

BK Control Softball

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Game: 11
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Note of interest:

What is an Amadon?

One of our fans and a dear friend of mine, Mike Lesniak, did some research on the word Amadon. His father actually used this word when he was a kid, and he never knew what it meant, so it brought back memories. Nice to know these recaps can have such a profound effect on people! LOL! Anyway, Amadon is an Irish slang term that means simpleton or idiot. Thanks Mike!!

THINGS THAT GO BUMP IN THE NIGHT

This game shaped up to be a pretty big regular season show down. The Bumps (there are many angles to take on this name, so I will leave it to your imagination) had already clinched first place and were undefeated at 10 – 0. We were in second with a 7 -3 record, including a few tainted losses: the rain shortened game and a Saturday make-up day loss. So, according to Kenny, we really only lost one game. Haha!

After last week's game a few of our guys hung out in the parking lot while the Bumps played at 9:30. When it was over a short conversation ensued, where they basically stated they were looking forward to playing us. I guess we are getting a reputation as a pretty good team. But, as the saying goes, be careful what you ask for!

So, their undefeated season was on the line and we wanted to be the ones to end it! Other than that, we were pretty much playing for sole possession of second place and home team advantage in the first round of the playoff tournament. We clinched a spot with last week's win.

We had a pretty damned good lineup ready to go. Danny was back after a long hiatus. Phil jumped in for a big game, which is why we have him on the roster! Just go check his history in games like this. And Dave was back after being on vacation.

Let's see what really goes bump in the light....we were the visiting team, so we were up first. With two outs Joe singled. Trice then doubled him home for a quick one to nothing lead. John then singled to bring in Trice and the Bumps proceeded to throw the ball all over creation. There were at least two bad throws on the play, which allowed John to come all the way around and score. I think all of us were a bit shocked to see their sloppy play. They sure didn't look like a first place, undefeated team. But, it was early yet.

In the bottom of the first, they came back with two runs. They hit a few good shots, but nothing to write home about. So after one, we were up three to two.

In the top of the second Marty and Andy singled back to back to put two runners on. Two batters later Phil (see what I mean about big games) singled in Marty for our lone run of the inning. We were now up four to two.

The Bumps came back with only one run in their half of the second. I have seen glimpses of this team during the course of the season, and they always looked pretty good. They sure hadn't looked awful from what I saw, so I fully expected them to start playing better. I think everyone thought the same thing quite honestly. We were only up four to two, so we had work to do.

In the third, Lee got things going with a single. He moved to second on a fly out. Trice then knocked him in with his second RBI double of the game. John then brought in Trice with a single for our second run. Kenny singled moving John along. Then Marty brought in John for another run. Andy then reached on an error to keep the inning going. Two batters later, Phil slapped another RBI single bringing in Kenny. Then Dave stepped up.

Now, I have to preface this with some strategy talk. Remember the whole double lead-off theory thing that Eddie has helped prove works? Well, I decided to put both Phil and Dave, who usually hit high in the order, down at the bottom for the very same reason. I know most guys take this as a blow, but in cases like this it is a compliment. Believe me.

Anyway, Dave made me look like a genius again! He ripped a shot over the right fielder's head for what looked like a sure triple. But when the relay throw came in, their second basemen froze. I have no idea why. There was simply no rhyme or reason to it. Anyway, this allowed Dave to come all the way around for a three-run inside the park homerun! Thanks Dave!!

Now to say this was a CRUSHING blow to the Bumps would be an understatement. They immediately started complaining and in-fighting. Their second baseman and pitcher were both complaining about balls and strikes. They started blaming their pitcher for all the hits. And they started throwing the ball all over creation again.

What they didn't know was we weren't done yet! Now mind you most of these runs were scored with two outs, which is even more demoralizing to a team. Danny singled to get things going again. Then Lee, Joe, Trice and John all singled! Joe got an RBI on his hit and John collected two on his. But, two others scored on bad throwing errors. I mean these guys looked really bad! When the dust settled, we pushed twelve runs across the plate for a humongous sixteen to three lead after just two and a half innings.

I'm not sure when, it was either during the third inning or to start the fourth, they switched pitchers. Their second basemen, came replaced the starting pitcher and he had already been complaining about ball and strike calls. Anyway, this is what started the infighting. I have NO idea how you can blame a pitcher when there are throwing errors all over the place and the team you are playing is just hitting the living crap out of the ball. Whatever....it was their problem, and actually entertaining to watch.

In the bottom of the third, they came up empty. I honestly could not believe it.

In the top of the fourth, Marty started things off with his third single of the game. Andy followed with his second hit. I then brought in Marty with an RBI single to

center, that also moved Andy to third. Phil then ended the scoring by knocking in Andy with a sacrifice fly.

By this time their new pitcher complaining again about balls and strikes. The ump yelled out. "So, are you going do this the rest of the game!?" They argued back and forth, when the ump finally threatened to throw the guy out. I'm surprised he didn't because the ump was the one we usually have lots of trouble with. I bet if we were the ones arguing we would have been tossed immediately!

In the bottom of the fourth they came up empty yet again. The whole thing was just surreal to me. It just did not add up. We all started wondering what the heck was going on. I mean we were up eighteen to three, against the first place undefeated team with a 10 and 0 record? Needless to say, we did not let up.

In the fifth, Lee started things off again with his third single of the game. Joe doubled him to third putting two men on and setting the table for Trice, who absolutely crushed a laser line drive over the left field fence for his second homerun of the season, a three run blast! What a night he had! We have discovered that he is just very angry at the softball these days! LMAO! Damn does he swing hard!

The Bumps finally managed to put a few runs on the board in the bottom of the fifth, scoring two. But it was way too little and way too late. The game ended on the fifteen run slaughter rule after five innings, 21 to 5.

Oh yeah...the things that go Bump in the night....would be US!

This was a huge statement game (man I haven't thrown that phrase out in years!) to say the least. I don't know what the final regular season game or the playoff tournament has in store for us, but one thing is for sure. We are IN THEIR HEADS!

Line Score

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	T
BK Controls	3	1	12	2	3	x	x	21
Bumps	2	1	0	0	2	x	x	5

Box Score

	AB	H	R	BB	SAC	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Danny	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lee	4	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Joe	4	3	3	0	0	1	0	0	1
Trice	4	4	4	0	0	2	0	1	5
John	4	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	4
Kenny	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marty	4	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	1
Andy	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pete	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Phil	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	3
Dave	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	3

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Big Hitters

- It doesn't get any bigger than Trice! Four for four, single, 2 doubles, HR (#2), 4 runs and 5 RBI! Talk about a one man wrecking crew! And he held the first place, undefeated team to five runs!
- Marty, in what may have been his last game of the year went four for four. Good for him. I know he has not been happy about his hitting lately. Good to see he ended on a positive note. Although, we think it had something to do with his wife Kristin being there. I guess Marty likes to show off to her! Thanks for showing up Kristin! From now on, you need to come whenever Marty plays.
- Our two through five hitters continue to carry us: Lee, Joe, Trice & John. They went a combined 13 for 16, with 12 runs scored, three doubles, one homer and 10 RBI!

Coach's Corner

- I still cannot figure out what happened to the Bumps. There are lots of possibilities I guess, with one being they just had a bad night. A few of us thought maybe they didn't bring their best players because they had already clinched first place and the game technically didn't mean anything. But, in actuality it did. They were going after an undefeated season and they were playing the second place team, whom they had not faced all year. Whatever it is, the best approach to take is they just had a bad night. I would fully expect them to play much better in the playoff tournament.
- We were supposed to play a make-up game this past Saturday, but that got rained out as well. As a result, the season has been extended by a week. This Wednesday the 28th, which is when we were supposed to play the play-off tournament, will now be the make-up game from Saturday. We are playing the Amadons again. The playoff tournament will now be held on Wednesday August 4th.

Comic Relief

Riding In Cars with Teachers

Classic Email Exchange if there ever was one.

Marty: Can someone please pick me up from the Lombard train station tonight?

Kenny: I can get you if no one else has already volunteered, but I need you to send me the location of the train stop. Us city-folk don't know nothin' bout no train stations...

Marty: I appreciate the offer, but it is kind of weird being alone in a car with a male teacher. I would be afraid of you touching me funny. I will take my chances with Andy.

Andy: You're taking your chances with me? I think it's the other way around....

Lee: However Marty gets to the park there better not be any "OTPHJ" discussions!

Kenny: I'm not a priest, I'm a teacher.

More Wedding Fun

We found out that Ebz is not the only guy on our team who has been thrown out of a wedding. After Trice again told his wedding story to Marty's wife Kristin, she shared this revelation.

Kristin: Marty got thrown out of a wedding too!

Trice: Really?!

Kristin: Yeah!

Trice: Whose wedding was it?

Kristin: My friend's

Trice: How long had you been together

Kristin: About five months

Trice: Way to make an impression.

Marty: Yeah, well.

Trice: What the hell happened?

Marty: I just figured being I didn't know anyone, the cool thing to do would be to just get really drunk and have fun.

Trice: How'd that work out?

Marty: Yeah, not such a good idea

Hey! That's my kid!

As one of the Bumps players stepped into the batter's box to hit, he noticed something out of the corner of his eye down the right field foul line.

Player: Hold up! Hold up! There's a little kid over by the foul line behind first.

Ump: Time out! Someone get the little kid down there!

Pete: HEY! That's my kid! *(It was Matthew)*

Ump: Oh boy!

Pete: What the hell?

Player: Glad I saw him.

Ump: I've seen too many people get hurt not paying attention.

Pete: Jesus! You'd think between my wife, my father-in-law and my mother-in-law someone would keep an eye on him!

Ump: I'm gonna leave that one alone. At least we noticed him.

Pete: I can't have a guy from the opposing team looking out for my son! That's just wrong!

Graduate School

Another classic email exchange. Ebz is attending graduate school.

Lee Ebz, how's your Homos 101 class going? Or are you at the advanced level already?

Ebz: It's going great. You should come by next Tuesday as I am giving a presentation on dipsh*t shortstops who experience multiple wet dreams in a night. I am sure the class would gain a lot from the actual subject being present.

The End!

The Coach Has Spoken.....