

Under the Tower

DAYTON CLOBUSTER BASEBALL CLUBS

**2011
RECORD:**
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**MEN'S HOME
SCHEDULE**

May 4th
Tippecanoe Canal Jumpers
6:00 pm

June 4th
Indianapolis Blues (DH)
12:00 pm

June 26th
Rail Fest
Tippecanoe Canal Jumpers
12:00 pm

July 30th
Whiskey Island Shamrocks
12:00 pm

August 20th
Norwood Highlanders
12:00 pm

All home matches played at
Carillon Park

**LADIES' HOME
SCHEDULE**

June 26th
Lady Diamonds
12:00 pm

August 20th
Lady Diamonds
11:00 pm

All home matches played at
Carillon Park

CLODS WIN SEASON OPENER

Dayton, OH – On the first Wednesday of May, the Clodbusters hosted the Tippecanoe Canal Jumpers to open the season. Throughout the day it looked like this match might be postponed with rain yet again in the forecast. However, Mother Nature was kind enough to let the game proceed.

The long off-season did not stop the Clods as they were able to plate two aces (runs) within their first four strikers (batters) and the boys kept the hits coming.

The winter was not as kind to the Canal Jumpers as it took a couple innings before they were able to string together some hits. They were able to

keep things close until the seventh inning when the Clods scored another five aces.

Every time the Canal Jumpers would try to muster a large inning the Clods would show off some fine fielding and get the needed hands (outs).

As the shadow of the tower diminished with the setting sun, the boys of Dayton closed

CLODS TRAVEL TO BLUES FEST

Indianapolis, IN — Our boys took to the road for the first time this season and traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana to partake in the Blues Fest.

With an overcast sky and a constant threat of rain, the Clodbusters were one of four teams scheduled to play three games. The other squads present at the Blues Fest were the Vermillion Voles, Indianapolis Blues and the Indianapolis Hoosiers.

In the first match of the day the Clodbusters took on the Vermillion Voles of Vermillion County, Indiana. It was the first meeting between these two teams. Like the first game of the season the Clodbusters came out striking the onion

(ball) well scoring four aces in the first.

Making his Clodbuster debut was Nate "Half Chisel" Wallace, and in the fourth inning showed he belongs on the field with an outstanding leaping, one-handed, over the head catch.

Although the rest of the hands the Clods made were not as spectacular, they made all that they needed to, to preserve a 16-7 victory.

In game two, the Clods matched up with the Indianapolis Blues. Unlike game one, the Clods bats did not seem to be working as well. The Blues were able to strike well and often with many of the their

strikes flying over the Clodbusters' heads no matter how far away the outfielders stood.

Finally, in the sixth inning the Clodbusters were able to make a small dent in the large Blues lead when Brian "Polecat" Dziekan hit a grand slam in deep midfield. Unfortunately, it was too little, too late as the Blues went on to hand the Clods their first defeat of the season with a final tally of 18-6.

In the final match, with the dark rain clouds rolling in, the Clodbusters faced the Indianapolis Hoosiers. Again the Clods' bats came alive as they were able to strike for 14 aces while holding the local boys to only seven aces.

MEETING WITH SQUIRES CANCELLED

Dayton, OH – With the Clodbusters scheduled to travel to Fremont, OH to take on the Spiegel Grove Squires on the 22nd of May, the weather was finally looking like it was going to hold

the rain and provide for a great day of base ball. However, Mother Nature had already taken her toll on the grove as the field had collected more water than it could handle.

For the safety of all ballists involved, the Squires sent a telegraph that the match had been cancelled.

DEMONSTRATION AT THE HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Dayton, OH – On May 29th the 3rd annual Heritage Festival was held at Carillon Park, and the Clodbusters put on a demonstration to allow guests the chance to play like the vintage ballists.

For most of the afternoon, kids of all

ages were able to strike the ball, run the bases and even take the field.

Kids as young as three were excited to swing against the Clods and with the way some of them were able to strike the ball it looks like the Clodbusters will have some strong recruits in the

years to come.

Thank you to all who came out. A good time was had by all. We hope to see you again at next year's Heritage Festival.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE CLODBUSTERS

Dayton, OH – The month of June has the Clodbusters playing seven games over three weekends.

Starting at noon on the 4th, the first match will be against their friends, the Blues from Indianapolis. They are scheduled to play a double header at Carillon Park.

The Clods will then travel south to Sharonville, OH on the 11th, to participate in the Queen City Festival. Starting at 10:00am, in the Heritage Village at Sharon Woods Park, the Clodbusters will face the Champion Hill Toppers. Their second match of the

day will pit them against the Cincinnati Red Stockings. In the finale, the Cincinnati Buckeyes will try to upend the Clods for the first time in three years.

The Clodbusters will be back under the Carillon Tower on June 26th to participate in the Rail Fest by taking on local rivals Tippecanoe Canal Jumpers from Tipp City, OH. The first game will start at noon with the second game starting around 1:30pm.

Base ball is not just for the gentlemen! On June 20th, the Lady Clodbusters will begin their season by

taking on the Lady Diamonds from Columbus, OH. Game time is scheduled for noon.

We hope to see you at our home matches throughout the season at Carillon Park.

VINTAGE JARGON

Ace – Run
Striker – Hitter
Ginger – Fielding
Hand – Out
Onion – Base ball
Ballist – Player



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