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Tundraball

The Winter 2001 Season is right around the corner! Okay, it starts in December, so it's around the corner and down the road a ways, but we need to plan now. Tim and I will be going to the Manager's Meeting in a couple of weeks, so we need to know who's interested.

The games will be one-pitch, meaning, essentially, that there's a full count when you step up to the plate. One ball walks you and one strike sends you back to the dugout, but if you hit a foul, you get one more shot. One-pitch makes for a shorter game, so the time limit drops from an hour to 45 minutes. The leagues start the first or second week in December and go into mid-February. It's cold sometimes, but the games go fast and only last 45 minutes and one-pitch can definitely be a hoot.

All games will be played at Bethesda on the day everybody agrees on at the Manager's Meeting. (It's been Mondays the last two years.) They also played at George Pierce on Thursdays last year. In 1999 and 2000, we've had both **The Jets** and **Dirty Dozen** in Tundraball Leagues. Last year we were also able to get **The Cowboys** in at Pierce, too.

It will cost between \$30 and \$35 per player, per team. Tim will be counting heads soon, so let him know whether or not you're playing Tundraball this year.

The Jets, Bethesda, 10/12/01, 7:00pm

Friday night **The Jets** played an old rival in the form of **From Enterprises**. We'd beaten them in the Spring, then lost to them in the PST, but then we beat them twice, in the Summer and early Fall seasons. Friday night we faced them for the second time in the Fall. We were 4-1 and so was **From** and we'd both beaten the **Bad News Bankers**, so it was a battle for First Place, probably for the season.

We lost the coin toss and were Visitors. We led off the first inning with a single then went down 1-2-3 and From got fired up about it. They grabbed their bats and did some damage, scoring five runs for an early lead. We got off the mat in the second as we rallied for a four spot, 5-4, with singles and doubles. **Dee Dee** "Double-D" **Lawson** drove in the final run of the inning with a two-out single. From kept on hitting the ball in the second inning and scored five more runs to make it 10-4.

In the top of the third we had two on and two out with a run home, 10-5, when **Ruby** "Doobie Doo" **Richardson** smoked a double and closed the gap to 10-7! A single followed, then **Carolyn** "23" **LaRue** drove in the a final, two-out run and we trailed 10-8. From came right back and answered our rally with a four spot and we quickly trailed 14-8. We managed two runs in the fourth and they got one and the score stood at 15-10. The clock was ticking loudly and we knew we only had one more shot. We went down 1-2-3 in the top of the fifth and lost 15-10.

Time limit	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
The Jets	0	4	4	2	0	-	-	10
From Enterprises	5	5	4	1	x	-	-	15

From has always been a good team and a tough opponent and Friday night they out played us, fair and square. We didn't hit the ball nearly as well as we usually do and our defense was just okay overall. From knew what that game meant and they were very fired up, but their defense was very nervous and we didn't seriously take advantage. They even started trash talking during the game, which is unlike them. They've been down a long, long time and finally won a big game. Let 'em gloat.

Tom "is of the Essence" **Frier** ** was 2-2 with a walk. **Ruby** "Tuesday" **Richardson** was 2-3 with three RBI and **Freddy Allen** "Wrench" was 2-3 with a pair, while **Jared Self** "Starter" and **Gabby** "Bachman" **Turner** were each 2-3 with an RBI apiece.

** this nickname courtesy of Tim McCoy

Dirty Dozen, Bethesda, 10/13/01, 3:00pm

RBI's shabby new team no-showed Saturday for the *Dirty Dozen's* rain makeup against *Buck Fifty*. Not a single raggedy one of them showed up, so they knew, in advance, that they weren't going to show. The score keeper even told me later that RBI had told her they would not be there.

That trash made us come out on a Saturday for nothing, instead of playing a tournament, so we owe 'em one. Let's score 40 runs on those clowns on 11/12/01 when we play them again.

forfeit	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Buck Fifty	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Dirty Dozen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7

Next Game Times

DZ = Dirty Dozen

JT = The Jets

CB = The Cowboys at Bethesda

CBT = The Cowboys Tour

Monday 10/15/01 at Bethesda Community Park - Fall 2001
DZ 7:30 - 10 vs. Salsa

Thursday 10/18/01 at Bethesda Community Park - Fall 2001
CB 7:30 - 9 vs. Redline

Friday 10/19/01 at Lucky Shoals Park - Fall 2001
JT 8:00 - 5 vs. Bad News Bankers

Saturday 10/20/01 at Gainesville Civic Center -
CBT 6:30 - vs. ISA Banquet

Monday 10/22/01 at Bethesda Community Park - Fall 2001
DZ 6:30 - 10 vs. Relentless

Thursday 10/25/01 at Bethesda Community Park - Fall 2001
CB 8:30 - 9 vs. Mizuno

Friday 10/26/01 at Lucky Shoals Park - Fall 2001
JT 9:00 - 5 vs. Stone Mountain Park

Saturday 10/27/01 at Bethesda, Briscoe, Johnson? - Probably USSSA-D "Open"
CBT ??? - vs. TBD

The entire Fall 2001 Schedule can be found at: <http://userwww.service.emory.edu/~dmcco01/Softball>

Standings & Scouting Reports – Fall 2001

Bold Italics = Our team, **Normal Brown Italics** = Our next opponent, **Red Teams** have clinched First Place. (0) = the number of runs the leader beat the next highest team by, 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. A "+" after a name indicates a team we play, or have played, more than once during the current season. A "-" indicates a team that we do not play during the current season. The far right column shows our overall record against that opponent.

Begins on 8/27/01

Monday – Bethesda Men's-No Homers		
No PST for Fall Season		
Dirty Dozen	5-0	n/a
Relentless	4-0	-
Outlaws +1	3-1	1-0
Mayer Electric +15	2-2	-
Buck Fifty +7	1-4	4-1
Salsa	1-3	-
Reds +15	1-3	1-0
Chameleons +1	0-4	22-12

The **Dirty Dozen** plays **Salsa** next. We don't know much about them, so bring those big sticks!

Begins on 8/30/01

Thursday - Bethesda Men's-Equalizer		
No PST for Fall Season		
Mizuno -4	5-0	0-1
Redline -12	4-1	0-1
Warner Vagas -20	2-3	0-1
The Cowboys	3-3	n/a
IDC +23	1-5	2-0
Outback Tan +12	1-4	1-0

The Cowboys play **Redline** next. They beat us 17-5 the second game of the season, but we really didn't hit or field well. They are a good team, but so are we and we should beat them. We'll have to hit the ball, though, and we can't get burned five or six times. They can hit, too.

Began on 9/7/01

Friday - Lucky Shoals Coed-No Homers		
No PST for Fall Season		
From Enterprises -2	5-1	12-5
The Jets	4-2	n/a
Bad News Bankers +13	3-2	29-7
With Ourselves -7	2-3	9-2
Stone Mountain Park +10	1-4	1-0
Toyo Techs +14	1-4	1-0

The Jets play the **Bad News Bankers** next. They've been a better team lately, so forget our record against them. Plan on hitting the ball hard and often.

Began on 1/27/01

Saturday/Sunday Various Parks – Men's-DE	
ISA-E State: 7/21-22/01	
ISA-E World: 8/31-9/2/01	
The Cowboys Tour	
A.L. Grading (Potts)	2-0
Aces	8-2
AGCO Rebels	1-0
Alpha Rugs	1-0
American Tree Bulldogs	1-0
Ball Hawgs	1-0
BC Dragons	1-0
Blue Ballers	0-2
Bulls	1-0
Canton Trophy Palace	0-1
Centex	1-0
Complete Lift Services	1-1
Devil Dogs	1-2
Devil Rays	1-0
Diversified	1-0
Duke's Creek Cabins	0-1
Faith Baptist	1-0
Fully Loaded	1-0
GA Outlaws	0-1
Georgia Storm	1-0
Hutta Hitters	0-1
Intimidators	0-2
Jokers	1-0
Just Rookies	1-3
Knights	1-0
Leven's Baptist Church	1-2
Lightning	0-2
Metro Merchants	0-1
Mixups	2-0
Mizuno	0-1
Mudcats	1-0
No Limit	1-0
On Deck	1-0
RAW (Rent-A-Wreck)	1-0
RC's	3-1
Regulators	1-0
Scorpions	1-0
Screamin' Demons	0-1
Shockers	0-2
Smashers	1-0
Sport Stop / Hale Storm	0-1
Stars Softball	0-1
Steamrollers	1-0
Stick Mojo	0-2
Team NAZ	1-0
Tennessee Ten	0-1
Titans	0-1
Tuxedo Coffee & Vending	3-1
Under/Over	0-1
Underdogs	0-1
Unknown Express	1-0
USA Productions	1-1
Venom	0-1
Vineyard's Heating & Air	0-1
Vista RMS	0-1
Woodstock A's	4-2
Wrecking Crew	0-1
Xtreme	1-0

The teams in **Green** we last played in ISA, while the teams in **Red** we last played in USSSA. The other column is our record against that team in 2001.

The Cowboys Tour continues on 10/27/01.

Events and Announcements

Laurie "Doctor" Zienko notches another one on 10/17/01.
Mark "Alien" Nations marks another one on 10/24/01.
Cindy "Lou Who" Lyles blows out the candles on 10/24/01.
Marty "Hardy" Lewandowski rolls over his odometer one 10/24/01.
Bobby "Jack-o-Lantern" Wright has a B-day on 10/31/01.
"Black" Cat Butler has a birthday on 10/31/01.
Sherri "House of Horrors" Allen has another one on 10/31/01.

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, birth of a baby, the day the UFO abducted you or some such, concerning a McCoy Softball player, past or present, just let me know so I can mention it. An email is best.

The DL

Bobby Wright is still in a cast, but expects to be back for Tundraball in December.

Trivia Challenge

Old Q: Which McCoy Softball team had the longest streak of consecutive First Place seasons? Answer for Coed and Men's. What's the longest current streak? This is Leagues, only. PST's do not count.

New A: **The Jets** won first place all four seasons on 1999, four more in 2000 and one more in the Spring of 2001, for a total of **nine straight First Place finishes**. The **Dirty Dozen** has the best ever Men's record with three straight: Summer, Fall and Winter 2000.

New Q: As of September 30th 2001, who has played the most McCoy Softball league games that never played a McCoy Softball game at the Softball Country Club? Name the top man & top women. How many games?

Extra credit: Can you name the top 5 men & top 5 women?

Super duper bonus question: Who was the 1st person to join a McCoy Softball team after the Softball Country Club went out of business?

*This question and answer were sent to The Sports Page by **Tim McCoy**.*

If you have a trivia question, reply to this email and you might see it in Trivia Challenge. If you think of a stumper, I'll research it and come up with the answer, unless you already have the answer.

Rain Info

Bethesda and Lucky Shoals (DZ, CB & JT) (770) 822-8882

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 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.

As always...

Cool McCoy Softball stuff can be found at: <http://userwww.service.emory.edu/~dmcco01/Softball>