

Pitching leads Mel Ott 'Major' Red Sox over Reds

Mel Ott "Major" Red Sox pitchers gave their best performance of the season as Patrick Bouchane, Joey Mirando, and Jake Ziegler combined to shut down the Reds, 12-5, for their first win.

Bouchane did not allow a ball to leave the infield through four innings and Mirando and Ziegler were very

strong in relief.

The Red Sox bats came alive with Brandon Bork, Jimmy Faso and Kevin Adams each hammering extra base hits. Jason Yeates and Danny Rutter scored on a Faso triple in the sixth to put the game out of reach.

Tyler Novo and Joe Freirt were strong defensively as the Red Sox put

forth their best effort of the season.

'AAA' baseball Red Sox 7, Cardinals 6

The Red Sox used a come-from-behind, late-inning rally for a third straight game and kept their record clean with a 7-6 victory over the Cardinals on June 5.

Led by coaches Mark Hammer,

Paul Daddario and Jim Lyskawa, the Red Sox upped their season mark to 12-0.

They built a 5-0 lead and seemed to be cruising as Cal Jackson threw four shutout innings, allowing only three hits and striking out four. But the Cardinals bats came alive in the bottom of the fifth with six runs crossing the plate. The big blow was a grand slam off the bat of Andrew White.

The Red Sox rallied in their last at-bat and were lifted by the bat of Miles Young, whose triple tied the game at 6-6. Young would later score what proved to be the game winning run. Red Sox hitting stars also included Jeff Becker (2 for 3, two runs scored) and Mitch Daddario (hit, two runs scored). Becker also closed the game out retiring the Cardinals in order in the bottom of the sixth.

'A' baseball

Red Sox 10, Yankees 5

The Red Sox beat the Yankees, 10-5, in dramatic fashion on June 9, scoring six runs in the top of the sixth inning.

With two outs in their last at-bats, McKenzie Austin walked to score Joseph Torricco with the tying run and Jacob Simmons singled in Josh Gordon with the go-ahead run to extend the Red Sox winning streak to six.

The offensive stars for the Red Sox were Abel Tefera (three hits, two runs), Andre Torrico (four walks, three runs), Giovanni Gilchrist (two hits) and Justin Boucher (two hits). Torricco and Simmons pitched two scoreless innings in the fifth and the sixth to help complete the comeback.

The Yankees took the lead in the fourth when Joe Cliento cleared the bases with a grand slam home run.

Red Sox 2, Dodgers 0

The Red Sox defeated the Dodgers 2-0 for their fifth straight win. Dylan Kowalik led the way with two hits, including a triple that drove in the only two runs of game.

Jacob Simmons also had two hits and pitched two strong shutout innings. Giovanni Gilchrist and Andre Torricco also pitched two shutout innings for the Red Sox.

'Minor' Softball Heat 7, Bandits 6

Pitchers Jessica Strauss and Jenna Patterson combined for five strikeouts and held off the first-place Bandits, 7-6.

The Heat tightened up defensively after giving up 15 runs earlier this season to the undefeated Bandits.

First baseman Victoria Rigler made a spectacular catch on a sharp line drive in the second inning. Danielle Rambus and Emily Dunne scored key runs in a big fourth inning rally. Abigail Frost tied it up in the fifth before Samantha

Rohloff crossed the plate for the

game-winning run.

Heat 15, Riptides 4

Madison Badley went 1 for 1, drew two walks, and scored a run in the Heat's 15-4 win over the Riptides.

Lauren Downen and Kristine Hafner scored two runs each, and Daniel Rambuss and Ashley Decker each scored a run to pace the Heat offense and secure the team's sixth victory of the season.

Heat 4, Force 2

Jessica Strauss struck out 10 batters and gave up just one run on two hits over four innings pitched to help shut down the potent Force.

Samantha Rohloff went 3 for 4 and scored two runs as the Heat scored three runs in the fifth inning to break a close 1-1 tie. Ashley Decker smacked her first hits and scored a run to help secure the win.

Force 15, Bandits 13

Timely late-inning RBI base hits from Megan Beal and Christyn Schwaab propelled the Force to an extra-inning win against the high-powered Bandits. The Bandits, as expected, came out swinging in the first inning. Julia Mings opened the game with a base hit and Emily Ackendorf finished the inning with a RBI base hit en route to a 3-0 lead. But Force starting pitcher Nicole Merrifield kept the Bandits in check over the next three innings by striking out seven and holding the Bandits to only one walk and three runs.

The Force offense, sparked by power hitting from Hannah Sheridan, Michelle Dachs, and Maddie Butler, climbed their way back into a 6-6 tie heading into the fifth.

The two teams slugged it out in the fifth and sixth innings, each scoring three runs. The Force was eventually able to break the tie in the seventh, highlighted by both Beal and Schwab's clutch bases-loaded hits en route to a big four-run rally. Dachs pitched the seventh and struck out the last hitter with the Bandits threatening once again to close out the win.

Racers 12, Riptide 10

Brianna Spence, Melanie Izard, and Alana Zendano each had two hits as the Racers came from behind to edge the Riptide.

Additional hits for the Racers were provided by Emma Burke, Alexa Archambault, Katie Fortman, Alyssa Orrico and Analiese Piccillo. Spence, Izard, Taylor Sinclair, and Sarah Raimondi each scored two runs. Additional runs were scored by Burke, Archambault, Piccillo, and Zendano.

A solid defense was provided by the Racers, including a second-inning double play from Spence to Archambault to end the inning.

Spence (three innings) and Izard (two innings) provided solid pitching.



The Amherst Revolution U-12 girls soccer club won its second consecutive tournament, winning the Batavia Soccer Tournament on June 9-10. Members of the team, pictured from left, are: bottom row - Christine Murphy, Hannah Dreger, Sarah Eichhorn, Nika Berrafato, Carissima Cutrona, Angela Sobotka; second row -

Courtney Kramer, Shannon Doherty, Katie Cohen, Cathryn Mahon, Alicia Girard, Francesca Carra; third row - coach Frank Berrafato, Alyssa Cartwright, Annie Garcia, Kaitlin Walsh, Margaux Gill, Kaitlyn Neese, coach Tony Eichhorn; missing from photo - head coach Bredan Murphy and player Morgaine Houston.

Revolution U-12 girls soccer wins second straight tourney

The Amherst Revolution U-12 girls soccer club won its second consecutive tournament, winning the Batavia Soccer Tournament on June 9-10.

Team play is the mark of the Revolution and this weekend was no exception. Playing without injured teammate Morgaine Houston, the Revolution allowed only three goals in four games.

In the first game, the Revolution played a tough Brockport Blizzard team. Defense was the name of this game and goalkeepers Francesca Carra and Christine Murphy made several spectacular saves to keep Brockport off the board.

Defenders Angela Sobotka, Shannon Doherty, and Alicia Girard were exceptionally strong in their own end, blanketing the Blizzard players.

Nika Berrafato's strong play on a loose ball in front of the Brockport net led to the first Revolution goal. Berrafato's pass to Cathryn Mahon, whose pass to Kaitlyn Neese was booted past the goalkeeper for a 1-0 halftime lead.

In the second half, Sobotka scored the Revolution's second goal and the Revolution started

the tourney off with a 2-0 victory.

The second game found the Scottsville Wildcats in the Revolution sights. Goalkeepers Francesca Carra and Murphy combined for a 7-0 shutout. Six different Revolution players scored goals, led by Berrafato with two, followed by one each by Margaux Gill, Katie Cohen, Sarah Eichhorn, Kaitlyn Walsh, and Doherty. Also having great games were Alyssa Cartwright and Hannah Dreger, both which made plays happen with aggressive play and pinpoint passing.

On Sunday, the tough Salt City Cougars were on the prowl stalking the Revolution. The Revolution needed a win or a tie to advance to the championship game.

Salt City stung the Revolution with a goal in the first few minutes of the game. For the rest of the half, great defensive play limited the Cougars to a few shots on goal as Annie Garcia, Kaitlyn Walsh, and Alicia Girard had exceptional games.

The Revolution began to pepper the Salt City goalkeeper with shots but to no avail. The Revolu-

tion tied it on a beautiful pass from Sobotka to Courtney Kramer that Kramer blasted past the Cougar goalkeeper. A perfect throw-in from Gill to Berrafato created the second Revolution goal. A late goal by the Salt City team couldn't stop the Revolution from advancing into the championship game against the Chili Lightning.

In the final, the Revolution who has played in three championship games in three tournaments, started fast but early on couldn't put the ball in the back of the net.

Just before halftime, the Revolution scored the first goal of the game from Gill to Berrafato. A perfect pass from Gill to Berrafato and Berrafato's drive was just below the cross bar and just over the Lightning goalkeeper's hands. The halftime lead of 1-0 seemed as if it would be enough.

Victory seemed near as the game entered the final ten minutes on this sunny day. Suddenly as if rain clouds rolled in on a family picnic, a lightning fast Chili goal was scored and at the end of regulation time, the game was tied 1-1.

Tournament rules stated all championship games ending in a tie would be decided by shootout. Both sides sent out five sharpshooters and a goalkeeper. Keeper Murphy stopped two of the first three shots she faced and Revolution players Gill, Walsh and Carissima Cutrona scored on their first three shots and the Revolution's dreams did come true, winning the Batavia Soccer Tournament.

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Sports briefs

Flotilla 33, Buffalo is presenting America's Boating Course from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 16 at St. Patrick's Church Hall, 1395 George Urban Blvd., Cheektowaga.

This general boating course meets New York State education requirements for jet-ski operation and qualifies youth, ages 10 to 18 to legally operate a conventional vessel alone on New York State waters. Anyone who successfully completes the course is eligible to receive a discount on their boat insurance.

For more information, call 681-5436.

Hilbert College is seeking an individual to fulfill a graduate assistant position within the athletic department beginning August 1, 2007 and ending May 31, 2008.

The qualified person would work more specifically in the sports information department while also assisting with academic mentoring, game management, orientation, fundraising activities, and other duties as assigned by the Director of Athletics.

The graduate assistant must be willing to work anywhere from 35 to 40 flexible hours per week, including weekends and especially on Mondays. The position comes with a stipend and reimbursement toward graduate tuition as well as hands-on experience.

Interested candidates should send a letter expressing interest along with a resume and three professional references to Richard Walsh, Director of Athletics, Hilbert College, 5200 South Park Ave., Hamburg, NY 14075, 926-8800 or rwalsh@hilbert.edu.

Tonawanda High School will host a wrestling camp with Hofstra University coach Tom Shifflet and staff July 18-20.

Shifflet, a Sweet Home High School graduate, led the Hofstra Pride to a seventh-place finish at the NCAA Championships in March.

The cost for the camp is \$100 if paid before July 2, or \$125 at the door. For more information, call 308-4521, or visit www.thsactivities.com/wrestling.