

Lou Gehrig Major 'A' Nationals split recent contests

The Lou Gehrig Major "A" baseball game between the Nationals and Athletics had four lead changes but the Nationals ended up on top, 11-7.

Jeremy Recoon got the Athletics going in the bottom of the first inning when he crushed a ball over the center field fence for his third home run of the season.

The Nationals' Casey Davis doubled home a run in the top of the second to tie the game.

Bobby Gonzalez had a bases-loaded double in the bottom of the second to put the Athletics up by three, but again, the Nationals drew even with Tommy Styn's double and singles by Scott Baum, Jake Shine and Adam Hepp.

Mark Lesinski put the A's ahead again with another bases-loaded double, but the Nationals' offense took over from there, highlighted by a Jim Davis double, Mitch Wagner's RBI single, and Shine's first home run of the season.

Brewers 7, Nationals 4

The Brewers got great pitching performances from Ryan Winkler and Kyle Zurak, who combined for 10 strikeouts.

At the plate, Winkler had a single and double and scored twice and Zurak provided excitement with a monstrous three-run homer over the

left center field fence in the fourth inning. Josh Sadkin chipped in an RBI double for the Brewers.

The Nationals got on the board when Dom Penna's base hit to left field scored two runs. Adam Hepp's double scored Penna and Jake Shine had an RBI single in the sixth.

'AAA' baseball Orioles 3, Cubs 2

This was a game with too many good defensive plays that runs were hard to come by.

Ben Wald of the Orioles scored what turned out to be the winning run in the top of the sixth inning on a Brandon Quagliana RBI single.

The Cubs loaded the bases in the bottom of the sixth with two outs, however Orioles pitcher Andrew Spitznogle struck out the last batter on a three-balls, two-strike count to end the game in dramatic fashion.

Orioles 12, Red Sox 9

The Orioles led 12-5 going into the bottom of the sixth inning and barely held on to beat the Red Sox.

With four runs already in, two outs and the bases still loaded, it took a great fielding play by Andrew Spitznogle at shortstop to Stephen Frost at first base to end the Red Sox rally.

Solid pitching was turned in by the Orioles' Matt Schwallie and Mike

Paolini, who allowed no runs each.

The Red Sox's Tyler Eldridge struck out the first three Orioles batters. Connor Thomas and Taylor Kurtz led the Red Sox offense while Brendan Quagliana's two hits and Mike Shanahan's two-RBI triple led the Orioles.

Minor 'A' softball Angels 18, Red Sox 3

The Angels' Lexi Mulone was a perfect 6 for 6 at the plate and scored three runs, Ellie Garrity contributed five hits and four runs scored, and Megan Fish had four hits, including a double in the first inning, as the Angels defeated the Red Sox, 18-3, on May 17.

Jamie Zwick and Brianna Reaser also had five hits each and Olivia Faracca and Morgan Simon chipped in four hits apiece. Miranda Fish had three hits and scored three runs.

In the field, Simon, Mulone and Megan Fish teamed up to record three outs on the bases. In the third, Simon fielded a grounder and threw to Mulone at first in time to beat the runner. In the fifth, Megan Fish scooped up a hot shot to short and threw to Simon covering third to get the lead runner. In the sixth, Mulone chased down a grounder and threw to Megan Fish at first to record the second out of the inning.

Kylie Smith and Sydney Hall had outstanding efforts for the Red Sox. The Angels had loaded the bases in the top of the fifth with no outs but were limited to one run in the inning when the pair teamed up to record two outs at the plate. Smith had to react quickly on consecutive plays to field two hard grounders, throwing to Sydney covering home to beat the Angels base runners. Smith also recorded three unassisted outs at first base.

Maribeth Vain and Sydney Sadkin also provided the Red Sox strong defensive play throughout the game. Smith and Hall were each 3 for 3 at the plate, while Vain, Abby Gnozzo, Anna Zuefle, Olivia Sharf, and Jessica Weaver contributed two hits each.

White Sox 18, Diamondbacks 3

On a sweltering Thursday night at Lou Gehrig, the White Sox bats continued to be red-hot.

Amanda Greenwald and Elena Kotrides each scored four runs and Clare Ahern had seven RBIs as the White Sox defeated the Diamondbacks, 18-3. Abby Welch was a perfect 5 for 5 as the White Sox leadoff hitter also scored two runs and added an RBI. Rachel Kieffer and Heather Hurley each scored three runs and played solid defensively for the White Sox.

Julia Gaglio had four hits, scored a run, and turned in a great defensive play at second base to end a Diamondbacks threat in the sixth inning. Kotrides continued her stellar defensive play, with putouts from both the pitcher and shortstop positions. Kieffer, Ahern, Greenwald, and Welch all contributed outstanding defensive plays for the White Sox.

Chelsea Bennett went 3 for 3 with a run scored for the Diamondbacks. Lea Cutler also went 3 for 3 and turned in several great defensive plays. Erin Fabian also stood out defensively for the Diamondbacks and went 2 for 3 with a run scored.

White Sox 10, Royals 7

The White Sox won their third in a row with a come from behind victory over the Royals on Saturday at Lou Gehrig.

After retiring the Royals in the first inning, the White Sox loaded the bases, but failed to score.

The Royals took a 2-0 lead in the second when Emily Trotman hit an RBI single and the Royals again silenced the White Sox bats. The White Sox then held the Royals to one run in the third on stellar defensive play by Amanda Greenwald, Elena Kotrides, Clare Ahern, and Abby Welch.

The White Sox bats' came alive in the bottom half of the inning, scoring five runs with a two-out rally started by Kotrides and ended with runs by Julia Gaglio and Rachel Kieffer.

Neither team could score in the fourth but both teams turned in some outstanding defensive plays. Alexandra Jehle made a great catch of a pop fly to third base for the Royals and Brooke McKinnon and Kendal Rehak made two solid putouts for the White Sox.

The Royals got four runs in the fifth to take a 7-5 lead when Rachel

Migliore scored her second run of the game and Trotman collected another RBI. However, the White Sox hit seven straight singles in the bottom half of the fifth inning which led to runs by McKinnon, Shannon McNulty, Rehak, Welch, and Kotrides to take a 10-7 lead. The Royals got their first batter on in the top of the sixth, but back-to-back putouts by McNulty from the pitcher's mound snuffed out the rally and preserved the White Sox victory.

White Sox 22, Angels 13

The White Sox offensive juggernaut continued on Sunday afternoon at Lou Gehrig as they pounded out 36 hits in a 22-13 win over the Angels.

Abby Welch, Kendal Rehak, and Julia Gaglio each scored four runs and Clare Ahern and Amanda Greenwald each had five RBIs to lead the White Sox. Miranda Fish had three hits and scored two runs and Lexi Mulone had four RBIs for the Angels, who made some early defensive plays to keep the game tight at 4-4 after two innings.

Brooke McKinnon led off the third inning with a single and the next seven batters followed with base hits to give the White Sox a five-run third inning and a lead that they would never relinquish.

Shannon McNulty had a key hit and collected the first of her three RBIs on the day. After holding the Angels scoreless in the bottom of the third, the White Sox added five runs in the fourth with Elena Kotrides starting the rally. Kotrides was 6 for 7 at the plate.

The Angels scored in the bottom of the fourth but the White Sox again responded with five runs in the fifth. The Angels rallied for two runs in the bottom of the fifth with Margaret Niederpruem and Miranda Fish scoring and Megan Fish pounding an RBI single.

The White Sox got three insurance runs in the sixth when McKinnon lined an RBI single down the left field line to score Gaglio.

The Angels rallied for six runs in the bottom of the sixth before Rehak fielded a sharp grounder at short and threw to Welch at third for the final out to snuff out the rally.

Central Amherst

'AA Sr.' Yankees defeat Cubs, 16-9

The Central Amherst "AA Sr." Yankees jumped out to a 5-0 lead after the first inning and defeated the Cubs, 16-9, on Thursday, May 24.

Marcellus Cooper led the offense with an RBI single and Tommy Gioia pitched a terrific first inning, facing four batters and striking out three.

In the second, Alex Rodriguez, Jimmy Featherstone, Jonathan Zarzecki, Jonathan Spina, and Sam Lobuzzetta all scored for the Yankees to give them a 10-run lead.

The Cubs came back to score three runs in the bottom of the second. Cole Gleichenhaus and Aubrey Rockoff walked to lead off the inning and Zeb Hare loaded the bases with a short single. Matthew Boccio and Reed Bihary added RBI singles to make the score 10-3.

Spina pitched strong for the Yankees, striking out two to keep the Cubs from adding to their total. The Yankees added four more runs, sparked by hits from Rodriguez and Gioia.

The Cubs kept battling, doubling their run total to six in the third inning. Lobuzzetta made a nice stop of a bouncer hit back to the pitcher's mound. He stabbed the ball and tossed it over to Gioia on first for the first out of the inning. Lobuzzetta struck out two of the last three batters to keep the Cubs from closing the gap further.

The Yankees tacked on two more insurance runs in the final inning, highlighted by Zarzecki's RBI single which knocked in Alex Kracker to give the Yankees their 16th run. Hare and Boccio singled in the Cubs' final inning, adding three more runs to make the final score 16-9.

Zarzecki pitched well for the Yankees, getting back-to-back strikeouts to stem the Cubs' comeback.

'Major' Baseball Orioles 9, Dodgers 4

With some timely hitting and strong pitching performances by George Zimmermann, Andrew Pierino and Eric Ruh, the Orioles won 9-4.

Colin Gibson's leadoff single in the fourth helped spark a four-run outburst by the Orioles in the top stanza.

A perfect throw from Zimmermann in center field to cut down a runner at the plate stopped a Dodger rally in the bottom of the fourth.

The Orioles' CJ Westcott scorched a ball in the fifth for a stand-up double. Nick Hillebrand was spectacular behind the plate for the Orioles, throwing out two base stealers at second and tagging three runners out at home. Matthew Connolly pitched two strong innings, striking out four and Luke White contributed two nice base hits along with some nice glove work in the field for the Dodgers.

Orioles 15, Tigers 7

George Zimmermann's three hits helped power the Orioles to victory.

Also turning in multiple hit performances for the Orioles were John Barden, Eric Ruh, CJ Westcott, and Nick Hillebrand. Ruh, Westcott and Zimmermann reached base in all four plate appearances.

Westcott and Hillebrand turned in strong pitching outings for the Orioles. Airic Thornton made a nice play at shortstop in the first inning, taking away what looked like a sure Tiger hit up the middle.

The Tigers were led by Joey Insalaco and Stephen Ciocca, who had two hits each in trying to rally their team.

Sports briefs

Amherst's girls outdoor track team beat Williamsville East, 104-37, on Tuesday, May 15. The Lady Tigers had three double winners - Sarah Lister (100 hurdles, 17.8; 400 hurdles, 110.8), Arielle Januszkiewicz (1500, 5:13; 3000, 11:56) and Allison Rogers (100, 12.4; 200, 25.7). Rogers also anchored the 4x100 relay first place time of 51.2, a new school record. Stephine Woods, Nasya Watson, and Ariella Korn also ran the event. Olivia May won the triple jump in 32-9.5.

Amherst resident Mike Pizzuto, a member of Geneseo State College's men's lacrosse team, earned State University of New York Athletic Conference first team honors. Pizzuto was ranked third on the team in scoring with 24 goals and eight assists.

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