



The Sports Page



Cleaned Up

The Cowboys, Lanier Point Athletic Complex, 6/14/09, 8:00pm

Friday night **The Cowboys** played their second District tournament game in two days. We'd lost to **Mayhem Softball** 13-3 because our bats had never really shown up. Friday night we were back for a chance to fix that.

Our opponent was the **Clean Up Crew**, another team we'd never met. I won the coin toss and made us Home team and away we went.

Mikey Bilka played his first ever game with one of our teams and we welcomed him aboard.

Clean Up Crew batted first and our defense was up to the challenge, holding them to a donut in the first inning. We went down 1-2-3, no score after the first inning.

Clean Up Crew got three in the second, two scoring on an over-the-fence homer, in the equalizer tournament, and we had to answer quickly or face another shellacking due to lack of punch. The first three guys singled in the bottom of the second and a fourth single pushed home a run, 3-1, and left the bases juiced. **Jason Tyler** "nol" stroked a liner, found a gap and ran like crazy and so did the other three runners as the triple plated three runs and gave us a 4-3 lead! A single made it 5-3. Then we went down 1-2-3 to end the inning, but not before we'd turned a three run deficit into a two run lead.

We held the **Clean Up Crew** scoreless in the third and got a run back on a leadoff single then three straight fly-outs, the second of which plated the run, 6-3. We held 'em again in the fourth and kept the bats going in the bottom half. **Steve** "Pterodactyl" **Prachyl** led us off with a triple and **Guarionex** "Hannah" **Montano** did the same and we led 7-3! A single put us up 8-3. Then we went down 1-2-3 to end a fourth straight inning with three straight outs.

We were starting to get the idea we could hang with the **Clean Up Crew** and even beat them with a few more runs and solid "D", but our confidence was a bit premature as our opponent opened up a fat can of whoop ass and spread it in a thick layer all over Field 4. They scored eleven runs and earned almost every bit of it and took a 14-8 lead. We came right back with the sticks in the bottom of five, starting out single, fly-out, single and for the first time in the game we would definitely not end an inning with three straight outs. A walk loaded the bases and a single made it 14-9 before a line-out gave us two down. **Guarionex** "Tony" **Montano** smacked a two-out, two-run single to close the gap to 14-11, but the third out ended the inning. The **Clean Up Crew** could definitely hit the ball, but we were hanging with them and all we had to do was play good defense and chip away.

Clean Up Crew put up a deuce in the top of the sixth, but we failed to score and now trailed 16-11. We led off the inning with a single and the runner advanced on a sinking liner that dropped just in front of the RCF. The umpire saw it as a catch and the runner who'd advanced was dead when the throw back to first was made. The field umpire was the only person in the park who saw that trapped ball as a catch, but we just had to deal with it. A fly-out ended the inning and, technically, we'd gone down 1-2-3 to end yet another inning.

Clean Up Crew, well, cleaned up in the top of the seventh, scoring four more runs to put us in a 20-11 hole. We started the bottom of the final inning with a triple from **Robbie** "C.C." **Cridler** and a walk followed. The man on first stole second as the one on third bolted for home to make it 20-12. An over throw let the guy on second advance to third and we were in business! A fly-out advanced the guy on third one more notch to make it 20-13. A single and fly-out gave us a base runner and a second out, then two more singles loaded the bases. A fly-out ended the inning the game and, for **The Cowboys**, the tournament as we lost 20-13.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Clean Up Crew	0	3	0	0	11	2	4	20
The Cowboys	0	5	1	2	3	0	2	13

I was proud of us that game, except for ending most of our innings 1-2-3, of course. (What's up with that?) Thursday night we'd played just decent defense and our bats had never come around, but Friday night we played good "D" and hit the ball. We still lost, but at least the other team knew they'd been in the game. We went two and through for the tournament, but at least we'd gotten our feet on the ground and played ball. Tough loss, **Cowboys**.

Guarionex "Scarface" **Montano** was 4-4 with four RBI. **Steve Prachyl** "What You Preach" was 3-4, **Troy Kelly** "Green" was 2-3 with a walk and a rib and **Rock** "Bottom" **McCoy** was 2-3 with one.

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

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. Get Dirty

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 8:30 - 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 8:30 - 8 vs. Warthogs

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 6:30 - 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. Team Dynasty

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 7:30 - 8 vs. Get Dirty

DZ 8:30 - 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

DZ 8:30 - 8 vs. Warthogs

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

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

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
<i>Dirty Dozen</i>	0-0	n/a
Get Dirty ***	0-0	8-9
<i>Team Dynasty</i> ***	0-0	2-2 ←
Warthogs **	0-0	1-0

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 five team division and we'll be playing these guys three times along with ***Get Dirty*** while we play ***The Dead Lois's*** and ***Warthogs*** twice 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
<i>Motörhead</i>	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
<i>Luxury Landscape</i> **	0-0	0-0 ←
Roosters	0-0	0-0
Shroom Bombers	0-0	0-0
<i>The Cowboys</i>	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	
<i>Jets</i>	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.

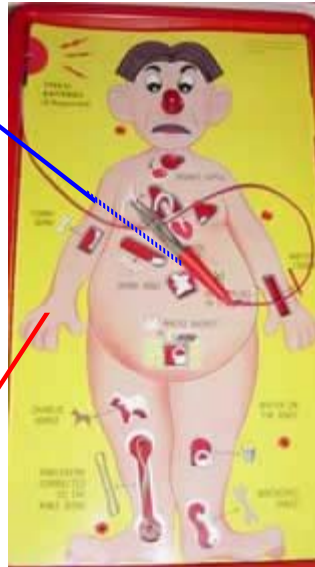
When in doubt about an opponent, always plan on a tough game and hit the ball.

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!



Cam Butler broke a couple of bones in his throwing hand and will miss all or most of Summer 2010 after surgery.



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](#)