

Rockford, IL
Saturday May 19, 2012

Rockford Swedish Historical Society Kubb Tournament

The 36-team tournament was played in downtown Rockford at Ingersol Centennial Park, three blocks from the Erlander Home Museum. The pitches were surrounded by numerous team tents and canopies and a lot of new club promotions like flags and banners. Players came from IL, WI, IA, MN, CA, and Sweden. The day was hot with the high reaching 92 degrees. In the morning group-play, old friends were seen and new friends were made. The playoff round started at a little after noon with the bottom eight teams playing to advance to the 32 team bracket. Four did, and four moved to the 2nd Consolation Bracket.

Soon, the 32 teams were reduced to 16 and those teams were playing for a spot in the quarterfinals. New to this year, the quarterfinals all started at the same time. What was a noisy environment turned quiet once the quarterfinal matches started. In its third year, and being the second largest tournament in the U.S., teams were hungry to advance. The quarterfinals started around 3pm. In the quarterfinals, two six-person teams (Des Moines Kubb Club and Fox Valley Kubb Club) played against two of the pre-tournament favorites (The Ringers-Eau Claire, WI and Heap Slap-Des Moines, IA). The two favorites were too much for the six-person teams, although both teams played well and Fox Valley Kubb were able to take one game from Head Slap. In the semifinals, the 2011 Rockford Champion and 2010 U.S. Champion (The Ringers) found themselves in a battle against Head Slap which consisted of one player from the 2011 U.S. Champion team (Josh Feathers) and another player from the DM Kubb Club. The Ringers quickly took the first game. The 2nd and 3rd games were long battles with Head Slap winning and moving on to the Final. The other semifinal ended quicker with perennial U.S. quarterfinalist/semifinalist Tad Kubbler (Minneapolis, MN) beating 2010 Rockford Champion, 2011 Rockford runner-up, and 2011 U.S. runner-up and three-person team Wolfpack 2-0.

Head Slap started The Final again down 0-1. Tad Kubbler had the match won with a king shot in the 2nd game, but a miss allowed Head Slap to stay in the game and eventually win Game 2. Like in the previous games, six, seven, eight, and nine kubbs were being tossed back and forth. Both teams had chances to finish a baseline and win Game 3. However, at the end, 2011 U.S. Champion Josh Feather's inkastare skills seemed too much, as world-class groupings kept allowing Head Slap to easily eliminate field kubbs and attack baselines. At around 7:40pm, Head Slap won the 2012 Rockford Swedish Historical Society Tournament.

The four teams that made the semi-final were the favorites to make the semifinals before the tournament started. They are also among the top tier of teams in the U.S. If there is any question about where this game has gone and how good the quality of play is, it was answered on Saturday. Also, if this is any preview of how amazing the round of 16 will be at the U.S. Championship and possibly a few matches in the round of 32, it is going to be amazing. Sunday in Eau Claire is going to be insane.

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FINAL RESULTS:

- 1. Head Slap (Des Moines, IA) Josh Feathers and Tony Hanson**
2. Tad Kubbler (Minneapolis, MN)
3. The Ringers (Eau Claire, WI)
4. Wolfpack (Shafer/Rosemount, MN)

Quarterfinals

The Ringers
Kubbacca (Des Moines, IA)

Head Slap
Kubb Snipers (Appleton, WI)

Wolfpack
Big Kubbies (Chicago, IL)

Tad Kubbler
Rhymes With Tube (Madison, WI)

Round Robin

Group A

1. The Ringers
2. Blackhawk Kurling Club
3. Rhymes With Tube
4. Leif's Legacy

Group B

1. Kubbacca
2. Kubb Cubed
3. Sjostroms and Sons
4. Kieronski's United By Blood (KUBB)

Group C

1. Head Slap
2. Pinning For Fjord
3. Kubbicle Kings
4. Stormkubbers

Group D

1. Kubb Snipers
2. The Kubbras
3. The Farfars
4. Georgia Rae

Group E

1. Wolfpack
2. Dom Kubb
3. Nubbie Kubbies
4. The Kubbersons

Group F

1. Big Kubbies
2. iKubb
3. Kings Beware
4. Purple Pirates

Group G

1. Kubb'd
2. Team R.U.K.U.S.
3. Lidkoping Rocks
4. Gubbar Kubbers

Group H

1. Tad Kubbler
2. Roberts Retreads
3. Skipping Stones
4. Kubbscouts

Group I

1. Kubbawokeez
2. The Mad Tossers
3. Dalsland Svenska Bullheads
4. Kubbsicles

Consolation Bracket

1. Team R.U.K.U.S. (Rockford, IL)
2. The Farfars (Cherry Valley/Rockford, IL)
3. Kubbawokeez (Rockford, IL)
4. Kings Beware (Rockford, IL)

2nd Consolation Bracket

1. Georgia Rae (Oakd Park, IL)
2. Kubbscouts (Roscoe, IL)
3. Leif's Legacy (Chicago, IL)