

Game 4:

“WE’RE IN A DOG FIGHT BOYS!!”

	Black Jacks							26
	Telemundo’s							24
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Black Jacks	3	3	1	11	4	4	X	26
Telemundo’s	11	1	2	3	3	4	X	24

As the saying goes, “Be careful what you ask for.....!” We asked for better competition. Well, we sure got it! WOW! What a great game!

Going into this game we thought we were going up against a crappy new team. As it turns out, were we ever wrong! Last year a team called Vito Smash came in third place. We beat them every time we played them including the first round of the play-offs. But they did give us a challenge each game. We found out last night while waiting for the game to start, Telemundo’s is Vito Smash with a few new players and a new name. As their captain told us “We didn’t want you to recognized us. So, we changed our name.”

Hats off to these guys because they hit the crap out of the ball. We did not play that poorly in the field they just kept hitting like a machine. It was like something from a softball horror movie. I didn’t think it would ever end. They didn’t give up either. They kept coming at us even after we took the lead.

After giving up 11 runs in the first inning and being down 11 to 3 we showed great composure in that we did not panic. We all knew we would climb back into it. And so it began, as we chipped away at the lead in the 2nd and 3rd and then blew the game open with our own 11 run inning in the 4th. From there we didn’t let up

Besides coming from behind we had all other kinds of adversity to overcome as well. We couldn’t have had much more working against us. Try these on for size.

- Before the game even started the umpire threatened to not play the game because of the rain. Thank god the rain slowed down.
- The umpire lost track of the score twice always giving us less runs and the other team more. He even had them winning at one point when we were up by 6 runs!
- The Telemundo’s mysteriously found a lost run from the third inning but decided to tell the ump and us in the sixth. Naturally the ump believed them. So they ended up with another run. So, instead of being up 22 to 19, we were suddenly up 22 to 20. Our team attitude was “Forget about the run. Let’s just play”.
- In the field there were two horrible safe calls at second base, when the runners were blatantly out.
- The ump ran out of new game softballs so the Telemundo’s threw in and old ball that was a DUD. How peculiar of them to do this when we were hitting.
- And worst of all...our opponents tried to steal our brand new bat... called the Combat. MJ almost had a heart attack. He stopped the game to search for the bat finding it at the other teams bench. He was like a bear protecting his newborn cub. Warning, do not mess with the Combat!

Speaking of MJ, he led the way with a monster game at the plate going 5 for 5 with 3 doubles, 2 singles, 3 runs scored and 5 RBI. His last hit proved to be the game winner driving in 2 runs with a single in the top of the sixth. He also made a huge shoe string catch in left late in the game to kill a rally. Nice game Junior. See what happens if you show up when it rains. Kaboom.... You knew there was NO WAY I could not mention that!!

Mark Hall hit another two homer runs, a grand slam and a solo shot. He also drove in seven runs! Wood Chopper Watta added a three-run shot of his own. The God of Softball, Lee came through with a big-league clutch hit in the sixth, knocking in two runs with the bases loaded.

Mr. Softball lived up to his name yet again, filling in at Left Center for the absent Chim-Chim O'Hara. Joe's legs turned ten years younger as he seemed to be all over the place. I concur with the Telemundo's left fielder, who said to Joe, "You make it look so easy." Chim-Chim, the last thing I heard about you on the bench during the game, was "Danny who?" Joe looked awfully comfortable out there again. That used to be his staple position you know. But then again, Joe looks comfortable just about any where on the field. There's only ONE Mr. Softball!

The Big Hitters

MJ	5 for 5	3 R	2 - 2B	5 RBI
Haack	3 for 4	3 R	3B	2 RBI
Joe P	3 for 5	2 R	3B	3 RBI
Mark	2 for 5	3 R	2 HR	7 RBI
Brian	2 for 4	1 R	1 HR	3 RBI

COMIC RELIEF

Viagra?

As you all know the "God of Softball", Lee did not play last week. He supposedly had a real stiff neck that hurt so bad he couldn't turn his head. When asked how he got the stiff neck he replied:

"I took two Viagra and they got stuck in my throat"

No more nipples

Mark Hall who has a habit of sliding head first into home plate, did it again on his first home run. As a result, over the past few weeks he has run into a real "nipple" problem. As he was sliding into home.

Joe: Oooh watch out for the nipples again.

Pete: What for? He doesn't have any left.

Joe: Oh yeah. I think that's his new nickname though.. Nipples?

Pete: How about Nips for short.

You have to come through...

Top of the 6th and we need runs. There are two out and Lee is due up next.

Joe: Come on Lee. You've got to come through now.

Lee: Why?

Joe: Seriously. You've got to come through. We need a hit here.

Lee: Why?

Joe: Just come through.

Lee: And what if I don't. What are you gonna do?

Joe: I'll twist your neck!!

Lee: Oh, I see how it is. You're gonna go there huh? That's fine.

After Lee DID come through with a hit driving in two runs, he stood on second base with a big smile on his face, looked towards the bench at Joe, and held his neck.

Joe: See what happens when I threaten you with your neck!

You paid him didn't you?

After the ump messed up the score the first time, and had the Telemundo's winning when they were actually losing, Joe was waiting to bat while the confusion was being cleared up. He made this comment to the Telemundo's catcher:

"You paid him \$20 didn't you?"

Wheaties?

After Haack hit a long, towering triple to right center

Lee: Nice shot.

Pete: Yeah nice rip.

Haack: Thanks

Lee: All that work at the gym is paying off huh?

Haack: I guess?

Pete: Or did you have your Wheaties this morning?

Haack: Yes I did.

Pete: With a banana?

Haack: Yep.

Pete: See, it's all about the banana!

He's out..

For the second time in the game, the ump blew an obvious out call at second base. This time a runner was tagging up from first on a fly ball to center. The throw came from Joe P to Lee who made the tag BEFORE the runner hit the bag.

After just about all of us let our feelings be known to the ump, and things quieted down a bit, Lee made this comment clearly loud enough for all to hear. I think everyone in the stands cracked up.

"If I tag him BEFORE he hits the bag.... He IS OUT!"

THE END.....

Next week:

The battle of the two remaining undefeated teams.

Black Jacks vs. Shades of Gray

Someone is going home a loser. And it ain't gonna be us!!

Time: 8:00 PM

We need all the fan support we can get so pass the word and come on out!!

The coach has spoken.....

Pete