



The Sports Page



"Gimme Some Hungry Chicken!"

Walking Dead, Bethesda, 10/12/15, 6:30pm

On Monday, the **Walking Dead** played the **Road Dawgs** for the first time. Their 0-forever record was one clue that we might have a fun game on our hands and having seen them play, here and there, on the other fields was another clue. The **Walking Dead** had had a rough season and had already played all the tougher teams in the division. We were ready for the **Road Dawgs**.

We were Home team and two of our veterans were running behind, **Norman Mapp** a little late and **Elden Kasmier** skidding in before our 6:30 game time.

We stopped the **Road Dawgs** cold in the first inning and in the bottom of the first we led off with a single and fielder's-choice then a walk pushed a runner into scoring position. "Banana" **Brett Shumaker** singled home said runner and we took a lead we never relinquished. A single and double made it 3-0 then an intentional, but not well understood, walk loaded the bases. Two regular walks drove in two more to make it 5-0. There was a sound like a thunderclap, but it was just a backfire. A fly-out gave us two down then "Garden of" **Elden Kasmier** singled home a pair before a ground-out ended the inning. We batted twelve times and led 7-0 after the first.



We dropped a bagel on the **Road Dawgs** in the second, but we didn't hit quite as well in the second as we had the first. We started: ground-out, single, fly-out then "San" **Quentin Cowans** busted a triple for a run and another intentional walk followed. **Jason "Aerosmith" Tyler** rifled a single for the second, and final, run of the inning. It wasn't a rifle shot, though, just another backfire. We led 9-0 after two.

The **Road Dawgs** scored a run in the third, though we had an assist, 9-1 middle of three. In the bottom of three, we singled the **Road Dawgs** to death and scored five runs before we made an out. A fly-out was our first and an RBI single was next then it got a little weird. The next batter hit a short fly to RF. The runners tagged. The RF had trouble judging the ball and had his back to 1B when he got it. It looked like he'd dropped the ball and the umpires were not hollering, "Out", so the runner on 1B took off. A throw back to 1B after he was almost to second resulted in a B.O.O.B. and the final out of the inning. He had caught it, it seems.

Now down 15-1, the **Road Dawgs** needed three spot to make us bat in the bottom of the inning. Perhaps mercifully, they did not and we won the game, by run-rule 15-1.

Run rule	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Road Dawgs	0	0	1	0	-	-	-	1
Walking Dead	7	2	6	x	-	-	-	15

It was a fun game. It was at the expense of an inexperienced team and an ex Red or two, but we liked it. We had gone through a rough patch and this game was just what the doctor ordered. We hit like crazy, fielded like demons and left the field with time on the clock. Good job, **Walking Dead!**

Rock "the Kasbah" McCoy ** was 2-2 with a walk and an RBI, **Tim "Kardashian" McCoy** was 2-2 with an intentional walk and two ribs, **Elden "Kneivel" Kasmier** was 2-2 with three ribbies and **Tom "Keeps on slippin', slippin', slippin' into the future..." Stephens** was 1-1 with a walk and an RBI.



** this particular nickname courtesy of Tim McCoy

"Don't let Me Pass You."

Dirty Dozen, Bethesda, 10/12/15, 8:30pm

The **Dirty Dozen** had a top to bottom double-header, facing the 7-0 **Bull's Eye** first then facing the **Royal Flush** at 1-6, so we'd be facing the best and worst the division had thus far offered.

Bull's Eye first arrive in our world in Fall 2013 and **Motörhead** beat them 11-1 in August, amid crying and weeping about possible tournament players, but we lost to them in October, 11-8. They next showed up on the McCoy Softball radar in Spring 2014 at George Pierce in the **Jets** division, where we won both games, by scores of 25-24 and 18-8.

The **Bull's Eye** team we saw before us on Monday night was an almost completely different team than what we remembered. Besides the two guys with the terrorist beards, they now had a bunch of the usual felons and mercenaries that seem to attach themselves, like barnacles, to the bottom of a sponsorship.

It was not our first taste of the arrogance and poor sportsmanship we expected from **Bull's Eye**, oh no, not on Mondays. Unjustifiable cockiness would seem to be the norm on Mondays. Yep, another one of these...

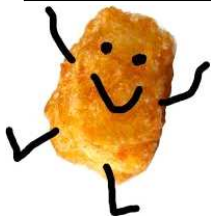
We were Visitors and started off well with a singled and double. "Opie" **Taylor McCauley** put a run across the plate with a single... then we went down 1-2-3, scoring one more run in the process to lead 2-0. **Bull's Eye** put up five and we trailed, after one, 5-2. We went down 4-5-6 in the second inning and **Bull's Eye** kept on hitting, scoring six more runs to lead 11-2.

Bull's Eye changed pitchers for the third inning and we responded with some offense. A walk and single started the inning and, after a fielder's-choice, a pair of singles loaded the bases and drove in a run. A fly-out gave us two down, but "Lieutenant" **Dan Covault** drove in a pair with a double to cap the scoring and make the score 11-5. We dropped a donut on **Bull's Eye**, 11-5 after three.

We began the fourth inning with a walk and a ground-out then pounded five singles for four runs to cut that lead to 11-9. **Bull's Eye** changed pitchers again and we went down 1-2 to end the rally. **Bull's Eye** got the four runs back in the bottom of four, now 15-9 after four.

Just like that it was over. We batted two more times, but only accounted for one walk in two innings, while **Bull's Eye** scored three more. We did a great job staving off the run rule in the bottom of the fifth, but we didn't make anything of it and we lost the game, 18-9.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Dirty Dozen	2	0	3	4	0	0	-	9
Bull's Eye	5	6	0	4	3	x	-	18



Bull's Eye chirped and whined at the umpires the whole game and one of them exited early for showing up one of the umpires. The local gentry provided a good example of why it's not nearly as fun to play on Mondays at Bethesda as it is on other nights and parks. We did okay that game, fighting and scrapping, but in the end they were too much for us. Good try, **Dirty Dozen!**

Taylor "Tot" McCauley was 3-3 with four RBI and "Magic" **Mike Drolet** was 3-3 with one ribbie. "Red River" **Rock McCoy** was 2-3 and **Leroy "Laser" Frazier** was 1-2 with a walk.

"Biscuits and Gravy."

Dirty Dozen, Bethesda, 10/12/15, 9:30pm

We fought hard in the first game of the double-header, against the divisional leaders, but we completely dumped the second game to the divisional bottom feeder, **Royal Flush**, and got run ruled 13-3.

They hit from the get go, but we never really got rolling. The only time we came close to looking like an offense was in the fourth inning where **Mark "Antony" Irwin** led off with a triple and scored on a ground-out and later **Leroy "Down Goes!" Frazier "Crane"** drove in a two-out run with a single.

Royal Flush	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Dirty Dozen	0	1	0	2	0	-	-	3
Royal Flush	3	5	2	3	x	-	-	13

We really didn't play a lot of defense that game, but we made up for it by not hitting. Nasty game, **Dirty Dozen**.

"Raiders of the Lost" **Mark Irwin** was 2-2, **Leroy "Face" Frazier** was 1-1 with a walk and an RBI and **Freddy "Fazbear" Allen** was 1-1 with a walk.

"Play it Like it's Tied."

The Cowboys, George Pierce, 10/13/15, 9:00pm

We had an unusual Tuesday in that **The Cowboys** and **Jets** played the two late games, **The Cowboys** at 9:00 and **Jest** at 10:00.

The Cowboys first met the **Red Devils**, Tuesdays opponent in Spring 2015, where we lost 5-4. We had underestimated what turned out to be a good defensive team and really didn't hit like we normally did. Several weeks later, we returned the favor and defeated the **Red Devils** 10-6, having learned our lessons and having adapted to their defense.

The **Jets** were next to face the **Red Devils** in Summer 2015 and won both games, by scores of 14-6 and 18-10. **The Cowboys** who played on the **Jets** brought word of how the **Red Devils** play. Now they were back in their original division and played **The Cowboys** again, but this time they were atop the standings at 4-1 with **Caught Looking** and **The Big E**. We, on the other hand, were 2-3 and trying to bang around the division as spoilers seeing how much we could affect the standings.

Elden Kasmier slid in inside the half hour for a 9:00 game. (Seriously?) We were all ready to go at game time and as Visitors we'd have the first chance at a lead.

We led off the game with a pair of fly-outs, but two singles breathed life into us then **Jason Gravitt** "Digger" singled home a two-out run, but a fly-out ended the mini rally. We held the **Red Devils** scoreless and led 1-0 after the first stanza. Our three fly-outs in the first inning became six in the second, but without all those singles in between. We dropped a bagel on the **Red Devils** and held our 1-0 lead through two.



We became patient in the third and led off the innings with two walks. We went up 2-0 on a double and another walk loaded the bases. A pitching change induce a fly-out (go figure), but a run scored. A second fly-out followed the second run of the inning and, lo and behold, a ground-out ended the rally. Another bout of bagel battered the **Red Devils** and we led 3-0 through three innings.

In the fourth inning, our fortunes reversed as we went down 1-2-3, all fly-outs, and the **Red Devils** scored two runs to cut our lead to 3-2 after four. In the fifth inning the lead reversed. We went down 1-2-3-4 in the innings, but were proud to have had a walk and a ground-out with two fly-outs. The **Red Devils** scored two and we'd lost the lead, 4-3 after five.

We led off the sixth with a walk and a single then "Slim" **Tim McCoy** tied the game with a single. After a fielder's-choice improved the speed on the bases, "Up and" **Adam Aleweidat** singled home a run and we had our lead back, 5-4. A single moved Adam into scoring position, but, hold onto your hats, folks, a line-out and fielder's-choice ended the rally. The **Red Devils** came out hitting in the bottom of the penultimate inning and led us 6-5 with one round to go.

In the top of the seventh and final inning, it was either score a run or go home or score two and try to eke out a win in the bottom of the inning. We led off the charge with a ground-out. Then our old friend, the fly-out, gave us two down. **Jerry Smith** and **Rocky McCoy** each singled to keep the inning alive the "Big" **John Culligan** shot one through RF and **The Cowboys** on the bases got on their horses! Two men scored as John held at third with a triple and we were back in the lead, 7-6! **Tim "tation" McCoy** added a runs worth of AfLac with a two-out single and a base hit followed, but a line-out ended the run. We'd scored the run we'd needed to stay alive and had scored another run to try to eke out that win. We'd even scored a third run as insurance against any defense slip ups in the bottom of the inning. Now it was up to our leather to bring home the win. We did. We dropped an egg on the **Red Devils** and won the game, 8-6!

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
The Cowboys	1	0	2	0	0	2	3	8
Red Devils	0	0	0	2	2	2	0	6



The **Red Devils** had found their bats this season and been bombing their opponents for the first four games, then they lost to the surprising **Caught Looking**, 8-7. You know they wanted to bang on us and get back on track, but our defense was solid and we held them to just six runs. For the most part, our offense sucked. Let's call a spade a spade for a minute, here, okay? We ended three innings going down 1-2-3 and in the other four we either started or ended each inning with back-to-back outs. We only had two extra base hits and poked a ton of balls straight up. Something happened in the seventh, though, with our backs to the wall. We played like a team who meant business and brought home a win in the clutch. Great job, **Cowboys!**

"Dear" **John Culligan** and **Tim "Wit" McCoy** were each 3-4 with two RBI, "Sham" **Rock McCoy** was 1-2 with two walks and **Tim "White on" Rice** was 0-1 with two walks.

"Can I Get an Amen!"

Jets, George Pierce, 10/13/15, 10:00pm

With everybody in the division looking up at the 5-0 **Hammerheads**, the **Jets** were in a large pack, jockeying for second place. We were 2-3, our three losses coming at the hands of the **Hammerheads**, **Team Eddie** and **Hammerheads**, again. Tuesday night we played **Team Eddie** again.

Team Eddie is a new team, young guys, athletic, probably played baseball back in the day, but kind of green when it comes to Softball. They had beaten us the second week of the season, dropping us to 0-2, before our rebuilt team had had a chance to gel. After wins over **Jaamarti** and the **Men of McKendree** we'd been ready to see how we looked against the **Hammerheads** and we had looked pretty good in a late inning loss. Now **Team Eddie** was in our sights and we felt pretty good about our chances.

We felt less good about **Alan Hooper**, who showed up very late for a 10:00 game. No excuse for blowing the half hour for a late game, guys.

We were ready to go when we hit the field first as Home team and quickly dropped a donut on **Team Eddie** in the first inning. We started our half of one with a pair of base hits and a fly-out, then **Chris "Clive" Barker** stroked a double, both runners scored and we led 2-0! A single brought home a third run and a single and walk loaded the bags. We went up 4-0 on a fielder's-choice then **Jason "Voorhees" Tyler** singled home a two-out run before a fielder's-choice ended the first inning.



We dropped **Team Eddie** in the second inning and still led 5-0 when we batted in the bottom of two. We plated a pair of one-out runs before a double-play ended the inning, but we'd increased our lead to 7-0. We scored the only run in the third inning, on a base loaded fly-out and led 8-0 after three.

Team Eddie got off the mat in the fourth, but we limited them to one run. We answered their lone run with a three spot, the final run scoring on a two-out single from **Rocky "Horror" McCoy**, and led 11-1 after four. **Team Eddie** may or may not have known that they needed to score at least one run in the top of the fifth to make us bat again and keep the game alive, but they definitely bowed up and hit the ball in the fifth. We might have help a tiny bit, but mostly they hit the ball where we weren't and scored five runs to take a big bite out of our lead, 11-6. We did some hitting of our own in the bottom of five. Seven straight **Jets** went to the plate and reached base. We scored four runs and had the bases juiced with nobody out when **Andrew Hess** stepped into the batter's box with the **Jets** leading 15-6, one run away from a skunk. **Team Eddie** pulled in their outfield for the desperate throw home and all Andrew needed was a fairly deep fly ball. **The Cowboys** would have had that covered that Tuesday. Andrew busted a mile high fly off the LF fence, *thump*, a run trotted home and we won the game, by run-rule, 16-6!

Run rule	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Team Eddie	0	0	0	1	5	-	-	6
Jets	5	2	1	3	5	-	-	16



This hastily rebuilt **Jets** team is really starting to come into focus and I like what I'm seeing. We hit the ball as a group and we field like a team. We were tearing up our opponent and when they finally put a crooked number on the board, we answered theirs with one of our own and sent 'em home early. Nice game, **Jets!**

Chris "Darker than" Barker was 4-4 with five RBI, "Punk" **Rock McCoy** ** was 2-2 with a walk and a rib and **Jason Tyler "Durden"** was 2-2 with a walk and a ribbie.

** this particular nickname courtesy of Tim McCoy

"Flush it before you Smell it in the Kitchen."

Motörhead, Bethesda, 10/14/15, 6:30pm

For the second time on two days, one of our teams played **Royal Flush**. Though the **Dirty Dozen** had first met this team in Spring 2015, compiling a 1-2 record, **Motörhead** had been playing them since Summer 2012. Wednesday evening would mark the nineteenth time that **Motörhead** would play them and we had, shall we say, a substantially better record against them than did the **Dirty Dozen**.

We came charging out of the gate, as Visitors, hitting the ball. We started the game with a single and a fielder's-choice, then went up 1-0 on a base hit from "Kid" **Rock McCoy** **. A fly-out and single left us with two men on and two men down then the clutch hitting kicked in. **Andrew "Unleaded" Hess** doubled in a run to make it 2-0 then **Guarionex "gmail" Montano** doubled for two more and our lead doubled to 4-0. "Sweet Child in" **Tim McCoy** added a final run, ahead of a line-out and we led 5-0. **Royal Flush** had an answer for our five spot, but in the form of three runs, so we led 5-3 after the first act.



We scored two in the second inning, on a two-out double from **Brad "Little Nail" Mace** and scored two more in the third, while throwing donuts at **Royal Flush**, so we led 9-3 after three. We scored two more in the fourth inning, while holding **Royal Flush** to one in the inning and now led 11-3 after four and we were rolling.

Our bubble burst, offensively in the top of the fifth as we had a goose egg. That other bubble burst, the defensive one, in the bottom of the inning. **Royal Flush** started with a couple of good hits and they had a few more in the rest of the inning, but we gave them four or five outs and bobbed for some extra bases and they scored ten runs on us to take a 14-11 lead.

There were enough ticks left on the clock to make a big dog sick, so we had one more inning left. **Motörhead** is nothing if not resilient as proven by the failures and rebounds we've experienced this season alone. We got busy on that three run deficit. We started with a pair of base hits and scored a run on a fly-out to cut that lead to 14-12. A single put a man on second and another base hit made it 14-13. A walk loaded the bags and a fly-out made it 14-14, but a fielder's-choice ended the top of what we now hoped would not be the last inning. **Royal Flush** got a couple of quick hits in the

bottom of the sixth and had men on second and third with one down, so we walked the next batter and brought in the outfielder for a throw to the plate. The next batter hit a grounder to third and the throw to the plate gave us two down, but a surprise throw back to 1B was well late and too high. The ball tipped off the mitt of the jumping first baseman and dropped into short RF. The runner on third scored and we lost the game, 15-14.

Time limit	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Motörhead	5	2	2	2	0	3	-	14
Royal Flush	3	0	0	1	10	1	-	15

Our defense let us down, no ifs and or buts, Wednesday evening and **Motörhead** lost to **Royal Flush** for the first time after amassing a record of 18-0, a McCoy Softball record for initial dominance over one opponent without a loss. You can't kick our bats, as we scored fourteen runs in six innings, though we did have one donut and left ten guys on base. Our glaring problem was our defense and it wasn't just that last play that sunk us. We fell apart in the fifth inning and let ten plumbers cross the plate. It makes you want to pull your hair out. Nasty loss, **Motörhead**.



Guarionex "Butte" **Montano** was 4-4 with three RBI and **Rock** "atansky" **McCoy** was 4-4 with a rib. "You Named Your Car" **Brad Mace** was 3-4 with three ribbies, "Wasting" **Tim McCoy** was 2-3 with a walk and an RBI and **Michael Tejada** "Do What He Hadda Do" was 1-2 with a walk.

** this particular nickname courtesy of Tim McCoy

*** this particular nickname courtesy of Gregg Brooke

"Bobble and Throw, Boys!"

Smoke on the Water, Bethesda, 10/14/15, 8:30pm

Smoke on the Water was playing the **Ball Busters** for a second time. They beat us 11-6 the second game of the season and we hoped to get even with them. We had beaten the front running **Sons of Pitches** two games ago, but had lost to **Smash & Dash** the last game.

We were Home team and took the field long enough to feed the **Ball Busters** a donut. We led off with a "Scary" **Larry Civelli** triple then **Rock** "Lobster" **McCoy** ** drove in the first run of the ball game, 1-0. After a fly-out and single, a fielder's-choice and line-out ended the inning. We scored the only run in the second inning when **Dave** "King" **Fisher** singled home a two-out run and we led 2-0 after two.



The **Ball Busters** found their sticks in the third inning and dropped a big ol' six spot on us. We alternated outs with hits in the third, but failed to score and trailed 6-2 after three. Nobody touched the plate in the fourth inning, still 6-2.

The **Ball Busters** put up three runs in the top of the fifth, trying to run away, leading 9-2. We answered with two, the last run on a two-out single from "Hurricane" **Andrew Hess**, closing the gap to 9-4. We made a lot of errors in the top of the sixth and the **Ball Busters** exploited us, this time scoring five runs to lead us 14-4. We led off our half of six with a triple from **Steven** "Glass is Half" **Fulmer**. A ground-out scored Steven to make it 14-5 and a walk followed. After a fielder's-choice, **Jason Tyler** made an intentional out with just seconds left on the clock and we had one more inning to right the ship.



We made some defensive changes and this time held the **Ball Busters** to two runs in the top of the seventh inning. We were now down 16-5 and had quite a hill to climb. We led off the final inning with a single then **Larry Civelli** "War" tripled again and the score stood at 16-6. A single plated Larry and a double plated the guy who'd plated Larry. Anyway, the score now stood at 16-8. A ground-out moved the runner to third and a fly-out scored him, but now we had two down. A double put one in scoring position and a single put them on the corners, but a ground-out ended the inning and the game and we lost, 16-9.

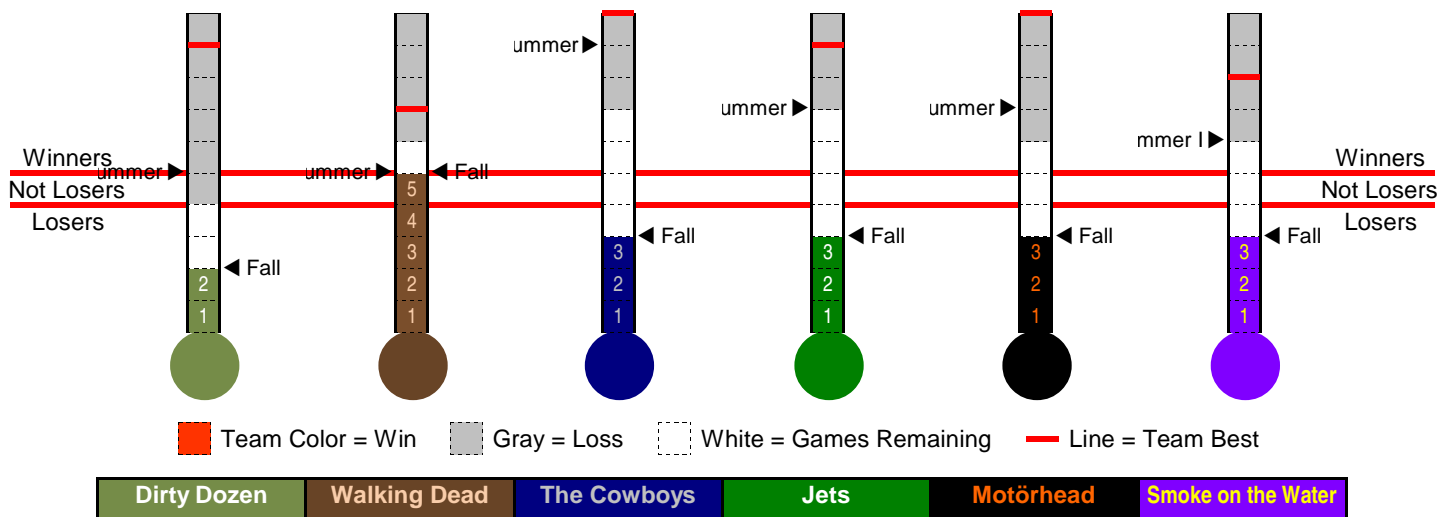
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Ball Busters	0	0	6	0	3	5	2	16
Smoke on the Water	1	1	0	0	2	1	4	9

We gave up a lot of easy runs, but don't kick us too hard. We are a team mixed with veterans and rookies and we're going to make mistakes and learn on the job. Though we made a lot of errors, they were not mental errors for the most part. Again, we are a defense that is growing and learning. Our hitting is concerning, however. We scored only two runs in the first four innings and just three in the fifth and sixth. We really should have been hitting with the **Ball Busters**, who definitely have some holes if we hit the ball at them. I was very pleased the way we rallied in the last inning, but I wish the score had been closer before the rally started. Tough loss, **Smoke on the Water**.

Rocky "Tiki Tavi" **McCoy** *** was 3-4 with two RBI, **Larry** "The Barber of" **Civelli** was 3-4 with a rib and **Dave Fisher** "of Men" was 2-3 with a ribbie.

** this particular nickname courtesy of Russell Ray

*** this particular nickname courtesy of Liz Britt



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“When in doubt, come on out.”

Monday 10/19/15 at Bethesda Community Park - Fall 2015

WD 6:30 - 8V vs. The Hammy's

DZ 7:30 - 9H vs. The Latinos

Tuesday 10/20/15 at George Pierce Park - Fall 2015

CB 7:00 - 1V vs. The Big E

JM 8:00 - 1H vs. Jaamarti

Wednesday 10/21/15 at Bethesda Community Park - Fall 2015

MH 8:30 - 10H vs. Those Guys

SW 9:30 - 10V vs. ImagineAir Flyers

Monday 10/26/15 at Bethesda Community Park - Fall 2015

DZ 6:30 - 10V vs. The Shockers

Tuesday 10/27/15 at George Pierce Park - Fall 2015

CB 8:00 - 2V vs. Sage Sluggers

JM 9:00 - 2V vs. Men of McKendree

Wednesday 10/28/15 at Bethesda Community Park - Fall 2015

MH 6:30 - 8H vs. What?

SW 8:30 - 8H vs. The Tribe

Tuesday 11/3/15 at George Pierce Park - Fall 2015

JM 9:00 - 1V vs. Acura Carland

CB 10:00 - 1V vs. Caught Looking

Wednesday 11/4/15 at Bethesda Community Park - Fall 2015

SW 8:30 - 8H vs. Sons of Pitches

MH 9:30 - 8H vs. Wild Wing Bar & Grill

Tuesday 11/10/15 at George Pierce Park - Fall 2015

CB 7:00 - 2H vs. Bombers (makeup from 9/29/15)










JM 9:00 - 2H vs. Acura Carland (makeup from 9/29/15)



Standings & Scouting Reports – Fall 2015

Bold Italics = Our team. **Normal Brown Italics** = Our next opponent, **PST** = Post Season Tournament. **TBD** = To Be Determined. Asterisks after an opponent's name represents 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.

Bethesda Park Teams

Monday - Bethesda		
Men's - No Homers, No Steals		
No Spring PST		
	Bull's Eye	8-0
	Dropped Balls **	7-2
	The Shockers **	5-3
	Cool Breeze	4-5
	Sandlot Reloaded	3-4
	Calloway Title	3-4
	<i>The Latinos</i>	2-6
	Royal Flush	2-6
	Dirty Dozen	2-6

overall record
0-1
3-6
1-3
6-0
0-1
3-0
0-0 ←
1-2
n/a

The **Dirty Dozen** play the **Latinos** next.

These guys are 2-6 along with us and have only beaten **Callaway Title** and **Royal Flush**. We, on the other hand, have only defeated **Callaway Title** and **Cool Breeze**.

We can beat these, guys, but we're going to have to hit the ball. We usually have trouble scoring runs on the **Latinos**, but they don't usually put up a lot of runs on us, either.

The team who hits the best will win this one.

Monday - Bethesda		
Men's - No Homers, No Steals		
No Spring PST		
	Batmen **	8-1
	DUCK! **	7-2
	Bears **	5-4
	Walking Dead	5-4
	Dirty Ducks	5-4
	<i>The Hammy's</i>	3-6
	ATLiens	3-6
	Road Dawgs	0-9

overall record
2-3
9-4
4-5
0-0
10-3
0-0 ←
1-0
1-0

The **Walking Dead** play **The Hammy's** next.

The first and only time one of our teams played **The Hammy's** was on 9/16/14 and **The Cowboys** won the game 14-4. They were serious contenders in the Fall 2014, but they wound up in third place, behind **The Cowboys** and **Bombers**.

They tend to hit the ball okay, but their defense has holes. We can score some runs on these boys.

This is the last game for the **Walking Dead** in 2015, so let's end on a good note!



Wednesday - Bethesda		
Men's - No Homers, No Steals		
No Spring PST		
	Motley Crew **	5-2
	What? **	4-3
	Wild Wing **	3-4
	<i>Those Guys</i> **	3-4
	Royal Flush **	3-4
	Motörhead	3-4

overall record
13-5
0-1
0-0
1-0 ←
18-1
0-0

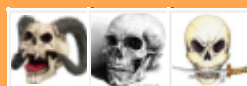
Motörhead plays **Those Guys** next.

We beat them 17-1 the first game of the season, but don't expect us to waffle them like that again. They'll want a little payback.

We're in a four team mess of 3-4 teams with **What?** at 4-3 and **Motley Crew** at 5-2. If we win out and beat **What?** by four or more runs, we'll take them down, but our shot at **Motley Crew** is a slim one.

If **Motley Crew** wins one more game, they'll eliminate us. Even if we win out, we'll be 6-4, but **Motley Crew** owns the tiebreaker. **What?** is squarely in our sights, however.

We can't let that crap finish ahead of us.



**Wednesdays - Bethesda
Men's - No Homers, No Steals**

Sons of Pitches **	6-1
Ball Busters **	4-3
Smash & Dash **	4-3
The Tribe **	4-3
Smoke on the Water	3-4
<i>ImagineAir Flyers</i> **	0-7

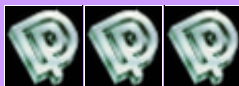
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Smoke on the Water plays the **ImagineAir Flyers** next.

We smoked this team (pun intended) the first time we played them and I like to think we'll do it again, but our hitting is going to have to show up.

We haven't hit like we might of late, so let's get off the deck and destroy this next opponent with a brilliant display of fireworks.

Hit the ball, guys!!



George Pierce Park Teams

**Tuesday - George Pierce
Men's - No Homers, No Steals
No Spring PST**

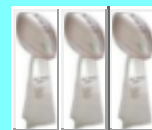
<i>The Big E</i>	5-1
Red Devils	4-2
Caught Looking **	4-2
Bombers	4-2
Wolverton Wolverines	3-3
The Cowboys	3-3
Scared Hitless	3-3
One Bad Inning	3-3
Swift Machines	1-5
Sage Sluggers	0-6

overall record
0-0 ←
2-1
3-1
2-3
2-1
0-0
6-3
2-4
4-3
2-0

The Cowboys play **The Big E** next.

We know nothing about this team. They're new as far as the team name goes anyway. They're sitting on top of the standings with only one loss to **Scared Hitless**, who are 3-3.

When we play an unknown team we have to assume they're a good team. At 5-1, I think we can safely assume they're at least pretty good. Good hitting will beat anybody, though, so let's stroke the ball and bring this one in!



**Thursday - George Pierce
Men's - No Homers, No Steals
No Spring PST**

Hammerheads **	6-0
Jets	3-3
Team Eddie **	3-3
Men of McKendree **	2-4
<i>Jaamarti</i> **	2-4
Acura Carland **	2-4

overall record
4-13
0-0
1-1
1-0
5-1 ←
0-0

The **Jets** play **Jaamarti** next.

We beat them 12-10 in the third game of this season and we can do it again if we keep hitting. We also made some good plays knocking off over aggressive base runners. We need to watch for that wild running. It's something they like to do, so make your plays nice a sharp to keep the errors down.



The DL



Russell Ray had another shoulder surgery recently, in a long string of surgeries. Russ last played on 4/22/13.

We miss ya, #28!



Nels Anderson injured a rotator cuff and may need surgery. Either way, he'll be missing all of Fall 2015.

Hang in there, #2!



Kyle Jones will be missing the Fall season with a shoulder injury.

We'll miss ya, #3!



Andy Matz has a sore shoulder, that he separated in Fall 2014, and has been out since 8/4. He's day-to-day right now.

Hang in there, #44!



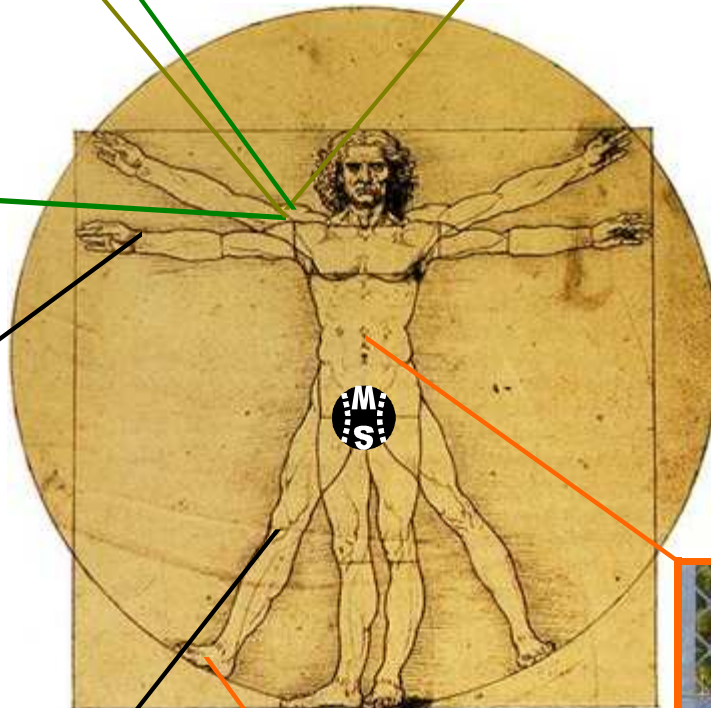
Josh Carper is still out, rehabbing from his last wrist surgery.

Hang in there, #17!



Jay Thornton injured a patellar tendon and has to shut it down for the rest of 2015. He was going to have to miss the Fall season, but had to go on the DL right after his games on 7/13.

See ya in 2016, #24!



Jawsh Franklin played a *Motörhead* game on 10/14.

Good to have you back, #2!



Kelvin Rachu had a stomach problem that had him in the hospital and he missed his *Jets* game.

Glad you're back, #10!

Birthdays & Batting Titlists

October Birthdays

ROGERS, JASON	10/1
SHREVE, STEVE	10/2
NORTON, DAWN	10/4
BINDER, DEAN	10/5
MCCORD, KYLIE	10/5
NGUYEN, DIEP	10/5
UMPHENOUR, DARIN	10/5
BRUMLEY, DENISE	10/6
COVAULT, DAN	10/6
WHEELER, DENA	10/8
HERMAN, MATT	10/9
MARQUEZ, DAVID	10/10
AHMED, AMMAR	10/11
SETZER, PHIL	10/11
SUGGS, STEVEN	10/11
SHEA, SHERYL	10/14
ORTIZ, JHONATAN	10/17
SPIVEY, HEATHER	10/17
ZIENKO, LAURIE	10/17
GONZALEZ, XAVIER	10/19
KOPSHO, MAX	10/20
ANDERSON, NELS	10/22
JONES, WAYLON	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
GREENWOOD, NICHOLAS	10/31
QUIGLEY, LOGAN	10/31
SHUMAKER, MICHAEL	10/31
WRIGHT, BOBBY	10/31

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John Culligan 0.800

Tim McCoy 0.667



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Brett Shumaker 0.667

Larry Civelli 0.633



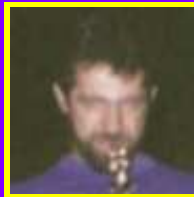
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Andrew Hess 0.613



Norman S. Mapp, Jr. 0.613

Tim McCoy 0.611



Taylor McCauley 0.611

Tim McCoy, Jay Thornton 0.533



David Marquez 0.586

Kelvin Rachu 0.583

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Bat Certification Testing



From now on Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation will use a new procedure for certifying Softball bats used at Bethesda, George Pierce and Best Friend Parks.

Before a bat can be used in a game it must be tested to verify that it conforms to ASA guidelines regarding compression.

It's a simple test. The barrel of the bat is placed into a fixture to steady the bat and position it at the proper location on the barrel. The handle rests on a pad to hold the bat level. A gauge with a dial is screwed down onto the barrel of the bat. This does not damage the bat and only takes 20-30 seconds.

If the reading on the dial shows a legal bat then the person testing the bat will affix an orange sticker (pictured on the left) just above the tape on the handle.

If a bat fails, it's no problem, but no sticker, either.

To use a bat in a Gwinnett park you need the sticker, regardless of the manufacturer's stamp, or list of bats on a website, or a note from your Mom or the Pope, or any other form of verification. No sticker, no bat.

Bat testing will begin before the first game every night and end sometime before the first game starts. Bats may also be tested at the GCPR office during regular business hours as long as you make an appointment.

Any player using an illegal (non stickered) bat will be called out. If a player steps in the batter's box with a non certified bat, he's called out. If he gets a hit with that bat and somebody notices after the fact, he's out.

All bats must be tested before the first game of every new season.