



The Sports Page



Rainout

Dirty Dozen, Bethesda, 11/2/15, 6:30pm

The game will be made up on **Monday, 11/9/15** at **6:30**.

Rainout	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Dirty Dozen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
The Shockers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

Rainout

Jets, George Pierce, 11/3/15, 9:00pm

The game has not yet been rescheduled, but it will not be on a Tuesday. Nothing is confirmed, yet, but I'd keep my Thursdays open if I were you.

Rainout	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Jets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Honda Carland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

Rainout

The Cowboys, George Pierce, 11/3/15, 10:00pm

The game has not yet been rescheduled, but it will not be on a Tuesday. Nothing is confirmed, yet, but I'd keep my Thursdays open if I were you.

Rainout	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
The Cowboys	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Caught Looking	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

No Cigar

Smoke on the Water, Bethesda, 11/4/15, 8:30pm

After a couple of weeks of rain and generally nasty weather, **Smoke on the Water** took the field, having had just one rainout, where the Monday and Tuesday teams had suffered two in a row.

We took the field against the top team in the division, **Sons of Pitches**, but they had two losses and one more would drop them into a two-way tie at the top with the **Ball Busters**. We had beaten those guys 13-6 to give them their first loss on 9/30 and we wanted to give them a third loss, especially after the last game we played.

That last game had been at the hands of the **ImagineAir Flyers**, who may never have won a game, ever. We had played probably the worst game in all of McCoy Softball for 2015, so we wanted to show up strong against the **Sons of Pitches**.

Not only would we be playing the **Sons of Pitches**, but we were also battling the weather. We were not rained out, but it was misty and dripping the whole time we were at the field. It was like playing ball in a big loogie.

We also took the field with a **Motörhead** sub, as **Fred Reynolds** was a no show for the second straight game. **Motörhead** was playing right after **Smoke on the Water**, so we had a couple of guys floating around extra early for their game and so we were able to play with eleven. The **Sons of Pitches** picked up a couple of **Ball Busters**, who, apparently, didn't realize they were helping the **Sons of Pitches** keep their real team from grabbing a share of first place.

We had beaten the **Sons of Pitches** earlier in the season by playing good, solid defense and hitting the ball early on; scoring five runs in the first inning and three more in the second then rolling to a 13-6 win in seven innings.

We were Home team this time around and immediately dropped a donut on the **Sons of Pitches** in the top of the first inning. Our half of one began with a single, a walk and a line-out then got on the board when **Andrew "Bless this" Hess** doubled home a run. A second run scored on a ground-out for the final run of the inning and we led 2-0 after one.

We dropped another donut on the **Sons of Pitches** in the second inning, but fell prey to the lure of the circular pastry ourselves, but still led 2-0 after two. The **Sons of Pitches** scored a run in the third and we got it back on a single, walk and three straight outs, to lead 3-1 after the third inning.

The **Sons of Pitches** had a bit of the bagel in the fourth and in the bottom of four we started off with a pair of fly-outs. Two clutch singles and a walk followed, to load the bases then **Norman "Relief" Mapp** finally got his first **Smoke on the Water** hit since 1998, stroking a two-out, two-run single to put us up 5-1! A walk reloaded the bags, but a ground-out stopped us.

The **Sons of Pitches** scored a pair in the top of the fifth inning and we answered with two runs of our own, on a two-out single from **Toussaint Hill "of Fame"** and walk from **Jason "Hybrid" Tyler**, and we led 7-3 after five. The **Sons of Pitches** scored the only run scored in the sixth inning and we were on inning away from a season sweep of the divisional leader, on top 7-4.

We hit the field for a last time and immediately got burned for a leadoff inside-the-park homer, cutting our lead to 7-5. The next guy got on base and the next burned the other side of the outfield for a two-run, inside-the-park homer and our lead had vanished, 7-7. We settled down after the two big shots, but **Sons of Pitches** was now feeling the momentum and started poking singles all over the place. Our defense helped a bit, too. We had two outs on them with the bases loaded and the score knotted at seven. The **Sons of Pitches** hit an inning ending pop up that fell between two infielders. After that it went downhill fast and before it was over the **Sons of Pitches** had scored eight runs in the top of the final inning top take a 12-7 lead. Our response in the bottom of the seventh was a two-out walk and we lost the game, 12-7.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Sons of Pitches	0	0	1	0	2	1	8	12
Smoke on the Water	2	0	1	2	2	0	0	7

It was a gut wrenching finish to what was actually a very well played game on our behalf. The seventh inning was way out of control, but in the other six innings we played well enough to have beaten the top team a second time. Next season we beat them twice, guys. It may interest you to know that we beat the **Sons of Pitches** by more runs they beat us, so, head to head, we were better than the top team. It's a Pyrrhic victory, to be sure, but a victory nonetheless. We played a solid game, but made some mistakes and it cost us. It's part of the learning curve and we have benefited from it. Next time we're in such a situation, we'll be that much more ready for it. Nice try, **Smoke on the Water!**

Dave Fisher "King" was 3-3 with a walk. **Brian Baber "College"** was 2-3 with a walk, **Norman "Road" Mapp** was 1-2 with a walk and two RBI, **Jason Tyler "Lockwood"** was 1-2 with a walk and a rib and **Nick "at Nite" Greenwood** was 1-2 with a walk, too.

Guys Gone Wild Wing

Motörhead, Bethesda, 11/4/15, 9:30pm

Motörhead was all about the Pyrrhic victories nowadays. We were 3-5 and sharing last place with **Wild Wing Bar & Grill**, an almost inexplicable reversal of the standings we expected before the season started. We were mathematically out of any shot at T-shirts and just wanted to smack whatever team showed up in the other dugout. We also had a little history with **Wild Wing** and wanted to stuff them for a second time this season.

We hit the field first, as Home team and allowed three runs as **Wild Wing** hit the ball in the first inning/ We answered with a one out single and trailed **Wild Wing** 3-0 after one. We got on the board in the second, scoring the inning's only run, when **Andrew Hess** doubled home the run with two down, 3-1 after two.

Wild Wing hit a bit in the third and scored two runs to lead us 5-1 and at this point, many of our teams would have folded. These yahoos were running around the field like they owned the place and acting like the lords of the Softball, but we noticed something about their general lack of hustle. They were not so much acting cool, but rather trying to remain vertical as they tried to fight through the booze you could smell on them whenever they got close to us. We hammered a couple of singles past infielders that would never remember it then loaded the bases with a walk. Another single and walk drove in a pair with the bases still as juiced as the team in the field and it was 5-3. "Dangerous" **Dan Covault** singled home a pair to make it 5-5 and a walk reloaded the bags. **Andy "Haz" Matz** unloaded a couple of them with a double and we had the lead, 7-5! We went up 8-5 on a fly-out, the first out of the inning and a single made it 9-5. A fly-out gave us a second out, a single gave us a second base runner and **Kelvin Rachu "Pichu"** drove in a two-out run with a single. A walk loaded the bases again, but a fly-out ended the inning. We batted fifteen times in the third and **Dave Fisher** and **Kelvin Rachu** were each 2-2, while **Jason Tyler** walked twice and our nine run inning had given us a 10-5 after the third.

We dropped an onion ring on **Wild Wing** in the fourth inning, but we similarly failed to score, still 10-5 after four. We held **Wild Wing** scoreless again in the fifth inning and scored two more. We started our rally with two outs and a single then **Josh Carper** "Diem" tripled for a two-out run and **Dave** "Volcanic" **Fisher** added another clutch run with a double and we led 12-5 after five.

Wild Wing scored two runs in the top of six as our defense had a little hiccup and we answered with one on a two-out double from "Lieutenant" **Dan Covault** and led 13-7, with one inning to go. **Wild Wing** tried to rally in the top of the seventh and managed one run, but we shut them down and won the game, 13-8!

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Wild Wing Bar & Grill	3	0	2	0	0	2	1	8
Motörhead	0	1	9	0	2	1	x	13

It was a very good effort from a **Motörhead** team that has certainly endured its share of abuse this season. We played well in the field, for the most part, and hit well enough. We had one really big inning and added a few more runs to keep **Wild Wing** from getting any ideas. Good game, **Motörhead!**

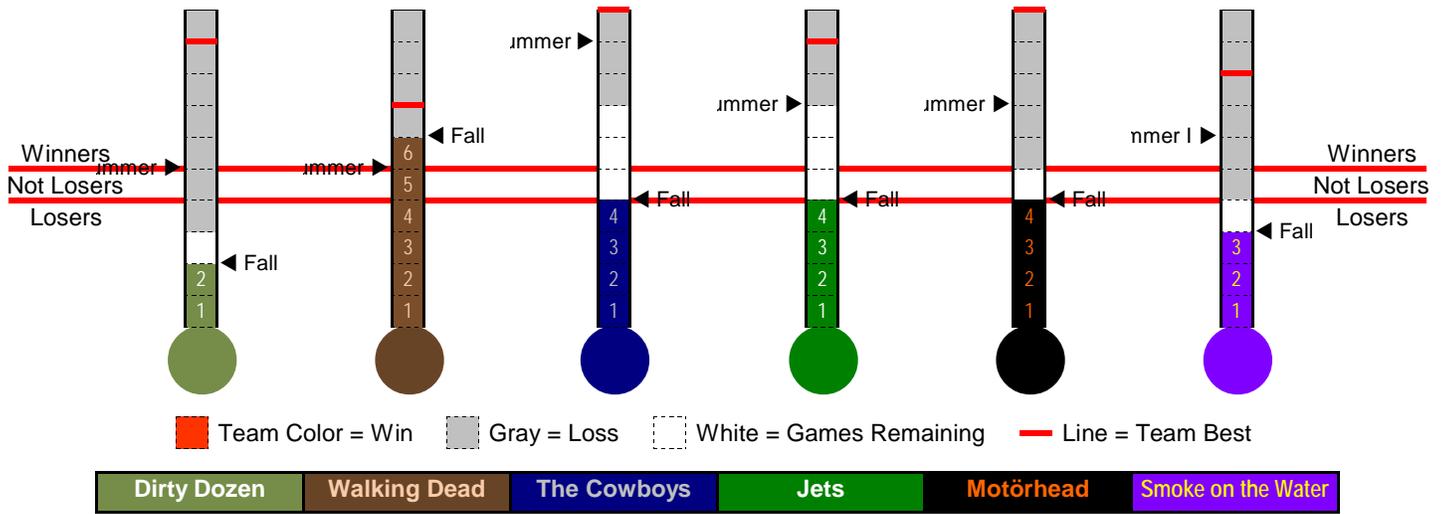
"Once Upon a" **Tim McCoy** and "Day of the" **Dave Fisher** were each 3-3 with an RBI. "Dandy" **Andy Matz** was 2-3 with two ribs and **Jason Tyler** "nol" was 1-2 with a pair of walks.

So, You Think You Know Your Teammates...?

The following snapshots show parts of the guys you play ball with. They are arranged by Top, Middle and Bottom. Some are easy, others not so much. When you have a guess, go to the [McCoy Softball](#) site and enter your guesses on the [MESSAGE BOARD](#). Or just email the ol' webslinger.

(Tim, let the girls play.)

<p><i>T01</i></p> 	<p><i>T02</i></p> 	<p><i>T03</i></p> 	<p><i>T04</i></p> 	<p><i>T05</i></p> 	<p><i>T06</i></p> 
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Rain Numbers for Each Park					
Bethesda	Bethesda	Geo. Pierce	Geo. Pierce	Bethesda	Bethesda
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“When in doubt, come on out.”

<p>Monday 11/9/15 at Bethesda Community Park - Fall 2015</p> <p>DZ 6:30 - 10V vs. The Shockers (makeup from 10/26/15, 11/2/15 & 11/9/15)</p>	<p>← ← ← ← ← ←</p>
<p>Tuesday 11/10/15 at George Pierce Park - Fall 2015</p> <p>CB 7:00 - 2H vs. Bombers (makeup from 9/29/15)</p> <p>JM 9:00 - 2H vs. Acura Carland (makeup from 9/29/15)</p>	<p>← ← ← ← ← ←</p> <p>← ← ← ← ← ←</p>
<p>Wednesday 11/11/15 at Bethesda Community Park - Fall 2015</p> <p>MH 6:30 - 8H vs. What? (makeup from 10/28/15)</p> <p>SW 8:30 - 8H vs. The Tribe (makeup from 10/28/15)</p>	<p>← ← ← ← ← ←</p> <p>← ← ← ← ← ←</p>
<p>Tuesday 11/17/15 at George Pierce Park - Fall 2015</p> <p>CB 8:00 - 2V vs. Sage Sluggers (makeup from 10/27/15)</p> <p>JM 9:00 - 2V vs. Men of McKendree (makeup from 10/27/15)</p>	<p>← ← ← ← ← ←</p> <p>← ← ← ← ← ←</p>

Standings & Scouting Reports – Fall 2015

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

Bethesda Park Teams

Monday - Bethesda Men's - No Homers, No Steals No Spring PST			overall record
	Bull's Eye	9-0	0-1
	Dropped Balls **	7-3	3-6
	<i>The Shockers</i> **	6-3	1-3 ←
	Calloway Title	5-4	3-0
	Cool Breeze	4-6	6-0
	The Latinos	3-6	0-1
	Sandlot Reloaded	3-6	0-1
	Royal Flush	3-7	1-2
	<i>Dirty Dozen</i>	2-7	n/a

The *Dirty Dozen* plays *The Shockers* to finish up the 2015 season.

This is a good team. Hit the ball. Catch the ball. You know the drill.

We've already clinched, so the pressure is off. There's nothing left now but the Batting Title and the southbound end of a northbound horse.

Monday - Bethesda Men's - No Homers, No Steals No Spring PST			overall record
	Batmen **	9-1	2-3
	DUCK! **	7-3	9-4
	<i>Walking Dead</i>	6-4	0-0
	Dirty Ducks	6-4	10-3
	Bears **	6-4	4-5
	The Hammy's	3-7	1-0
	ATLiens	3-7	1-0
	Road Dawgs	0-10	1-0

The *Walking Dead* played our last game and finished Fall 2015 at 6-4, winners, though not where we really wanted to be.

It was another up and down season in an up and down year. In 2014 we finished in second place all three seasons and vowed not to do that again. We were right on.

We finished 4-6, 5-5 and 6-4 and placed sixth, fourth and third, so we did improve over the year, but not as much as we'd hoped.

See ya in Spring 2016!



Wednesday - Bethesda Men's - No Homers, No Steals No Spring PST			overall record
	<i>What?</i> **	6-3	0-1 ←
	Those Guys **	5-4	1-1
	Motley Crew **	5-4	13-5
	Royal Flush **	4-5	18-1
	<i>Motörhead</i>	4-5	0-0
	Wild Wing Bar & Grill **	3-6	3-2

Motörhead plays *What?* next. They beat us 6-3 in a game where we were missing four guys and three others showed up late and we looked like gigantic brain fart.

If we have any cojones at all we will take this team apart.



**Wednesdays - Bethesda
Men's - No Homers, No Steals**

		overall record
Sons of Pitches **	7-2	1-1
Ball Busters **	6-3	0-2
Smash & Dash **	5-4	1-1
<i>The Tribe</i> **	5-4	0-1 ←
Smoke on the Water	3-6	n/a
ImagineAir Flyers **	1-8	1-1

Smoke on the Water plays **The Tribe** next. They beat us the first time around, so it's our turn to beat them.

Focus and relax and let's play some ball and have some fun!



George Pierce Park Teams

**Tuesday - George Pierce
Men's - No Homers, No Steals**
No Spring PST

		overall record
The Big E	5-2	3-1
Caught Looking **	5-2	3-1
Wolverton Wolverines	4-3	2-1
The Cowboys	4-3	0-0
Scared Hitless	4-3	6-3
Red Devils	4-3	2-1
One Bad Inning	4-3	2-4
<i>Bombers</i>	4-3	2-3 ←
Swift Machines	1-6	4-3
Sage Sluggers	0-7	2-0

The Cowboys play the **Bombers** next. This is a good team, but they have holes in their defense. If we hit we can take them down.



**Thursday - George Pierce
Men's - No Homers, No Steals**
No Spring PST

		overall record
Hammerheads **	7-0	4-13
Jets	4-3	0-0
Team Eddie **	4-3	1-1
Men of McKendree **	2-5	1-0
Jaamarti **	2-5	6-1
<i>Acura Carland</i> **	2-5	0-0 ←

The **Jets** play **Acura Carland** next. These guy beat **The Cowboys** in the last game of the season in Summer 2015, after we'd already clinched the game before.

They are a decent team, but having trouble getting wins in the **Jets** division. We get them twice in a row, so we need to jump them hard this first time.



The DL



Russell Ray had another shoulder surgery recently, in a long string of surgeries. Russ last played on 4/22/13.

We miss ya, #28!



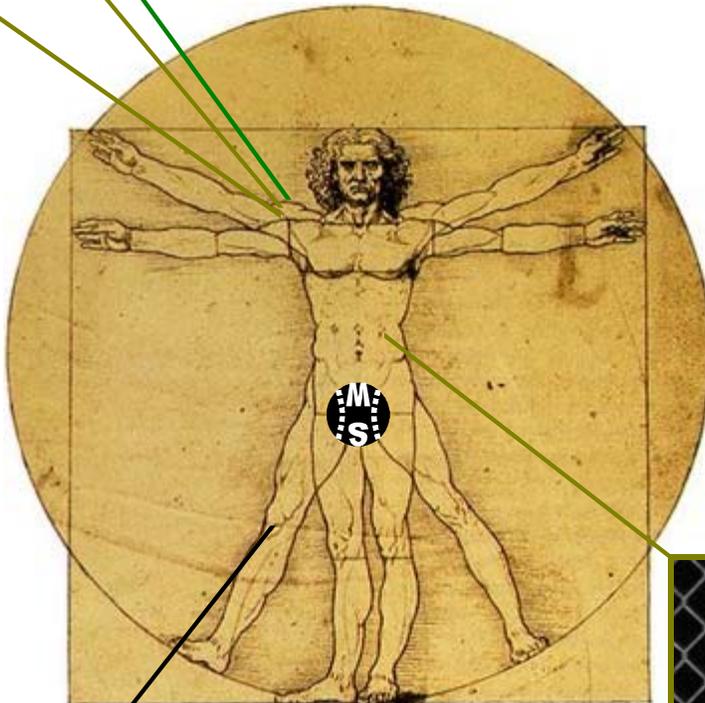
Nels Anderson injured a rotator cuff and may need surgery. Either way, he'll be missing all of Fall 2015.

Hang in there, #2!



Kyle Jones will be missing the Fall season with a shoulder injury.

We'll miss ya, #3!



Larry Civelli strained his lower abdomen Monday night and will have to miss his final **Dirty Dozen** game. (Lucky duck...)

Hang in there, #6!



Jay Thornton injured a patellar tendon and has to shut it down for the rest of 2015. He was going to have to miss the Fall season, but had to go on the DL right after his games on 7/13.

See ya in 2016, #24!

Birthdays & Batting Titlists

October Birthdays

SUGGS, STEVEN	10/11
SHEA, SHERYL	10/14
ORTIZ, JHONATAN	10/17
SPIVEY, HEATHER	10/17
ZIENKO, LAURIE	10/17
GONZALEZ, XAVIER	10/19
KOPSHO, MAX	10/20
ANDERSON, NELS	10/22
JONES, WAYLON	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
GREENWOOD, NICHOLAS	10/31
QUIGLEY, LOGAN	10/31
SHUMAKER, MICHAEL	10/31
WRIGHT, BOBBY	10/31

November Birthdays

GERSHOFF, GARY	11/1
DENNIS, MIKE	11/3
KELLY, TROY	11/3
FRANKLIN, JAWSH	11/4
HESS, ANDREW	11/6
STEELE, EDDIE	11/7
STEWART, ROB	11/8
ROBINOWICH, HOWARD	11/9
LANGLEY, RYAN	11/11
WHITE, MARK	11/11
COBLE, CODY	11/12
LYLES, BOB	11/12
BRACKMAN, MATT	11/14
CARPENTER, MIKE	11/14
PALERMINO, TONY	11/14
GILBERT, COREY	11/15
HUDNALL, BUBBA	11/15
MORELAND, JOHNNY	11/18
WILLIAMS, MATT	11/18
BREHM, RICH	11/19
BURSON, MARIE	11/20
FISHER, DAVE	11/20
AHRENSTEDT, KRISTIE	11/22
DREW, RODNEE	11/22
EPSTEIN, ALAN	11/22
McCoy, TIM	11/22
PINTO, TONY	11/22
ARNOLD, MIKE	11/24
CUILLI, SAL	11/25
HARTMAN, KYLE	11/26
RUBINO, STEVE	11/26
BALL, MIKE	11/27
HUMPHREY, GARY	11/27
CRAWFORD, SEAN	11/28
LITRELL, JOSHUA	11/30

Summer 2015 & Summer I 1998



John Culligan 0.800

Tim McCoy 0.667



0.636



Brett Shumaker 0.667

Larry Civelli 0.633



Dan Covault 0.645

Andrew Hess 0.613



Norman S. Mapp, Jr. 0.613

Tim McCoy 0.611



Taylor McCauley 0.611

Tim McCoy, Jay Thornton 0.533



David Marquez 0.586

Kelvin Rachu 0.583



0.577

0.576



Bat Certification Testing



From now on Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation will use a new procedure for certifying Softball bats used at Bethesda, George Pierce and Best Friend Parks.

Before a bat can be used in a game it must be tested to verify that it conforms to ASA guidelines regarding compression.

It's a simple test. The barrel of the bat is placed into a fixture to steady the bat and position it at the proper location on the barrel. The handle rests on a pad to hold the bat level. A gauge with a dial is screwed down onto the barrel of the bat. This does not damage the bat and only takes 20-30 seconds.

If the reading on the dial shows a legal bat then the person testing the bat will affix an orange sticker (pictured on the left) just above the tape on the handle.

If a bat fails, it's no problem, but no sticker, either.

To use a bat in a Gwinnett park you need the sticker, regardless of the manufacturer's stamp, or list of bats on a website, or a note from your Mom or the Pope, or any other form of verification. No sticker, no bat.

Bat testing will begin before the first game every night and end sometime before the first game starts. Bats may also be tested at the GCPR office during regular business hours as long as you make an appointment.

Any player using an illegal (non stickered) bat will be called out. If a player steps in the batter's box with a non certified bat, he's called out. If he gets a hit with that bat and somebody notices after the fact, he's out.

All bats must be tested before the first game of every new season.