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Winter 2002 begins the week of 12/2/02. We plan to get **The Jets** and **Dirty Dozen** in at Bethesda again and (Cross yer fingers!) we hope to get **The Cowboys** in at George Pierce as well. We won't know which day, or days, we'll be playing until we go to the Manager's Meeting soon.

WOW!

Check out the **Division Records** sections at: <http://userwww.service.emory.edu/~dmcco01/Softball/Stats/2002/> and click on a team.

The Jets, Lucky Shoals, 10/18/02, 7:00pm

Friday night **The Jets** faced the **Springfield Isotopes** for the third time ever and first time in Fall 2002. The other times we played **The Jets** won 35-1 and 22-1, so we expected an easy one, despite the fact that **Springfield** has improved this season. We lost the coin toss and **Springfield** chose Home Team, despite the umpire's advice.

We started where we left off the last time we played Springfield as we put the first two Jets aboard with a single and a double and "Loud" **Howard Mathis** busted a double for the first lead. Two singles made it 3-0, then **Tim "MAY!" McCoy** followed that with a triple and we led 5-0! A single made it 6-0, but a line-out gave us two down. A double kept us going, then **Rocky "Mountain" McCoy** tripled for a pair, 8-0, and **Ruby "Red" Richardson** singled with two down for the last run of the inning. We batted fourteen times in the inning, scoring nine runs to start off on the right foot. We handed Springfield a donut.

We kept right on going in the second inning. A one-out double preceded "Ready" **Freddy Allen's** inside-the-park homer, 11-0, and the next three Jets loaded the bases. A double and fly-out, made it 13-0, then **Rocky "Top" McCoy** ended the scoring with a two-out, two-run single, 15-0. We handed Springfield a donut.

We led off with a pair of singles in the third, then a fly-out made it 16-0 and a ground-out gave us two down for **Freddy "Sanford" Allen**, who tripled for a run and we led 17-0. **Dee Dee "I Fought the Law and the" Lawson** ** delivered a two-out run with a single, 18-0, then **Tim "ber!" McCoy** hit a two-run round tripper to end the scoring and the scoreboard said 0-0. Our opponent needed a run to earn another inning, but... we handed Springfield a donut.

Run rule	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
The Jets	9	6	5	-	-	-	-	20
Springfield Isotopes	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	0

Okay, so **Springfield** isn't a great team, but they are better than last season. They played a lot better "D" than they played last season, but we hit the ball very well and piled up a lot of runs. Obviously, our defense was rock solid and we snagged a lot of their good hits for outs.

Tim "tation Island" McCoy was 3-3 with four RBI, **Freddy "Flintstone" Allen** was 3-3 with three, while **Carolyn "Pepè" LaRue** was 2-2 with a walk and a rib and "Kid" **Rock McCoy** *** was 2-2 with four ribbies.

** this nickname courtesy of Gregg Brooke

*** this nickname courtesy of Tim McCoy

The Jets, Lucky Shoals, 10/19/02, 11:00am

Saturday morning **The Jets** played a rain makeup against the team we'd just played the night before: the **Springfield Isotopes**. The game had been rained out way back on 9/13. Since we'd beaten the 'Topes 20-0 the previous evening and 77-2 in all three games, we felt pretty confident about our chances. We lost the coin flip and were Visitors again.

We got two singles and two outs in the top of the first inning, then **Tom "Burning Ring of" Frier** stroked a double and we took a 2-0 lead. **Carolyn "23" LaRue** singled to make it 3-0 and, a single later, **Julie "A Streetcar Named" Desmelik** drove in a two-out RBI with a single to end the scoring, 4-0. We handed Springfield a donut.

We got five more runs in the second inning, 9-0, highlighted by a one-out, three-run, inside-the-park homer from **Tim "& Space" McCoy**. We handed Springfield a donut. We got a run in the third, on a single and a double, 10-0, and handed Springfield a, er, French fry to make it 10-1. Neither team scored in the fourth inning, despite a leadoff triple from **Howard "Curtis" Mathis** **. (Ya gotta hit 'em a long way to score some runners.)

We posted four more runs in the fifth, on back-to-back, two-run doubles and led 14-1 with the clock dead. The Isotopes needed two runs to stay alive in the bottom of the fifth, but we handed Springfield a donut and won 14-1.

Run rule	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
The Jets	4	5	1	0	4	-	-	14
Springfield Isotopes	0	0	1	0	0	-	-	1

Well, we didn't hit very well, overall, but we did string together a few decent rallies. Our defense was on the money all game, though we were challenged all that much. Give the **Springfield Isotopes** credit. They don't whine and complain and get mad. They keep showing up with players to spare, even on a Saturday morning facing the team that had beaten the three times by a combined score of 77-2. They want to win, but they smile and keep showing up and learning, even when the odds are against them. You guys remember a helpless little team called **With Ourselves** a few years ago...?

"4th of" **Julie Desmelik** was 3-3 with four RBI, "Time After" **Tim McCoy** was 3-3 with three and **Freddy Allen** "Wrench" was 3-3 with two ribs, while **Howard Mathis** "Dairies" was 2-2, too.

** this nickname courtesy of Tim McCoy

Mixed Nuts, Lucky Shoals, 10/19/02, 2:00pm

Saturday afternoon the **Mixed Nuts** played **TBS**, a team we'd played once way back in early Summer 2002. Strangely enough, we played them in a Saturday rain makeup and we won 10-3. They won seven or eight games in Summer 2002 and were sitting at 6-1 before our game Saturday. Their only loss had been to **Massey**, a very good team that we'd beaten twice. We lost the coin toss and were Visitors.

We hit in the first inning as if we were playing the Isotopes again. We got our first run on a one-out, **Howard** "The Skipper" **Mathis** single, 1-0, then got another run before we got the second out. Next up was **Tim** "is on My Side, Yes It Is, Yes It Is!" **McCoy**, who stroked a gap for a three-run, inside-the-park homer and suddenly we led 5-0! A pair of singles followed that, then **Tina** "Wooden" **Nichols** ** poked a two-out single for a run and **Mark** "Alien" **Nations** doubled for another and we led 7-0! A fly finally ended the rally, but not before we'd batted twelve times for a sizable early lead. **TBS** hit the ball in the bottom of the first and all but cut our lead in half, 7-3.

TBS got the only run in the second inning and each team scored one in the third to make it 8-5. We got a run in the top of the fourth, but **TBS** came right back with two and crept to within two runs of us at 9-7. We stranded a couple of singles in the top of the fifth and **TBS** closed the gap to 9-8 in the bottom half. We needed a couple of runs in the top of the sixth as we knew from looking at the clock that there'd only be one more inning and **TBS** had been scoring one or two an inning, despite some solid **Mixed Nuts** "D".

We stranded two more singles, so we had to hold 'em in the bottom of the sixth. **TBS** got a woman on first base, then one of their guys busted one over RCF for a triple and we were in trouble. The score was knotted at nine apiece and the winning run was on third, with nobody down. We considered walking the woman at the plate, who had been hitting deep, but the guy behind her had been hitting deep, too, and even a bang-bang double-play would have scored the runner. We pitched to her and pulled in the outfield hoping for a throw to the plate. She busted one that rolled to the fence and we lost 10-9.

Time limit	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Mixed Nuts	7	0	1	1	0	0	-	9
TBS	3	1	1	2	1	2	-	10

Should we have walked the gal and pitched to the guy? Maybe. Should we have been playing deeper in RCF? Maybe. If we'd played deep, could the guy have doubled, putting the winning run on second? Maybe. Could we have played better defense overall? Probably not. We played a pretty good defensive game. Could we have scored just one run in those three donuts? Most likely. Should a team who's been scoring an average of 18 runs per game have gotten more than 9? Yes. Should we have scored more than two runs after a seven run first inning. Yes! We could second guess ourselves forever, but the point is we got beat by a good team, who out hit us in a close defensive game. Eight of us left runners in scoring position at least once. We started out hitting, then stopped, while **TBS** kept on chipping away. Hang in there, Nuts, we ain't dead yet!

Norman "1066" **Mapp** was 3-3 with an RBI and **Tina** "Tiny" **Nichols** was 3-3 with one. **Tim** "to Reflect" **McCoy** was 2-3 with four RBI and **Howard** "the Duck" **Mathis** and **Mark** "Twain" **Nations** were each 2-3 with a ribbie each.

Standings & Scouting Reports – Spring 2002

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. An asterisk * denotes a team we do not play during the regular season. The far right column shows our overall record against that opponent.

Began on 8/26/02, sort of

Monday – Bethesda Men’s-No Homeruns		overall record
No Fall PST		
<i>NHO</i>	6-0	-
Dirty Dozen	5-1	n/a
Luby's II +2	4-2	6-2
Lazy Dogs +20	3-3	2-0
MPFBC -1	3-3	1-2
CIC Electric* +8	2-4	3-0
Crown Royal* +7	1-5	1-0
LFUMC gray* +7	0-6	2-2

Shaded records are teams out of contention

The **Dirty Dozen** plays **NHO** next. **NHO** is undefeated and we've been hearing nothing things about them. Oh, they play tournaments. Oh my goodness, they play USSSA-C. Ooh, they hit the ball hard.

SO WHAT!! WE play tournaments and WE got bumped to USSSA-C this Spring and, incidentally, WE hit the ball hard. We also play hellacious defense and we never give up. **NHO** was a below average church type team who picked up a few tournament players in the Fall to try and get a little slice of that winning thing they'd heard so much about. Again, so what! If we play the usual **Dirty Dozen** “D” and hit like we know we can, we'll run-rule those guys!

We are still in good shape in the division, despite the loss to **MPFBC**. If we win our last four games, nobody can touch us. Relax and hit the ball.

Began on 8/29/02

Thursday – Lucky Shoals Coed-No Homeruns		overall record
No Summer PST		
TBS -1	7-1	1-1
Mixed Nuts	7-1	n/a
Massey Insurance* +18	5-3	2-0
Insiders +20	4-3	1-0
<i>Weekend Warriors* +13</i>	3-5	1-0
Bandits +16	2-5	3-0
Novoste +5	1-7	1-0
Almost Legal* +21	2-6	1-0

Shaded records are teams out of contention

The **Mixed Nuts** play the **Weekend Warriors** next. We beat them by 13 the only other time we played them.

Our loss to **TBS** made us 7-1, tied with **TBS**, whose only loss was to **Massey**. We are now in second place, because **TBS** beat us head-to-head. We play two easy games against the **Weekend Warriors** and **Almost Legal** to end the season, while **TBS** plays the **Insiders** and **Massey**. The **Insiders** are fairly tough and **Massey** is very tough and beat **TBS** the first time they played.

If we win our last two games and so does **TBS**, we finish second at 9-1. If we win our last two and **TBS** loses one, we win First. **TBS** should beat the **Insiders**, but might just lose to **Massey** again. We play our final game at 9:00pm on 11/7 and **TBS** plays **Massey** right after our game at 10:00pm. We might just have to hang around and watch that one...

Began on 9/6/02

Friday – Lucky Shoals Coed-No Homeruns		overall record
No Summer PST		
The Jets	5-1	n/a
<i>With Ourselves +2</i>	4-2	15-3
From Enterprises +9	3-3	16-10
Marriott	3-3	-
Springfield Isotopes +33	2-4	4-0
Recall Protectors +9	1-5	1-0

We play each team twice

The Jets play **With Ourselves** next. We beat them by two runs a few weeks ago and we have to beat 'em again to strengthen our First Place bid.

With split with **From** this past Friday/Saturday, so they have two losses now. Every other team has three or more. Another win over **With Ourselves** will pull us further out in front, but we'll still have to play **Marriott** twice the following Friday/Saturday and **Recall** to end the season.

Rain Makeup

Our rainout from 9/27 against **Marriott**, will be made up on **Saturday, 11/2/02 at 11:00am**.

If you cannot make either game call Tim McCoy at (770) 978-3799 so he can arrange a sub.

Events and Announcements

Mark "Alien" Nations has marks another one on 10/24.
Cindy "Lou Who" Lyles celebrates on 10/24.
Marty "Hardy" Lewandowski parties on 10/24.
Mike "Razor" Sharp counts another one on 10/28.
Tina Nichols "& Dimes" has a B-Day on 10/29.
Sherri "Baby" Allen has a birthday on 10/31.
"Black" Cat Butler blows out the candles on 10/31.
Bobby "Mister" Wright counts another one on 10/31.
"Step up to the" Mike Dennis turns 29 again on 11/3.
"Baby Grand" Deanna McCoy chalks one up on 11/7.
Eddie "Stainless" Steele rolls over his odometer on 11/7.

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

Robbie Crider missed Monday's game with a kidney stone. That's a tough one. Hang in there, #1!

Rain Info

Bethesda (Dozen) and **Lucky Shoals** (Jets and Nuts): (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.

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