

Game 14:

NO Gold this Time.....

Black Jacks **7**
Shades of Gray **15**

	Line Score							
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>T</u>
Black Jacks	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	7
Shades of Gray	5	0	0	4	5	1	X	15

This game clearly had the makings of a “defining moment” for us. We had a chance to clinch the regular season championship against our archrival and nemesis, Shades of Gray, who we had already beaten twice this year. If you all remember, these victories came after their “trash talking” about how we were not good enough to compete with them.

One more win would have automatically given us two parts of what Brian Wood-Chopper Watta defined as our Triple Crown: Beating Shades all three times, Winning the Regular Season Championship and Winning the tournament in a few weeks. How poetic would it have been to beat Shades in this situation?

Unfortunately, it was not meant to be. We frankly did not get the job done. The better team on Wednesday night won. It’s that simple. In no way shape or form did we deserve to win. Are we better than them? Yes, I think most of us still think so. We just had a bad night.

We clearly did not hit enough. You aren’t going to beat too many teams in softball scoring only seven runs. It’s not like we didn’t have the opportunities. In the first inning, we had two runs already in, the bases were loaded and no one out. We managed to score only one more run. We couldn’t put a single run on the board from the third through the fifth. In the sixth it looked like we were about to break through in a big way. We had the bases loaded and no outs. But, we managed to score only one run.

In the field we only made a few mistakes. But those mistakes cost us dearly. I’m sure we added seven or eight runs to their total.

That’s it for the bad news. The good news is we still control our own destiny. There is one regular season game left. If we win the game, we also win the regular season championship. We will probably end up with the same record as Shades of Gray, but we beat them twice. With head to head competition being the tiebreaker, we would win the Championship. We play Telemundo’s next week in our rain out game from last week. They play us tough every game. This will not be a walk in the park.

If we lose? Honestly, I don’t even want to think about that right now. Let’s just say, that’s not an option.

Big Hitters:

Mark	2 for 4	1 Run	Double	1 RBI
Phil	2 for 4		Double	1 RBI
Brad	2 for 4	1 Run		1 RBI
Lee	2 for 4	2 Runs		1 RBI

COMIC RELIEF

I have to be honest. After checking with a bunch of other people, we all agreed there really wasn't much comedy before, during or after the game. Maybe that was our problem? We weren't loose enough. However, we did have a very funny umpire, who did contribute some funny moments of his own.

The ump has a fat....

Before the game I set up a video camera behind the fence at home plate. The ump noticed that this could be a problem for him.

Ump: You videotaping this game?
Pete: Yeah. We tape a few games every year for fun.
Ump: Oh, that's cool
Pete: It's fun to watch
Ump: You're gonna leave it right there the whole time?
Pete: Not sure. It depends on how the game goes. We might move it around a little bit.
Ump: Um...not sure if that's a real good spot.
Pete: Why not? I get most of the field.
Ump: You're gonna have a continuous shot of MY Big Fat Ass!!
Pete: Nah, the camera is on an angle.
Ump: Oh no. You don't realize how big and fat my ass is.
Pete: You're okay.
Ump: Here how does this look? *(he started shaking his ass right in front of the camera)*
Pete: That's perfect.

I know the cameraman

This brief exchange came after I fouled out.

Ump: The camera was on right?
Pete: Unfortunately yes.
Ump: Don't worry. I know the camera guy. We can edit that out.
Pete: I know him real well too. As soon as I get home that whole at bat is getting deleted.
Ump: See, I told you I'd take care of it.

Wanna Play?

After our game Swing Crew was supposed to play Telemundo's. Just before the game started One of the Swing Crew guys came over to Lee and myself asking if we wanted to play.

Swing Crew: Do you guys wanna play?
Pete: What? Play? Our whole team is gone.
Swing Crew: No, on our team.
Lee: I don't care. I'll play
Pete: You can't do that. You'll have to forfeit if you don't have enough guys.
Swing Crew: I don't know. We'll See. Do you want to?
Lee: I wasn't doing anything special. I'll play.
Pete: You aren't allowed. You're not on their roster. That's illegal.
Lee: Whatever. I don't care. I'll do it.
Swing Crew: Thanks *(he started to walk away)*

Lee: (To Pete) Did you notice? He asked ME to play and NOT YOU!
As soon as the umpire saw Lee was going to play for Swing Crew to make their ninth player the game was called off and forfeited.Now that's funny!
Not even "The Ninja" could save Swing Crew. If you all remember a few weeks back this is the team that called Lee a Ninja.

THE END!

NEXT WEEK:

Opponent: Telemundo's
Time: 8PM
Record: 7 – 7
First Game: Won 26 - 24
Second Game: Won 10 – 9
At Stake: The League Championship

TO FOLLOW:

Wed. August 23rd: Play-off Tournament
Time: TBD
Opponents: TBD

The coach has spoken...

Pete