

The Sports Page

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Mixed Nuts

The **Mixed Nuts** game was rained out Monday, 9/25/00, against the **Killer Whales**. Usually, Briscoe Park puts rain makeups at the end of the season, so the **Killer Whales** game will PROBABLY end up on 10/23, forcing the Fall PST forward to 10/30. I'll let you know for sure when I find out.

Dirty Dozen

We beat **Pizza Hut**, 5-4, scoring two in the bottom of the seventh inning to begin the Fall Season, then we beat **LFUMC**, 11-10, with a three-run, bottom of the seventh inning rally in the second game. It was getting way too exciting for the **Dirty Dozen** and we wanted our hitting to come around this week against the **Flying Elvises** at 7:30. We knew nothing about this team. The last standings said they were 0-1 against **Pizza Hut**, but that doesn't necessarily mean much.

It rained off and on most of the day Monday. Briscoe, George Pierce and Lucky Shoals Parks all called rainouts early in the afternoon and it looked like Bethesda would get washed out, too. We kept calling the rain line, but no rainout. We got all the way to the Park and still no rainout. Players and Park officials worked on the fields and the 6:30 games began pretty much on time under ominous clouds and gusty winds.

At 6:30, **LFUMC** played **Pizza Hut** and neither team was able to hit anything deep into that wind. Pizza Hut was leading LFUMC, 5-3, after six innings. The Hut went down 1-2-3 in the top of the seventh and LFUMC came back with a three-spot to win 6-5. It just ain't Pizza Hut's season...

We recognized a few of the Flying Elvises and I found out later that they'd played at the SCC for years on Thursday nights, where we never met them. Some of their guys also played on nights where we did play them with other teams. We elected Home Field for the fifth straight Dozen game.

The Elvises knocked the "Hound Dog" out of us in the first, scoring four runs before they made an out. We thought they might have been using loaded bats, but that was just our "Suspicious Minds". They finally made an out, but they got two more before we finally shut 'em down. We went down 1-2-3 in the first and hit like "Girls! Girls! Girls!". We trailed 6-0 after one inning and we were in "Double Trouble". The Elvises had the "GI Blues" in the second, as they ate a donut. In the bottom of the second, we started off with two walks and the pitcher got "All Shook Up" and started throwing us flat pitches to hit. A single, a double and two more singles made it 6-4, then two straight outs ended the rally.

The Elvises put one across in the third, then we tied the game on a two-out, two-run single from John "Hunka, Hunka" Byrnes "Love". The Flying Elvises got another helping in the third, 7-6, then we got busy. A single led us off, then Jared "Blue Suede" Self busted a triple to tie the game at seven! A walk and a ground-out followed, then Bobby "Jailhouse" Wright singled to give us an 8-7 lead. Two more men scored for another four-spot and a 10-8 lead. It was a "downer" for the Elvises.

The Elvises ate another donut in the fourth and we extended our lead to 12-8 in the bottom of five. Our opponent rallied for one in the top of six, 12-9, and we got three more on a Jack "King Creole" Sumner inside-the-park, three-run homer! We led 15-9 after six, but we didn't kill the whole hour and the Elvises flew one more time. They got a pair in the top of the seventh, but it was too little, too late and we won 15-11. Yes, folks, Elvis had left the building! They were probably headed for the "Heartbreak Hotel"...

We played good defense and we, more or less, shut 'em down after our outfield started cheating in, in the second inning. There weren't even any bad calls from Blue (Hawaii)! We scored multiple runs in five out of six innings, so our bats are working again. It was another comeback for the Dozen as we trailed early, then headed for the "Promised Land". It was even neck & neck for a while, then we went our "Separate Ways". Elvis is not dead, though. We play them again the final game of the season, a "Return to Sender" if you will.

Jared "One Night in Alabama" Self was 3-3 with three RBI and Scott "Speedway" Sherwin was 3-3 with one. Tim "Kid Galahad" McCoy was 3-4 with one, Jack "Love Me" Sumner was 1-2 with two walks and three ribs and Norman "Teddy Bear" Mapp was 1-2 with two walks and one ribbie.

This game was for our fallen comrade, Robbie "Don't Be" Crider. (Last one. I couldn't help it.)

Scouting Report

This week, the showdown: **The Cowboys** vs. the **Dawgs**. In the Fall 1999 season we beat the **Dawgs**, 14-4, then in the Fall PST we lost to them, 16-6. We lost to the **Dawgs** in the Spring, 18-12, when we were in that team funk, but we got 'em back, 29-27, in the Spring PST. The last stats I saw had them at 5-0 with us, but I saw the first couple of innings Wednesday night after our game and I'll bet they are 6-0 as they were beating the **Yahoos** pretty handily. The Dawgs hit the ball. They play good "D", but mostly they hit. We just need to stand toe-to-toe with them and knock them out of the ring. If the PST were seeded today, it would go like this: **The Cowboys** (6-0), **Dawgs** (5-0), **Perimeter Landscaping** (4-1), **Yahoos** (4-1), **Red Brick** (3-2) and the **Gamblers** (3-2). The rest of the pack goes like this: **Gwinnett Place Ford** (2-3), **Phat Jax** (2-3), **Turpin Paint & Body** (1-4), **Flint Machine Tool** (1-4), **D&J** (0-5) and **B&L Bombers** (0-6).

The next Jets game will be against **Decatur Hospital**, who replaced **Bank of American** when they bailed out of the league. We know nothing about them, but don't let that stop you from hitting the Cages. **Xtra Lease** was an unknown and we wounded up in a dog fight.

The **Dirty Dozen** plays the **Brewers** next. The next four games are against the other division. We are currently 3-0 within the division. The **Brewers** won five or six games last season on some other night. That's all we know about them. Our hitting finally came around. We're rolling. **LFUMC** is now 2-1, **Pizza Hut** is 1-2 and the **Flying Elvises** are now 0-3 in our division.

The **Mixed Nuts** (5-1) play against the **Pirates** (3-3). The **Pirates** are the team that gave us the "1" and we want to hammer them. We beat them 17-10 early in the season, then lost to them 10-7. They are a good team, but they have no business whatsoever beating us. If your not playing somewhere during the week, it a Batting Cage before Monday. We only scored seven runs the last time we played the **Pirates**; this time we hit them hard and show them who's who. The **Killer Whales** are right with us at 5-1 and they have a Bye, so if we win we'll be ahead of them by a half game.

Upcoming Events

John "Let's Make a" Beal finds a birthday behind door #1 on 9/26/00.

Steve "The Taming of the" Shreve rolls over his odometer on 10/2/00.

If you know of something that should be mentioned in the TSP as an Event, give me a holler. If you have a birthday, wedding announcement, impending birth of a baby or some such, concerning a McCoy Softball player, past or present, just let me know so I can mention it. An email is best.

Robbie

Robbie "C.C." Crider's twisted knee turned out to be a partially torn medial collateral ligament. If it's a small tear, he'll be down for 3-4 weeks. If it needs surgery, it's 9-12 weeks. He hopes to know which it is this Thursday. Y'all keep your fingers crossed!

Next Game Times

DZ = Dirty Dozen at Bethesda

MN = Mixed Nuts at Briscoe

CB = The Cowboys at Briscoe

JT = The Jets at Lucky Shoals

Wednesday 9/27/00 at Briscoe - Fall
CB 9:00 - A vs. Dawgs

Friday 9/29/00 at Lucky Shoals - Fall
JT 10:00 - 5 vs. Decatur Hospital

Monday 10/2/00 at Bethesda & Briscoe - Fall
DZ 7:30 - 8 vs. Brewers
MN 8:00 - A vs. Pirates

Wednesday 10/4/00 at Briscoe - Fall
CB 8:00 - A vs. Red Brick

Friday 10/6/00 at Lucky Shoals - Fall
JT 8:00 - 5 vs. Bad News Bankers

Monday 10/9/00 at Briscoe & Bethesda - Fall
MN 8:00 - A vs. Southeast Camera
DZ 9:30 - 8 vs. CORP

The entire Fall schedule can be found at: <http://userwww.service.emory.edu/~dmcco01/Softball>

Rain Numbers

Bethesda (DZ) and Lucky Shoals (JT): (770) 822-8882

Briscoe Park (CB & MN): (770) 985-3554

How to get us

"My only regret is that I have but one life to give for Softball."

If you need to ask about league fees or if you must miss a game, call Tim a few days before the game at (770) 978-3799 and leave a message if he's not around.

If you need Game Times or stats information call Rocky at (770) 465-0274 or just reply to [The Sports Page](#) via email.

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