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Defense tough, offense fluff in Legends season opening 4-2 win

May 16 - Okay, it was only the first game of the season. You'd expect some muffed balls and some weak hitting. Tonight the **Legends** hitting was indeed weak, as illustrated by the stat that 19 of the **Legends** 21 outs were in the infield...16 infield ground outs to first base plus 3 strikeouts.

However, the defense was smoking! The outfield of Manager Dan, Scott, and Steve combined for 6 catches, a large percentage on really hard shots. Dan even made a diving catch in left field and turned a line drive base hit into a force out at second base.

John led the infield defense by sucking up about everything that came his way at short center, as he posted 3 putouts and 5 assists.

That stifling defense was enough to vault the **Legends** to a 4-2 win over **SOKOL**.

Although the good guys only managed 12 hits tonight, 11 of which were singles, they made the most of them.

All four runs were scored on clutch two out singles.

In the second inning, when Joe ripped a double with one out, it turned out to



who had no choice, but to get Joe at first base. However, it moved both runners into scoring position.

That's when John stepped up and drilled a two run base hit into left center field, giving the **Legends** a 4-2 lead.

SOKOL threatened again in the bottom of

Manager Dan scored the Legends' fourth run of the game in the sixth inning.

the sixth inning when their first two hitters led off with singles. However, John stepped up by fielding a ground ball, stepping on second, and throwing a strike to Jerry at first for a 10-3 double play. He then put the cherry on top by also throwing out the next batter at first base.

In the bottom of the seventh inning, **SOKOL** got a two out single, but the next batter popped out to Joe at short-stop to end the game.

It is the seventh consecutive victory over **SOKOL** by our men in pistachio. The whole left side of the **Legends** infield tonight was nearly flawless. Besides John, Joe posted a putout and two assists at short, while Tom posted three putouts at third base.

Tonight's offensive kudos got to Tom, Joe, and John with two hits apiece, and John was credited with the game winning RBI on his two run single in the sixth inning.

However, the **Legends** retook the lead in the top of the sixth inning. It started with one out when Manager Dan and Tim banged out back to back base hits. Joe then hit one back to the pitcher,

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**UPCOMING
LEGENDS EVENTS**

Thursday, July 14...Legends Bullpen

Friday, August 5...Legends BBQ



*You didn't think for a minute
that Swyn's sprint to second
base would be forgotten,
did you...?*

Anthony's shows its superiority as Legends fall 11-1 in 5 innings

May 18 - Every year, Berwyn rec puts a great team into the lower divisions. Why? Are they buddies with the guy running the league? Do they do business with Berwyn? Does the guy running the league just not care? For whatever the reason, tonight's opponent, *Anthony's*, is the latest team that has slept with the man in charge.

The good guys lost 11-1 in five innings. It could have been worse except for the fact that the **Legends** defense turned in another outstanding performance.

It could have also been better had the **Legends** offense thawed from the deep freeze it's in right now

The men of pistachio only managed five

hits tonight, two of which came via Steve. Going into the bottom of the fourth inning, however, the good guys only trailed 3-1.

However, *Anthony's* scored 3 runs in the fourth inning and 5 more in the fifth inning to end the



Scott scored tonight's lone run in the bottom of the fourth inning



Steve led the offense tonight, going 2 for 2, his first two hits of the season.

"When I used to play first base, I made any guy who did that to me buy me a drink."

—Anthony's 1st base coach, after Tom heaved a throw to first base 5 feet over Jerry's head

game by slaughter rule.

The **Legends** only run came in the top of the fourth inning . With one out, Steve singled, but Scott forced him at second base. Joe then stepped up and tripled Scott home.

In these first two games of the season, the **Legends** have only scored a total of five runs, and all after two were out.

Defensively, the outfield again deserves accolades tonight as they not only posted 6 catches, they hustled to track down numerous line shots all over the field. Manager Dan led the way, snagging four balls on his own and Scott and Steve posted one apiece.

Newcomer Rick got his first **Legends** start ever and did a great job at second base, getting three assists.

Season Defensive Stats

	PO	A	TOTAL
Jerry	17		17
Mgr Dan	11	1	12
Tom	4	7	11
John	3	5	8
Joe	4	3	7
Tim	4	1	5
Scott	4		4
Rick		3	3
Steve	3		3
Ken	1		1
Nick		1	1
Lynn			0
Ed			0
Phil			0
Total	51	21	72

Legends give up 4 run seventh inning, lose heartbreaker, 8-7

June 8 - After losing twice to *Fat Sax* last year, it looked like the boys were going to get some revenge tonight.

The **Legends** led 7-4 going into the top of the seventh inning, but *Fat Sax* rallied for four runs and beat our boys again, 8-7. The loss drops our season record to 1-2.

The good guys jumped on top 1-0 in the bottom of the first inning. With one out, Steve singled and moved to second base when Joe walked. Scott forced Joe at second base, but on a wild throw to first base, Steve came around to score.

Sax took a 2-1 lead in the top of the second inning, but in the bottom of the inning, Manager Dan led off with a home run bomb to left field to tie the score at 2 apiece. It was his first four bagger of the season and the 34th of his career, tying him with his dad!

It was still tied in the bottom of the third inning when Steve again singled after one out. He moved to second base as Joe grounded out to the second baseman. Then three straight singles scored two runs. First it was Scott with an RBI base hit.

Then Tim put him in scoring position with a single, and Manager Dan sent Scott to the plate with another one bagger. That put the **Legends** up 4-2.

Fat Sax tied it up at 4-4 by scoring twice in the top of the fifth inning, but again, the men of pistachio came back in the bottom of the inning.

The good guys' fifth inning was... well, shall we say... unique. It started off with

"I've seen people begin their slide early, but Swyn just set the bar for that pretty high."

—Jerry,
as everyone waited
for the Swyn to rise

a hit by Ken, his second of the game and of the season. At this point, Ken asked for a runner, and scorekeeper Frank sent Swyn out to replace him. According to those on the bench, Lynn should have been the designated runner.

In any case, Tom came up and hit a shot off the second baseman's hand into the outfield. Tom was easily safe at first base, and Swyn should have easily been at second.

However, Swyn was laying on his back a few steps from first base and the first baseman walked over to him and gently tagged him out. Swyn looked like road kill. After a few minutes, he managed to walk off the field, and the game resumed.

Steve then grounded out to short, putting Tom at second base with two out. That's when Joe sent him around to score on an RBI single, putting the **Legends** ahead 5-4.

Scott then launched a two run missile for a home run to left center field to increase the lead to 7-4.

The score remained that way going into the top of the seventh inning when *Fat Sax* scored four times after two were out.

In the bottom of the inning, the boys stranded the tying run at first base and suffered their second loss of the season.

Offensively tonight, Manager Dan led the way with a 3 for 3 game. Scott knocked in 4 runs, and Steve and Scott



This pretty much was Joe's nightmare on a number of ground balls hit his way tonight.

each scored twice.

Defensively, the outfield of Manager Dan, Scott, and Steve turned in another outstanding performance, led by Dan's 4 catches.

In the infield, Tom was a freakin' machine at third base, sweeping up everything hit his way. He ended up posting 1 putout and 6 assists on the night.

Later at *Zubar*, Joe kept expecting to wake up, hoping this game was just a nightmare. Joe had one of the worst defensive games he's ever had at shortstop. He couldn't hang on to nearly anything hit his way. However, he was still able to post 2 putouts and an assist. Joe, hang in there, buddy!

Ken pitched a great game and posted 3 strikeouts.

Also, Nick got his first hit as a regular midweek team player tonight. Nick was a regular on **Legends** 39'er teams, posting 266 at bats there. As an emergency player on the mother team, he has had 19 at bats...and now it's 20. Welcome Nick!

2016 LEGENDS STATS - RECORD: 1-2

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>RBI'S</u>	<u>HR'S</u>	<u>AVE</u>	<u>RP</u>	<u>Last 10</u>
Nick	1		1			1000	0	
Joe	8	2	5	2		625	4	
John	5		3	2		600	2	
Scott	8	3	4	4	1	500	6	
Manager Dan	8	2	4	2	1	500	3	
Steve	9	2	4			444	2	
Tom	9	1	3	1		333	2	
Tim	6	1	2			333	1	
Boober	3		1			333	0	
Ken	7		2			286	0	
Phil	4		1			250	0	
Lynn	5		1	1		200	1	
Jerry	7	1	1			143	1	
Rick	2					0	0	
Ed	4					0	0	
Swyn	2					0	0	
Total	88	12	32	12	2	364	22	

Leaders:

<u>RUNS</u>	<u>HITS</u>	<u>RBI'S</u>	<u>HR'S</u>	<u>GW RBI'S</u>
Scott 3	Joe 5	Scott 4	Scott 1	John 1
Joe 2	Scott 4	Joe 2	Mgr Dan 1	
Mgr Dan 2	Mgr Dan 4	John 2		
Steve 2	Steve 4	Mgr Dan 2		

SCORES:

	<u>RP</u>	<u>Walks</u>	<u>Doubles</u>
Legends 4, SOKOL 2	Scott 6	Scott 1	Joe 1
M Anthony 11, Legends 1	Joe 4	Joe 1	Mgr Dan 1
Fat Sax 8, Legends 7	Mgr Dan 3		

<u>Triples</u>	<u>Hit into DP</u>	<u>Struck Out</u>	<u>Sac Fly</u>
Joe 1		Ken 2	
		3 tied 1	