



The Sports Page



Rise & Fall

Dirty Dozen, Bethesda, 6/14/10, 7:30pm

Monday evening marked the first game of Summer 2010, not only for the **Dirty Dozen**, but for all of McCoy Softball. It was a hot, muggy day, the third such day in a row. There was a faint rumble of heat thunder in the distance, but the sky above Field 8 was a huge pool of clear cerulean ringed by patches of cotton cumulus.

The **Dirty Dozen**, McCoy Softball's steadiest team, would begin Summer 2010 quietly before the three other teams began. With the veteran **Dirty Dozen** team I didn't expect to have to count bodies and search the parking lot, but events conspired to make the first game of the season more of a pain than expected.

I got a call an hour before the game that one player wasn't going to be able to make it for the game. Usually, when a player bails with essentially no notice there's some amount of cussing involved, but I had kind of expected it and **Troy Kelly** happened to walk up to me in the Bethesda parking lot while I was on my cell phone finding out we were being stiffed. Troy doesn't play on the **Dirty Dozen**, but was at the field to try and pick up a game. He got one!

Not only were we down an outfielder from the Dear John call, but another outfielder had called earlier in the day to say he had left his glove up at Lanier Point Friday after the District tournament. I still carry my old glove, so I had a spare. We're still covered.

About ten minutes before the game we were still looking for one of our infielders, a guy who has always been solid about showing up on time. As we were wondering out loud, one of the other players over heard and mentioned that the guy was on vacation and wouldn't be at the game.

So, we had to hurdle three obstacles before we took the field where we faced a team we see once or twice a year, just in the Summer leagues. **Team Dynasty** had beaten us the first two times we met, but we'd won the last two. **Dynasty** is made up of college kids with lost of baseball experience. Any time you face a young baseball team in a Softball game you can expect to face speed, quickness and rock solid defense, but what you don't expect to face is a lot of hitting. **Team Dynasty** if no exception to the rule.

We lost the coin toss and were Visitors for opening day. We led off the game with a single and a walk. A fly-out moved a runner and another fly moved him home to make it 1-0, but a ground-out ended our mini rally. **Team Dynasty** similarly scratched home a run in the first inning, 1-1 after one.

Neither team scored in the second or third innings. Our defense settled in and made some nice plays while **Dynasty** did the same. We had our third straight donut in the fourth, but **Team Dynasty** was able to squeeze another run past our rock solid "D" to make it 2-1 after four.

In four innings we had learned that, A, **Dynasty's** pitcher was wild and, B, we weren't going to burn those young guys n the outfield. We'd also learned that **Team Dynasty** was not like to put up a pile of runs against our "D". We all focused and made adjustments at the plate and in the top of the fifth it started to pay off. We led off the inning with a ground-out, but a walk got a grunt on base. The next two guys hit nice little singles to load the bases then "Bad, Bad" **Leroy Frazier** added a third single to tie the game 2-2 and leave the bases juiced! "Slim" **Tim McCoy** singled for a pair to put us up 4-2 and another single reloaded the bases. The next two guys hit RBI singles, 6-2 and a fly-out chased a run home to swell our lead to 7-2. Yet another single reloaded the bases for **Larry** "The Barber of" **Civelli** who busted one over the RCF, who'd been sneaking in a bit after all the singles. Larry's shot cleared the bases and he coasted into third for a two-out, three-run triple! A fly-out finally stopped us, but not before we'd scored nine runs to lead 10-2. **Larry Civelli** was on base twice with a walk and a triple. **Team Dynasty** made a go of it in the bottom of five, but only managed one runs, not 10-3 after five.

We led off the sixth with a fly-out and a double and followed that with a **Tim** "ber!" **McCoy** triple to make it 11-3. A short fly left the runner on third, but a two-out single from "San" **Quentin Cowans** brought him in for a 12-3 lead. A walk later, **Troy Kelly** "Green" added a two-out RBI single to make it 13-3 and a walk loaded the bases. A fly-out finally stopped us, we'd increased our lead by the number of runs **Team Dynasty** had scored the whole game. They added another run in the bottom of the sixth with the clock long gone and we won the game 14-3!

Time limit	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Dirty Dozen	1	0	0	0	9	3	-	13
Team Dynasty	1	0	0	1	1	1	-	4

There's an old adage that say, Old age and treachery will always overcome youth and skill. That may or may not always be true, but Monday night a bunch of veterans played a bunch of guys that could have been their sons and won the game, not on raw skill, but due to focus, adjustment and pure old fashioned grit. We took advantage of what our opponents gave us, taking walks off a wobbly pitcher to keep runners on base, and patiently hit singles until we got some gap shots. We didn't start the game playing that way, but we ended up that way and those adjustments made the difference. Great first game **Dirty Dozen!**

Norman "1066" **Mapp** was 1-1 with two walk and two RBI. **Quentin** "Holy!" **Cowans** was 3-4 with two ribs and **Justin** "Case" **Machado** was 1-2 with two walks.

Rain Information			
Dirty Dozen	The Cowboys	Motörhead	Jets
Bethesda	Bethesda	Bethesda	Geo. Pierce
(770) 822-8882	(770) 822-8882	(770) 822-8882	(770) 822-8882

“When in doubt, come on out.”

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		
Dirty Dozen	1-0	n/a
The Dead Lois's **	1-0	16-7
Team Dynasty ***	1-1	3-2
<i>Get Dirty</i> ***	0-1	8-9 ←
Warthogs **	0-1	1-0

The **Dirty Dozen** plays **Get Dirty** next. Then we turn right around and play them again. Though it's only the second and third weeks of the season, it's already crunch time. We can make or break our season those two games.

You guys know who we're playing and you've played them a number of times. Play 'em hard! Let's win both games and hang on for the rest of the season to First Place!

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	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
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](#)

Wednesday - Bethesda Men's - Equalizer, No Steals		overall record
Argo and Sons **	0-0	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](#)

Thursday - George Pierce Men's - Equalizer, No Steals		overall record
American Gladiators **	0-0	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!



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



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
Torres, Jose	6/17
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](#)