



The Sports Page



The Cowboys

The Cowboys, Lanier Point Athletic Complex, 6/10/09, 8:00pm

The Friday afternoon before the District tournament, I was contacted by the Guy asking if I could put together a team to replace **ABG**, who was supposed to represent Gwinnett County in northeast Georgia, or District 7 of the GRPA. The tournament would be way up in Gainesville and we would have a game the following Thursday, one on Friday and the rest on Saturday, if we were still standing. The Thursday and Friday games were a long way away from our normal Softball venues so I asked for a copy of the tournament bracket. I saw that we would have late games, which would give us time to get to Lanier Point. I told the Guy I would do a head count over the weekend and let him know Monday and he was good with that.

A flurry of weekend emails and phone calls got it most of the way done, so I told the Guy we were in. I nailed down the last few guys by Tuesday. Some plans changed for a couple of players and it was Thursday before we were back to a full squad.

The group that would represent Gwinnet County in the District tournament was a mix of **Dirty Dozen**, **Cowboys**, **Motörhead** and **Jets**. Most of the guys were either **Cowboys** or former **Cowboys** and I had enough spare shirts to make us all match if we were **The Cowboys**, so that was our name.

We got to the field with only two guys running late, but I was able to get everybody in the lineup. I had talked to the tournament director and asked him if there were any rules at the District level from the leagues we play. He mentioned that they would be using the 1-1 count and the higher run-rule totals. I only found out they were allowing stealing during the coaches meeting before the coin flip.

Our opponent was listed as Hart County #2 in the tournament bracket. They were apparently the second best team in Hart County, but that didn't give us much as far as a scouting report. Their shirts said **Mayhem Softball**; still no help.

We uncharacteristically lost the coin toss and we were Visitors, so we grabbed our bats to do some early damage. We led off with a double and fly-out then a single put runners on the corners for **Larry** "on My Wayward Son" **Civelli** who stroked a single for the first run of the ball game. A single loaded the bags and a fly-out chased home a run, but a fielder's-choice ended the fun, though we led 2-0 before **Mayhem Softball** batted. **Mayhem** got going in the first inning and scored six runs to take a 6-2 lead and on we went to the second.

We failed to score in the second and we likewise limited **Mayhem**. We laid a second goose egg in the third, but **Mayhem** put up two for an 8-2 lead after three. We got a run back in the fourth and closed the gap a bit, 8-3 after four. **Larry** "the Barber of" **Civelli** led off the fourth with a triple and scored on a fly ball. Neither team scored in the fifth and we felt if we could hold **Mayhem** at bay a little longer we would come around and hit the ball. In the top of six we stranded a couple of singles, not exactly the offensive dynamo we'd been hoping for, but a run nonetheless. In the bottom of the sixth inning, **Mayhem** started hitting again and scored a run here and there and soon we were pulling in our outfield and intentionally walking a batter with first base open to load the bases. We were down 12-3, only a run away from losing the game. The next batter singled the fatal run home and we lost, by run-rule, 13-3.

Run rule	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
The Cowboys	2	0	0	1	0	0	-	3
Mayhem Softball	6	0	2	0	0	5	-	13

When you throw a bunch of players together on late notice, you don't expect really big things offensively right away, but only scoring three runs against the team in the other dugout Thursday night was just, plain week. In past years, teams had to advance to the District tournament by winning the county Post Season Tournament where all the top teams from all the divisions in the county fight all week for the right to represent their county. This year, at least as far as Gwinnett is concerned, District representation was determined by a qualifying tournament on some Saturday prior to District. In other words it was easier to get to the District in the past year. I don't know how Hart County did it, but the team we played Thursday night, though good, was not any kind of world beaters. Defensively, we bobbled and booted a bit and probably could have held **Mayhem** to eight or nine runs, but since we only scored three runs any defensive discussion is kind of a moot point. Better luck Friday, **Cowboys**.

"Scary" **Larry Civelli** was 2-3 with an RBI and **Robbie** "Wan Kenobi" **Crider** and **Tim** "Rummy" **McCoy** were each 2-3 while **Troy** "Ounce" **Kelly** and **Jason** "Friday the 13th" **Tyler** each went 1-2.

Rain Information			
Dirty Dozen	The Cowboys	Motörhead	Jets
Bethesda	Bethesda	Bethesda	Geo. Pierce
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“When in doubt, come on out.”

Friday 6/11/10 at Lanier Point Softball Complex - Spring District PST 2010
 CB 8:00 - 4 vs. TBD

Saturday 6/12/10 at Lanier Point Softball Complex - Spring District PST 2010
 CB 9:00a - 1 vs. If 1-1

Monday 6/14/10 at Bethesda Community Park - Summer 2010
 DZ 7:30 - 8 vs. Team Dynasty

Tuesday 6/15/10 at Bethesda Community Park - Summer 2010
 CB 9:30 - 8 vs. Luxury Landscape

Wednesday 6/16/10 at Bethesda Community Park - Summer 2010
 MH 8:30 - 8 vs. Flexible Metal

Thursday 6/17/10 at George Pierce Park - Summer 2010
 JM 9:00 - 1 vs. ViaSat

Monday 6/21/10 at Bethesda Community Park - Summer 2010
 DZ 6:30 - 8 vs. The Dead Lois's

Tuesday 6/22/10 at Bethesda Community Park - Summer 2010
 CB 6:30 - 8 vs. USA

Wednesday 6/23/10 at Bethesda Community Park - Summer 2010
 MH 6:30 - 8 vs. State Farm

Thursday 6/24/10 at George Pierce Park - Summer 2010
 JM 8:00 - 1 vs. American

Monday 6/28/10 at Bethesda Community Park - Summer 2010
 DZ 7:30 - 8 vs. Get Dirty

Tuesday 6/29/10 at Bethesda Community Park - Summer 2010
 CB 8:30 - 8 vs. ECS Wolves

Wednesday 6/30/10 at Bethesda Community Park - Summer 2010
 MH 7:30 - 8 vs. Havenstone

Thursday 7/1/10 at George Pierce Park - Summer 2010
 JM 8:00 - 1 vs. Peachtree

Monday 7/5/10 at Independence Day - Summer 2010
 DZ Off Day - No Games

Tuesday 7/6/10 at Bethesda Community Park - Summer 2010
 CB 9:30 - 8 vs. Roosters

Wednesday 7/7/10 at Bethesda Community Park - Summer 2010
 MH 8:30 - 8 vs. Team McClung

Thursday 7/8/10 at George Pierce Park - Summer 2010
 JM 9:00 - 1 vs. Painted Grove

Monday 7/12/10 at Bethesda Community Park - Summer 2010

DZ 7:30 - 8 vs. Team Dynasty

Tuesday 7/13/10 at Bethesda Community Park - Summer 2010

CB 6:30 - 8 vs. Average Homeboys

Wednesday 7/14/10 at Bethesda Community Park - Summer 2010

MH 8:30 - 8 vs. Argo and Sons

Thursday 7/15/10 at George Pierce Park - Summer 2010

JM 8:00 - 1 vs. RTS

Monday 7/19/10 at Bethesda Community Park - Summer 2010

DZ 7:30 - 8 vs. The Dead Lois's

Tuesday 7/20/10 at Bethesda Community Park - Summer 2010

CB 8:30 - 8 vs. Shroom Brooms

Wednesday 7/21/10 at Bethesda Community Park - Summer 2010

MH 7:30 - 8 vs. Flexible Metal

Thursday 7/22/10 at George Pierce Park - Summer 2010

JM 9:00 - 1 vs. ViaSat

Monday 7/26/10 at Bethesda Community Park - Summer 2010

DZ 6:30 - 8 vs. Get Dirty

Tuesday 7/27/10 at Bethesda Community Park - Summer 2010

CB 7:30 - 8 vs. Hooters Outkast

Wednesday 7/28/10 at Bethesda Community Park - Summer 2010

MH 6:30 - 8 vs. State Farm

Thursday 7/29/10 at George Pierce Park - Summer 2010

JM 7:00 - 1 vs. American

Monday 8/2/10 at Bethesda Community Park - Summer 2010

DZ 6:30 - 8 vs. Team Dynasty

Tuesday 8/3/10 at Bethesda Community Park - Summer 2010

CB 8:30 - 8 vs. Luxury Landscape

Wednesday 8/4/10 at Bethesda Community Park - Summer 2010

MH 7:30 - 8 vs. Havenstone

Thursday 8/5/10 at George Pierce Park - Summer 2010

JM 9:00 - 1 vs. Peachtree

Monday 8/9/10 at Bethesda Community Park - Summer 2010

DZ 7:30 - 8 vs. The Dead Lois's

Tuesday 8/10/10 at Bethesda Community Park - Summer 2010

CB 7:30 - 8 vs. USA

Wednesday 8/11/10 at Bethesda Community Park - Summer 2010

MH 6:30 - 8 vs. Team McClung

Thursday 8/12/10 at George Pierce Park - Summer 2010

JM 7:00 - 1 vs. Painted Grove

Monday 8/16/10 at Bethesda Community Park - Summer 2010

DZ 6:30 - 8 vs. Get Dirty

Tuesday 8/17/10 at Bethesda Community Park - Summer 2010

CB 6:30 - 8 vs. ECS Wolves

Wednesday 8/18/10 at Bethesda Community Park - Summer 2010
MH 8:30 - 8 vs. Argo and Sons

Thursday 8/19/10 at George Pierce Park - Summer 2010
JM 7:00 - 1 vs. RTS

Monday 8/23/10 at Bethesda Community Park - Summer 2010
DZ 6:30 - 8 vs. Team Dynasty

Standings & Scouting Reports – Summer 2010

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

Monday - Bethesda Men's - No Homers, No Steals		overall record
No PST		
Dead Lois ***	0-0	0-0
Dirty Dozen	0-0	n/a
Get Dirty ***	0-0	8-9
<i>Team Dynasty</i> ****	0-0	2-2 ←

The **Dirty Dozen** plays **Team Dynasty** to start Summer 2010. We're 2-2 against them life time. Click the Next Opponent link below for scouting info.

We're in a four team division and we'll be playing these guys four times and playing **Get Dirty** and **The Dead Lois's** three times each. It could be a slugfest of a division, so let's get off to the right foot against **Team Dynasty**.

Click to see how you do against them: [Next Opponent](#)

Wednesday - Bethesda Men's - Equalizer, No Steals		overall record
Argo and Sons **	0-0	
<i>Flexible Metal</i> **	0-0	0-0 ←
Havenstone **	0-0	0-0
Motörhead	0-0	0-0
State Farm **	0-0	0-0
Team McClung **	0-0	0-0

Motörhead starts the Summer against **Flexible Metal**. Plan on a tough team, since we don't know them, and hit like crazy!

Click to see how you do against them: [Next Opponent](#)

Tuesday - George Pierce Men's - No Homers, No Steals		overall record
Average Homeboys	0-0	
ECS Wolves **	0-0	2-2
Hooters Outkast	0-0	0-0
Luxury Landscape **	0-0	0-0
Roosters	0-0	0-0
Shroom Bombers	0-0	0-0
The Cowboys	0-0	0-0
USA **	0-0	1-4

The Cowboys play the **Luxury Landscape** to start the season.

We don't know them, so plan on facing a tough opponent. If we plan on an easy game and wind up in a dog fight, we start Summer 2010 1-0. Bow up, **'Boys!**

Click to see how you do against them: [Next Opponent](#)

Thursday - George Pierce Men's - Equalizer, No Steals		overall record
American Gladiators **	0-0	
Jets	0-0	0-0
Painted Glove **	0-0	0-0
Peachtree Coatings **	0-0	0-0
RTS **	0-0	0-0
<i>ViaSat</i> **	0-0	0-0 ←

The **Jets** play **ViaSat** to start the Summer season. **ViaSat** had a real good Coed team when **The Jets** played them several Tundraballs ago. They had a lot of good veteran players back then.

When in doubt about an opponent, always plan on a tough game and hit the ball.

Click to see how you do against them: [Next Opponent](#)

The DL



Mike Ball is still battling a back injury and he'll most likely miss all of Summer 2010. We'll miss you, Mike!



Birthdays & Spring 2010 Batting Titlists

June Birthdays

Martin, Chris	6/6
Lindeke, David	6/9
Koroscil, Dan	6/10
Ortiz, Brian	6/11
Bilka, Mikey	6/12
Starnes, Chris	6/13
Kilgore, Terri	6/18
Shakir, Calvin	6/18
Jones, Norman	6/24



Dean Binder0.680

Leroy Frazier 0.643



Above team average:

S.Prachyl 0.577

R.Ray..... 0.552

R.McCoy 0.517

T.McCoy..... 0.516



Jonathan Brivette0.565

Troy Kelly 0.536



Above team average:

R.McCoy 0.522

E.Kasmier 0.520



Tim McCoy0.667

Rocky McCoy 0.567



Above team average:

None



Tim McCoy0.639

John Lane..... 0.529



Above team average:

None

Attached is the first page of the ASA webpage concerning Illegal Softball bats. Make sure your bat has the proper stamp. If you're not sure, check the ASA website.

ASA Bat Testing & Certification Program

The official bat in ASA Championship Play must meet all of the requirements of Rule 3, Section 1 and:

1. must bear **either** the ASA approved 2000 certification mark **or the ASA 2004 certification mark** as shown below, and must not be listed on an ASA non approved list, **or**



2. must be included on a list of approved bat models published by the ASA National Office; or
3. must, in the sole opinion and discretion of the umpire, have been manufactured prior to 2000 and if tested, would comply with the ASA bat performance standards then in effect.

Beginning January 1, 2004, all bats in ASA Championship Play must pass the ASA 2004 bat standard. All bats having the 2004 certification mark will be allowed in ASA Championship Play. Bats that have the 2000 certification mark will not be allowed in ASA Championship Play unless they are listed on an approved bat list on the ASA website. For convenience, the ASA website has a listing of bats that do not pass the ASA 2004 bat standard.

2004 and Beyond Approved Bats (Updated: 12/5/2008)

For a list of bats that have been tested and found to comply with the ASA bat performance standards, and therefore are authorized to bear the **ASA 2004 certification mark** and/or are authorized for use in ASA Championship Play beginning January 1, 2004, please click on the manufacturer below. Manufacturers continue to submit additional bat models for testing, and the ASA will update this list as test results become available.

2004 and Beyond Non Approved Bats

Please click on the following PDF for a list of bats that do not meet the ASA's current bat standard:

[Click here for ASA's Non Approved Bats](#)

(current listing, no changes as of August 29, 2008)

[Click here for ASA's Non Approved Bats with pictures](#)

(current listing, no changes as of August 29, 2008)

[Click here for ASA's TWO Page Non Approved Bats with pictures](#)

(current listing, no changes as of August 29, 2008)

[Click here for ASA's Non Approved Bats with Certification Marks \(2000 and 2004\)](#)

(current listing, no changes as of March 31, 2008)

[Click here for ASA's Non Approved Bats with 2004 Certification Marks](#)

(current listing, no changes as of March 31, 2008)

The ASA periodically and randomly tests samples of bat models bearing the ASA approved certification mark to verify compliance with the ASA bat performance standards. Below are links for press releases announcing results of compliance testing as well as FAQ's regarding bat models withdrawn from ASA Championship play until further notice. The "ASA Banned Bats" link below contains the most up-to-date listing of bat models withdrawn from ASA Championship play. Models placed on that list will be allowed for use in ASA Championship play if they bear the ASA recertification mark (shown in the link below).

[Altered/Doctored Bats](#)

[Grandfathered Bats No Longer Authorized Beginning in 2008](#)

[ASA Court Order Press Release](#)

[ASA Court Order Judgement](#)