



# The Sports Page



## Perspective

### The Cowboys, Bethesda, 6/29/10, 8:30pm

All four of McCoy Softball's teams had been struggling at the plate of late, but **The Cowboys** hoped to reverse the recent trend and throw some crooked numbers on the scoreboard Tuesday night.

Our opponent was the **ECS Wolves**, a solid team that an earlier version of **The Cowboys** used to battle for First Place every season. After a few seasons of Tuesday leagues at Bethesda not filling up, where we switched to George Pierce and the **Wolves** switched to Thursdays, we were back facing off again.

All this switching to Pierce at the last minute for a few seasons had served to shake loose most of our 2008 Championship team. The **Wolves** had, meanwhile, gotten stronger as they faced **Motörhead** and the other Thursday night teams.

Before the game Tuesday we saw, more or less, the old **ECS Wolves** from '08, with a notable exception here and there. They were certainly no monsters, based on what we saw in the other dugout.

We were Visitors and got to strike first, but we started the game with back-to-back fly-outs. A couple of singles gave us a glimmer of hope for a good first inning then **Norman** "Cheap Girls" **Mapp** doubled for a two-out run and **Rocky** "Mountain Spotted Fever" **McCoy** \*\* followed with a two-run single and we led 3-0! A fly-out ended the rally, but not before we'd scored three, two-out runs before the **Wolves** batted. **ECS** came out hitting the ball, too, and scored four to take the lead, 4-3 after one.

We went cold in the top of two, going down 1-2-3 and the **Wolves** huffed and puffed for a deuce, 6-3 after two. Neither team scored in the third or fourth innings and it looked like we had **ECS**s number defensively. Now we had to get the bats going and take the lead back.

All we got in the fifth inning was a stranded two-out single. The **Wolves** came up with two more runs and led 8-3 after five. In the sixth we led off with a double, finally showing signs of life after so many innings of goose eggs. A fly-out followed the double, but moved the runner up and a ground-out chased him home to close the gap to 8-4. **Troy Kelly** "Ripa" singled for a two-out RBI, 8-5, but a fielder's-choice ended the run.

The **Wolves** got busy again in the bottom of the sixth, running out the clock and scoring four runs and we lost 12-5.

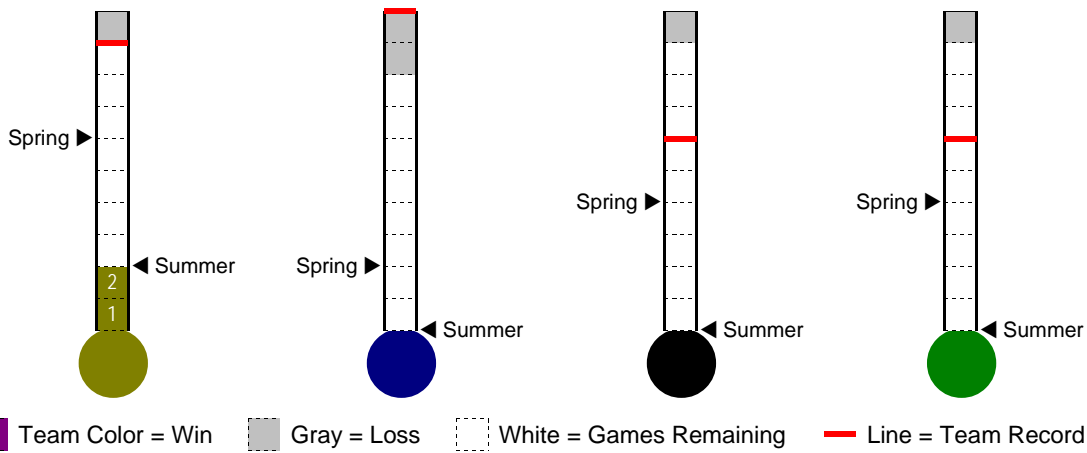
Time limit	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
<b>The Cowboys</b>	3	0	0	0	0	2	-	<b>5</b>
<b>ECS Wolves</b>	4	2	0	0	2	4	-	<b>12</b>

Tuesday night's game has to be viewed in perspective. A few years ago I'd have been disappointed losing to the team the **Wolves** had on the field and, don't get me wrong here, I am disappointed any time I lose, especially against a known opponent that we could have beaten, but could have been worse.

When taken in the context of the general hitting slump of all four of our teams lately, the fact that three of our teams have been rebuilt for this season and the fact that we got thoroughly worn out the previous Tuesday in a game where nothing went right, I'm able to see some positives. Our defense was very good, Tuesday. We made several good plays and handled the routine stuff very well. **Andy Matz** made a diving play into the fence to catch a foul ball from 2B to highlight a pretty good defensive showing. We also showed some fight at the plate. Granted we only scored five runs in six innings, but we started the game with a crooked number and later we added another to close the gap to 8-5. I was tasting comeback at that point, y'all. Yes, we had four donuts in the middle innings, but we started well and had some fight left at the end. Once our hitting comes around for real, *and it will*, we're going to run off a string of wins and we'll look back on this game as the beginning. Hang in there, **Cowboys**.

"Joltin' Joe" **Dimario Russell** \*\* was 2-2. **Troy** "Aikman" **Kelly** and **Norman** "Fleetwood" **Mapp** were each 2-3 with an RBI apiece.

\*\* this particular nickname courtesy of Tim McCoy



<b>Dirty Dozen</b>	<b>The Cowboys</b>	<b>Motörhead</b>	<b>Jets</b>
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Rain Numbers for Each Park			
<b>Bethesda</b>	<b>Bethesda</b>	<b>Bethesda</b>	<b>Geo. Pierce</b>
(770) 822-8882	(770) 822-8882	(770) 822-8882	(770) 822-8882

**“When in doubt, come on out.”**

**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		overall record	
The Dead Lois's **	3-0	16-7	
<b>Dirty Dozen</b>	2-1	n/a	
Get Dirty ***	2-2	9-10	
Team Dynasty ***	2-2	3-2	
<b>Warthogs</b> **	0-4	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](#)

Wednesday - Bethesda Men's - Equalizer, No Steals		overall record	
Argo and Sons **	2-0	0-0	
State Farm **	2-0	0-1	
<b>Flexible Metal</b> **	1-0	0-0	←
<b>Motörhead</b>	0-1	0-0	
<b>Havenstone</b> **	0-2	0-0	←
Team McClung **	0-2	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 up 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.

Tuesday - George Pierce Men's - No Homers, No Steals		overall record	
ECS Wolves **	3-0	2-3	
<b>Roosters</b>	3-0	0-0	←
USA **	2-0	1-5	
Average Homeboys	1-2	0-0	
Shroom Bombers	1-2	0-0	
Hooters Outkast	0-2	0-0	
<b>Luxury Landscape</b> **	0-2	0-0	←
<b>The Cowboys</b>	0-2	0-0	

**The Cowboys** play **Luxury Landscape** and **Roosters** next in a double-header.

**Luxury** is beatable. They are the red team losing to **USA** before our last game. **Roosters** is 3-0, but the **Dirty Dozen** beat them this Spring 11-6. They're beatable, too, but better than **Luxury Landscape**.

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.

Thursday - George Pierce Men's - Equalizer, No Steals		overall record	
American Gladiators **	2-0	0-1	
Tainted Glove **	1-0	0-0	
ViaSat **	1-0	0-0	
<b>Jets</b>	0-1	0-0	
<b>Peachtree Coatings</b> **	0-1	0-0	←
RTS **	0-2	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



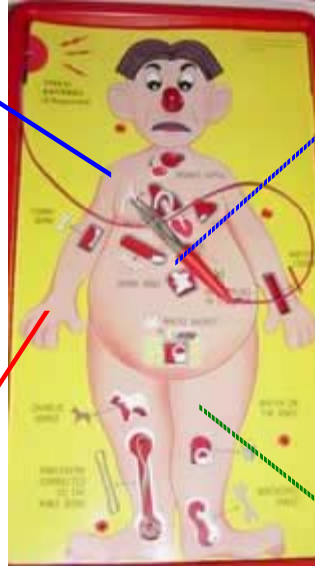
**Pablo Isern** has been trying to play through a sore shoulder on his throwing arm all year, but he has to shut it down and miss Summer 2010.

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!



**Qron Outlaw** injured a hammy Thursday night. He expects to be running again after a week off.

Hang in there, Q!



# 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 Binder .....0.680**

**Leroy Frazier ..... 0.643**



Above team average:

**S.Prachyl ..... 0.577**

**R.Ray..... 0.552**

**R.McCoy ..... 0.517**

**T.McCoy..... 0.516**



**Jonathan Brivette .....0.565**

**Troy Kelly ..... 0.536**



Above team average:

**R.McCoy ..... 0.522**

**E.Kasmier ..... 0.520**



**Tim McCoy .....0.667**

**Rocky McCoy ..... 0.567**



Above team average:

**None**



**Tim McCoy .....0.639**

**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](#)**

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**[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](#)**