



10TH ANNIVERSARY WRECK BRISTOL 2010



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The sun beamed down on Clifton College's superb grounds as thirty-two teams gathered to celebrate ten years of Bristol wRECK tournaments, where the traditional combination of softball, sportsmanship and fun, shone through the weekend.



Teams came from all over the country – Jersey, Leicester, Oxford, Manchester, Southampton and Nottingham with only London missing. The tournament was even popular with NSL players who smiled, batted with a wooden bat and set out to be an inspiration to their teams.

THE C DIVISION

As ever the C division was wonderfully competitive, once the first day was over the nail biting started. In the last eight, local rivals Grandslammers and Desperadoes went to an extra innings, before the Desperadoes came out on top.

They say fairy tales don't happen these days but the Bristol Chipmonks set out to disprove





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that. Last year's D runners up, this year they played C. Only qualifying for the knock stages courtesy of a drawn game. They beat Zambezi Warriors in the quarters, overcame a tired Desperadoes to march on to the final, where they meant the unbeaten Manchester Thunder (I really must take a closer look at rosters) where in light rain they finally succumbed to the formbook 16-5. Credit to all their players who rose to the challenge and congratulations to Manchester Thunder who were unbeaten all weekend lead by their captain Carl .



In the plate final a Sliders team showing good Sunday form battled their way to the final only to lose to a solid Oxford Angels team 14-8

THE D DIVISION

The D division was good to watch as ever. Unpredictable, played with a smile and with a sense of sportsmanship. Last year's winners from Jersey - Bean Machine - really did bring a sporting team across, which threw the competition wide open.

After the round Robin injuries took their toll of the Hursley Hurricanes. So who would stand out from the pack? A youthful Pyros team, proving a triumph of technique over size, edged their way to the final beating opponents twice their age – you heard it here first - the next GB squad has announced their arrival!



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In the other half of the draw the Best Dressed team of the tournament - the Raccoons (Clifton Softball League) cantered in to the final with a strong squad. After a few scares they held their nerve to beat the young Pyros team, this time, 10-7.



In the Plate final a closely fought game ended with the Cheeky Monkeys beating Vodaphone 13-12.



THE SOCIAL SIDE

Even more than winning the tournament, the prize every team wants is most sociable team – highly commended – Tigers (playing in Brownie uniforms) and Itchen Knicks (Surgical scrubs) but the winners were Go Balls Deep who lost a lot, kept the ambulance service busy but keep on smiling and partying through out the tournament.

One team - Friendly Fire - has competed in all ten Bristol wRECK tournaments and were presented with a crate of beer for their enthusiasm and commitment.



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The fancy dress party in the evening was a great success a lot of imagination went into the costumes from Cluedo (Spitting Camels) or best impression of a tournament organiser (Greasy Mitts).

Thanks to David Lee for taking the Tournament photographs to add to the ever growing library!

A really big thanks goes to Glenn—Umpiring Crew Chief who did a great job of making the best of limited resources to make sure that every game was umpired.

A final thanks to the ground staff who work hard to provide first class pitches and catering which helps maintain Bristol as one the best softball venues in the country.

FINAL RESULTS:

C Div Champion	Manchester Thunder
Runners-Up	Chipmonks (Bristol)
C Div Plate Winners	Oxford Angels
Runners-Up	Sliders (Bristol)
C Div MVP's	Carl – Manchester Thunder Mel Colzie – Grandslammers (Bristol)
Most Sociable team	Go Balls Deep (Bristol)
D Div Champions	Raccoons (CSL)
Runners up:	Pyros
D Div Plate Winners :	Cheeky Monkeys (Bristol)
Runners up:	Vodaphone
D Div MVPs	Holly Strachen (Pyros) Leon Bass (Nationwide Chuggers)

Tournament Organiser: Neil Butterfield