

The Sports Page

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Tundraball is Cool...

Night - Park	Monday – Bethesda	Monday – Bethesda
Team - Fee	Dirty Dozen - \$35	The Jets - \$35
Opening Day	12/1/03	12/1/03

Okay, you, Softball Animals, League Fees for Winter 2003 are due. Pay early to reserve yer spots!

The Jets and **Dirty Dozen** will play on Mondays at Bethesda Park and the league begins on 12/1/03. It's \$35 per person, per team, so hit Tim with a check to reserve your spot as soon as you can.

Mixed Nuts Begin Fall PST

Mixed Nuts, Lanford, 10/23/03, 7:35pm

Thursday night saw the final **Mixed Nuts** game of 2003. We just didn't know when, yet. We were top seed in the Fall Post Season Tournament and it was single-elimination, meaning the losers went home as soon as they lost one game. Our first game was at 7:35 and the winner of that game played at 9:45. We hoped and suspected we'd be playing that 9:45 game, but we weren't about to start counting chickens before anything hatched.

Our first opponent would be the winner of a 6:30 game that pitted **St. Edwards**, the #4 seed, against **Briarlake Baptist** at #5. As the top seed in the seven team tournament we had a Bye in the first round and went right to the semifinals. On the other side of the bracket, **Calvary** forfeited (not enough women) to **Atlanta Connection** at 6:30, so **AC** advanced to the semifinals. We wanted **St. Edwards** to win their game so we could beat them again. We beat them the first game of the first game of the season then lost to them, in a game where we didn't hit, for our only loss, so we wanted them again. **Briarlake** waffled **St. Ed** sending them to play us at 7:35. While we played our first game, **Embry Hills**, #2, their only loss to the **Mixed Nuts**, would play **Loose Change**, #7, to advance to play **Atlanta Connection**.

We'd played **Briarlake** twice during the season, winning 26-11 the second game of the season and 16-12 in the first game of a double-header the seventh week. **Briarlake** is the team whose third baseman wanted their pitcher to break **Howard Mathis'** nose the first time we played them. (We still dunno why she did it...) She got her nose busted a couple of plays after uttering her inanity when their SS threw her a hard one at third. We lost the coin flip and were Visitors. (Yes there was a coin flip. In most PST's the higher seed gets Home. Who knows.)

We led off the game with a walk, then "Lumpy" **Amy Parham**, eschewing the Assisted Walk, busted a single, the guy scored from second and we had a quick run instead of runners on first and second! **Howard "Judge" Mathis** busted a triple, 2-0, and a single made it 3-0! Two straight outs followed, then a man walked and the woman followed, then "Mutt &" **Jeff Whitley** made it hurt with a two-out, two-run double and we led 5-0! A fielder's-choice ended the rally and we hit the field with a decent early lead. The lead didn't last long, though, as Briarlake kept on hitting the ball where they'd left off in hammering St. Edwards the game before. It wasn't all hard stuff; there were a few dinks and seeing eyed singles.

We got a deuce in the second, on a couple of singles and a walk, but Briarlake got three and the game was tied, 7-7. We got a go-ahead run in the third, 8-7, on a one-out single from **Cat "illac" Butler** and we stuck a donut on Briarlake and our tiny lead held. In the fourth inning we put the six Nuts on base, scoring four runs, 12-7, before we made the first out. The next three batters played three more, 15-7, but a bang-bang double-play ended the fun. Our long rally had burned a lot of clock and those insurance runs we much appreciated. They came in handy, too, as Briarlake pumped three runs on the board, but the clock was dead and we won 15-10!

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Mixed Nuts	5	2	1	7	-	-	-	15
Briarlake Baptist	4	3	0	3	-	-	-	10

It was kind of cold out Thursday night and Briarlake had had a warm up game, so we expected them to come out hitting. We hung with them and it was tied 7-7 after two, then we got warmed up and pummeled them. Our offense was good and so was our "D". It wasn't perfect, but then, we didn't need it to be. It was a pretty solid effort and we advanced to the Championship game.

Mark "Twain" Nations was 2-2 with a walk and an RBI and "Black" **Cat Butler** was 1-1 with two walks and a rib.

While we played our game **Embry Hills** was busy smashing **Loose Change** to advance the semifinal against **Atlanta Connection**. We sat and watched that game. It was 3-1 for a while, but **Embry** pulled away in the fifth inning and eventually won 17-1 to advance to the Championship game against the **Mixed Nuts**.

Big Bambino Brings Big Bat to Big Game

Mixed Nuts, Lanford, 10/23/03, 9:45pm

We had played **Embry Hills** only once before, in the sixth week of the season. We had just come off our only loss, to **St. Edwards**, and stood at 4-1. We knew we hadn't hit against **St. Ed** and were ready to tear somebody up and **Embry Hills** and their 5-0 record came next on the schedule. We led them the whole game and won 16-11 in a game that featured a lot of clutch hitting and slick fielding from both teams.

We won the coin toss and hit the field and our defense looked great as we stopped Embry Hills cold on three hard hit balls. We almost suffered a similar first inning fate as we led off with a line-out and fly-out, but we followed with two singles to keep the inning alive. **Tim "MAY!" McCoy** delivered a third straight single and we were on the board, 1-0! A fourth single loaded the bases, then **Jeff "J-Dub" Whitley** busted a two-out, two-run double and we led 3-0, but a ground-out ended the inning. Embry plated a pair in the second and we answered with one on a couple of singles and a walk and led 4-2. Embry Hills took the lead in the third with a four spot on some good hitting and led 6-4. We got a run back when **Tim "tation" McCoy** drove in a one-out single on a triple, 6-5.

In the top of the fourth we put the leather to Embry Hills and held them to nothing, and in the bottom of the fourth we got our bats going again. A single and double led us off and a walk loaded the bags for **Rock "the Kasbah" McCoy** **, who busted a single, two runs scored and we led 7-6! The next four Nuts singled for three more runs, 10-6, a bases loaded fly made it 11-6, then **Tim "ber!" McCoy** roasted RCF for a triple and we led 13-6! A single plated the fourteenth run, but two straight flies ended the inning. We batted thirteen times that inning, scoring nine to change a 6-5 deficit into a 14-6 lead!

Now, Embry Hills didn't get to the PST Championship game by laying down whenever their opponent put some runs on the board and Thursday night was no exception as they came back hard in the top of the fifth. They had their backs to the wall and got fired up, scoring six runs to close the gap to 14-12. In the bottom of five we led off with a single and another single followed, but the batter B.O.O.B.ed trying for a double for the first out. A fly made it 15-12 and the next batter ended the inning. Embry got a run in the top of six and we got it back on a leadoff single and a triple from "Bad Baby" **Amy Parham** and it was 16-13 going into the final inning.

With a three run lead and one inning to go, we felt good that our defense had been playing well, but Embry Hills' offense had been playing well, too... In the top of the seventh inning they put their first two runners aboard on a single and a walk, then one of their big guys busted one over the fence for a three-run tater and, just like that, it was 16-16. After that we got three of them out, but one more run trickled in and we trailed 17-16. Now it was time for us to knuckle down with one chance left. In the bottom seven, "Calico" **Cat Butler** led off with a single and we had the tying run aboard. Next up was **Jeff "Bambino" Whitley**, who looked at one pitch then ripped the second way over the LCF fence for a two-run, walk off homer and we won the game and the Championship 18-17!!!! That ball was gone as soon as it touched Jeff's bat! We stood there in the dugout for a split second,... then erupted out of the dugout and even had to be careful not to run on the field so Cat and Jeff could touch all the bases!!

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Embry Hills	0	2	4	0	6	1	4	17
Mixed Nuts	3	1	1	9	1	1	2	18

Even if **Jeff Whitley** had not hit the homer and we'd won the game in the bottom of the seventh on singles and doubles to win the PST over a very tough opponent, it would have been one of those games that would stick in our minds and be retold for years, but Jeff did win a hard fought Championship game on a mammoth shot into the trees, so the game will be forever emblazoned in the memories of those who witnessed it as one of the great McCoy Softball games of all time. That game was one of those special ones where clearly the two best teams in the league played each other for all the marbles. Both teams played great "D" and both hit the ball hard, because that night there truly was no tomorrow.

Sure, the World Series overshadowed our PST and got all the media attention and multi-gazillion dollar contracts, and rightly so, but for determination and heart and desire to win nobody in the world could match the **Mixed Nuts** vs. **Embry Hills** Thursday night.

"Stormin'" **Norman Mapp** was 3-3 and **Ruby "Thursday" Richardson** was 2-2 with a walk. "Tiny" **Tim McCoy** was 3-4 with four RBI, **Cat "Lurch the" Butler** was 3-4 with one, **Rocky "Hammerhead" McCoy** was 1-2 with a walk and four ribs and **Denise "the Menace" Brumley** was 1-2 with a walk and one ribbie.

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

The **Mixed Nuts** had a great season against a bunch of unknown opponents, finishing 9-1, and topping the division. Then we won the PST! That's quite a way to start off at a new park!

Tim McCoy won the men's batting title for the season with an 0.824 and **Howard Mathis** was above the men's average with his 0.706. **Amy Parham** won the women's title with a 0.706, ahead of **Darlene Crews** with a nice 0.625. **Cat Butler** and **Norman Mapp** each hit 0.800 to win the batting titles for the PST.

Great job, **Mixed Nuts**!! See ya at Lanford Park in the Spring!

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 10/27/03 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

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

Friday 11/21/03 at Lucky Shoals Park - Between Seasons
JT No Games

Monday 11/24/03 at Bethesda Community Park - Between Seasons
JT No Games

Friday 11/28/03 at Lucky Shoals Park - Between Seasons
JT No Games

Monday 12/1/03 at Bethesda Community Park - Winter 2003
DZ ? : ?? - 9 vs. TBD
JT ? : ?? - 8 vs. TBD

Saturday 12/6/03 at Wackadoo's in Snellville
All 2:00 Fifth Annual McCoy Softball Banquet

Monday 12/8/03 at Bethesda Community Park - Winter 2003
DZ ? : ?? - 9 vs. TBD
JT ? : ?? - 8 vs. TBD

Monday 12/15/03 at Bethesda Community Park - Winter 2003
DZ ? : ?? - 9 vs. TBD
JT ? : ?? - 8 vs. TBD

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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		
<i>Luby's II</i> * -2	6-1	8-3
Dirty Dozen	5-2	n/a
Bass Pro +12	5-2	2-0
Edy's	4-3	0-1
Strike Team * +1	4-3	10-4
DSGB * +17	2-5	2-0
The Dead Lois' +12	1-6	1-0
Lazy Dogs +4	0-7	5-1

Teams with a * we play twice

The **Dirty Dozen** plays *Luby's II* next. We are still in good shape to win the division, but it's a little tougher than it was before. We still had to beat *Luby's* for First Place, but now we have to beat them by three or more runs. We've already beaten **Bass Pro** by a dirty dozen, so we own them as long as we keep winning.

Monday night is for all the marbles, essentially, so bring yer war face!

Began on 8/27/03

Wednesday - George Pierce Men's - Equalizer		overall record
No PST for Fall season		
Injoy -3	7-1	0-1
Derby #10 * -15	7-2	1-1
The Cowboys	5-4	n/a
Godfathers * +11	5-4	1-1
<i>B.O.B.</i> * -12	5-3	0-1
Tru Green + 16	4-5	1-0
Sharon Walk +18	2-7	1-0
GMC Scrubs +13	0-9	1-0

Teams with a * we play twice

Teams with shaded records are eliminated

The Cowboys play *B.O.B.* next to end the regular season.

This one's for pride as our loss to the Godfathers officially blew us out of the running.

Since this is the last Cowboys game of 2003, somebody will be making the last out of the year this game...

Began on 8/14/03

Thursday - Lanford Coed - Equalizer		overall record
All teams play in PST		
Mixed Nuts	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

Teams with a * we play twice

Teams with a ** we play thrice

Teams with shaded records are eliminated

In the PST, the **Mixed Nuts** were 2-0, **Embry Hills** went 2-1, **Briarlake Baptist** and **Atlanta Connection** were each 1-1 and **St. Edwards**, **Loose Change** and **Calvary** each finished at 0-1.

The **Mixed Nuts** won't play again until Spring 2004 at Lanford Park.

We finished in the league and won the PST and it was a whole lot of fun from beginning to end!

I look forward to seeing you all again in the Spring when we put on our yellow shirts again and begin a new adventure!

Began on 8/29/03

Friday - Lucky Shoals Coed - No Homeruns		overall record
No PST for Fall season		
The Jets	9-0	n/a
<i>With Ourselves</i> +11	5-3	19-4
ViaSat +21	5-4	4-0
That Other Team +21	4-4	5-1
Springfield Isotopes +30	2-7	9-0
Recall Protectors +36	1-8	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 says 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 is back and will be playing Thursday in the Mixed Nuts PST. Good to have you back, #77!

Billboard

Post your announcement, opportunity or business in The Sports Page. I can scan a business card and throw it on there. You need to be a McCoy Softball player or ex-player or family member and it has to be clean and honest.

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

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.
Bob Lyles has a B-day on 11/12.

POP QUIZ

What is a **TKO** in Softball?
 Who named it?
 Why do we call it that?

(Told ya there'd be a quiz...)

		(#1) Mixed Nuts			
		7:35-2 (4		(#1) Mixed Nuts	
(#5) Briarlake					
6:30-1 (1		(#5) Briarlake			
(#4) St. Edwards					
				9:45-2 (6	
(#6) Calvary				(#1) Mixed Nuts	
				Champion	
6:30-2 (2		(#3) Atlanta Connection			
(#3) Atlanta Connection					
		8:40-2 (5		(#2) Embry Hills	
(#7) Loose Change					
7:35-1 (3		(#2) Embry Hills			
(#2) Embry Hills					

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