

Stranglehold

Zoar Preschool, Zoar UMC, 10/29/05, 7:45pm

A couple of Saturdays ago **Zoar Preschool** had only one day left in the regular season, but it was a full day as we were scheduled to play a triple-header. Our first opponent was a team called **Stronghold**. We were Home team, as luck would have it, in all three games, based on the schedule.

Stronghold put up a run in the top of the first inning and we matched it on a no-out, RBI single from "Slim" **Tim McCoy** and it was 1-1 after an inning. Neither team scored in the second, but we went ahead in the third. We held **Stronghold** scoreless in the top of three, then "Ready" **Freddy Allen** made it 2-1 on a one-out, inside-the-park homer! An out later, **Tim McCoy** busted a two-out triple and **Ruby "Red" Richardson** picked up the spare with a single, 3-1. A double followed, but a ground-out ended the inning.

Stronghold put up a run in the top of the fourth, 3-2, but we got it back and more. **Dave Kyle** made it 4-2 on a one-out, RBI triple and a single knocked him in to make it 5-2 and **Andrew Kurasaka** "312" followed that up with another triple and we led 6-2! Two straight flies ended the inning. **Stronghold** got a run in the fifth, 6-3, and we got it back on a one-out, inside-the-parker from **Tim "ber!" McCoy**, 7-3.

In the top of the sixth all we had to do was hold **Stronghold** with the clock dead. We finally held them, but they rallied for two runs and we won the game 7-5!

Time limit	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Stronghold	1	0	0	1	1	2	-	5
Zoar Preschool	1	0	2	3	1	x	-	7

It was a good way to start a triple-header, a nice tight game with some clutch hitting and defense. We hit when we had to and played solid "D" to put a stranglehold on **Stronghold**. Good job, **Zoar Preschool!**

Tim "Quick Draw" **McCoy** was 3-3 with two RBI, **Rocky** "Road" **McCoy** was 3-3, too, and **Dave** "Grandma" **Kyle** and **Robin** "Red Breast" **Brown** were each 2-2 with a ribbie each. **Andrew Kurasaka** "Let's the Good Times Roll" was 1-2 with a ribbie and **Joel** "Cat" **Stephens** was 1-2, as well.

More Zoar

Zoar Preschool, Zoar UMC, 10/29/05, 8:45pm

In the second of the three games **Zoar Preschool** faced **Zoar**. We were Home again and hit the field.

We held **Zoar** scoreless in the first and hit like crazy in the bottom half. We led off with a couple of singles, then **Tim** "& Space" **McCoy** hit a ground rule double for a run and we were on the board, 1-0. After a line-out, we got a run on a single, 2-0, and another on a ground-out, 3-0, then **Dave** "Gomer" **Kyle** busted a gap and ran a lap for a two-out, two-run, inside-the-park homer to put us up 5-0! A single came next and "Billy" **Joel Stephens** made it 6-0 with a two-out, RBI double to end the scoring in the first inning.

Zoar got three of the runs back in the second inning, but we matched their three with three of our own on a two-out, inside-the-park homer from **Tim** "MAY!" **McCoy** and it was 9-3 after two. **Zoar** kept right in hitting the ball in the third and scored five runs to close the gap to 9-8. We got one run back on a two-out, single from **Joel** "Son of Pethuel" **Stephens** and it was 10-8 after three innings.

Our "D" held **Zoar** to nothing in the fourth and we scored three in the bottom of four, 13-8, on three singles and a double to get a little Aflac. **Zoar** was far from dead in the fifth inning and scored three runs to close the gap again, this time 13-11. We got a run in the bottom of five when **Joel** "Ricky Business" **Stephens** busted a two-out, RBI triple and the clock expired as we made the final out, so we hung on to win the game 14-11!

Time limit	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Zoar	0	3	5	0	3	-	-	11
Zoar Preschool	6	3	1	3	1	-	-	14

The second game was certainly more high scoring than the first, but it was equally as exciting as neither team could run away and leave the other. The "D" was good. Both teams just hit well.

"Virginia" **Tim McCoy** was 3-3 and led the team with six RBI, **Joel** "Cat" **Stephens** was 3-3 with three, **Freddy** "King" **Allen** was 3-3 with a ribbie and "Hurricane" **Andrew Kurasaka** was 2-2.

Tables

Zoar Preschool, Zoar UMC, 10/29/05, 9:45pm

The third game we faced a team we'd played the first week, called **SCC**. They hit well and beat us before and we hoped to turn the tables this time around. We were Home again.

SCC came right out hitting in the first, scoring four times for the early lead. We came out hitting, too, as **Freddy** "Mel" **Allen** led us off with a triple, a single scored him, 4-1, and **Tim** "and Place for Everything" **McCoy** tripled in a second run, 4-2! A short fly couldn't get the run across, but a deep one did and it was 4-3. A double followed, but a fly ended an eventful first inning.

SCC hit even better in the second inning than they had in the first and posted six more runs to extend their lead to 10-3. We can right back with three straight ground-outs and on we went to the third inning. **SCC** was far from done hitting the ball and in the third put up another six-spot to lead 16-3. We answered with a lone run when **Freddy** "Flintstone" **Allen** stroked a two-out triple and **Ruby** "Doobie, Doo" **Richardson** drove him in on a single and we trailed 16-4 after three.

We finally put a donut on **SCC** in the top of four and it was a perfect chance for our offense to bust loose! In the bottom of the fourth we put up a few, the first run, 16-5, on a ground rule double from **Laurie** "Doctor" **Zienko**. A one-out, two-run double made it 16-7. The last two runs came on a pinch hit two-out, two-run single from **Steve Walker** "Texas Ranger" and the five spot in the fourth inning closed the chasm to a gap at 16-9.

SCC managed a deuce in the fifth, 18-9, and with the clock showing only a scant few seconds left we knew it was do or die time. **Tim McCoy** led off the fifth and final inning with a triple and a single made it 18-10. A double-play gave us two outs and a single kept it alive, but a ground-out ended the inning and the game and we lost 18-10.

Time limit	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
SCC	4	6	6	0	2	-	-	18
Zoar Preschool	3	0	1	5	1	-	-	10

Well, we didn't turn any tables that game as **SCC** hit even better than they had the first time we played them. We hung in there and had some fun, though.

Tim "plosion" **McCoy** and **Laurie** "Everything but the Kitchen" **Zienko** ** were each 3-3 with an RBI, **Freddy** "or Not Here We Come" **Allen** ** was 2-2 and **Steve** "Sky" **Walker** was 1-1.

** this particular nickname courtesy of Tim McCoy

K2

Mixed Nuts, Keswick, 11/3/05, 7:30pm

Back on 11/3 the **Mixed Nuts** faced a team we'd played earlier in the season called **Silent-K**. The first time we played they were anything but silent and they almost snuck up on us. We'd played a hard fought game against **Silent-K** and led 16-10 after five innings with about one inning left on the clock. We batted in the top of six hoping for some State Farm and just blew up to the tune of nine runs in the inning to lead 25-10. It had been a nip and tuck ball game, but we were finally able to breathe a sigh of relief and smile a bit as we hit the field for the bottom of the final inning. **Silent-K** wasn't done yet, though and proceeded to hit the ball hard, often and all over the place. They put up ten runs in the sixth and we hung on to win 25-20.

So this Thursday we hoped to smack 'em down and keep 'em there early and keep any late inning heroics from beating us. We were Home by dint of schedule and took the field.

Silent-K came out hitting and score three in the top of the first, but we came right back with a deuce and it was 3-2 after an inning. We hung a donut on **Silent-K** in the second and scored a run in the bottom half on a two-out double from **Sean** "007" **Crawford**.

In the third we held **Silent-K** scoreless again and posted some more runs in the bottom half. Three straight singles loaded the bases and "Apocalypse" **Norm Mapp** unloaded two of them on another single and we had the lead 5-3! Two more singles made it 7-3, then we went fly-out, single double-play to end a productive inning. Neither team touched the dish in the third, but in the fourth **Silent-K** got a run to make it 7-4, but we got it back and then some. **Norman Mapp** "Quest" got us going when he hit a two-out triple. **Heather** "Poison" **Spivey** busted a two-out, RBI double, 8-4, and **Tom** "Foolery" **Frier** ** followed with a clutch single and we led 9-4 after five.

Silent-K posted two in the top of six, closing the gap to 9-6, and we failed to score in the sixth despite a leadoff single and walk. We had to hold **Silent-K** to two runs in the bottom of the final inning for the win. We had "held" them to ten in the final innings the last time we played them, so we had nothing to worry about. Yeah, right. Well, we did hold them in the seventh, to a goose egg, in fact and we won the game 9-6.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Silent-K	3	0	0	0	1	2	0	6
Mixed Nuts	2	1	4	0	2	0	x	9

It was another close game with **Silent-K**, but this time it was a low scoring affair. Our "D" was running on all cylinders, but our bats could have been more in evidence as we were a flat again. Even though our bats were not doing the job we still had lots of clutch hits and solid glove work. Good job, **Mixed Nuts!**

"Stormin'" **Norman Mapp** was 3-3 with three RBI and **Rock** "the Kasbah" **McCoy** ** was 3-3, too. **Tom** "Thumb" **Frier** also drove in three runs to co-lead the team with Norm.

** this particular nickname courtesy of Tim McCoy

Bombed Again

The Jets, Briscoe, 11/4/05, 7:00pm

On Friday, 11/4, **The Jets** had another game with the **Griffin Bombers**, a team who was 0-6 and hadn't even been close in most of their games. They're a new team, learning the ropes. We were Home, by schedule and took the field.

We limited the **Bombers** to a run in the first and in the bottom half of the inning we just exploded. "Once Upon a" **Tim McCoy** led us off with an inside-the-park homer and a single and stolen base followed. **Rocky** "Horror" **McCoy** tripled, 2-1, and stole home to give us a 3-1 lead! A walk was next then another triple, this one off the bat of **Gregg Brooke** "Cassidy & the Sundance Kid" to push our lead out to 4-1. A lot of singles and a double came next for four more runs, 8-1, and two outs made it clutch time. With two down, "Vigor &" **Tim McCoy** was up again and smashed another gapper for a second inside-the-park homer in the first inning! This one was for three runs and we led 11-1. After a single, "Knute" **Rocky McCoy** * singled for another two-out run, 12-1, and "Boris &" **Doris Hughes** drove in another run, 13-1, with a single. "Dharma &" **Gregg Brooke** drove in the final run of the inning with a two-out double and we led 14-1 after one inning. We batted eighteen times in the inning and **Tim McCoy**, **Ruby Richardson**, **Rocky McCoy**, **Doris Hughes** and **Gregg Brooke** were each on base twice.

Griffin got two in the second inning, 14-3, and it was our turn again. And we didn't waste our turn. The first four **Jets** reached base and scored a run, 15-3, though we had an out on an attempted steal of home. (Some folks got that kinda speed and some ain't...) The next batter was **Freddy** "Willing & Able" **Allen**, who split the middle gap and touched 'em all for a one-out, three-run, inside-the-park homer and we were up 18-3. More singles and a fielder's-choice got us two more, 20-3, then **Gregg** "the Bunny" **Brooke** burned the **Bombers** for a two-out, three-run, inside-the-park tater and we led 23-3! Two singles followed, but a line-out finally ended the inning. This time we batted fourteen times in the inning, scoring nine and **Jeff Whitley** was the only one who went 2-2.

The **Bombers** got a run in the third to make it 23-4 and stay out of a run-rule. Trouble is all we needed to do was score one run in the bottom of the third and the game was over. **Leroy** "Down Goes!" **Frazier** led us off, tore up the outfield fence on one hop for an inside-the-park homer and we won the game 24-4, by run-rule!

Run rule	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Griffin Bombers	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	4
The Jets	14	9	1	-	-	-	-	24

It was an impressive showing as **The Jets** made short work of the **Griffin Bombers**. We hit really well, but we definitely had some free extra bases that game. Good job, **Jets!**

Gregg Brooke "No Arguments" was 3-3 with a team leading five RBI, **Tim** "Rummy" **McCoy** was 3-3 with four, **Rocky** "Sockum Robot" **McCoy** was 3-3 with three, **Leroy Frazier** "Crane" was 3-3 with two, **Jeff** "You Rang!" **Whitley** was 3-3, **Doris** "Day" **Hughes** was 2-2 with a walk and two ribs, **Freddy** "Krueger" **Allen** was 2-2 with four, **Andie** "When Will Those Clouds al Disappear" **Stephens** was 2-2 with a ribbie. No man made an out that game.

** this particular nickname courtesy of Tim McCoy

Zoar Preschool

Zoar Preschool, Zoar UMC, 11/5/05, 4:45pm

Just a couple of Saturdays ago **Zoar Preschool** was at it again, this time playing in the Post Season Tournament. Our opponent was **Stronghold**, the team we'd played first the week before. I won the coin toss and made us Home.

We held **Stronghold** scoreless in the first and put up two runs in the bottom half to lead 2-0. **Freddy** "Burns &" **Allen** led off with a triple and had to hold on a line-out, then **Tim** "After Time" **McCoy** busted one over the outfield for a one-out, inside-the-park homer and we had the lead! **Mary** "I'm Going to" **Jackson** stroked a triple, but a line-out and ground-out failed to plate her. **Stronghold** got a run in the second, 2-1, but we didn't.

In the third, **Stronghold** got another run to tie the game, 2-2. In the bottom of the third we untied it. A single led us off, then **Misty** "Rain" **Padilla** busted a triple and we led 3-2! A single made it 4-2 and, after a fielder's-choice, back-to-back doubles put us up 6-2. "Piece of the" **Rock McCoy** drove in the remaining base runner on a triple to right, 7-2, and scored on a ground-out to make it 8-2. Next up was **Joel Stephens** "Ray Vaughn", who busted a deep one for a two-run, inside-the-park homer and we led 9-2 before a ground-out ended the inning.

Stronghold was not about to be left behind and put up six runs in the fourth inning to shave the lead down to one run at 9-8. We came back with two runs on doubles, 11-8, the last run on a two-out, double from "Drop Dead" **Freddy Allen** **. We held **Stronghold** scoreless in the top of five and went to work with the bats again. **Tim** "porary" **McCoy** led off with a triple and a single plated him after a short fly, 12-8. A fielder's-choice and a double came next then **Andie** "Even" **Stephens** stroked a two-out, two-run single and we had a little insurance with a 14-8 lead! A single and fielder's-choice completed the inning and as the clock beeped during the last at bat that game was over and we won 14-8!

Time limit	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Stronghold	0	1	1	6	0	-	-	8
Zoar Preschool	2	0	7	2	3	-	-	14

It was a great game to start the PST. We played solid "D" and hit like crazy, many of the hits coming in the clutch. Great game, **Zoar P!**

Freddy "Mercury" **Allen** ** and **Timmy** "to the Rescue" **McCoy** were each 3-3 with two RBI and **Misty** "Up the Creek Without a" **Padilla** ** was 2-2 wit two more.

** this particular nickname courtesy of Tim McCoy

Zoar Preschool

Zoar Preschool, Zoar UMC, 11/5/05, 5:45pm

For the second game of the PST, immediately after the first, we faced **Zoar**. We were Home team again after I won the coin flip and we hit the field.

Zoar had a little different team that Saturday than they had the previous week and they could hit the ball. They piled up eight runs in the first for a big early lead. We came right back at 'em in the bottom of the first. **Freddy** "Roosevelt and the Rough Riders" **Allen** set the tone when he hit one over the LF fence for a free trip around the bags, running quite a bit more slowly that in his usual home runs. We went: single, fielder's-choice, double after that, then **Joel** "Versus the Volcano" **Stephens** busted a triple, two runners trod the dish and we'd climbed to an 8-3 score! Three more single made it 8-5 and an out on the bases gave us two down, but **Dave** "Bridge on the River" **Kyle** busted a triple for a run, 8-6! A ground-out ended the inning, but not before we'd hit our opponents back.

Zoar kept up the pressure in the second and scored four more runs to extend their lead to 12-6 and once again we had to answer. So we did. Three singles started us off in the bottom of the second and a short fly held the runners. Another single squeezed in a run, 12-7, then Mary Jackson cracked a burn ball over the middle of the outfield for a triple and suddenly the score was 12-10! A double made it 12-11 and **Ruby** "Tuesday" **Richardson** tied the game, 12-12, with an RBI single and it was a new ball game! A double put two of us in scoring position, but the second out of the inning didn't advance anybody. With two down **Dave** "the Hammer" **Kyle** came through again, this time with a two-run double and we led the game for the first time, 14-12! A ground-out ended the inning, but not before all twelve of us had batted and eight of us had scored.

Zoar kept busting the ball in the third, scoring four more runs to lead 16-14, so we had to pound on some more runs. In the bottom of three we only had one hit, but it was a two-out, inside-the-park homer from none other than "Fast" **Freddy Allen**, who ran a much faster lap than he had in the first inning. Trailing 16-15, it was still anybody's ball game, but this time we had to hold **Zoar** and we did. We limited them to a lone run, 17-15, and it was time for us to make some more noise and take a lead we could hold for a couple more innings. "Yosemite" **Tim McCoy** led us off with a triple and a fly-out scored him, 17-16, but we failed to score any more, despite a pair of singles.

The way it was going, time-wise, we figured we had just one more inning and **Zoar** took advantage of the last round up to put up another eight-spot and lead 25-16. In the bottom the fifth we only managed a lone two-out double and lost the game 25-16.

Time limit	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Zoar	8	4	4	1	8	-	-	25
Zoar Preschool	6	8	1	1	0	-	-	16

Well, we duked it our with **Zoar** early in the game, but didn't have anything left late in the game and lost a high scoring game. Our PST ended with the end of that game, but I'd say we put up a heckuva fight since joining the league mid season and we gave it a good run in the PST. Great job, **Zoar Preschool!!**

Joel Stephens "King" was 3-3 with three RBI, **Freddy Allen** "the Family" was 3-3 with two and "Jailhouse" **Rock McCoy** was 3-3, too. **Mary Jackson** drove in the most runs in the game with four.

** this particular nickname courtesy of Tim McCoy

Free Again

Dirty Dozen, Bethesda, 11/7/05, 6:30pm

On Monday, 11/7, the **Dirty Dozen** had their regularly scheduled game at 6:30pm, but **The Jets** also had a game that day at 8:00pm thanks to a rescheduled game. The **Dirty Dozen** had had a tough season and we'd hoped to beat a team that had contributed to our decline early in the season called the **Free Agents**. I won the toss and made us Home and away we went.

We put a goose egg on the **Free Agents** in the top of the first and put up two runs in the bottom half on a two-out, two-run triple off the bat of **Norman** "Mercator Projection" **Mapp**! The **Free Agents** put up three in the second to lead 3-2 and we came storming right back. **Leroy** "Laser" **Frazier** ** made it 3-3 on a one-out, RBI triple and **Robbie** "C.C." **Crider** put us ahead 4-3 on a two-out, RBI double. The **Free Agents** tied it in the top of three, 4-4, but we got the lead back in the bottom of three on a two-out, RBI single from "Macaroni &" **Steve Prachyl**.

We hung a donut on the **Free Agents** in the top of the fourth inning and added two more runs in the bottom half on two-out, RBI singles from "Deadly" **Freddy Allen** and **Tim** "plosion" **McCoy** and we led 7-4. Neither team scored in the fifth or sixth innings and it was time about time for those players who also had a game at Briscoe Park to skeedaddle, but we had one more inning to play. We started off well on defense in the top of the seventh inning, then we let a couple of balls slip through. Then the flood gates opened and the **Free Agents** nailed twelve runs on the board in the top of seven for an improbable 16-7 lead. We managed one run in the bottom of seven on two singles and two fielder's-choice's, but that wasn't nearly enough and we lost the game 16-8.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Free Agents	0	3	1	0	0	0	12	16
Dirty Dozen	2	2	1	2	0	0	1	8

I was a really good game until that last inning where we slacked up just a tiny bit on defense and got bombed. We played good "D", but didn't hit the ball enough and lost a tough one. Shake it off, guys.

Steve Prachyl was 3-3 with an RBI. Five others made only one out apiece.

** this particular nickname courtesy of Rosie O'Donnell

Light Out on Jets

The Jets, Briscoe, 11/7/05, 8:00pm

After a frantic drive down Ronald Reagan the four of us who play on both teams got to the park just five or ten minutes before game time. We needn't have hurried, though as the field lights were off when we arrived. It takes over ten minutes to get the lights on fully once they're turned on, but so far nobody had even found anybody who could unlock the box and flip the switch.

Our opponents were the **Yeah Buds**, a team we had seen blowing away other teams, but stood inexplicable at 4-2. We were Visitors by schedule. Somebody finally located a person with a key, so the lights finally came on, but there was no official scorer and no scoreboard for our game.

We led off the game with a single and a line-out and **Tim** "Tac Toe" **McCoy** put us on the board with a two-run, inside-the-park homer and we had the early 2-0 lead. We got another run later on a two-out single from **Ruby** "Ridge" **Richardson** and we led 3-0 before the **Yeah Buds** batted. It didn't take long for the **Yeah Buds** to catch and eclipse our lead, scoring five runs in the first for a 5-3 lead. All we did in the second inning was strand a leadoff single, but the **Yeah Buds** kept on hitting for three more runs and an 8-3 lead.

We stranded another leadoff single in the third, but we held the **Yeah Buds** scoreless, too. Neither team was scoreless in the fourth, however. We started off with a fly-out, then a double and a single, but the single got thrown out trying to steal. With two down "Igneous" **Rock McCoy** delivered a clutch RBI double, 8-4, and a single put a second runner aboard for **Jeff** "J-Dub" **Whitley** who cracked on over the fence for a two-out, three-run tater and we were within a run of the **Yeah Buds** at 8-7! A fly ended the inning, but we'd done some damage. Unfortunately, the **Yeah Buds** were ready to start hitting again and scored six runs to leave us behind 14-7.

We got two in the top of the fifth inning, 14-9, on back-to-back two-out RBI triples from "Raggedy" **Ann Hamner** and "Tiny" **Tim McCoy** with only a few minutes left on the clock. The **Yeah Buds** batted until the clock ran out in the bottom of the fifth inning and we wound up losing 17-9.

Time limit	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
The Jets	3	0	0	4	2	-	-	9
Yeah Buds	5	3	0	6	3	-	-	17

It was just a nasty game no matter how we sliced it. Our defense was a sieve and our hitting was on the sporadic side, especially considering our hole filled "D". Nasty game, but we still had a one game lead on everybody in the division with one game to play. Forget that one, **Jets**.

Ruby Richardson “the Lion Hearted” was 2-2 with an RBI, and “Bad, Bad” **Leroy Frazier** and **Julie** “Streetcar Named” **Desmelik** were each 2-2.

DH Redux

Mixed Nuts, Keswick, 11/10/05, 6:30pm

Last Thursday the **Mixed Nuts** had a rematch against the **Designated Hitters**, a who had gotten their first win at our expense a couple of weeks previously. The game we played on 11/10 was a rain makeup from 10/6 and would conclude the regular season. We were Home team by schedule.

So we hit the field and held the **Designated Hitters** to nothing in the first inning. In the earlier game they had put up ten runs in the first and we wound up losing 13-6. In the bottom of one, we hit the ball like the **Mixed Nuts** for a change. Two singles started us off and “Colonel” **Tim McCoy** gave us a 1-0 lead with a third single, but the big blast came from “Lucky” **Heather Spivey**, who smashed a deep one for three bases and we led 3-0! A single plated Heather, 4-0, and a line-out came next. Three more single followed that for a run, 5-0, but a double-play ended the inning.

In the second the **DHs** got a run, 5-1, and we answered with a goose egg. The **DHs** got four more in the second and we answered with another goose egg and it was 5-5 after three. The **Designated Hitters** got another run in the top of four to lead 6-5 and got, you guessed it, another goose egg. They got two more in the top of five, 8-5, but we came back to tie the game at eight on a one-out, three-run, inside-the-park homer from **Tim** “plated” **McCoy!** ** Neither team scored in the sixth and we had us a one run ball game, tied 8-8. We played some more tight “D” in the top of the seventh and in the bottom half we led off with a single. A fielder's-choice left a runner on first. Two more singles loaded the bases with one down. The next guy hit a grounder to SS, who had to make a quick decision: Do I throw home for the second out and let them bat again or got for the double-play and earn another inning. He opted for the double-play, stepped on second base for one out, then threw to first just after the batter had touched first. The runner on third made it home and we won the game 9-8!!

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Designated Hitters	0	1	4	1	2	0	0	8
Mixed Nuts	5	0	0	0	3	0	1	9

It wasn't a pretty game by **Mixed Nuts** standards as we only managed nine runs, but we definitely played some fine defense and pulled one out with some clutch hitting. Good game, **Mixed Nuts!**

“Flash” **Gordon Williams** was 4-4, **Norman** “1066” **Mapp** was 3-3 with an RBI and **Ann** “Arm &” **Hamner** was 3-3, too. **Heather** “Calluna Vulgaris” **Spivey** was 2-3 with two ribs and **Rock** “Three Times on the Ceiling if You Want Me” **McCoy** ** was 2-3 with one.

** this particular nickname courtesy of Tim McCoy

Scrubbed

The Jets, Briscoe, 11/11/05, 8:00pm

Last Friday night **The Jets** were still smoldering about the loss to the **Yeah Buds** and we faced another team we'd never played this time in the form of the **Scrubs**. **The Scrubs** stood at 4-3, while we still sat atop the division at 6-1, one game ahead of the **Yeah Buds** with their 5-2 record. We were Home team by schedule.

The **Scrubs** had some women who could hit deep shots and we found out the hard way as they scored six runs in the top of the first inning. We answered with four runs on singles and doubles to keep things close at 6-4. **The Scrubs** repeated their six run first inning with six more in the second and now we trailed 12-4. All we did about it in the second inning was a one-out single and stolen base.

In the third we limited the Scrubs to only a run, 13-4, and hit the ball in the bottom half. After a leadoff ground-out, **Freddy** “Set! Go!” **Allen** ** tripled and single made it 13-5. Two doubles and two singles later we had four more runs on the board closing the gap to 13-9. A fly-out plated the sixth run of the rally and we trailed 13-10 when the inning ended.

Just when we'd started to get a handle on things our “D” got shaky again and the **Scrubs** posted eight brand new runs to lead 21-10. We came up with a run on a fielder's-choice, 21-11, in the bottom of the fourth. In the top of five we finally threw a donut at the **Scrubs**, and with the clock going down fast had one more inning to tie the game or win. Down by ten we set to work. A walk started us and **Tim** “fast” **McCoy** ** made it 21-13 on an inside-the-park homer! A single and walk came next, preceding a ground-out. While the next batter was batting the catcher was throwing back to the pitcher and went wild hurling the ball into the outfield! Both runner alertly ran home and the score was quickly 21-15! The batter at the plate took a two-base walk, prompting a pitching change. The new pitcher quickly allowed two single and a double, three more Jets scored and we'd climbed to 21-18! “Steady” **Freddy Allen** gapped the middle of the outfield for a triple another run scored and it was 21-19!! A short fly couldn't budge the runner, but a two-out single from **Jeff** “Biggun” **Whitley** did at the score was 21-20!! A ground-out ended the inning and the game and we lost 21-20, despite batting thirteen times in the final inning and scoring nine runs.

Time limit	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Scrubs	6	6	1	8	0	-	-	21
The Jets	4	0	6	1	9	-	-	20

That was a tough loss on several fronts, not the least of which was the fact that our defense had let us down again. With better "D" those 20 runs could have done the job. On the other hand, and it's hard to point at a 20 run offense, we only got one run in the second and fourth innings. It was a tough loss because of the toughness we'd shown rallying like we had in the final inning, but then we had done our part to get ourselves into that hole. It was a tough game, but a great comeback. Good job, **Jets!**

Freddy Allen "Wrench" was 4-4 with an RBI, **Tim** "Secret of NIMH 2" **McCoy** was 3-3 and led the team with six ribs, "4th of" **Julie Desmelik** was 3-3 with four and **Rocky** "Top" **McCoy** was 2-2 with a walk.

** this particular nickname courtesy of Tim McCoy

Best Buds

Dirty Dozen, Bethesda, 11/14/05, 6:30pm

Monday night the **Dirty Dozen** played **Children's Dentistry @ Hamilton Mill**. Well, "played" might just have been a misnomer as we didn't really play those guys. They knocked the tar out of us and we just rolled over and laughed at their jokes and cajoled with them like they're our good old buddies. They are not. For one hour they were our enemies, but it looked and seemed more like a scrimmage or BP than a game. There was nothing to gain in the standings and it seemed like there was nothing to gain in our hearts either, as we were crushed by a team we also seemed to be embracing.

We only had four TSP moments. **Steve Prachyl** burned Larry the Cable Guy in LCF when our opponents started switching players into improbable positions to start the third inning. The other was a two-out run on a soft fly to right from **Rocky McCoy** in the fourth. **Leroy Frazier** and **Steve Prachyl** were each 2-2 to lead the team in hitting.

Run rule	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Children's Dentistry @ Hamilton Mill	6	4	4	3	7	-	-	24
Dirty Dozen	1	0	1	2	0	-	-	4

Hopefully our best good buds have a happy time off in the winter. We sure didn't give them anything to disturb their slumber until Spring. It was a nasty game and I was ashamed to be there.

Next Game Times

Rain Information			
<i>Dirty Dozen</i>	<i>Mixed Nuts</i>	<i>The Jets</i>	<i>Zoar P</i>
Bethesda	Keswick	Briscoe	Zoar UMC
(770) 822-8882	(770) 986-5016	http://www.snellville.org/parks/adultprog.aspx	(770) 985-1831

“When in doubt, come on out.”

Thursday 11/17/05 at Keswick Park - Fall PST 2005
 MN 6:30 - 1 vs. PML Loft Rats

Friday 11/18/05 at First Round Bye - Fall PST 2005
 JT Off Day - No Games

Monday 11/21/05 at Between Seasons - Between Seasons 2005
 DZ Off Day - No Games

Tuesday 11/22/05 at Briscoe Park - Fall PST 2005
 JT 8:00 - 1 vs. TBD
 JT 9:00 - 1 vs. TBD

Thursday 11/24/05 at Between Seasons - Between Seasons 2005
 MN Off Day - No Games

Friday 11/25/05 at Between Seasons - Between Seasons 2005
 MN Off Day - No Games

Monday 11/28/05 at Between Seasons - Between Seasons 2005
 DZ Off Day - No Games

Thursday 12/1/05 at Keswick Park - Fall PST 2005
 MN 8:00 - 1 vs. Silent-K or Northside Mash
 MN 9:00 - 1 vs. Aces High, DHs, Nothing in Common or Dakota

Friday 12/2/05 at Between Seasons - Between Seasons 2005
 MN Off Day - No Games

Wednesday 12/7/05 at Bethesda Community Park - Winter 2005
 DZ ??? 8 vs. TBD
 JT ??? vs. TBD

Wednesday 12/14/05 at Bethesda Community Park - Winter 2005
 DZ ??? 8 vs. TBD
 JT ??? vs. TBD

Wednesday 12/21/05 at Bethesda Community Park - Winter 2005
 DZ ??? 8 vs. TBD
 JT ??? vs. TBD

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Standings & Scouting Reports – Fall 2005

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 8/22/05, more or less

The **Dirty Dozen** limped to another sub 0.500 season.

Tuesday - Bethesda		overall record
Men's - No Homers, No Stealing		
No Post Season Tournament		
Children's Dentistry	9-1	11-9
Hill Tire	7-2	1-1
Free Agents	5-4	0-2
Dirty Dozen	4-6	n/a
Strike Team	4-6	12-5
Slackers	0-10	2-0

Pitiful...

Each team plays the others twice.

Begins on 8/25/05

Thursday - Keswick		overall record
Coed - 3 Homers		
All teams make the PST		
Aces High	9-1	0-1
Mixed Nuts	8-2	n/a
Silent-K	6-4	2-0
Dakota Contractors	6-4	1-0
Nothing in Common	5-5	1-0
Northside Mash	2-8	2-0
<i>PML Loft Rats</i>	2-8	1-0
Designated Hitters	2-8	1-1

The **Mixed Nuts** play the **PML Loft Rats** next. This is the first round of the PST, so we have to hit better against this team than we did last time. The other time we met them we had to rally for five runs in the bottom of the last inning to win.

This time we need to pile up some runs early and not let them hang around like before. Hit the batting cage if it works for you. We need to hit this week!

Teams play each other eleventeen times.

Begins on 9/23/05

Friday - Briscoe		overall record
Coed - No Homers		
All teams make the PST		
Yeah Buds	6-2	-
The Jets	6-2	n/a
Scrubs	5-3	0-1
Red Dawg	4-4	2-0
The Heat	3-5	10-0
Griffin Bombers	0-8	1-0

The Jets play either the **Scrubs** or **Griffin Bombers** next. We're off this Friday, 11/18, while those two teams play each other in the first round of the PST. We play the winner on Tuesday, 11/22, in the final round of the tournament.

The **Scrubs** are our most likely opponent Tuesday and that's the team that beat us last time we played. We can handle them if we hit like we usually do and play a little better defense than we've been playing lately. Go get 'em, **Jets!**

Teams play each other twice.

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The DL

So far, so good...

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<u>Dirty Dozen</u>		<u>Mixed Nuts</u>		<u>The Jets</u>	
Freddy Allen	0.690	Norman Mapp	0.781	Freddy Allen	0.852
Rocky McCoy	0.636	Jan Chappell	0.242	Ruby Richardson	0.565



Upcoming Birthdays

Marie Burson cuts the cake on 11/20.
Tim McCoy has another one on 11/22.
Alan Epstein has one on 11/22.
Kristie Ahrenstedt marks one more on 11/22.
Sean Crawford parties on 11/28.

Bats

The following link shows which bats are illegal for ASA.
(*Dirty Dozen, Mixed Nuts, The Jets*)

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