

The Sports Page

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The Cowboys

Last April The Cowboys beat Alternative Health 16-4. They hit a few line drives, but we piled up a lot of runs against a defense that was only fair. Wednesday night we played them again. Their record this season was 3-2 so they had been beating somebody. A look at their schedule showed that they had played three really bad teams and a couple of decent ones so we didn't worry to much about their record.

We won the coin, naturally, and hit the field, but our infield should have stayed in the dugout. We gave them a couple of extra outs and the bad guys got a four spot where we could have held them to one or none. The Cowboy "D" got three back in the bottom of the first and we were back in business at 4-3. We had a triple and a pair of doubles so we figured our offense was going to be alright.

The second inning was worse defensively than the first inning, but we held them to another four spot. The infield was pretty shaky again but, also like the first inning, our outfield was catching anything and everything. So we were down 8-3, but we knew we would stop making errors and we knew our bats would get all over Alternative. We were right, too! We sprayed extra base hits all over the field and scored seven runs and we had our first lead of the game, 10-8.

In the third inning we had another infield error, but we also had a pair of exceptional plays from the infield and we force fed Alternative their first donut of the evening. The bottom half of the third inning was weird. We started off with a ground out and a fly out, then we got a triple and a single for a run. The next four straight batters hit doubles and the next two tripled. A pair of singles and a fly out rounded out the third inning and we led 18-4! We sent thirteen to the plate and scored all seven runs with two out! We took the starch out of Alternative with that one. Their shoulders were drooping way before the inning was over.

The chiropractors scored the only run in the fourth and we got the only two runs in the bottom of the fifth on three straight hits with no outs to win the game via run rule, 20-9.

The Cowboys have done this before: we gave a few runs early and then straightened out our defense while in the mean time we bludgeoned the opponent with our bats. If our gloves start off rusty we don't panic because we're confident of our hitting. Our outfield was like the Bermuda Triangle Wednesday night. Everybody out there played a beautiful game. We flip flopped infielders at catcher and EH so we were sort of out of position, but we still could have played better "D" around the bags.

Once again, though, The Cowboys bats prevailed. Jeff "Harry" McCary was the big hitter on the night with a cool 4-4 with five RBI, a single, a double and a pair of triples. Russell "Jaws of Life" Ray was 3-3 with a walk, three doubles and two RBI and Bobby Wright "turn on red" was 3-3 and one of his hits was a triple. (I have witnesses, y'all. I ain't lyin'.)

Our outfield was so good Wednesday that we didn't get burned all night, but it was really close on one occasion in the fourth inning. Tim "ber!" McCoy was minding his own business out in left field when one of the Alternative players seriously go a hold of one. That chiropractor had hitched a ride on the Toast Express and it was bound for glory, non stop. Tim ran to the fence for all he was worth, looked over his right shoulder, leaped (So help me he leaped!) and wrapped that ball in leather for a loud out. Sweet...

Scouting Report

The Jets play With Ourselves Friday night. We only played With Ourselves once and we won 13-2 in the seventh game of last season. We will also play With Ourselves the last game of this season, so pay attention to where they hit and how they field. We're in a dog fight with From Enterprises this season so that last game just might be real important.

The **Dirty Dozen** faces Mongo next time we play. Remember Mongo from the movie Blazing Saddles? Alex Karras played a big, dumb cowboy who knocked out a horse and stuck his head in a camp fire to light his cigar. If that's the Mongo we're facing, we're in trouble. That's about all I can guess about them, though.

Our next **Cowboys** game will be against Riverbend. We watch Riverbend (now 2-5) beat the Sharks (now 0-7) before our game against Alternative. They were the only team we didn't play last season and we missed them in the City Tournament where they were the bottom seed at 6-4.

Upcoming Events

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

Marty "Gras" Lewandowski turns a year older on 10/24.

Next Game Times

Friday 10/8/99 at Lucky Shoals
JT 9:00 - 5 vs. With Ourselves

Monday 10/11/99 at Bethesda
DZ 7:30 - 9 vs. Mongo

Wednesday 10/13/99 at Briscoe
CB 8:00 - A vs. Riverbend

Upcoming Rain Makeup Game Times

Wednesday 10/27/99 at Briscoe
CB 7:00 - B vs. S&C Diamond Kings (rain makeup from 8/25)

Wednesday 11/3/99 at Briscoe
CB 9:00 - A vs. Luxomni (rain makeup from 9/29)

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>