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Anthony's routs Legends 20-1; Upside? No one got killed!

July 6 - Six weeks ago, Anthony's routed the Legends 11-1 in five innings. Tonight, after a half an inning, Anthony's led 7-0, and it never got better. The good guys' season record dropped to 3-5 after this five inning 20-1 pasting.

It was a bad omen when *An*thony's first two batters blasted back to back home runs down the right field line. Nick in right field had no chance at all on either hit.

After that, Ken merely pitched batting practice, and ghe lighting on the B field didn't help either.

Joe in left field and Scotty in center were playing 'Guess where the ball is?'. In the first two innings, each dropped fly balls when they weren't chasing balls hit over their heads or in between them.

It got so bad that in the top of the third inning, Assistant Manager Bob moved Joe to second base, Lynn to shortstop, and Tim to left field.

That third inning, Tim came up with a great catch on a shot down the left field line which ended the inning.

Unfortunately, at the time the good guys were already trailing 18-1.

The lone **Legends** run came in the second inning when Scotty led off with a base hit up the middle. Joe then doubled him over to third base.

With runners now on first and second base and nobody out, Tim grounded one to the shortstop. The fielder looked Scotty back to third and threw Tim out at first.



Tim was the reason the Legends didn't get shut out tonight... OK, maybe Scott's base running deserves some credit also!

However, on the throw, Scotty broke for the plate and beat the throw from the first baseman.

Joe meanwhile broke for third base, but the throw from the catcher got him for a double play. So Tim got credit for an RBI while hitting into a 6-3-2-5 double play!

Other upsides tonight...

- Manager Dan made a great catch on a long bomb to left field in the fourth inning.
- John led the infield again with 3 putouts and 2 assists at short center
- Tim posted 2 putouts and 2 assists while playing

three different positions.

• The bottom two hitters in the line up, Jerry and Swyn, had a perfect night combining for a 2 for 2. It's the first time this season that the bottom two guys were perfect!

Assistant Manager Bob emptied the bench tonight and got everyone some playing time. Duke even got an at bat. With a 2-2 count, the pitcher threw a high one that Duke nearly left the ground, waving for a pitch way over his head and missing it by a foot.

He shouldn't feel too bad. He's the 11th **Legend** to

"Swing at the first pitch."

—The orders from Anthony's bench to their hitters in the last two innings to bring the game to a faster, more merciful conclusion



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The Legends home away from home!



DEFENSIVE STATS

	PO	А	TOTAL
Jerry	44		44
John	20	19	39
Mgr Dan	32	3	35
Joe	12	17	29
Tim	24	4	28
Tom	12	14	26
Ken	9	5	14
Steve	14		14
Scot K	4	10	14
Scott E	10	1	11
Jake	8	3	11
Rick	2	5	7
Lynn	1	3	4
Nick		2	2
Ed			0
Phil			0
Total	192	86	278

Bungled first inning costs Legends in 7-4 loss; Ken and the ump are now likely engaged

July 20 – Fat Sax was there for the taking, but the Legends felt it was better to give than receive.

The men in pistachio took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning when Steve banged out a one out base hit. Scot stepped up to the plate for his first at bat of the season and fouled on strike three.

That brought up Scotty who drilled a hit. As Steve reached third base, he was waved home. The ball and Steve arrived at the plate at the same time, but on a great slide, Steve was called safe. The good guys led 1-0.

In the bottom of the inning, the first four hitters for *Fat Sax* got on due to a sieve called the **Legends** infield defense. Boober got his first start since June 8th and was assigned second base by interim Manager Bob. *Fat Sax* quickly reintroduced him to the game.

Although Boober had a tough first inning, the rest of the infield wasn't exactly glowing. By the time the inning was done, the **Legends** were down 5-1,

As usual, Ken was grousing on the mound and having words with the ump. In other words, it was a **Legends** game.

The good guys got one back in the second inning. With one out, Tim walked. He held his ground as Joe flew out to left field. Lynn then drilled a base hit to right center, sending Tim to third.

Ken followed with a 20 foot single, and the pitcher tried to get Tim at the plate. Tim was safe, but couldn't stop his momentum until he ran into the fence behind the plate. After a few scary moments, Tim said he was OK.

Between half innings Ken continued talking with the ump. In the bottom of the third inning after warm ups, the **Legends** were ready to play defense. Ken stood on the rubber to pitch to the first hitter. He then stepped off the mound and walked all the way to home plate to talk to the umpire. After a few minutes, the impatient infield started commenting, "Ken, how about we play



some softball?"

Reluctantly, Ken walked backed to the mound to begin pitching.

The umpire then called time to announce to the other team that the **Legends** are entering the *Chicago 16" Softball Hall of Fame*.

Finally, after the third inning resumed, *Fat Sax* put runners on second and third when John and Ken teamed up to pick the runner off second. Ken turned to the opponents' bench and shouted, "THAT'S why we're in the hall of fame!"

In the bottom of the fifth, the **Legends** scored twice to cut the deficit to 5-4. Tim and Joe led it off with back to back

singles and then moved to second and third when Ed grounded out.

Tim crossed the plate on Ken's ground out, and Joe scored when Manager Dan drove a base hit

to left center field. However, the rally ended when Tom grounded out.

Manager Dan arrived late, but drilled this base hit in the fifth inning to drive Joe home.

> The good guys only managed a single hit in each of the last two innings, making the final score, 7-4.

> Scotty and Tim led the offense with two hits apiece. Tim also scored twice, and Ken posted two RBI's. The top end of the **Legends** line up stunk out the joint tonight. The first six hitters went 4 for 18. Ouch!

> Scot, if we can offer you some consolation about your first inning strikeout, take note that you are the 15th **Legend** this season to do that.

Defensively, Steve and Manager Dan led the outfield with 3 catches apiece.

"THAT'S why we're in the softball hall of fame!"

- Ken to the Fat Sax bench after picking a runner off second base,

All kidding aside, it's great having Scot back in the line up. Showing minimal rust at shortstop, he posted 2 putouts and 4 assists.

At short center field, John added 3 putouts and 2 assists.

Rhinos gore both Manager Dan and the Legends in the 6th inning of an 11-4 game 1 loss

July 25 Game 1 – Going into the bottom of the sixth inning tonight, the score read:

Legends: 4 runs on 7 hits

Rhinos: 4 runs on 9 hits

The *Rhinos* then charged our boys head on, and gored them for 7 runs in the bottom of the sixth inning, winning the game 11-4.

The men in pistachio took a 2-0 in the top of the first inning when Tom banged a one out single, and Scotty ripped his fourth home run of the season.

The *Rhinos* scored a run in the bottom of the first inning and scored 2 more in the bottom of the third inning to take a 3-1 lead.

The damage could have been a lot worse however, had it not been for a slick 6-10-3 double play turned in that inning by the **Legends** infield. It was Scot to Jake to Tim.

Trailing 3-2 in the top of the fifth inning, the good guys took back the lead.

With two out, Jake started things off with a triple. Joe then brought him across the plate with an RBI base hit.

Next up was Tim, and he gave the **Leg-ends** a 4-3 lead with a two bagger. That lead only lasted until the *Rhinos* came to bat in the bottom of the inning.

A single followed by a two out triple tied the game at 4 apiece.

The score remained tied until the bottom of the sixth inning. That's when the *Rhinos* turned into bulls in a china shop. They scored 7 runs on 7 hits to take an 11-4 lead.

On top of that, late in that inning, a line drive was hit to Manager Dan in left field. Attempting to make the catch, he



Frank, the Legends official scorer, looks on as Steve steps to the plate ahead of the Scot and Scott.

"Get the hell away from him!"

- To Tom on a popup in the fifth

Bret story from many years ago

inning...a reference to an old

hurt the little finger of his left hand. He eventually left the game and went home.

Eight days later, Dan had surgery to install two pins in that hand, and he is now officially done

for the season.

In the top of the seventh inning, Scotty led off with a near home run, but got thrown out at the plate. Three batters later, the game was over.

Tonight's offense was led by Scotty and Jake as both went 2 for 3.

Scotty also had 2 RBI's on his four

bagger, and four **Legends** each posted an run scored.

On the defensive side, Manager Dan led the way in left field in spite of giving the finger to our team. He was

credited with 4 catches.

In the infield, kudos go to Scot and Jake. Scott posted a putout and 4 assists at shortstop,

while Jake got 4 putouts and an assist at short center.

PITCHING									
		1	R	H*	K	BB	HR	RA	W-L
	Ken	61	87	174	12	2	5	9.98	4-6
	Jerry	4	9	15	1	1	1	15.75	0-1

Ed steps up and manages to lead the Legends to a 14-4 win in the nightcap

July 25 Game 2 - A month ago, the Legends beat Wear It 7-6, so this was going to be another tough one.

Tonight, Ed stepped up and managed the team after Manager Dan left to care for his injury.

So after what happened in game one tonight, the last thing the boys needed was to trail 1-0 in game two before the guys even came to bat.

How did the team respond? Steve struck out and Tom and Scotty both bounced back to the pitcher. Ouch!

However, in the top of the second inning, *Wear It* had runners on first and third with one out. The boys responded on the next batter by turning a 6-10-3 double play to end the inning. It was Scot to Jake to Tim.

That appeared to get the **Legends'** juices flowing. In their next at bat, the men of pistachio loaded the bases with two outs, and who would now step up for these men of story and song? How about two **Legends** originals?

There was Lynn, who walked in a run, and then Manager Ed who ripped a two run single to put the **Legends** up 3-1. That big hit earned Ed the eventual game winning RBI.

The score remained 3-1 in the bottom of the third inning, but that's when the good guys broke the game open.

With one out, three consecutive singles from Tom, Scotty, and Scot pushed a run across. Jake then followed with a double to clear the bases, and the **Legends** were now up 6-1.

Walks to Rick and Tim loaded the



Ed did it all in game two. Not only did he take over the managerial reins from injured Manager Dan, he went 3 for 3 with 3 RBI'S.

bases for Joe, who responded with a 2 run single. That made the score 8-1, and the boys were on cruise control.

It became 9-1 in the bottom of the fourth inning as Steve and Tom led off with back to back singles, and Steve scored from third base on Scotty's sac fly.

In the fifth inning, Rick, Tim, Lynn, and Ed combined for two more runs.

Going into the bottom of the sixth, the boys needed three more runs to win by the slaughter rule.

Steve led it off with a walk and came around to score on

back to back singles from Tom and Scotty. Now with runners on first and third, Scot drove a sac fly for the second run. Next up was Jake, and when he singled, it was beer time!

The offensive kudos tonight go out to Ed, Tom, Jake, and Rick, with 3 hits apiece.

Ed and Jake each posted 3 RBI's, and Rick scored 3 runs.

Steve made everyone forget about our old left fielder by leading the defense in the outfield with 5 catches, including a

> great grab off the top of the grass in the fifth inning.

— Ed, after watching Jake beat out an infield hit

"Frank, even when you were 12,

you couldn't run that fast!"

In the infield, the nod goes to Jake again at

short center field, where he posted 4 putouts and 2 assists.

COMPOSITE LINE SCORE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL	AVE
OPPONENTS	19	13	21	9	15	15	4	96	8.7
LEGENDS	11	11	9	7	15	6	0	59	5.4

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		2010	LLOLND	OUAIO		(D. 4-1		
NAME	<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>
Jake	7	3	5	3		714	6	
Scotty	30	13	20	13	4	667	22	600
Joe	28	10	17	6		607	16	700
Tim	25	7	13	3		520	10	600
Steve	32	8	14	1		438	9	300
Tom	26	6	11	4		423	10	400
Mgr Dan	20	2	8	9	1	400	10	200
Rick	10	4	4			400	4	400
Nick	10		4	2		400	2	400
Phil	9		3	1		333	1	
Boober	6		2			333	0	
Swyn	3		1			333	0	
Lynn	21		6	4		286	4	400
John	22	2	6	3		273	5	100
Ed	21		5	5		238	5	300
Scot K	9	1	2	2		222	3	
Ken	23	1	5	3		217	4	200
Jerry	16	2	3			188	2	200
Duke	1					0	0	
Total	319	59	129	59	5	404	113	
Leaders:								
RUNS		<u>HITS</u>		<u>RBI'S</u>		<u>HR'S</u>		<u>GW RBI'S</u>
Scotty 13		Scotty 20		Scotty 13		Scotty 4		Scotty 1
Joe 10		Joe 17		Mgr Dan 9		Mgr Dan 1		Tom 1
Steve 8		Steve 14		Joe 6				John 1 Ed 1
SCORES:			<u>RP</u>		<u>Walks</u>		Doubles	
Legends 4, SC M Anthony 11,		I	Scotty 22 Joe 16		Joe 4 Tim 3		Steve 2 Mgr Dan 2	
Fat Sax 8, Leg	•		3 tied 10		Steve 2		Joe 2	
Goonies 15, Le	-						Tim 2	
Chaos 10, Leg		<u>Triples</u>		Hit into DP		Struck Out		Sac Flys
Legends 7, We Legends 11, S		Scotty 3 Joe 1		Steve 2 John 2		Steve 3 Ken 2		Nick 1 Mgr Dan 1
M Anthony 20,				Scotty 1		Nick 2		Tom 1
Fat Sax 7, Leg	-			Tim 1				Scot 1
Rhinos 11, Leg				Joe 1				Jake 1
Legends 14, W	/ear It 4							