



# Sports Page - Men's Basketball



## Final Standings

RK	Team	W	L
1	Hoosiers	7	1
2	Death from Above	6	2
3	Funky Town	6	2
4	DRT Group	5	3
5	Globetrotters	5	3
6	Bullets	5	3
7	Boondock Saints	4	4
8	Flint Tropics	4	4
9	Wildcats	3	5
10	Bill Walton's Whine	1	7
11	TBA	1	7
12	Free Agents	1	7

## Final Scoring Leaders

RK	Player	Team	PPG
1	Jonathan Baker	Flint Tropics	28.0
2	Trai Harris	TBA	27.3
3	John Watkinson	Death from Above	25.7
4	Andrew Maples	DRT Group	24.0
5	Reid Augst	Hoosiers	23.7
6	Phillip Flippen	Free Agents	23.6
7	Rob Rice	Funky Town	23.3
8	Shayne Anderson	Funky Town	19.6
9	Scott Ungerer	Flint Tropics	19.0
10	Teron Payton	Bullets	18.6
11	Seth Schaeffer	Bill Walton's Whine	18.4

## Team Scoring Leaders

RK	Team	PPG
1	Hoosiers	75.6
2	Globetrotters	71.8
3	Funky Town	66.1
4	Bullets	65.0
5	Flint Tropics	62.3
6	Death from Above	60.5
7	DRT Group	57.9
8	Wildcats	56.6
9	TBA	53.7
10	Free Agents	53.4
11	Bill Walton's Whine	49.1
12	Boondock Saints	47.9

# FALL 2009 PLAYOFF BRACKET

### FIRST ROUND

### QUARTERFINALS

### SEMIFINALS

### FINALS



## 2009 Fall All-Star Team

We are in the process of selecting and notifying the players for the All-Star game. The All-Star game will take place at 7:00 on Championship night. Cory Lail will defend his 3-point title at 8:00 and the Championship game will follow at 8:30.

## Power Rankings

1. Hoosiers
2. Death from Above
3. Funky Town
4. DRT Group
5. Globetrotters

## Looking back on the Regular Season that was

After a short Week 7, a hard-fought regular season has come to a conclusion. Last week did produce the Hoosiers first loss, courtesy of the Bullets. Looking back, if the regular season told us anything, it is that we are set for a wild, wide-open playoff.

In the first round, expect the Globetrotters to take care of business, while the other games, depending on who shows and who doesn't, could be very competitive. The talented Bullets will look to build on their Hoosier victory and catapult them to a playoff run. Despite TBA having only one win, they have a small nucleus that could make for an interesting first-round game if they play well. As for the Boondock Saints vs. Bill Walton's Whine, look for the deeper Boondock team to wear down BWW, but Schaeffer, Carter, and Baines could shoot the #10 seed to an upset. The Flint Tropic-Wildcat game is a rematch from last week in which Flint dominated. The Wildcats were short-handed and they will need a full squad to get past a Flint team that could have a trio of Baker, Ungerer and Lee that is tough to stop.

Looking ahead, the Hoosiers and DRT Group are seeded on the same side of the bracket, and the defending champs would have their hands full in a potential rematch against the top seed who dominated them in the regular season matchup. As for the revenge factor, the same could be said for Funky Town in the bottom half of the draw, as they could potentially get another crack at Death From Above, who beat them in a last second finish in Week 4. That being said, while the top four seeds have byes, teams like the Globetrotters, Bullets, and Flint Tropics could have a lot to say in regard to the final four of the fall playoffs. Regardless, a great regular season has set up what is sure to be an entertaining tournament to play out over the next week. Good luck!



### PLAYOFF OPENING ROUND PREDICTIONS

#### Woody's Playoff Picks – Opening Round

Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> – Northside

##### #6 Bullets vs. #11 TBA @ 6:30 PM

The Bullets shouldn't have any trouble in this game because of their length advantage. If TBA can get the league's leading scorer, Trai Harris, Matt Coward, Brian Flaherty and Co. to all show up, this game could be worth watching. The Bullets finished out the regular season with a big win over the Hoosiers and have a lot of momentum heading into the playoffs.

*(Woody thinks the Bullets win by 16)*

##### #8 Flint Tropics vs. #9 Wildcats @ 7:20 PM

These teams met in Week 7 and Flint did not have much trouble with the Wildcats. The Wildcats were without their big men inside. Are their big men worth 25 points? I think so. However, the Tropics have really come on strong and none of the top teams want to play them in the playoffs with their potential. I don't think the Wildcats have the guards to match up with Flint but the Wildcats should dominate inside. Best game of the night.

*(Woody thinks Flint Tropics win by 6)*

##### #5 Globetrotters vs. #12 Free Agents @ 8:10 PM

Still waiting for the same Free Agent team we saw against Funky Town in week 5. The Globetrotters find themselves in a late season slump. They have the potential to get hot and run the table in the playoffs. Globetrotters should not have any trouble in this opening round matchup.

*(Woody thinks Globetrotters win by 23)*

##### #7 Boondock Saints vs. #10 Bill Walton's Whine @ 9:00 PM

The Bill Walton team has struggled to have everyone show up lately but the players they've found are legit. The Boondock Saints always play hard and look to take their game to another level in the playoffs. How far can they go? They should be able to make it into the quarterfinals but they better not take Seth Schaeffer and co. lightly. If everyone for BWW shows up, they will beat the Saints....but that's not likely.

*(Woody thinks the Boondock Saints win by 3)*

#### Woody's Playoff Picks – Quarterfinals

Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Northside

##### #8 Flint Tropics/#9 Wildcats vs. #1 Hoosiers @ 6:30 PM

The Flint Tropics and Wildcats could both be trouble for the Hoosiers. If the Tropics bring their ace in the hole, the Hoosiers could be on upset alert. That being said, the Hoosiers are the team to beat in this tournament and they should be able handle either opponent in the quarterfinals.

*(Woody thinks the Hoosiers win by 8)*

##### #7 Boondock Saints/#10 Bill Walton's Whine Winner vs. #2 Death from Above @ 7:20 PM

Death from Above has been the surprise team in the league. Recruiting John Watkinson away from the Hoosiers has helped this team immensely. He is able to provide the scoring punch and guard play last year's team was desperate for. Like I've been saying all year, no team should sleep on the Boondock Saints. Their toughness and hustle keep them in every game.

*(Woody thinks Death from Above win by 9)*

##### #6 Bullets/#11 TBA Winner vs. #3 Funky Town @ 8:10 PM

This game could be a barn burner. Will Funky Town play enough defense? Have the Bullets finally come together as a team? The Bullets held the Hoosiers to 50 points and could easily do the same to Funky Town. Defense wins championships...the Bullets have it and Funky Town doesn't. That being said, Funky Town's 5 best have been unstoppable all season Their two losses have been by a combined 6 points. I think Funky Town's fresh legs allow them to pull out a narrow victory in one of the better matchups of the entire season.

*(Woody thinks Funky Town wins by 1)*

##### #5 Globetrotters/#12 Free Agents Winner vs. #4 DRT Group @ 6:30 PM

The matchup we thought we were going to see in last year's championship. DRT Group looks to defend their title against the slumping Globetrotters. Globetrotters remain one of the most talented teams in the league. Will Maples give DRT the spark they need for another championship? Will the Globetrotters show up in the first half? This game will be back and forth.

*(Woody thinks the Globetrotters win by 2)*

*Last Week 2-2, Season 29-13*

### WEEK 7 – GAME RECAPS

#### Bullets get it done in overtime to hand Hoosiers first loss

##### BULLETS 58 HOOSIERS 56/OT

The Bullets had outplayed the Hoosiers for 37 minutes, and they had built a ten point lead with just three minutes remaining. From that point on, they were dismal from the free throw line, missing four front ends of one-and-ones, leaving the door open for a Hoosier comeback. When Adam Branscomb knocked down a game-tying three pointer with 5.5 seconds to play, the game was sent to overtime.

In the overtime, Bernard Harris came up huge with a couple offensive stickbacks and some clutch free throws, and the Bullets survived a desperation half-court heave to get the hard-fought victory, 58-56. Kevin Smith led the Bullets with 17 points before fouling out late in regulation. Adam Branscomb hit every big shot to keep the Hoosiers in the game, and he finished with a game-high 21 points. Reid Augst chipped in 13, but was the only other Hoosier in double-figures as they suffered their first loss in the regular-season finale.

Team	1	2	Final
Hoosiers	25	33	58
Bullets	21	35	56
<b>Bullets:</b> Harris 16, Bowles 7, Ruckart 6, Payton 3, Johnson 7, B. Smith 2, K. Smith 17			
<b>3 Pt:</b> Bowles 2, Ruckart 2, K. Smith 2			
<b>21 10-23 58</b>			
<b>Hoosiers:</b> Hunter 4, B. Augst 7, Gill 2, Ward 0, McNeer 9, Branscomb 21, R. Augst 13			
<b>3 Pt:</b> Branscomb 4			
<b>21 10-17 56</b>			

#### Flint Tropics roll over Wildcats in rout

##### FLINT TROPICS 69 WILDCATS 45

The Flint Tropics may be hitting their stride at the right time. They controlled the game from the tip and dominated the Wildcats, 69-45. Mudu Lee had a big night, hitting four three's and scoring a game-high 26 points. Jonathan Baker added 19, and Tony Ogunware pitched in 10.

The Wildcats missed the inside presence and the scoring ability of Tom Guttenberger. Without him, they were forced to settle for jump shot after jump shot, and not many of them fell on Tuesday. Sean Diblasi led the Wildcats with 15, and Barnett Koryan chipped in 12 in the loss.

Team	1	2	Final
Flint Tropics	38	31	69
Wildcats	22	23	45
<b>Flint Tropics:</b> Ogunware 10, Martin 2, Baker 19, Holley 5, Lee 26, Pruden 7			
<b>3 Pt:</b> Lee 4, Baker 2, Pruden			
<b>28 6-12 69</b>			
<b>Wildcats:</b> O'Brien 4, Gooding 2, Koryan 12, Martinez 8, Diblasi 15, Schwartz 4			
<b>3 Pt:</b> Martinez 2, Diblasi			
<b>21 0-2 45</b>			

#### DRT Group gets a win via forfeit over Bill Walton's Whine

#### Free Agents forfeit to TBA