



The Sports Page



Putting Down the Sod

The Cowboys, Bethesda, 7/6/10, 8:30pm

I was out of town last week, so Tim was filling in as coach while I was vacating. He also pinch hit for the ol' webslinger writing game summaries for [The Sports Page](#).

Thanks, Tim!

The Cowboys played *Luxury Landscape* in the first game of a double header on a hot Tuesday night. In the absence of **Rocky**, our designated coin flipper lost the toss and we were visitors. The first five hitters collected 3 straight walks between two outs and then with the bases loaded and 2 strikes, **Elden Kasmier** "for clunkers" drove in two runs on a single to right center field. The next two batters, **Michael** "grin and" **Garrett** and **Jason** "Tippecanoe" **Tyler** hit 1 and 2 run doubles respectively. Following a walk, **Mike Massey** "chusetts" singled in the 6th two out run of the inning and 2 batters later, **Robbie Crider** "Solitaire" capped off the scoring with a two run single. *Luxury Landscape* dug a hole in the first inning. The top of the second inning was highlighted by a **Michael** "Phelps" **Garrett** 3 run homer and *Luxury Landscape* matched us with 3 runs of their own. *The Cowboys* didn't score in the third as *Luxury Landscape* was able to mow down our offense and they were able to rake in one more run to make the score 11-4. Then in the top of the 4th inning, 13 Cowboys batted and drove in 8 more runs making the score 19-4. With a 15 run lead in the 4th, the *Cowboys* were in position to end the game early if the defense could throw a shutout inning. We did and the first *Cowboys* win of summer 2010 was now official.

Run rule	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
The Cowboys	8	3	0	8	-	-	-	19
Luxury Landscape	0	3	1	0	-	-	-	4

Good game guys and way to step up and run rule an opponent who we should run rule.

And a BIG thanks to our subs, Robbie Crider, Mike Massey, Dustin Peters and Dimario Russell!!!!

Roosted

The Cowboys, Bethesda, 7/6/10, 9:30pm

Tim was still pinch-hitting for me in the bottom half of the double-header...

In the second game of a double header, the *Cowboys* played *Roosters*. Just like the previous game, our designated coin flipper lost the toss and we were visitors. The first 5 *Cowboys* produced three singles, a double, an out and a two run lead before a line drive and a BOOB ended the scoring. In the bottom half, *Roosters* scratched and clawed for 5. Down 5-2 in the second, the *Cowboys* got hot and batted 11 times scoring 7 runs, highlighted by a two run inside the park homer from **Michael** "Gorbachev" **Garrett** and low lighted by a BOOB at home plate with no outs. The defense held *Roosters* to two drumsticks in the bottom half. With a 9-7 lead, it was time for some insurance and we got just that tacking on two more runs on 4 hits before a BOOB between 3rd and home ended this inning. Then with a 4 run (and 3 Boob) lead going into the bottom of the 3rd, our defense started playing like our base running and a few errors mixed in with some key hits by our opponents resulted in a 9 run inning and a 7 run deficit. Down by 7 in the top of 4, **Michael** "Ditto" **Garrett** blasted another two run round tripper and the defense started playing good again as *Roosters* laid an egg but so did the *Cowboys* in the top of the fifth then time ran out before *Roosters* batted in the bottom. Final score 16-13.

Time limit	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
The Cowboys	2	7	2	2	0	-	-	13
Roosters	5	2	9	0	x	-	-	16

There is a lot to be said for a game like this. Our offense was solid except for the fifth, the defense was solid except for that 9 run inning and the base running could have been a lot better. This is the kind of game we're going to start winning and I don't see us getting anything but better as we keep playing together.

And a BIG thanks to our subs, Robbie Crider, Mike Massey, Dustin Peters and Dimario Russell!!!!

We're not Dead... We're Motorhead!

Motörhead, Bethesda, 7/710, 8:30pm

Once again, Tim filled in the details...

Wednesday night, *Motörhead* at 2-1 squared off against *Team McClung* at 1-2. The only thing we knew about them was they lost to *State Farm* the first week before our game was rained out and that they lost a close game to *Argo and Sons* and beat *Flexible Metals* last week before our second game. I won the toss in true Rocky fashion and we were home team. They scored 1 in the first and we answered with three hits, but scored 0, including a timely BOOB right in the middle of the inning. *McClung* hung six rungs on us in the second inning with some timely hitting and a few freebies from our defense and we answered that with 1 run. In the top of the 3rd, it was more of the same as they piled up 3 more runs on a few good hits and more sub par defense. Down 10-1, it was time to put up some runs or it would be a very short night and a rough drive home and we managed to score a run on a fielder's choice with some heads up base running from **Guarionex Montano** "grill" scoring from second base on the attempted double play. They duplicated their 3rd inning production in the fourth much the same as they had scored in the previous 2 innings on timely hitting and a little help from our D. With their 8 run lead swelling to 11, we could sense that we were now on double secret probation and needed to score some runs as our only highlight thus far was on a base running play! They changed pitchers and we greeted him with 3 runs of our own before a double play ended the inning. We won the fifth inning 1-0 and as we took the field for the 6th inning down 13-6, the umpire said this would be the last inning of the game. Now with our backs so far against the wall that we were starting to look like wall paper, the defense stepped up once again and held them to one. So here we stood, down 14-6, down to our final 3 outs on a day that we weren't playing at our best but the thing we did have going for us was a dugout full of upbeat people who were having fun playing Softball on a day that a lesser team would have given up. **Cal** "Ripkin" **Shakir**, **Howard** "hop along" **Robinowich**, "Rex" **Ryan Conklin**, **Guarionex** "big sky" **Montano**, **Jason** "the 13th" **Tyler** and **Tim** "Tebow" **McCoy** all singled ahead of back to back walks from **Troy Kelly** "blue book" and **Elden Kasmier** "Permanente" prompting *McClung* to dig even deeper into the bull pen for their third pitcher of the night. This must have been their closer because he induced a double play and the run that scored made it 14-12!!! Now with two outs and one man on base, **Phillip** "Swiss family" **Robinowich** singled setting up a deep triple from **Cal** "rip one" **Shakir** who was now the winning run on third!!! Another managerial move put their original pitcher back in and the next batter was **Howard Robinowich** "way you can" who shot the third pitch he saw right smack dab in the center of the gap between the first and second basemen and all *McClung* could do was throw their gloves in the air, good game us and blame the umpires.

Time limit	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Team McClung	1	6	3	3	0	1	-	14
Motörhead	0	1	1	3	1	9	-	15

Great comeback Motörhead!!! I'm proud of the way we hung together on a night that we struggled until the late innings.

Thanks to **Ryan Conklin** for subbing.

Tainted Bats

Jets, George Pierce, 7/8/10, 9:00pm

One more time, my brother picked me up with a game summary...

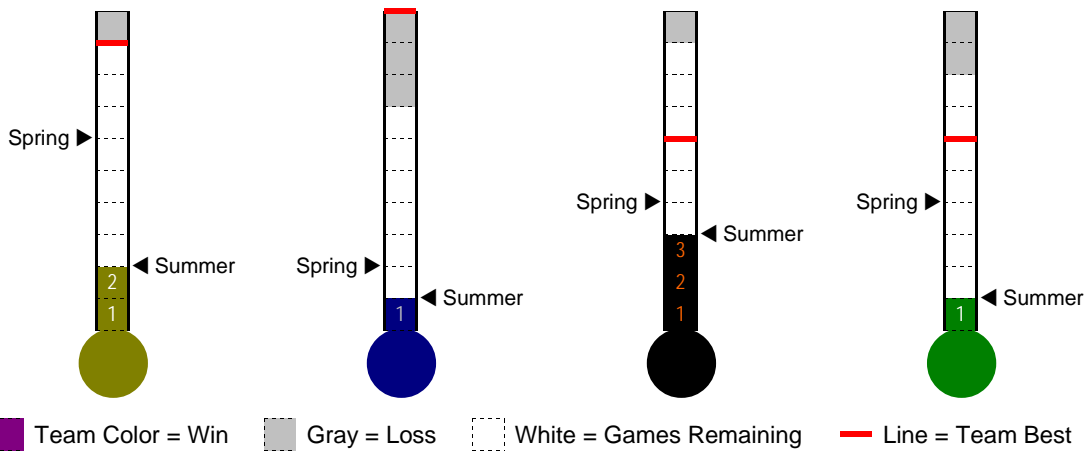
Thursday night, the *Jets* played a team called *Tainted Glove*. We'd seen them play the previous week against the *American Gladiators* and they didn't look too impressive. Rocky will be proud that I won the coin toss, but *Tainted Glove* took full advantage of batting first and scored 3 runs to start the game. The *Jets* came back with two. The next three innings were a demonstration of poor pitch selection and lack of punch on both teams, except for a two out triple from **Guarionex** "Joe" **Montano** but our opponent managed to score 2 in the third to take a "commanding" lead in a 5-2 game. The poor hitting continued for them in the top of the fifth as they failed to score then the first three *Jets* in the bottom half got hot and loaded the bases on 2 singles and a walk. The next batter was **Dimario Russell** "Crowe" who hit a bomb about a million feet over the left fielder's head for a grand triple and all of a sudden we had a tied game! After a ground out, **Jason** "Taylor" **Tyler** singled in the go ahead run and the next two batters followed with singles to load the bases for the second time in the inning.....except the daily BOOB bug bit and instead of bases loaded with 1 out, we

now had runners on first and second with two outs. The next batter grounded out to end the inning. Our lead didn't last long as **Tainted Glove** scored one to tie the game in the sixth and the Jets produced 2 cans of corn. The **Jets** held them scoreless in the 7th and now 1 run would win the game. After a fly out in the bottom of the 7th, **Mike Massey** "School of Business" tripled and represented the winning run on third with only one out! The next batter was intentionally walked and with the outfield and infield drawn in, our next batter grounded to second for an inning ending double play to force extra innings. Just like déjà vu, from the first inning, **Tainted Glove** took full advantage of batting first in the 8th inning and scored 4 runs on a combination of a few good hits and a few freebies from the our defense. The **Jets** scored two highlighted by the second triple of the night from **Guarionex** "from the shores of" **Montano** and lost by a final score of 10-8.

Extra Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Tainted Glove	3	0	2	0	0	1	0	4	10
Jets	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	2	8

This was a game that we should have won and once we get to where we want to be, we'll beat teams like this by 10 runs. Better defense could have prevented a few of their runs, but our glaring problem this game was on offense. As a team, we swung at way too many high pitches resulting in 13 fly outs versus only 6 outs made on the ground. We'll get them next time.

Thanks to Dimario Russell and Steve Prachyl for subbing.



Dirty Dozen	The Cowboys	Motörhead	Jets
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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.”

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 - 10 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 - 10 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 - 10 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 - 10 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 - 10 vs. Team McClung

Thursday 8/12/10 at George Pierce Park - Summer 2010
JM 7:00 - 1 vs. Tainted Glove

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 - 10 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
Dirty Dozen	2-1	n/a
Get Dirty ***	2-2	9-10
Team Dynasty ***	2-2	3-2
Warthogs **	0-4	1-0 ←



The **Dirty Dozen** plays the **Warthogs** next. They are a bottom feeder that we should wipe up rather painlessly, but knowing the **Dirty Dozen** like I do, I'm not calling anything a given.

Maybe the extra week off got the taste of the last game out of our mouths. We're still two wins away from being officers, ladies, and a long ways from clinching the division.

Keep on battling, guys! I'd really like to get rid of this pink crap that's all over this here Scouting page.

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

Wednesday - Bethesda Men's - Equalizer, No Steals

		overall record
Argo and Sons **	4-0	0-0 ←
Motörhead	3-1	0-0
State Farm **	3-1	0-1
Flexible Metal **	1-3	1-0
Team McClung **	1-3	1-0
Havenstone **	0-4	1-0

Motörhead plays **Argo and Sons** next. They are undefeated and beat **State Farm** last week to give them their first loss to tie us at 3-1. **Argo and Sons** we're second in a different Spring division at 8-2.

Motörhead is hot right now, so this is the best time to play the top team in the division. If we win, we'll be tied for First and we'll own the tiebreaker. We're a win away from tying our Spring record and two away from not being losers. Three more skulls makes us winners and ties **Motörhead's** best ever record.

This game is the one you've been looking forward to!

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



Tuesday - George Pierce Men's - No Homers, No Steals

		overall record
Roosters	4-0	0-1
USA **	4-0	1-5
ECS Wolves **	3-1	2-3
Shroom Bombers	2-2	0-0
Average Homeboys	1-3	0-0 ←
Hooters Outkast	1-3	0-0
The Cowboys	1-3	0-0
Luxury Landscape **	0-4	1-0

The Cowboys play the **Average Homeboys** next. For once we're playing a team we're familiar with. The Spring 2010 version of **Motörhead** faced this team twice and won both by scores of 14-12 and 14-2.

Don't slack up, though. We're still four wins away from not being losers and five wins away from being winners. Keep fighting and putting wins on the board, guys!



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

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

Thursday - George Pierce Men's - Equalizer, No Steals

		overall record
American Gladiators **	4-0	0-1
Tainted Glove **	2-1	0-1
RTS **	2-2	0-0 ←
Jets	1-2	0-0
ViaSat **	1-2	0-0
Peachtree Coatings **	0-3	1-0

The **Jets** play **RTS** next. We don't know anything about this team, but I do know that if the **Jets** hit like we're capable of hitting, we can go toe-to-toe with anybody.

We need to keep innings going when we're at the plate and limit the errors in the field. We're going to make an error now and then; we just need to keep from making too many in the same inning.

We're three kills away from tying last season's record and two away from being winners. Go get 'em **Jets!**



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.

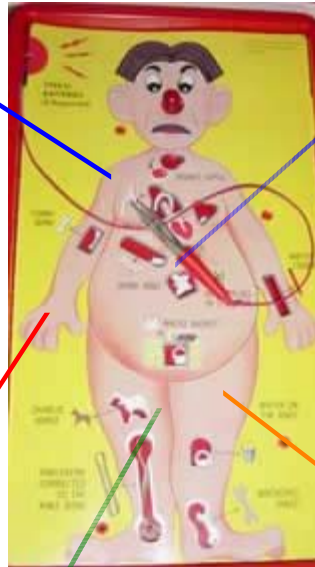
The DL



Pablo Isern is ready to start playing again after resting a throwing shoulder he thought he might have blown out.
Welcome back, #2!



Mike Ball is still battling a back injury and he'll most likely miss all of Summer 2010.
We 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!



Howard Robinowich has tender quad, but was able play (and drive in the walkc run in a nine run rally) la week. He's day-to-day.
Hang in there, Hojo!



Qron Outlaw played last week after missing a week with a sore hamstring.
Good to see you back, #7!

Birthdays & Spring 2010 Batting Titlists

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](#)

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[Click here for ASA's Non Approved Bats with pictures](#)

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[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)

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[ASA Court Order Press Release](#)

[ASA Court Order Judgement](#)