



Crooked Numbers

Dirty Dozen, Bethesda, 11/16/15, 6:30pm

We finally did it. After three straight rainouts, the **Dirty Dozen** got on the field for the final time again **The Shockers**. It was the end of an ugly, 2-7, season, where we already had last place clinched and the game meant nothing as far as the standings were concerned.

We did, however, have a few things left to sort out. We had a Batting Title to decide, for a few guys, but we also had a Horse Trophy to award to some lucky player and that involved everybody. We also wanted to beat a team who'd beaten us twice in a row.

We were Visitors and began the game with a donut, despite a pair of one-innings singles that were stranded. **The Shockers** scored two for the early lead. In the second inning, we got our sticks working and led off with a double and a single. After a fly-out, we got on the board with a single, 2-1, then we tied the game, 2-2, when "Igneous" **Rock McCoy** singled home a run. A fly-out followed and a single loaded the bases, then **Mike "Chev" Drolet** delivered a two-out, two-run single! A fielder's-choice ended the run, but we led 4-2, middle of two. **The Shockers** answered our four spot with a three and led us 5-4 after two.

Neither team was able to score anything in the third or fourth innings as both defenses had settled in. We got going in the fifth inning, though we began with a ground-out. A single and double put two guys on the downhill side of the diamond then both men scored when **Mike "and Mike" Drolet** doubled to put us up 6-5! After a ground-out, "On My" **Mark Irwin** delivered a two-out double for a run, 7-5, and **Josh "Magna" Carper** added another run with a base hit and we led 8-5, before a fly-out ended the four run rally. **The Shockers** had a third straight donut and we'd held our lead, through five, 8-5.

We got going quickly in the sixth inning with two singles and a double to make it 9-5. A tenth run scored on a fly-out and a single followed. A double and ground-out made it 11-5, with two down, then the real fun started. **Andrew "Ender" Hess** tripled for a pair and scored on a base knock from **Mark "Monkey Wrench" Irwin** before a fly-out ended the inning. This time we put sic on the board and led **The Shockers** 14-5. A funny thing happened in the bottom of the sixth. **The Shockers** were down by nine runs, so, with the clock almost dead, they made three quick intentional outs to earn a seventh inning... and let us bat again... I know, I know. Me, too. Anyway, we led 14-5 after six and on we went to the seventh and final inning of 2015 and **The Shockers** had taken **Josh Carper "Diem"** off the hook for the Horse.

In the seventh, we knew darn well that whoever made the last out of the inning would take home the iron. We started with a single and line-out and followed that up with a single and ground-out, then **Jay Thornton** ended the inning and hoped for extras. **The Shockers** had outsmarted themselves, by making all those intentional outs in the sixth, but it kind of work because we didn't score anything in the bonus inning. We hit the field on last time, leading by nine, but **The Shockers** made a game of it and rallied hard, scoring six runs in the inning, but we held them off and won the game, 14-11!

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Dirty Dozen	0	4	0	0	4	6	0	14
The Shockers	2	3	0	0	0	0	6	11



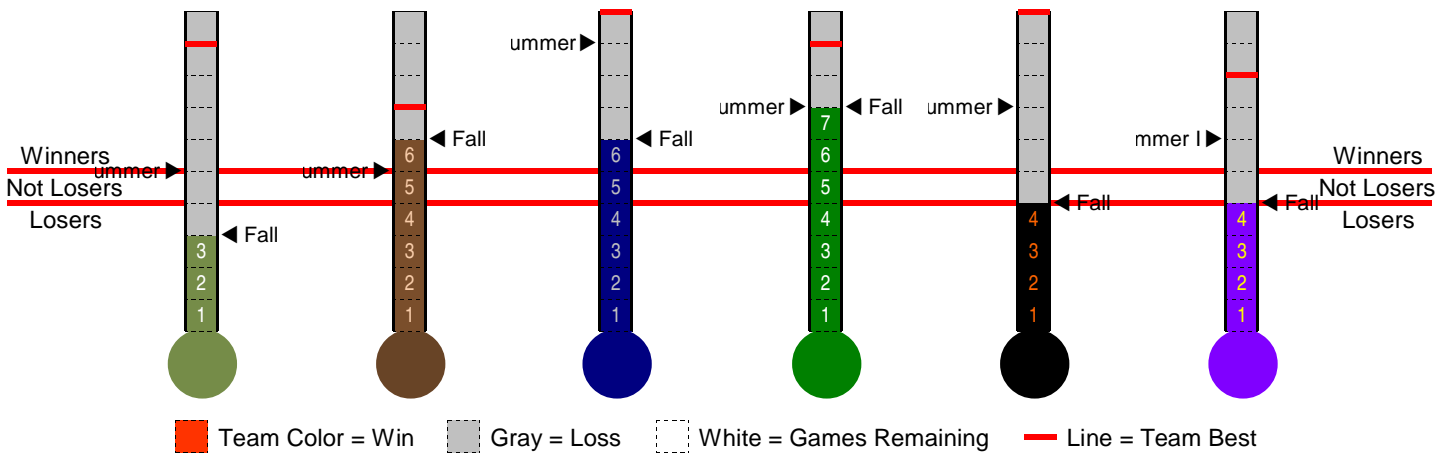
It was a good win and a pretty solid performance. We had a defense issue or two in the first two innings, but settled in and played well after. Our offense was up and down and we dropped four donuts, but when we did hit we scored four, four and six runs and all those crooked numbers got us the win. Nice job, **Dirty Dozen!**

"Open" **Mike Drolet** was 4-4 with three RBI. **Josh Carper** "the Friendly Ghost" and **Leroy "Laser" Frazier** were each 3-4 with a rib and **Jason "Fortune" Tyler** was 3-4, too.

Locker Combination

Jets, George Pierce, 11/17/15, 9:00pm

The **Jets** had three more games left on the schedule, all rainouts. We had the **Men of McKendree** on our usual Tuesday night, then a double-header against **Acura Carland** on Thursday. During the day, Tuesday, we learned that the Hondas had decided to forfeit their last three games.



Dirty Dozen	Walking Dead	The Cowboys	Jets	Motörhead	Smoke on the Water
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Rain Numbers for Each Park

<i>Bethesda</i>	<i>Bethesda</i>	<i>Geo. Pierce</i>	<i>Geo. Pierce</i>	<i>Bethesda</i>	<i>Bethesda</i>
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“When in doubt, come on out.”

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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		
★	Bull's Eye	10-0
✱	Dropped Balls **	7-3
📱	The Shockers **	6-4
📱	Calloway Title	5-5
📱	The Latinos	4-6
📱	Cool Breeze	4-6
🏠	Sandlot Reloaded	3-7
🏠	Royal Flush	3-7
🏠	Dirty Dozen	3-7

overall
record

0-1

3-6

2-3

3-0

0-1

6-0

0-1

1-2

n/a

The **Dirty Dozen** had a bad season, no ifs ands or buts. We've had a lot of turnover in the past few seasons as we try and replace the retired half of what used to be the cream of the McCoy Softball crop.

We won our final game and looked good doing it, but when the games mattered our ugly scabs showed.

This team should have been better than its 3-7 record, maybe 5-5, but we underachieved.

We'll get it going in the right direction in the Spring, guys.

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

overall
record

2-3

9-4

0-0

10-3

4-5

1-0

1-0

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		
	What? **	7-3
	Those Guys **	6-4
	Royal Flush **	5-5
	Motley Crew **	5-5
	Motörhead	4-6
	Wild Wing Bar & Grill **	3-7

overall
record

0-2

1-1

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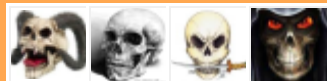
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3-2

Motörhead played its final game of Fall 2015 and lost another tough one to finish 4-6.

We started 2015 8-0, had an epic choke and came in second at 8-2 in the Spring. After a 3-0 start in the Summer, then an inexplicable loss to a church team followed by three more wins, we still looked okay at 6-1, but stumbled to a 7-3 for a second straight second place finish.

We lost the first game of Fall then won the next two to get back on track then freefell to a 4-6, beating only hapless **Wild Wing** the rest of the season. This fiasco left us in fifth place out of six teams and at 4-6 we are losers for the first time since Summer 2011. Not only did we lose games in the Fall, but also seemed to lose the ability to care.



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

Sons of Pitches **	7-3	overall record
Ball Busters **	7-3	1-1
Smash & Dash **	6-4	0-2
The Tribe **	5-5	1-1
Smoke on the Water	4-6	1-1
ImagineAir Flyers **	1-9	n/a
		1-1

Smoke on the Water played its last game of 2016 and beat a team who had beaten us earlier in the season.

We finished 4-6, actually not bad for a brand new team. We were very, very green as a team when we started and improved over the season. We split with four of our five opponents.

I saw more good than bad this season. Yes, we made some rookie mistakes from some rookies, but all of that is fixable. We didn't always get it done at the plate or in the field, but we had the important part figured out pretty quickly.

We had guts. We had dedication. We had team chemistry. Our below .500 record technically makes us losers, but I saw a lot of winners in those purple shirts.



George Pierce Park Teams

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

Caught Looking **	7-2	overall record
The Big E	6-3	3-2
The Cowboys	6-4	3-1
Bombers	6-4	0-0
Wolverton Wolverines	5-3	3-3
Red Devils	5-3	2-1
One Bad Inning	5-4	2-1
Scared Hitless	4-5	2-4
Swift Machines	1-8	6-3
Sage Sluggers	0-9	4-3
		3-0

The Cowboys played their final game of 2015 with a triple header, winning two.

We under achieved in the Spring, going 6-4 in a fairly tough division, but went 9-1 in the Summer the only McCoy Softball Championship in 2015 in a weaker division. We clinched at 9-0 then took the game off in the final match. We also set a new mark for Men's defense for a season and nearly took down the coed record.

Fall saw the toughest of the three divisions. We pulled a 6-4, underachieving a bit, and underestimating **Caught Looking**, who burst on the scene and started beating everybody.

It was a decent year and we were winners every season. Good job, **Cowboys!**



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

Hammerheads **	8-0	overall record
Jets	7-3	4-13
Team Eddie **	4-4	0-0
Jaamarti **	3-5	1-1
Men of Mckendree **	2-6	6-1
Acura Carland **	2-8	2-0
		2-0

The **Jets** ended Fall 2015 with a 7-3 record, the same record we had in Summer 2015. Aside from the **Walking Dead**, none of our other teams came even close to their Summer records.

I'll take a 7-3 from these newfangled **Jets**. We lost our first two games against tough opponents while we were finding ourselves. We played well after that. We nearly beat the undefeated leader and finished above the rest of the pack.

In a rough season for McCoy Softball as a whole, the **Jets** were a bright spot. Next Spring we go get us a Championship!



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!



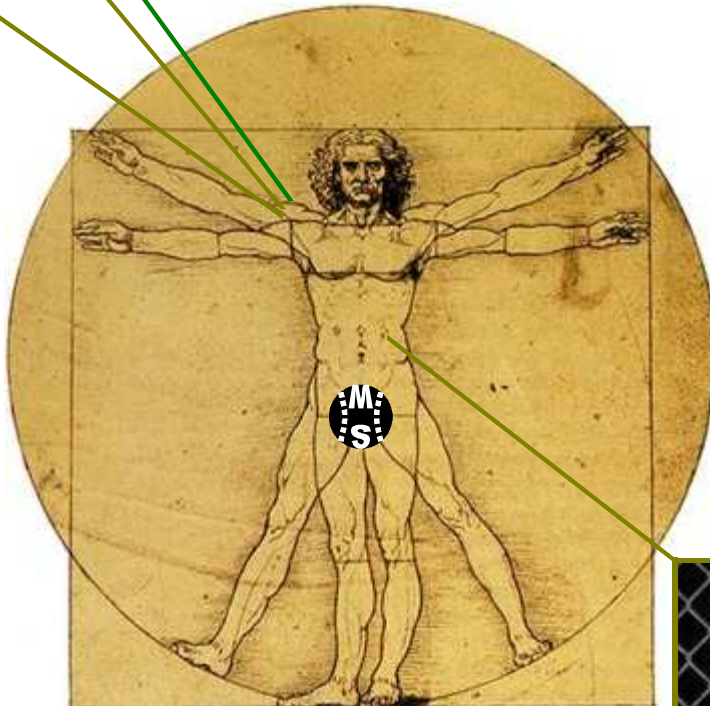
Nels Anderson injured a rotator cuff and may need surgery. Either way, he'll be missing all of Fall 2015.

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!

Birthdays & Batting Titlists

November Birthdays

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

December Birthdays

IBARRA, SAUL	12/1
MACABEE, JEM	12/2
VASSALL, EDMUND	12/4
HIBBARD, JOHN	12/5
HUTCHINS, ROCKY	12/5
MARTIN, DEAN	12/5
WHITE, STEVE	12/6
BABER, BRIAN	12/9
FINCHER, TERRY	12/11
MCCAULEY, TAYLOR	12/13
UNDERWOOD, MARTIN	12/13
WHITLEY, JEFF	12/13
MOON, TERRY	12/14
TUTOR, AUSTIN	12/14
MANN, JOE	12/15
GRASSI, JULIAN	12/19
LAW, JUSTIN	12/19
SULLIVAN, SHAWN	12/19
FRIEDERICK, ANDREA	12/20
SMITH, JERRY	12/21
DALTON, DAPHNE	12/23
MILLER, THOMAS	12/24
IRWIN, MARK	12/25
CABALLERO, JAMIE	12/26
MONSON, DARRELL	12/27
WRIGHT, DWAIN	12/27
HUMPHREY, DREW	12/29
ADCOCK, CHARLIE	12/30
REAMS, MIKE	12/30

Fall 2015



Chris Barker 0.800

Jon Vanderveen..... 0.680



0.588

0.583



Rocky McCoy..... 0.690

Tim McCoy 0.658



0.600

0.595



Mike Drolet 0.667

Jason Tyler..... 0.639



0.636

0.581



Brett Shumaker 0.606

Tim McCoy 0.594



0.571

0.552



Guarionex Montano 0.600

Rocky McCoy..... 0.579



0.563



Andrew Hess 0.600

Brian Baber 0.556



0.529

0.517



Horsing Around in 2015

Walking Dead – 10/19/15

"Shut up, you guys! I was safe!"



Motörhead – 11/11/15

"That's what I get for subbing..."



Smoke on the Water – 11/11/15

"Wait a minute. This doesn't apply to rookies, does it?"



The Cowboys – 11/12/15

"I hate you, Sage Sluggers, you and your comeback."



Dirty Dozen – 11/16/15

"I might as well touch it. I won't be taking it home."



Jets – 11/17/15

"Way too big to put on a trophy..."



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.