

Silver & Blue Sees Red Against Tru Green to Get in the Black

The Cowboys, George Pierce, 10/8/03, 8:00pm

Wednesday night **The Cowboys** played a team we'd never faced, called **Tru Green**. From the standings we could see that **Tru Green** had beaten the teams a good team should beat and had even beaten **B.O.B.** who waffled us a few weeks ago, so we had to treat them as big boys. We sat at 3-3 and this was our chance to climb over 0.500 and be on the positive side of things. We won the coin toss and elected Home Team.

Tru Green did some hitting in the first inning and hit some hard shots, scoring two runs for the early lead. We came right back in the bottom of the first with a pair of doubles, 2-1, and two flies to tie the game at two apiece. With two down and the bases bare, we mounted a rally with a single and a double, then "Knute" **Rocky McCoy** ** singled up the middle and we led 3-2! A final fly ended the inning, but we'd won the first inning.

We held Tru Green to a goose egg in the top of two. Their 2, 3 and 4 hitters had stung the ball in the first inning, but the bottom of their lineup didn't hit us anything challenging in the second. In the bottom of the inning the bottom of our lineup ignited a rally. A leadoff double and two singles made the score 4-2. A fielder's-choice gave us our first out and a deep line-out scored a run to make it 5-2. A single kept the rally alive for **Norman Mapp** "quest.com", who punched a single for a run, 6-2, then **Tim "ber!" McCoy** punched a gap on the right side for an inside-the-park homer and we quickly led 9-2! A line-out to first ended the inning, but we'd hit the ball well as even our outs were hit hard.

Tru Green put up another run in the third, but we answered with a deuce, 11-3, on three straight singles and three straight flies. In the fourth we handed Green a donut and went to work again. We started our half of the fourth with a ground-out, then got three singles and a walk for a pair of runs, 13-3, a fielder's-choice gave us two down, then **Gregg** "the Bunny" **Brooke** smacked a double for a two-out run and we led 14-3! **Robbie Crider** "Shade of Pale" ** followed that with a triple for two more runs, 16-3, and **Russell** "Shades of" **Ray** drove him in with a two-out single and the lead was 17-3! A double followed and we were a hit away from winning! **Howard** "Judge" **Mathis** delivered the hit, a single for two runs, and we won the game, by run-rule, 19-3!

Run rule	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Tru Green	2	0	1	0	-	-	-	3
The Cowboys	3	6	2	8	-	-	-	19

The Cowboys played a very great game against a pretty good team Wednesday night. Our defense was solid all night on the dirt and on the grass and we did everything but put back-to-back safeties on **Tru Green**. Our hitting was great as we scored multiple runs every inning and had a couple of whopper sized innings, too. Twelve of our nineteen runs scored with two outs as the clutch hits just kept on coming. **The Cowboys** have really come together now, after a shaky start, with some new people and we've gelled as a team. We face a tough opponent next week and we're peaking at just the right time to face them. Great job, **Cowboys!** Go get 'em!!

Norman "Conquest" **Mapp** and **Gregg** "Me With a Spoon" **Brooke** were each 3-3 with an RBI and **Tim** "Pickens" **McCoy** was 2-2 with a walk and three runs.

** this particular nickname can be blamed on Tim McCoy.

Dirty Dozen Does DSGB

Dirty Dozen, Bethesda, 10/9/03, 7:30pm

Thursday night the **Dirty Dozen** had a rain makeup against **DSGB**, a team we'd played once before, winning 12-5 in Summer 2003. They are a bunch of young guys with quick feet and hands, but not a lot of punch. They look like they probably played baseball in school and are now learning to play Softball.

Thursday happens to be the day the **Mixed Nuts** play, but there was no conflict, since the **Dirty Dozen** played at 7:30 at Bethesda and the **Nuts** played at 9:45 at Lanford Park, only 15 minutes away. The **Dozen** wound up on a Thursday instead of a Saturday, because Field 9 was open on Thursdays. It's a coed night at Bethesda and only two leagues filled up, leaving Field 9 open. It was weird timing, but we were also very lucky as we could play one game and drive comfortably to the other park to play the second. We lost the coin toss (after three straight wins, I might add) and were Visitors.

We came out hitting in the first inning and put two guys on base out of the first three batters, then **Larry** “Darrell & Darrell” **Civelli** smacked a single and it was 1-0. A walk loaded the bags and a single and double unloaded them and we led 4-0, but petered out after that. DSGB threw a run on the board in the first to make it 4-1. In the second we led off with a line-out and a double and **Russell** “X” **Ray** tripled for a run and we led 5-1. A single scored Russ, 6-1, but the runner stretched the single into an out and we had two down. A ground-out ended the rally and we changed sides. DSGB put up a deuce, 6-3, and they were staying close like the other time we played them.

We got two in the third, 8-3, the second run on a two-out, RBI single from **Robbie** “the Robot” **Crider**, but DSGB answered our two with two of their own and it was still close at 8-5 after three innings. We pounded out a bunch of singles and doubles in the top of the fourth and scored six much needed runs, 14-5. The last run scored on a two-out singled from **Jeff** “J-Dub” **Whitley**. We batted eleven times in the inning and hit the ball well, despite a B.O.O.B. for the first out. Our guy ran to first base and the first baseman caught a bad, high throw and when he landed he touched the orange safety bag. It was very obvious he’d done it, but before I could get an appeal our runner had left the field, so he was out and there could be no appeal. That’s a good lesson, y’all. The first baseman is not allowed to touch that orange safety bag during a play. If our guy had stayed on the white bag after the play, I could have appealed and won (I asked both umpires later and they would have called our guy “safe”.) and we might have still been batting in the top of the fourth inning. DSGB put a run on the board in the fourth and we’d built a little breathing room at 14-6.

In the fifth inning we kept right on hitting where we’d left off in the fourth. The first eight batters pounded out six runs, 20-6, with only one out, then “Mutt &” **Jeff Whitley** crushed one to the fence for a triple and it was 21-6! A single made it 22-6 and a fly gave us two down, then **Shane** “Captain James T.” **Kirkland** roped a two-out single and we led 23-6 before a final ground-out ended the fun. We batted thirteen times that inning, scoring nine runs and **Shane Kirkland** was 2-2 in the inning. It was do-or-die time for DSGB as they needed six runs in the bottom of the fifth to stay in the ball game. The clock was probably ticking so loudly that even if they scored six or more they would lose as soon as the clock stopped. We changed pitchers in the crucial bottom of the fifth and **Russell** “Nolan” **Ray** came in from the bull pen. We put ‘em down 1-2-3-4 for a donut and won the game 23-6!

Run rule	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Dirty Dozen	4	2	2	6	9	-	-	23
DSGB	1	2	2	1	0	-	-	6

That was a great game! We played very solid “D” against those young, fast guys and hit the ball like there’s no tomorrow! We scored multiple runs every inning and had two big innings and never lost the lead. We made a lot of nice defensive plays, highlighted by two double-plays turned in by 2B **Russell Ray**. In two separate innings **Russ** caught a hard, short grounder, tagged the runner on the way to second and threw to **Rocky McCoy** at 1B for the twin killing.

Tim “Mr. Hanky” **McCoy** was 4-4 with four RBI, “Diamond” **Dean Binder** was 4-4 with three and **Norman** “Treasure” **Mapp** and **Robbie** “C.C.” **Crider** were each 3-3 with a walk and two ribs.

Pennies From Heaven

Mixed Nuts, Lanford, 10/9/03, 9:45pm

Very late at night Thursday, the **Mixed Nuts** played **Loose Change** in our mostly church league. Least week we’d played **Loose Change** in the bottom game of a double-header, so we knew about what to expect. We had the last game of the night and a team called **Briarlake** had the first three games. That’s right, they played a triple-header. They got in the league a week late to make seven teams, so the schedule changed way back when and each team got a double-header. **Briarlake** wound up with a triple-header to make up for not being there the first week. They lost their first game, won their second and as we watched before our game, they got absolutely hammered by **Loose Change**, playing the first game of their double-header.

Loose Change exploded for 29 runs and won their game easily. Seeing this I didn’t monkey around with the lineup or positioning like I do in games I know we’re almost certainly going to win. Any team with today’s high tech bats, who piles up 29 runs right before we play them has to be considered a threat in my book. We didn’t do a coin toss. **Loose Change** wanted to bat first, probably so they could pound out some early runs while they were still on a roll. What the heck. I said, “Okay”, and we hit the field.

If Loose Change’s strategy in batting first was to put up some runs while they were hot and we were cold, it back fired. We dispatched them quickly, holding them to a hoola-hoop, and changed sides. We led off with a pair of hits, followed by a pair of outs, but scored a run on the second out, 1-0. **Howard** “Judge” **Mathis** busted a two-out double to make it 2-0, but a fly-out ended the inning. We hung another hoop on Loose Change in the second then put up four more in the bottom half, the first two runs on a two-out single from “Dharma &” **Gregg Brooke** and the last two on a two-out, two-run triple from **Tom** “Thumb” **Frier**! Two more outs ended the inning. That’s right, they gave us four outs that inning. Shhh...

In the third we handed Change a donut, but we also failed to score. Loose Change got two in the fourth, 6-2, and we were starting to look at the scoreboard. We needed runs, so as not to let Loose Change hang around and sneak up on us late in the game. We led off the bottom of the fourth with two singles, then **Ruby** "Doobie, Doo" **Richardson** busted a triple and the two runs made it 8-2! A fly made it 9-2 and a walk followed. Then, I think, a rare meteorological condition appeared right over Field 2 at Lanford Park. It was small but very powerful, encompassing an area from the home plate area to roughly between CF and RCF and you could not feel it from ground level, but it was apparently very strong. This brief, but robust micro-gust only lasted long enough for **Tom** "Come on Baby, Light My" **Frier**, the next batter, to hit a ball up into this highly concentrated, slipstream gale. The ball flew over the fence for a homer and we led 11-2!! Now, I was coaching third base and all I remember right after the micro-gust was getting dizzy and falling down, but I do remember a lot of Popeye-like giggling as I lay there in a semi-conscious stupor. A ground-out came next giving us two down, but a double kept us going. Then it was as if the micro-gust were some sort of divine wind as we hit rope after rope and hammered Loose Change! **Cat** "Nine Lives" **Butler** smacked a two-out, RBI single, 12-2 and another single followed, then **Deanna** "Herschel Walker" **McCoy** singled for a two-out run and it was 13-2. Next up was **Rock** "Paper, Scissors" **McCoy** who smashed a liner to the LF fence for a triple and a pair of runs scored, 15-2, and **Darlene** "Pit" **Crews** ** picked up the spare with a single and we led 16-2! **Jeffrey** "the Giraffe" **Whitley** busted a high, deep shot to LF for a triple, 17-2, and the game should have been over as we led by 15 in the bottom of the fourth inning. Nobody said anything, so **Ruby** "Red" **Richardson** singled for another run, THEN the umpire called it a ball game and we won 18-2 by run-rule.

Run rule	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Loose Change	0	0	0	2	-	-	-	2
Mixed Nuts	2	4	0	12	-	-	-	18

That was another good game and another game where we scored most of our runs in either the first or last inning. We played very solid "D", holding a team that had nailed 29 runs on the board the last game to only two. We are hitting our stride right now, exactly when we need to, with the PST coming up in two weeks. Great job, **Nuts!**

"Hurricane" **Tom Frier** was 3-3 with four RBI, "Oh, Ma" **Darlene Crews** was 3-3 with one, **Jeff** "Sweetly" **Whitley** was 2-2 with a walk and a rib and **Denise** "Austin" **Brumley** ** was 1-1 with a walk.

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We have one more game next week and the regular season is over. It's a rain makeup from 8/28 and, oddly enough, it's against **Loose Change** again. The game is at 9:45 on Thursday, 10/16. The following week, 10/23, we'll play the PST, or Post Season Tournament. It will be single-elimination and, if we win the last Loose Change game, clinching First Place, we'll probably have the only Bye in the PST. I'll let you know the game times as soon as I get a bracket, but plan on playing the whole night.

Tundraball is Nigh

Night - Park	???day - Bethesda	???day - George Pierce (hopefully)	???day - Bethesda
Team - Fee	Dirty Dozen - \$40ish	The Cowboys - \$40ish	The Jets - \$40ish
Opening Day	12/1/03 probably	after 12/1/03	12/1/03 probably

Okay, you, Softball Animals, League Fees for Winter 2003 will be due 10/20. Pay early to reserve yer spots!

We won't know the nights we play until the Manager's Meeting in a couple of weeks. **The Jets** and **Dirty Dozen** have been playing on Mondays at Bethesda the last few Winters, but it could change. We'll try to get **The Cowboys** in at George Pierce again, but we have to wait to see if the league has a spot open and if we can get enough guys. That could wind up being on any night of the week. I don't know the exact price yet, but it will probably be under \$40.

We need to know who is committed, so let Tim know as soon as possible, so we can get a good head count.

Next Game Times

DZ = Dirty Dozen

CB = The Cowboys

MN = Mixed Nuts

JT = The Jets

Our Numbers		Rain Updates			
Rocky - home (770) 465-0274	Tim - home (770) 409-0537	Bethesda (770) 822-8882	George Pierce (770) 822-8882	Lanford (770) 634-4545	Lucky Shoals (770) 822-8882

"When in doubt, come on out."

Friday 10/10/03 at Lucky Shoals Park - Fall 2003
 JT 8:00 - 5 vs. Recall Protectors

Monday 10/13/03 at Bethesda Community Park - Fall 2003
 DZ 8:30 - 8 vs. Bass Pro

Wednesday 10/15/03 at George Pierce Park - Fall 2003
 CB 8:00 - 1 vs. Derby #10

Thursday 10/16/03 at Lanford Park - Fall 2003
 MN 9:45 - 1 vs. Loose Change (makeup from 8/28/03)

Friday 10/17/03 at Lucky Shoals Park - Fall 2003
 JT 9:00 - 5 vs. Springfield Isotopes

Monday 10/20/03 at Bethesda Community Park - Fall 2003
 DZ 9:30 - 8 vs. Edy's

Monday 10/20/03 **Deadline for Winter 2003 League Fees**
 Last chance to guarantee your Winter spots

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Wednesday 10/22/03 at George Pierce Park - Fall 2003
 CB 9:00 - 1 vs. Godfathers

Thursday 10/23/03 at Lanford Park - Fall PST 2003
 MN ??? vs. TBD

Friday 10/24/03 at Lucky Shoals Park - Fall 2003
 JT 8:00 - 5 vs. ViaSat

Monday 10/27/03 at Bethesda Community Park - Fall 2003
 DZ 8:30 - 8 vs. Luby's II

Wednesday 10/29/03 at George Pierce Park - Fall 2003
 CB 10:00 - 1 vs. B.O.B.

Thursday 10/30/03 at Lanford Park - Between Seasons
 MN No Games

Friday 10/31/03 at Halloween - Fall 2003
 JT Off Day - No Games

Monday 11/3/03 at Bethesda Community Park - Fall 2003
 DZ 9:30 - 8 vs. Strike Team

Wednesday 11/5/03 at George Pierce Park - Between Seasons
 CB No Games

Thursday 11/6/03 at Lanford Park - Between Seasons
 MN No Games

Friday 11/7/03 at Lucky Shoals Park - Fall 2003
 JT 9:00 - 5 vs. With Ourselves

Monday 11/10/03 at Bethesda Community Park - Fall 2003
 DZ 6:30 - 8 vs. DSGB

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Standings & Scouting Reports – Fall 2003

Bold Italics = Our team, *Normal Brown Italics* = Our next opponent, **Red Teams** have clinched First Place. A + or – with a number indicates the difference in scores against that team, for tie breaking purposes. **PST** = Post Season Tournament. **TBD** = To Be Determined. An “x” before a team name indicates a team that has clinched a berth in the PST. The far right column shows our overall record against that opponent.

Began on 8/25/03

Monday - Bethesda Men's - No Homeruns		overall record
No PST for Fall season		
Luby's II * -2	4-0	8-3
<i>Bass Pro</i>	4-0	1-0
Dirty Dozen	4-1	n/a
DSGB * +17	2-3	2-0
Strike Team * +1	2-3	10-4
Edy's	2-2	-
Lazy Dogs +4	0-5	5-1
The Dead Lois' +12	0-4	1-0

Teams with a * we play twice

The **Dirty Dozen** plays *Bass Pro* next. They are 3-0, which is surprising considering that they were not that impressive when we saw them this Spring. We beat them 21-8 on 3/31 the only time we played them.

They beat **The Dead Lois'** and **Edy's**, who are 1-5 combined, to start the Fall season 2-0, then they beat the **Strike Team** the next week, so they must have something going on.

Treat them like a 3-0 team and don't take 'em lightly.

Began on 8/27/03

Wednesday - George Pierce Men's - Equalizer		overall record
No PST for Fall season		
<i>Derby #10 * -15</i>	5-0	0-1
Injoy -3	5-1	0-1
The Cowboys	4-3	n/a
Godfathers * +12	4-3	1-0
B.O.B. * -12	3-3	0-1
Tru Green + 16	3-3	-
Sharon Walk +18	1-6	1-0
GMC Scrubs +13	0-6	1-0

Teams with a * we play twice

The Cowboys play *Derby #10* next. Those guys are good, but we can beat them if we play well, like we have the last couple of weeks. We're going to have to keep hitting and fielding like I know we can.

I say we owe 'em a whoopin'!

Began on 8/14/03

Thursday - Lanford Coed - Equalizer		overall record
All teams play in PST		
Mixed Nuts	8-1	n/a
Embry Hills +4	7-1	1-0
Atlanta Connection +3	6-2	1-0
St. Edwards * +9	5-5	1-1
Briarlake Baptist * +19	3-6	2-0
Calvary +9	1-8	1-0
<i>Loose Change ** +33</i>	1-8	2-0

Teams with a * we play twice

Teams with a ** we play thrice

The **Mixed Nuts** play *Loose Change* again.

This one is a rain makeup from 8/28 and will finish up the regular season.

The Post Season Tournament will be the following week only, 10/23, and will be single-elimination. I will not know the game time until I get a Bracket from the Guy, but prepare to play the whole night.

Rain Makeup

Our rainout from 8/28 against *Loose Change* will be made up on **Thursday, 10/16 at 9:45pm.**

If you can't make it call Tim McCoy at: (770) 409-0537.

Began on 8/29/03

Friday - Lucky Shoals Coed - No Homeruns		overall record
No PST for Fall season		
The Jets	6-0	n/a
With Ourselves +11	4-1	19-4
That Other Team +21	3-3	5-1
Springfield Isotopes +20	1-4	8-0
ViaSat +11	2-3	3-0
<i>Recall Protectors +15</i>	0-5	2-0

Each team plays the others once.

The Jets play the *Recall Protectors* next. They are at the bottom of the division and we beat them 21-6 the second game of the season.

Don't let up, though. **With Ourselves** would love for us to trip over *Recall*.



The DL

Denise Brumley blew out both groin muscles Thursday night in the *Mixed Nuts* game, 10/9, running out a single in the second inning. We're not sure, yet, whether she'll be able to play the last regular season game on 1/16 or the PST on 10/23. Hang in there, #77!

Ruby Richardson is back from her kidney stone, having missed last week's Nuts and Jets games, and it's good to have her back! Way ta go, #4!

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	Congratulations, Summer 2003 Batting Titleists!		
	<u>Dirty Dozen</u>	<u>The Jets</u>	
	Russell Ray 0.742	Howard Mathis 0.879	
	Norman S. Mapp, Jr. 0.710	Darlene Crews 0.536	

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Upcoming Birthdays</u></p> <p>Darlene Crews parties on 10/12. Sheryl Shea has a B-Day on 10/14. Laurie Zienko celebrates on 10/17. Mark Nations chalks up another one on 10/24. Cindy Lyles counts one on 10/24. Marty Lewandowski turns a year older on 10/24. Mike Sharp marks another one on 10/28. Tina Cook rolls over her odometer on 10/29. Cat Butler adds another one on 10/31. Sherri Allen eats cake on 10/31. Bobby Wright lights the candles on 10/31.</p>	Your ad here?
<p style="text-align: center;">Denise Brumley</p> <p style="color: red;">turned 21 on 10/6, but I didn't have her on the <u>Upcoming Birthdays</u> list above. (I must have gotten her birthday after I'd already printed out the October list.)</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">My apologies, Denise, and HAPPY (belated) BIRTHDAY!!</p>	Your ad here?
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