

SOFTBALL NEWS

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Season 23 underway!

Rattlers 12 Scorpions 6 Smitty does it again (and again), Schwartz once

What a beautiful morning to start the new season. Coffee and donuts provided by the club, breakfast burritos provided by our generous sponsors, and if you stayed around for the later games, pizza mysteriously showed up somewhere around lunch time. All said and done, The Rattlers dominated the game in a way that reminded me of Mayor Daley's annual election day admonition, by scoring (voting) early and often.

After plating 4 in the 1st, *Schwartz*' trip around the bases drove in 2 more in the 2nd. *Hillman* and rookie sub *Ryba* drove in another 2 in the 3rd to make it 8 to zip before the Scorpions even digested their burritos. They came to life in the 4th when *Smitty* launched a 2-run missile but when the Rattlers immediately responded with 2 runs in the bottom half on *Riddle*'s sac fly and *Garvin*'s single, it was pretty much over. Even *Smitty*'s solo bomb in the 6th wasn't enough. *Garvin* picked up where he left off last year before his back surgery by leading the Rattlers with 3 RBIs.

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Standings

Bobcats	1	0
Geckos	1	0
Rams	1	0
Rattlers	1	0
Roadrunners	0	0
Coyotes	0	1
Raptors	0	1
Scorpions	0	1
Suns	0	1

SCORPIONS	ab	r	h	RATTLERS	ab	r	h
Hansen	3	0	1	Schwartz	3	3	2
Swearingen	3	1	1	Silvester (s)	3	3	3
Smith	3	2	2	Champommier - M	3	1	3
Parral	3	2	2	Riddle (s)	3	1	1
Spicer	2	1	2	Garvin	3	2	3
Beyak	3	0	2	Hollabaugh	4	0	1
Comin	3	0	2	Fielder	2	1	1
Bowers - Mgr	3	0	1	Hillman	2	0	1
Trim (s)	3	0	0	Ryba (s)	3	1	2
Howser	3	0	2	Munoz	3	0	1
Harrison	3	0	0	Leek	3	0	0
Totals	32	6	15	Totals	32	12	18

Scorpions	000 402 0 6 15
Rattlers	422 202 X 12 32

2B Parral 2, Champommier HR Smith 2, Schwartz W Spicer, Schwartz, Silvester, Champommier, Fielder, Hillman

Chow's 4 RBIs powers Geckos over Coyotes 16 -7 Nelson homers in losing effort

In some ways it's a bit surprising the score was as close as it was. Yes, the Geckos piled up 10 more hits than the Coyotes, batting .694 vs. the Coyotes .454, but better Coyote defense could have made a major difference as well. The Geckos scored 4 runs in the 1st when sub *Licata* and *Savage* singled in 2 before *Chow's* double drove in 2 more. The Coyotes didn't get on the board until the 3rd when *Nelson's* homer drove in *Hayward* ahead of him for their first 2. But it's hard to stay in contact when the other guy keeps putting up 4s as the Geckos did in the 3rd, 5th and 6th innings. *Nelson* led the Coyotes with 4 RBIs while *Savage* had 3 behind *Chow's* 4.

Rams score 5 in 7th to salvage 16-14 win over Suns Pargman and Grace each drove in 4

If you like offense, this was the game to watch. With 30 runs and a whopping 53 combined hits, (.654 avg), this was your proverbial slugfest. But to turn another phrase, the Suns snatched defeat from the jaws of victory when one of those untimely error things on an easy play in the 7th opened the floodgates and allowed the Rams to steal the victory. Down 3 going into the 7th, the Rams scored 5 runs on key hits by *White* (3B), *McCarthy*, *Peterson*, *Grace* and *Rhodes* before *Jacobsen's* two out, 2-run, coup-de-gras single.

Riddle has monster day as Bobcats maul Raptors 20-13

Frankly, no one could have beaten the Bobcats today. Heck, *Mike Riddle* alone might have (4/4, 3 dbls, triple), beaten anyone. But when you add *DiMarco's* 6 RBIs, you pretty much have the makings of a rout on your hands. Think of this: the team sent 36 people to the plate, 29 of whom wound up on 1st base, or better. That's an unheard of .805 average, despite not counting walks as hits this season.

It's not as if the Raptors just rolled over either. They batted a healthy .658 which normally I'd be highlighting for the winners. Every Raptor got at least one hit, but up against a team where most everyone got at least two, it's a "bridge too far" to travel. Wow!

COYOTES	ab	r	h	GECKOS	ab	r	h
Hayward	4	2	3	Rodman	4	1	4
Hobday	4	2	2	McMillan	4	3	2
Nelson - Mgr	4	2	3	Schiefer	4	2	3
Lambdin	4	0	3	Paniec - Mgr	4	3	2
Postlewait	3	1	1	Licata (s)	4	3	4
Wiggins	2	0	1	Savage	2	2	2
Beare	4	0	1	Chow	2	0	2
Emanuelson, L	0	0	0	Novom	3	0	0
Church	3	0	2	Anderson	3	1	2
Mazet	3	0	0	Murray	3	0	3
Dobris	3	0	0	Lopez	3	1	1
Totals	34	7	16	Totals	36	16	25
Coyotes				002 040 I 7 15			
Geckos				403 144 X 16 25			

2B Nelson, Lambdin, McMillan, Schiefer, Chow HR Nelson W Postlewait, Wiggins 2, Emanuelson 3, Savage

RAMS	ab	r	h	SUNS	ab	r	h
Weliever	4	1	3	Yanagimachi	4	2	2
Mattes	3	2	2	Sandler	3	2	2
Carlisle - Mgr	4	0	3	Collman	4	2	3
White	4	1	3	Powell	4	1	3
McCarthy	4	1	1	Van Coutren	4	1	3
Peterson	4	3	3	Trondson	4	1	3
Quinn	4	2	3	Maloney	3	1	1
Pargman	3	3	2	Brandenberger	4	0	3
Grace	4	3	3	Kaminsky - Mgr	4	1	3
Rhodes	4	0	2	Silverstein	3	1	1
Jacobsen	3	0	2	Feldman	3	2	2
Totals	41	16	27	Totals	40	14	26

Rams 042 014 5 16 27
Suns 024 404 0 14 26

2B Quinn, Pargman, Yana, Collman, Van Coutren, Maloney 3B White W Weliever, Pargman, Jacobsen, Sandler, Maloney

RAPTORS	ab	r	h	BOBCATS	ab	r	h
Daw - Mgr	4	2	3	Moore	4	2	3
Buxton	4	1	3	Licata	4	2	3
Boger	4	3	2	Berk - Mgr	3	3	2
Coombs	4	2	3	Riddle	4	4	4
Evans	3	2	3	DiMarco	4	2	3
Domingo	4	0	3	Weeks	4	2	4
Thomas	4	0	3	Collins	3	2	2
Bergman	4	0	2	Hancock	3	2	3
Prefer	4	1	2	Hace	2	0	2
Stone	3	1	1	Venema	3	1	2
Kinsbursky	3	1	2	Bailey	2	0	1
Totals	41	13	27	Totals	36	20	29
Raptors				402 420 I 13 27			
Bobcats				444 314 X 20 29			



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