



The Sports Page



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Dirty Dozen, Bethesda, 6/28/10, 8:30pm

Monday night the **Dirty Dozen** faced **Get Dirty** for the second time in a row. The previous week we had trailed 7-0 after five innings, but scored eleven runs in the top of the sixth to take the lead. **Get Dirty** came back with two with the clock dead and we'd won an improbable 11-9 comeback. The week before that, we'd scored nine in the fifth to come from behind and win against **Team Dynasty**.

So, for two straight weeks we had trailed through the middle of the game only to get hot and drop a big inning on the board for the win. Another way of putting it would be that our offense was out of whack and we were living on borrowed time with our fingers crossed that we'd get our bats going consistently.

With the **Dirty Dozen** there was no way of predicting what would happen next. Anything could happen.

We batted first to face **Get Dirty** and started off, promisingly enough, with a pair of singles. Then we went fielder's-choice, fielder's-choice, fly-out and failed to score a run in the first inning. **Get Dirty** didn't fail to score in the first and threw three runs on the board to lead 3-0 after one.

Then the wheels fell off.

We went down 1-2-3 in the top of the second and **Get Dirty** paid us back for that eleven-spot the previous game with one of their own and now led 14-0. We rallied in the top of the third as **Quentin** "Like a Rhinestone" **Cowans** doubled for a two-out run, 14-1, and **Tim** "in a Bottle" **McCoy** followed that with a two-run double to close the chasm to 14-3. A single followed that, but a BOOB at second base ended the rally.

Get Dirty rallied in the third inning, too, and quickly made it 17-3 with runners on first and third with nobody out. I told the pitcher to walk the guy at the plate and started hollering at the outfield to throw home as one more run would skunk us. The umpire in the field started hollering that, no, the run rule was not fifteen in the third inning, but twenty. I knew that the run rule had changed this year from twenty to fifteen in the third, but the umpire was having a brain cramp. I decided not to walk the batter. If the umpire was going to let us live for five more innings and possibly let us sneak out of the situation and bat again, I was going to take it. We got the next guy out without letting the run score, but the next guy hit the ball, the run scored and we lost, by run-rule, 18-3.

Run rule	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Dirty Dozen	0	0	3	-	-	-	-	3
Get Dirty	3	11	4	-	-	-	-	18

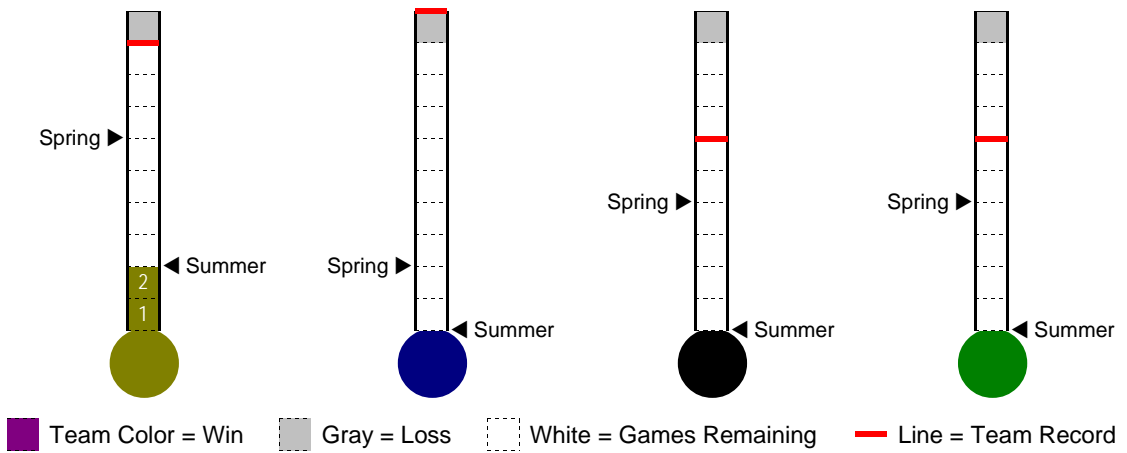
The field umpire with the brain cramp said he had reversed himself after realizing the run rules had changed, but nobody wearing camouflage shirts heard him. Of course, that fiasco was not the reason we lost. That was just a small gob of icing on a very large cake. The very large cake consisted of the **Dirty Dozen's** bad defense and almost total lack of punch at the plate. **Get Dirty** was playing their middle outfielders inside the girl line and we couldn't do anything about it. The cake was also made up of a **Get Dirty** team that felt they owed us a whoopin' after that 11-9 game the previous week and hit the ball like they meant it.

The **Dirty Dozen** used to be like that. We are not these days.

Looking at that 18-3 score, it's obvious our breakdowns were on both sides of the ball. We booted and bobbled so badly that any team in the division could have beaten us Monday. Our "offense" batted fifteen times in three innings, but doubled our number of extra base hits of the season to a paltry six. I'm rarely ashamed of any of our teams, but Monday night I was ashamed when I walked off that field.

We're off next Monday for Independence Day. Let's reload with the extra week off and come back born again hard. Don't shake this one off, guys. Remember how this last game felt next time we play a good team.

"San" **Quentin Cowans** was 2-2 with an RBI and "Bad, Bad" **Leroy Frazier** and **Jonathan** "Apple" **Brivette** were each 1-1.



Dirty Dozen **The Cowboys** **Motörhead** **Jets**

Rain Numbers for Each Park			
Bethesda	Bethesda	Bethesda	Geo. Pierce
(770) 822-8882	(770) 822-8882	(770) 822-8882	(770) 822-8882

“When in doubt, come on out.”

Tuesday 6/29/10 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 Women's - No Homers, No Curtsies No PST	
The Dead Lois's **	3-0
Dirty Dozen	2-1
Get Dirty ***	2-2
Team Dynasty ***	2-2
Warthogs **	0-4

overall record



16-7
n/a
9-10
3-2
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 ←

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



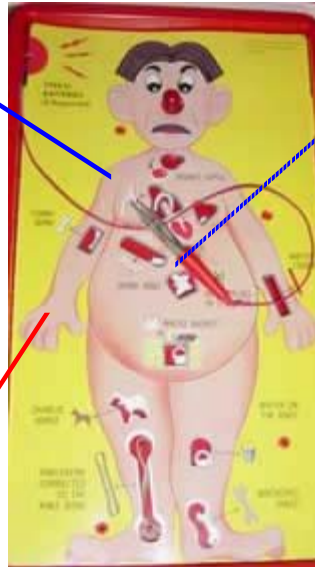
Pablo Isern has been trying to play through a sore shoulder on his throwing arm all year, but he has to shut it down and miss Summer 2010.

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 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

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

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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).

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[ASA Court Order Press Release](#)

[ASA Court Order Judgement](#)