

Game 8:

The "Art" of a "Come Back"

Telemundos **9**
Black Jacks **10**

	<u>Line Score</u>								
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>I</u>	
Telemundos	0	0	4	2	1	2	0	9	
Black Jacks	1	0	0	0	8	0	1	10	

The game is tied 9 to 9 in the bottom of the seventh. There are runners on first and second with one out. The runner on second is Danny Chim-Chim O'Hara. Mark Hall our clean-up hitter is up. With the game on the line, we couldn't ask for a better scenario. Our fastest runner is on second and our leading RBI man is up. I have to say I loved our chances.

Mark came through big-time with a line drive base hit to center. In about three seconds and five steps (I'm not exaggerating) Danny crossed the plate with the winning run!!

This was another game that we showed great composure and resilience in coming from behind with a big inning. After falling behind 7 to 1, we lit it up in the fifth batting around and scoring 8 runs. We are really making an "art" out of this. It sure does make things interesting. But as long as we keep winning... if it ain't broke, don't fix it!!

By the way, we have surpassed our longest winning streak in team history. It was six games, and now it's EIGHT!!

"The God of Softball", Lee made his return to the mound as the Wild Thing, picking up his second win of the season. Nice job! See what happens when you jam the hitters! (more on that in a minute) And no, T.O. (meaning Terrell Owens) you will not be on the Big Hitters list again. But I will add that you did walk again! Apology accepted by the way.

At the plate, we were led by Danny (he DID make it to the game on time), who had 3 hits and scored 3 times. And, of course Mark who had two hits and 4 RBI, including the game winner

Most of the guys on Telemundo's are very friendly. Just ask Joe as I think he has clearly made some new (and much needed) friends. Because this means he has more people to talk to who will actually listen to him.... at least for a little while. You see those of us that know and love him find ways to kind of tune him out sometimes, as his "gift of gab" can be a bit alarming and overwhelming! Plus, I think all of us have "heard it all" already!! Ahhhh... that was damned funny!! Who loves ya... my brotha, from anotha motha!!

Anyway, the next time we see these guys, they may not be as friendly. This is the fifth consecutive time in two seasons we have beaten them in a close come from behind game. They did NOT look very happy afterwards.

Big Hitters:

Danny **3 for 4** **3 Runs** **1 RBI**

Joe	2 for 4	1 Run	2 Doubles	2 RBI
Mark	2 for 3			4 RBI
Pete	2 for 3	1 Run		
Brad	2 for 3	1 Run		1 RBI

COMIC RELIEF

Jam him...

The following conversation started before the game, but really didn't end until the top of the second.

- Pete:** Their big hitters all go to right field. We have to take their power away. You gotta change things up a bit and move the ball around.
- Lee:** Obviously you haven't been playing softball long enough to know that pitching really doesn't help much.
- Pete:** Of course it does!
- Lee:** No it doesn't!
- Pete:** There are ways of keeping the hitter off balance.
- Lee:** Not good hitters
- Pete:** You have to change your delivery point, do some back handed stuff, change the tempo and jam the hitter.
- Lee:** This is softball. You don't jam the hitters
- Pete:** If the batter is facing towards right and you pitch inside you are making him push the ball. You're taking away his power.
- Lee:** If he's back in the box he can adjust.
- Pete:** Not these guys.
- Lee:** Yeah then I wind up walking him.
- Pete:** Just do it.
- Lee:** Whatever

After the game started in I think the second inning a few guys fouled out and flew out to left with weak fly balls.

- Pete:** See what happens when you jam the hitter
- Lee:** SHUT UP!!

Got some string?

Before the game, Jake and I took outfield practice. I told him that if he struggled in right, I would go out there and he would play first base.

- Pete:** So, can you handle first if I go to right?
- Jake:** Sure no problem
- Pete:** Are you sure?
- Jake:** Yeah, I can do it
- Pete:** Alright.
- Jake:** Hey, you got some string or something
- Pete:** String? What the hell for?
- Jake:** I've got a little problem with my glove.
I looked down and saw him trying to pull out and tie some laces inside his glove
- Pete:** What the hell is wrong with your glove?

Jake: It's kind of coming apart
Pete: Okay, I just asked you if you could play first base. How the hell are you going to play first base with a ripped glove?
Jake: I can.... I just need some string.
Pete: You're an idiot!!

Ground Rules

We had a brand new umpire for this game. This conversation took place at home plate as we attempted to go over the ground rules

Ump: Okay, so can you give me the ground rules?
Pete: You want ME to give YOU the ground rules? You're kidding?
Ump: Well, I know the rules. But, I just don't know the ground rules for this field.
Other captain: What?

I went on to explain some of the rules including a fence line and a few other things. There is a light pole in foul territory in left field.

Ump: What about that light pole
Pete: What about it?
Ump: What if the ball hits it?
Other captain: It's a foul ball.
Ump: Well, yeah I know that.
Pete: You mean if it hits the pole after it was in fair territory on a fair ball?
Ump: Yeah.
Pete: If the ball stays in play, you just play it. If it goes past the fence line it's out of play.
Ump: Oh okay.
Pete: Cause we all have intentions of hitting that pole all game long you know!
Lee: So, what happens if a player runs into the pole?
Ump: What?
Lee: Well, I'm just asking because that could happen you know.

Lineup

When we were coming into the bench to bat in the bottom of the first, Wendy shouted out the lineup really loud. Sometimes it's difficult to hear her, but I assure you, everyone heard her loud and clear this time. Well... maybe not

Wendy: Danny, Lee, Joe, Mark, MJ, Brian, Pete, Brad, Haack, Jake, JT
Lee: Hey... WHAT'S THE LINEUP!!!! (yelled with a sly grin on his face)
Pete: (as I started to spit out the water that was trying to drink) OH NO! HERE WE GO!!!
Wendy: DO NOT MAKE ME COME OVER THERE!!!

Speed?

Top of the 7th, Joe hits a shot to the shortstop who throws to second trying to get Danny in a force play, but the second baseman dropped the throw. Danny was safe and so was Joe who sort of got lost in the shuffle going to first.

Pete: That's what speed does! (referring to Danny going into second)
Joe: Did you see my speed on that!?
Pete: Huh?

Joe: I got there so fast was at the other diamond already!

Did I just rip on you?

I came back to the bench after being forced out at second.

Danny: They made that play on you because of your speed.

Pete: What? (not really paying attention)

Danny: Yeah, cause of your speed going into second.

Pete: What the hell are you talking about? You know, I'm sure what you're saying is pretty funny but I am so immune to the speed thing now it's not really registering. So what are you trying to say?

Danny: Oh wait. I think I said that wrong. It didn't come out right.

Pete: Said what wrong?

Danny: I just ripped on you didn't I?

Lee: Are you trying to say that they made the play at second because he's so damned slow!?!?!

F L O U L Out...

After the game in the parking lot.

Pete: You know what I'd really like to do. I want to foul out at least once every game.

Lee: Don't worry about it?

Pete: No really. And I want to foul out with the bases loaded.

Lee: No big deal

Pete: Yeah it is.

Lee: It's just a Floul Out.

Wendy: What did you just say?

Lee: You mean Floul Out?

Pete: What... it's not a strikeout or a fly out, so it's a Floul Out?

Lee: FLOUL OUT!!

Pete: How do you spell that?

Lee: F L O U L.... OUT

Wendy: Oh my god!!

Silence for about 10 seconds

Lee: (Yelling) FLOUL OUT!!! FLOUL OUT!! FLOUL OUT!!

The End!!

Next Week's Game:

Opponent: Shades of Gray

Record: 8 – 1

Last Game: We Won 14 – 6

Time: 8 PM

The coach has spoken....

Pete

