

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.

Jets Show Who's Who

The Jets, Lucky Shoals, 10/24/03, 8:00pm

The last time **The Jets** played we played **ViaSat**, a team that we'd beaten twice last Tundraball and again earlier this season. We almost lost that last one as we scored three runs in the top of the first inning and trailed 11-3 after five. We rallied for an eleven-spot in the top of six, but **ViaSat** scored three in the bottom half as time ran out and we were tied 14-14. The seventh was an extra inning and we failed to score. Our defense handed ViaSat only their second donut of the game in the bottom of seven and we went to the eighth. We rallied for another eleven-spot in the top of eight and gave **ViaSat** another goose egg for a 25-14 win. So, when we played **ViaSat** this last time we hoped to show them that we could score plenty of runs early in a game and keep on scoring.

We were Visitors after a coin landed awry and grabbed our bats, planning to do some early damage. We did. We led off with a double and a single, then **Tim** "MAY!" **McCoy** put us on the board, 1-0, with a double. A single plated a pair, 3-0 and a fly gave us one down. Back-to-back singles made it 4-0, a fielder's-choice made it two down, then **Freddy** "Krueger" **Allen** busted a deep one for a three-run, inside-the-park homer and we led 7-0! We got a single and double next, but a fly ended the rally. All twelve of us batted in the first and proved that we could score a few early runs on ViaSat. They proved they could still keep up with us and in the bottom of one they threw four runs on the board.

Now, we weren't about to go flat against ViaSat again, so we put up a few more in the second inning. We piled on six more runs, 13-4, on singles and doubles and hit the field to see if ViaSat could hang with us. They got zip in the second inning. We got three runs in the top of the third after starting off with two straight outs. "Bad Baby" **Amy Parham** drove in the first run with a two-out single and **Rocky** "Top" **McCoy** capped the scoring with a two-run single and we led 16-4 in the third. Via Sat put up another four-spot, but we still led 16-8.

Neither team scored in the fourth inning and we got a deuce in the fifth on a one-out, two-run, inside-the-park homer from **Jeff** "Walk Off" **Whitley**. With the time clock eroding fast ViaSat went down quickly and we won the game 18-8.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
The Jets	7	6	3	0	2	-	-	18
ViaSat	4	0	4	0	0	-	-	8

For the second straight week **The Jets** won 18-8 as our bats stayed hot and our leather kept making plays. That game was one of those where we had something to prove, namely that **ViaSat** can't plan on hanging with us just because our offense was flat a few weeks ago. Good job, Jets! One more ta go!

"Mutton" **Jeff Whitley** was 4-4 with two RBI, **Howard** "Judge" **Mathis** was 2-2 with two, **Deanna** "Troi" **McCoy** was 2-2 with two walks and three ribs and **Timmy** "& Lassie" **McCoy** was 2-2 with two walks and a pair.

Spring is in the Air

Dirty Dozen, Bethesda, 10/27/03, 8:30pm

Last Monday the **Dirty Dozen** played **Luby's II** for essentially all the marbles. We were 5-2 and looking up at **Luby's** 6-1. They had already beaten us by two runs the first week of the season, so if we beat them by three or more, we'd be the top dog by tie-breaker. A loss, of course would blow us out of contention for the top spot. In a make-or-break game like that there's no Men's team I'd rather be playing with than the **Dirty Dozen**. We've been in lots of big games and knew what to do.

Since we needed to win by more than two runs, I chose Visitors after winning the coin toss. I wanted us to be able to score as many runs as possible in the last inning. If we'd been Home and won the game by one in the final inning, it would have been about as bad as a loss.

We got a couple of grunts on base in the first, on singles, and a fly chased one home and we led 1-0 in the middle of the first. In the bottom of the first, Luby's hit the ball well, but we were a little rusty in the field and we trailed 6-1 after one. We threw four runs on the board in the second inning, on a big pile of singles and closed the gap to 6-5. Luby's answered our four-spot with a five and led 11-5 after two. We got a run on three singles in the third, 11-6, and it was time to play some "D" against those guys. We changes pitchers for the third inning. The guy who started the game usually has Luby's flummoxed, but Monday night they were on to him for some reason. We hung a donut on 'em and now we just had to do something about our hitting. We led off with a fly in the top of the fourth, then **Tim** "ber!" **McCoy** busted a triple! A single made it 11-7, a double followed and a ground-out chased home a run to make it 11-8, but another ground-out ended the rally. We handed Luby's a second straight donut in the fourth and things were looking up.

In the top of five, we needed hits and lots of them, but we went down 1-2-3, all fly balls. Luby's hit the ball again in the fifth, scoring three runs and extending their lead to 14-8. With the clock almost gone we batted in the top of the sixth knowing it was the last inning. We started the sixth with two straight singles, then a fly-out, a fielder's-choice and a ground-out ended the inning and the game and we lost 14-8.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Dirty Dozen	1	4	1	2	0	0	-	8
Luby's II	6	5	0	0	3	x	-	14

That was a tough one and knocked us out of First Place. For the second straight week our punchless offense cost us a game we could have won. If our "D" had been perfect we might have held **Luby's** to, say, twelve runs, but when we only scored eight it's kinda pointless to kick our defense. It had been a warm day and seemed like Spring, so we did a little reenactment of Spring Meltdown 2003. We still have two games left and we can still bring home Second Place if things fall right and we win out. Hang in there, guys.

"Ready" **Freddy Allen** was 3-4, **John** "Behind the Eight" **Beal** was 2-3 with two RBI and **Steve** "The Taming of the" **Shreve** and **Rock** "Star" **McCoy** ** were each 2-3, too.

** this particular nickname can be blamed on Gregg Brooke.

Cowboys Ride Off Into the Sunset

The Cowboys, George Pierce, 10/29/03, 10:00pm

Wednesday night **The Cowboys** played **B.O.B.** for the second time. The first time hadn't been any fun as we lost 20-8. Our defense fell apart in the bottom of the first and B.O.B. put up nine and just kept rolling with five in the second and five more in the third. They were pretty smug and ran their mouth just a little towards the end of that game, so this meeting was another in a series of payback games.

We played the very last game of the season at 10:00pm, so we knew where everybody else had finished. **Injoy** won the league with a 9-1 record and the **Derby #10** had clinched second at 8-2. The **Godfathers** stood at 6-4 and the rest would finish below us, win or lose. So, The **Cowboys** and **B.O.B.** both stood at 5-4. A **Cowboy** win would give us third place over the **Godfathers**, by tie-breaker and a loss would drop us to fifth. **B.O.B.** would finish fifth if we finished third and vice versa. We were out of the running for trophies, but the last time I looked at the standings third looked better than fifth and we owed **B.O.B.** a whoopin' anyway. We lost the coin toss and were Visitors.

We got a one-out single and a walk in the first, but failed to plate either runner and B.O.O.B. got one in the bottom for a 1-0 lead. In the second we led off with a single, then "Diamond" **Dean Binder** busted a triple, tying the game at one apiece! A fly made it 2-1 and the next for 'Boys went: single, double, single, double for two more runs and it was 4-1, then **Tim** "Dust Buster" **McCoy** cleaned off the bases with a triple and we led 6-1! A fly chased Tim home, 7-1, but a ground-out ended the run. We batted ten times in the inning. We hung a donut on ROBERT and went to the third to hit some more.

The first six guys hit three singles and three doubles to drive in four runs, 12-1, before a fly gave us one down, then **Tim** "tation" **McCoy** cracked another triple and we led 13-1! A single failed to score the old man, but a ground-out made it 14-1 and a fly-out ended the inning. This time it took us eleven at bats to score our seven runs. Babies On Base got three runs in the bottom of the third to crawl into the picture, 14-4. We got three in the fourth, the first on a double and two singles and the last two on a two-out, inside-the-park shot from **Freddy** "Got Fingered" **Allen** and we led 17-4! Bunch O' Bums plated a pair, 17-6, and it was our turn again.

It was getting close to the end of the game and we had a big lead, so we suspected that the fifth inning could very well be the last time we batted... for the year, as in all of 2003 for The Cowboys. Now, it's been a long standing tradition on our teams that whoever makes the last out for the calendar year for that particular team will be fondly remembered for, oh, about a year, until somebody else steps in it and takes the last guy off the hook. It's also been a long time tradition that in the last inning of the year, NOBODY wants to make that last out and we generally hit like crazy! A few years ago we even started getting trophies for making the final out of a year, just to sweeten the pot.

Needless to say, the Boys Of Boohoo were in for some hitting from The Cowboys. The first four guys singled for a run, 18-6, and the next guy flew out to chase home a run, 19-6. (This guy was safe, since we were Visitors and the run-rule couldn't stop it with him still on the bubble.) A single made it 20-6, then a double scored three runs and we led 23-6! A fly made it two down and the pressure was on! **Russell Ray** was next and grounded-out, second to first to end the inning and earn some iron. Okay, if B.O.B. scored 17 in the bottom of the inning, we'd have to bat again and all bets would be off, but I'm gonna let you in on a little secret, here: They didn't. They put up four runs, but we won the game 23-10. **Russell Ray** ended the game on a ground-out, second to first. Russ could have thrown that one away, hoping we'd give up thirteen more runs, but he didn't and ya gotta give him credit.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
The Cowboys	0	7	7	3	6	-	-	23
B.O.B.	1	0	3	2	4	-	-	10

That was a good game to end 2003. We beat **B.O.B.** by thirteen, where they beaten us by twelve, and we silenced their little bit of yapping from the game before. We played pretty good "D" and hit the ball like crazy. We scored more runs in that one game than the **Dirty Dozen** can conjure up in an average month! Good job, guys!

Robbie "C.C." **Crider** was 4-4 with an RBI, **Tim** "& Spac" **McCoy** was 3-3 with a walk and three RBI. Four others were 3-4.

Robbie Crider won the Batting Title with an 0.892 and **Norman Mapp** came in second with a cool 0.759. **Tim McCoy** finished above the team average of 0.649 with a 0.688 and **Howard Mathis** was right on the bubble with a 0.649.

Robbie's 0.892 average gave him a new McCoy Softball record for highest average batting average ever on a Men's team. The old record was 0.824 and has stood since Tundraball 1993 at the Softball Country Club. Back then Batting Titles were based on On Base Percentage, but **Tim McCoy** didn't walk that season, so his 0.824 was the biggest batting average until Robbie knocked him off this season. The highest ever Cowboys record was 0.778 by **Tom Frier** in Summer I 1996 at the SCC. They's a new gun slinger on **The Cowboys**, y'all,... and his name is **Robbie Crider**!

Russell Ray joins **Tim McCoy** as the only two players, so far, to make Fatal Final Outs for 2003. Tim made his in the **Mixed Nuts** last 2003 game in the bottom of the seventh inning of the PST Championship game with a lead. **Embry Hills** took the lead in the top of seven, but a single and a walkoff homer won the game, leaving Tim on the bubble.

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 DZ	11/3/03 9:30	at Bethesda Community Park - Fall 2003 - 8 vs. Strike Team
Wednesday CB	11/5/03	at George Pierce Park - Between Seasons No Games
Thursday MN	11/6/03	at Lanford Park - Between Seasons No Games
Friday JT	11/7/03 9:00	at Lucky Shoals Park - Fall 2003 - 5 vs. With Ourselves
Monday DZ	11/10/03 6:30	at Bethesda Community Park - Fall 2003 - 8 vs. DSGB
Friday JT	11/14/03	at Lucky Shoals Park - Between Seasons No Games
Monday JT	11/17/03	at Bethesda Community Park - Between Seasons No Games
Monday JT	11/24/03	at Bethesda Community Park - Between Seasons No Games
Monday DZ	12/1/03 ?::?	at Bethesda Community Park - Winter 2003 - 9 vs. TBD
		JT ?::? - 8 vs. TBD
Saturday All	12/6/03 2:00	at Wackadoo's in Snellville Fifth Annual McCoy Softball Banquet
Monday DZ	12/8/03 ?::?	at Bethesda Community Park - Winter 2003 - 9 vs. TBD
		JT ?::? - 8 vs. TBD
Monday DZ	12/15/03 ?::?	at Bethesda Community Park - Winter 2003 - 9 vs. TBD
		JT ?::? - 8 vs. TBD
Monday DZ	12/22/03	at Bethesda Community Park - Winter 2003 No Games – Christmas week
		JT No Games – Christmas week
Monday DZ	12/29/03	at Bethesda Community Park - Winter 2003 No Games – New Year's week
		JT No Games – New Year's week
Monday DZ	1/5/04 ?::?	at Bethesda Community Park - Winter 2003 - 9 vs. TBD
		JT ?::? - 8 vs. TBD
Monday DZ	1/12/04 ?::?	at Bethesda Community Park - Winter 2003 - 9 vs. TBD
		JT ?::? - 8 vs. TBD

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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.

The **Dirty Dozen** plays **Strike Team** next. They are an old rival. You know who they are. We need to hit the ball to beat them.

Began on 8/25/03

Monday - Bethesda Men's - No Homeruns		overall record
No PST for Fall season		
<i>Luby's II</i> * -8	7-1	8-4
Bass Pro +12	5-2	2-0
Dirty Dozen	5-3	n/a
Edy's	5-3	0-1
Strike Team * +1	5-3	10-4
DSGB * +17	2-6	2-0
The Dead Lois' +12	1-6	1-0
Lazy Dogs +4	0-8	5-1

Teams with a * we play twice

Our loss to **Luby's** blew us out of the running for First Place, but Second is still within reach. For us to get to #2, we need to win our last two games and **Bass Pro** and **Edy's** each need to drop another one. They play each other next week at 6:30 and the following week **Bass Pro** plays **Luby's**, but **Edy's** plays **The Dead Lois'**. So, we need **Bass** to beat **Edy's**, then lose to **Luby's**. **Bass Pro** beat **Edy's** the second week of the season, so we need them to do it again.

Began on 8/27/03

Wednesday - George Pierce Men's - Equalizer		overall record
No PST for Fall season		
Injoy -3	9-1	0-1
Derby #10 * -15	8-2	1-1
The Cowboys	6-4	n/a
Godfathers * +11	6-4	1-1
B.O.B. * +1	5-5	1-1
Tru Green + 16	4-6	1-0
Sharon Walk +18	2-8	1-0
GMC Scrubs +13	0-10	1-0

Teams with a * we play twice

Teams with shaded records are eliminated

The Cowboys won't play again until Spring 2004 at Lanford Park. I just recently found out that Lanford is definitely planning to do a Men's league on Wednesdays in the Spring. I'd been suggesting it to the Guy for a couple of months.

It was a rough season against a very good division. We didn't win First Place, but we helped knock the Derby out. We finished third because we beat the Godfathers by more runs than they beat us.

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 **With Ourselves** to end the Fall 2003 season.

Yes, we clinched First Place a couple of weeks ago, but we all know we have to beat With Ourselves. You know 'em and we know how to beat them.


Go get 'em!

The DL

So far, so good...

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>
		Robbie Crider 0.892	Tim McCoy 0.824	
		Norman Mapp 0.759	Amy Parham 0.706	

Upcoming Birthdays

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.
Tim McCoy draws Social Security on 11/22.
Kristie Ahrenstedt has a birthday on 11/22.
Alan Epstein counts one on 11/22.

Congratulations to

Robbie Crider

for his **0.892** Batting Average!
His Cowboys Batting Title is the
highest Men's Batting Average in
McCoy Softball history!

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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