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Long Haul Bombers Take on Safeco Field Team Miken Squeaks by Team Easton

July 7, 2009 – Seattle, WA – The Long Haul Bombers Stadium Power Tour took things north to Safeco Field, home of the Seattle Mariners. Today's event marked the first meeting of the top two ranked teams: Team Miken and Team Easton. Both teams came into the event undefeated. Denny Crine and Geno Buck stepped up to the plate for Miken, and Brian Wegman and substitute Bomber Scott Kirby who filled in for veteran Brett Helmer represented Easton. This was the seventh stop so far this season for the Long Haul Bombers.

The event began as usual; each hitter was given 15 swings, with the final pitch, or "moneyball," worth two homeruns. Miken's Denny Crine was today's first batter, and he certainly made a good impression on the Mariners' fans. He blasted 10 homeruns into the stands, including the moneyball, giving him 11 points total. Three of those homeruns landed on top of Seattle's historic Western Metal Supply Co. building, a feat few have claimed to do. "Today is my second anniversary with my wife. She's here tonight, so that was for her to see. That one was for your Breeana," beamed Crine.

Next up was Easton's Scott Kirby, this being his second Long Haul Bombers event ever. Kirby more than held his own putting up 9 homeruns, plus the moneyball, for a total of 10 points. "My goal was five, so getting 10 points is huge for me," said a relieved Kirby.

Geno Buck hit third, putting up a solid 8 points. When asked what his secret was he replied, "My good luck charm, my son Tyrel! He was with me in Minnesota when I hit 12, so I thought I'd bring him out here as well."

Rounding out today's event was Team Easton's Brian Wegman. Wegman was coming off a huge performance in Tampa Bay having hit 11 homeruns at that event. Once up to the plate, he found it hard to match last event's number, but did manage to put up 8 points, one of which was the longest ball of the day.

But today was all about the Denny Crine show. He was so close to hitting one completely out of the park, that the Mariners staff asked him to hit a few more after the event, just for show. He didn't manage to hit any completely out of the park, but was honored just to hit again. "That was a lot of pressure, being put on the spot like that! I wish I had a few more swings so I could settle in and really blast one," said Crine.

When all the numbers were tallied, Team Miken beat Team Easton by one point, 19 to 18.

The Bombers will be competing in 5 more stadiums for their 2009 regular season. After that, the top-four homerun hitters will advance to the Stadium Power Tour Finals, where the slate is wiped clean, and it's every man for himself.

The Bombers are also competing for the "Manufacturer's Cup" title, which is awarded to the team with the most homeruns at the end of the regular season. So far Miken is maintaining their lead, followed by Easton, Worth, and TPS. Team Miken won this award in 2008.

Fans can follow the Long Haul Bombers on TV's *Softball 360* or online at www.softball360.com.

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