

Games 5 & 6:

Game 5

Will someone please win this thing...!!!

Citi Gold Gloves 14

Black Jacks 16

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	T
Citi Gold Gloves	3	0	5	0	2	2	1	1	0	14
Black Jacks	6	5	0	0	2	0	0	1	2	16

Who said this was going to be an easy game!? Holy Smokes we almost let this one get away! This was certainly a different team than the one we faced last month and beat 29-7. We have to give them credit though. They sure came to play. That combined with us maybe taking them for granted and looking ahead to the next game added up to a real scare.

I have to admit, I really do not remember much about this game. What does stand out and I quote Joe P. "it was a disappointing win, because we made a lot of errors". That and I really started to worry in the third inning when they scored 5 runs on what seemed like 20 hits. It felt like we weren't ever going to get anyone out. But, as the saying goes, "good teams find a way to win." That's all that matters.

As you can tell by the line score, this was a very long game going nine innings. When softball games go into extra innings each half inning starts with a runner on second and no one out. It sure makes things pretty tense and interesting.

Our extra inning hero was the "Mighty Mex", Al. He came through with a HUGE two-run double in the bottom of the 9th knocking in the game winning runs. That topped off a great night at the plate for Al, who went 4 for 5 and 3 RBI. Way to go Al. Where ya been!?!? There were a few others who had good games at the plate. They are listed below.

That's all I have for this game folks. Sorry.

Big Hitters

Al	4 for 5	2 R	2B	3 RBI
Jake	3 for 3	1 R		1 RBI
Pete	3 for 4	1 R		3 RBI
Mark	3 for 5	2 R		2 RBI
MJ	3 for 5	2 R	2B	2 RBI

Game 6

How about a piece of "HUMBLE PIE"?!

It looks like Shades of Gray finally found a competitive league!!

Shades of Gray 6
Black Jacks 14

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	T
Shades of Gray	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	6
Black Jacks	0	0	6	0	8	0	0	14

A little bit of recent history goes into what turned out to be the biggest game of the year far for us so far and possibly our biggest win ever. Last week we caught wind that the captain of Shades of Gray bad-mouthed us, and the entire league. On top of that, they pretty much "called us out" with statements like:

"We don't think the Black Jacks are that good."

"We'll mop the floor with them".

"We've been searching for years for a competitive league bouncing around and no one can beat us."

"Where's the competition in this league? It's not the Black Jacks."

"This league is just like all the others"

Before the game a bunch of guys from other teams came up to us saying how badly they wanted us to beat them because they have been doing nothing but bad mouthing everyone. Needless to say this kind of trash talk makes for good motivation. In the big leagues they call it "bulletin board material".

We sure did give them what they asked for didn't we? As the saying goes "be careful what you ask for because you just might get it!"

This was a serious knockout blow for a bunch of arrogant assholes!! They got what they richly deserved.

Okay onto the game! I made some lineup adjustments specifically for this game, and **MAN DID I LOOK LIKE A GENIUS!!** I LOVE when that happens!! I inserted two of our "Super Subs", Phil and Brad. Did they ever come through, hence the nickname Super Sub! Brad had one of the best defensive games I have seen in a long time at second base. He made some awesome grabs and was part of two HUGE double plays. He also managed to go 3 for 3 at the plate. Phil had an awesome game in left field. He made several tough running catches look real easy. He also went 2 for 2. That means the two defensive stars of the game were our two Super Subs, who also went for a combined 5 for 5 with 3 runs batted in!! Not bad boys! Not a bad at all! We can't tell you how much we appreciate you coming out and contributing like that. By the way, the "game ball" went to Brad.

Good play is contagious because this was by far our best defensive game of the year. Everyone had good plays. We had 3 double plays total. Joe P again made everyone say "Danny Who" again, playing left center in Chim-Chim's absence. I don't know Chim-Chim. I think Joe

wants his old position back. You may have to race him for it. Well, if that's the case, I guess Chim-Chim gets his position back.

Steve did a great job pitching. When you shut down a team like this 6 out of 7 innings, that's HUGE! Yes, he had a lot of help, but he did a good job, earning a real tough win.

As far as hitting goes, this was a real team effort. Several guys had solid games. It seemed as though whenever one guy made an out in a key situation, someone else picked him up. MJ led the way getting an "almost cycle" with a single, double and triple, along with 2 RBI.

Finally, let's all please say a little prayer for our God of Softball, who really took a beating on a play at home plate. Lee slid into home just as a throw came in. The catcher completely missed the throw and it hit Lee right in the neck behind his left ear! He went down, but did manage to get himself back up, with a little coaxing from his teammates. More on how we did that in a minute. He walked away with a huge lump on his neck, a bloody knee and a sore calf. But, don't worry gang, I checked up on him yesterday. Here is his message, and I quote.

"My whole body is tired, sore and achy in general but especially sore are my neck and knee and calf. My neck is mostly tolerable until I eat something, then my jaw throbs like a s.o.b. Between my neck, calf, knee, forearm, liver and groin I hope I can recover like Barbaro so you guys don't have to put me to sleep."

Don't worry man. We won't put you to sleep yet. There's too much comedy to be had with this one. So, feel better and Amen brother! Amen!

Big Hitters

MJ	3 for 4	1R	2B	3B	2 RBI
Brian	3 for 4	1 R	2B		2 RBI
Brad	3 for 3	2 R			1 RBI
Phil	2 for 2	2 R			2 RBI
Lee	2 for 3	2 R			1 RBI
Mark	2 for 4	2 R			2 RBI
Al	2 for 3	1 R			1 RBI
Haack	2 for 3	1 R			

COMIC RELIEF

FINALLY!!!!!!

I'm not real sure when all of this happened, and I know I missed lots of stuff. But, we were all pretty focused on the games. Hopefully you will enjoy what was remembered.

Did you get that....

As I wrote earlier, at the beginning of every extra inning each team starts with a runner on second base. That runner is the player who made the last out the inning before. In this case it was Lee. This little exchange between Lee and Wendy (with me giggling in the background) occurred right after the game ended.

Lee: Hey Wendy. Did you get that double I got to lead off that extra inning?

Wendy: Double? Wait... (as she starts to look at the scorebook)

Lee: Yeah I got a double to lead off the inning. I want to make sure you got that.
Pete: Giggling...Oh boy... Here we go.
Lee: Is it in there? It's gotta be (snickering and grinning)
Wendy: (As she stops looking at the book she just glared at Lee saying nothing. As they say a picture is worth a thousand words. I wish I had a picture of the "if looks could kill" look she gave as she just walked away.
Pete: Did you get that? Really...he started on second base because of the rule.
Wendy: (No reply)
Lee: (Laughing) Ahhhh... that was good one.

Like a Woman's Purse....

This was between games. I think someone asked for bug repellent spray. It was probably Wendy because mosquitoes love her.

Lee: Here I have some in my bag.
Wendy: Oh good.
Lee: I think I have unscented and scented.
Pete: What?
Lee: Does anyone need eye black?
Pete: What? Eye black? You're a dork!!
Lee: I have some lip stuff too
Mark: I could use some of that.
Lee: Hey, look. I have some saline solution too.
Pete: You're not even wearing contacts.
Lee: I know, but you never know what you're going to need
Wendy: Geez... what else do you have in there. It's like a big woman's purse!

We can throw the ball "to you"

This was between games. If everyone remembers... if not read one of the old updates.. Lee and I had a similar exchange where I kind of got suckered into taking the blame for bad throws.

Pete: Man it's like I can't get anything that's not thrown right to me today.
Lee: Well, we should be able to get the ball to you.
Pete: I understand that, but man it's like if I have to make the slightest movement I can't grab it.
Lee: You shouldn't have to move. We have to get the ball to you.
Pete: Like on that one that I jumped. Geez, last year I had what a 3" vertical leap. I think I'm down to about a 1/2 inch. That's just stupid.
Lee: Well yeah, but still....
Pete: I know... hey, wait a minute. No way. I'm not getting suckered into this thing again.
Lee: (giggling) What thing? What are you talking about?
Pete: Yeah right. I see where this is going.
Lee: Going? It's not going anywhere. (laughing harder). I mean we have to get the ball to you right?. I'm being honest.
Pete: Uh huh? Sure you are.

Lee: I am... Really!
Pete: SHUT UP!!

Man of Genius

During the second game after watching our Super Subs come through a few times.

Pete: THESE GUYS ARE MAKING ME LOOK LIKE A GENIUS!! I LOVE IT!

Brian: I hate to tell you but that's not a very easy thing to do.

Pete: Hey, I'd be the first one to tell you it's not easy to do!

Brian: But when it happens you'll go with it and take 100% of the credit.

Pete: Damned right I will!

Brian: And if it doesn't go right?

Pete: I had nothing to do with it and it wasn't my fault.

Brian: Oh, I see how it works

Pete: Yeah, cause it was probably Wendy's fault anyway.

Wendy: What did you say about me?

Pete: Oh nothing! Don't worry about it!

Sneaky Speed

What would a game be without mention of my blazing speed....or lack there of!! This transpired during the second game when I was running from second to home on a base hit.

I heard the beginning of it while rounding third.

Lots of people: NO! NO! NO! STOP!! DON'T SEND HIM! OH NO!! NO WAY!!

I was safe by the way! There wasn't even a play on me, that's how quickly I made it around the bases.. wink, wink!

Mark: There's that Sneaky Speed again!

Joe: Now was that really smart to send him?

Haack: Why do you have to scare us like that all the time?

As I came to the bench I high-fived Joe so hard I almost ripped his arm off. The laughter was quite comical to be honest. After things calmed down a bit, and I caught my breath.

Pete: I don't get it. What's so funny?

That's gonna leave a mark...

All of this occurred right after Lee got nailed in the head during the play at the plate.

A bunch of us came running out to see if he was okay. There had to be 10 guys hovering over him asking if he was okay.

Lee: I'm okay. Just give me a minute.

Pete: Give him room. Let him catch his breath.

Lee: Yeah everyone get away from me cause you ALL STINK!!

The catcher: Don't keep your head down like that because all the blood will rush to your head.

Lee: That will be the first time all year that blood has actually rushed to my head.

Joe: Come on. Get up. You're okay

Lee: Yeah wait...one minute

Now... at this moment, I have no idea who it was, but it seemed that Lee made a real good friend because someone slapped him on the butt twice. I'm not sure if he knew what was going on, but I got a little scared!

The catcher: Roll him over. Get him on his back

Joe: You gonna be okay?

Lee: God my head is killing me.

Joe: Wait how do they do that mouth-to-mouth thing again. The hand goes under the neck the mouth goes...

Lee: I'M GOOD!! I'M BETTER! I'M GETTING UP NOW!! I'M MIRACULOUSLY ALL BETTER!! GET AWAY FROM ME!! I'M GOOD!

THE END!!

Next Week

Opponent: Short n Curly's

Record: 0 - 6

Last Game: Black Jacks 29 - 2

Time: 7 PM

I think it's time for a team gathering at the Inn after the game!

Being it's an early game, let's see if we can get some more fan support out there. Maybe even get someone to run a video or digital camera

The coach has spoken.....

Pete