



Little Guys use small ball to take down Legends, 16-5

July 23 game one - Six weeks ago *Little Guys* beat the **Legends** 20-9 in 5 innings. Tonight was round two, but basically with the same result. The good guys lost again by 11 runs and in five innings, 16-5.

Most of the big teams in this league roster some big boys who hit long balls. *Little Guys* had only one big dude, and that was their third baseman. I suspect that's how their name was derived.

Although they didn't hit long balls, they did nothing, but rip line drives everywhere; both foul lines, in the alleys, between infielders, at infielders,...basically everywhere.

Giving up 16 runs isn't at all a reflection of the **Legends** defense. I'd like to blame our pitcher, but the reality is that Jerry was pitching balls deep, outside, and literally a foot inside, only to see the ball lasered all over the field.

In the top of the second inning, *Little Guys* opened an 8-0 lead. However, JoeB closed out that inning by knocking down a ground ball to his right, then picking it up and firing a strike to Tim to nip the batter at first. That play stranded runners at second and third.

In the bottom of the second inning, the **Legends** got on the board. Scott led off with a base hit, and went around to third base when JoeB followed with his third double of the season. It looked like the start of a big inning.

Manager Dan then hit a long fly ball to left, and after the catch, Scott tagged up to score, and JoeB advanced to third.

Ed followed by grounding out to the infield for the second out, but it did score Joe. Then Matt doubled for his first **Legends** extra base hit, but got



Swyn is a blur as he races to first base on one of his two hits tonight.

stranded as Jerry grounded into the third out.

In the top of the third, *Little Guys* expanded their lead to 11-2, but it could have been a lot more had it not been for Scott making a great running catch in center field.

In the bottom of the third inning, Alex led things off with, what else, a walk. He moved to second base when Swyn singled.

Tom then walked to load the bases with nobody out.

That brought Tim to the plate. He drove in a run when he grounded out to the third baseman. JoeV was next.

Joe grounded back to the pitcher for out number two.

However, Scott then stepped up and drilled a 3 run four bagger to left center to draw the **Men in Black** to within, 11-6. It was Scott's 3rd homer of the season and 19th of his **Legends** career.

Unfortunately, that was

all the scoring for the good guys. Tom led the offense tonight going 3 for 3, while Scott, Alex, and Swyn each went 2 for 2.

Defensively, Manager Dan led the outfield with 5 catches. JoeB and JoeV led the infield at short and short center.

WANTED

Have you seen this man?



Goes by the name
'Phil'

Zubar

in Brookfield

*The Legends
have
celebrated
there for
years!*



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UPCOMING LEGENDS EVENTS

TBA...*LEGENDS FALL GOLF CLASSIC*...see Bob K

August 9...*LEGENDS BULLPEN*

September 8...*NIU TAILGATE VS UTAH*...See Jerry

September 10...*LEGENDS FALL VOLLEYBALL*

October 21...*LEGENDS HORSESHOES CHAMPIONSHIP*

November 11...*LEGENDS 1st ANNUAL BOCCE BALL TOURNEY*

2018 PITCHING

	I	R	H*	K	BB	HR	RA	W-L
Jerry	38	79	118	6	7	7	14.55	2-5
Tim	1	4	5		1	1	28.00	0-0

*Includes walks
and home runs

2018 DEFENSIVE STATS

	PO	A	TOTAL
Tim	40	0	40
Joe B	8	17	25
Mgr Dan	24	0	24
Joe V	9	8	17
Jerry	9	7	16
Tom	5	7	12
Scott	8	2	10
Matt	4	5	9
Steve	6	0	6
Alex	4	1	5
Ed	0	1	1
Bob K	0	0	0
Bret	0	0	0
Dan S	0	0	0
Duke	0	0	0
Phil	0	0	0
Spencer	0	0	0
Totals	117	48	165

2018 COMPOSITE LINE SCORE

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL	AVE
OPPONENTS	19	25	6	11	7	15	0	83	11.9
LEGENDS	13	11	12	2	14	1	0	53	7.6

1st inning blunders, a Joe Von nightmare, and 8 squandered walks lead to Legends 9-5 loss

July 23 game two - Well, the first game loss to *Little Guys* wasn't fun, but everyone played their best.

In game two, the **Men in Black** faced **SOKOL**, a team that was in last place and winless so far this season, and a team that the **Legends** have beaten 9 of 11 times in the past.

Our boys immediately jumped ahead in the top of the first inning. Tom led it off with a walk. It was his fifth straight successful at bat. Tim also walked, setting the table for JoeV.

Going into tonight's doubleheader, Joe was leading the team in hitting. However going into this at bat, he was hitless in his last 5 at bats during which he had hit into 2 double plays. So what happened? He hit into another double play! But don't feel bad for him yet. Tonight he would experience a nightmare.

Anyway, with 2 outs now and a runner on second base, Scott ripped an RBI single to put the **Legends** on top, 1-0. JoeB followed with a double, putting runners on second and third, and it brought Manager Dan to the plate.

Dan came through, ripping a triple to clear the bases and score 2 runs. After that, Ed stepped up and took ball four.

Matt then singled, scoring Dan and thus posting his first **Legends** RBI. Jerry followed up with a single to load the bases with two out.

However, Alex came up and struck out to end the inning. **Legends** 4, **SOKOL** 0.

In the bottom of the first inning, **SOKOL**'s first two batters grounded out to JoeV at short center, and flew out to Manager Dan in left. Good beginning for the good guys, eh?

Guess again. The next 8 batters all got on base, one on a walk, a couple with good hits, but the rest were all on infield errors, both fielding and throwing.

Before the first inning was over, **SOKOL** had 6 runs and led 6-4.

In the next two innings, neither team could do no more offensively than put a couple men on base, and the score stayed at 6-4.

In the top of the fourth inning, the **Legends** loaded the bases with two outs for



Matt gets on the board tonight with his first extra base hit and RBI.

the second time in the game.

And who comes to the plate? JoeV! The nightmare continued. He grounded out to the shortstop to end the inning! Ouch! Add to that lowlight, Alex struck out again!

In the bottom of the fifth inning, **SOKOL** pushed another run across to lead 7-4, but in the inning Tim made the **Legends** defensive highlight reel at first base by digging out a throw in the dirt from shortstop JoeB to nip the batter.

In the top of the sixth inning, the **Legends** rallied. Matt led off with a line drive base hit, but Jerry forced him at second base.

Alex followed with his seventh walk of the season, putting runners on first and second. DanS then popped out to the pitcher for out number two.

Tom stepped up and took ball four to load the bases. When Tim walked too, Jerry walked crossed the plate to make it 7-5.

So the bases were now loaded with two out again. Who would you guess is coming to the plate? It's JoeV time again! Yes, his personal walk through hell continued as he grounded out to the third baseman to end the inning.

SOKOL scored 2 more in the bottom of the sixth to make it 9-5. Then in the top of the seventh, with one out and JoeB on

second base, Manager Dan hit a grounder to the third baseman.

Dan was thrown out at first base, but even though the good guys trailed by four runs, JoeB decided to break for third base on the play. The first baseman's throw back to third nailed Joe, and your basic 5-3-5 double play ended the game.

To illustrate the **Legends** complete ineptitude at the plate tonight, they received 8 walks and NONE of them scored!

The **Legends** offense tonight was led by Tom's 4 for 4. He was 7 for 7 in the doubleheader, and has hit safely in 8 straight at bats.

Manager Dan and Tim each added 3 hits, while Dan also posted 2 RBI's.

Defensively, Manager Dan led the outfield with 4 catches. In the infield, JoeB posted 3 putouts and 5 assists at shortstop, while Tim had 9 putouts at first base.

2018 LEGENDS STATS - RECORD: 2-5

<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	
Tom	23	7	17	4		739	11	900
Dan S	3	1	2			667	1	
Scott	18	7	11	14	3	611	18	500
Mgr Dan	20	7	12	12	1	600	18	600
Joe B	18	6	10			556	6	600
Alex	20	5	11	1		550	6	500
Tim	23	4	12	4		522	8	400
Joe V	22		11	8		500	8	200
Jerry	16	4	8	2		500	6	500
Steve	12	6	6	2		500	8	400
Duke	5	1	2	1		400	2	
Ed	12	1	4	4		333	5	400
Matt	17	1	5	1		294	2	300
Spencer	5	1				0	1	
Bret	3					0	0	
Bob K	1					0	0	
Total	223	53	115	53	4	516	102	

Leaders:

<u>RUNS</u>	<u>HITS</u>	<u>RBI'S</u>	<u>HR'S</u>	<u>GW RBI'S</u>
Tom 7	Tom 17	Scott 14	Scott 3	Joe V 1
Scott 7	Mgr Dan 12	Mgr Dan 12	Mgr Dan 1	Scott 1
Mgr Dan 7	Tim 12	Joe V 8		

SCORES:

Legends 20, Hideout 9
 Little Guys 20, Legends 9
 Nancy's 16, Legends 4
 Legends 7, SOKOL 3
 Hideout 9, Legends 2
 Little Guys 17, Legends 6
 SOKOL 9, Legends 5

RP
 Scott 18
 Mgr Dan 18
 Tom 11

Walks
 Alex 7
 Tim 6
 Tom 5

Doubles
 Joe B 4
 Joe V 3
 Tom 1
 Scott 1
 Mgr Dan 1

Triples
 Mgr Dan 2
 Joe V 1

Hit into DP
 Joe V 3
 Mgr Dan 2
 Ed 1
 Bob K 1

Struck Out
 Alex 6
 Tim 3
 Spencer 1
 Joe B 1

Sac Flies
 Mgr Dan 2
 Scott 1
 Jerry 1