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'08-'09 CHAMPIONS

Women's Division

#2 ABC

ABC Player Roster:

Coach Kandi O'shodi
Connie Utada
Nita Holder
Tara Cho
Anmarie Blythe
Jessica Reed
Jessica Tang
Kaitlin Boudreau

Men's Competitive Division

#3 Fenway Franks

Franks Player Roster:

Coach Luke Dwyer
Matt Richenthal
Tom Walsh
Fred Olsen
Stephen Harrington
John Murnane
Steve Marsi
Chris Harris

Men's Recreational Division

#8 Paradise Fighting Irish

Fighting Irish Player Roster:

Coach Kevin Quincy
David Dilulis
Brian Donohoe
Randy Floyd
Gil Brovar

'08-'09 SPONSORS / COACHES

Women's Division

NKOTB – Coach Paige Eaton Davis
ABC – Coach Kandi Oshodi
Elvis – Coaches Sara Corker and Jane Murray
Michael Jackson—Coach Nicole Renick
Elton John – Coach Sherie Torres
BBD – Coach Morgan Darby

Men's Competitive Division

Fritz Bears – Billy Svetz, Coach Patrick Culleton
Club Café Ballers – Frank Ribaud, Coach Charlie Perry
Ramrod Renegades – Coach Dan VanRoekel
Fenway Franks – Phil Finch – Coach Luke Dwyer
Ashmont Grill – Coach Dan Shovak
B&G – Rick / Kirk Bankhead & Paul Groipen, Coach Scott Mclsaac

Men's Recreational Division

Whiplash – Jonathan Melman, Coach Tony LaCasse
Machine – Coach Joe Bennett
Fenway Medics – Phil Finch, Coach Jason LaMay
Paradise – Coach Kevin Quincy
Fritz Bulls – Billy Svetz, --Coach Bob Quist
Gold Rush—Paul Gagnon, Coach Ken Sawada
Club Café—Frank Ribaud—Coach Bob Symonds
CHACR—Thuy – Coach Brandon Tang

'08-'09 AWARDS

Women's Awards

Rookie of the Year – Emily Restivo
Hustle Award – Nicole Freedman
Most Improved Player – Paula Callaghan
Defensive Player – Connie Utada
Most Valuable Player – Amy Robertson

Men's Competitive Awards

Rookie of the Year – Steven Bithell – B&G
Hustle Award – Charlie Perry – Club Cafe
Most Improved Player – Alex Woodcock - Ramrod
Defensive Player – Tom Wines – Club Cafe
Most Valuable Player - Brad Mayeux – B&G

Men's Recreational Awards

Rookie of the Year – John Constanzo – Gold Rush
Hustle Award – Anthony Vaccaro - Machine
Most Improved Player – Steve Obartuck - Whiplash
Defensive Player – Brandon Tang - CHACR
Most Valuable Player – Conroy Jackson – Fenway

Marc Davino League Service Award

Luke Dwyer

Buck Bachman Sportsmanship Award

Ken Sawada

Competitive Final Recap

#3 Fenway Franks 65, #1 B&G Drillers 48

In a league that has traditionally been dominated by centers and forwards, the Fenway Franks turned convention on its head by defeating three preeminent big men en route to the 2008-2009 Competitive League championship.

Sporting a roster that consisted primarily of guards, undersized forwards and no one taller than 6'1", the Franks employed a pressure style of basketball that relied on fast break points, three point shots and turnovers to withstand the opposing teams' dominant center. In their opening round match-up with the sixth seeded Ashmont Aggies, the Franks recorded twelve steals to mount a come from behind 46-43 win. The three pointers were not falling during their semi-final match up with the second seeded Club Cafe Ballers, but the Franks stole the ball eleven times and used a 14-0 second half run to win easily, 58-44.

On the other side of the draw, the top seeded B&G Drillers hung on against the fourth seeded Fritz Bears to set up a match up with the Franks. Foul

trouble limited the Drillers center and 08-09 MVP Brad Mayeux to just six points during the semi-finals, but the Drillers withstood a late charge from the Bears and won 52-42.

During the regular season, the Franks and Drillers would split their first two games, one point victories for each side. However, in their final regular season game the Drillers rallied from a six point deficit at halftime to blow away the Franks, 67-50.

Thoroughly embarrassed by the loss, the Franks were hungry for revenge and put the Drillers on notice with a 12-4 run to start the game. Despite plenty of fast break chances that the Franks rely on, the Drillers managed to maintain the eight point deficit into the half, trailing 25-17.

While Franks were unable to capitalize on fast break opportunities in the first half, their three point shooters started hitting from distance in the second half to blow the game open. Fred Olsen had twelve of his sixteen points on four three pointers and Steve Harrington had nine of his 13 on three treys as the Franks tallied nine three pointers for the game. The Franks 40 point second half explosion gave them the championship, 65-48 and neatly tied up the total points scored in all four games between the two teams at 228-228. Mayeux had a game high 21 points and 14 rebounds in the losing effort while Matt Richenthal led the Franks with 18 points.

The championship was the first for player/coach Luke Dwyer who's been playing for six years and coaching for five. Other first time champions on the Franks include five-year veteran Matt Richenthal, Steve Marsi (three years) and rookie John Murnane.

NUMBER 8 SEEDED PARADISE FIGHTING IRISH SHOCKS THE GAY WORLD

While most of us were getting ready to watch the usual suspects in the NCAA Final Four, an amazing story of perseverance and determination was unfolding in the BGBL Recreational Final.

For the first time in recent BGBL memory the number 1 through 3 seeded teams would not be playing on

Championship Saturday, but instead would see a match up featuring Whiplash #4 (10-5) vs Paradise #8 (6-10)

As the warm up buzzer finally rang it became evident that the confident and well coached Tony Lacasse Whiplash team would have the advantage in this pivotal battle, as the Fighting Irish only had five players, leaving often reserved Coach, Kevin Quincy no choice but to play.

Still, this was the number 8 seeded team that had done the impossible twice before, upsetting the number 1 and the number 2 seeded teams in consecutive games. Was it possible again to pull off a third upset in this tournament?

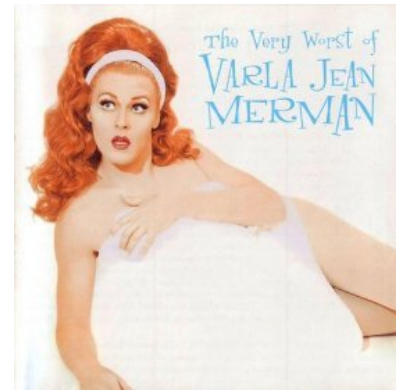
An auspicious start as Paradise took an early 5 point lead that quickly evaporated as Whiplash was hot from 3-point range, courtesy of great shooting by Alberto Barcenas and Bill Farmer scoring 4 times. It appeared inevitable that Tony Lacasse's team, that had won the Championship last season and has posted a 52-10 record since the 2005-2006 season would win yet again. The half time lead was 9 for Whiplash.

Whiplash began the second half the same as the first 22 minutes by draining a three pointer to increase the lead to 12 points and creating Randy Floyd's fourth foul of the game, as a comeback with five players was now out of sight for Paradise. But who would have believed it... a clutch three pointer by the player-coach, Kevin Quincy followed by tenacious defense and fast break points had the Fighting Irish within only 4 points and believing again. Whiplash could not find the basket for the last eight minutes as the team went scoreless. With the score tied at 31 the Fighting Irish called their final time out of the game. With 10 seconds left in the game David Dilulis hit the game winner on a clutch basket inside the key and the Miracle became a part of BGBl History.

Congratulations Paradise Fighting Irish



BGBl Presents:



Varla Drools and Dribbles!

Club Café

May 16 8:00 pm

Tickets go on sale soon!

Stay tuned for more details!

'09 NCAA Bracket Group Final Standings

1	Tom Seyffert	124	46	124	46	North Carolina (152)
2	Jason Lamay	121	47	121	47	North Carolina (175)
3	Kevin St Gelais	120	48	120	48	North Carolina (164)
4	Kim Pratt	120	45	120	45	North Carolina (143)
5	Keith Bruneau	118	49	118	49	North Carolina (146)
6	Steve Harrington	115	46	115	46	North Carolina (139)
7	Kevin Quincy	114	47	114	47	North Carolina (167)
8	Jane Peachy	112	44	112	44	Louisville (185)
9	Maggie Sawada	110	47	110	47	Michigan St. (143)
10	john parziale	107	43	107	43	Connecticut (135)
11	Charles Perry	106	40	106	40	North Carolina (165)

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

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

Let us welcome Joe and Kevin Q to the board! Three Kevin's in control now. Good grief! How will we keep track? Any ideas for nicknames—please e-mail your commissioner. Did you know that Joe is not his first name? I will give someone \$20 if they can tell me his first name. Hint: It begins with an H

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
BBD #6	4	11	7

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Assistant Commissioner	Kevin Lalli
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Assistant Commissioner	Sherie Torres
Treasurer	Charles Perry
Secretary	Kevin Quincy

Thank you for a great season! See you in October 2009!

Men's Recreational Division			
Team	W	L	GB
Gold Rush #1	11	3	-
CHACR Tangerines #2	11	3	-
Fenway Medics #3	9	5	1