



## SHOOTOUT in SOUTH BRUNSWICK

Drain Works Shockers 7 Bud Light Braves 4. The Carolina Mens Baseball League's first night game of the 2010 season produced the first shootout of the season. On Wednesday evening, the Bud Light Braves squared off against the Drain Works Shockers at the beautiful South Brunswick HS baseball complex. Both teams were fresh off Opening Day victories and eager to continue their winning ways. Both starting pitchers, Jason Worrell for the Braves and Nick Studebaker for the Shockers, were sharp as the teams traded zeros for the first three innings. The Shockers broke through with a run in the fourth and two more in the sixth on successive RBI doubles to left centerfield by Derek Hill and Geoff Buie. The Braves finally broke through with a run in the home seventh. The Shockers answered with a run of their own in the top of the eighth.

Going into the bottom of the ninth, the Shockers led 4-1. But as often is the case, the last three outs are the toughest to get. The Braves battled back with several ringing line drives to score three times. The big blows were an RBI single by Rookie David Branch and a clutch two out rope by C Randy Bills to drive in the tying run. With the go ahead run at third for the Braves, the shocked Shockers were able to avoid defeat by getting the third out without further damage. This set the stage for the season's first shootout. Under CMBL Rules, a tie after regulation requires a shootout – the team at bat in the first extra inning starts with a runner at second base and a 2-1 count on each batter.

In the tenth inning Rookie Nick Pourasef blasted a double to drive in the eventual game winner. The Shockers added two more runs to take a 7-4 lead into the bottom of the tenth inning. Jon Brunson came in to close out the victory by holding the Braves scoreless and striking out the last Brave in an emotional game. These teams face off again on Sunday at Pender HS at 4 pm.

