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Brian Holman talks about pitching in Tuesday's M's fundamentals stations workouts.

## Mariners squads ready to compete

Keith Comstock has proven a shrewd baseball mind in his multi-year history with the Seattle Mariners Fantasy Camp. His teams have always been competitive, and he has a couple of championships under his belt.

He drafts different players for different reasons, realizing that a baseball team needs many different components to make it function. He drafted the Archibald brothers "because one of them is a really big guy," and he drafted M's rookie Jerry Radich "because he has the

mustache of a porn star." Sound reasoning that will undoubtedly one day elevate Keith to the general managership of a Major League baseball team.

Tom Lampkin, however, says he and Gary Wheelock – who guided his squad to the M's Fantasy Camp championship last year – drafted on the basis of athleticism. Their team is called the The A List, and after finishing dead last in the M's camp last year, Lampkin hopes this year's

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Marie Estorge stepped in behind the plate Tuesday for the G Force.

## G Force still searching for initial victory

They were only the G's on Tuesday, because the Force was certainly not with them.

After losing their second straight heartbreaker in the morning, Greg Cadaret's and Gil Heredia's pitching staff suffered double-header disease and couldn't contain the power of Tres Veces Monday afternoon.

The result was an 18-11 victory for Dave Stewart and Ernie Young's team, leaving them with a pristine 3-0 record, and everyone else looking up at them in the A's Division of the 2009 A's and Mariners Fantasy Camp.

Tres Veces was good enough to record two victories on Monday, but Stewart says they were much better on Tuesday afternoon.

"We caught the ball better today, our throwing was better, our pitching was better, and obviously our offense was better," Stewart said.

Taking a big lead into the late innings of the game was a bonus,

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Scores	
Obamas	9 - G Force 6
Tres Veces	8 - M's VIPs 5
Tres Veces	18 - G Force 11
M's Vets	5 - Obamas 2
A's Standings	
Tres Veces	3 - 0
Obamas	1 - 1
G Force	0 - 3



The Obamas Keith Pflieger puts the ball in play against the Mariners Veterans in a Tuesday afternoon confrontation.

## Games...

Stewart said, because it allowed him to rest some of the regular pitchers, and give second-tier pitchers some experience that might well prove valuable later in the camp.

On another important front, Stewart continued to emphasize that there are no clubhouse issues within the team focusing on team star Dave Henderson. He indicated that Henderson is proving to be a complete team player, and any rumors to the contrary are erroneous.

“You look at the record and you’ll see that Hendu has played in every inning but two,” Stewart said. “He also says he’s a little bit tired.”

The G Force squad has been playing with tough luck all camp.

On Monday, they exploded for an eight-run second inning, and played well before falling narrowly

to Tres Veces. On Tuesday, they were trailing only 4-2 to Tres Veces after three innings. But the fourth was a disaster as the G Force gave up 11 runs, and could never find their way back into the game.

Chris Thielen, the Tres Veces starter, retired the first six G Forces in order to start the game.

Henderson had a solid day at the plate going 2 for 4 with 3 RBI. But his presence in the Tres Veces lineup also manifested itself in another important way. Batting in front of Hendu in the Tres Veces order, Fielding Snow went 3 for 4 with 5 RBI, as G Force pitchers feared walking him ahead of the powerful Henderson.

Chris Thielen was 3 for 3 for Tres Veces.

Charlie Thompson, Steve Biback and Gordon Yost all had 2 for 3 days for the G Force.

In the morning game, the G Force scored a run in the top of the

ninth off Obamas closer Scott Wagner to fashion a 6-6 tie.

But a weary Steve Biback – who for the second straight day was called to the mound in a critical game situation – couldn’t hold the lead as Babitt’s Obamas scored three for 9-6 win.

“We played a great game,” said Obamas manager Shooty Babitt. “The ball bounced our way and our whole club made a big contribution. I’ve been very impressed with all three A’s teams. I’ve seen good competitive baseball games out here.”

“We just didn’t throw strikes early in the game, and that cost us,” G Force manager Greg Cadaret said.

But he had praise for Biback’s effort.

“He came in with the bases loaded and one out in a tie game, and he got us out of it,” Caddy said.

Although Biback — at 5 feet tall and about 102 pounds – does not represent the body type of the prototypical closer, Cadaret said he may continue to use Biback in that role.

“If you think about it, most closers are smaller than the rest of the guys,” Caddy said. “Look at Billy Koch or Houston Street. They aren’t big guys.”

Caddy singled out Marie Estorge for her offensive contributions during the day. And, he said, she turned in a solid performance behind the plate as well in her initial experience as a catcher.

John Lehman and Eric Hoffmann were both 2 for 4 to lead the Obama’s offensive effort. Jim Giordano, Mike Mello and Charlie Thompson each had two hits for the G Force.

# The day in pictures...





Mike Mello gracefully avoids the tag of Jerry Hicks at the plate.

## The Teams

### The "A" List

#### Tom Lampkin and Gary Wheelock

Scott Boyer  
 Scott Collins  
 Craig Freshour  
 Hiro Kida  
 Mike McCluskey  
 Bruce Morrison  
 Kevin Noreen  
 John Rowe  
 Elisa Thomases  
 Kurt Williams  
 Scott Zanzig

### BB's Banditos

#### Bob Didier and Brian Holman

Eric Burak  
 Tim Colwell  
 David Curbow  
 Jim Greene  
 Bart Kale  
 Lance Morgan  
 Rick Nelson  
 Paul Nishimura  
 Richard Senecal  
 Jim Sterba

### Sayonara Bush

#### Keith Comstock and Mike Moore

Drew Archibald  
 Ralph Archibald  
 Dave DePartee  
 Alice Haines  
 Andy Hesser  
 Steve Larson  
 Elaine Morrison  
 Mike Murphey  
 Steve Nardi  
 Jerry Radich  
 Matt Stannard

### Draft...

mixture of veterans and rookies will return him to the championship pedestal he occupied in 2007.

Brian Holman and Bob Didier call their squad BB's Banditos and are depending heavily on a group of veterans. Holman said he will require his team to have a good time.

"I've been here three or four years now," Holman said, "and I just have a blast. If you can't have fun here, then there's something wrong with you." And speaking of something wrong with you...

Comstock explained the naming process of the team he and Mike Moore will coach.

"Last year, I had a lot of rat bastards on my team, so we were the Rat Bastards. This year, I decided to take a more cultural and current direction, so the name of our team is Sayonara Bush."

Added Mike Moore, "I like our chances."

### Stew takes the hill

Inspired by example Hendu, Dave Stewart decided to stage a comeback of his own Tuesday.

Stew picked up the overworked pitching staff of his Tres Veces squad by taking the mound against a team made up of Mariners Fantasy Camp VIP's.

Stewart hung on for five innings to qualify for his 169th career victory with an 8-5 win over the M's.

Rather than trust his lead to the weary Tres Veces bullpen, Stew handed the game over to assistant manager Ernie Young to protect his "W."

And when asked if he might have his eye on a Major League bullpen job, Stew said, "With the state of baseball right now, I think there are a lot teams out there that I could help in the bullpen."

In the second divisional cross-over game a team of Mariners Camp veterans handled the Obamas with a narrow 5-2 victory.