

James Corden Umpires A Beer League Softball Game

Corden says that he was never much for playing ball when he was younger because it's not really a British thing, and his Dad was too busy just working around the yard to play with him much anyway. But he just discovered adult beer softball leagues, and they look fun. He's a little too old to play now, but he's not too old to umpire and drink beer. Cut to him showing up at home plate in a tuxedo and top hat, already drinking beer as he meets with the other umpires. He asks them the most basic questions about the game, like what's a bat and how does a run score? When he's told there are 3 outs, he asks if that means that everyone else is still in the closet. He eventually gets into arguments with the other umps about rules and their ability, and this continues throughout the game.

Since it's a softball league, he's constantly drinking beers. As he gets drunker, he starts sort of playing the game as a player. He slides into bases (camera shows him sliding in from one side and the runner sliding in from another). He grabs the ball and tags a runner but still calls him safe because "I missed the tag". He asks for an instant replay, and when told they don't have that, he looks at a video on his phone of the movie "Field of Dreams". It's the moment when Kevin Costner says "Hey Dad, you wanna have a catch?" The camera then cuts back to Corden with buckets of tears running down his face.

Corden starts arguments with managers, chest-bumping the manager, throwing his hat and kicking dirt on the plate. When a ball is hit out of play (either a homer or a foul over the backstop), he reaches into his ballbag and pulls out a donut and eats it.

The segment ends with him passed out drunk on the ground at home plate and all the players and managers covering him up by kicking dirt on him. They leave, he comes to, shakes off some of the dirt, and says faintly, "Hey Dad, you wanna have a catch?" His Dad (an older version of Corden) then pours a wheelbarrow full of dirt on him.