

***Our game on July 18<sup>th</sup> vs. the Squirrel Cagers was suspended due to bad weather. The game will be resumed on Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.***

## Game 12

### The Monster Is Fed

**D-Bags** 3  
**Black Jacks** 16

	<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>
<b>D-Bags</b>	0	0	1	2	0	X	X	3
<b>The Naturals</b>	6	0	7	2	X	X	X	16

Sometimes bad teams are like sacrificial feedings for a monster. Somebody has to get eaten up. This time the D-Bags (NOT A GOOD TEAM) were sacrificed as they fed us with an easy, but desperately needed win. Victories like this can wake up sleeping bats, build confidence and bring fun back into the game. I think we accomplished all of these.

I do give them credit though for showing up and trying their best. But, like I said, they really are bad. Other teams might have given up or not shown up, but they gave it a try.

We have now officially used up our entire roster as Brian Potempa and Scott Voeklner made their debuts, helping us out. Brian started the game on the mound, pitching for two innings, and then he moved to left field. Scott started at second base and then filled in a few innings at first. Thanks guys! At least we had some fun during your debuts.

Brian shut down the D-Bags in the top of the first. Our half of the inning could not have been scripted any better. We needed a quick start to set the tone, and that's exactly what we got. Danny started things off with his fourth homerun of the year, a long drive to left. Brad singled and Lee singled. Joe followed with his third home run of the year, a three-run shot on a line drive through the gap in right center. Mark kept things going with a single. Ebs tripled him home and then Brian singled Ebs in, to bring the run total to six.

The second inning was a quiet one for both teams. Scags came in to pitch the next three innings. The D-Bags put a few hits together in the third to get their first run. We came storming back in our half of the inning with seven runs to quickly put the game out of reach. Joe tripled to start things off. Mark drove in Joe. Ebs and Brian followed with singles. A few batters later Scags drove in a run. Danny followed with a two-run double. Brad then knocked Danny in to end the scoring. With a 13 to 1 lead after three, we all began to look at a slaughter rule.

To their credit the D-Bags came up with two runs on the fourth to cut the lead to ten. The five-inning slaughter rule is twelve and we had two at bats to make that happen. We took care of it on our first try plating three in the fourth. Joe, Mark, Ebs and Haack all had hits. A few errors and fielder's choices brought in the three runs.

Scags then shut the door not allowing any runs in the top of the fifth to finally end the game 16 to 3. Nice job by both Brian and Scags in giving up only three runs. I don't care who you play; giving up three runs in a slow pitch softball game is quite an accomplishment.

Speaking of accomplishments, our four, five and six hitters went a combined nine for nine, with eight runs scored, two triples, a homerun and eight RBI! Mr. Softball led the way in the clean-up spot, followed by Mark and Ebs. Way to go guys! That's some serious hitting!

Bradley, I bet you thought I forgot about you! Sorry son... not a chance! Brad has the distinction of being the second player to swing and miss this season! To his credit he did NOT strikeout, as he came back and got a hit. However, that was absolutely hysterical, and it IS on film! Yes fans, the game was video taped! I get to play it over, and over, and over... and laugh just as hard every time!! The wind from the swing actually almost knocked the camera over, which was behind the backstop! So tell me, is this a requirement for anyone who works for Mark? Aahahahah... now that's funny! And oh yes... it IS in the Comic Relief!!

### On the Defensive

- I don't really remember any great plays.... Sorry if I missed something. But that's not necessarily a bad thing. We were solid with very few, which is all you can ask for.
- Joe made a nice play in left field, throwing a runner out at third.
- Bradley caught a pop fly in the infield! There is still hope for you son!

### Coach's Corner

- The streak continued, as this was our 12<sup>th</sup> different lineup in 12 games. Obviously this time around the result was better. Playing a poor team sure helped. But, our bats began to wake up a bit. We are hoping for a little stability as we head into the last two regular season games and the Play-off Tournament.
- We clinched at least third place in the regular season. If we win our remaining two games we will clinch second place.
- Did I mention that Bradley swung and missed at a pitch? Just in case I didn't, Brad swung and missed! ☺

### Big Hitters

Joe	3 for 3	1 Run	Triple, HR (3)	3 RBI
Bradley	3 for 3	2 Runs		1 RBI
Mark	3 for 3	3 Runs		1 RBI
Ebs	3 for 3	3 Runs	Triple	2 RBI
Danny	2 for 4	2 Runs	Double, HR (4)	3 RBI

Brian            2 for 3            2 Runs

2 RBI

### League Standings

The Naturals	11-1
Black Jacks	9-3
The Canners	9-3
Squirrel Cagers	7-5
CH Robinson	5-7
Shake N Bake	4-8
D-Bags	2-10
Risky Business	1-11

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## Comic Relief

### Field of Dreams

*The D-Bags started out with nine players, with three in the outfield. Out of nowhere their tenth player and fourth outfielder appeared in right center.*

**D-Bags catcher:** Hold on ump. We got our fielder back.

**Umpire:** Where did he come from?

**Catcher:** The other parking lot.

**Umpire:** It's like he just appeared.

**Catcher:** He arrived like the Field of Dreams

**Umpire:** I can still barely see him out there. It's like is just beginning to appear.

**Pete:** Is that Shoeless Joe Jackson?

**Joe:** More like Clueless Joe Jackson

### No One Listens.....

*This was an exchange between Lee and Scags who apparently wanted to extend the game.*

**Lee:** I thought I told you to walk some guys

**Scags:** I told those guys to make some errors.

**Lee:** There's our problem. No one on this team listens.

**Joe:** What are you talking about?

**Lee:** See Scags, no one listens but Joe wants to know everything not being said to him.

### Mullen's Mighty Swing

*Here is some of the banter following Brad's swing and a miss.*

**Mark:** Woooo! WOW!!

**Brad:** Oh shit!

**Umpire:** That's on camera!!

**Pete:** You almost knocked the camera over with the wind form that swing!

**Joe:** It almost knocked the pitcher over.  
**Lee:** Now you're loose Mark! Oh wait. That's not Mark!  
**Pete:** Is that a requirement for anyone that reports to Mark?  
**Joe:** You're supposed to hit the ball. You know....that lime green thing that comes in from the pitcher!

*To his credit, Brad got a base hit on the next pitch. But I know for a fact he was crapping his pants when the next pitch came in!*

***The End.....***

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### Next Game

**Date:** August 1st  
**Opponent:** Shake N Bake  
**Record:** 4 – 8  
**Last meeting:** We Won  
**Game Time:** 6:30 PM

***The coach has spoken.....***

***Pete***