

The Legends

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Most teams don't want to play them. Some teams fear them. However, for a very select few teams, they want to face them to test their level of play (although they are seldom 100 percent mentally committed to winning), and for their physical and mental equals, they want to play them anytime and anywhere. These teams are the Legends. It is up to an individual to determine who a Legend is and the criteria. Currently, there has to be less than a handful of teams/players that most agree are already Legends here in the U.S.

One thing I love about the Des Moines Fall Kubb Klassic is that Legends are for all practical purposes destined to meet during the initial six rounds, and then perhaps a second time in the evening. As more Legends are born, this will be the case in future years as well at other tournaments (at the 2014 U.S. Championship, after losing to another top EC team, Leinenkubbels Light, in the round of 32 this year, The Ringers will be a random placement, and they are 100 percent in the category of Legend status). But I remember a match early in the day in 2011 at The Meatgrinder (aka DM Fall Klassic). It was the 2010 U.S. Champions The Ringers from Eau Claire, WI vs. the 2011 U.S. Champions Team Knockerheads from Des Moines, IA and all four players were the players that had won the U.S. Championships. To be honest, it was hard for me to play my match while that match was happening. I felt like the whole tournament needed to stop to watch that one match. The top two teams in the country at that time were squaring off. These two teams already had a history, and it has grown since. You don't believe us? Read this <http://ringers.planetkubb.com/post/minnesota-kubb-loppet-tournament/>

"My dad and I made it into the final match facing the Knockerheads from Des Moines. While I truly claim no enemies in Kubb, if I needed to pick one it would be them. Because I need my enemy to be good. Really good. And push me and my dad beyond where we've been. The Knockerheads provided that push. Shoved us over, in fact. Among their feats was knocking five down in their opening turn and tossing the sixth baton across the pitch. We came back eliminating a few in their back line, but the game was over quickly, as well as the match. I wouldn't have wanted to lose to anyone else that day."

As kubb grows here in the U.S., it will be exciting to witness the birth of new Legends. I know who my current Legends of the game are, and I am looking forward to seeing more come along.