

**June 23, 2016—**

This past week, for perhaps the first time this season (it is hard to really remember), 7/9ths of the CUMC softball members present won a game (volunteers, i.e. traitors, Sean and Lou, had to play for the other side due to a lack of opponent players). The 7/9ths of us on the right side combined for a mind-boggling 19 runs over 7 innings of baseball, with most players logging 8 at-bats and multiple hits.

There were several highlight plays in the game: pitcher Eric Chelton's snag of a hard-hit grounder, (the old man on the team who managed a Jamie Moyer-like comeback from a significant off-season shoulder injury and surgery), several snags on hard hit balls by shortstop Brian and third baseman Josh, and a lucky sliding/falling catch in the outfield by none other than myself (the other old man on the team who managed a less spectacular comeback from a back injury that resulted from doing absolutely nothing).

Some hitting highlights that come to mind include Carolyn Hadka's intimidation of the opponents with several hits on the ground that led to runs, Sean W's foul ball that bounced off the ground and straight back into his face (or at least that's what it looked like to everyone else, despite Sean's claims), and coach Kristi's knock down of the opposing third base coach after a heated argument over a safe call (ok, that last hit I completely made up).

The pitching was stellar as well, with Eric only giving up 7 runs over 7 strong innings, though he was helped by the early exit of his wife Miki from the stands (who had surprisingly few taunts for him throughout). Amazingly, Eric never walked more than the maximum allowed of one per inning and wasn't called for any balks.

Game Time: 1 hour, 48 minutes

Pitches thrown: More than 0

Player of the Game: Josh Young for his many catches of sharp line drives.

Hitter of the Game: The ball that got Sean W. in the face (or seemingly so).

Dives of the Game: Scott Blissman's just-out-of-reach 1B snag attempts.

Highlight(s) of the Game: Eric's ability to hit balls deep into the woods (coincidentally, also Eric's favorite musical).

Until next game, your local field reporter,  
Paul Bernhardt

Apologies to those not mentioned in this write-up. This, obviously, is likely a lucky coincidence for you.

