

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2017 WINTER SEASON

*Baseball and softball, they say, are games of statistics. While the **Montgomery County Senior Softball League** does not keep individual statistics, we do, however, recognize the outstanding accomplishments and notable events that keep us all brimming with pride. Here are some of the things that have occurred or that have been accomplished by players and teams that make for fond memories in the season that has passed.*

The 2017 Winter Season

- Thursday, January 19th, 2017 – *Clash of the Titans, MCSSL style...* The first triple play of the season was nothing short of vintage expertise. The Purple-Shirt team started off the inning with both Bob Miller and Ron Geib ripping singles. With the two leadoff runners on first and second, Bob Gaugler was at the plate. The perfect combo of power at the plate and speed on the bases. But the Blue-Shirt gang wasn't to be intimidated. A hard grounder to shortstop Chas Wegand, who flips to Pete Sisson covering second, who flips to Joe Laskowski at first to complete the double play. Speedy Bob Miller, without breaking stride, heads for home. Joe guns him down to complete the first triple play of the season in spectacular fashion. What a great play!
- Tuesday, January 24th, 2017 – *Lightning never strikes twice in the same place... or does it?* The Purple-Shirt team was victimized by a triple play for the second time in a week when the Green-Shirt team pulled one off in one of those classic bang-bang plays. The Purple gang quickly loaded the bases, nobody out. An opportune situation to score some runs turned into a game of inches. A line drive down the line was snagged by third baseman Tom Musselman. The runners all around reacted too quickly, breaking for the next base. Tom, in one continuous motion after catching the liner, stepped on third to double up the runner who had vacated third, then fired a strike to second baseman Jimmy Kotz to complete the triple play on the runner who had no chance to get back to second. It's a game of inches, even when it comes down to a triple play.

- Hats off to the home run kings this winter season who drove a ball into the back wall for a round-tripper: Jack Harte of the Black-Shirt team (1) and Bob Miller of the Purple-Shirt Team (1).

“It ain’t over ‘til it’s over!” – Yogi Berra

Here a few memorable games from our winter season that demonstrate why we have so much fun playing senior softball.

- Tuesday, January 17th, 2017 – Barry Bintliff’s Black-Shirt Team ripped into Timmy Smith’s Gold-Shirt Team for five runs in the first inning to take a commanding lead. Timmy’s guys chipped away for the next six innings to tie the game at five all. Top of the seventh inning, the Black-Shirts managed to score the go-ahead run on a fielding mistake. Bottom of the seventh, one out, Don Muir ripped a double to the corner. Paul Gibbons next hit a line shot to right to score Don with the tying run. The Black-Shirts manage to get out of the inning with the score tied at six all. Extra innings, complimentary runner on second for each team. The Black-Shirts go down in the top of the inning. Bottom of the inning, Dan Brady becomes the game’s hero, ripping a shot to the right field corner to score the winning run for a classic come-from-behind victory for the Gold-Shirts.
- Tuesday, March 7th, 2017 – Barry’s boys again got caught on the wrong side of the scorecard. Bill Bogel pitched a great game against the Maroon-Shirt Team, shutting out Ray Forlano’s guys for six straight innings to hold a 3-0 lead. But in the seventh inning, the Maroon-Shirts exploded for five runs before an out was recorded. It was enough to give Joe Kline a closing pitching performance in the bottom of the seventh to record an impressive victory for the Maroon-Shirt guys.