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'Major East' Royals win 8-2 over Marlins

The "Major East" Royals got back on the winning track by defeating the Marlins, 8-2.

Matt Prangel picked up his third win of the season by shutting down the Marlins' attack in the first two innings. Prangel allowed no runs on one hit while striking out four batters. Tim Coulter got the save, blanking the Marlins on two hits and striking out five batters.

The Royals picked up one run in the first as middle reliever Rob Paslaqua knocked home Coulter with a single to left. The Royals scored two more runs as Richard Schwartz led off the second inning with a single and came home on a passed ball and Tommy Weisansal drew a walk, stole second and third and came home on Jake Berke's sacrifice grounder.

The Marlins picked up two runs in the top of the third. Call-up Michael Heyden reached on a fielder's choice, stole second, and came home when a pickoff attempt got away at third. Brian Costello reached base on a rare catcher's interference call and came home on a passed ball to bring the score to 3-2.

The Royals scored one run in their half of the third when Brian Bookbinder drew a walk and came home on Coulter's blast to the right center field fence for a double.

The Royals picked up four more runs in the bottom of the fourth as Schwartz and Weisansal reached on errors and scored. Andrew Zgoda and Berke drew walks and scored the final two runs of the inning and the game.

Peter Giancarlo pitched an outstanding final inning for the Marlins and struck out four batters to get three outs as one of the batters reached on a dropped third strike. Giancarlo also doubled in the first inning and teammate Matt Mangone had a hit and played outstanding defense.

Call-ups Michael Heyden and Jeremy Zgoda showed they could play at the Major East level with Heyden getting a hit in the fifth. Mike Geiger played well at second for the Royals.

Royals 19, Yankees 5

The Royals downed the Yankees with two-out rallies in the first and second innings and scoring a combined 11 runs. With two down in the top of the first, Timmy Coulter started things off with a single to right that led to the Royals batting the order and scoring six runs.

Hard shots hits by Richard Schwartz and Andy Zgoda did the RBI damage in key situations.

In the top of the second, Coulter got things going again with single up the gut and was assisted by Michael Gieger's shot down the first base line for a two-run double.

The Yankees came right back in their half of the inning with three runs of their own. Landin Murphy and Ryan Moore had the timely hits to close the gap to 11-3. After shutting down the Royal attack in the third, the Yankees scored once more run as Nick Radice singled to right and scored on Jack Fitzpatrick's sacrifice grounder.

The Royals exploded for eight runs in the fourth. Matt Prangel's shot to second was too hot to handle and scored on Schwartz's single to right center.

Zgoda then doubled home Schwartz. Catcher Brendon Chambers singled to left to score Zgoda just before Coulter's third hit of the day plated two more runs. Ryan Czerwinski blooped in a Texas leaguer to left for a single that scored Rob Paslaqua, who drew an earlier walk for the final Royal run of the game.

In the bottom of the third, Royal outfielder Jake Berke robbed Ryan Seyfried of a base hit by sprinting to his fly ball and making a diving catch, ending the inning and possible rally. Seyfried returned the favor by doing the same thing in the fourth to Prangel.

At the plate, the Royals got solid production from Coulter (three hits, two RBIs), Paslaqua (two hits, two walks, RBI), Gieger (two hits, double, two RBIs) and Schwartz (hit, four RBIs). Paslaqua picked up his second win on the mound for the Royals as Prangel and Coulter finished the game.

'Majors West' baseball Braves 18, Brewers 6

The Braves continued their winning ways with a great team effort over the Brewers. Every Brave either scored or knocked in a run.

Tom Krasinski was 2 for 3 with three runs and four RBIs, Joey Couche was 1 for 3 with three runs and three RBIs, and Jeremy Zgoda had a double with three runs and three RBIs.

Other Braves chipping in were Mark Glieco (single, three runs), David Costanzo (two runs,

RBI), Richard Patti (two runs, RBI), Sam Scime (four RBIs), and Zach Fancher (run, RBI).

Cole Bogacz (single, two runs, RBI), John Vaughan (two singles, run, two RBIs), Andrew Wolf (single, RBI) and Christian Wheatley (single, run) powered the Brewer offense.

Braves' pitchers Costanzo, Krasinski, and Patti tossed a six-hitter with 13 strikeouts in five innings of work.

Braves 11, A's 10

The A's and the Braves fought a tough see-saw battle that saw the lead change three times before the Braves squeaked out the win.

The A's jumped out to a 3-0 and then a 6-2 lead on the hitting of Ryan Cronin (single, two runs), Matt Ruggiero (single, RBI, three runs), and Danny Tyczinski (2 for 2, four RBIs, two runs).

The Braves scored single runs in the first and second and then exploded for seven runs in the third, highlighted by a Tom Krasinski grand slam home run. Krasinski added a double and finished with six RBIs and two runs.

The A's grabbed the lead back in the fourth with runs by Ryan Myers, Adam Stadelman, and Eric Lambert. They added another run in the fifth when David D'Agostino singled in Ruggiero. The Braves came back in the bottom of the fifth with Krasinski knocking in Jeremy Zgoda (triple, three runs) and David Costanzo (2 for 3, RBI, run) knocking in Krasinski with the game winner.

Sam Scime continued his torrid hitting for the Braves with a RBI double and scored a run. Richard Patti was 2 for 3 with a RBI, Connor McKenna added a RBI and two runs, and Joey Couche knocked in a run with a sacrifice fly.

Despite the score, the game saw some great defense. A's shortstop Chris Gautreau made several excellent plays and Costanzo made a potentially game saving play at short for the Braves.

Costanzo, McKenna, Patti, and Krasinski combined for 12 strikeouts and the win.

Red Sox 17, Cardinals 7

The Red Sox brought the lumber again Saturday afternoon as they beat the Cardinals 17-7. The Red Sox scored early and often, pounding out a team record 21 hits over six innings.

Francisco McGowan hit two home runs and

Matt Mcomber knocked his first home run of the season. Jimmy Honsberger tallied five hits and pitched three solid innings.

Eric Kwietniewski joined the hit parade with three hits of his own, with Eric Jacobs picking up a hit, stealing two bases and scoring a run. A.J. Aqualino had his usual excellent game in the field and at bat with four hits and three runs to his credit.

The Cardinals hung around all game on the strength of Nolan Burch's pitching, spectacular defense and hitting. David Krasinski kept his hot bat alive with two more hits for the Cardinals.

Red Sox 17, Mets 7

The Red Sox brought the bats last week in beating the Mets 17-7.

The Red Sox scored seven runs in the first inning and never looked back as Stephen Taraboletti provided the big blow with a two-out single that scored two runs. Taraboletti finished the evening with three hits.

Francisco McGowan crushed a long grand slam home run in the third.

Dante Sparcino and Chris Mussachio were fearless on the bases with both stealing three bases, including a steal of home apiece. Drew Sember added a hit and a run scored.

The Mets big bats came from the Heyden brothers, Tommy and Michael along with Nick Molnar who chipped in with a long double in the first.

'AAA' baseball

Cardinals 14, Brewers 5

The Cardinals continued their hot hitting streak with a win last week over the Brewers.

Michael Steffan led the way with three hits, including a grand slam and a double. Other offensive contributors for the Cardinals were Nathan Berke, Matthew Foster, Joe Davoli and Andy Meyer.

Defensively, Shawn Barbalato, Dylan Walker, John Herman, Nick Valenti, and Joe Canell made nice plays in the field.

For the Brewers, Victoria Patti, Lucas Zelasko, Dylan Wild, Kyle Gruber and Jacob Johnson pitched well in the defeat. Lauren Zelasko, Jacob Ondrusek, Keelan Sinha, Andrew Achenbach and John Hessler played well defensively.

Braves edge A's in Connie Mack U11 opener

The sunny skies at Dellwood North ushered in a new season of Connie Mack softball as the Braves and A's faced off in the opener for the Athletics. The Braves won 10-9.

The Braves bats were hot early. Hannah Floss singled and the A's Rachel Callea fielded the ball to hold the lead runner at third base. Holly Sullivan, Becky Bacalucci and Hannah Floss were plated by Julie Sullivan, Kyra Sweeney and Laurie Lawron, spotting the visitors to a 3-0 lead.

The A's scored one run in the bottom of the first when Megan Mallon scored. Julie Sullivan fielded Alison Staebell's hit and threw to catcher Jenna Battaglia for a force out of Callea at home plate.

The Braves added three runs in the second when Battaglia, Sara Doyle and Meg Gramza scored and Maggie Doyle walked.

Sophia Militello was the A's sole base runner in the bottom of the second as Julie Sullivan struck out

two and Sweeney caught Callea's fly ball to end the inning.

The Braves tacked on three in the top of the third to bring the score to 9-1.

The A's began to rally with three in the third as Kelsey Dwello walked and scored after consecutive singles by Megan and Melissa Mallon. Megan and Melissa both scored on Brigid Ryan's single to center, bringing the score to 9-4.

Megan Mallon took the mound for the A's and struck out seven Braves as well as teaming with Melissa Mallon for an out at first over the course of three innings.

The bottom of the fourth saw the A's move three runs closer as Taylor Gibbon, Militello and Rebecca Regan scored on RBIs by Samantha Dispenza, Lizzie Pittari and Dwello.

The A's added two in the fifth when Megan Mallon scored on Melissa Mallon's single. After Staebell advanced Melissa Mallon, she scored on Gib-

bon's sacrifice.

Sara Doyle tacked one run for the Braves in the sixth, but a big inning was thwarted when Callea fielded Julie Sullivan's drive to center and threw to Ryan at second for an inning ending force.

The game was saved for the Braves by Holly Sullivan in the bottom of the sixth when she caught Callea's line drive and alertly doubled a runner of first, stranding Rebecca Regan, the tying run, at third.

Athletics 10, Red Sox 7

On a sunny but cool morning, the A's and Red Sox met for the first time this season at Garnet 2.

The visiting A's bats were hot in the top of the first inning. Kelsey Dwello's walk was followed by Megan Mallon's drive to center field. After some alert base running, Melissa Mallon's single scored her sister. Alison Staebell singled and Brigid Ryan's hit to right was the team's fourth in a row and scored Melissa

Mallon. Taylor Gibbon hit Staebell home to bring the A's to three runs.

The Red Sox returned fire as Amanda and Jen Krajnik and Jordan Tiras plated Jamie Schuh, Amy Trabert and Madeline Grisko to even the score at 1-1.

In the second, the Athletics continued to hit. Sophia Militello scored on Rebecca Regan's hit. Militello and Sammy Dispenza raced home on hits by Rachel Callea and Megan Mallon. The Red Sox countered in the bottom of the second as Dominique Jones singled, stole second and third, and scored on Grace Garlick's single.

The A's added one run in the top off the third when Melissa Mallon scored on Taylor Gibbon's sharp grounder to second. The Red Sox tied it up in the bottom of the third as Schuh, Grisko and Amanda Krajnik scored to knot the score at 7-7.

In the fourth, the A's Sammy Dispenza walked, advanced on a walk, and scored on Megan Mallon's sharp

hit to short. Sharp pitching by Tricia Andrews limited the A's to one run that inning.

The Red Sox's Shannon DesRosiers and Dominique Jones got aboard in the bottom of the fourth but Megan Mallon, in relief for the A's, struck out three in a row to end the inning.

In the fifth, the Red Sox fielding foiled the A's as Grisko and Gina Maisano teamed for an out at first and Krajnik grabbed a line drive at short-stop.

Megan Mallon's strong pitching held the Red Sox over the last three innings. Red Sox Jones and Grisko and the A's Callea each pitched two solid innings. Amy Trabert, Tricia Andrews and the A's Gibbon each pitched one inning.

The Red Sox awarded their game ball to Krajnik for her excellent defensive play at multiple positions. Kelsey Dwello received the A's game ball for her crucial hit and run scored in the sixth.

Central Amherst Little League

Zimmerman plates winning run for Orioles' victory against Cubs

With the score tied at 8-8 in the bottom of the sixth inning, Central Amherst Major Oriole C.J. Westcott led off with one of his three hits on the night, advanced to third base on some nice base running and scored on a single up the middle from George Zimmerman for the winning run to beat the Cubs, 9-8.

Zimmerman finished with three singles.

In the fourth, Nick Hillebrand provided some excitement for the Orioles with an inside-the-park-home run.

Westcott pitched two stellar innings and made a spectacular catch in center field off the bat of Michael Schake.

Mike Spina and Tom Springer added two hits each for the Orioles along with some great defensive play by Airic Thornton in the field.

The Cubs were led by the hitting of Lucas Fromen and Dan Fuhlman with two hits each along with some nice defensive work by Madison Maley.

Orioles 7, Yankees 6

With the Orioles holding a 4-2 lead in the top of the sixth inning, Ben Morina tied it for the Yankees with a two-run double.

The Yankees tacked on two more to take a 6-4 lead in the bottom of the sixth.

The always reliable duo of Nick Hillebrand and George Zimmerman (combined for five hits) and a nice bunt by CJ Westcott enabled the Orioles to tie it at 6-6 with one out. With Westcott perched on third, a clutch base hit by John Barden drove home the speedy Westcott with the winning run.

In the second, Andrew Pierino took care of all three outs with line outs off Yankee bats. Michael Spina and Hillebrand turned in fine pitching efforts for the Orioles along with great catching by Eric Ruh, who threw out a runner and had two hits. Ben Morina played a solid all-around game for the Yankees and Alex Pizzuto delivered a clutch two-run double in the second inning to cut the oriole lead to 3-2.

Yankees 8, Phillies 4

Pitcher Dylan Booth started for the Yankees and held the Phillies scoreless for two innings. Booth was helped by his teammates with Morgan Nagy catching a pop-up at second base and Ben Morina making a put-out at short stop.

The Phillies came alive in the third inning with runs by Nick Boccio, Shane Wirth and

Connor DiPasquale. The Yankees answered with runs by Robert Rummings, Evan Thielman, and Joy Primerano.

Evan Thielman took the mound for the Yankees in the fifth and threw two strong innings. Defensive help was provided by Jake Alessandria, who made a diving catch in right field, and Brian Thielman, who made a grab at second.

Joe Comer scored for the Phillies in the sixth inning. Evan Thielman demonstrated his cat-like reflexes by snagging a hard liner up the middle. Cloogie Barnett pulled the ball down the third base line and scored in the fifth.

Alex Pizzuto started his first game as catcher, giving the Yankees a solid backstop. Patrick McIntyre and Patrick Gramza pitched well for the Phillies.