

Connie Mack U-11 Braves beat Athletics, 7-4

The Connie Mack U-11 softball Athletics met the Braves on Dellwood North for the third time this season, winning 7-4.

The Braves took the early lead and never looked back. Athletics leadoff batter Melissa Mallon drove a ball to deep left field for a triple and scored on a bunt put in play by Kelsey Dwello. Dwello scored on successive walks to Megan Mallon, Sophia Militello, and Taylor Gibbon.

Braves pitcher Julie Sullivan struck out two batters and fielded a grounder and tossed it to Kyra Sweeney at first for the third out. Holly Sullivan led off for the Braves and hit a long fly ball to left center field but sure-handed Megan Mallon grabbed it for the out. Julie Sullivan, Hannah Floss, Kyra Sweeney, Cheyanne Kurzweg, Jenna Battaglia, and Laura Lawron all walked to give the Braves their three runs for the inning.

The Athletics were unable to score in the second as Floss, on the mound for the Braves, allowed one hit to Melissa Mallon, a walk to Sammy Dispenza and struck out three batters, stranding the A's runners on second and third base.

The Braves' Sarah Boyle got an infield hit when she beat the throw to first and advanced when A's pitcher Brigid Ryan fielded a grounder hit by Margaret Boyle and threw to first, again not in time. The next four batters walked to increase the Braves score to six runs.

The Athletics were able to score one run in

the third when Megan Mallon walked, stole two bases and scored on a single from Allison Staebell.

Staebell advanced on a walk to Ryan but they were held from scoring when Floss struck out two batters and Holly Sullivan fielded a sharply hit grounder at second and got the throw to Sweeney at first beating the batter, Taylor Gibbon.

Kurzweg scored the only run for the Braves in the bottom of the third after hitting up the middle for a single, advancing on stolen bases and scoring on a sacrifice from Lawron hit up the first base line and fielded by Kaitlyn Schinaman. A's pitcher Rachel Callea tallied two strikeouts to complete the inning.

Schinaman hit a towering fly ball to start off the fourth inning but infielder Julie Sullivan judged it correctly for the first out. Dispenza drew a walk and scored on a single from Rebecca Regan. Callea drove a liner to center field but was put out by Battaglia's great catch.

The A's hopes stayed alive as the bases were loaded on walks to Dwello and Megan Mallon but were dashed when Margaret Boyle caught a fly ball hit by Staebell to retire the side.

Megan Mallon took the mound for the Athletics for the fourth and fifth innings and held the Braves to no further runs on a combination of five strikeouts and fielding a pop fly. Margaret Boyle was the only Brave to put the ball in play and was safe on an error at first.

The A's were unable to score in the last two

innings as the Braves starting pitcher, Julie Sullivan returned to the mound. She struck out two batters, fielded grounders from Ryan and Callea and was helped out by her sister Holly Sullivan and Sarah Boyle, who caught fly balls in the field.

Red Sox 15, Athletics 9

The Red Sox were hot early and prevailed over the Athletics at Dellwood North on a warm and humid Saturday morning.

The Red Sox scored three runs in the top of the first inning. Gina Maisano singled and Amy Trabert walked. Jamie Schuh's hit to left center field scored Maisano.

Dominique Jones hit sharply to first where Brigid Ryan took the force out as Trabert scored. Sarah Parish singled, bringing home Schuh before the A's came to the plate. The A's managed to load the bases on walks to Rachel Callea, Sophia Militello, and Kelsey Dwello but were held scoreless when Trabert caught Megan Mallon's fly ball and Madeline Grisko fielded Melissa Mallon's sharp grounder and threw to Jen Krajnik at first for the third out.

Grisko led off the second with a shot to center field but was held to a single when Melissa Mallon fielded it on two hops and threw to Militello who had second base covered. Red Sox Trisha Andrews, Jen and Amanda Krajnik, and Grace Garlick walked, setting the stage for Maisano's single, which brought the score to 6-0.

The A's started back in the bottom of the

second. Katelyn Schinaman led off with a double to deep left center and moved to third on Taylor Gibbon's single. Sammy Dispenza drew a walk to load the bases for Callea's two-RBI single.

The Red Sox remained hot through the third as Amy Trabert walked, stole second, and scored on Jamie Schuh's single. The A's Callea caught Jones' hit before Madeline Grisko's double to center scored Trabert and Schuh. The Mallon sisters then robbed Tricia Andrews of an RBI as Melissa fielded a hard hit and threw to Megan at first for the third out.

The A's scored three in the third. Megan Mallon singled, Ryan walked, and Dwello was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Melissa Mallon fouled off a few before drawing a walk that scored Megan Mallon. Ryan scored on Schinaman's single. After Lizzie Pittari singled, Melissa Mallon scored on Gibbon's sacrifice.

The top of the fourth saw Megan Mallon come on to strike out three and hold the Red Sox without a run. The A's Rebecca Regan walked and ran home with the A's sixth run narrowing the game to 8-6.

Each team added a run in the fifth as the mercury expanded and the fans described mirages of water on the adjoining field.

The Red Sox finished strong in the sixth, scoring six runs on a handful of walks and hits by Jones, Jen Krajnik and Grisko. The A's tacked on three in the bottom of the sixth as Callea, Mallon, and Ryan scored.

Central Amherst 'AAA' Cardinals win close games

The Central Amherst "AAA" Cardinals played two games in two days, narrowly defeating each opponent by one run. The games were played on May 25 and May 26.

Cardinals 9, Red Sox 8

Down 8-2, the Red Sox rallied for six runs in the last inning on timely hits by Jacob Zarzecki, Christopher Multerer, and Austin Martin. Devon Florczak and Joshua Menegaux each scored two runs for the Red Sox in the contest.

Tied at 8-8, the Cardinals' Adam Merkle led off the inning with a walk. Free passes for Tony Regan, Andrew Boccio, and Austin Ballard sealed the victory for the Cardinals. Merkle's run proved to be the game winner.

Dante Merrill recorded his first multiple hit game, going 2 for 3 with a single and a double good for four RBIs. Boccio had a double and triple good for two RBIs. Jack Quinlivan and Peter Byrne combined for two hits and three runs scored.

Cardinals 13, Phillies 12

The Cardinals faced the Phillies for the first time this season.

The Phillies jumped out to a 5-1 lead after the first inning, sparked by a double from Christopher Monin. The Cardinals rallied for six runs in the second off doubles by Peter Byrne and MJ Morris.

The Phillies countered with six runs of their own in the bottom of the second. Dathan Lee singled and Emilee Foster, Joseph Suk, Joe Foster and Monin walked.

With the score 13-12 and the Phillies up for last at-bat, Cardinals pitcher Jack Quinlivan struck out the

side, giving the Cardinals their fourth win of the season.

The Cardinals' August Howell and Peter Byrne each scored two runs and Joe Montalbano drove in a run and scored a run.

'AA Sr.' baseball

Yankees 16, Tigers 10

The Tigers jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning, led by a two-RBI smash by Ryan Staggs. Sam Lobuzzetta pitched a strong inning for the Yankees, collecting two strikeouts.

The Yankees stormed right back to take a 4-3 lead in the bottom of the inning. Jonathan Zarzecki, Jonathan Spina, and Lobuzzetta hit back-to-back-to-back singles and all went on to score. Marcellus Cooper added an RBI single to give the Yankees the lead. Staggs made a nice catch of Tommy Gioia's pop fly to keep the Yankees from adding to their lead.

Joe Miller started out the second inning strong, pitching for the Yankees and retiring the first two batters he faced. He had some help from a fine play by Cooper, who fielded a grounder to second and threw the ball to Alyssa Helak for the force at first.

The Tigers wouldn't quit as Kyle Blenman, Noah Reinhart, and Staggs had consecutive base hits to add three more runs to their total.

The Yankees added three runs of their own to maintain their one-run lead. Miller led off with a single, Jimmy Featherstone walked, and Zarzecki added another single to load the bases. Spina then hit a hard

grounder to Tigers pitcher Cameron Ciesielski, who scooped it up and tossed it to Blenman at the plate to force the runner coming from third. Gioia added an RBI single to make the score 7-6 after two.

Spina pitched a strong third inning for the Yankees, getting three strikeouts, but the Tigers still managed to score two runs on a single by Blenman and a double by Staggs.

The Yankees added five runs in the bottom of the third to make the score 12-8. The Tigers were limited to two runs in the bottom of the fourth due in part to Gioia's terrific pitching, adding three more strikeouts to his total.

The Yankees added four more runs in the bottom of the fourth, highlighted by Cooper's leadoff single.

Tigers 11, Red Sox 0

Behind the pitching of Cam Ciesielski (six strikeouts), Ian Snyder (five strikeouts), and Kyle Blenman (three strikeouts), the Tigers shut out the Red Sox.

The Tigers capitalized on walks to Ciesielski, Jake Maley, Noah Reinhart, and Ryan Staggs with singles by Snyder and Tyler Probst to build up a 5-0 lead in the first inning. Walks to Derek Alford, Dakota Davis, and Blenman loaded the bases in the third and a Ciesielski single drove in another run. Three more runs came in making the score 9-0 at the end of three.

In the fifth, a triple by Reinhart drove in two more runs. Pitching then took over in holding the Red Sox scoreless. Bo Stroud, with a stellar game behind the plate, led the Red

Sox with three hits.

'AAA' baseball Cardinals 10, Red Sox 7

The Cardinals scored four runs in the first inning off singles by Peter Byrne, Tony Regan, Andrew Boccio, Jack Quinlivan, Joe Montalbano, Austin Ballard, and M.J. Morris.

Cardinals starting pitcher Tony Regan only needed four pitches to retire the Red Sox for their first at-bat. Jacob Zarzecki hit a hard grounder to Boccio at shortstop who fired to Quinlivan at first base for the first out. Regan helped his own cause on a grounder from Amanda Helak, making the throw to first base himself for the second out. The inning ended on a line drive off Christopher Multerer's bat when Cardinals third baseman Dante Merrill snared the shot for the third out.

The Red Sox got on the scoreboard in the second with a leadoff double by Nicholas Gioia followed by a walk from Joshua Menegaux and a single by Jackson Coe.

The Cardinals added two more in the third. Boccio led off with a double on a scorching shot deep to right center. A free pass for Quinlivan and singles by Ballard and Morris gave the Cardinals a 6-2 lead after three innings. Quinlivan foiled the Red Sox in the third and fourth innings, facing only eight batters and striking out four.

The Cardinals' Byrne and Boccio each doubled and scored in the fourth. Ballard led off the Cardinals' fifth with a towering hit to deep

straightaway center that was ruled a double after it bounced over the fence. Morris and Merrill followed with singles, earning the Cardinals two more insurance runs after the fifth.

With the Cardinals leading 10-2, the Red Sox threatened to tie in the bottom of the sixth, scoring five runs sparked by a double from Christopher Moulterer, a triple by Nicholas Gioia, and singles by Joshua Menegaux and Rocky Canna, but the Cardinals' defense held on to preserve the win in a well-played contest.

'Major' baseball Orioles 15, Cubs 5

A balance hitting attack enabled the Orioles to overcome a tough Cubs team in a game much closer than the final score.

Airic Thornton led the Orioles with a 3 for 3 day that included two singles and a double. Eric Ruh, CJ Westcott, Andrew Pierino and John Barden all contributed two hits each. George Zimmermann forced a runner at second with a strong throw from center field.

Pierino pitched two scoreless innings and picked a runner off third to end the fourth inning. Nick Hillebrand, Tom Springer, Michael Spina and Colin Gibson were solid in the field.

For the Cubs, Madison Maley flashed the leather in the field and picked a runner off first base while behind the plate. Lucas Fromen led the Cubs offense with two solid hits in two plate appearances.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SCOREBOARD

Amherst Central

Boys Lacrosse — Section VI Class B semifinal — def. W.S. East 6-5 (3 OT); final — lost to Hamburg 9-7

Girls Lacrosse — Section VI Class C final — def. East Aurora 18-5; Far West Regional — lost to East Rochester 9-8 (Section V)

Sweet Home

Boys Lacrosse — Section VI Class B semifinal — lost to Hamburg 13-8

Softball — Section VI Class AA quarterfinal — lost to Kenmore West 14-0

Williamsville East

Softball — Section VI Class A quarterfinal — lost to Dunkirk 1-0

Williamsville North

Boys Lacrosse — Section VI Class A semifinal — lost to Orchard Park 12-3

Softball — Section VI Class AA quarterfinal — def. Lancaster 9-7; semifinal — lost to Clarence 7-1

Williamsville South

Baseball — Section VI Class A quarterfinal — def. Lew-Port 6-3; semifinal — lost to Dunkirk 13-4

Softball — Section VI Class A quarterfinal — def. Iroquois 7-0; semifinal — def. Dunkirk 3-0; final — def. W.S. East 2-0

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