

Game 13:

Hit Parade!

Short n Curly's 3
Black Jacks 23

	<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>T</u>
Short n Curly's	0	0	2	1	0	x	x	3
Black Jacks	8	3	8	4	x	x	x	23

Call this one a "Hit Parade" because that's what it felt like. WOW! Try these numbers on for size. We banged out 29 HITS over just four innings!! Every guy in the lineup had at least one hit. Ten guys had at least two. Five guys had 3 or more!

I know this was the last place team and they have not won a game, but that has nothing to do with hitting. Yes, they did make a few errors that added insult to injury, but every hit on the board was clean. I think the opposing pitcher said it best when we came up for the bottom of the fourth, and I quote. "You guys ready for some more batting practice!"

Believe it or not, we even had five regular players out of the lineup! That's a wicked display of serious bench strength! Nice job guys. Everybody got in the game. Everybody got a shot at playing in the field. It was totally cool! (Got that Lee!) Sorry folks... inside joke. Anyway, so who needs those guys, huh!!? Just kidding. It was just great to see some guys get into the mix.

Jeff Dorn had an awesome night going 3 for 4 with 4 RBI! He almost took off the pitchers head too on his last at bat. He even relieved me at first base in the fifth inning making a nice defensive play. Way to go Dornie.

Scummer, one of our famous Super Subs, came through again. Scummer usually pitches but this time he filled in a third. Although he took a hard hit bad-hop to the left shoulder, he managed to go 4 for 4 with 2 doubles and 3 RBI.

Al, Haack and Jake all had 3 RBI each. Steve went 3 for 4 with 2 RBI. Hey yours truly even went 4 for 4! How bout that! Hold off on that retirement press conference! I still got some hits left in me!

Steve pitched a solid four innings picking up another win. Scummer gets the save for pitching the top of the fifth. That moved Steve over to third. See how much fun we had! Steve had so much fun he didn't even think about firing a ball at an opposing player!! Oooooooh... Did I just say that? Yep. You bet I did!!

Our God of Softball Lee even played left field! He even caught a fly ball! Just think, he wanted the night off to watch Columbo! What? It's his favorite show!

Nice job everyone. We all had a lot of fun. That's what its all about right!

Big Hitters

Scummer	4 for 4	4 Runs	2 Doubles	3 RBI
Pete	4 for 4	3 Runs	1 Double	1 RBI
Dorn	3 for 4	1 Run		4 RBI
Steve	3 for 4	1 Run		2 RBI
Jake	3 for 4	2 Runs		3 RBI

Lee	3 for 4	3 Runs	Double	2 RBI
Haack	2 for 2	3 Runs		3 RBI
Al	2 for 3	3 Runs	Triple	3 RBI

COMIC RELIEF

You haven't seen our record...

This exchange took place between the opposing pitcher and me in the fourth inning while I was standing on second base.

Ump: Okay guys. Four more runs and the game is over
Pitcher: You hear that guys. If we give up four more runs we get to go home.
Pete: Come on now. Don't give us anything. You gotta make us earn it. We don't think like that.
Pitcher: You earned it as soon as we walked out on the field.
Pete: No... come on now. We don't play like that, and we don't think like that.
Pitcher: You obviously haven't seen our record.
Pete: No....I know exactly what your record is.

I can you know....

If you have been with us for a while, you know that the fun surrounding my lack of speed just never gets old. The funniest thing is, two guys said the same exact thing when I was on first on two separate occasions. I don't know if it was planned or not, but it was pretty damned funny.

Scene 1

Lee: Haack's on second. Just don't over run him.
Pete: I can you know.
Lee: *(giggling)* I know. That's why I'm telling you. Give him a chance. Don't over run him.
Pete: No seriously. I can.
Lee: Uh huh.
Pete: If I start right now... I can pass him.

Scene 2

I honestly don't remember who was coaching first this time. I think it was Brad. So I'll use him for now. If I'm wrong someone can correct me.

Brad: Just don't over run Haack at second
Pete: I can you know.
Brad: *(giggling)* Yeah.. I know. That's what I'm saying.
Pete: No. I really can.
Brad: Uh huh.
Pete: If I started right now...I can probably pass him.

Scene 3

Again, I apologize because I do not know who was coaching first. It could have been Al, or even Brad again. It doesn't matter because it was funny. I never said a word during this whole exchange. I heard this as I approached and rounded first base on my way to second on a double down the right field line.

You're okay

Maybe take two.

I don't know.

It's up to you

As I took off for second...

OH NO!!

Yes, I made it to second standing up. NO problem. Oh yee of little faith!!

We like him....

Lee seems to have some admirers. This conversation took place between the captain of the Citi Gold Gloves team (I still don't know his name), and myself while Lee was coming up to bat.

Citi GG: Who is that guy?

Pete: Who, the guy going up to bat?

Citi GG: Yeah.

Pete: That's Lee.

Citi GG: Where's he from?

Pete: He's from Wisconsin originally. He lives in El Grove now.

Citi GG: How long's he been here?

Pete: I don't know. Seven or eight years maybe.

Citi GG: Me and another guy thought we knew him. He looks like someone we played against up in Rockford.

Pete: I guess anything's possible. He's played in tournaments all over the place.

Citi GG: He reminds me of that guy. He was awesome.

Pete: Lee's good..

Citi GG: Yeah I mean.. he's athletic, he's got the look, he's got that body....

Pete: Alright.. alright.. that's enough. I gotta go!!

Lee.. I'd be looking over my shoulder from now on. You never know who may be watching and admiring!

Say it ain't so Joe!

At the start of the game Joe had not shown up yet. Wendy called him to find out where he was. He said he was on his way on route 53 and was going to be late.

During the second inning Joe called back.

Joe: I just got pulled over for speeding

Wendy: What? *(she started cracking up)*

Joe: What's the score?

Wendy: 11 to 0.

Joe: Really? Looks like you don't need me. What inning is it?

Wendy: Top of the third

Joe: Already? I don't think I'm going to make it in time. The game will be over.

Wendy: Just come anyway.

Joe: I'll try.

Wendy came over to the bench as we came in from the field.

Wendy: Joe called. He got pulled over for speeding.

Pete: What? No way

Wendy: Yep.

Pete: Where is he?

Wendy: On route 53 not far.

In a matter of seconds everyone on the bench heard what happened. Needless to say it didn't take long for everyone to start cracking up and start making fun of Joe, who never did make it to the game. When the game was over Wendy called Joe to see what happened. Here are little blurbs of what transpired.

Wendy: So what happened?

Joe: It's my wife's fault.

Wendy: Why is it her fault?

Joe: She made me late so I was hurrying.

Wendy: Did you tell her?

Joe: No, and I'm not going to.

Wendy: Why not?

Joe: I got \$200 is tickets. I didn't have my seat belt on either

Wendy: \$200. How fast were you going?

Joe: 70 in a 35.

Pete: *(to everyone standing around)* Okay.shhh...shh.... she's on a roll

Lee: What?

Pete: She busts his balls like no one I've ever seen. She's got his number. Has had it for years.

Lee: Really?

Pete: She's one of the only people that can render him speechless.

Lee: Joe, speechless? I find that hard to believe.

Pete: I didn't say it lasts long. She just shuts him up...his last response is usually a puzzled face trying to think of something clever to say. When nothing comes out he just says.. shut up.

By this time Wendy is repeating everything Joe is telling her. A bunch of us were standing around listening.

Wendy: He says it was a woman cop.

Pete: Ask him if he called her honey or sweetie.

Wendy: No he said he called her d_____b__!

Wendy: He said he's going to be in the comic relief and he wasn't even at the game!!

Pete: He's going to be the whole comic relief!

Wendy hung up and just repeated some of the things Joe told her.

Phil: So he was doing 70 in a 35 and didn't have his seatbelt on.

Wendy: Yep.

Phil: Geez. What else? Did he have his kids standing up in the backseat too?

Pete: And no shoes on.

Phil: Probably no pants either?

Haack: So he was going 35 in a 70, no seat belt, his kids standing in the back seat, no shoes or pants on.

Pete: And you wonder why it's \$200. OUCH!

Haack: We just got your whole story Pete. You don't really have to write anything.

Needless to say Joe's infraction was one of the most popular comedy targets ever. The next morning I filled him in on just about everything I could remember. Calm cool and collected he said.

Joe: Sounds like I was a hit last night.

Pete: To say the least.

Joe: That's good.

Pete: Oh yeah, everyone wants to see a copy of the ticket.

Joe: What ticket?

Pete: Your speeding ticket.

Joe: *(now with a HUGE grin)* There is no ticket!

Pete: NO way!

Joe: I GOT ALL OF YOU!! I never got a speeding ticket. Good one huh?

Chalk one up for Joe. He got us!!

*Word of warning Joe. If you ever really do get a ticket. You better not tell ANYONE!!
Forget about your wife!!*

THE END!

NEXT WEEK

Opponent: Telemundo's

Record: 6 – 7

Time: 8 PM

Last Games: We've beaten them twice in very close games.

- **Next week is definitely video and picture game!!**

The coach has spoken.....

Pete