



# The Sports Page



## Skunks...

### The Zombies, George Pierce, 11/14/17, 9:00pm

When we got to George Pierce to play the **Wolverton Wolverines** Tuesday night, we were standing around, scratching, before the game wondering.

We were wondering where the **Wolverton Wolverines** were, first and foremost. Not one of those goofs were in evidence in the other dugout as we watched the **QTS Eagles** get taken apart by **Alpha Elite Softball**. Sure, enough, when the game ahead of us was over, there were not **Wolverton Wolverines** anywhere. At that point we considered them less as **Wolverines**, but more something along the lines of a much smaller and tamer animal one might associate with a small cat. Or a willow... Okay, let's keep it clean and just call them skunks.

I had been telling everyone to pay attention to the **QTS Eagles** game, since that was the team we'd been scheduled to play in the previous week's rainout. **Tim McCoy** was paying attention and wondered if we could just play the **QTS Eagles**, instead of the **Wolverton Tabbies**. The umpires were there, since they had a game after ours, so I asked Tim to see if the **QTS Eagles** would like to play a double-header, while I ran to the clubhouse to get the okay from the Field Manager. Everybody agreed, so we got to play and didn't have to have our rainout wind up in early December.

Forfeit	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
<b>Wolverton Wolverines</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>0</b>
<b>The Zombies</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>7</b>

## Eagles

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We'd faced the **QTS Eagles** to begin Fall 2017 and there were a lot of unknowns back then. Our **Zombies** team was new and put together the way Frankenstein put together his monster. We thought we'd be okay, but ya never know. We also didn't know the **QTS Eagles**. They were wearing brand new jerseys and were bright eyed and bushy tailed and there were enough of them to block out the sun had they been stacked one on top of the other. You know, like in a big pyramid of something.

Once we got a good look at them, though, we realized they were brand, spanking knew and as green as whatever that is growing in **John Culligan's** armpits.

We destroyed them, but we had fun because both teams knew who was who before we started the game.

Since that first game the **QTS Eagles** had improved and they will continue to do so if they keep at it. They are having fun and that's all you need to learn to play the game and start winning some day.

We were Home and stayed in the field rather longer than we might have hoped as the **QTS Eagles** dinked and dunked for three runs before we batted. We started the bottom of the first inning with a single and a line-out. A single put runners on the corners then we were on the board, but a fly-out ended the inning with us trailing 3-1.

We blanked the **QTS Eagles** in the second then started our half of the second with a pair of base hits then tied the game, 3-3, on a double from **Andrew "Unleaded" Hess**. "Life of" **Brian Byrdson** doubled to put us up 4-3 and another two sacker drove in one more, then were hit three fly-outs, with a single in the middle somewhere to end the rally, but we led 5-3.

The **QTS Eagles** put a run on the board in the third to close the gap to 5-4, but we answered that quickly. **Jon Vanderveen** led us off with a triple, stayed put on a short fly, but scored on a single and we led 6-3. A double made it 7-3 and a line-out gave us two down. Not to worry, though. **Dan "the Man" Covault** drove in a clutch run with a single and "Scary" **Larry Civelli** added one more on a double, before a fly-out ended the four-run rally. We led 9-4 through three.

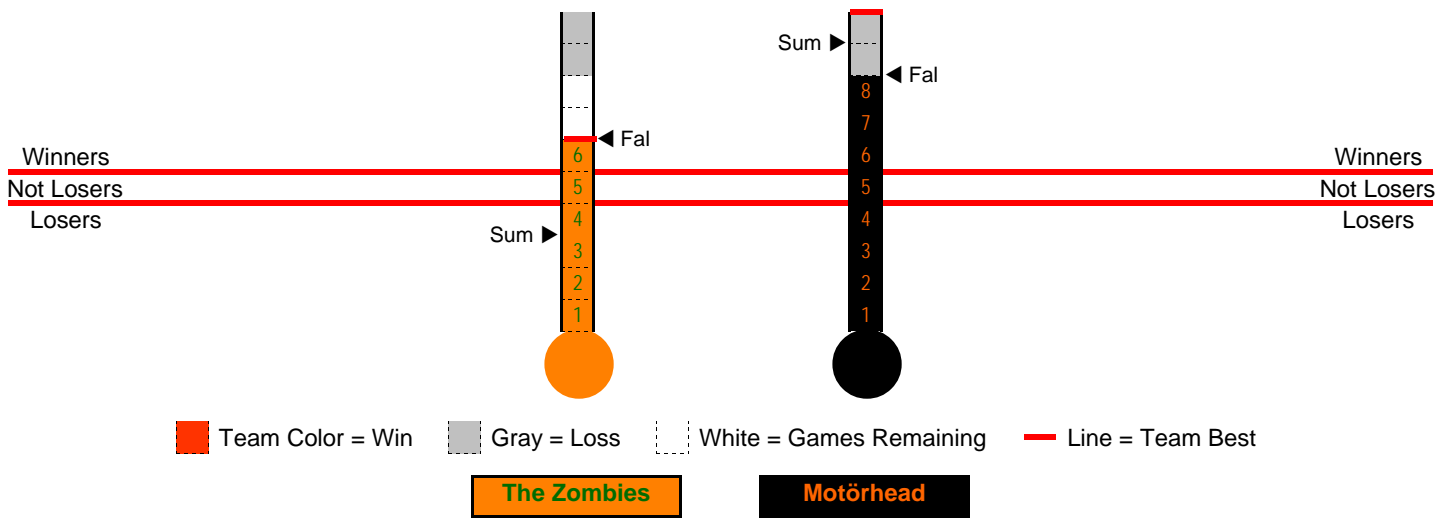
We threw the **QTS Eagles** a donut in the fourth inning and just kept on hitting in the back half. **John "Deere" Culligan** led us off with a triple and scored on a ground-out then **Jon Vanderveen** tripled again. A single drive in a second run and a fielder's-choice followed then **Andrew "Ender" Hess** banged the fence for a two-out, two-run, inside-the-park homer! A fly-out ended our third four spot and we led 13-4 after four.

We blanked the **QTS Eagles** in the top of the fifth inning and now we needed just one run to go home early. Back-to-back singles started us and a fielder's-choice left us with runners on the corners for **John "316" Culligan**, who stroked a shot into RF for a three-run, walk-off inside-the-park homer and we won the game, by run-rule, 16-4!

Run rule	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
<b>QTS Eagles</b>	3	0	1	0	0	-	-	<b>4</b>
<b>The Zombies</b>	1	4	4	4	3	-	-	<b>16</b>

It was a good game because we were hit well and played well in the field, but we also had fun. The **QTS Eagles** got to play a back-to-back double-header and we got to play instead of going home empty. Both teams were kidding around and having a good time and that's what it's all about, rally. Good game, **Zombies!**

**Andrew "Don't Mess with" Hess** was 3-3 with five RBI and "Lieutenant" **Dan Covault** was 3-3 with two ribs.



**Rain Numbers for Each Park**

<b>George Pierce</b>	<b>Bethesda</b>
(770) 822-8882	(770) 822-8882

**“When in doubt, come on out.”**

- Tuesday 11/21/17** at George Pierce Park - Fall 2017  
 ZM 9:00 - 1H vs. Red Devils (makeup from 9/5/17)      ← ← ← ← ← ←
- Tuesday 11/28/17** at George Pierce Park - Fall 2017  
 ZM 7:00 - 1H vs. Wolverton Wolverines (makeup from 9/12/17)      ← ← ← ← ← ←

## Standings & Scouting Reports – Fall 2017

**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.

Tuesday - George Pierce Men's - Recreational, No Homers No PST	
<i>Red Devils</i> **	7-0
The Zombies	6-2
Alpha Elite Softball	5-2
Jaamarti	5-2
Caught Looking	2-5
Wolverton Wolverines **	2-5
Scuf Gaming	1-6
QTS Eagles **	1-7

overall  
record

0-1 ←

n/a

1-0

0-1

1-0

1-0

1-0

2-0

**The Zombies** play the first place **Red Devils** next. They are going to take home the Big shirts, because they're undefeated and nobody can touch them, but it sure would be nice to put a scar on the nice record of theirs.

Since our next, and final, game is against the **Wolverton Kitty Kats**, who have already forfeited twice this season, once to us, this **Red Devils** game might end 2017.

We have to come out hitting against the **Red Devils**, guys. If we let them get too much momentum, they'll be very tough to beat.



Wednesday - Bethesda Men's - Recreational, No Homers No PST	
<b><i>Motörhead</i></b>	8-2
Motley Crew	8-2
Wild Wing Bar & Grill	8-2
The Wash Ups	7-3
Royal Flush **	6-4
Sons of Pitches	5-5
Maxxi's Creepy Crawlers	3-7
Los Menores	3-7
Victory Eagles	2-8
Smash & Dash	0-10

overall  
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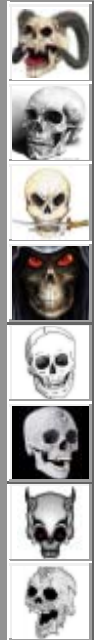
**Motörhead** finished Fall 2017 at 8-2, owned all the tiebreakers in the three way and took the Championship, after starting the season 0-2.

After that 9-1 second place finish in Spring 2017, we rebounded to take First in the Summer, also with a 9-1 record and we felt good about finally getting a Championship for 2017.

Now that we've just won a second Championship in the Fall, that tenth game loss in the Spring hurts ever more. If we'd scored one more run in that tenth game, we'd have pulled a 2017 three-pete.

It was a heck of a year, **Motörhead!** We fought and struggled and got everybody out of our way, including ourselves.

Congratulations, guys!



# Birthdays & Batting Titlists

## November Birthdays

GERSHOFF, GARY	11/1
DENNIS, MIKE	11/3
KELLY, TROY	11/3
FRANKLIN, JAWSH	11/4
<b>HESS, ANDREW</b>	<b>11/6</b>
<b>SHELburne, WILLIAM</b>	<b>11/6</b>
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
DAVIS, CURTIS	11/16
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
<b>McCoy, TIM</b>	<b>11/22</b>
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

## Spring 2017



**Kelvin Rachu** ..... **0.771**

**Tyler Edema** ..... **0.733**



0.667

0.621



**Tim McCoy** ..... **0.743**

**Kyle Shelton** ..... **0.618**

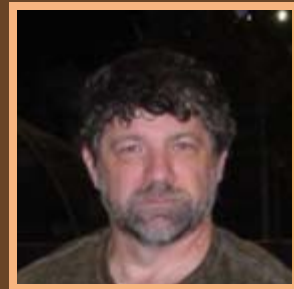


Above team average:

**B. Shumaker** ..... 0.581

**M. Reilly** ..... 0.559

**B. McElhaney** ..... 0.533



**Jerry Smith** ..... **0.607**

**John Culligan** ..... **0.462**

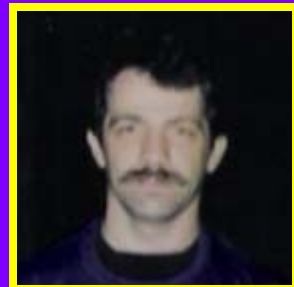


**Tim McCoy** ..... **0.706**

**Keith James** ..... **0.679**

0.600

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# 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.