

Game 2

Three Bombs and a Rocket...

Black Jacks **16**
Risky Business **6**

	Line Score							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	T
Black Jacks	0	0	6	7	2	1	X	16
Risky Business	0	0	2	0	2	2	X	6

Another cold windy night, with temps in the low 40's and wind chill in the 30's, may have been the cause of a slow start. After two innings the game was unbelievably scoreless. Going into the third inning we warmed up quickly, as I don't think The Risky Business pitcher had any idea what he was about to face. The inning started off with five consecutive hits. The third and fourth hits were back-to-back homeruns. The first BOMB was a three run shot to left by Lee, our God of Softball, his first dinger of the year, and actually his first hit of the young season. Ebs followed with a solo BOMB of his own to right center, leaving the pitcher stunned. Two more runs scored that inning bringing the run total to six.

In the fourth we stayed hot as eight consecutive batters reached base. Try this on for size: double, walk, double, single, homerun, triple, double and single! By the time the inning ended seven runs had crossed the plate. Joe P (Mr. Softball) led the way with his first BOMB / homerun of the season, a three run shot over the left fielder's head. That brought our homerun and BOMB total for the night to three. Stay tuned for the rocket.

Through the fifth and six we coasted a little bit. I made multiple changes on defense including a pitching change. I think at that point we just wanted the game to end, so we could get out of the cold.

Joe "Scags" Scaglione made his debut on the mound in relief of the Mighty Flynn. He pitched the fourth, fifth and sixth innings. So, Flynn gets his second win of the season and Scags gets the save. Along with the pitching change I really mixed things up to keep guys warm and to get a feel for what other positions everyone can play. Lee our staple shortstop moved to right center. When I asked him if he minded moving he said, "I think I made enough good plays at short for the night." Yes Lee, and thank you so much for those! Joe P found out what it's like to catch as he came in from left field to go behind the plate and have some fun with umpire and our pitchers. Bradley our first-string second baseman went to shortstop. Haack made his first appearance ever at first base, as I slid into the DH slot and then moved to catcher. The Haack experiment didn't last long! I'm very tempted to give him a hard time here, but I'll let him slide being it didn't mean anything. But that's the ONLY free pass you will get my friend!! Anyway, Flynn then moved went to first base, where he wound up making a very nice double play.

It was good to get everyone in the field and have some fun. If not anything else everyone had some time to run around and stay warm.

In our half of the sixth inning, with the game well in hand, Bradley hit a ROCKET line drive belt high right back to the pitcher. The poor guy had NO chance to react in any way. He didn't even have time to get his glove up. The ball hit him right in the belt area, where he buckled over, let out a painful sound, and somehow managed to hang on!! Nice play by him, but HOLY CRAP! That definitely left a mark. I would say that even though it was an out, the pitcher had to be thinking twice about ever getting back on the mound.

By the way, do you get the headline now? Three BOMBS and a Rocket. Pretty clever huh? So, season five is off to a good start, with lots of softball still to play.

On the Defensive:

There were a few pretty awesome plays in the field that are worth mentioning

- There was a textbook run-down play between short and third. Mark, Flynn and Joe P executed this play like you are taught when you are a kid. The runner never stood a chance. He's a dumb ass for running, but hey it made us look good.
- We threw a runner out at the plate. The throw came from Mark at third to yours truly. I had the pleasure of putting a rather hard tag right into the guy's sternum. Hey it was cold, and with a runner coming at me, I had a football flashback! After hearing the runner whimper a little bit, I did ask if he was okay. What? It was a clean play. He had no business running anyway. Serves him right.
- We pulled off two unassisted double plays. The first one was by Lee on a grounder to short. He made the grab, stepped on second and threw to yours truly at first. The second came at the hands of the Mighty Flynn, who took over for me at first for a few innings. I LOVE when the coach looks good after making a change! Don fielded a hot grounder near the bag at first, stepped on the bag and then threw to Bradley at second base for a tag play.
- Lee also made a real nice running play on a pop up behind third base. This was very similar to the ESPN highlight play he made during the first game last year. The difference here is that he didn't have to dive. Nice play anyway.

Nice job with the gloves guys! Defense wins championships!!

Big Hitters:

Brad	3 for 5	2 runs	Double, Triple	
Ebs	3 for 4	3 runs	Double, HR	3 RBI
Mark	3 for 4	3 runs		1 RBI
Don	3 for 3	2 runs	Triple	
Haack	3 for 4	1 run	Triple	2 RBI
Lee	2 for 3	2 runs	HR	3 RBI
Joe P	2 for 4	1 run	Double, homerun	4 RBI

Stuff on the Side:

- Haack made his first appearance of the season after missing the first game because he had a wittle cold! He made up for it though going three for four.
- Mark, our human vacuum cleaner at third literally took one for the team. A hot ground ball took a bad hop and caught him..... well..... you know where. He did have his cup on.. Thank GOD, but as he said "it caught me on the side of it pinching....." well I'll let you all finish the rest.
- The first six batters in the order went for a combined 16 for 23, with 13 runs scored, 3 doubles, 2 triples, 3 Homeruns and 11 RBI. That's pretty damned impressive. Nice job guys.
- Again I have to give some credit to the bottom of the order. Scags, Jake, Haack and yours truly went a combined 9 for 16. There are NO weaknesses in this lineup folks!
- Ten out of eleven batters had two hits.
- Lee's homerun was his first hit of the season. Flynn did the same thing last week. So, whose turn is it next week?
- Marty's Flip, Flop and Fly routine took a week off. That is a major achievement or disappointment depending on how you look at it. I kind of missed it myself.
- Two weeks in a row we've won by the same score, 16-6.
- Lee once again led the team in walks with two.

Official standings after week 2

Black Jacks	2-0
The Naturals	2-0
Squirrel Cagers	1-1
The Cannons	1-1
CH Robinson	1-1

D-Bags	1-1
Risky Business	0-2
Shake N Bake	0-2

Comic Relief

Matthew says...

There's nothing like baby language.

Lee: How's the baby? And Wendy

Pete: Wendy says hi. Matthew says... Eh.. Eh... Ah Ah Ah Ahhhhhhh!!

Lee: Oh yeah. I think I get that. I'll have to pass it along to Jacob (his three year old) though for a correct translation.

You must work for Emkay

Just before we took the field I yelled out the positions. The ONLY two guys left on the bench were Haack and Scags.

Pete: Haack you start off catching. I'll get you to second base in a few innings.

Haack: Oh Gee thanks Pete. I love you man.

Pete: I know. That's why I take care of you.

Scags: So, I guess that means I'm the DH

Pete: Man, you are brilliant! Wow! How do you do it?! You must work for EmKay.
(Emkay is the company Lee, Haack, Jake and Scags all work for)

Keeping Score

With Wendy at home tending to Matthew, keeping score has become a real team effort with lots of guys chipping in. Sometimes I have to look for volunteers though.

Pete: Who wants to keep score?
(NO REPLY)

Pete: Someone has to keep score, I'm due up soon.

Haack: I'll do it

Pete: Really?

Haack: Yeah, I'll keep score

Pete: Do you know how?

Haack: What do you mean do I know how? Of course I know how to keep score.

Pete: All right. If you say so.

Haack: I know what I'm doing.

Pete: Hey, I'm just asking. Cause technically that book is Wendy's. And she doesn't want anyone who doesn't know what they're doing with their hands in there. If you screw it up, I'm not responsible. You'll have to answer to her.

Haack: (No real reply here... he just kind of mumbled, took the book and pencil and walked away)

The Rocket

After Bradley hit that rocket to the pitcher, he came to the bench with the following revelations.

Brad: Man, I hit that good.

Mark: Yeah, that was hit hard

Pete: I don't think that pitcher is ever going to be the same.

Brad: Honesty, I could have killed him! I don't care though cause that felt AWESOME!

So says the Ump

In the bottom of the last inning, the game was out of hand, it was 10:30, getting colder and the ump had had enough. This is what transpired during one of the last at bats of the game.

Ump: Strike one!
(the ball was CLEARLY inside probably 6 inches off the plate)

Pete: I didn't say anything, except I let out a slight giggle

Ump: Strike two!
(once again, ball was inside and no way should have been called a strike)

Pete: Way to Scags!
(I am clearly beginning to laugh, cause I know what's coming)

Ump: Strike three. You're gone!
(This pitch was more inside than the first two)

Pete: NICE!
(Now I am blatantly laughing)

Ump: If this guy thinks he's going to just stand there and take pitches at ten thirty at night, with his team down by twelve runs, he's got another thing coming!!!

Pete: I gotta agree with you there blue.

Ump: Unbelievable!

I forgot to...

After the game a few of us went to the bar for a few cocktails. As we reached the parking lot on our way out Joe P came across this discovery. Mind you, we were in the bar for about 45 minutes.

Joe: I forgot to pee!

Pete: What?

Joe: I forgot to pee!

Pete: How do you forget to pee?

Joe: When I first got in there I wanted to pee, but I thought I should order first and then pee.

Pete: Okay. So?

Joe: So, I got distracted and forgot to pee.

Marty: Listen to him. He sounds like a little boy talking to his mommy... Mommy I gotta pee.

Pete: So, go back inside and pee idiot. What's wrong with you?

Joe: No, I can't go back inside now. It's too late.

Pete: How is it too late to pee. What the hell is wrong with you?

Joe: I just can't.

Pete: I just can't believe we are having this conversation!

THE END

Next Week:

Opponent: Shake n Bake
Record: 0-2
Time: 6:30
History: NONE

Make-Up Date:

The make up date for our rain out from April 25th is officially **Sunday May 20th**.

We now have an official start time as well of **10:00 AM**.

I know this date is two weeks away, but I want to know who can make it as early as possible.

Remember, there is no second option. If we cannot field a team, we forfeit.

The coach has spoken.....

Pete