

BGBL COURT REPORTER

Hello BGBL Members!

Welcome to the last week of basketball before the holiday break. Can you believe it's almost Christmas? I sure can't! I went so far as to have my TiVo record the Grinch. Ok, that's a lie. I have the DVD. Any way, we on the (fully staffed - wohoo!) BGBL board hope you all have been enjoying yourself and getting back into the swing of playing basketball again. If anyone has any comments or suggestions please don't hesitate to speak up. We are not perfect and are not mind readers, so if there is anything we can do to make this a more enjoyable experience for you, don't hesitate to drop one of us a line! We are here for you. So now to the basketball from last week...

D1 Standings & Scores

D1 Standings

Team	W	L
Fritz Bears	2	0
Mullis PT	1	1
Fritz Bears	1	1
Machine-Ramrod	1	1
Dogwood Dawgs	1	1
Fenway Franks	0	2

D1 Scores - Week 2

Team	Score		Team
Dogwood Dawgs	44	35	Fenway Franks
Machine	43	35	B&G Drillers
Fritz Bears	52	43	Mullis PT

D1 League Leaders & Week 2 Recaps

Points		Rebounds		Assists		Steals		Blocks	
Brad Mayeux	17.0	Kevin Block	13.5	Brandon White	4.0	Matt Gianferente	3.5	Eric Borg	1.5
Chase Seibert	15.5	Eric Borg	12.0	Charlie Perry	3.0	Sunjay Agety	3.0	Mario Casal	1.0
Eric Borg	15.5	Brad Mayeux	10.5	Mikey Rickman	3.0	Jack Miles	2.0	Aaron Fulgham	1.0
Kevin Block	14.0	Tim Schmitt	10.0	Kevin Block	2.5	Tim Walsh	2.0	Luke Dwyer	1.0
Eric Taylor	14.0	Aaron Fulgham	8.5	Eric Taylor	2.5	Matt McDonald	2.0	Kevin Parke	0.5

Player of the Week: Brandon White, Machine



After two years playing in Division Two, Brandon White made the leap to Division One this season and proved he belonged this week. Known for his prolific outside shooting, White lived up to the hype this week nailing three 3-pointers en route to 17 points. In the first half White led the team with his scoring. When B&G tried to clamp down on his scoring, White took what the defense was giving him and got the ball to his big front line to keep Machine in front. Ultimately White ended with an impressive line: 17 points, six rebounds, six assists, two steals a blocked shot and most importantly, a victory.

Fritz Bears 52, Mullis PT 43

Before the season started the Fritz Bears looked like the favorites and after two games the team has lived up to the hype. After dismantling the Fenway Franks in the first week, the Bears used a similar recipe to easily dispatch Mullis PT in week two.

The Bears received balanced scoring from Charlie Perry (five points), Brad Mayeux (nine points) and Kevin Block (five points) to push out to a 26-18 lead at half time. Eric Taylor scored nine of his 13 points in the second half to try to keep Mullis PT in the game, but did not receive much help from his teammates. Instead Mayeux added eleven more points in the second half and Block chipped in seven more of his own to propel Fritz to an easy win.

Mayeux led all scorers with 20 points and grabbed 13 rebounds while Block added twelve points and twelve rebounds. Taylor led Mullis PT with 13 points while Matt Olds and Tim Schmitt each scored six points and had eight rebounds.

Machine 43, B&G Drillers 35

Heading in to the second week of the season Machine was looking to rebound from a last second, overtime loss to Mullis PT. The Drillers were also coming off an overtime game, but were fortunate enough to be on the winning end and hoped to keep their momentum going.

After a quiet opening game, rookie Brandon White went off in the first half for Machine. He nailed two three pointers in the first half and accounted for twelve of his team's 20 points to start the game. The Drillers seemed lost offensively and mustered just 14 points to trail by six at half time.

Fred Olsen and rookie Chris Connolly did their best to keep the Drillers competitive in the second half with three point shooting, but that was the best B&G could muster. White was held to only five second half points, but center Chase Seibert picked up the slack scoring eight of his ten point in the half. Machine made their six point half time lead stand up, ultimately winning by eight.

White led all scorers with 17 points while dishing out six assists and bringing in six rebounds. For the Drillers, Connolly and Olsen each led the team with ten points while grabbing seven and five rebounds, respectively.

Dogwood Dawgs 44, Fenway Franks 35

After getting throttled in the first half of their opening game against Fritz, the Franks had the very simple goal of outscoring their nine first half points from the previous week. Dogwood, meanwhile, hoped to rebound from their stinging overtime loss to B&G.

The Franks got balanced scoring in the first half to surpass last week's total with 15 points. Unfortunately, they had no answer for the Dawgs Eric Borg who nearly matched them himself with eleven points in the first half. The rest of the Dawgs all chipped in and Dogwood led 23-15 at half time.

Led by four points each from rookies Kevin Parke and Joe Bennett, the Franks used a 9-2 run to start the second half to cut the deficit to 25-24. Despite a quiet first half, Ogoegbunam McRae-Osefoh scored nine second half points to keep Dogwood in the lead. Dogwood's lead was a tenuous 35-30 with just over six minutes to play, but the Franks offense got flat and they could never get any closer.

Borg led all scorers with 15 points and hauled in eleven rebounds and blocked two shots. McRae-Osefoh added 13 points of his for the Dawgs. Eric Calderwood led the scoring for the Franks with 13 points while Luke Dwyer scored six points and grabbed ten rebounds in the losing effort.

D2 Standings, Scores, & League Leaders

D2 Standings

Team	W	L
Ashmont Burners	2	0
MBI - Fighting Irish	2	0
Ramrod	2	0
Manhunt Shooters	1	1
CHARC SURGE	1	1
Whiplash	0	2
Fritz Bulls	0	2
Paradise Ark	0	2

D2 Scores - Week 2

Team	Score		Team
Ashmont Burners	30	21	Fritz Bulls
CHARC SURGE	39	45	Manhunt Shooters
MBI Fighting Irish	33	29	Whiplash
Ramrod	30	15	Paradise Ark

Ok, nobody died... that I know of...

Get used to it the colors. :)

XXOO - MM

Points		Rebounds		Assists		Steals		Blocks	
John Costanzo	17.5	Tom Fisher	15.5	Mike McLaughlin	3.5	John Sylvain	6.0	Mike Holley	2.5
Nick Richards	15.0	Brian Ford	10.0	Brandon Tang	2.5	Joe Coleburn	5.0	Brian Ford	2.5
Mike McLaughlin	14.0	Kit Chan	10.0	Ben Klein	2.5	Mike McLaughlin	3.5	Jim Hykel	2.0
John Thompson	13.0	John Persechini	8.5	John Favazzo	2.0	Brandon Tang	3.0	Dereck Johnson	2.0
Brian Ford	11.5	Sam Bickett	8.5	Derek Bracey	2.0	Dereck Johnson	2.5	Tom Fisher	2.0

D2 Week 2 - Game Recaps

Thompson, Tang lead Ashmont to 2-0 start. Fritz D. impressive in loss.

In game one of week 2, we saw the Ashmont Burners take on the Fritz Bulls. This game was an offensive struggle through the first half with only 18 points scored... total. Bob's game plan in this game was a box & 1 defense focusing on Ashmont coach Mike McLaughlin. The combined basketball genius of Mike Bova & Quist built a plan to slow down McLaughlin, who came off of a personal career best with 26 points last week. Unfortunately for Fritz, Ashmont had many other weapons at their disposal, and in this game it showed. Rookie John Thompson dropped 13 total points (11 in the 2nd half), and Brandon Tang added 6 of his own. Mike Bova lead the way in the first half for Fritz scoring 4. Bova scored his 4 points through the first 21:59 and Kit Chan had a put-back as time expired causing a boisterous eruption from the bench, and potential for a clear momentum change.

Halftime Score: Ashmont: 12 Fritz: 6

The 2nd half saw Ashmont attempt to reclaim the momentum, starting with a full court press forcing 4 turnovers resulting in 6 points through the first 3 minutes of the game. Fritz eventually adjusted to the press (after a timeout). The 2nd half went back and forth with runs on both sides, with Fritz closing to within 5 with 8 minutes left on a Mike 'Clutch' Bova 3 pointer. Ashmont was able to hold onto the lead with tough defense long enough to force intentional fouls and free throw shooting. Ashmont was able to drain about 60% of their free throws down the stretch, which extended the lead, and secured the win. Strong performances on the boards were turned in by Sam Bickett (10), Kit Chan (10), & Chris Koukos (7). Jason Raisner also had a very strong game on the defensive side of the ball.

Final Score: Ashmont: 30 Fritz:21

DJ, Silva sneak MBI past Whiplash

In game 2 of week 2 we saw the Fighting Irish of MBI take on Dorothy, Blanche, and the rest of the Golden Girls, I mean, Whiplash. Whiplash was coming off a frustrating loss last week at the hands of a defensively assembled Ramrod team. Meanwhile MBI was coming off a thrilling win in the final minutes over Tanner's Paradise Arc. This game had nail biter written all over it, especially as MBI's spark plug Nick Sullivan was running around Boston in a speedo at tip off. Whiplash was without guard Gary Freeman. As the game started, MBI jumped out to an early lead behind some 3 pointers by Dereck Johnson & Rob Silva. CJ was held without a field goal the entire game as Whiplash focused in on the sharp shooter, making him shoot from beyond even CJ range. I'm kidding. No such range exists. The Whiplash defense along with some 3 pointers by Dave Dilulis kept the game very close. Mike Holley also tossed in 5 points in the half for Whiplash. Halftime Score: Whiplash: 18 MBI: 17

"Hey... What's that smell? Is that... booze?" Oh - look! It's Nick Sullivan fresh off his Santa Speedo Run. Luckily for coach Kevin, Nick wasn't too far gone and was able to run the floor, log 1 assist, and drop in 4 points (remember that number). Whiplash for all intensive purposed owned the 2nd half, having a solid scoring attack by Holley (5), Lacasse (2), & Melman (3), meanwhile playing shut down defense. With only a few minutes left in the game, Whiplash held a 4 point lead. But in usual MBI fashion, late game heroics were in order, and this time it was Rob Silva nailing a 3 pointer from the wing. That shot combined with some missed Whiplash shots allowed MBI to escape with a 4 point win. Strong rebounding performances were turned in by Tony Lacasse (10) & Kevin Quincy (6).

Final Score: MBI: 33 Whiplash: 29

Braswell, Ford sink Paradise Ark

In the 3rd game this weekend, we saw the defensive sticklers, Ramrod take on Tanners Paradise Ark. One thing I've noticed about Ramrod is that they always starts out quickly, often overwhelming the other team with intense defense and scoring much of their points off turnovers. This game was no different. John Sylvain had his usual half dozen steals and Ben Klein had 3 of his own. Paul Braswell and coach Correnti turned in solid offensive performances, scoring 7 & 6 respectively. Rookie Brian Ford led all scorers with 12 points in this game while also pulling down 15 rebounds (against the leagues leading rebounding team). Paradise struggled mightily all game on the offensive end of the ball scoring only 7 points in the first half. Halftime Score: Ramrod: 23 Paradise: 7

As hot as Ramrod always starts off, something happens to them at halftime where they can't throw the ball in the ocean in the final 22 minutes. For an undefeated team (to this point) they've only scored 15 points in the 2nd half. In both games. Combined. Then again, when you go into the half with a double digit lead you don't really need to score to win, do you? You just need to play defense and this team can do that, better than anyone so far. The 2nd half had a total of 15 points scored, and the double digit lead was never in jeopardy. Strong performances were turned in by Jason Sobers (7 rebounds) & Ben Klein (3 assists). Final Score: Ramrod: 30 Paradise: 15

Manhunt Shooters defuse CHACR Surge

In this court reporters opinion, this was the D2 game of the week. This game had me on the edge of my seat all game. Manhunt coming in off a butt kicking at the hands of Ashmont last week, was looking to rebound against a quickly gelling CHACR team. The first half of this game was an offensive shootout with John Costanzo dropping 17 points for CHACR while big men Mike Alyward & Tom Fisher scored a total of 11. Nick Richards also chipped in with 8 first half points of his own. Much like last week, Manhunt was vulnerable to the run game as Costanzo scored 14 points on uncontested breakaway layups. Despite the close score at the half, it just seemed like CHACR was going to run away with this game in the 2nd half. CHACR was also missing banger Derek Bracey, whom they sorely missed against the size of Manhunt. Halftime Score: Manhunt: 23 CHACR: 25

DUN DUN DUN DUN - DUN DUN DUN! (that would be the Superman theme). Todd Mahler did it again! Todd lead Manhunt in scoring in the 2nd half, scoring 6 points and playing phenomenal defense on John Costanzo altering shots and throwing him off his game. CHACR jumped out early on Manhunt extending their lead to 5, but the balanced attack of Manhunt chipped away, and eventually overtook the Surge. (Mike, Tom, Rick, Jim, Todd, & Nick all scored in the 2nd half for MH). CHACR looked to John Costanzo (26 points) to shoot them back into this game. Unfortunately John had cooled off and went 1-11 in the final 15 minutes. Mike Alyward hit a rainbow (no pun intended) 3 pointer with 7 minutes left that put Manhunt up for good. Monster performances were turned in by Tom Fisher (9 points, 15 rebounds & 3 blocks) & David Blythe (8 points & 8 rebounds). Final Score: Manhunt: 45 CHACR: 39

Events, News, & Everything Else

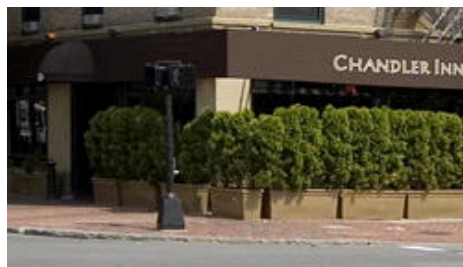
D1 Social - Hosted by the D1 Fritz Bears

Where: Fritz Bar

When: Saturday 12/17 4pm - 8pm (After the D1 Games)

Why: Why not!? Beer! Free Pizza! Free Wings! Come hang out with your D1 team mates, league members, and support a great league sponsor, Fritz.

D1 Fritz Bears



BGBL NEWS!!!

We on the BGBL board are very happy to introduce Marc Davino as the new D2 Commissioner. We'd also like to welcome back Mikey Rickman into the D1 Commissioner spot. Both have plenty of experience and will help delegate and disperse the duties of the board.

And last but not least, I think we all owe Matt McDonald a big hug. He has been carrying us as the unofficial interim commissioner most all this season. I am certain I speak for the entire league when I say we greatly appreciate all your hard work and dedication. This league wouldn't be up and running without you. THANKS MATT!

LEAGUE DUES:

We are checking our list, and checking it twice... Please if you have not paid the BGBL dues of \$130 yet, please bring a check to the courts this weekend. We know who you are.

NBA NEWS!!!

NBA IS BACK! FINALLY! CELTICS OPEN UP THE SEASON AGAINST THE KNICKS ON CHRISTMAS DAY! DOES ANYBODY CARE? ANYBODY? (BESIDES ME) :)

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