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BATS AND BALLS PLUS MORE

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PARADISE TEAM BENEFIT
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FOLLOWING THE GAMES

Well, another Beantown Softball League season got under way this past weekend. On Saturday, May 7th, the league again opened the season with some very entertaining opening day festivities. Some of the sideline highlights were: the league commissioner, Jim Vierra, starting things off right with a rather good opening speech. Then, a select group of singers from the Boston Gay Men's Chorus sang the National Anthem. It sent shivers up and down your spine. You had to be there! And then, the infamous Babe Homer was chosen to throw out the first ball, after which she was given a standing ovation and a very beautiful floral arrangement. It was very touching!

Some other opening day noticeables were the debut of a new team to the league -- Skippers. Boy, did they show a lot of "hustle". Also, there were the three league umpires -- Carl, Bucky, and Kenny. With these three you know you are going to have a fairly called game. And, I would like to mention the crowd turnout. The stands were packed! It was really nice to see! But the best one had to be the Boston Ramrod Cheerleaders. They are simply outrageous! They would even make the Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders green with envy.

One more special message: Babe Homer would like to thank everyone for the very enjoyable day she had this past Saturday.

And now the games: The first game of the season featured the 1270 Men against defending league champion Chaps. It was a close game, but Chaps finally took an 8-5 victory. In the day's second game Buddies exploded for nine runs in the seventh inning to defeat the Ramrod 11-2. The game was very well played defensively. The third game of the day saw the debut of Skippers. However it was a rude welcoming as the Mailbox exploded for thirteen runs in the first inning and coasted to a 26-7 win. The final game of the day featured the first shutout of the season as Paradise blanked the 1270 Women by the score of 9-0.

On Sunday, May 8th, there were four games. In the first game Paradise won its second game of the season and handed the Ramrod its second loss of the season by beating the Ramrod 5-3. The second game of the day was a 15-4 win for the 1270 Men over Skippers. However, the game was much closer than the score would indicate. The third game of the day saw Buddies get another fine pitching game from Gary to post a 12-4 win over the Mailbox. And, in the final game of the day, Chaps received a very big scare from the 1270 Women, but held on for a hard-fought 8-4 victory. The Women just keep getting better every game!

On Wednesday, May 11th, Paradise unleashed an awesome display of offensive power in scoring a 30-9 rout over the winless Skippers team. It looks like the "Green Machine" might be back! Skippers showed a lot of "hustle" and I'm sure they are going to be exciting to watch as the season progresses.

P.S. GOODNIGHT ALL!
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