

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!

Dirty Dozen Dozes

Dirty Dozen, Bethesda, 11/3/03, 9:30pm

The Monday before last the **Dirty Dozen** played the **Strike Team**, a team we'd played fourteen times, winning ten. We had kept them down for a long time, but lately we'd pretty much taken turns beaten each other. We beat them 14-13 the second game of this season.

We sat at 5-3 with an outside shot at Second Place. 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 played each other next week at 6:30 and the following week **Bass Pro** would play **Luby's**, but **Edy's** would play **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 and at 6:30 **Bass Pro** helped us out by beating **Edy's**, so we were still alive.

We lost the coin toss and were Visitors and started the game with a single, but a ground-out and double-play followed and it was Strike Team's turn. The top half of their lineup hit the ball hard in the bottom of one, scoring three runs for the early lead. We got a run in the second, 3-1, on two leadoff singles followed by three flies. We hung a hoola-hoop on Strike Team and we were doing okay.

Neither team crossed the plate in the third, but in the top of the fourth we took the lead. Two fly-outs began the fourth, then a single and double made it 3-2 and **Russell "Sting" Ray** smacked a triple to tie the game at three apiece! **Rock "the Kasbah" McCoy** gave us a 4-3 lead on a single up the middle, a single followed and a walk loaded the bases, but another fly-out ended the inning. We'd held Strike Team scoreless for the last two innings, but they found their groove again in the bottom of the fourth and scored five runs to retake the lead, 8-4.

We came right back hitting in the top of five as we led off with a fly, a single followed and **Robbie "C.C." Crider** sliced a gap for a two-run, inside-the-park homer and we closed the gash to 8-6! Three straight singles followed, loading the bases, then **Russell "Sugar" Ray** busted a single, two runs trod the dish and we were tied, 8-8, but a B.O.O.B. gave us two down. Next up was **Rock "Lobster" McCoy** **, who cracked another tie-breaking, RBI single and we led 9-8, but a fly ended the rally. Strike Team answered with a deuce in the bottom of the fifth to take a 10-9 lead. The clock was winding down, so the stage was set for yet another Dirty Dozen a fantastic finish.

It was the sixth inning and we were pretty sure it was also the final stanza. We started off with two straight ground-outs, then two straight singles. Next, **Robbie Crider** "Shade of Pale" *** hit a grounder and Strike Team threw to second for the force. The guy covering second bobbed, but the runner didn't see it and didn't slide, expecting an easy out. The fielder tagged our guy trying to dive back to two, but the B.O.O.B. ended the inning. During all this one runner scampered home and the score was tied, 10-10. The at bat was a single, since the runner had captured second and got out trying to get back. Strike Team plated a run in the bottom of the sixth on three singles, the clock died before the next guy could bat and we lost 11-10.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Dirty Dozen	0	1	0	3	5	1	-	10
Strike Team	3	0	0	5	2	1	-	11

The week before we had lost our second straight close game and **Tim McCoy** said, it was a game we could have won with the gloves, but should have won with the bats and this profundity applied for a third straight week as we lost another close one. Our defense was not perfect, but was pretty good and should have been enough to bring home the win. Our hitting was, once again, weak. It is truly hard to believe that eleven experienced guys like us with \$300, high tech aluminum and composite bats could hit so badly when the other team is throwing a great big ball very slowly and playing about the same defense as we are. We've scored only 25 runs in the last three games. Mind boggling...

Steve "Oh, Say Can You" Shreve was 3-3 with an RBI and Larry Civelli "War" *** was 3-3. **Freddy "Krueger" Allen** was 3-4, **Russell "X" Ray** was 2-3 with three ribs and **Rocky "Top" McCoy** was 2-3 with a pair.

** this particular nickname can be blamed on Russell Ray.

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

More than Meets the Eye

The Jets, Lucky Shoals, 11/7/03, 9:00pm

The Jets clinched First Place the seventh week of the season at 7-0, destroying the **Recall Protectors** 27-6 for the clincher. Then we beat **Springfield** and **ViaSat**, each 18-8, to go 9-0 and Friday night we faced one of McCoy Softball's oldest rivals and chief competitors: **With Ourselves**.

Behind our 9-0 record, there was a log jam for Second Place at 5-4, with **With Ourselves**, **ViaSat** and **That Other Team** all tied before Friday night. **ViaSat** beat **Springfield** at 7:00 and **That Other Team** beat **Recall**, by forfeit, and those two teams advanced to 6-4, so it all depended on **With Ourselves**. If **With** won, they would win the three-way tie, but if they lost **ViaSat** owned the tie-breaker over **TOT**, so they would take home a trophy.

So, even though we'd clinched First a long time ago, we still had a lot to play for Friday night. **With Ourselves** is a long time rival, who had gotten good enough to damage us a couple of times and they'd picked up a couple of players who run their mouths at their teammates. That's a couple of good reason to win, right there, but wait, there's more! We were 9-0 and nobody had had a 10-0 since Spring 2001. Just to sweeten the pot, we found out that **With** would either take home some iron or go home empty handed, based on our game, giving us a fifth reason for a win. Of course all that stuff was just extra. Every time we see our names on a schedule and they turn on the lights and the other team shows up, we want to win! So, the final 2003 game at Lucky Shoals might not have meant anything to another team in our position, but it meant a heck of a lot to us. We lost the coin toss and were Visitors.

We put up two runs in the first, the first on a one-out triple from **Tim** "MAY!" **McCoy** and the other on a fly that scored Tim. **With Ourselves** plated a pair, tying the game at two apiece. in the second we went: single, fly-out, single, then **Freddy** "Got Fingered" **Allen** broke the deadlock with a double and it was 3-2! A ground-out gave us two down, then we really got busy! **Jeff** "Biggun" **Whitley** busted a two-out, two-run double, 5-2, "Famous" **Amy Parham** slapped a single, 6-2, **Tim** "ber!" **McCoy** busted another RBI triple, 7-2 and **Deanna** "Birthday Girl" **McCoy** stroked a single to give us an 8-2 lead! A fly finally ended the inning, but not before we'd turned a tie ball game into a decent lead. **With Ourselves** answered with a run, 8-3 and it our turn again. We went down 1-2-3 in the third, but **With** posted a tree-spot and closed the gap to 8-6.

We got two in the fourth, 10-6, on a leadoff double and three singles, but two straight outs ended the rally. **With Ourselves** plated a runner, 10-7, and on we went to the fifth inning. We got two in the fifth, 12-7, as **Howard** "Judge" **Mathis** tripled home a leadoff single, then scored on a ground-out and **With** got a run to make it 12-8 after five. We got one more in the sixth and final inning, as the clock died, on a one-out, inside-the-park homer from "Drop Dead" **Freddy Allen** and we led 13-8, but two straight outs ended the fun. We held **With Ourselves** to only a run in the bottom of the sixth and won the game 13-9 to go 10-0!!!

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
With Ourselves	2	1	3	1	1	1	-	9
The Jets	2	6	0	2	2	1	-	13

The Jets played a good game against a very good team and won the game to go 10-0, "with nothing to play for." Hah! We played solid "D" and hit the ball pretty well and left Lucky Shoals for the last time in 2003 felling great! Great game to top a great season, **Jets!**

Nobody was X-X Friday night, a rarity, but seven players made only one out apiece as we spread it around pretty well.

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

Tim McCoy won the men's half of the Batting Title with an 0.821. **Jeff Whitley** was next with an 0.767 and **Howard Mathis** was also above the men's average with his 0.727. **Deanna McCoy** won the women's Title with an 0.571 and **Dee Lawson** was next with her 0.533.

The Jets were undefeated in five Home games and undefeated in five times as Visitors. We were undefeated in August, undefeated in September, undefeated in October, undefeated in November. We were also undefeated at 7:00, 8:00 and 9:00.

Milestones from Fall 2003

We finished in First Place at 10-0 and won by an average score of 19.3-6.8. That defensive average places us 16th out of 43 **Jets** seasons, but our offense puts us fifth in team history. Our Fall 2003 defense put us 31st out of 134 Coed seasons and our offense ranks 12th all time in Coed. Our average margin of victory was 12.50 runs, placing us seventh out of 43 **Jets** seasons, just behind the 12.90 we had in Summer 2003, and 13th all time.

It was **The Jets'** eighth undefeated season and 23rd First Place finish in 43 leagues. (In case you were wondering: Of those 20 non-First Place finishes, we came in Second 15 times.)

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 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
- Monday 11/24/03** at Bethesda Community 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

Monday 12/22/03 at Bethesda Community Park - Winter 2003 DZ No Games – Christmas week JT No Games – Christmas week
Monday 12/29/03 at Bethesda Community Park - Winter 2003 DZ No Games – New Year's week JT No Games – New Year's week

- Monday 1/5/04** at Bethesda Community Park - Winter 2003
DZ ? :?? - 9 vs. TBD
JT ? :?? - 8 vs. TBD
- Monday 1/12/04** at Bethesda Community Park - Winter 2003
DZ ? :?? - 9 vs. TBD
JT ? :?? - 8 vs. TBD
- Monday 1/19/04** at Bethesda Community Park - Winter 2003
DZ ? :?? - 9 vs. TBD
JT ? :?? - 8 vs. TBD
- Monday 1/26/04** at Bethesda Community Park - Winter 2003
DZ ? :?? - 9 vs. TBD
JT ? :?? - 8 vs. TBD
- Monday 2/2/04** 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		
Luby's II * -8	8-1	8-4
Bass Pro +12	7-2	2-0
Strike Team * +0	6-3	10-5
Edy's	5-4	0-1
Dirty Dozen	5-4	n/a
<i>DSGB</i> * +17	3-6	2-0
The Dead Lois' +12	1-8	1-0
Lazy Dogs +4	0-9	5-1

Teams with a * we play twice

The **Dirty Dozen** plays *DSGB* to end the season.

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

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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	10-0	n/a
ViaSat +21	6-4	4-0
That Other Team +21	6-4	5-1
With Ourselves +15	5-5	20-4
Springfield Isotopes +30	2-8	9-0
Recall Protectors +36	1-9	3-0

Each team plays the others once.

Teams with shaded records are eliminated

The Jets will play their next game on 12/1/03 in the first game of Winter 2003.

The Jets won First Place and it wasn't even close as we blew through a pretty tough division as if they weren't even there.

We finished 10-0 for the first time since Spring 2001, even though we had First Place clinched a few weeks before the last game. Before this season, Spring '01 was the last time any McCoy Softball team went 10-0 and it was **The Jets** then, too. Before that **The Jets** were 10-0 in Winter 2000 and before that the **Mixed Nuts** ran the table in Spring 2000.


Awesome job, **Jets!!** Congratulations on a great season!!

The DL

So far, so good...

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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

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.
 Mike Arnold counts one on 11/24.
 Steve Rubino chalks one up on 11/26.

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!

Perfect Records in Coed Seasons

Team	Seasons Played	Perf.	Last Time
Rocky Horror	29	3	Summer I 1997
The Dirty Dozen	11	0	n/a
Rocky Dozen	2	0	n/a
The Cincinnati Reds	27	4	n/a
The Jets	43	8	Fall 2003
Mixed Nuts	21	4	Spring 2000
Overall	133	19	

Perfect Records in Men's Seasons

Team	Seasons Played	Perf.	Last Time
The Zombies	12	NEC	n/a
Smoke on the Water	30	0	n/a
Smoke Tuesday	11	0	n/a
The Cowboys	34	1	Summer I 1998
Motörhead	5	NEC	n/a
Dirty Dozen	21	1	Summer III 1998
Overall	113	2	

NEC = Not Even Close

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