

## Tradition holds 9 beats 8

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*Seminar 8 (Hawaiian shirts) shake hand after their game with seminar 9, Sep. 17*

The third day of the Army War College softball league saw a full slate of games on the Indian field diamonds last night, Sep. 17, as seminars began the battle to reign as softball elite in the two-game season followed by a season ending tournament.

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Other games that night: Sem. 5 and 19 both win due to forfeitsts, Sem. 4 Wallops Sem. 2 - 23 - 9, Sem. 6 smacks Sem. 7, 18 - 4, and Sem. 22 out scores Sem. 11, 10 - 7.

Monday Sep. 20

1600: Sem 16 Vs Sem 20 Sem 14 Vs Sem 3

1700: Sem 13 Vs Sem 12 Sem 21 Vs Sem 17

1800: Sem 23 Vs Sem 15

The selected Tuesday game was seminar 5 Vs. 15, the first game for both teams. The game can be summarized in two innings, the first and the third, as seminar 5 quickly let everyone know it will be a short night. Rapidly disposing of seminar 15 in the top of first, seminar 5 started in the bottom of the first with consecutive hits by Lt. Col. Che Arosemena, Lt. Col. Brock Zimmerman, and Lt. Col. Gentry Mobley. With the bases load, Tony “the Hammer” Verenna hit an opposite-field triple, clearing the bases and a quick 3 – 0 lead. Not to be outdone, the next batter, Lt. Col. Elliott Harris, hit the softball over everyone’s head for an inside the park HR, now 5 – 0. After Col. Viktor Savchenko from Ukraine hit a single, Lt. Col. Chris Nunn knocked in the final run of the inning, 6 – 0. Seminar 15 scored their only run in the second after Col. Akira Shibata from Japan hit a single and was driven in by Lt Col David Landon’s double to left field. Seminar 5’s Mobley

scored again in the bottom of that inning after making a triple and home knocking him in 7 - 1. The bottom of third started well for seminar 15 with a fly out to first, but then Seminar 5 let loose sending 12 batters to the plate, scoring 9 runs on 6 hits. Once the 16th run was scored, the 15 run rule after 3 innings took effect, and the game was over. Sem 5 16, Sem 15 1.

Other games played on Tuesday: NOTE: games are one hour, no extra innings to determine winner.

Sem 3, 11 Sem 4, 14 Sem 21, 4 Sem 22, 19 Sem 12, 13 Sem 10, 8 Sem 19, 9 Sem 20, 8 Sem 16, 15 Sem 17, 20.

Games from Sep. 13

In the first game of the day on field one, seminars 1 and 2 faced off against each other. Col. Leandro Noveli of Brazil scored the first run for Seminar 1 as they took a 2 - 0 lead in the game. Their 2 -0 lead did not last long as Seminar 2 came roaring back with Lt. Col. Carl Zeppegno hitting a double and a triple by Lt. Col. Kelvin Simmons seminar 2 scored four runs in the top of the second. In the fourth inning seminar two scored a lone run as Col. Rashid Al-Qasmi from Oman made it home, making it 5 – 2. then, in the top of the 5th seminar 2 scored again as Lt. Col. Ryan Tate scored, making it 6 – 2. Seminar 2 seemed to be rolling away with it until the bottom of the 5th when seminar 1 scored three runs with Lt. Col. Lane Bomar, Lt. Col. Jeremiah O'Connor, and Kenneth O'Neal scoring runs. With the game tighter than expected, seminar 1 responded by loading the bases. Col. Sergiu Cirimpei from Moldova hit pop up to the infield but was misplayed, allowing Sergiu to reach base. After that, the flood gates opened as seminar 2 scored three runs making it 9 – 5; in the bottom of the sixth with two outs, Col. James Hoyman scored, then seminar 1 loaded the bases, but seminar one pitcher Cdr. Myron Lind got a strikeout to end the threat. Final seminar 2 wins over seminar 1 9 – 6.

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Sem 23, 12 Sem 18, 11 Sem 13, 12 Sem 14, 6

Sem10, 16 Sem 6, 16 (tie) Sem 7, 11 Sem 8, 5

Sem 9, 20 Sem 11, 17.

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