



The Sports Page



Like a Rude Neighbor

Motörhead, Bethesda, 6/23/10, 6:30pm

Motörhead finally got their season going Wednesday night after getting rained out the previous week. Our opponent was one we didn't know called **State Farm**.

Motörhead welcomed **Bryce Bessette**, **Howard Robinowich**, **Philip Robinowich** and **Phil Zajdel** to their first McCoy Softball and we were glad to have them!

We were Visitors, or Travelers, if you will, so we started the game hitting, but went down 1-2-3. **State Farm** got a run in the first for the early lead. In the second we got two guy son base on a walk and a single, alternating with two out, then **Phil "Invader" Zajdel** stroked a two-out double, both runners scored and we led 2-1! A ground-out stopped us, but we had the lead. **State Farm** came roaring back with a five-spot in the bottom of two to lead 6-2.

We failed to score a leadoff single in the top of three, but **State Farm** pushed home a pair and led 8-2 after three. We got a run in the top of the fourth on back-to-back leadoff doubles, but the second guy tried to sneak into third and the resulting BOOB gave us our first out. The next two guys made out, but we'd closed the gap slightly to 8-3. **State Farm** got an esurance run in the bottom of four to make it 9-3 and retain their six run lead.

Neither team scored in the fifth and it was time to do some heavy hitting in the sixth or go home grumbling. **State Farm** was in "good hands" in the field in the sixth and shut us out for a second straight inning. Their offense was more "progressive" than our in the sixth as they started stroking the ball again. The scored a quick two runs, 11-3, and had runners on second and third. We intentionally walked the batter hoping for a double-play, but didn't get it. The next **State Farm** batter hit the ball like he was "all state" or something, two runs scored and we lost, by run rule, 13-3.

Run rule	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Motörhead	0	2	0	1	0	0	-	3
State Farm	1	5	2	1	0	4	-	13

It was a rough first game for the new **Motörhead** and there wasn't much to write home about. **State Farm** turned out to be a better hitting team than average, but we didn't even come close to keeping pace with them offensively after the second inning. Our defense didn't do us an favors, either, as we made several bobbles on the infield, but even if we had played perfect "D" and held **State Farm** to, say, seven eight runs, we still would have lost with that itty bitty three -spot on our side of the scoreboard. Our base running was suspect, too, as we had a BOOB at third base with nobody down. (A BOOB means a "Baserunner Out On Base" and it also makes you feel like a boob, so it has a double meaning.) If a runner is on second base with nobody out he is most likely going to score in slow pitch Softball. If you're going to try and swipe third in that situation, it has to be a no brainer, not a close play. Shake it off and go get 'em next week, **Motörhead!**

Troy "Machine Gun" Kelly was 1-1 with a walk and an RBI. **Phil "The Farmer in" Zajdel** ** was 1-2 with two ribs and "Vic" **Tim McCoy**, **Jason "and the Argonauts" Tyler** and **Calvin "Tupac" Shakir** were each 1-2, too.

** this particular nickname courtesy of Tim McCoy

Thrown to the Lions

Jets, George Pierce, 6/24/10, 8:00pm

The **Jets** finally had their delayed Opening Day Thursday night after getting cancelled to field conditions the previous week. Our opponent on a hot, humid Thursday night was the **American Gladiators**, a team we knew nothing about. If they were that same **American Gladiators** from TV, I think we all wanted to meet Zap, but it didn't seem likely.

It turned out the **American Gladiators** were pretty much the standard ball players we'd expected; neither monsters nor pushovers. The **Jets** welcomed **Ryan Conklin, Michael Massey, Carlos Montenegro** and **Qron Outlaw** to McCoy Softball and we looked forward to play some ball together!

A few minutes before game time, we were sitting with only seven players. The discouraging thing about it, though, was that it was veterans who were not present. We had one roll in right before game time, with another expected a few minutes after the game started, so we grabbed two guys from a coed team who had just finished playing.

I didn't even both doing the coin toss. I asked if the other coach would let us be Visitors and he okayed the idea. We started off hitting because the two guys from the coed field had not gotten to our field yet.

So we started the game with a donut in the first and the **American Gladiators** got one. Neither team scored in the second and we failed to find the plate again in the third. The **Gladiators** got four in the bottom of three to expand their little lead to 5-1 after three.

We woke up a little in the top of the fourth, scoring two runs to cut the lead 5-2, but the **Gladiators** answered with a deuce and went up 7-2 after four. We went down 1-2-3 in the fifth and the **Gladiators** scored five and beat us, by run-rule 12-2.

Run rule	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Jets	0	0	0	2	0	-	-	2
American Gladiators	1	0	4	2	5	-	-	12

Wednesday night was a disappointment in all phases of the game. One of our veterans thought our 8:00 game was scheduled for 9:00 and one of the new guys did, too. We contacted another veteran before the game and found out he'd already had other plans. Another vet has, for all intents and purposes, fallen right off the planet with no word.

It will get better, guys. We didn't hit well Thursday night and we could have fielded better, though the "D" wasn't bad. We just didn't supply any punch. The best thing about that first game is that it is over. For the second week, we'll have the roster surprises sorted out and everybody will be on the same page as far as the game time. Shake that one off, **Jets**.

Eight **Jets** made only one out that game. We didn't hit much, but we did spread it around pretty evenly.

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.”

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
 MH 9:30 - 8 vs. Flexible Metal (makeup from 6/16/10)



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

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 8:30 - 9 vs. Luxury Landscape (makeup from 6/15/10)
 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
 JM 10:00 - 1 vs. ViaSat (makeup from 6/17/10)



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 Gladiators

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 Coatings

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	
No PST	
Dirty Dozen	2-0
The Dead Lois's **	2-0
Team Dynasty ***	2-1
Get Dirty ***	0-2
Warthogs **	0-3

overall
record



n/a
16-7
3-2
9-9 ←
1-0

The **Dirty Dozen** plays **Get Dirty** next. We now lead **Get Dirty** by two games, two games into the season and we play them again Monday. We'll play them a third time a few weeks later, so a win Monday would all but eliminate **Get Dirty** from contention after just the third week of the season.

We'll be playing **Get Dirty** right after they've played the **Warthogs** in the first half of a double-header. As I expect them to wallop the **Warthogs**, they'll be plenty warm when they face us.

Last season we were 6-4, 3rd place out of 8.

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

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

overall
record

2-2 ←
0-0
1-5
0-0
0-0
0-0
0-0
0-0

The Cowboys play the **ECS Wolves** next.

They are a good team and tough to beat. They were our primary adversary in Summer 2008 on the way to our most recent Championship.

If we play solid "D" and hit the ball like we mean it, **ECS** is beatable. They're very good, but not unstoppable.

Last season we were 2-8, 5th place out of 6.

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

The rainout from Tuesday, 6/15/10, at 9:30 vs. the **Luxury Landscape** will be made up on **Tuesday, 7/6/10**, at **8:30** on Field **9** as the first game of a double-header.

Wednesday - Bethesda Men's - Equalizer, No Steals	
Argo and Sons **	2-0
State Farm **	2-0
Flexible Metal **	1-0
Motörhead	0-1
Havenstone **	0-2
Team McClung **	0-2

overall
record

0-0
0-1
0-0 ←
0-0
0-0 ←
0-0

Motörhead plays **Havenstone** and **Flexible Metals** next, in a double-header. **Havenstone** is 0-2, having been blown out by **Argo and Sons** and **Flexible Metals** by scores of 25-0 and 17-2 respectively.

Now, I'm not about to say **Havenstone** is going to be a gimme, because I've never seen them and our team is still kind of green, but they've lost two games by a total of 42-2. **Flexible Metals** is 1-0, but their only win was against **Havenstone**.

Bow and let's get on track with two wins, guys!

Last season we were 4-6, 5th place out of 8.

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

The rainout from Wednesday, 6/16/10, at 8:30 vs. the **Flexible Metal** will be made up on **Wednesday, 6/30/10**, at **9:30** on Field **10** as the last game of a double-header.

Thursday - George Pierce Men's - Equalizer, No Steals	
American Gladiators **	2-0
Tainted Glove **	1-0
ViaSat **	1-0
Jets	0-1
Peachtree Coatings **	0-1
RTS **	0-2

overall
record

0-1
0-0
0-0
0-0
0-0 ←
0-0

The **Jets** play **Peachtree Coatings** next. They are 0-1 having lost to **ViaSat** right before our last game and, frankly, I didn't see anything out of either team that scared me.

Let's get it rolling again **Peachtree Coatings** next game!

Last season we were 4-6, 4th place out of 6.

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

The rainout from Thursday, 6/17/10, at 9:00 vs. the **ViaSat** will be made up on **Thursday, 7/22/10**, at **10:00** on Field **1** as the last game of a double-header.

The DL



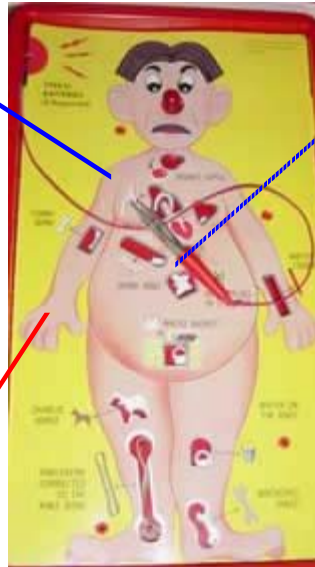
Pablo Isern has been trying to play through a sore shoulder on his throwing arm all year, but he has to shut it down and miss Summer 2010.

We miss you, Pablo!



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 the, 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

July Birthdays

McCartney, Gena	7/1
Rubio, Moe	7/2
Sprague, Chris	7/6
Civelli, Larry	7/9
Ullengren, Kirk	7/15
Snezek, Carl	7/22
Fernandez, Chuck	7/24
Turner, Gabriella	7/24
Davis, Cheri	7/26
Hodgson, Steve	7/28
Mohr, Kim	7/28
Foss, Tim	7/30
Hall, Stevie	7/31
Padilla, Misty	7/31



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](#)