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The Long Haul Bombers, powered by Home Run Monkey.com and the 2011 Stadium Power Tour get off to a hard hitting start in Miami Florida.



Round one of Stadium Power Tour took flight Sunday May 22, 2011 at Sun Life Stadium in Miami, home of the Florida Marlins of the National League. The Long Haul Bombers are a collection of the world's greatest softball homer run hitters. They present a one of kind home run derby and our represented by some of the best brands in the sporting goods world: DeMarini, Easton, East Coast Athletics, Miken, TPS and Worth.

Each Bomber get 15 swings; each home run is worth one point, except for the last pitch, known as the money ball, which is worth 2 points. Round one at Sun Life Stadium game featured Team Miken, Team Worth and East Coast Athletics.

The stage was set for a great season by Denny Crine of Team Miken. Denny's smooth, classic swing was on display, with 11 home runs and Denny nailed the money ball, worth 2 points for a total of 12 points to take top spot. Crine said he felt good about round one. " My swing felt great, I was hitting the sweet spot and my bat was perfect. The conditions were great, not too much wind, which has been a problem in Miami. It's going to be fantastic season,my goal is to win another championship on the stadium power tour " .

But Crine's goal will not be easy. There was plenty of competition on the field. Greg Connell swinging for Team Worth is close behind. Connell blasted 10 homers and the money ball for 11 points. Many of his blasts were in the upper deck of Sun Life Stadium, providing plenty of softball souvenirs for the fans. Afterward, Connell was quick to point out that that a competitive season lies ahead. " It was a great game and I felt good, sure Crine was strong, but he can be beat this year, it's my championship to win, so keep an eye on team Worth " .

Miken won the team points in Miami, as Crines teammate Jeremy " Izzy " Isenhower blasted 9 homers, for 9 points to put Team Miken on top. Izzy was breathless coming into the locker room and said," It's great being a part Team Miken, as Denny Crine partner, it's like hitting with softball royalty, and we both got off to a good start today " .

A pair of rookie's made their debute in Miami. One was John Gilmore of East Coast Athletics.

At nearly 6 foot 8, Big John cast's a long shadow on the field. John's a veteran of many softball seasons and showed a why he deserved a spot on the Long Haul Bombers, with 8 homers and 8 points.

“ It's great to be on the tour, I only wish my team mate Jeff Hall could not be here, I'm sure he would have hit a few out as well “ .

Jeff Hall was held up by bad weather and canceled plane flights. But he will be back in upcoming evens this season.

The other rookie, Jeff Wallace of Team Worth, was filling in for the injured BJ Fulk.

Jeff blasted 4 home runs and found his mark on the money ball, for a total of 5 points, and was happy to pinch-hit for BJ. “ BJ is mending and will be back in a few games, until then I'm proud to stand in.”

The final standings in Miami:

Denny Crine, Team Miken: 11 homers and the money ball for 12 points.

Greg Connell,Team Worth: 10 homers and the money ball for 12 points.

Jeremy Isenhower,Team Miken: 9 homers for 9 points.

John Gilmore, East Coast Athletics: 8 homers for 8 points.

Jeff Wallace,Team Worth: 4 homers and the money ball for 5 points.

The Home run derby also featured local contest winner Chad Durick, he hit 5 homer and took home some prizes and great memories. I've seen these guys for years and they're the best at what they do, it's an honor to be part of the stadium power tour. “

Sun Life Stadium has hosted a World Series, the Super Bowl even the Rolling Stones.

This is last baseball season at Sunlife, as the Marlin move to a new ballpark in downtown Miami next season.

The world's greatest softball home run hitters continue their 13-city stadium power tour at major league ballparks across America.

Round 2 of the stadium power tour is set for May 29th at Tropicana Field in Tampa, home of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. Team Easton, Miken and Worth are ready to square off.

For the complete schedule go to www.softball360.com

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