the league in boards (11.5 rbg) while Fenway's CJ finished second in the league scoring (18.6 ppg). Machine went 4-3 in the second half of the season after starting 0-7 while Fenway has won their last two after dropping three straight. Line: Fenway by 5.

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.

And the nominees are...

Here are the nominees for the Men's Recreational and Competitive Division awards. Winners will be announced on April 4th at the banquet. Congratulations to all the nominees!

Recreational Division

Rookie of the Year

John Costanzo, Gold Rush
Charles Quinn, Gold Rush
Dan Vela, Fritz Bulls

Defensive Player of the Year

David Dillulis, Paradise

Randy Floyd, Paradise
Brandon Tang, CHACR

Most Improved Player

Todd Mahler, CHACR
Steve Obartuck, Whiplash
Adam Snodgrass, Fritz Bulls

Hustle Award

Tony LaCasse, Whiplash
Mark Walsh, Gold Rush
Tony Vaccaro, Machine

Most Valuable Player

Tanner Chesney, Club Café
John Costanzo, Gold Rush
Conroy Jackson, Fenway

Competitive Division

Rookie of the Year

Steven Bithell, B&G
Eric Calderwood, B&G
Jim Goodwin, Fritz

Defensive Player of the Year

Jim Goodwin, Fritz
Brad Mayeux, B&G
Matt Richenthal, Fenway
Tom Wines, Club Café
Alex Woodcock, Ramrod

Most Improved Player

Eric Lenz, Fritz
Matt MacDonald, Club Café
Alex Woodcock, Ramrod

Hustle Award

Brian Gagne, Ashmont
Jim Goodwin, Fritz
Brad Mayeux, B&G
Charlie Perry, Club Café

Most Valuable Player

Brad Mayeux, B&G
Charlie Perry, Club Café
Matt Richenthal, Fenway

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!!

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