

# The Sports Page

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## The Jets

We played an unknown team Friday night and after losing to From last week we didn't want to take Ameritech lightly. We won another coin toss (no surprise, there) but it wasn't easy. Blue went up once and I called "Heads". The quarter landed and stuck in the dust standing vertically. (I've never had that happen before when it wasn't muddy.) On the re-flip I called "Tails" and we got home team.

It was our turn to supply the smaller ball for the ladies to hit and Ameritech supplied the bigger ball for the men to hit. They didn't have their ball at the coin toss and they had to find one and throw it in when the game started.

Ameritech was held scoreless in the first inning and then we gave it a rip. Our leadoff hitter was a man and Ameritech had their outfield positioned about 180 feet away. Easy pickings, right? Well, the first time through the line up, the men realized that the ball that Ameritech had thrown in was only a softball in the strictest sense. It was vaguely spherical, still had several stitches and had, presumably, once been white. We wound up scoring eight in the inning and every man on the Jets tried to roast that short outfield, but we came away with a flyout, three singles a double and a triple that rolled by the right fielder. We had good swings, but the ball dropped in front of the outfield mostly.

Ameritech plated a run in the second inning and we batted again. The leadoff batter was a man with a 300 foot swing, but the "ball" floated to the left center fielder for a flyout. The lady singled and then "Slap" Jack Sumner \*\* provided us with the hit of the game. Jack stood at the plated in an extremely open stance and was very, very patient, like he was looking for a perfect pitch. The pitch he finally swung at was not the kind of thing he usually rips and the ball went about 250 feet foul, into some trees. Then we threw in a real live softball... That's how Jack had the hit of the game; he lost that raggedy "softball" that we had been hitting 90 feet! On the next pitch, Jack ripped a singled up the middle. Six more Jets hit after that and we scored five runs to lead 13-1. The two men who hit after Jack hit a double and a triple.

Ameritech failed to score in the top of three and we grabbed our bats again. Ameritech's outfield had moved back after the last inning, but we still scored three more runs to lead 16-1. One more donut in the top of four and the game was over by run rule.

Ameritech was obviously a first time team. A couple of them had played before, but many of them were new to softball or hadn't played in years and they were very green as a team. Several of them knew where to stand in the field, but that was about the extent of their defensive abilities and a lot of them hadn't had bats in their hands too often. I hope they stick with it, though, because they seem to be having fun. I remember when we were them and I meant it when I said, "Good game", when we shook hands after the game.

The other team gave us a few freebies Friday, but by and large we hit the ball well. Most of our hits would have been hits against anybody. Our defense was good, too, although we really weren't tested that much. In the first inning, though, Ameritech got a leadoff single then a lady hit a little roller on the infield. We threw to second and bobbled a little, but the guy just kept running towards third. You know the kind. We nailed him at third with a short run down.

Beside Jack's, heroic foul ball, we had some other hitting stars Friday. Most of us had at least two hits, but here are the x4x's: Gerald "Tarzan &" Chaney and Dee "no Evil" McCoy were each 3-3 with an RBI apiece. Kristie Ahrenstedt "451" was 2-2 with two RBI and "Painfully" Tim McCoy was 2-2 with a rib.

\*\* nickname courtesy of Tim McCoy

### **Scouting Report**

The next game for the **Dirty Dozen** will be against Vinson. We don't know them and we've never seen them and we don't even know their record because the standings aren't out. Let's hit the ball and see what happens.

Next Wednesday **The Cowboys** play Luxomni Baptist Church. They are 1-2 or 1-3 according to the latest standings and that's all we know about them.

**The Jets** play Reece Supply next. Reece put up only a decent fight against With Ourselves last week and we beat With Ourselves 13-2 last season. Still, we need to be ready to hit against any unknown team.

### **Upcoming Events**

Laurie "Doctor" Zienko has a birthday on 10/17.

### **Next Game Times**

Monday 9/27/99 at Bethesda  
DZ 6:30 - 9 vs. Vinson

Wednesday 9/29/99 at Briscoe  
CB 9:00 - A vs. Luxomni

Friday 10/01/99 at Lucky Shoals  
JT 7:00 - 5 vs. Reece Supply

### **How to get us**

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

### **As always...**

We miss you, Blue.

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<http://userwww.service.emory.edu/~dmcco01/Softball>