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Legends start fast, but lose third straight, 15-6.

June 13 - Tonight in an effort to change the mojo, Manager Dan went to his bullpen and called on what in baseball would be his fifth starter, Jerry.

For a couple innings, Jerry baffled his opponents, and the **Legends** led 3-0. However, in the third inning, the *Goonies* batters found places to hit the ball.

That's when they took the lead and never relinquished it in a 15-6 final score.

The **Legends** scored a run in the top of the first inning on a leadoff single by Steve. Joe then forced him out at second base.

However, Scott and Manager Dan followed with back to back singles to score Joe for the first run of the game.

The good guys increased the lead to 3-0 in the top of the third inning. With two out, Joe singled and Scott doubled, setting the table for Manager Dan with runners on second and third.

Dan came through in the clutch by singling both runners home. Unfortunately, he was cut down at second base trying to stretch it into a double.

In the bottom of the third inning, *Goonies* scored six runs on some



Phil banged out 2 hits tonight, and claimed his first RBI of the season.

hits, a couple fielding errors, and a walk.

However, in the top of the fourth inning, the men in pistachio scored two more to cut the deficit to 6-5.

Lynn and Tim led the rally off with back to back singles. John forced Lynn at third base for the first out, but Phil came through with an RBI double, moving John to third.

Now with runners on second and third base, Nick stepped up and hit a long sacrifice fly to right field to score John, and the **Legends** were within a run. However, the rally ended there as Jerry

grounded out to the third baseman to end the inning.

In the bottom of the inning, the *Goonies* scored three more runs to increase their lead to 9-5, and in the process, Nick took a shot off his finger at second base and had to take a seat on the bench.

The **Legends** went scoreless in the top of the fifth inning, and since Jerry had exceeded his pitch count, Ken was brought in as relief. The *Goonies* then scored a run off him in the fifth to increase their lead to 10-5.

The good guys got that one back in the sixth on a Scott triple and Manager Dan's sac fly. However, the *Goonies* added 5 more in the sixth to up their lead to 15-6, and that's how the game ended.

Scott and Dan led the offense tonight, going 3 for 3 and 2 for 2 respectively. Dan knocked in 4 runs, and Joe and Scott each scored twice.

The infield defense was led by John at short center who posted a whopping 6 putouts and an assist. Manager Dan led the outfield with 4 catches.

Defensive kudos to Ken and John who combined to pick a runner off second base. Also the good guys turned their first double play of the season in the sixth inning via the three J's ...Joe to John to Jerry.

Legends Barbecue!

Friday,
August 5th

at
Jerry's House
44 Lahinch Drive
in Lemont
Time: TBA



Run Scoring

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL	AVE
COMPOSITE LINE SCORE	5	10	11	7	12	5	4	54	7.7
OPPONENTS	8	6	4	6	9	3	0	36	5.1
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Pitching

	I	R	H*	K	BB	HR	RA	W-L
Ken	38	45	106	7	1	1	8.29	3-3
Jerry	4	9	15	1	1	1	15.75	0-1

Defensive Stats

	PO	A	TOTAL
Jerry	36		36
John	14	15	29
Mgr Dan	24	3	27
Joe	11	16	27
Tom	7	11	18
Tim	13	2	15
Scott	7	1	8
Ken	4	2	6
Steve	5		5
Rick	1	3	4
Lynn	1	2	3
Nick		2	2
Ed			0
Phil			0
Total	123	57	180

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Lemons of the Game hit rock bottom as tailspin hits 4 in 10-0 loss

June 15 - Wow! Is there any way to burn this game out of our memory. Tonight the **Legends** set the bar so low, an ant couldn't get under it.

At *Zubar* after the game, the elder **Legends** were hard pressed to recall a worse game in their 49 year history.

Manager Dan was unable to be make this game...lucky him! Assistant Manager Bob was...well, we have no idea where he was again. So Dan decided to pass the baton onto a player he most wanted to torture like...Jerry.

After Jerry gave the team an inspiring pre game talk, "If you care about me, show it by winning this game." The team responded by nearly committing suicide.

This disaster had everything, both poor fielding AND poor hitting. So let's start with the offense. The good guys loaded the bases in the top of the first inning with two out. However, Lynn flew out to left field to end it.

One would normally say, "Not good, Lynn". However considering that the **Legends** only sent 20 batters to the plate in this 5 inning game, and only four hit the ball to the outfield, we SHOULD say, "Pretty good, Lynn".

Add to that stat that 6 **Legends** struck out, and that should begin to paint a clear picture in your mind of what took place tonight.

As for a summary of tonight's offensive highlights, you already heard about the first inning.

As for the defensive side, it was equally ugly. It really didn't matter whether the ball was hit TO players or BETWEEN players, it found a freeway to the outfield.

The man who set the defensive bar tonight was Ken. These are just two from his highlight reel.



In spite his defensive blips tonight, Ken came back to pick a runner off first base in the fourth inning.

In the bottom of the first inning, *Chaos* put a runner on first base with one out. The next batter floated a ball into short left field. John, from shortstop, made a spectacular catch running away from the infield.

The runner on first, thinking the ball wouldn't be caught, was around second base and heading to third. Off balance, John threw the ball to Ken on the mound. Now the runner desperately tried to get back to first base. An easy throw to Jerry would have got him out by 5 steps. Instead, Ken threw the ball wide and into the dirt. So the runner tagged first, turned around, and advanced to second base as Jerry retrieved the ball. That runner eventually scored *Chaos'* first run of the game.

Then in the third inning, a batter hit a

spinner about 15 feet in front of Ken. As he stood and watched the ball die between him and the plate, the runner made it to first base. As Ken continued to stare at the ball spinning on the ground, the batter headed to second base! Ken eventually, picked the ball up, but it was too late to make a throw to second.

Tonight Scott was easily the top dog offensively simply by going 2 for 2.

Defensively, John led the way with 4 putouts and an assist at shortstop. It was his first start at shortstop, and he did well. He nearly made us forget our

"We need to put this one out of our minds"

—Ed

"We need to drink a lot."

—Jerry

Legends lead from Scott's 1st inn HR to Dan's 7th inn DP in wild game, 7-6

June 27 - This game is what 16" softball is all about. It had everything. So many things happened in it, that there's not enough space on this page to cover it all. Defensive plays, hits, base running, umping...it had it all.

First of all, let it be noted that the **Legends** won, 7-6, and improved their record to 2-4 on the season.

The good guys jumped on top 2-0 in the top of the first inning and never trailed the rest of the way.

It began after two outs when Tom singled, and then Scott launched an Atlas rocket over the left fielder's head for a two run homer. That blast would turn out to be the game winning RBI. It was his second HR of the season and 7th of his **Legends** career.

The **Legends** still led 2-1 in the top of the second inning, when they added on a few more. Tim, Jerry, and Rick led off by loading the bases on a walk and two singles.

Ed and Ken then each drove a run home on base hits, making the score 4-1. Steve followed by grounding into a 5-3 double play, but it allowed Rick to score, making it 5-1. John then doubled to score Ken, and the men of pistachio were up 6-1.

Wear It, however, never gave up. They scored a run in the bottom of the second inning and three more in the third to close the gap to 6-5.

In the first three innings, the **Legends'** D allowed 11 baserunners. However, in the final four innings, they clamped down and only allowed 8 men on base.

The defense should especially be commended, because the game was on field B, and as everyone knows, the lighting



John delivers a two out RBI single in the second inning to put the Legends up 6-1.

there is really poor...oh, let's be honest...it's crap.

Nonetheless, the **Legends** outfield was sensational, and the infield wasn't far behind. The infield did make a few errors, BUT when the chips were down, they came through like stars.

The infield was led by Joe at shortstop with 2 putouts and 4 assists. Tom added a putout and 3 assists at third base, while John posted 4 assists at short center.

All season our outfield has played phenomenally, and tonight it was no exception. Manager Dan in left field again led the way with 4 putouts and an assist. Steve and Scott were great in right and center fields, but Steve's sliding catch of a ball down the right field line in the fifth inning was the catch of the night.

Steve also got the

job done at the plate. With the good guys leading 6-5 in the top of the fifth inning, he led off with a double. One out later, he scored on Tom's double to put the **Legends** up 7-5.

Wear It got a run in the bottom of the inning to draw within one run at 7-6, and were threatening to get more. With men on first and third and still nobody out, the next batter lined a shot to Joe's left. He reached out, batted it, and then regressed it. The two runners were off. Joe tossed the ball to Rick on second base for the second out, and his relay to first base just missed making a triple play.

Then in the bottom of the seventh inning, *Wear It* looked like they would win the game. They had the tying and winning runs on second and third with one out.

Ken intentionally walked the next batter to load them up for a possible game ending double play. The next hitter hit a deep fly to Manager Dan in left field. He caught it and fired to Tom at third base who tagged out the runner coming in from second base. The umpire ruled that the runner from third did not score the tying run before the final out was made. Double play...game over!

Steve and Tim led the offense tonight. Steve went 3 for 4, and Tim turned in a perfect 2 for 2. Scott knocked in 2 runs, and 7 different **Legends** scored one run apiece.

"Is this our last game on the B field?"

—Scott, after struggling to see fly balls in center field

Scott and Joe's bats lead Legends to 8th straight win over SOKOL, 11-2

June 29 - After looking like the **Legends** couldn't even beat a grade school team two weeks ago, the boys have turned things around and have won their next two.

Tonight they beat **SOKOL** to raise their season record to 3-4, and they did it with great defense and some big hits. The offense was led by Joe and Scott, each going 3 for 3.

The defense was led by Joe and Manager Dan. Joe posted a remarkable 3 putouts and 6 assists at shortstop, while Dan made 5 catches and an assist in left field. Dan's assist was his third of the season, all while playing left field!

After retiring **SOKOL** three up, three down in the top of the first inning, the men of pistachio wasted no time in taking the lead in the bottom of the inning.

Steve stayed hot by starting things off with a base hit. He moved to second base as John grounded back to the pitcher, and came around to score the game's first run on Tom's base hit to right field.

After that, Scott singled and Joe walked to load the bases for Manager Dan. Dan responded with a two run double, making the score, 3-0. Now with runners on second and third, Tim grounded out to the third baseman, but it allowed Joe to cross the plate with the inning's fourth run.

The score remained 4-0 until the good guys batted in the bottom of the fourth. Scott led it off with a single and came all the way around to score on Joe's ensuing base hit. Joe thanked him for that unexpected RBI.

Manager Dan then came up and took a called third strike, making him the tenth **Legend** to strike out at least once this season.

However, Tim followed with a base hit and Nick walked to load the bases for Ed. Ed forced Nick at second base, allowing brother Joe to score, and Lynn's ensuing infield hit sent Tim to the plate, upping the lead to 7-0.

In the bottom of the fifth, **SOKOL** broke through for a run and had runners on first and second base with two outs.

The next batter bombed one over Dan's head in left field. Dan tracked the ball down, got it to Joe at short, and Joe fired it to Lynn at the plate. There, Lynn applied the tag to the runner trying to pull a 'Scott' by scoring from first base on the play.

Now leading 7-2, the men of story and song wasted no time in getting those runs right back.



As Tom looks on, Dan hauls in another fly in left field. Dan has had so much activity out there that he's tied for third in the defensive stats.

That's when Scott then stepped up and launched one of his patented missiles for a two run home run. It was his third of the season.

However, the good guys were not yet done that inning.

Joe followed Scott's blast by singling again, and after Dan popped to the pitcher, back to back singles from Tim and Nick brought Joe across the plate. That made the score 11-2

From there, the **Legends** defense took over and finished **SOKOL** off.

Besides their 3 hits tonight, Scott and Joe also scored 3 runs apiece. Tom, Scott, and Manager Dan each posted 2 RBI's.

An extra kudo goes out to John with another solid performance at short center field, where he posted a putout and 4 assists tonight.

"I had Danny paralyzed with fear."

***- Mark (the ex-Legend),
after slipping a called third
strike past Manager Dan***

Steve started things off again in the bottom of the inning with a leadoff single. John then sent him to third base on a base hit, and Tom got Steve home on a sac fly.

2016 LEGENDS STATS - RECORD: 3-4

<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>
Scott	19	9	13	8	3	684	14	800
Joe	19	7	11	3		579	10	600
Steve	22	5	11	1		500	6	600
Tim	16	4	8	1		500	5	600
Nick	8		4	2		500	2	
Manager Dan	16	2	7	8	1	438	9	400
Tom	14	3	6	4		429	7	400
John	17	2	6	3		353	5	300
Phil	9		3	1		333	1	
Boober	3		1			333	0	
Lynn	14		3	2		214	2	200
Ken	15	1	3	1		200	2	200
Rick	5	1	1			200	1	
Ed	12		2	2		167	2	200
Jerry	14	2	2			143	2	100
Swyn	2					0	0	
Total	205	36	81	36	4	395	68	

Leaders:

<u>RUNS</u>	<u>HITS</u>	<u>RBI'S</u>	<u>HR'S</u>	<u>GW RBI'S</u>
Scott 9	Scott 13	Scott 8	Scott 3	Scott 1
Joe 7	Joe 11	Mgr Dan 8	Mgr Dan 1	Tom 1
Steve 5	Steve 11	Tom 4		John 1

SCORES:

Legends 4, SOKOL 2
M Anthony 11, Legends 1
Fat Sax 8, Legends 7
Goonies 15, Legends 6

RP
Scott 14
Joe 10
Mgr Dan 9

Walks
Joe 3
4 tied 1

Doubles
Steve 2
Mgr Dan 2
6 tied 1

Chaos 10, Legends 0
Legends 7, Wear It 6
Legends 11, SOKOL 2

Triples
Joe 1
Scott 1

Hit into DP
Steve 2
John 1

Struck Out
Ken 2
Nick 2
8 tied 1

Sac Flies
Nick 1
Mgr Dan 1
Tom 1