



Superior Kickballers Take Home Trophy at Annual Kickball Tournament

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4th of July. A day to celebrate the idea of Freedom & equality. And while this was happening on Scanlan field in Community Park, competition was brewing just across the walkway. As game time was approaching, both the Superior Kickballers and Working on a Six Pack started to warm up and formulate their own game plans on how they're going to take down their opponent. Just one game left to settle who will be this year's Kickball Champions.

After a short captain's meeting, a few handshakes, crowds gathering to cheer/jeer on the teams, it was time to settle the score. Now normally, kickball is played over the course of 5 innings or 45 minutes and, normally, games do last that long. Not in this case as both teams came out to the field with a fire under their feet, completing the first 4 innings in 15 minutes. Pop flies and close scores in those first few innings, both teams stood at 0 runs.... Until the final inning. In the top of the fifth, running on 2 outs, the Superior Kickballers managed to eek out 1 run before turning over the field to Working on a Six Pack.

With their backs against the wall (or chests under the bar without a spotter), Working on a Six Pack needed to score at least 1 run to bring this fast-moving game into extra innings. But who needs a spotter (you should actually) when you can pull out 1 run in a clutch run before closing out the inning? With the game now tied, both teams entered extra innings, with the next team to hold the lead by the end of an inning being declared the winner.

Like a can ready to burst from being shaken, both teams played an intense 6th inning, but with no score. Walking into the 7th inning, the Superior Kickballers started off with scoring an additional run early on, but couldn't get more on the board before Working on a Six Pack shut them down. Again facing the weight of the competition, Working on a Six Pack needed runs. After a quick 2 outs and an error from an outfielder, they managed to get some players on base, with 1 in scoring position. With a long kick out to the outfield, this was Working on a Six Pack's chance to clutch the trophy. That was until the Superior Kickballers made a deep throw from the outfield to home plate, where the Kickballer's catcher was able to tag out the Working on a Six Pack's runner mere inches before scoring. For a game involving feet, this one came down to the inches.

The Superior Kickballers have clutched the Superior Trophy for this year!

But beware for next year, Working on a Six Pack has had a taste of victory.

