

Dead-Beat

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Tex Returns!!!

Tex's last game in all likelihood will place him forever on the Deadwoods' record books. After an unprecedented four strikeouts in Game 1, Tex (aka Two-Guns) all but disappeared from the Deadwood map. He has missed every game since, avoided the press and wouldn't return any phone calls. After a little love-n-lunch at Grandma's K&I dinner, hosted in his honor and attended by many adoring fans and teammates, Tex was convinced that it was time to come back (plus, it was his day to bring refreshments). All of his teammates and fans have anxiously awaited his return. (After all, he does owe us a pony keg.) Of even greater interest is how he will perform at the plate. Is his record breakable? Says Rocky, "that's about as difficult to imagine as Mark McGuire beating last season's amazing 70 home run season."

Is Tex gonna get back up on that old mangy horse known as the Deadwoods? Is his return permanent or just a on-game-stand? Has Tex lost that loving feeling? We'll have to wait until next week to find out.

The Rookie Class of '99

Due to the retirement of Flex, injuries to Root (shoulder), Mudd (knee), and Tex (ego), the '99 Deadwood team has had several spots to fill. Standing in their places are rookies Bundy, Joser and MJ. "This is a good group of Rookies." says Rocky. So how did they get their neames?

Bundy : So why do we call this guy Bundy? Is it because he hangs out at sorority houses (i.e. Ted) or because he was a multi-sport highschool athlete who scored 4 touchdowns in one game (i.e. Al)? Although both may be true, the later is more so. Believe it or not, this self-inflated weekend warrior actually sent his resume to Rocky. Here it is:

- 1989 Varsity Pitcher- La Cueva High School
Pitcher- American Legion
- 1990 No team
- 1991 No team
- 1992 3rd baseman (Softball)- US Navy (Ship's Official Beer Club team)
- 1993 3rd baseman (Softball)- US Navy (Ship's Official Beer Club team)
- 1994 3rd, Shortstop, Pitcher- National Adult Baseball Assoc.
- 1995 3rd, Shortstop, Pitcher- National Adult Baseball Assoc.
Pitcher- All-Navy Baseball Team of Tidewater

- 1996 Shortstop (Softball)- US Navy (Naples, Italy- BEER FEST)
- 1997 Shortstop, 3rd (Softball)- US Navy (Naples, Italy- BEER FEST)
- 1998 Discharged
- 1999 Gone out to pasture with the Woods

Although his career has taken a turn for the worst, we're glad to have him.

Joser : Is it a play on Jose or possibly because he has *hosed* coach Rocky on several occasions by not showing up to games without telling a soul?

MJ: It might stand for Mudd Junior. Or maybe his softball prowess reminds us of Michael Jordan. Maybe it stands for Mo Jo. Who knows what it stands for, but it sure beats *Dick*.

Coach Rock Takes Blow to Head, Bundy Takes Over as Assistant Coach

As if the loss to the Desert Rats on June 9 wasn't devastating enough to the Deadwoods, coach Rocky, while subing in at catcher in the following game, suffered a minor concussion resulting from a cheap shot at the plate. Rookie player Bundy has stepped in to lead the team in their June 11 match-up with CCU, a team that defeated the 'Woods in their last outing.

Asked what he plans to do with the injured Rock, Assistant Coach Bundy says "I'm gonna play him." If Rocky isn't capable of coaching, then one has to wonder how he can play. Scoop doesn't seem concerned. "I don't expect this will affect his batting performance one bit" referring to Rocky's shaky batting performance of late. Assistant Coach Bundy comments "Rocky will do fine at left-center. We just need to place him on the field, point him in the right direction, and wipe the drool from his chin and he should do as well as he always does."

What does the rest of the team think of the recent coaching adjustment? Lurch says "I don't like it one bit. No rookie should be allowed to coach." We'll see if Lurch complains after he sees the line-up.

Bundy's First Line-up

"Here come our
DEADWOOOOOOOOODS!"

<music>: "The Woods are comin up, Comin up swingin..."

Batting first as the honorary leadoff man and solid basehitter, is Tex-Two Guns, Batting second with a mighty stroke that parts the infield sea and can blow well out of the yard, is LURRRRRRRCH, feeling more comfortable now that he's batting third and swinging with the South Paw Hammer stroke, is BONNNNE, And the old man with a gun wrought out of steel, swinging a stick of dynamite, abracadabra, he's MAAAAAGIC, Cleaning up the leftovers and consistently moving his herd around the bases, is MOOOOSE, and just back from a recent injury while down on the Minor League team the Elephants, still swinging with heart, is ROCKYYYY, Keeping Rocky in line and playing everywhere he can, next batter's erratic swing keeps us all at the edge of our seats in anticipation while he digs into the batter's box, He's BUNNNNNDY, Batting eighth, he's always in contention for the Oil Can, and has the potential for a trip around the park, he's solid, he's stealth, he's CHI CHIIIIII, The man from Vienna (Sausage), the Green Eggs and Spam I am man is batting 9th and can really deceive the infield by shooting those gaps on the right side of the infield while eating a can of potted meat! He's the Beefmaster. Mr Utility, Mr. Justice, and the Terminator are common nicknames for this monster of the infield. His talent is versatile, his stick is Truth, and his temper inflicts pain when he tells you, "Hasta la vista, baby!" He's the Scoopinator!!! And batting eleventh, his brother hath trained him well in the Mudd way. He may not dunk basketballs be he can sure hit the long fence jumper, comin on strong he's MJ!!!! There you have it folks, the line up for tonight's massacre of CCU, who will be staying at the ICU inn while VISITING here in the HOME of the DEADWOODS, Manzano Field.

Pitch Controversy Brews in The Deadwood Bullpen

In what has to be the most surprising coaching move of the season, coach Rocky selected Scoop as the starting pitcher for the '99 season. "What could I do? Root dislocated his shoulder playing badminton or something like that, and no one else wanted the job. It's a no brainer, Scoop's the man." With a little help from backup Bundy, Scoop surprised everyone by leading the team to a 6-2 start and a number 1 ranking. After several months of rehab (doing 12 oz. curls), Root was ready to make his return. Scoop didn't agree with Rocky's decision to start Root. "I carry this team on my back for 5 weeks and this is the thanks I get?" The opponent ... the second place Desert Rats. The outcome ... the 'Woods are no longer number one. Pitching certainly was not the deciding factor in what had to be the most error filled game since the Deadwoods D-League days, but Scoop didn't see it that way. After the devastating loss, Scoop said "I rest my case."

How will the 'Woods coaching staff handle the controversy? Says Rocky "this is the most pitching talent we have ever had. It's gonna be a difficult job to keep all these prima donnas happy."

League Standings

'Woods Top-Ranking Short Lived

Team	W	L	T	RUNS
Deadwoods	6	2	0	158
Desert Rats	6	2	0	136
Clergy	5	2	0	120
CCU	5	3	0	123
Sandia Baggers	4	4	0	144
Lazers	2	5	0	113
Vipers	2	5	0	92
Finite Elephants	0	7	0	93

Da Season Stats (as of 6/10/99)

Player	At Bats	Runs	Hits	1B	2B	3B	HR	BB	SAC	RBI	Slugging %	Batting Avg.
Beefmaster	30	16	18	14	2	2	0	1	0	3	0.800	0.600
Bone	29	14	16	8	2	2	4	1	0	0	1.172	0.552
Chi Chi	28	13	17	10	4	2	1	1	0	0	1.000	0.607
Cup	26	7	13	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.500	0.500
Bundy	36	22	23	10	8	0	5	4	0	4	1.278	0.639
Joser	15	9	9	8	0	0	1	2	0	1	0.800	0.600
Lurch	38	18	29	17	5	1	6	0	0	0	1.421	0.763
Magic	34	20	26	14	3	2	7	1	0	4	1.588	0.765
Mudd	3	1	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1.667	1.000
Moose	29	12	21	21	0	0	0	1	0	1	0.724	0.724
Reckless	19	9	10	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	0.526	0.526
Rocky	34	16	19	14	3	1	1	3	0	2	0.794	0.559
Root	2	2	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	1.500	1.000
Scoop	26	13	17	14	1	2	0	5	0	0	0.846	0.654
MJ	20	7	8	5	1	0	2	0	0	3	0.750	0.400
Two Guns	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
Team	373	179	231	161	30	13	27	21	0	21	0.987	0.619