

The Sports Page

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Jets Entertain Springfield

The Jets, Lucky Shoals, 10/17/03, 9:00pm

Friday night **The Jets** played the **Springfield Isotopes** for the ninth time. We first played them in Summer 2002 and beat them 14-1 and 35-1 that season and never looked back. We won the next six meetings and over those first eight games produced an average score of 23-3 over **Springfield**. They're a great bunch of people who want to learn to play ball and win some games, but they always wind up at or near the bottom of the standings and keep showing up for more.

Our win the previous week made us 7-0. **With Ourselves** lost to **ViaSat** right before our game that night and dropped to 5-2, while **ViaSat** jumped to 4-3. **That Other Team** beat **Springfield** after we left the park and climbed to 4-3, too. **Springfield** and the **Recall Protectors** were way out of the running. We knew that a win Friday night would make us 8-0 and blow **ViaSat** and **TOT** out of the running, but **With Ourselves** was still alive and we played them again the last week of the season, so there was still an outside shot that they could overtake us.

When we got to the park Friday for our 9:00 game the place was nearly empty and there were no other teams in the parking lot or on the field. It had been raining earlier that afternoon and it made us wonder. When I got to the field and talked to the field manager I found out that **With Ourselves** had called in their customary late season forfeit earlier in the week and **That Other Team** had, too, so **Recall** beat **With** at 7:00 and **ViaSat** beat **TOT** at 8:00. **With Ourselves** and **ViaSat** now stood at 5-3 before our game and **That Other Team** was 4-4 and out of the running. So, if we won our game Friday night, against a team that we usually beat by twenty runs and who'd never beaten us, we would clinch First Place.

We won the coin toss and were Home Team, for the fifth time in eight games, and took the field. We held Springfield to a hoola-hoop in the first and got three in the bottom of the first to go up 3-0. **Amy** "Pure Prairie" **Parham** drove in the first run when she doubled home a leadoff double, 1-0, and we got two more one singles and doubles. We hung another hoop on the Isotopes in the second and got a fourth run in the bottom of two when **Jeff** "J-Dub" **Whitley** smacked a leadoff, inside-the-park homer!

In the top of the third Springfield did what they had only done twice in nine games against us: they took the lead. The other time they took the lead on us was the last time we played them. They put six on the board in the top of the first inning, but we responded with 17 in the bottom of the first and went on to win 27-7 in a three inning run-rule. This time they put eight on the board to lead 8-4 and it was the same kind of inning as in the previous contest as they dinked and dunked us. We came roaring back for three quick runs, with one down, in the bottom of the third to draw to within one run, 8-7, then **Darlene** "Wrecking" **Crews** ** singled home a run to tie the game, 8-8! The next two Jets singled and walked to load the bases then **Dave** "the Hammer" **Kyle** shot a single to left, two runs scored and we led 10-8! A single loaded the bases again, then **Tom** "Frequent" **Frier** unloaded them with a triple and we led 13-8! A single made it 14-8, then **Tim** "ber!" **McCoy** ripped an inside-the-park homer and the lead ballooned to 16-8! A line-out and fly-out ended the inning, but not before we'd scored twelve runs, to answer our opponent's eight. We batted fifteen times in the inning and **Tim McCoy** was on base twice with a walk and a homer.

After the offensive explosions in the third inning, neither team scored in the fourth. In the fifth we hung a donut on Springfield and got busy again in the bottom of five. After a leadoff single, **Dave** "Grandma" **Kyle** struck again, this time for a triple, 17-8, and a single made it 18-8 and the single tried for a double! The LF picked up the ball after a couple of bobbles, looked at our runner heading for second, rubbed his eyes, looked at the scoreboard and back to their dugout and threw a rainbow over second! The ball rolled past the second baseman, so she chased it into shallow RF. She talked it over with the right-fielder and they did rock-paper-scissors to decide which of them should go cover the bag. The second baseman came up with paper, but RF had scissors, so she had to take the ball back to second. When she got to the bag she took off her left shoe, removed a pebble and retied her shoe. Then she retied her other shoe, set up at the second base bag and waited... and waited...and tagged our runner out three feet from the bag. A double came next, then a single. The game clock beeped its demise and we won the game 18-8 clinching First Place!!!

Time limit	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Springfield Isotopes	0	0	8	0	0	-	-	8
The Jets	3	1	12	0	2	-	-	18

Any time we come from behind against anybody to win a game by ten runs and clinch First Place in only the eighth week of the season, it was a great game! We played nice defense that game and hit the ball well when Springfield took the lead. We were kind of anemic other than the third inning, but we'll take it. Good job, **Jets**, and **Congratulations!!!**

Tom Frier "& Ice" was 4-4 with three RBI, **Tim** "MAY!" **McCoy** was 2-2 with a walk and two ribs and "Uncle" **Sammie Kirkland** was 1-1 with a pair of walks. Most of the rest were 2-3.

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

It was great play with **Dave Kyle** again Friday! He had to give up his spot for his job, but he was subbing Friday and it seemed like old time again! Hope you can make some more of those late games, Dave!!

Tundraball is Nigh

Night - Park	???day – Bethesda	???day – George Pierce (hopefully)	???day – Bethesda
Team - Fee	<i>Dirty Dozen</i> - \$35	<i>The Cowboys</i> - \$35	<i>The Jets</i> - \$35
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 don't know the nights yet, but ***The Jets*** and ***Dirty Dozen*** have been playing on Mondays at Bethesda the last few Winters and we'll try to get ***The Cowboys*** in at George Pierce again. That could wind up being on any night of the week. It's \$35, so hit Tim with a check to reserve your spot as soon as you can.

Don't Forget

Mixed Nuts, Lanford, 10/23/03, PST

Thursday night the ***Mixed Nuts*** will play in the Post Season Tournament. It's a single-elimination tourney, meaning that teams go home as soon as they lose one game. Since we finished First in our seven team division, we get a bye in the first round. Our first game will be at **7:35** on **Field 2** against the winner of ***Briarlake*** and ***St. Edwards***. The winner of that game will play ***Embry Hills***, ***Atlanta Connection***, ***Calvary*** or ***Loose Change*** for the Championship. That game will be at **9:45** on **Field 2**.

So, the only games we can possibly play on **Thursday 10/23** are at **7:35 and 9:45**, both on **Field 2**.

If you cannot make the games on 10/23, call Tim as soon as possible at (770) 409-0537, so he can get a sun for you.

Page down for an itty-bitty bracket for the PST.

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.”

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

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Be
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at
least
30
minutes
before
game
time.

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 7:35 - 2 vs. Winner of **Briarlake** and **St. Edwards**
MN 9:45 - 2 vs. Winner of **Embry Hills, Atlanta Connection, Calvary** and **Loose Change**

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

Wednesday 11/12/03 at George Pierce Park - Between Seasons
CB No Games

Thursday 11/13/03 at Lanford Park - Between Seasons
MN No Games

Friday 11/14/03 at Lucky Shoals Park - Between Seasons
JT No Games

Monday 11/17/03 at Bethesda Community Park - Between Seasons
JT No Games

Wednesday 11/19/03 at George Pierce Park - Between Seasons
CB No Games

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The current MegaSchedule can be found at: <http://userwww.service.emory.edu/~dmcco01/Softball>

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	5-1	8-3
<i>Dirty Dozen</i>	5-1	n/a
<i>Bass Pro</i> +12	4-2	2-0
Edy's	3-2	-
Strike Team * +1	3-3	10-4
DSGB * +17	2-4	2-0
The Dead Lois' +12	0-4	1-0
Lazy Dogs +4	0-5	5-1

Teams with a * we play twice

The ***Dirty Dozen*** plays ***Edy's*** next. They are 3-2 and may be 4-2, having beaten the ***Lazy Dogs***, ***Strike Team***, ***DSGB*** and probably ***The Dead Lois'***, but I don't have confirmation on that. Their only losses were to ***Bass Pro*** and ***Luby's***. This is a pretty good team and we have to play ball to beat 'em.

After ***Edy's*** we play ***Luby's*** for the division lead, so don't take ***Edy's*** for granted. Play it like we're playing ***Luby's*** two weeks in a row.

Began on 8/27/03

Wednesday - George Pierce Men's - Equalizer		overall record
No PST for Fall season		
Injoy -3	6-1	0-1
Derby #10 * -15	5-2	1-1
<i>The Cowboys</i>	5-3	n/a
<i>Godfathers</i> * +12	4-3	1-0
B.O.B. * -12	5-3	0-1
Tru Green + 16	3-3	1-0
Sharon Walk +18	1-7	1-0
GMC Scrubs +13	0-7	1-0

Teams with a * we play twice

Teams with shaded records are eliminated

The Cowboys play the ***Godfathers*** next. We beat them by a lot of runs back on 9/3, but they've been playing a lot better since then. Don't let up, guys!

Began on 8/14/03

Thursday - Lanford Coed - Equalizer		overall record
All teams play in PST		
<i>Mixed Nuts</i>	9-1	n/a
Embry Hills +4	9-1	1-0
Atlanta Connection +3	6-3	1-0
St. Edwards * +9	5-5	1-1
Briarlake Baptist * +19	3-6	2-0
Calvary +9	1-9	1-0
Loose Change ** +47	1-9	3-0

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Teams with shaded records are eliminated

The ***Mixed Nuts*** play either ***Briarlake*** or ***St. Edwards*** next. Those two teams will play each other in the first round of the Post Season Tournament to see who plays the ***Mixed Nuts***. Since we're the top seed PST, we have the only bye.

The PST is single-elimination, so if a team loses, they go home. The whole thing will start and this **Thursday, 10/23/03**. Our first game is at **7:35** on **Field 2**. Our only other game will be at 9:45 on Field 2. We're used to 9:45 game, so we'll be ready for that one.

Began on 8/29/03

Friday - Lucky Shoals Coed - No Homeruns		overall record
No PST for Fall season		
<i>The Jets</i>	8-0	n/a
With Ourselves +11	5-3	19-4
<i>ViaSat</i> +11	5-3	3-0
That Other Team +21	4-4	5-1
Springfield Isotopes +30	1-7	9-0
Recall Protectors +36	1-7	3-0

Each team plays the others once.

Teams with shaded records are eliminated

The Jets play ***ViaSat*** next. We beat them twice last Winter, then beat them earlier this season in one of the weirdest games in ***Jets*** history. The box score say it all.

2 Extra innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
The Jets	3	0	0	0	0	11	0	11	25
ViaSat	0	2	2	6	1	3	0	0	14

That game was way too exciting and it gave ***ViaSat*** the idea that they can hang with us.

They can't.



We need to beat 'em down Friday and put up 25 runs in four or five innings this time. Last time we underestimated them and were flat offensively. This time neither will be the case.

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 10/16 or the PST on 10/23. Hang in there, #77!

Billboard

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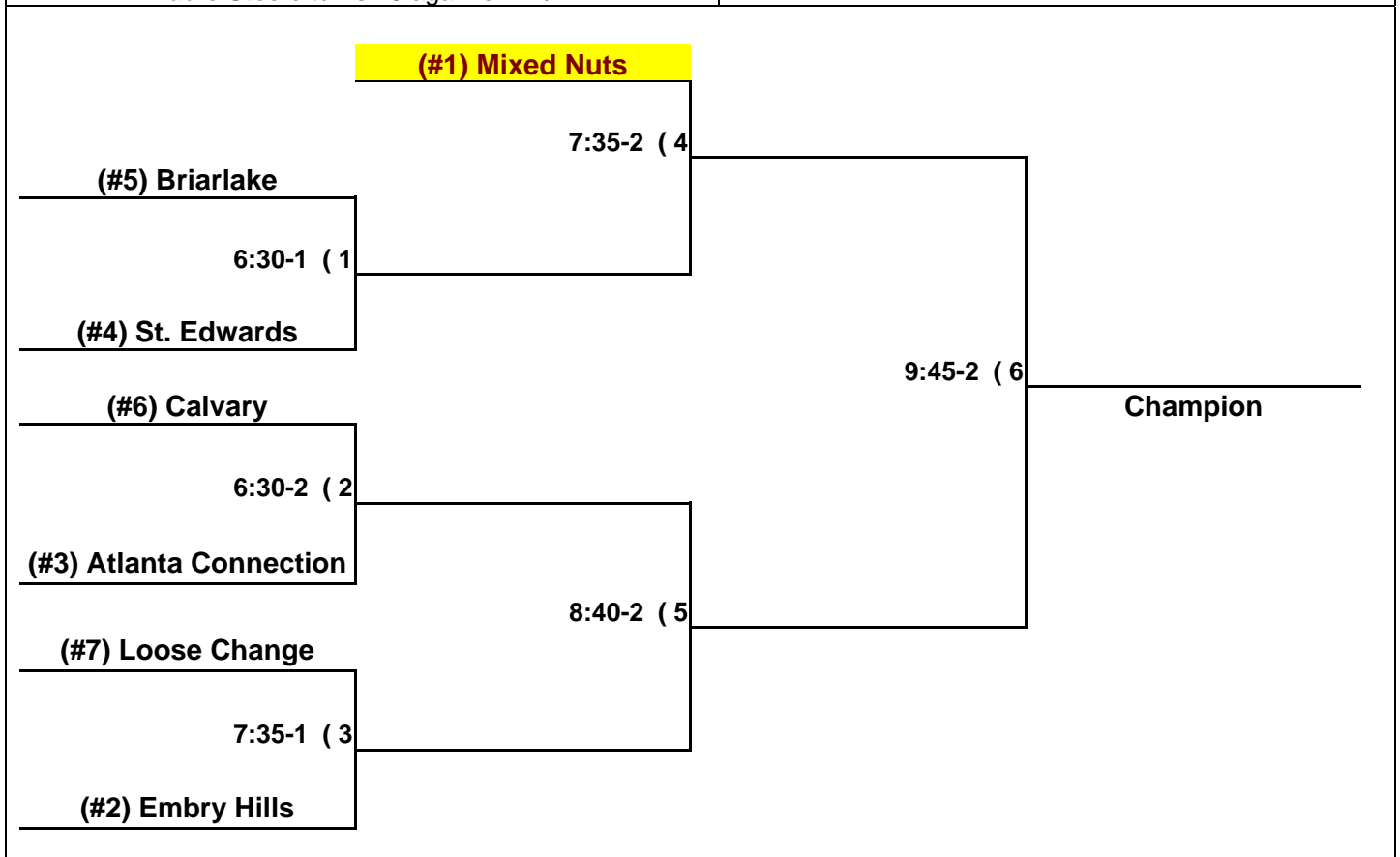
Congratulations, Fall 2003 Batting Titleists!					
	<u>Dirty Dozen</u>	<u>The Cowboys</u>	<u>Mixed Nuts</u>	<u>The Jets</u>	
			Tim McCoy 0.824		
			Amy Parham 0.706		

Upcoming Birthdays

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.
Mike Dennis draws his pension on 11/3.
Deanna McCoy parties on 11/7.
Eddie Steele turns 29 again on 11/7.

POP QUIZ

What is a **TKO** in Softball?
 Who named it?
 Why do we call it that?
 (Told ya there'd be a quiz...)



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