

Game 7:

It's A Good Thing.....

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Black Jacks	0	0	2	0	1	1	2	6
Short n Curly's	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1

It's a good thing Short n Curly's is a bad team, because if we were playing anyone else we would have lost. We hit just enough to get by, but this team couldn't hit their way out of a paper bag. They were flat out AWFUL! But, a win is a win. We managed to stay undefeated and remain in first place at 7 - 0.

I don't know, maybe the real early start had something to do with it. Maybe guys arriving at the last minute had something to do with it. Maybe playing in the sun as opposed to the lights had something to do with it. Maybe taking for granted we would beat up on this team had something to do with it. I guess it all added up to an overall bad performance.

The reality is we seem to be creating a pattern of playing to the level of our competition. That is a very dangerous habit because at some point it could come back and bite you. I think we all know that.

On the positive side, and I've said this before "good teams find ways to win". We got a few timely hits when they were needed. Every RBI was driven in with two outs!! The first, which proved to be the game-winner, came from The God of Softball Lee (fully recovered from the beating he took last week) knocking in the first two runs in the third inning. The others came from Brad, Danny and MJ in the 5th, 6th and 7th innings respectively. Nice job guys.

For the most part we played solid defense. And we got a solid pitching performance from Steve.

Coach's Corner

It's awesome when players make the coach (that would be me) look like a genius. This is two weeks in a row! Hey I have to make up for a bad game somehow!

First, with a little coaxing from my advisory board (and a little muscle) I added Brad to the main roster. The last two games Brad has more than proven his worth with several Gold Glove plays on defense and he still has not made an out batting 1.000.

Second, Danny Chim-Chim O'Hara was late (more on that in a minute) so the lineup changed a bit. I put Brad in Danny's usual leadoff spot. He proceeded to go 3 for 3 with 2 Doubles, a walk 2 Runs scored, and a clutch RBI!

Third, after really struggling my first two at-bats. How bad? Trust me it was ugly! I had to make a tough decision. Danny was on the bench and we needed some insurance runs. I had Danny hit for me. He got a double and knocked in a huge run.

I LOVE YOU GUYS!!

Big hitters

This is going to be very enjoyable. Let's see. I had someone come up to me after the game and tell me they belonged on the "Big Hitters" List in this week's recap. I vehemently disagreed. You will see a sampling of that little exchange later.

Bottom line... I HAVE THE POWER!! So, if our God of Softball tries to jump in and say how much he deserves to be in that category for this game....all I have to say about that is. CRY ME A RIVER!!

With that said... there was ONLY ONE big hitter for this game. That was Brad (we need a nickname for him). He was the ONLY guy on the roster to have more than one hit. He actually had 3 of our team 11 hits!! Three HITS. NOW that's a Big Hitter!! See how that works Lee?

Brad 3 for 3 1walk 2 Runs 2 Doubles 1 RBI

As far as Big "HITS" go....yes, there were a few. Re-read the beginning of the article for a sampling. And Lee is included there... but that's IT.

Now, if I was to add a category called "Big Walkers". Lee would definitely be at the top of the list because he walked twice!! Nice job. And oh by the way... ya big baby.... Yes I know your on base percentage was .750. But, Riddle me this Batman. How many runs did you score? Hmmmm? That would be ZERO! So, what good did all of that walking do? NONE. So take the damned bat off of your shoulders, grow some stones, and SWING THE DAMNED BAT... you Fwaidy Cat!!

Damn that felt good. I TOLD YOU IT WAS GOING TO BE ENJOYABLE! I meant for ME!!



COMIC RELIEF

I really had to dig deep because there really wasn't much comedy before, during or after the game. Maybe that was part of the problem. We didn't laugh enough so we weren't loose.

There weren't many opportunities before the game because so many guys arrived at the last minute. Needless to say the way the game was going not too many of us were in "fun" moods. And just about everyone bolted right after the game for one reason or another. So, there weren't very many exchanges.

However, I did manage to find a few tidbits.

Where is everybody?

Wendy and I arrived at 5:55 for the 6:30 start. If anyone had a camera and a microphone they would have seen how ridiculously funny we were reacting.

Pete: There's no one here?

Wendy: That's weird.

Pete: There's not even one car in the parking lot

Wendy: Where is everybody?

Pete: Did I miss something?

Wendy: The game does start at 6:30 right?

Pete: (Looking at my watch) Yep. I wrote it in every e-mail note.

Wendy: Today is Wednesday right?

Pete: (Looking at the date on my watch) Yeah.

Wendy: You're sure this is the day we play early at 6:30

Pete: (Now pulling out the revised schedule) Yep, it says it right here.

Wendy: I don't get it.

Pete: That makes two of us.

Hope all you guys are happy now, causing all of this unnecessary anxiety before the game. No wonder why I hit like crap!!

Game Time was 6:30

I must have sent out at least 4 or 5 e-mails indicating that the game was scheduled for 6:30 instead of 7:00 PM. Yes, the first note I sent did say 7, but I immediately recalled it, changing it to 6:30. Then every follow-up e-mail I sent said 6:30. There's always someone who "doesn't get it". When Danny was not there for the start of the game we all had a feeling he got the start time wrong. Then when he showed up at around 6:45 we knew we were right.

Joe: Dude the game started at 6:30

Danny: I thought it was 7:00?

Joe: No, it was 6:30

Danny: I read the first e-mail. It said 7.

Joe: You didn't read any of the other notes after that? They all said 6:30.

Danny: No. I just read the first one.

Pete: How many freakin e-mails do I send out all week long about the upcoming game?

Danny: A lot.

Pete: And you didn't think for one second to read the other ones.

Danny: No. I just usually read the first one and ignore the rest.

Pete: You're an idiot.

Big Hitters List

This is part of the exchange Lee and I had. It was a lot longer and was actually much funnier to both of us because I really think those listening thought we were arguing.

Lee: I definitely belong on the big hitters list this week

Pete: What?

Lee: I belong on the big hitters list.

Pete: What the hell for?

Lee: For being a bit hitter

Pete: What the hell did you do?

Lee: What are you talking about what did I do?

Pete: You weren't a big hitter. You had "A" big hit. But you weren't a big hitter.

Lee: I definitely was a big hitter.

Pete: How do you figure that?

Lee: I was 1 for 2, had 2 RBI's and I walked twice.

Pete: So, you think that makes you a big hitter?

Lee: Of course it does.

Pete: Not really.

Lee: If everyone on the team did as well as I did, we would have won by a lot more.

Pete: Still doesn't make you a big hitter

Lee: My on base percentage was .750

Pete: Who gives a shit? Try swinging the damned bat once in a while ya big baby. What are you afraid?

Lee: That's a big night at the plate. I take the walks for the team.

Pete: That makes you the big "walker" not a big hitter

Lee: NO... I belong on that list

Pete: You have to have at least 2 hits to go on that list.

Lee: Says who?

Pete: Says me!! I write the damned thing. I'm the coach. I make the rules.

Lee: I'm going on that list

Pete: I don't think so.

Lee: I am. I'll write it myself.
Pete: Go ahead and try. I have the power. You don't
Lee: I don't care. I'll write it anyway.
Pete: No you won't. You don't know how.
Lee: I'll do it.
Pete: No you won't.. ya big fwaidy cat baby, who won't swing the bat.
Lee: We'll see.

Hey Lee... I don't see your name on the Big Hitters List. DO YOU?

THE END!!!

Next Week:

Opponent: Telemundo's

Record: 3 – 5

Last Time: We won 26-24

Time: 6:30

Danny... that's 6:30!!! Got it??

*Looking for some people to work the cameras, both digital and video.
Any volunteers?*

The coach has spoken!!

Pete