The Sports Page

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The Jets, Friday

United Maintenance no-showed last Friday and **The Jets** hoped it was just a fluke. It wasn't. We got all dressed up for nothing Friday, so **United** could make it two Friday no-shows in a row. (Probably two Saturdays, as well.) We took the win, did some BP and headed home. Somebody said they saw one guy wearing a United Maintenance shirt, so I guess they didn't all no-show.

** this nickname courtesy of Tim McCoy

The Jets, Saturday

It was heavy early again. There was still mist on the field, the sun hadn't risen above the trees and we still had funk on our eyelids. Did I mention it was early? **The Jets** had to play a rain makeup at 9:00am on Saturday, 10/14, and there we were up early doing another 9:00am game last Saturday. Our opponent was **Nordic II**, a team we knew very little about. We'd never even heard of Nordic I or any subsequent Nordic's. We'd seen them walking around the park, but never saw them play. Their men looked like ball players and their women did, too, mostly.

Nordic II won the coin toss, but elected Visitors hoping for a fifth woman to show up while they batted. They got a runner on base on a hit and another one on an error, but we held 'em to a bagel anyway. We got on the board on a leadoff double and a single from "Peanut Butter &" Jan Chappell and we led I-0, but that's all we got, even though there were only eight fielders. A couple of at-'em balls cut us down.

Our "D" was beautiful in the second and Nordic II had another helping of bagel. In the bottom of two, The Jets did what we do best. We pounded the ball hard and often. A single started us off and a fielder's-choice made it one out, then Tim "ber!" McCoy ignited the fireworks with a two-run inside-the-park homer, III-0. Nine more Jets batted in the second, for a total of twelve in the inning, and we scored VIII runs to make the score of IX-0.

Nordic II had another bagel. They were not hitting the ball that badly, but The Jets were playing great defense. Eleven more Jets batted in the bottom of the third, scoring VIII more runs for a total score of XVII-0. Chris "Shaft" Allen highlighted the inning with his three-run inside-the-park dinger. Nordic II needed some V's or an X to stay in the game in the top of the fourth, but all they got was an I and The Jets won XVII-I, by run rule. One of their men, who hadn't hit anything deep the whole game, tripled and another guy, who hadn't made an out the whole game, scored him on a one-out, bang-bang ground-out.

The Jets' defense was a beautiful thing again. We had that one goof in the first inning, but other than that we were smooth as silk. Our offense did just fine, too. Granted, there were only eight Nordic II players on the field, but we still didn't get many hits we wouldn't have gotten against ten people. Nordic II actually hit pretty well, but we smothered 'em in the field. We play them again the final week of the season, on 11/10/00. If they have ten people at that game and they continue to swing the bats well, they might be fairly tough. Don't take 'em lightly, until we see their whole team play.

Jan "WWJD" Chappell was 3-3 with four RBI and "Return to" Cindy Lyles ** was 3-3 with a pair. Chris Allen "the Family" was 2-2 with three and Tim "& Lass" McCoy and Andrea "Fred" Friederick were each 2-2 with two apiece, while Daphne "Babe Roof" Dalton was 2-2 with a rib. Only one Jet made more than one out. Keep swingin' those hot bats, Jets! Hot bats are, like, totally cool...

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Scouting Report

By winning Monday night, the *Mixed Nuts* won First Place with a nice 8-2 record! That means we earned #1 seed and a Bye in the Fall PST. Now, get our yer slide rule... The *Killer Whales* had a good enough record where they could not finish below second place and, since we clinched First, the *Whales* got #2 seed and finished either 8-2 or 7-3. The *Pirates* had #3 seed clinched after last week. We knocked off Saint Oliver's Monday, leaving them 1-9 and #5. That leaves Southeast Camera at #4 with two or more wins.

So, next week we play at 8:00pm on Field A or B (It didn't say in the bracket Briscoe sent me a month ago.) and we'll be playing the winner of the **Southeast Camera** vs. **Saint Oliver's** game at 7:00pm on Field B. Also at 7:00pm, the **Killer Whales** will play the **Pirates**. If we win our 8:00pm game over **Oliver's** or the **Camera**, we'll advance to play the winner of the Whales/Pirates game at 9:00pm. We will win both games, but we'll have to be on time so everybody doesn't get nervous before game time. Get there early and warm up so you can flush the cares of the day and think Softball for an evening. If you're not happy with your hitting, this week would be an ideal time to live at your local Batting Cage. If you need a list of Batting Cages, let me know and I'll email you one.

In Fall 1999, the *Dirty Dozen* played the *Fat Boyz* twice, once in mid-September and again in mid-November. We lost 15-12 and 17-9. Monday we have a chance to fix that somewhat. The *Fat Boyz* were 4-1, on the last standings I saw, their only loss being to *MPFBC*. Their middle infielders gobble up anything and everything and their outfield is solid, so we're going to have to hit like the wild, slobbering Softball animals I know we are! The Boyz of Fat hit the ball, too, so we can't be sloppy on the infield against them. We lead everybody in our division by at least two games, but we need to win that *Fat Boyz* game for pride if nothing else. Hit the Cages and bring your game!

The Fall 2000 regular season at Briscoe Park is now over. Now it's playoff time as the Fall 2000 PST begins (and ends) on 10/25/00. In our twelve team leagues at Briscoe there is always one team we don't play in any ten game season. This Fall we didn't play the *Gamblers*. Our first opponent in the PST is (you guessed it!) the *Gamblers*. All I know about them is that they finished 7-3 and the *Yahoos* wore 'em out a couple of weeks ago. We waffled the *Yahoos* Wednesday, so you figure it out. If we beat the *Gamblers*, we get a rematch against the *Dawgs*. The Dawgs snuck up on us, 17-16 a few weeks ago, but we beat them 29-27 in an epic, titanic struggle in the Spring PST.

While we're playing the *Gamblers*, the *Yahoos* will be playing *Gwinnett Place Ford*. The winner plays *Perimeter Landscaping*. The winner of that game plays *The Cowboys* for the whole thang.

I don't even need to explain about the next teams that **The Jets** will be playing this Friday and Saturday. We play **From Enterprises** on Friday at 10:00pm and the **Bad News Bankers** at 10:00am on Saturday. **The Jets** are 7-2 against **From**, all in 1999 and 2000, by an average score of 13-12. The last time we played them was a rain makeup on Saturday, 10/14/00, and we won 7-5. We lost 9-6 the time before that, so bring your game. Since Fall 1994, **The Jets** are 16-4 against the **Bad News Bankers** and we've won the last three meetings, but they are always dangerous. The **Mixed Nuts** were 9-2 against them from mid-1996 through mid-1998. Since you're already planning on bringing your game for Friday, go ahead and hold onto it for Saturday, too.

Upcoming Events

"Mork &" Cindy Lyles notches another one on 10/24/00. "Wal-" Marty Lewandowski rolls over his odometer on 10/24/00. Bobby "Sakimoto-san" Wright turns a year older on 10/31/00. Cat "Scratch Fever" Butler adds another one on 10/31/00. Mike Dennis "With Wolves" marks another one on 11/3/00.

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.

Next Game Times

DZ = Dirty Dozen at Bethesda MN = Mixed Nuts at Briscoe CB = The Cowboys at Briscoe JT = The Jets at Lucky Shoals Monday 10/23/00 at Briscoe – Fall PST (SPRD - Post Season Tournament) MN 8:00 - A vs. Winner of Southeast Camera vs. Saint Oliver's MN 9:00 - A vs. Championship (Winner of Killer Whales vs. Pirates) Monday 10/23/00 at Bethesda - Fall DZ 9:30 - 8 vs. Fat Boyz Wednesday 10/25/00 at Briscoe – Fall PST (SPRD - Post Season Tournament) CB 7:00 - B vs. Gamblers CB 8:00 - B vs. Dawgs (If we win at 7:00) CB 9:00 - A vs. Championship (If Win at 7:00 and 8:00) 10/27/00 at Lucky Shoals - Fall Friday JT 10:00 - 5 vs. From Enterprises Saturday 10/28/00 at Lucky Shoals - Fall JT 10:00a - 5 vs. Bad News Bankers (Fall rain makeup from 10/6/00) Monday 10/30/00 at Bethesda - Fall DZ 8:30 - 8 vs. Pizza Hut Friday 11/3/00 at Lucky Shoals - Fall JT 7:00 - 5 vs. Xtra Lease

The entire Fall schedule can be found at: http://userwww.service.emory.edu/~dmcco01/Softball

Rain Numbers

Bethesda (DZ) and Lucky Shoals (JT): (770) 822-8882 Briscoe Park (CB & MN): (770) 985-3554

How to get us

"My only regret is that I have but one life to give for Softball."

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 <u>The Sports</u> <u>Page</u> via email.

<u>As always...</u>

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