



The Legend

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Legends O and D requires caffeine injection after 16-4 snoozefest loss

June 27 - Having only played one game in approximately 6 weeks, our *Men in Black* definitely showed rust on both offense and defense.

Joe V and Tim banged out six hits together while the other nine starters only managed seven hits.

OK, the boys WERE playing against the first place team, but still, 16-4?

OK, it wasn't all bad. For example, in the top of the first inning, *Nancy's* had already scored 3 runs and had runners on first and third with one out. The next batter grounded a hot one to Matt at short center. He snagged it, stepped on second for the force out, and his relay to Tim at first was in time to end the inning.

In the bottom of the inning with two out, Steve and Scott singled, bringing Joe to the plate. Joe promptly lined a base hit to left. Unfortunately, Duke was coaching first base and sent Joe to second. Uh, oh. When Joe realized that he couldn't make it to second, he tried to get back to first base, and was tagged out. Yikes, even the new faces on the **Legends** know better than to listen to Duke!

Anyway, *Nancy's* tacked on three more in the second inning, two in the third, and two more in the fifth, and the **Legends** trailed, 10-1.

You'll notice that *Nancy's* didn't score any runs in the fourth inning. That was primarily due to a spectacu-



Tim looks at a strike. He banged out three singles in tonight's contest and is hitting .700 at this writing.

lar running catch by Scott on a ball hit into right field.

In the bottom of the fifth inning, the good guys salvaged some pride by pushing three runs across.

It started with a single by Tim, and after Matt and Alex grounded out to the infield, Jerry then ripped a wicked base on balls.

It was here that Manager Dan made a Joe Maddon move. He pinch hit Duke for Ed, and Duke punched it into left field for an RBI single.

Duke is now 5 for 12 over the last 6 seasons for a .417 batting average.

Anyway, back to the game. Alex ran for Duke, and Tom then singled to load the bases for Manager Dan who promptly hit a two run double to center field to make the score 10-4.

Unfortunately, *Nancy's* then tacked on six more in the sixth inning to extend their lead to 16-4.

However, there was, another highlight in that inning. Joe B had moved from center field to short center earlier in the game. He fielded a hot grounder there and on his relay to

Tim, he turned a 10-3 double play.

The **Legends** managed no runs in the bottom of the sixth inning, and the game then ended via slaughter rule.

Defensively, Steve led the outfield

with 3 catches. In the infield, defensive kudos go to Matt with 2 putouts and 2 assists, and Joe B with 3 putouts and 1 assist.

"Run! Run! Run!"

—Alex,

yelling at Jerry while a step behind him rounding third base on Manager Dan's 5th inning double

The IN crowd meets at

Zubar

in Brookfield



*The Legends must be part of it,
because they still let us IN!*



UPCOMING LEGENDS EVENTS

*Saturday, Aug ??
Legends Fall Golf Classic
(as soon as Lynn sets the date)*

*Saturday, September 8
Legends NIU Football Tailgate
NIU vs Utah—Kickoff 6:30*

*Sunday, October 21
Legends World Horseshoe Championship*

Legends Defense

	PO	A	TOTAL
Tim	28	0	28
Jerry	9	6	15
Mgr Dan	15	0	15
Joe B	4	10	14
Tom	5	7	12
Joe V	5	5	10
Matt	4	3	7
Scott	5	2	7
Steve	6	0	6
Alex	3	1	4
Bob K	0	0	0
Bret	0	0	0
Dan S	0	0	0
Duke	0	0	0
Ed	0	0	0
Phil	0	0	0
Spencer	0	0	0
Totals	84	34	118

Pitching

	I	R	H*	K	BB	HR	RA	W-L
Jerry	27	53	76	6	6	6	13.74	2-3
Tim	1	4	5		1	1	28.00	0-0

JoeB's 3 for 3 and 7 assists leads Legends past SOKOL, 7-3

July 2 - Tonight, the **Legends** extended their dominance over **SOKOL** by beating them for the ninth time in eleven outings. Tonight the score was 7-3, and it raised the team's season record to 2-2.

It was basically *Joe Benson Night* on field B. He went 3 for 3, scored 2 runs, posted 7 assists and one putout at shortstop, and started a 6-10-3 double play. Wow!

As for the game, the **Legends** trailed 1-0 when they came to the plate in the bottom of the first inning.

Tom led things off by taking ball four. Alex then singled him to second base, and Scott sent Tom home with a base hit to tie the game.

JoeV then lined a base hit to left field to score Alex and send Scott around to third base. Manager Dan followed with a sacrifice fly to left field deep enough to score Scott from third base. JoeB followed with a single, but the next two batters grounded out to end the inning. **Legends** 3, **SOKOL** 1.

The good guys held their opponents scoreless in the top of the second inning, but JoeB made the highlight reel when he knocked down a hot smash to his left, tracked the ball down, and fired a laser to Tim at first to nail the runner by an eyelash.

Tim led the bottom of the inning off with his fifth consecutive hit. After Spencer forced him at second base, Jerry singled to put runners on first and second. After Tom popped out to second base for the second out, Alex put the **Legends** up 4-1 with a two out RBI single.

That remained the score until the *Men in Black* came to bat in the bottom of the third inning.

With one out, Manager Dan singled, and JoeB doubled to put runners on second

"JoeB's work at shortstop reminds me of Bret."

—Ed



JoeB rips a double in the fourth inning. Rumors have it that after tonight's game, he hung around to sign autographs.

and third.

Ed then stepped up and lined a two run single to center field, putting the **Legends** up, 6-1.

In the top of the fourth inning, **SOKOL** had already scored a run and had the bases loaded with one out. The next batter then hit a hot ground-er to JoeB who flipped the ball to JoeV at second for the force, and his relay to Tim at first base was in time to end the inning.

The score remained 6-2 in the top of the fifth inning, when there was another great defensive play. Yep, it was JoeB again. This time he caught a looping ball into left field while running with his back to the infield.

In the bottom of the fifth inning, the **Legends** scored an insurance run when Joe led off with a base hit.

After Manager Dan forced him out at second base, JoeB banged out his third hit of the game. Then Ed notched his third RBI of the night with a single to increase the lead to 7-2.

After that, **SOKOL** scored a consolation run in the sixth inning before Jerry struck out their final hitter of the seventh inning to make the final score 7-3.

Although JoeB had his own personal highlight reel tonight, the rest of the infield deserved a thumbs up also.

Tom at third base had 3 assists and 1 putout. Joe at short center posted 2 putouts and an assist, and with all that going on, you know that Tim at first base racked up a lot of putouts. He did. He posted 10 of them.

As for the outfield, Manager Dan in left was the leader for the fourth straight game. This time he had 4 catches.

Legends offense wins the hit battle, but loses the war in 9-2 loss to league leaders

July 9 - Although it's only the **Legends** fifth game of the season, tonight they faced the league leaders for the second time. Back on May 16th, our *Men in Black* whipped them 20-9. So tonight, *Hideout* was prepared to avenge their only loss of the season thus far.

It was an incredibly great defensive game by both sides. The **Legends** only trailed 3-2 going into the bottom of the sixth inning. However, that's when *Hideout* exploded for 6 runs and took a 9-2 lead going into the seventh. That was to be the final score.

Interestingly, the **Legends** are now 2-2 lifetime against this powerhouse team.

Our good guys played great defense tonight. However, offensively the team struggled. Surprisingly, the **Legends** out-hit *Hideout* in the game 14-13, but only had one extra base hit compared to *Hideout's* many.

Unfortunately, the good guys also shot themselves in the foot four times on offense by hitting into double plays and committing base running gaffes.

In the sixth, Manager Dan took off from second base when Ed hit a line drive right to the second baseman and was easily doubled of the base.

In the 4th with the score tied 2-2, Joe B led off with a single and went to second on an infield out. Then on Steve's ensuing grounder into the hole at short, *Hideout* turned the play on Joe at third base. He was tagged, BUT the ball came out of the player's hand. So Joe was safe. Unaware that the ball was fumbled, Joe got up and headed to the bench. So the *Hideout* player simply picked up the ball and tagged Joe out.

That play hurt, because in that inning, the **Legends** didn't score a run and left the bases loaded.

Well, enough negative, let's highlight the good stuff. The *Men in Black*



In the fifth inning, Tom may not LOOK like he's ready to hit, but he didn't have to. That's ball four!

went up 1-0 in the first inning on a base hit by Tom, a double by Joe V, and a long sac fly to left field by Scott.

The good guys made it 2-0 in the second inning when two old guys teamed up. Ed led the inning off with a base hit. Steve's infield out moved Ed over to second base, but Jerry drove him home with a base hit to center field.

Now let's list the defensive plays that Frank scores in the book as 'NICE'. Remember, these are the plays Frank feels were outstanding. That being said, in the first inning, Jerry came off the mound quickly to grab a short pop up. We haven't seen that by a **Legends** pitcher in quite a while.

In the second inning, Joe B at shortstop went deep in the hole to grab a grounder and delivered it to Joe in time to force the runner out at second base by a hair.

Later that inning, Alex made a great running catch in straightaway right field to end the inning.

Then in the seventh, Tim dug a throw out of the dirt from JoeB to nip a batter at first.

On the defensive side, go figure. Jerry led the infield with 4 putouts and an assist. In the outfield, Manager Dan in

left field again led the way with 2 catches, while Steve in center and Alex in right each posted one.

Tom, Manager Dan, JoeB, and Jerry led the offense tonight as each went 2 for 3.

Tom and Ed each scored a run, while Scott and Jerry each posted an RBI.

Bret flew in from Arizona for this game, and was a surprise starter tonight. He and Ed took turns catching each inning. Who was the better catcher? Check out the stats.

Ed caught the first, third, and fifth innings during which *Hideout* scored ZERO runs.

Bret caught the second, fourth, and sixth innings during which *Hideout* scored ALL their runs!

That should prove without a doubt that Ed knows how to handle a pitcher. Also, Jerry posted 2 of his 3 strikeouts while Ed was catching!

2018 LEGENDS STATS - RECORD: 2-3

<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>
Phil	5	2	4			800	2	
Joe V	15		10	8		667	8	700
Tom	16	6	10	4		625	10	600
Mgr Dan	15	6	9	9	1	600	14	500
Scott	12	4	7	10	2	583	12	500
Jerry	12	3	7	2		583	5	600
Joe B	12	4	7			583	4	500
Tim	16	3	9	2		563	5	600
Alex	15	4	8	1		533	5	400
Steve	12	6	6	2		500	8	400
Duke	2	1	1	1		500	2	
Ed	7	1	3	3		429	4	
Matt	12	1	2			167	1	100
Spencer	5	1				0	1	
Bret	3					0		
Bob K	1					0	0	
Total	160	42	83	42	3	519	81	

Leaders:

<u>RUNS</u>	<u>HITS</u>	<u>RBI'S</u>	<u>HR'S</u>	<u>GW RBI'S</u>
Tom 6	Joe V 10	Scott 10	Scott 2	Joe V 1
Mgr Dan 6	Tom 10	Mgr Dan 9	Mgr Dan 1	Scott 1
Steve 6	Mgr Dan 9	Joe V 8		
	Tim 9			

SCORES:

Legends 20, Hideout 9
 Little Guys 20, Legends 9
 Nancy's 16, Legends 4
 Legends 7, SOKOL 3
 Hideout 9, Legends 2

<u>RP</u>
Mgr Dan 14
Scott 12
Tom 10

<u>Walks</u>
Alex 4
Phil 3
Tom 3
Tim 3

<u>Doubles</u>
Joe V 3
Joe B 2
Tom 1
Scott 1
Mgr Dan 1

<u>Triples</u>
Mgr Dan 1
Joe V 1

<u>Hit into DP</u>
Bob K 1
Ed 1
Mgr Dan 1
Joe V 1

<u>Struck Out</u>
Alex 4
Tim 3
Spencer 1
Joe B 1

<u>Sac Flies</u>
Mgr Dan 1
Scott 1
Jerry 1