



The Legend

C'mon, it's been 50 years! It's takes time to hit our groove!

May 15 & 17 - Week one for the gallant men in green was... well, a weak one.

The boys lost their season opener to *Leon* on Monday in 6 innings, 18-6. Then on Wednesday they lost to *4 Baggers* in 5 innings, 20-6.

So what happened? The **Legends** in their hey day were known as an incredibly strong defensive team. Well, like the present Chicago Bulls, their defense went south.

The number of errors committed in those first two games was mind blowing. The worst fielder so far this season...

ALMOST EVERYBODY!!

A number of balls were dropped in the outfield and skipped past outfielders.

Many routine ground balls in the infield have were mishandled or thrown badly.

It has probably had Manager Lynn asking himself...Why *isn't* there crying in baseball?? Right now we must pity our poor manager!

If there is one player who deserved some fielding accolades thus far, it's Tim. He's played both 1st base and 2nd base, and performed extremely well!

Defensively, after 2 games Tom leads the infield with 6 PO's and 3A's, and Dan leads the outfield with 7 PO's and 1 A.

Offensively, the team has scored 6 runs in each game.

Things, however, don't seem as grim on the offensive side. The team's batting average is higher right now than how they finished their last two seasons!



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In the pregame meeting on Wednesday, Manager Lynn asked the ump to show his team what the ball looked like, hoping it would help his guys catch it.

See for yourself...

- 2017 after 2 games....508
- 2016....403
- 2015....498
- 2014....538

In Monday's season opener, the good guys even led 5-2 going into the bottom of the second inning.

In the top of the first inning of that game, the **Legends** scored four runs as seven of the first eight batters got on base.

In the second inning, the boys still led 4-2 when Dan K ripped a one out double followed by an RBI single from Jerry. However, in the bottom of the inning, *Leon* scored 4 runs to take a 6-5 lead, and things went downhill from there.

Over the next 4 innings, *Leon* scored 12 more runs, and the **Legends** scored once while going 5 for 15 at the plate.

Nonetheless, offensive kudos in game one go to Ed who went 3 for 3, Dan who scored 2 runs, and those 6 **Legends** who each posted an RBI. Nuff said.

In the game against *4 Baggers*, the good guys gave up 9 runs in the top of the first inning, and rumor has it that our sponsor, *Zubar*, immediately began to prepare pitchers of beer for our arrival.

The **Legends** were down 11-4 after two innings, and matters only got worse after that.

However, Tom led the offense, going 3 for 3. Dan knocked in two runs, and 6 different **Legends** each crossed the plate.

A fun stat of this game was Bob K's first at bat and hit since 2015 when he hit .600 for the season.

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celebrate a
Legends win!*



2017 DEFENSIVE STATS

	PO	A	TOTAL
Tim	13	1	14
Dan K	12	1	13
Tom	8	3	11
Joe	5	5	10
Mgr Lynn	2	5	7
Jerry	4		4
Scott	3	1	4
Ed	3	1	4
Steve	2	1	3
Ken	1	2	3
Totals	53	20	73

Tim, Joe & Dan do it at bat AND in the field; Lead Legends to first win, 11-10

May 24 – The rain stopped about ten minutes before game time. You would think that after the previous two games, it would contribute to another tough defensive night for the good guys. Think again. After turning in two sleep inducing games, the **Legends** defense came to play tonight. Both the infield and outfield were smoking hot.

Here are just some of the night's highlights. In the second and fourth innings, *Hideout* went 3 up, 3 down, and 5 of those outs were on tough catches by Dan in left field. However, the catch of the game came in that fourth inning when Steve in center field made a long run into right center to make a fabulous fingertip snag to end the inning.

For the third game in a row, Tim's hands were golden as he posted 7 more putouts at first base, many on some difficult throws from the infield.

Add to that, Joe's 4 assists at short and Lynn's 2 putouts and 2 assists at second base. The two even combined on a big force out in the 5th inning when Joe went into the hole at short for a grounder and threw to Lynn who covered second base for Ed who had wandered off.

The men in green even posted a double play in the third inning when Ken fielded a grounder, threw to Ed at second base, and Ed's relay to Tim at first base was in time. THAT'S defense!

Offensively going into this game, the **Legends** had only averaged 6 runs a game. Immediately in the top of the first inning, the good guys started the game with 6 runs and never surrendered the lead after that.

Dan and Ed led the game off with singles, and when Steve walked, it loaded the bases for Tom.

Tom came through with an RBI single, and Joe made the score 3-0 when he banged out a base hit for 2 more runs.

Scott then reloaded the bases by beating out an infield hit, still with nobody



Tim goes low to snag another throw from Joe at shortstop.

out.

That brought Tim to the plate, and he responded with an RBI base hit to make the score 4-0.

Jerry then smashed a long walk to up the lead to 5-0. Lynn was next. He grounded out to the shortstop, but it brought in the sixth run of the inning.

Going into the fifth inning, the **Legends** still led, but by only 6-4. However, they got their second wind.

Steve led it off with a one bagger, and Tom followed suit with another single.

Joe stayed hot. He banged out another RBI single to up the lead to 7-4.

After Scott singled to reload the bases, Tim hit a 2 run double to increase the **Legends** lead to 9-4.

After that, Jerry ripped another walk to load the bases once more.

Lynn then singled, allowing Scott to score from third. Tim tried to score from second base on the play, but was tagged out at the plate. The score was now 10-4.

Next up was Bob, who took the easy way out. He walked, and the bases were loaded again.

Ken then popped up to the pitcher for the second out.

Never fear, Dan, at the top of the **Legends** order was next, and he came

through. Dan singled to drive Jerry home from third base.

Lynn tried to score from second base on the play, but was thrown out at the plate.

I don't remember the last time two **Legends** were thrown out at the plate...in the same inning!

The good guys led 11-10 going into the bottom of the seventh. *Hideout* put the tying run on second base with one out. However, Ken got the next two batters to pop out to Lynn and Tom. Game over!

Tonight's offensive kudos go out to Tim, Dan, and Joe. All three went 3 for 4.

Tim and Joe also knocked in 3 runs apiece, while Steve, Tom, Joe, and Scott each crossed the plate twice.

The game winning RBI was awarded to Tom, whose first inning base hit drove in the first run of the game, and the

***“The Scott-O-Meter
is up to two!”***

— Jerry,

*as Scott posted his second catch
in a row in the outfield without a drop
...his longest streak this season*

2017 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>
Dan K	10	4	7	3		700	7	700
Joe	9	3	6	4		667	7	
Jerry	6	2	4	2		667	4	
Mgr Lynn	6	1	4	2		667	3	
Tim	8		5	4		625	4	
Tom	10	4	6	2		600	6	600
Ed	10	2	6	1		600	3	600
Bob K	5	1	3			600	1	
Steve	9	3	4	2		444	5	
Scott	10	2	4	1		400	3	400
Dan S	5	1	2			400	1	
Phil	3		1	1		333	1	
Ken	8			1		0	1	
Total	99	23	52	23	0	525	46	

Leaders:

<u>RUNS</u>	<u>HITS</u>	<u>RBI'S</u>	<u>HR'S</u>	<u>GW RBI'S</u>
Dan K 4	Dan K 7	Joe 4		Tom 1
Tom 4	Joe 6	Dan K 3		
Joe 3	Tom 6	4 tied 2		
Steve 3	Ed 6			

SCORES:

	<u>RP</u>	<u>Walks</u>	<u>Doubles</u>
Leon 18, Legends 6	Dan K 7	Jerry 3	Dan K 2
4 Baggers 20, Legends 6	Joe 7	6 tied 1	Tim 2
Legends 11 , Hideout 10	Tom 6		Ed 1

Triples

Hit into DP

Struck Out

Sac Flies

Ken	1
Scott	1

Joe	1
Steve	1