

The Deal Softball Times

Standings as of May 7, 1995

TEAM	WINS	LOSSES	GB	RUNS FOR	RUNS AGAINST
Smack Pack	4	0	-	25	10
Los Hermanos	3	1	1	33	22
Black Magic	3	1	1	33	22
South Beach	2	2	2	27	35
The Outsiders	1	3	3	30	45
Scorpions	0	4	4	27	38

TIME / FIELD	FIELD A	FIELD B	FIELD C
10:00 AM	Smack Pack vs. South Beach	Outsiders vs. Scorpions	Los Hermanos vs. Black Magic
11:30 AM	Smack Pack vs. South Beach	Outsiders vs. Scorpions	Los Hermanos vs. Black Magic

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

WEEK 1

Joey Cohen

6-7 4 Runs

2 BR's 5 RBI's

WEEK 2

Henry Shalam

3-6 4 Runs

7 RBI's

South Beach Stings The Scorpions In 2 Close Ones

Added to the league this year was a new team from Brooklyn. Last year's champs from the "other league" decided to step up to the big time and join the Deal Softball League. Elliot Betesh welcomed them to Deal on the first pitch delivered by veteran Abie Cohen. Betesh slammed an opposite field home run down the left field line to jump ahead 1-0. The Scorpions proved to be contenders though, as shown in the bottom of the 1st. "Neon" Leon Schwecky doubled and scored to tie the game at 1 apiece. Abie Cohen displayed some opening day jitters by walking his 3rd and 4th batters by the 2nd inning. South Beach loaded the bases in both innings but failed to capitalize on the walks. Elliot Jemal's base hit was followed by a Stevie Rahmey RBI to provide a 2-1 lead for the "rooks". In the 4th, South Beach had problems clearing the bases again. They had the bases loaded for Ikey Franco, who drove in a run. But South Beach left 3 more men on base, to add to their total of ten through four innings. In the 5th, South Beach broke open the game. They put 3 runs on the board, due in part to a storm of base hits by the latter part of the lineup. While maintaining a 5-2 lead, South Beach began to slam Scorpion pitcher Abie Cohen. Morris Missry, Joey Cohen and Joey Franco all doubled for South Beach- Franco's "two-bagger" drove in two runs. After David Gadeloff and Joey Franco scored to make the score 10-2, the fat lady could be heard warming up in the bullpen. But someone forgot to tell the Scorpions, because they put together a spectacular comeback. Eli Cohen began the rally with a seemingly insignificant home run off pitcher Chubby Kassab. With Jody Levy and Joey Bailey on base, RBI leader Ezra Jemal ripped a homer into left. Going into the 7th, the Scorpions had trimmed the deficit to 10-7. In the 7th, Joey Bailey crushed an opposite field 2-run homer to pull within one. Chubby retired the last two batters, though, to preserve the win that once seemed like a blowout. SOUTH BEACH-10 SCORPIONS-9

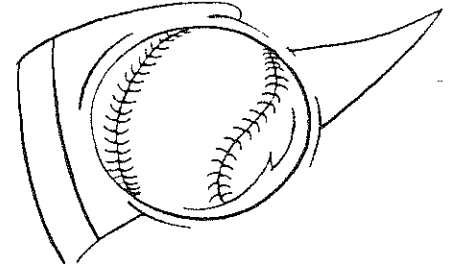
South Beach Suffers Another Scare From the Comeback Kids

The Scorpions and South Beach went at it again in another thriller. Erwin "Cerano" Braha started off the game with a double that drove home Elliot Jemal. South Beach responded with a run of their own as Elliot Betesh continued to have a phenomenal week. He singled and scored to tie the game at "one." Erwin Braha's mammoth of a home run down the left field line gave the Scorpions a 2-1 advantage. On a crucial play in the 4th, South Beach had men at 1st and 2nd with Joey Cohen at bat. Cohen drove in Morris Missry, but the Scorpions stopped the bleeding by capitalizing on poor baserunning to turn it into a double play.

With the score tied 2-2, and the game moving slowly, South Beach erupted for a 5th inning rally fueled by Elliot Betesh. Joey Franco led off with a base hit followed by a Gabby Sutton single and a Meyer Yedid walk to jam the bases for Betesh. He crushed a grand slam into rightcenter that gave him 6 RBI's on the day. Ikey Franco and Morris Missry followed with back to back triples to give South Beach a comfortable (yeah right!) 7-2 lead. The Scorpions, who have already earned themselves a reputation for their dramatic comebacks, did it again in the 6th. They singled consecutively to load the bases for Mr. Clutch, Ezra Jemal. The Scorpions tied the game with one swing when Jemal hit a grand slam to rightcenter (imitating Elliot Betesh's blast). When player of the week Joey Cohen homered in the 6th, it looked like South Beach had escaped once again. The Scorpions fought back again, though. After Elliot Jemal tied the game with a double, the other Jemal came through one more time. Ezra doubled in the 9th and 10th runs to give the Scorpions a 10-8 lead heading into the bottom of the 7th. Despite their troubles in closing games (they should call the Yankees for a good reliever), South Beach gave it one more shot. With a man on base, Joey Cohen stepped up with his team down by a run. He homered again to win the game for his team earning him Player of the Week honors. SOUTH BEACH-11 SCORPIONS-10

The Outsiders Edge Los Hermanos; 9-5

This year's "most creative team name award" was won unanimously. Los Hermanos. Enough said. Jason Cohen and his "brothers" (we think that's what it means) took on the Outsiders led by Red Nesser's pitching. Early in the game, Los Hermanos wasted no time putting runs on the board. Albert Levy's walk led to a base hit RBI for Jason Cohen. Hermano #2, a.k.a. Buca, drove in his brother on a 2 run home run to give their team a 3-0 lead. The Outsiders bounced back in the top of the 2nd when Jo Jo Faham ignited a 2 out rally. With Red Nesser



and David Labo on base, Faham doubled to bring in two runs. Jefferey Mishan slammed another double knocking in Faham while tying the score at 3 apiece. Los Hermanos regained their lead in the 3rd with a 2 out rally of their own. Last year's league MVP, Sandy Zinn, doubled to spark Los Hermanos. The rally was kept alive due to a pair of consecutive Red Nesser walks to Buca and Ray Day. Billy Beda's base hit drove in two runners to jump ahead for a 5-3 advantage. Down two runs going into the 4th, the Outsiders got hot. They went on a rampage scoring 5 runs off pitcher Moses Eastman. Sammy Cohen and Jo Jo Faham singled. Jeffery Mishan hit his second double of the day cutting the deficit to 5-4. Mitchell Haddad's single tied the score, followed by an Ikey Mavorah base hit to take the lead. When Ikey Ash and Jesse Sutton got on base, Red Nesser brought them home for runs 7 and 8 with a double. Nesser settled down the rest of the way to retire 12 of the last 15 Los Hermanos batters to close out the game. Sammy Cohen's 3rd hit of the game was a home run in the 7th inning that provided an extra cushion for the Outsiders. THE OUTSIDERS- 9 LOS HERMANOS- 5

Los Hermanos Erases 5 Run Defecit To Beat Outsiders, 8-7

In the last 4 innings of the first game, Los Hermaons was shut down by Red Nesser. He continued to keep their bats quiet until the 3rd inning of the 2nd game, Jason Cohen and Sandy "aran'a" (Spider) Zinn smacked back to back doubles to provide a 2-0 edge. A red hot Jo Jo Faham, who went 7 for 7 with 6 RBI's on the day, tied the score with one swing of the bat when he hit a 2 run home run in the bottom of the 3rd. The Outsiders opened the flood gates in the 4th with 5 runs highlighted by Jo Jo Faham and co-MVP Sammy Coher. Ikey Mavorah's leadoff double was succeeded by an Ikey Ash base hit. Jesse Sutton singled and was driven in by Red Nesser. After Abie Betesh singled, Sammy Cohen crushed a double to provide a 5-2 lead. Cohen batted 5 for 7 in the 2 games while scoring 4 times. Jo Jo Faham's base hit added 2 more runs in the inning but the 5 run edge obviously wasn't enough. Los Hermanos, being one of the favorites in the league this year, could not afford a sweep in the first week of the season. They were well aware of this, and they fought back in the decisive 5th inning. Moses Eastman and Albert Levy started the rally with back to back hits. Jason Cohen continued to carry his team by hitting his 2nd double of the game while adding 2 runs. When sandy Zinn drew a walk, Ray Day got a base hit to drive in Jason Cohen. Billy "Dont' Call Me Stevie" Beda's clutch 2 out double kept the rally alive, but more importantly tied the score with two RBI's. With the score tied at 7, Jackie Menashe drove in the game winning run by knocking in Beda. Although , the Outsiders almost put together their own rally in the 5th, Moses Eastman closed the book on the to seal the victory. LOS HERMANOS- 8 THE OUTSIDERS- 7

Ikey Yedid Shuts Down And Shuts Out Black Magic

Last year Ikey Yedid was a member of the Yankees, a team that did not live up to its expectations. This year, Yedid is back and pitching for Elliot Braha's Smack Pack. In Week 1, he overpowered Black Magic to a 6 hit shutout. At the plate for Smack Pack, Dougie Goldenberg singled in the first inning and scored on an Eddie Mishan triple. Mishan scored on an Elliot Braha sacrifice to take a quick 2-0 lead. Black Magic's defense played well allowing a mere 8 hits to the Smack Pack (voted league's worst team name). Ikey Yedid looked to provide some insurance runs to his small 2-0 lead when he tripled to start off the 5th. Three straight outs left him stranded though. In the 6th inning, Stevie "Don't Call Me Billy" Beda singled to spark a rally. Eddie "Nobody Beats The Smack Pack" Adjmi followed up with another base hit. Elliot Braha's 2nd sacrifice of the day drove in Beda, to give the Smack Pack a 3-0 advantage. Yedid had 3 strikeouts (yes, in softball) on his way to the first shutout of the season. Black Magic simply did not hit the ball well and could not beat the Smack Pack.

SMACK PACK- 3 BLACK MAGIC- 0

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Smack Pack Completes Sweep Of Black Magic By Winning 5-2

Although game 1 did not provide much offense, both teams began to hit better in Game 2. Elliot Braha's two run home run in the top of the 1st gave his team a 2-0 edge. After Maurice Haber and Ikey Yedid both singled, Smack Pack had a chance to break it open in the 1st inning. After 2 quick outs, the Pack came away with only 2 runs. Black Magic came out fired up and hitting the ball. David Franco, Harry Catton, and Henry Shalam all got on base consecutively with nobody out. The Smack Pack ended the rally quickly by turning a double play before Black Magic could get some runs. Black Magic continued to hit well in the 2nd inning when Charles Antebi doubled and drove in Jackie Harary. Steve Aizer knocked in Antebi to tie the score, but Black Magic left 2 baserunners stranded to end the inning. Dougie "Nails" Goldenberg led off the 3rd inning with a single. Jack Braha followed with a double to move Goldenberg over to third base. Maurice Haber's sacrifice fly drove in Goldenberg and recaptured the lead for Smack Pack. Black Magic went cold the rest of the way stringing together a mere 4 hits from the 3rd inning and on. Smack Pack, on the other hand, looked to extend their 3-2 lead. Ikey Yedid and Sammy Jemal teamed up for a pair of doubles to make the score 4-2 in the 6th. In the 7th, Yedid completed a day where he went 4 for 5 getting his 1st RBI of the season. His base hit knocked in Jack Braha and finished the scoring at 5-2. The Smack Pack looked very strong defensively while holding Black Magic to 2 runs all day.

SMACK PACK- 5 BLACK MAGIC- 2

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Smack Pack Slides Into First Place with Sweep of Scorpions

At the start of the week, Smack Pack shared first place with South Beach; however, it still remained to be seen which teams were among the league's elite. The Smack Pack was out to prove that they were not pretenders. Captain Elliot Braha scored in the first inning when Ronnie Mocho singled with the bases loaded. Molcho also drove in Maurice Haber for the 2-0 lead. The Scorpions were also able to load the bases in the 1st, but Eli Cohen ended the inning with a strikeout. Smack Pack added to their lead in the 2nd after Dougie Goldenberg's triple scored Eddie Adjmi. The Scorpions, who have displayed their toughness so far this season, came back with a run in the 3rd. Elliot Jemal continued to play well when he tripled for the Scorpions and knocked in Ely Haddad. The Smack Pack was well aware of the comebacks from last week against South Beach, and in turn, they added some more insurance runs. Dougie Goldenberg, Elliot Braha and Maurice Haber whipped 3 consecutive triples for 3 runs. Ikey Yedid capped off the rally with a base hit to give the Smack Pack a comfortable 6-1 lead. A scorpion, though, must be related to a tick, because these guys never die. In the bottom of the 6th, after Ely Haddad reached on an error, Erwin Braha doubled to make it 6-2. Ezra Jemal followed with another base hit, as well as Abie Cohen's single. Cohen's single brought home Braha. Stevie Rahmey came through with another base hit to load the bases. But the Scorpions left 3 runners stranded to end the 6th. With the score 6-3, the Scorpions rallied once again in the 7th. Elliot Jemal blasted his second triple of the day to drive in Leon "Mugsy" Schwecky. Erwin Braha's double brought Jemal in and cut the lead to 6-5 with men on 2nd and 3rd. The Scorpions had a chance to win it, but they couldn't finish off the Smack Pack.

SMACK PACK- 6 SCORPIONS- 5

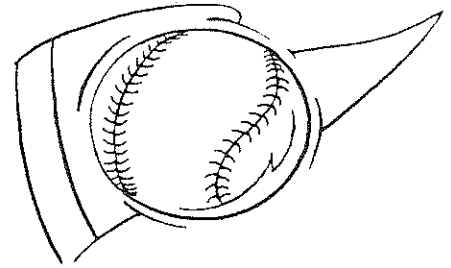
Scorpions Can't Keep Up With The Smack Pack, They Lose 11-4

Coming into this game with an 0-3 record, the Scorpions did not want to fall into an early season rut. When you're up against the league's most formidable opponent, though, winning does not come easy. In the Bottom of the 1st, Eddie Mishan and Elliot Braha singled and walked, respectively. Ikey Yedid, who had a magnificent game at the plate with 6 RBI's, drove in his teammates for a 2-0 headstart. The Scorpions got one run back when Erwin Braha and Ely Haddad teamed up for back-to-back doubles. In the 3rd inning Smack Pack built a substantial lead. Dougie Goldenberg and Eddie Mishan both singled, followed by Elliot Braha's RBI double. Maurice Haber batted in another run before Ikey Yedid doubled for his second ribbie of the day. Down 5-1, the Scorpions cut their deficit in half by adding two runs in the 4th. Elliot Jemal and Erwin Braha both scored when Ezra Jemal drove them in. The 4th inning also saw Eddie Mishan hit a clutch double to knock in Michael Fallas and Eddie Adjmi. Ikey Yedid padded the lead with a single to score Mishan. More runs were poured on by the Smack Pack as the Scorpions could not keep up with the booming "Pack" Bats. Maurice Haber and Ikey Yedid both ignited the rally with a double and a single that drove in runs. With the score 11-3, the Scorpions looked to come from behind for the fourth consecutive game. The 7th inning though, did not provide enough time. Although Jody Levy's triple was followed by Leon Schwecky's base hit, that was all the Scorpions could muster up. The game ended with the score 11-4. Dougie Goldenberg, Ikey Yedid and Stevie Beda all hit well. "Go-Go" was 6-8 on the day, Yedid 4-4 and Beda 3-4.

SMACK PACK- 11 SCORPIONS- 4

Black Magic Provide Late Inning Comeback to Beat the Outsiders

This game was a see-saw game that was won on the last at bat. Let's go to the videotape! (What ever happened to Warner Wolf?) The Outsiders got the early lead when Ikey Ash, Jesse Sutton and Ikey Mavorah loaded the bases for Red Nesser. Red drove in one run as did David Labo. Jo Jo Faham's sacrifice RBI gave the Outsiders the early 3-0 advantage. Ikey Ash, Red Nesser and David Labo then loaded the bases for Jo Jo Faham, who drove in another run. Faham put his team ahead 4-love. In the bottom of the 3rd Eddie Beda started the Black Magic rally. David Franco and Jack Braha helped load the bases with 2 outs. Red Nesser walked four batters in one inning, including 3 consecutive free passes. Fred Weintraub and Zack Mishan were credited with RBI's as Black Magic cut the lead to 4-2. The Outsiders matched the 2 runs scored by their opponents when they got up in the 4th inning. Jeffrey Mishan, David Salem and Mitchell Haddad put together a string of consecutive singles. Ikey Mavorah's sacrifice made the score 6-2. With the Outsiders ahead, Black Magic rallied for 5 runs in the 4th. Charles Antebi led off with a solo home run. With two outs, Harry Catton began a 2 out rally with a 2 run homer. Then with men on 1st and 2nd, Freddy Weintraub doubled to bat in Henry Shalam and Jack Braha. Black Magic now led 7-6. In the top of the 6th, it looked like the Outsiders went ahead for good. Mitchell Haddad's triple highlighted an inning that produced a 9-7 lead for the Outsiders. In the bottom of the 7th, Black Magic had thier last chance to regain the lead. Fred Weintraub and Zack Mishan both singled. When Jackie Harary singled, he drove in a run and became the game winning run. After Morris Shalom's double tied the score, Eddie Beda lined out to centerfield. Although a throw was unnecessary, a bad throw was made by Ikey Mavorah. The overthrow allowed Jackie Harary to score and Black Magic to win. B.M.- 10 Outsiders- 9



BLOWOUT CITY!!! Black Magic Bomb The Outsiders 21-5

In game 1 Red Nesser walked 7 batters, yet he lost focus in the 2nd game after a mistake in the 1st game. This game started off relatively slow but by the end, the ball may have been mistaken for a federal office in Oklahoma City. Due to a Harry Catton triple, Black Magic led 1-0 after one. Fred Weintraub and Zack Mishan scored in the 2nd to go up 3-zip. The Outsiders didn't score until it was 4-0. They cut the lead to a run with 3 straight doubles by Jesse Sutton, Red Nesser and David Labo. In the 5th inning, Black Magic burst open for 5 runs. With the bases jammed, Henry Shalam earned two RBI's. Jack Braha singled and scored when Jackie Harary drove him in. At the end of 5 innings, Black Magic was ahead 9-3. They added 3 more in the 6th on back to back doubles by player of the week Henry Shalam and Jack Braha. Shalam got his 3rd and 4th RBI's on his way to 6 in the game. The bottom of the 6th saw Jesse Sutton send one into the trees in rightfield for a home run. The Outsiders added a run before the dreadful 7th inning. In the 7th, Zack Mishan, Jackie Harary, Charles Antebi, Ike Betesh, Marcia Clark, David Franco, Harry Catton, Henry Shalam, John Doe #2, Jack Braha, and Freddy Weintraub all got hits, Black Magic put 9 runs on the board in one inning. They couldn't get out if they tried (some probably tried b'c the Knick game was starting). Overall, Black Magic tallied 22 hits and 21 runs. All player of the week candidates were selected from this game. It should be noted that Jo Jo Faham pitched the beginning of this game, while Red Nesser finished off.
BLACK MAGIC- 21 THE OUTSIDERS- 5

South Beach Gets Clubbed By Los Hermanos

South Beach and Los Hermanos went at it in week 2. Both teams played without key components to their teams. For South Beach, Ikey Franco was unable to play, while Moses Eastman was absent from the Los Hermanos mound. Ronnie Gindi filled in at short for Franco. Along with Elliot Betesh and Morris Musry, Gindi loaded the bases for Sammy Tawil. South Beach came away with one run, but left 3 runners stranded. In the top of the 3rd, Elliot Betesh led off with a triple and a run. After Ronnie Gindi knocked him in, Morris Musry tripled as well. He was left at third though as South Beach left 3 runners in scoring position in the first 3 innings. South Beach extended their lead in the 3rd behind Joey Franco's double. Gabby Sutton followed up by driving in David Gadeloff with a base hit to provide a 4-0 cushion. Los Hermanos got on the scoreboard in the 4th when Jason Cohen tripled. Sandy Zinn batted him in. In the 5th inning, South Beach collapsed defensively. First Ray Day smacked a base hit into rightfield. South Beach proceeded to commit 3 straight errors, allowing 3 Los Hermanos runs to come in. Sammy Tawil smacked a triple into rightfield, and eventually scored to regain the lead for South Beach. In week 1, South Beach lost 2 leads in the game before eventually winning both games. In the 6th, South Beach collapsed again. "Los Capitan", Jason Cohen, tripled for the 2nd time in the game to ignite the rally. Sandy Zinn smacked a single to tie the score at 5-5. After Buca singled, Billy Beda hit a bloop single that brought in Zinn. Myer Assoulin and Michael Mishan padded the lead with singles and a pair of runs batted in.

LOS HERMANOS- 8 SOUTH BEACH - 5

Albert Levy (The Pitcher) Silences The South Beach Bats, Los Hermanos Win Two

Albert Levy is what South Beach would classify as a "meatball" pitcher." Levy allowed one runs on 7 hits in Game 2. So much for a "meatball pitcher". Whether it was his pitching or the unproductive bats of South Beach, Los Hermanos whipped their opponents. In the 1st inning, Jason "the sparkplug" Cohen tripled again. Cohen started 5 rallies in one day for his team, and he hit 3 triples on the day. Jason Cohen has 5 extra base hits on the year, and has sparked a number of his team's rallies. Another rally was started with this triple as Sandy Zinn singled to drive him in. Buca singled as well and Michael Mishan drove him in. Ray Day, Jackie Menashe, and Myer Assoulin all singled to put 4 runs on the board before South Beach got a chance to hit. A demoralized South Beach team could not score until the 6th. In the top of the 5th, Michael Mishan ripped a double down the 3rd base line. Ray Day earned his 2nd RBI of the day with a base hit. Billy Beda and Myer Assoulin singled in the 6th with 2 outs. Los Hermanos kept pouring it on as Jason Cohen knocked in Assoulin; Sandy Zinn's triple made it 8-0. Elliot Betesh put South Beach on the board in the 6th, but it was too little, too late. Morris Missry's sacrifice fly brought in Elliot Betesh, but overall, South Beach struggled against Albert Levy. South Beach fell from 2nd to 4th place after week 2. They will be happy to have their captain back from the Orient as soon as possible. They face Smack Pack (4-0) this week, and Ikey Yedid will provide another difficult task on the mound.

LOS HERMANOS- 8 SOUTH BEACH- 1

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