

Central Amherst Little League

'AAA' Yankees edge Marlins in playoff opener

Natalie Blatz' two-out single in the bottom of the fifth inning drove in the tying and winning runs, as the Yankees came from behind to defeat the Marlins, 10-9, in the opening round of the Central Amherst Little League "AAA" Division playoffs.

Trailing by two, Ryan Kimmins' led off with a single and Liam Sullivan (three singles) and Zach Wing (two doubles) added three RBIs.

Kevin Abel struck out eight and allowed two runs. Adam Stasiewicz struck out four and Nathan Shaul struck out three. Sullivan threw from left field to first base for an out.

The Marlins' Joe Montalbano and Joe Sobol contributed solid games.

Cardinals 18, Mets 13

The Cardinals gave a true team effort with everyone contributing to the playoff win.

Jonathan Spina led the Cardinals' going 4 for 4. Sam Pieri, Cameron Ciesielski, Jake Fuzak, Amanda Helak, PJ Wing, Mike Doucette, and Marcellus Cooper each had two hits. Sam Lobuzzetta added a double and pitched well.

Austin Martin played strong at catcher and Alex Rodriguez and Conor Brown combined to score four runs. Doucette pitched great in the final two innings, preserving the win. Maddy Aston had four hits for the Mets.

'AA Sr.' baseball

Yankees 10, Red Sox 1

The Yankees had great effort from all members of the team. Jackson Liszewski hit to move batters around the bases. Jared Adams, Ben Bryan, and Gina Denisco also had good games. Matt Klute and Kayla Shutts worked to keep the lead for the Yankees. Spencer Wing had one of his best games when he singled to score an RBI.

Great defensive pitching by Zack Stockman, Zachary Tojek, and Duncan Macdonald saved the game when they stranded many runners.

Cardinals 13, Phillies 12

The Cardinals came from behind to win in the last inning.

Emma Rose Pyrak pitched struck out three in her first outing of the year.

Connor Vincent struck out five. Vincent also led the Cardinals' offense, going 3 for 4. Matt Murphy, Chris Wittmann and Eddie Anders each had two hits. Cameron Kiefer teamed up with Pyrak for an inning ending out at second to stop a Phillies' rally.

Jacob Weinstein, Indigo Hare, and Kiefer each had two RBIs. Marissa Polino and Jude Rajakrishnan helped out at the plate with one RBI.

Jackson Kelly scored three times.

Cardinals 16, Dodgers 9

The Cardinals played a great final regular season game beating the Dodgers.

Leading the Cardinals pitching was Marissa Polino, who struck out all three batters she faced. Chris Wittmann started the game with a great play from second base for an out. David Matthew teamed up with Jackson Kelly for an inning ending double play to end the first inning.

Eddie Anders hit 3 for 3. Cameron Kiefer and Jake Weinstein hit deep two RBI doubles. Matt Murphy scored twice.

Indigo Hare, Polino, and Matthew each had two RBIs. Connor Vincent and Emma Rose Pyrak each scored once.

'A' baseball

Cardinals 17, Phillies 7

The Cardinals continue to bat well with each team member batting at least .500.

Hits by Zac Stabler, Bret Colca, Sam Butler, Aiden Patterson and Caden Menegaux resulted in RBIs.

Defensively, the Cardinals had unassisted outs at first in the fourth inning by outfielder Daesean Ashley and first baseman Ryan Stark.

Pitcher Cole Hedden finished the game with two unassisted outs at home plate in the final inning.

Mel Ott 'A' Red Sox comes back, ties Rays, 12-12

The Mel Ott "A" Red Sox led the Devil Rays, 3-0, after the first inning, and it held up through three full innings behind the pitching of Ben Zenosky and defense from first baseman Cooper Heck.

The Devil Rays answered with 12 runs to take a 12-7 lead into the bottom of the sixth.

With two outs, the Red Sox had seven hits and a walk to tie the game. John Gray (three hits, two runs) scored the tying run on an RBI single from Jordan Chatelle.

Zenosky and Louis Chiavetta both

had four hits for the Red Sox.

Luke Pappagallo and Cooper Heck had three hits.

Red Sox 8, Mets 7

The Mets led, 7-0, after three innings when the Red Sox scored five runs in the fourth inning and three more runs in the fifth to take the lead to stay.

Ben Zenosky pitched the last two innings, recording five strikeouts while facing seven batters to allow the Red Sox to complete their comeback.

Sam Schultz started the rally in the

fifth with a single, followed by hits from Cooper Heck, Louis Chiavetta, and Ben Zenosky. Corey Altieri, who reached on a walk, scored the winning run in the fifth.

The Red Sox won their sixth game of the season.

Mel Ott 16U softball

Mel Ott Riptide, 15,

Mel Ott Force, 8

Mel Ott had two of their 16 and under softball teams locked in battle on Wednesday, June 4.

A strong pitching outing by Joanna Ward, supported by Kim Charleson's closing, won the day for the Riptide.

Lockport No. 1 15,

Mel Ott Riptide 9

The Mel Ott Riptide and Lockport No. 1 kicked off their interleague play on June 3 with Lockport winning, 15-9.

The Riptide's Rachel Lally hit an inside the park home run deep into left center field.

The rematch is Sunday, June 22.

Mel Ott Riptide 18,

Lockport No. 2 5

The Mel Ott Riptide scored another victory on Monday night, with an 18-5 win over Lockport No. 2 in interleague play.

Highlighting the game was a grand slam home run by the Riptide's Kim Charleson, and a bare-handed catch for an out by Riptide first baseman Laura DelSignore.

'Minor' softball

Heat 12,

Connie Mack Dodgers 11

Emma Burke had a hit, walk, and scored two runs, and found her groove pitching with five strikeouts to help the Heat hold on to a 12-11 close win over the up-and-coming Connie Mack Dodgers.

Maria Factored and Jada Brenon each had scorching hits, and Melanie Kindron pitched well in relief for the 6-2 Heat.

'AA' baseball

Red Sox 11, Blue Jays 9

The "AA" Red Sox came out on top of a hard fought game against the Blue Jays.

Justin Watson led the Red Sox offense with three hits, including a double.

CJ Falk, Matt Kennedy and Brandon Miller all had two hits while Jacob Reger and Will Gaulin each supplied one hit. Joe Pandolfi, Justin Boucher, Evan DiPasquale and Grey Lock all reached on base on balls and then scored a run. Watson, Gaulin, Reger all pitched well.

Reliever Brandon Miller pitched in the sixth inning to shut down a late Blue Jays' rally.

Red Sox 14,

Diamond Backs 13

In the top of the sixth, Red Sox's Brandon Miller struck out the first batter and walked the next.

CJ Falk made a great catch at second and doubled up the runner on first. Will Gaulin caught a ball in center field and saved two runs from

scoring. Jacob Reger struck out two batters.

The Red Sox were led by two hits from Reger and Jake Simmons and one hit from Miller, Falk and Francis Boeck.

Justin Boucher, Justin Watson, Evan DiPasquale, Grey Lock, Matt Kennedy, and Gaulin played well defensively.

Injured Diamond Back Sean Whitehead was given a game ball.

Mel Ott Force out-slugs Connie Mack Dodgers

The Connie Mack girls U12 Dodgers surprised the Mel Ott Force, losing, 24-17, but keeping the score much closer than in their first encounter.

Sydney Wiesmore earned the game ball for the Dodgers with two RBIs and excellent fielding. Hitting well for the Dodgers were Rachel Callea, Madeline Grisko, Amy Trabert, Tricia Andrews, Sophia Militello and Meg Gramza.

Good batting eyes by Brigid Ryan, Amanda Krajnik, Grace Garlick, Lizzie Pittari, Tracy Nasr and Kaitlyn Schinaman led to a number of walks and runs.

Sharp play in the field rounded out the Dodgers, led by Allison Staebell behind the plate.

Heat 12, Dodgers 11

Great pitching characterized the early innings as the Dodgers and Heat met on a windy Wednesday.

The Heat were ready to build a three-run lead in the third until Tricia Andrews caught two line drives and brought the Dodgers to bat where Madeline Grisko's grand slam fashioned a 4-3 lead.

The Heat rebuilt an 11-4 lead entering the sixth when Amanda Krajnik started a rally that saw her, Amy Trabert, Rachel Callea, Allison Staebell, Grisko and Andrews driven home by Sophia Militello, Kaitlyn Schinaman and Meg Gramza. Sydney Wiesmore, Brigid Ryan and Grace Garlick added hits.



TOURNAMENT VICTORIES — The Amherst Lightning 12U softball team won the Cayuga Lady Luck softball tournament held over Memorial Day weekend in Niagara Falls. Outstanding team defense and strong pitching resulted in the Lightning only giving up eight runs over the final four games played. Sam Weaver pitched 26 innings and struck out 25 batters. Amherst beat the Syracuse Renegades, 12-2, in a semifinal and Lou Gehrig Lasers, 5-3, in the final. The team's most recent tournament victory was the Softball in the Hive Tournament. Amherst defeated New Era Diamonds, 8-4, in a semifinal and the WNY Sting Gold, 11-2, to take the title. Shelby Donhauser threw 35 strikeouts over 25 innings, while the Lightning held their last three opponents to six runs while scoring 25 runs. Alex Hubert and Jane Truesdell also contributed. Members of the team, pictured from left, are first row - Melissa Magiera, Maggie Steele, Alison Safir and Allyson Rung; second row - Kelly Farrell, Sam Weaver, Haley Adams, Rachel Ziarnowski, Emily Marcus and Samantha Dunn; third row - coaches Greg Steele, David Safir, Ed Ziarnowski and Steve Dunn.

Lamm Post sweeps doubleheader

George F. Lamm Post 662 improved its record to 3-1 by sweeping a doubleheader from Niagara Falls, Ont., 4-0, and, 9-6, on Saturday at the Pepsi Center.

In Game One, Dan Lynch (Williamsville South grad) threw a three-hit shutout, walked none and struck out a career-high 13 to even his record at 1-1.

Lynch received all the support he would need in the second inning when Travis Denman (Sweet Home) singled in Greg Reed. Alex Esposito drew a two-out walk in the third before Nick Kanutsu drove him in with his first of two RBI triples.

Nick Weigel (Williamsville East) drove in Frankie Pieri with another clutch two-out hit.

Weigel, Denman, Kanutsu, and Alex Dusenberry (Amherst) each had two hits. Dusenberry also stole a couple of bases and scored a run.

Lamm Post jumped out to a 5-0 lead in Game Two.

Weigel scored on a wild pitch in the first. Austin White (South) led off the second with a triple and would score on a wild pitch.

Denman and Tommy Ponticelli (Amherst) followed with back-to-back singles. A fielder's choice got another run in and Weigel singled to deliver another.

Esposito picked up an RBI with a sacrifice fly. Niagara Falls quickly countered by scoring three off Pieri aided by an errant throw on a double play ball.

White increased the lead to 7-3 with a two-run single in the fourth.

Ryan Miller (South) notched the save by allowing only one earned run over the final three innings. Dusenberry, Weigel, White and Ponticelli had two hits each. Dusenberry scored twice.

Inaugural Brian Hansen golf tourney slated

The 2008 Brian Hansen Memorial Golf Tournament will have a shotgun start of 1 p.m. and be held on Sunday, July 20, at Chestnut Hill Country Club, 1330 Broadway, P.O. Box 101, Darien Center, NY 14040.

A lunch will be served at noon and dinner will be held after the tourna-

ment. The format is a four-person scramble. The cost is \$80 per person; \$320 for a foursome. The event is sponsored by the Williamsville South Baseball Boosters. Registration ends July 1. For more information, call 634-7780 or 390-5292 or e-mail rlynch5683@adelphia.net.

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