



The Sports Page



Muddering Through

Jets, George Pierce, 10/13/11, 7:00pm

The weather for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday had been nasty and when the **Jets** took the field on Thursday the trend continued. Rain had spit and sputtered all week, causing **The Cowboys** to get rained out Tuesday, but things were looking slightly better Thursday... until Thursday evening, anyway. It started raining at George Pierce a little before 6:00 and it rained for nearly half an hour. The already fairly saturated fields sported puddles at home plate and a few spots on the infields, but a little raking made the fields playable and the games were on. We had the 7:00 game and knew we'd be playing in slippery mud, but were glad we weren't playing at 8:00 or 9:00.

Our opponent was **The Firm**, the team who'd won the division, going 10-0, the previous season. We had gone toe-to-toe with **American Ale House**, who'd won the County tournament in the Spring season, and beaten the **Lookouts**, a hot team who used to be **Shake & Bake**, by run-rule, so we were ready to face anybody.

We were Visitors and got to bat first in the gooey mud and scored the first run of the ball game on a one-out double from **Tim** "ple of Doom" **McCoy**, but that's all we got in the first inning. **The Firm** scored five, three on a homer over the fence, and led 5-1 after one.

We came up with a run in the second, but so did **The Firm**, now 6-2 after two. We got rolling in the third inning, starting off with three singles for a run to close the gap to 6-3. Back-to-back fly-outs followed the RBI single, but a walk came next to keep us alive and load the bags. Another two-out walk from "Raggedy" **Andy Matz** pushed home a run, 6-4, then **Rob** "Martha" **Stewart** made it 6-5 with a single. **Mike** "Field of" **Reams** added a two-run single to put us up 7-5 then "Me from" **Adam Baker** doubled for a run to put us up 8-6, but an out at the plate, in treacherous running conditions, ended the inning. **The Firm** was good for a run in the bottom of the third, but we still led 8-7 after three.

We increased our lead to 11-7 in the top of the fourth inning when "Wild" **Bill Sarubbi** singled for a pair of two-out runs and "Eagle" **Rock McCoy** added a final run on a single. We were starting to get the hang of mud ball and were pulling away from **The Firm**, but they came out hitting in the bottom of the fourth and scored eight runs to retake the lead 15-11.

We answered **The Firm's** eight runs in the fourth, but we didn't answered as loudly as we'd hoped. We led off the fifth with three straight singles to load the bases. A fly-out made it 15-12, but a fly-out and line-out ended our budding rally. We hung a donut on **The Firm** in the fifth. In the sixth it was more of the same as we scored one more, this one on a two-out run on a single from "Dandy" **Andy Matz** to make it 15-13. With the clock dying before our eyes and under two minutes left, we set out to put **The Firm** down 1-2-3 so we could play a seventh inning and, surprisingly, our opponent obliged, whether on purpose or not. We'll never know why they were swinging at so many first pitches, but we didn't much care. We weren't looking a gift horse in the mouth.

We began the top of the final inning with a fly-out and a single. Another single gave us two down, but the salty **Jets** had no problem rallying with two down. We singled to put a second man on the bases then "Slim" **Tim McCoy** stroked a two-out single for a run, but a fielder's-choice ended the game and we lost 15-14.



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Jets	1	1	6	3	1	1	1	14
The Firm	5	1	1	8	0	0	x	15

It was a tough loss, given our team's new edge and willingness to play anything that could crawl out of the other dugout, though we did have fun playing ball in the mud. Our defense was probably better than our opponent's that game, but they just out hit us and we never overcame that eight spot. We scored in every inning, a definite plus no matter how you slice it, but we had five innings where we only got one run and we ended our biggest inning on a B.O.O.B. You've gotta figure, we could have scored a couple more runs that game, given the opportunities we had. We ended the first inning with two straight outs and a guy on second and ended the fifth with three straight outs and two guys on. It was a tough loss and we'll profit from it, but Thursday night it just sucked. Shake it off, **Jets**.

Adam "Master" **Baker** was 4-4 with an RBI. "Wasting" **Tim McCoy** was 4-5 with two ribbies, **Andy Matz** "for Bats" was 2-3 with a walk and a ribbie and **Rob Stewart** "Little" was 2-3, with a walk and one RBI.

Okay, the ol' webslinger's begging somebody to guess the McCoy Softball Grand Challenge. He's practically giving it away! The 21 players are now in order, based on the year they started playing with McCoy Softball and there are all kinds of clues below.

So...

What do the following players have in common?

Based on responses so far, here's a list of what it's NOT:

- Games missed
- Out of state players
- Numbers of years played
- Stats that come from batting
- Stats that come from base running
- Coed games played
- Birthdates
- Jersey Numbers
- Player's ages
- Most games played in a row as a Regular player.

Clues you already know:

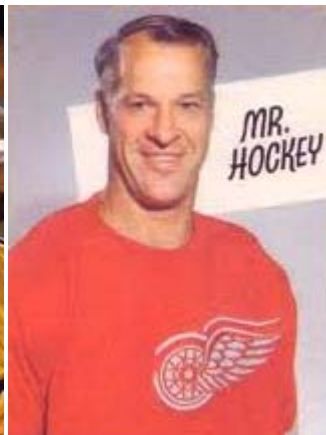
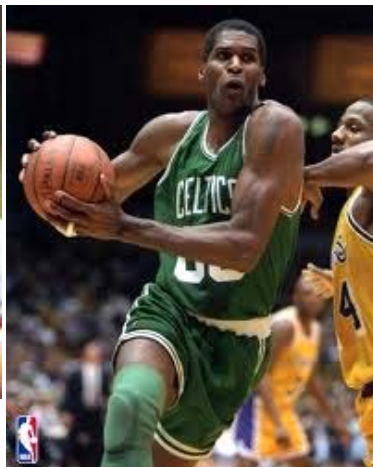
- There are 21 of them
- They've played on multiple teams
- It's a mix of older and newer players from the 20 year history of McCoy Softball

New clues from the ol' webslinger

- Each of the 21 leads in the **same thing**
- Freddy Allen will most likely be replaced eventually
- A.Matz, A.Baker and D.Fisher may be replaced soon
- Go to <http://www.mccoyssoftball.com/Stats/2011/>, page down and pick "Mystery"



The superhero to the left says, "The following professional athletes share the same thing as the 21 McCoy Softball players." [Hint: It ain't the money they made while playing the game they love.]



What do the following players have in common?



Rocky McCoy
Class of 1991



Gregg Brooke
Class of 1992



Deanna Dennis
Class of 1993



Tim Foss
Class of 1994



Tom Frier
Class of 1995



Dee Dee Lawson
Class of 1996



Norman Mapp
Class of 1997



Russell Ray
Class of 1998



Ruby Richardson
Class of 1999



Larry Civelli
Class of 2000



Freddy Allen
Class of 2001



Leroy Frazier
Class of 2002



Amy Parham
Class of 2003



Steve Prachyl
Class of 2004



Quentin Cowans
Class of 2005



Steve Brewer
Class of 2006



Dave Lindeke
Class of 2007



Elden Kasmier
Class of 2008



Andy Matz
Class of 2009



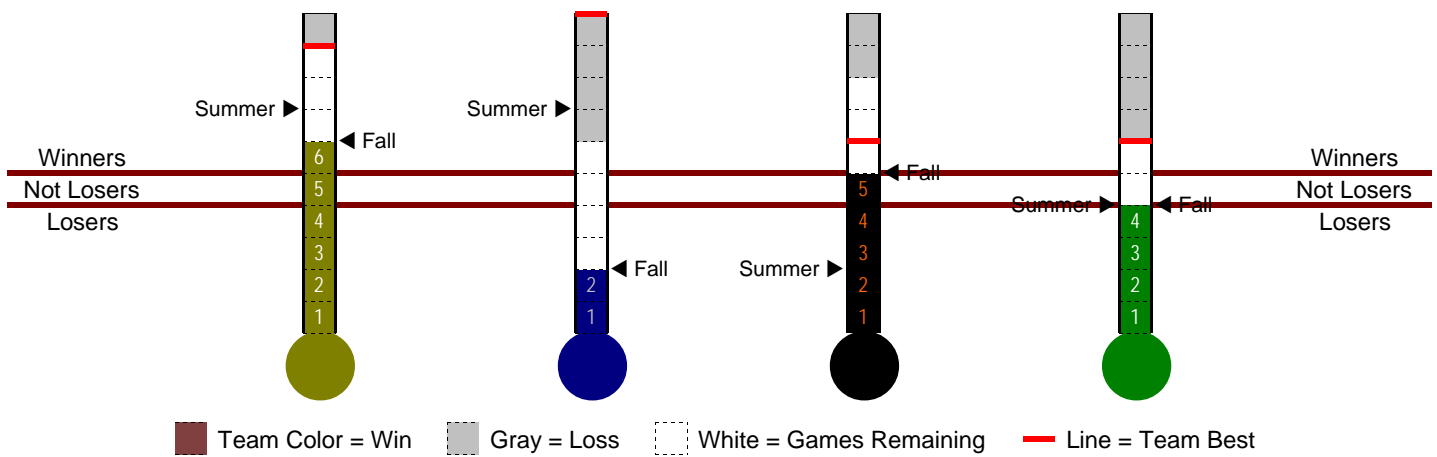
Adam Baker
Class of 2010



Dave Fisher
Class of 2011

Okay, these are all the names and Classes and they're all in order from 1991 through 2011.

What do these 21 players have in common that no others share in McCoy Softball history?



Dirty Dozen
 The Cowboys
 Motörhead
 Jets

Rain Numbers for Each Park			
Bethesda	Bethesda	Bethesda	G.Pierce
(770) 822-8882	(770) 822-8882	(770) 822-8882	(770) 822-8882

“When in doubt, come on out.”

Each edition of The Sport Page is a snapshot in time and as such will not update automatically, like other sheets on the website. Each TSP shows only what the schedule looked like when it was published. Always check the MegaSchedule or the Stats sheets for the most current scheduling.

Monday **10/17/11** at Bethesda Community Park - Fall 2011
 DZ 8:30 - 9H vs. DUCK!

Tuesday **10/18/11** at Bethesda Community Park - Fall 2011
 CB 8:30 - 8V vs. The Big Squeeze

Wednesday **10/19/11** at Bethesda Community Park - Fall 2011
 MH 7:30 - 1V vs. KMM/Walda

Thursday **10/20/11** at George Pierce - Fall 2011
 JM 8:00 - 2H vs. Controlled Substances

Monday **10/24/11** at Bethesda Community Park - Fall 2011
 DZ 6:30 - 8V vs. Cricket Brew Crew
 DZ 7:30 - 8H vs. Twisted Tavern

Tuesday **10/25/11** at Bethesda Community Park - Fall 2011
 CB 8:30 - 8H vs. Motley Crew

Wednesday **10/26/11** at Bethesda Community Park - Fall 2011
 MH 6:30 - 1V vs. GranQuartz

Thursday **10/27/11** at George Pierce - Fall 2011
 JM 7:00 - 2H vs. Suwanee Dental Care

Monday **10/31/11** at Halloween - Fall 2011
 DZ ?? Off Day - No Games

Tuesday **11/1/11** at Bethesda Community Park - Fall 2011
 CB 8:30 - 8V vs. Goobo's

Wednesday 11/2/11 at Bethesda Community Park - Fall 2011
MH 8:30 - 1V vs. Suwanee Dental Care

Thursday 11/3/11 at George Pierce Park - Fall 2011
JM ?::? ?? vs. Rain Makeup

Monday 11/7/11 at Bethesda Community Park - Fall 2011
DZ ?::? ?? vs. Rain Makeup

Tuesday 11/8/11 at Bethesda Community Park - Fall 2011
CB ?::? ?? vs. Rain Makeup
CB 7:30 - 8H vs. White T's (makeup from 10/11/11)



Wednesday 11/9/11 at Bethesda Community Park - Fall 2011
MH ?::? ? vs. Rain Makeup

Thursday 11/10/11 at George Pierce Park - Fall 2011
JM ?::? ?? vs. Rain Makeup

Monday 11/14/11 at Bethesda Community Park - Fall 2011
DZ ?::? ?? vs. Rain Makeup

Tuesday 11/15/11 at Bethesda Community Park - Fall 2011
CB ?::? ?? vs. Rain Makeup

Wednesday 11/16/11 at Bethesda Community Park - Fall 2011
MH ?::? ? vs. Rain Makeup

Thursday 11/17/11 at George Pierce Park - Fall 2011
JM ?::? ?? vs. Rain Makeup

Monday 11/21/11 at Bethesda Community Park - Winter 2011
DZ ?::? 8? vs. Opening Day

Tuesday 11/22/11 at George Pierce Park - Winter 2011
JM ?::? 1? vs. Opening Day

Monday 11/28/11 at Bethesda Community Park - Winter 2011
DZ ?::? 8? vs. TBD

Tuesday 11/29/11 at George Pierce Park - Winter 2011
JM ?::? 1? vs. TBD

Monday 12/5/11 at Bethesda Community Park - Winter 2011
DZ ?::? 8? vs. TBD

Tuesday 12/6/11 at George Pierce Park - Winter 2011
JM ?::? 1? vs. TBD

Monday 12/12/11 at Bethesda Community Park - Winter 2011
DZ ?::? 8? vs. TBD

Tuesday 12/13/11 at George Pierce Park - Winter 2011
JM ?::? 1? vs. TBD

Monday 12/19/11 at Bethesda Community Park - Winter 2011
DZ ?::? 8? vs. TBD

Tuesday 12/20/11 at George Pierce Park - Winter 2011
JM ?::? 1? vs. TBD

Monday 1/9/12 at Bethesda Community Park - Winter 2011
DZ ?::? 8? vs. TBD

Tuesday 1/10/12 at George Pierce Park - Winter 2011

JM ??? 1? vs. TBD

Monday 1/16/12 at Bethesda Community Park - Winter 2011

DZ ??? 8? vs. TBD

Tuesday 1/17/12 at George Pierce Park - Winter 2011

JM ??? 1? vs. TBD

Monday 1/23/12 at Bethesda Community Park - Winter 2011

DZ ??? 8? vs. TBD

Tuesday 1/24/12 at George Pierce Park - Winter 2011

JM ??? 1? vs. TBD

Monday 1/30/12 at Bethesda Community Park - Winter 2011

DZ ??? 8? vs. TBD

Tuesday 1/31/12 at George Pierce Park - Winter 2011

JM ??? 1? vs. TBD

Monday 2/6/12 at Bethesda Community Park - Winter 2011









DZ ??? 8? vs. TBD

Tuesday 2/7/12 at George Pierce Park - Winter 2011

JM ??? 1? vs. TBD

Standings & Scouting Reports – Fall 2011

Bold Italics = Our team. **Normal Brown Italics** = Our next opponent, **PST** = Post Season Tournament. **TBD** = To Be Determined. Asterisks after an opponent's name represent how many times we play that opponent if we play them more than once. A team in "< >" is a team we do not play during the season. The far right column shows our overall record against that opponent.

Monday - Bethesda			overall record
Men's - No Homers, No Steals			
No Summer PST			
 The Dead Lois's	6-1	17-12	
 Dirty Dozen	6-1	n/a	
 Bubba's	6-1	2-0	
 Twisted Tavern	5-2	0-0	
 Reds	5-3	5-1	
 Get Dirty	3-3	12-12	
 DUCK!	3-5	7-0 ←	
 Cricket Brew Crew **	2-5	5-1	
Sons of Pitches	0-7	2-0	
The Tribe - Ali	0-8	2-0	

The **Dirty Dozen** play **DUCK!** next. This is not a strong team we're facing next, which, knowing the history of the **Dirty Dozen**, should scare the bejezus out of us.

We have to win out to take home First Place and we need for **The Dead Lois's** to lose to somebody, but what we really, really need to do is beat **DUCK!** They are the next team we play and we're not about to take them lightly.

Keep fighting, guys. Let's put 'em away in four innings.

Tuesday - Bethesda			overall record
Men's - No Homers, No Steals			
No Summer PST			
Goobo's **	6-0	1-1	
Hooters Outkast **	5-1	1-5	
White T's **	3-3	2-1	
Motley Crew **	2-4	2-1	
The Cowboys	2-4	0-0	
The Big Squeeze **	0-6	1-0 ←	

The Cowboys play **The Big Squeeze** next. We beat the tar out of them the only time we played them and that was a few weeks ago.

I expect more of the same Tuesday. Let's bow up and get it done quickly and efficiently to get the taste of that last game out of our collective mouth.

Wednesday - George Pierce			overall record
Men's - Equalizer, No Steals			
No Summer PST			
Rebels **	5-2	0-2	
Motörhead	5-2	0-0	
Suwanee Dental Care **	4-3	1-0	
KMM/Walda **	4-3	1-0 ←	
GranQuartz **	3-4	1-0	
A-Team **	0-7	2-0	

Motörhead plays **KMM/Walda** next.

We beat them 14-13 a few weeks ago when they were 2-0 and we were 1-1. We had a ton of walks that game and slugged it out to win a close game. This time we're 5-2 and they're 4-3 and we're in a dogfight with the first place **Rebels**, also at 5-2.

Since the **Rebels** own us, head-to-head, we need them to drop a game while we keep winning. Everybody we play from here on out is somebody we've already beaten once this season. The **Rebels** are facing teams who've beaten them before.

Thursday - George Pierce			overall record
Men's - Equalizer, No Steals			
No Summer PST			
American Ale House	7-1	0-1	
Lookouts	6-2	1-1	
Finish Line Tire & Auto	5-3	2-3	
Suwanee Dental Care	5-3	1-3	
The Tribe - Darr **	5-3	2-0	
Jets	4-4	0-0	
The Firm	4-4	0-1	
Steel Panthers	3-5	0-7	
Controlled Substances	1-7	0-0 ←	
Scrubs	0-8	1-0	

The **Jets** play **Controlled Substances** next. This team is 1-7, having beaten only the **Scrubs**, hanging on 14-11.

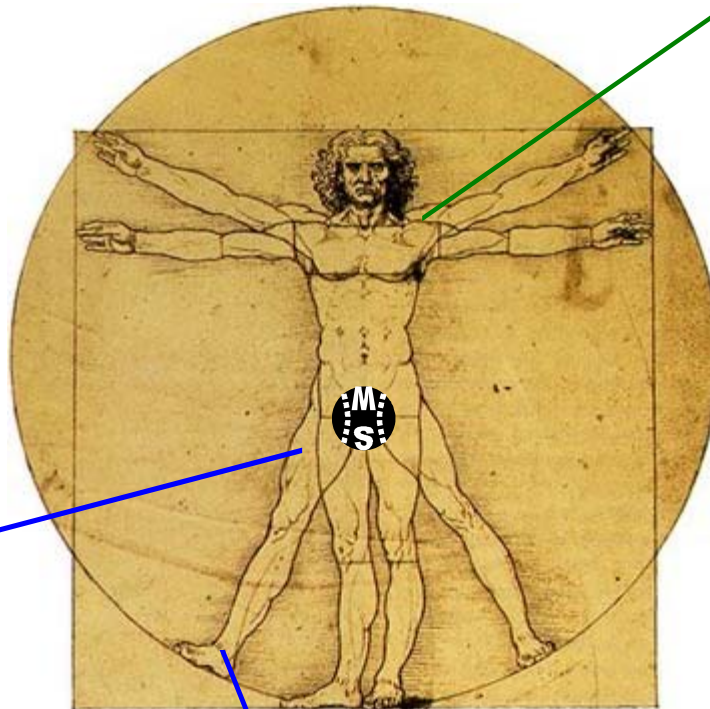
Stay sharp, **Jets**, but let's have some fun. We should send these guys home in four innings, but let's have fun busting the ball doing it.

The DL



Keith James injured his shoulder and had to drop **Jets** for Fall 2011.

Hang in there, #99!



Norman S. Mapp, Jr. blew a quad muscle and is now missing a fourth week this week.

He has vowed to stay on the DL until somebody guesses the McCoy Softball Grand Challenge!!

Good luck, #10!



Eric Wesner rolled his right ankle sliding into third base on 7/12. He fractured his tibia (shin bone) in a couple of places down around the ankle joint and injured a ligament, too.

He had surgery on 7/18 to stabilize his ankle with screws and will be out the rest of the year.


See ya in Spring 2012, #8!

Birthdays & Batting Titlists

October Birthdays

Summer 2011

Rogers, Jason	10/1
Shreve, Steve	10/2
Norton, Dawn	10/4
Binder, Dean	10/5
McCord, Kylie	10/5
Nguyen, Diep	10/5
Brumley, Denise	10/6
Wheeler, Dena	10/8
Herman, Matt	10/9
Ahmed, Ammar	10/11
Suqas, Steven	10/11
Shea, Sheryl	10/14
Spivey, Heather	10/17
Zienko, Laurie	10/17
Jones, Wavlon	10/23
Lewandowski, Marty	10/24
Lyles, Cindy	10/24
Nations, Mark	10/24
LeCroy, Steven	10/25
Ellis, Debbie	10/26
Prachyl, Steve	10/26
Conklin, Ryan	10/27
Johnson, Don	10/27
Sharp, Mike	10/28
Ottinger, Jason	10/30
Payne, David	10/30
Allen, Sherri	10/31
Butler, Catherine	10/31
Quigley, Logan	10/31
Wright, Bobby	10/31



Elden Kasmier..... 0.700
Josh Carper..... 0.606




Above team average:
S. Morgan 0.581
A. Matz 0.548
J. Tyler 0.531




Jason Johnson 0.643
M.Reams, T.McCoy, D.Fisher .. 0.500





Norman S. Mapp, Jr. 0.630
Troy Kelly 0.606



Above team average:
L.Frazier..... 0.571

Chris Barker, Andy Matz, Keith James 0.536



Attached is the first page of the ASA webpage concerning Illegal Softball bats. Make sure your bat has the proper stamp. If you're not sure, check the ASA website.

ASA Bat Testing & Certification Program

The official bat in ASA Championship Play must meet all of the requirements of Rule 3, Section 1 and:

1. must bear **either** the ASA approved 2000 certification mark **or the ASA 2004 certification mark** as shown below, and must not be listed on an ASA non approved list, **or**



2. must be included on a list of approved bat models published by the ASA National Office; or
3. must, in the sole opinion and discretion of the umpire, have been manufactured prior to 2000 and if tested, would comply with the ASA bat performance standards then in effect.

Beginning January 1, 2004, all bats in ASA Championship Play must pass the ASA 2004 bat standard. All bats having the 2004 certification mark will be allowed in ASA Championship Play. Bats that have the 2000 certification mark will not be allowed in ASA Championship Play unless they are listed on an approved bat list on the ASA website. For convenience, the ASA website has a listing of bats that do not pass the ASA 2004 bat standard.

2004 and Beyond Approved Bats (Updated: 12/5/2008)

For a list of bats that have been tested and found to comply with the ASA bat performance standards, and therefore are authorized to bear the **ASA 2004 certification mark** and/or are authorized for use in ASA Championship Play beginning January 1, 2004, please click on the manufacturer below. Manufacturers continue to submit additional bat models for testing, and the ASA will update this list as test results become available.

2004 and Beyond Non Approved Bats

Please click on the following PDF for a list of bats that do not meet the ASA's current bat standard:

[Click here for ASA's Non Approved Bats](#)

(current listing, no changes as of August 29, 2008)

[Click here for ASA's Non Approved Bats with pictures](#)

(current listing, no changes as of August 29, 2008)

[Click here for ASA's TWO Page Non Approved Bats with pictures](#)

(current listing, no changes as of August 29, 2008)

[Click here for ASA's Non Approved Bats with Certification Marks \(2000 and 2004\)](#)

(current listing, no changes as of March 31, 2008)

[Click here for ASA's Non Approved Bats with 2004 Certification Marks](#)

(current listing, no changes as of March 31, 2008)

The ASA periodically and randomly tests samples of bat models bearing the ASA approved certification mark to verify compliance with the ASA bat performance standards. Below are links for press releases announcing results of compliance testing as well as FAQ's regarding bat models withdrawn from ASA Championship play until further notice. The "ASA Banned Bats" link below contains the most up-to-date listing of bat models withdrawn from ASA Championship play. Models placed on that list will be allowed for use in ASA Championship play if they bear the ASA recertification mark (shown in the link below).

[Altered/Doctored Bats](#)

[Grandfathered Bats No Longer Authorized Beginning in 2008](#)

[ASA Court Order Press Release](#)

[ASA Court Order Judgement](#)