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### **Long Haul Bombers Perform at Tropicana Field** Newcomer Scott Kirby Helps Easton Defeat Worth

June 28, 2009 – St. Petersburg, FL – The Long Haul Bombers Stadium Power Tour continued at Tropicana Field, home of the Tampa Bay Rays. Today's event featured Team Worth's Jeff Hall and BJ Fulk taking on Team Easton's Brian Wegman and substitute bomber Scott Kirby who filled in for veteran Brett Helmer. This was the sixth stop so far this season for the Long Haul Bombers.

These two teams had faced each other only once before this season. Easton won that contest handily, defeating Worth 23 to 13 at San Francisco's AT&T Park. Going into today's contest, Team Miken maintained their lead in the tour while TPS found themselves in last place. Easton and Worth both wanted a top tier performance today to jump into first place.

As always, each hitter was given 15 swings, with the final pitch, or "moneyball," worth two homeruns. Easton's Brian Wegman was the first batter. He wowed the fans in Florida by blasting out 11 huge bombs with his Easton Synergy bat. "Without Helmer here today, I knew I had to step up and be the leader," Wegman said. "But I also have total confidence in Scott Kirby. I'm excited to see him hit. For me, though, I'll take 11 every time!"

Up next was Team Worth's BJ Fulk. He only managed to hit 7 homeruns. "I didn't drink my energy drinks today. I wish I had," Fulk remarked after his performance. "Seven isn't bad, but after Paul [Sadler] hit only 5 for me in San Francisco, I really can't afford a number like seven."

The next hitter was newcomer Scott Kirby. This was Kirby's first ever event as a Long Haul Bomber, and he had huge shoes to fill substituting for Brett Helmer. Nerves may have caused him to hit three ground balls early on, but after shaking off his initial jitters, Kirby ended up knocking out 8 homeruns, including the moneyball, for a total of 9. "I didn't hit the most, so I'm hoping I at least hit the farthest," Kirby told *Softball 360* host Natalie Kane after his turn, echoing the usual mantra of Worth's Jeff Hall. "I'm definitely happy with 9, though, especially for my first time out."

And finally Worth's Hall stepped to the plate. When Natalie told Hall what Kirby had said about hitting the farthest, Hall replied, "Oh we'll see about that." True to his word, Hall went on to blast the longest ball of the night, sending a ball into one of the banners in the farthest reaches of the upper deck. And in the end, he had

amassed 9 homeruns of his own. “What’d I tell you?” Hall asked Natalie during the postgame autograph session. “I always hit the furthest.” It wasn’t enough for an overall team victory, however.

Officially, Team Easton defeated Team Worth today with a final score of 20 to 16

The Bombers will be competing in 6 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](http://www.softball360.com).

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Left to Right:

Brian Wegman –Team Easton, Brett Helmer –Team Easton, JD Genter – Team TPS, JC Phelps – Team TPS, Jeff Hall – Team Worth, BJ Fulk – Team Worth, Denny Crine – Team Miken, Geno Buck –Miken