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

Tuesday, 3/31/09

7:20pm

#8 Fighting Irish	#2 Tangerines
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8:30pm

#3 Medics	#4 Whiplash
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Recreational Division Final Four Preview by Ken Sawada

#2 CHACR (11-3, 1-0) vs #8 Paradise (4-10, 1-0) on Tuesday at 7:20pm

CHACR swept the season series 2-0

CHACR 35, Club Cafe 26

CHACR 34, Club Cafe 29

Coach Brandon Tang has the CHACR

TANGERines riding a six game winning streak.

Paradise Coach Kevin Quincy started the season 0-5 but never quit as the Fighting Irish have gone 5-5 since and upset the #1 seed Gold Rush this past Saturday. When Paradise wins, their average margin is 3.4 ppg as opposed to CHACR's 9.7 ppg margin of victory. For what it's worth, CHACR is 3-1 on weeknight games while Paradise held their own at 2-3. Line: CHACR by 5.

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#3 Fenway (9-5, 1-0) vs #4 Whiplash (9-5, 1-0) on Tuesday at 8:30pm

These two teams split the season series 1-1

Fenway 31, Whiplash 30

Whiplash 43, Fenway 28

Coach Tony LaCasse has his team one win away from a second finals appearance in as many seasons for the Whiplash franchise. Fenway Coach Jason LaMay stole the 3rd seed on the last day of the regular season before holding off Machine last Saturday in another classic between those two teams. Whiplash is 3-2 on weeknights while Fenway is 3-1. Note that Whiplash's Tony was absent in the first meeting (Whiplash loss) while Fenway's Jason, John and Paul were missing in the second encounter (Fenway loss). Whiplash has won 5 out of 6 while Fenway has won 3 straight. Line: Fenway by 1.

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Thursday, 4/02/09

7:20pm

#2 CC Ballers	#3 Fenway Franks
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8:30pm

#1 B&G Drillers	#4 Fritz Bears
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Competitive Division Final Four Preview by Luke Dwyer

Over the weekend the NCAA set their final four teams for next weekend's showdown in Detroit. Similarly, the BGBL Men's Competitive Division whittled itself down to four teams after the Fenway Franks rallied against the Ashmont Aggies and the Fritz Bears defeated the Ramrod Renegades this past Thursday. The "chalk" results mean that the top four teams from the regular season will square off in an NCAA-style

Thursday/Saturday finish to the annual tournament this week in Boston. Heading in to what promises to be a thrilling finish, let's take a look at the four teams.

#4 Fritz Bears (8-8)

The Bears defeated the Renegades 39-29 to earn a date with top seeded B&G Drillers.

Theme of the season

Inconsistency. When the Bears play well, they can beat any of the four remaining teams as they did at least once during the reason season. When the Bears are not at their best, they can be downright terrible. Earlier in the year the Bears won three in a row including back to back games against Club Cafe and Fenway. Later in the year, they lost four straight, including back to back to back games against Club Cafe, Fenway and B&G.

Speed Bumps

Their consecutive games of 18 and 29 points scored in the middle of the season. The Bears have scored over 40 points in every game except those two since the 5th game of the year.

Bench Presence

Player/coach Patrick Cullerton provides decent size, rebounding, shooting and passing off the bench for the Bears. Just don't expect him to run the fast break.

Advantage

The Bears are the most physical team left and led the league with 225 fouls. If the Bears are able to impose their will on offense and defense they can wear down even the strongest of teams.

#3 Fenway Franks (10-6)

The Franks rallied for a 45-43 come from behind win against the Ashmont Aggies to set up a match up with #2 Club Cafe

Theme of the season

Run and gun. The Franks style all season has been to pressure opposing team's defenses, push the ball on offense and make it rain from behind the arc. The style generated a league-

high 773 points, but also a league worst 754 points allowed.

Speed Bumps

Despite their prolific offense, the Franks still seem to be finding their way against particular defenses. During the middle of the season the Franks lost consecutive games to the aggressive man to man defense played by Fritz and Club Cafe. In the week 7 game against the Bears, the Franks managed a then-record low six points in the first half (that dubious feat would later be "topped" by the Bears themselves, who only scored five points in the first half of their loss to the Aggies). Two weeks later, however, the Franks ripped off a 43 point first half against the B&G Drillers man to man defense, seemingly solving the problem. As quickly as one problem was solved, the Drillers presented another, starting the second half of that game in a 3-2 zone defense that has flummoxed the Franks ever sense.

Bench Presence

The way the Franks seemed to solve their man to man woes was to bring Tom Walsh off the bench as they did during their three game win streak after Walsh came off the DL. Walsh has excelled in an unusual role for him and the Franks have played well because of it.

Advantage

Speed and quickness. The Franks will look to force the issue against whomever they play and if they can get their opponents to play into their game, they can win the championship.

#2 Club Cafe Ballers (10-5)

The Ballers finished off the regular season with two consecutive wins including a big win against B&G in Week 14 to clinch a bye and the #2 seed.

Theme of the season

Balance. The Ballers sport an MVP candidate point guard (Charlie Perry) a defensive player of the year nominee center (Tom Wines) and the league's leading three point threat (Matt McDonald). Even their back-ups provide balance as Gary Freeman runs the point, Matt Vail provides size on the front line and Brian Baker spaces the court with his patented corner

shooting.

Speed Bumps

Playing seven on four, the Ballers somehow lost to an undermanned B&G team in Week 9 and followed that up with a crushing loss to the Ramrod Renegades in Week 10.

Bench Presence

Though he only played in the league required eight games this season, when he has come off the bench for the Ballers, Gary Freeman has played very well. Freeman has averaged 9.25 ppg and 2.38 spg during those game and the Ballers went 6-2 in those games.

Advantage

Once again, their balance. The Ballers have had four different players (Perry, Wines, McDonald and Freeman) each lead the team in scoring in at least two games this season. They've won high scoring games (64-54 win over Ashmont in Week 15), low scoring games (37-29 win over Fritz in Week 11), barn-burners (58-57 over B&G in Week 4) and blowouts (58-45 against Fenway in Week 8).

#1 B&G Drillers (11-4)

The B&G Drillers defeated the Fenway Franks 67-50 in Week 14 to clinch the top spot.

Theme of the season

Brad Mayeux. The multiple league MVP winner is having arguably his best season ever, averaging 17.8 ppg and 17.4 rpg. The BGBLs all-time leading scorer increased his lead with 268 more points this year and smashed his own single season rebounds record with 261 including a single game record 25 in Week 9 against Club Cafe.

Speed Bumps

After starting the season 2-0, the Drillers lost three straight games including two consecutive last minute collapses which resulted in one point losses to Club Cafe and Fenway. The Drillers dusted themselves off, however, and won nine straight games before losing the season finale to Club Cafe.

Bench Presence

While Tom "The Enforcer" Seyffert hasn't quite lived up to his nickname this season with only twelve fouls, he and player/coach Scott McIsaac provide unmatched veteran stability for a team that starts two rookies (ROY candidates Eric Calderwood and Steve Bithel).

Advantage

Mayeux. In arguably his best season ever, the question for opposing teams will be if they can stop the league's best player. The Drillers were the top rebounding team in the league and keeping Mayeux off the glass would do a lot to even the playing field.

Saturday, 4/4/09

11:00am

#1 NKOTB	#2 ABC
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12:30pm

? Fighting Irish or Tangerines	? Medics or Whiplash
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2:00 pm

3 Point Contest

3:00pm

? BALLERS OR FRANKS	? DRILLERS OR BEARS
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Saturday, 4/4/09 (Machine)

6pm

End of Year Banquet at Ramrod / Machine	Featuring: Food, Drinks, Awards, End of Year Video, '09-'10 Officer Elections
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Here is the schedule of events for the banquet:

6-6:45: Happy Hour/Food

6:45-7:15—Officer Elections/Business Meeting

7:30-8:30—BGBl video and Award Presentations

8:30-?? More Happy Hour!

*****The 2009 Boston Tea Party Classic tournament committee will be holding a fundraiser at this year's banquet. We will have a silent auction and a 50/50 raffle. We thank you in advance for your donation to help raise money for this event.**

2009 Boston Tea-Party Classic

I am sure some of you have heard through the rumors about the return of the Boston tournament. The rumors are true! After a six year absence, Boston will once again host a National gay basketball tournament in October. The dates are set for October 17-18th (weekend after Columbus). We are hoping to draw 12-16 teams from all over the country to travel to Beantown to take part in the event. We have already begun preparing and organizing the tournament. Volunteers are needed! If you would like to help out—please contact Joe Bennett or Kevin St. Gelais.

Also, teams from Boston are welcome to enter. You can start thinking if you want to put together a team.

There will be plenty more to come on this in future newsletters.

BGBl Spring League

Tuesday: 8 spots left

Thursday: 10 spots left

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:

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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

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

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

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