

Game 1:

Black Jacks 8  
Swing Crew 7

Line Score

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>T</u>
Black Jacks	1	3	0	2	2	0	0	8
Swing Crew	0	0	3	0	1	2	1	7

Da Na Na.. Da Na Na...(ESPN jingle)

We go to the bottom of the 7<sup>th</sup>. Black Jacks are up 8 to 7. Swing Crew has the bases loaded with 2 outs. One run has scored. A base hit will win it for them. Now watch this (humor me here and just picture this in your head). A soft line drive behind third headed to shallow left field. The left fielder Mike Johnson is charging hard, but it doesn't look like he's going to get there. Wait, out of nowhere comes shortstop Lee Jacquart (Better known as the God of Softball). He dives head long to his right as the ball is already behind him and makes an incredible game-saving catch in mid-air, landing hard as he tumblesaults into foul territory. Unbelievable! Let's look at that again. This is not only worthy of ESPN's Top Ten Plays of the Week or Top Ten Plays of the Month, this worthy of an ESPY Award as the Softball Play of the Year!!

What can I say folks. The play was just that good! Every person who saw it could not believe it including the other team. I don't think I've ever seen so many jaws hit the ground, or so many "HOLY SHITS" yelled out at one time!! It was without a doubt one of the most incredible plays many of us has ever seen!! Way to go Lee! Damn that was AWESOME!!!

They say defense and pitching wins games. Well, it definitely won this one. Besides Lee's unbelievable *Game Saving Catch* there were a whole series of great plays. MJ made a nice sliding shoestring catch in short left. Brian made the same type of play in right. He also fielded a ground ball, relayed a perfect throw to Joe P who fired a text book throw to Haack at home to nail a runner at the plate. Danny had a few running catches in left center. Mark Hall, our Hoover Human Vacuum Cleaner made several nice grabs at third. Joe P had two nice plays in the hole at second base too. Hey, I'll be honest there were a few errors as well, but these plays more than made up for the mistakes.

Steve Mickelson picked up his first win of the year holding Swing Crew to 7 runs. He did a great job avoiding the big hits during the late innings.

As far as the bats go, let's just say we hit just enough to get the job done. Danny led the way going 3 for 4 with 2 RBI. All the big hitters are below. Guess who did not make this list? Come on... think hard..... more on that in a minute.

Danny	3 for 4	2B	1R	2RBI
Lee	2 for 4			2 RBI
MJ	2 for 4	2B	1R	
Pete	2 for 3		1R	1RBI
Haack	2 for 3		2R	
Steve	2 for 3	2B	2R	2RBI

### COMIC RELIEF

*This section of the recap is without a doubt the true highlight for most of us. If you ever come to a game, it's worth it just to catch these conversations. It's like watching a sitcom. But, beware NO ONE is IMMUNE to the abuse!!*

*For our new readers, Wendy is my wonderful wife and our full-time scorekeeper. As you can see, she's definitely "one of the guys" when it comes to giving abuse! Just ask Joe! ☺*

#### Nickname Stuff:

##### **A name change:**

Danny formerly known as The Mick or Mickey Mantle has earned a new nickname.

"The Mick" is OUT and "Chim-Chim" is in.

What the heck is a "Chim-Chim" you ask? That's the name of Speed Racer's pet Chimp!!

Where the heck did that come from?

After reaching second base in what seemed like 3 steps with his feet barely touching the ground, the following ensued.

**Joe:** You need to change his nickname to Speed Racer.

**Mark:** No... Chim-Chim, Speed Racer's Pet Chimp!

**Joe and a bunch of others:** Yeah, Yeah..... that's it

No offense Danny!! But Chim-Chim it is.

##### **Hoover?:**

Mark Hall our third basemen has not had a nickname up until now. I gave him "Hoover" for the vacuum cleaner. This is obviously praise for his great defensive prowess at third. I guess Mark had something to say about that.

**Mark:** Hoover? What the hell is that? It makes me sound gay.

**Joe P:** No, no it's for your fielding

**Pete:** It's after the Hoover Vacuum Cleaner.

**Mark:** I don't know man....I don't like it.

A few innings later, the inevitable happened.

**Danny:** Come On Hoover!! Get a hit!

**Pete:** Uh Oh!! There it is. Sorry Mark. Once someone calls you the name it has to stick!!

#### His Ass still hurts....

**A conversation between Brian, Wendy and yours truly while I was lying on the ground stretching.**

**Brian (to Wendy):** So what, is he on the DL already?

**Wendy:** No... but his ass still hurts

**Pete:** It's NOT my ass. It's my sit bone... the tendon near my sit bone. But I had a nice massage on Saturday and I feel great now.

**Brian:** What so Joe's giving massages now too?

There was a lot more to this conversation, but it's not appropriate for this forum! It was very funny though!

### **Mr. Softball becomes Mrs. Softball??!!**

To say the least our "Mr. Softball" Joe P, had a real rough night at the plate. That's whose name is not on the "Big Hitters List", by the way.

I can't remember the last time Joe's name didn't make it.

Anyway, this is our 4<sup>th</sup> season and Joe has NEVER gone 0 for 4! Up until now that is! Yes, he took a "collar", an "o-fer", a big fat zero in the hit column! Get the picture? Not that I'm giving him a hard time or anything...."my brotha from anotha motha" ☺

On top of that, he hit into a Double Play, running so slow to first, he made ME look fast, which is pretty damned near impossible!

Well, with Joe's misery comes lots of comedy.

### **The Double Play, when it happened....**

**Pete:** What the hell was that!? No way did he just hit into a double play. Holy shit! He just made me look fast! No Way!

As Joe is walking back to the bench

**Pete:** Dude... what was that? Wow, man thanks! You made me look fast!

**Joe:** Hey, I do what I can for you man.

### **After the Game:**

Needless to say by this time Joe was getting a bit defensive from all of the abuse and for going 0 for 4. (I didn't just say that again did I?) He started yelling at me about it when I was talking about something else.

**Pete:** I'm not even talking about that.. but that's fine if you want to go there again.

**Joe:** What? We can race right now. I don't want to hear it.

**Pete:** No....You don't understand. I'm just so happy that someone made me look fast!! You don't know how awesome that is!!

**Joe:** No.. it's not awesome. I feel horrible.

**Pete:** Awww.... Let me give you a hug!! (yes I did give him a hug so shut up)

**Joe:** Thanks man! I really needed a hug!

**Pete:** Everyone needs a little luv in every now and then.

**Joe:** I did thanks

**Pete:** When anyone makes ME look fast... they deserve a big kiss on the lips, never mind the hug!!

**Joe:** No, no... you know what that means in Italian. I don't want that!

**Pete:** Okay, how about one on each cheek then.

**Joe:** Okay... that's better. I'll take it. I feel better now.

### **As Joe was pulling out of the parking lot....**

**Joe (to Wendy and I):** I think I'm just going to roll my truck over and commit suicide!

**Pete:** What?

**Joe:** That's how bad I feel!

**Pete:** Oh cut it out! You probably go 8 for your next 8! No one's worried about it!

**Wendy:** There's your pep talk from the coach Joe.

**Joe:** You see... that's why he's the coach. I love that... as he wipes the tears from his eyes!

JUST KIDDING, there weren't really any tears. At least I don't think so.

However, I do truly believe Joe spent his entire ride home on the cell phone with the Suicide Hotline!! Thank God for those volunteers because although Joe was not at work yesterday, he did make it in today!!

*Lee's Throwing error....that's what you get for being nice*

**Lee:** It would be good if I could throw the ball "to you"

**Pete:** No. It was my fault. It was low but I should've scooped it.

**Lee:** I need to get the ball "to you".

**Pete:** I think I should have had it anyway

**Lee:** Okay....I agree. You should have had it. That's the way I'm going to remember it now.

**Pete:** Bastard!! That's what I get for being nice!!

**Well, that about does it for the recap.**

**Hope you enjoyed it!**

**Next Week's Game:**

Start Time: 8:00

Opponent: Citi Gold Gloves

*The Coach Has Spoken.....*

*Pete*