

PYTHONS RALLY, BUT FALL SHORT IN THRILLING HOME OPENER

The Pentecost Pythons rallied for six runs in the top of the fifth inning, but dropped an opening day thriller 12 – 8 Sunday evening on a beautiful spring night for softball.

Offensively, every Python batter reached base safely by his own merit at least once in the season opener. Python batters were led by Jeff Hansen, who singled three times, tripled and drove in two runs for a perfect night at the plate, Paul Maller, who singled three times and drove in a run, and Jon Cooper, who singled, doubled and hit a solo home run. Kyle Jacob and Tom Hasko each singled twice and Ian McGregor and Dave Wagner each drove in a run, with each player slapping a single and driving in a run with a sacrifice fly. Dave Van Ruden and Tim Barthel each singled once and Tim Hasko worked the opposing pitcher for a walk.

Defensively, the Pythons played well, including turning an infield double play the hard way on a come-backer to pitcher Ian McGregor, who threw to first baseman Paul Maller to retire the batter, who in turn snapped a throw down to shortstop Kyle Jacob, where Jacob applied a tag to a Doobie’s base runner to complete the twin killing.

Weather permitting, the Pythons will return to the diamond on Sunday, May 12th at Lockwood park, with first pitch at 6:00 PM.



Second baseman Jon Cooper singled, doubled and hit a solo home run during Sunday night’s contest.



Right fielder Tim Hasko displays a sharp eye at the plate. Hasko drew a base on balls and leads the Pythons in that category after one game.

Kyle Jacob	SS	2-4
Paul Maller	1B	3-4, RBI
Tom Hasko	LF	2-4, RBI
Ian McGregor	P	1-3, SF, RBI
Jeff Hansen	RC	4-4, 3B, 2 RBI
Dave Wagner	LC	1-3, SF, RBI
Jon Cooper	2B	3-4, 2B, HR, RBI
Dave Van Ruden	3B	1-3
Tim Barthel	C	1-3
Tim Hasko	RF	0-3, BB



Despite being called out on the diamond during live action, video replay indicates that Tim Barthel legged one out and beat the throw to first base Sunday night.