



The Sports Page



Bacon

The Cowboys, Bethesda, 11/1/11, 6:30pm

Tuesday marked the end of Fall 2011 for **The Cowboys**. We were 4-4, having swept a double-header the previous week, and faced another double-header to finish the season. Just like the previous week, we faced a 6:30 game and an 8:30, and in each case we faced the tougher opponent in the second game.

This week, we played the **White T's** at 6:30 and **Goobo's** at 8:30. The **White T's** are a developing team, who got beat a lot in their first season, Summer 2011, but have become tougher and tougher as Fall 2011 went on. We beat them twice in Summer 2011, but they beat us the first time around in Fall 2011. We expected to even things up Tuesday evening.

We were Home team for the 6:30 game and hit the field long enough to hold the **White T's** to a lone run in the first inning. We had a donut in our half of the first and neither team was able to score in the second, so we were down 1-0 after two.

We held the **T's** in the top of the third inning, still 1-0 and quickly got our bats going in the bottom of three as we loaded the bases on three straight singles. We scored our first run on a fly-out, 1-1 and a fielder's-choice at third base gave us a second out. "Wild" **Bill Sarubbi** stroked a two-out, RBI double to put us up 2-1, but a fly-out ended the inning.

The **White T's** had an answer for our two-run rally in the third, by scoring five in the top of four, on base hits and a few gaffes in our defense. We didn't so much let them on base with errors, but we gave them too many extra bases on bad throws, extra throws or throws we should have made. Now down 6-2 we set to work in the bottom of the fourth to do some damage control with our sticks. We started off with a single, but back-to-back fly-outs threaten to sink us. A second single put runners on the corners then **Dave Fisher** "of Men" and **Mike** "Field of" **Reams** each smacked two-out, RBI singles and, just like that, we'd cut the **White T's** lead to 6-4. A line-out ended the inning, but not before we'd taken back a couple of runs we'd given away.

There was more of the same in the fifth inning as the **T's** kept base hitting and we kept missing slightly in the field. Three more runs went on the wrong side of the scoreboard and we trailed 9-4, mid five. We'd already figured out that we were not going to win that game on the strength of stellar defense, so we knew our bats would have to carry us. **Ike** "Broflovski" **Smith** carried a ball to the fence for a triple to get us started and a single picked up the spare, slicing that lead a bit to 9-5. Back-to-back fly-outs followed, advancing the runner, and "Raggedy" **Andy Matz** delivered a two-out, RBI single to cut the lead to 9-6. A fly-out ended the fifth inning, but we'd done a little damage.



We went to the sixth inning with lots of time still left on the clock, so we expected to have two more tries to get the lead back. We held the **T's** scoreless in the top of the sixth and now had a 10-6 hill to climb. We began our half of the sixth: fly-out, single, fly-out and it looked like another inning where runs would be at a premium. A two-out double put two runners in scoring position and a walk loaded the bags. **Ike** "Black" **Smith** was next up and hammered a gapper for a two-run double and the hill got 50% smaller at 10-8! **Jason** "Fortune" **Tyler** leveled the field with a two-run double of his own and we were all tied up, 10-10! "Three Dollar" **Bill Sarubbi** gave us back the lead with a triple, 11-10, and a walk put men on the corners for **Andy** "Haz" **Matz**, who stroked a double to extend our new lead to 12-10! Another walk loaded the bases then **Mike** "Rollin', Rollin'" **Rowland** delivered a two-out, two run single and we now led 14-10! An RBI single from **Rock** "Hound" **McCoy** extended the lead to 15-10, but some questionable base running ended the inning. We batted thirteen times in the sixth, scoring nine runs, and **Rocky McCoy** was 2-2 in the inning.

Now it was the **White T's** turn to look up a hill. They had one more chance to score five or lose in the top of the seventh inning. They were definitely enthusiastic and seemed unimpressed by the circumstances facing them and rallied in the top of the final inning. Fortunately, our defense finally made an appearance to hold the **White T's** to two runs and we won the game 15-12!

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
White T's	1	0	0	5	3	1	2	12
The Cowboys	0	0	2	2	2	9	x	15

It was a good win in that we won on a night when we were not really clicking for most of the game. We failed to score any early runs and when we did finally get on the board the pickings were slim for the middle part of the game, but our big ol' nine spot saved our bacon. We all seemed to really focus in the sixth and hit like crazy. Our defense was kind of iffy most of the game and the **White T's** took advantage, advancing and using their speed to the fullest. Our base running was even rough as we got a B.O.O.B. to end our biggest inning and the wrong guy got tagged out, trying to help the other

one. Through all that, though, we helped each other and picked each other up and talked strategies and pulled out a win we might easily have lost. Good game, **Cowboys!**

Mike Reams “of Paper” was 3-3 with an RBI. Five others made only one out apiece.

Crisp

The Cowboys, Bethesda, 11/1/11, 8:30pm

So, we sat around for the better part of an hour and watched other teams play ball while we sat stiffening up. We were watching our next opponent, **Goobo's**, at 8-0, play **Hooters Outkast**, 7-1, for the Championship. **Goobo's** had won the last time they faced and won again Tuesday night by a score of 8-7 to clinch the top spot.

We had played **Goobo's** earlier in the season and lost 10-7, but still felt like we'd let that one get away. We hoped to make up for the earlier loss as we had against the **White T's**.

The previous week, we'd had to sit for a long time, because **The Big Sleaze** forfeited to us at 6:30 and we had to wait until 8:30 for our second game. Even though we'd been the team sitting in the cold we still started off the game hitting, though the **Motley Crew** had played back-to-back and was warm.

We hoped to come out swinging from a cold start once again. We were Visitors against **Goobo's** and began with a donut in the first inning. So much for that theory, right? We held **Goobo's** scoreless in the bottom of one and kept it 0-0 after an inning. We got off to a good start in the second inning, quickly loading the bases on three singles, then “Stormin” **Norman Mapp** singled to put us up 1-0 and another single made it 2-0. A double drove in a pair to make it 4-0 and a ground-out plated a run to make it 5-0. A walk reloaded the bases, but a double-play ended the rally. We limited **Goobo's** to a solitary run in the bottom half and led 5-1 after two. The colder team had drawn first blood.

We scored one in the top of the third on a couple of doubles, but **Goobo's** matched us, 6-2 after three. We scored the only run of the fourth inning on a bases loaded fielder's-choice, but weren't complaining because we led 7-2 after four innings. A couple of singles and a well placed fly-out got us two more runs in the top of the fifth inning and we held **Goobo's** scoreless to hold a 9-2 lead through five complete.

We started the sixth inning with a ground-out and line-out, but a double kept us going and seemed to pick us up. A single put 'em on the corners and a walk loaded the base for **Mike Reams** “Do Come True” who hadn't made an out all night. He continued his excellence at the plate and delivered a three run double and we led 12-2! **Andy** “Wrestling” **Matz** busted a deep shot for a triple, scoring Mike, but a ground-out ended the top of the sixth, though we'd built our lead four runs higher, 13-2!

There were four minutes left in the game when **Goobo's** batted in the bottom of the sixth inning, so it was 50-50 whether there'd be a seventh inning. **Goobo's** burned up the last of the clock in the bottom of six, scoring one run, and we won the game 13-3!

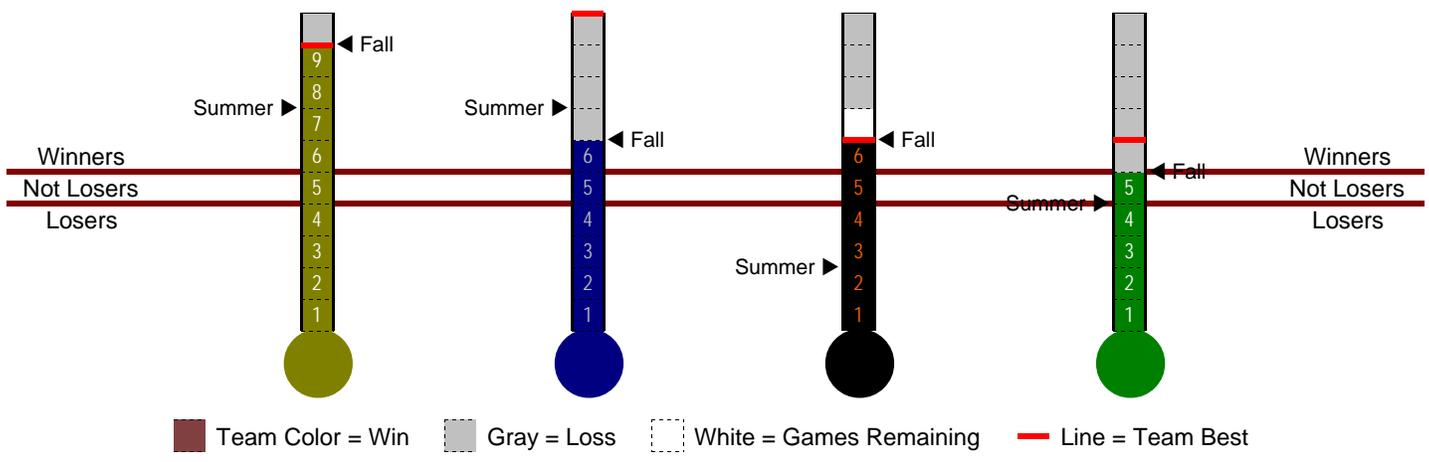
Time limit	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
The Cowboys	0	5	1	1	2	4	-	13
Goobo's	0	1	1	0	0	1	-	3

We had a rough first game and had to really fight to win it against a team we expect to beat, but in the second game, against a 9-0 team, we played hard and seemed to do everything right. After the first, we scored in every inning and our defense was crisp and focused. This is the kind of game we can take into Spring 2012 and start with a little momentum. Great game, **Cowboys!**

Mike “Sweet” **Reams** was 4-4 with three RBI and “Slim” **Tim McCoy**, **Norman** “Rockwell” **Mapp**, **Rocky** “Tiki Tavi” **McCoy** ** and **Dave** “King” **Fisher** were each 2-3 with a ribbie apiece.

** this particular nickname courtesy of Liz Britt

Ike Smith subbed for us and played a heck of a double-header, making great catches and hitting his tail off, but he made the final out of year for **The Cowboys** and became the first HA Award winner of the 2011.



Dirty Dozen **The Cowboys** **Motörhead** **Jets**

Rain Numbers for Each Park			
Bethesda	Bethesda	Bethesda	G.Pierce
(770) 822-8882	(770) 822-8882	(770) 822-8882	(770) 822-8882

“When in doubt, come on out.”

Each edition of The Sport Page is a snapshot in time and as such will not update automatically, like other sheets on the website. Each TSP shows only what the schedule looked like when it was published. Always check the MegaSchedule or the Stats sheets for the most current scheduling.

- Wednesday 11/2/11** at Bethesda Community Park - Fall 2011
MH 8:30 - 1V vs. Suwanee Dental Care
- Monday 11/7/11** at Bethesda Community Park - Between Seasons 2011
DZ ?? Off Day - No Games
- Tuesday 11/8/11** at George Pierce Park - Between Seasons 2011
JM ?? Off Day - No Games
- Monday 11/14/11** at Bethesda Community Park - Between Seasons 2011
DZ ?? Off Day - No Games
- Tuesday 11/15/11** at George Pierce Park - Between Seasons 2011
JM ?? Off Day - No Games
- Monday 11/21/11** at Bethesda Community Park - Winter 2011
DZ ??? 8? vs. Opening Day
- Tuesday 11/22/11** at George Pierce Park - Winter 2011
JM ??? 1? vs. Opening Day
- Monday 11/28/11** at Bethesda Community Park - Winter 2011
DZ ??? 8? vs. TBD
- Tuesday 11/29/11** at George Pierce Park - Winter 2011
JM ??? 1? vs. TBD
- Monday 12/5/11** at Bethesda Community Park - Winter 2011
DZ ??? 8? vs. TBD
- Tuesday 12/6/11** at George Pierce Park - Winter 2011

JM ?::? 1? vs. TBD

Monday 12/12/11 at Bethesda Community Park - Winter 2011

DZ ?::? 8? vs. TBD

Tuesday 12/13/11 at George Pierce Park - Winter 2011

JM ?::? 1? vs. TBD

Monday 12/19/11 at Bethesda Community Park - Winter 2011

DZ ?::? 8? vs. TBD

Tuesday 12/20/11 at George Pierce Park - Winter 2011

JM ?::? 1? vs. TBD

Monday 1/9/12 at Bethesda Community Park - Winter 2011

DZ ?::? 8? vs. TBD

Tuesday 1/10/12 at George Pierce Park - Winter 2011

JM ?::? 1? vs. TBD

Monday 1/16/12 at Bethesda Community Park - Winter 2011

DZ ?::? 8? vs. TBD

Tuesday 1/17/12 at George Pierce Park - Winter 2011

JM ?::? 1? vs. TBD

Monday 1/23/12 at Bethesda Community Park - Winter 2011

DZ ?::? 8? vs. TBD

Tuesday 1/24/12 at George Pierce Park - Winter 2011

JM ?::? 1? vs. TBD

Monday 1/30/12 at Bethesda Community Park - Winter 2011

DZ ?::? 8? vs. TBD

Tuesday 1/31/12 at George Pierce Park - Winter 2011

JM ?::? 1? vs. TBD

Monday 2/6/12 at Bethesda Community Park - Winter 2011

DZ ?::? 8? vs. TBD

Tuesday 2/7/12 at George Pierce Park - Winter 2011

JM ?::? 1? vs. TBD

Standings & Scouting Reports – Fall 2011

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

Monday - Bethesda			overall record
Men's - No Homers, No Steals			
No Summer PST			
	Dirty Dozen	9-1	n/a
	The Dead Lois's	8-2	17-12
	Twisted Tavern	7-3	1-0
	Reds	7-3	5-1
	Bubba's	7-3	2-0
	Get Dirty	5-5	12-12
	DUCK!	3-7	8-0
	Cricket Brew Crew **	3-7	6-1
	The Tribe - Ali	1-9	2-0
	Sons of Pitches	0-10	2-0

The **Dirty Dozen** won't play again until Tundraball starts on 11/21. That gives us some time to enjoy our **FIRST PLACE FINISH IN FALL 2011!**

We fought and scrapped all season, especially after our third game loss to **The Dead Lois's**, who, by the way, came in second.

GREAT JOB, Dirty Dozen!

Tuesday - Bethesda			overall record
Men's - No Homers, No Steals			
No Summer PST			
	Goobo's **	9-1	2-1
	Hooters Outkast **	8-2	1-5
	The Cowboys	6-4	0-0
	White T's **	4-6	3-1
	Motley Crew **	3-7	3-1
	The Big Squeeze **	0-10	2-0



The Cowboys finished Fall 2011 at 6-4, but had to sweep back-to-back double-headers the last two weeks of the season to do it. Climbing from 2-4 to 6-4 is to be applauded, certainly, but starting off 2-4 is nothing to smile about. We started the season afraid of the dreaded clown shirts, but rallied later in the season.

We split with the 9-1 league champs, but lost both games to the 8-2 runners up. Our other loss was one we should have won, though, against a developing team. Two really good teams took home the iron and we finished third, but we could have played a bit better.

Our 6-4 makes us winner, mathematically, but we fell one win short of Summer's 7-3. See ya in Spring 2012!

Wednesday - George Pierce			overall record
Men's - Equalizer, No Steals			
No Summer PST			
	Rebels **	7-2	0-2
	Motörhead	6-3	0-0
	<i>Suwanee Dental Care</i> **	5-4	1-0 ←
	KMM/Walda **	4-5	2-0
	GranQuartz **	4-5	1-1
	A-Team **	1-8	2-0

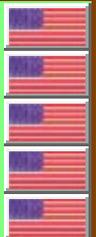


Motörhead plays **Suwanee Dental Care** next. We beat them earlier in the season by six runs and when we beat them again on Wednesday, we'll clinch Second Place.

Yes, I know, we wanted to take First, but our loss and the **Rebels'** win last week gave them the top spot, so let's knuckle down one more time and get the next best thing.

Hit the ball, guys!

Thursday - George Pierce			overall record
Men's - Equalizer, No Steals			
No Summer PST			
	Lookouts	8-2	1-1
	Suwanee Dental Care	7-3	1-4
	Finish Line Tire & Auto	7-3	2-3
	American Ale House	7-3	0-1
	The Tribe - Darr **	6-4	2-0
	The Firm	5-5	0-1
	Jets	5-5	0-0
	Steel Panthers	4-6	0-7
	Controlled Substances	1-9	1-0
	Scrubs	0-10	1-0



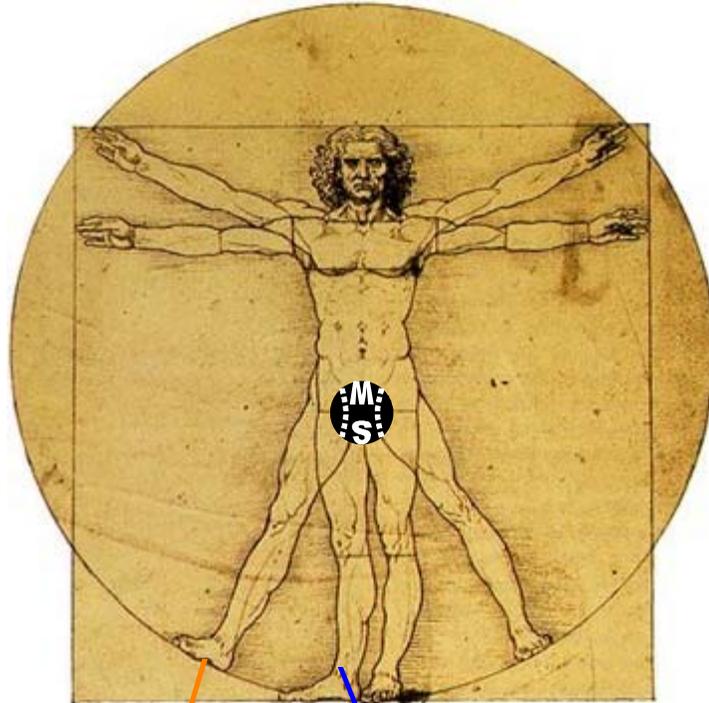
The **Jets** finished a disappointing 5-5 in Fall 2011, but the news wasn't as bad as our record would indicate.

Fall 2011 was a watershed season for the **Jets**, who turned the corner and realized we could beat anybody on any given day. On one given day we run-ruled the team that won the division at 8-2. On two other given days in the second half of the season we lost two games to very good teams by only one run.

Those two one run games, having gone the other way, would have made us 7-3 and had us in the mix at the end.

Forget the record and remember the attitude we acquired and we'll be winning a championship pretty soon!

The DL



Jerad Henry injured his plantar fascia and will miss the last two **Motörhead** games. He's in a boot and will stay in it for a couple of weeks.

Hang in there, #16!



Eric Wesner rolled his right ankle sliding into third base on 7/12. He fractured his tibia (shin bone) in a couple of places down around the ankle joint and injured a ligament, too.

He had surgery on 7/18 to stabilize his ankle with screws and will be out the rest of the year.

See ya in Spring 2012, #8!

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
Brumley, Denise	10/6
Wheeler, Dena	10/8
Herman, Matt	10/9
Ahmed, Ammar	10/11
Suqas, Steven	10/11
Shea, Sheryl	10/14
Spivey, Heather	10/17
Zienko, Laurie	10/17
Jones, Wavlon	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
Quigley, Logan	10/31
Wright, Bobby	10/31

Fall 2011



Chris Barker **0.684**
Tim McCoy, Jawsh Franklin **0.639**
 & **R.McCoy** **0.581**





Robbie Crider **0.658**
Larry Civelli **0.647**

Above team average:
R.Ray 0.606
D.Binder 0.571





Tim McCoy **0.645**
Andy Matzr **0.630**

Above team average:
B.Sarubbi 0.538
R.McCoy 0.517



November Birthdays

Dennis, Mike	11/3
Kelly, Troy	11/3
Franklin, Jawsh	11/4
Steele, Eddie	11/7
Stewart, Rob	11/8
Robinowich, Howard	11/9
White, Mark	11/11
Coble, Cody	11/12
Lyles, Bob	11/12
Palermino, Tony	11/14
Gilbert, Corey	11/15
Hudnall, Bubba	11/15
Burson, Marie	11/20
Fisher, Dave	11/20
Ahrenstedt, Kristie	11/22
Epstein, Alan	11/22
McCoy, Tim	11/22
Arnold, Mike	11/24
Hartman, Kyle	11/26
Rubino, Steve	11/26
Ball, Mike	11/27
Crawford, Sean	11/28

Summer 2011



Jason Johnson **0.643**
M.Reams, T.McCoy, D.Fisher .. **0.500**



Horsing Around in 2011



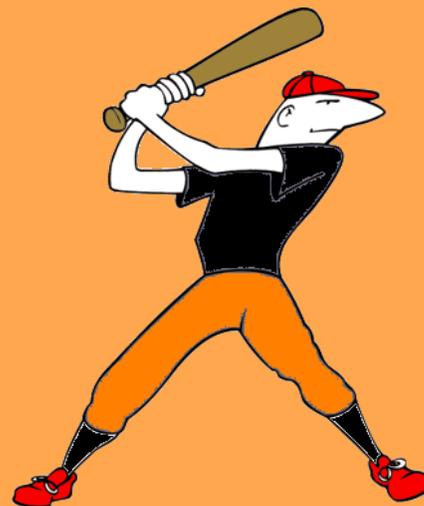
Dirty Dozen – 2011

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Motörhead – 2011

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The Cowboys – 11/1/11

"Wait a minute! I was just subbing..."



Jets – 2011

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Attached is the first page of the ASA webpage concerning Illegal Softball bats. Make sure your bat has the proper stamp. If you're not sure, check the ASA website.

ASA Bat Testing & Certification Program

The official bat in ASA Championship Play must meet all of the requirements of Rule 3, Section 1 and:

1. must bear **either** the ASA approved 2000 certification mark **or the ASA 2004 certification mark** as shown below, and must not be listed on an ASA non approved list, **or**



2. must be included on a list of approved bat models published by the ASA National Office; or
3. must, in the sole opinion and discretion of the umpire, have been manufactured prior to 2000 and if tested, would comply with the ASA bat performance standards then in effect.

Beginning January 1, 2004, all bats in ASA Championship Play must pass the ASA 2004 bat standard. All bats having the 2004 certification mark will be allowed in ASA Championship Play. Bats that have the 2000 certification mark will not be allowed in ASA Championship Play unless they are listed on an approved bat list on the ASA website. For convenience, the ASA website has a listing of bats that do not pass the ASA 2004 bat standard.

2004 and Beyond Approved Bats (Updated: 12/5/2008)

For a list of bats that have been tested and found to comply with the ASA bat performance standards, and therefore are authorized to bear the **ASA 2004 certification mark** and/or are authorized for use in ASA Championship Play beginning January 1, 2004, please click on the manufacturer below. Manufacturers continue to submit additional bat models for testing, and the ASA will update this list as test results become available.

2004 and Beyond Non Approved Bats

Please click on the following PDF for a list of bats that do not meet the ASA's current bat standard:

[Click here for ASA's Non Approved Bats](#)

(current listing, no changes as of August 29, 2008)

[Click here for ASA's Non Approved Bats with pictures](#)

(current listing, no changes as of August 29, 2008)

[Click here for ASA's TWO Page Non Approved Bats with pictures](#)

(current listing, no changes as of August 29, 2008)

[Click here for ASA's Non Approved Bats with Certification Marks \(2000 and 2004\)](#)

(current listing, no changes as of March 31, 2008)

[Click here for ASA's Non Approved Bats with 2004 Certification Marks](#)

(current listing, no changes as of March 31, 2008)

The ASA periodically and randomly tests samples of bat models bearing the ASA approved certification mark to verify compliance with the ASA bat performance standards. Below are links for press releases announcing results of compliance testing as well as FAQ's regarding bat models withdrawn from ASA Championship play until further notice. The "ASA Banned Bats" link below contains the most up-to-date listing of bat models withdrawn from ASA Championship play. Models placed on that list will be allowed for use in ASA Championship play if they bear the ASA recertification mark (shown in the link below).

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[ASA Court Order Press Release](#)

[ASA Court Order Judgement](#)