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My motto was always to keep swinging. Whether I was in a slump or feeling badly or having trouble off the field, the only thing to do was keep swinging.
– Hank Aaron

Issue 2 of the 2008 GELL Newsletter covers games played April 7 – 12 and includes all summaries provided as the issue deadline. *Commissioners, please have all team summaries sent to you and review them for scoring accuracy before compiling them into the body of one email message and submitting them, along with division standings, to the newsletter editor (brendaandresen@msn.com) by noon each Thursday.*

Musings and Notes from Week 1

Has the outfield fence at Tantala Field inched inward, or are our players eating fortified Wheaties this Spring? An impressive number of “out of the park” homeruns have already been hit this young season. Congratulations to Graham Giangiulio of the Major Red Yankees, who hit the first official outside the park homerun on Opening Day, and to all of the players who have blasted the ball past the fence so far this year.



Thank you to the parents who have come early and stayed after games to help prepare and maintain the fields. Some coaches have assigned this responsibility to team families on a rotating basis – if your team has not done so, please consider offering your assistance. If your team has, please make note of your assigned date and contribute as requested.

Photos for the newsletter are welcomed! Please email them directly to the newsletter editor, along with your team name and division, and we'll include as many as possible throughout the course of the season.

Major League Red Division

April 7 games

Red Sox 15 Cubs 4

The Cubs led 4-1 early on behind the hitting of Andrew Gosselin and Ryan Knight but the bats of the Red Sox proved to be too strong. Red Sox pitcher Eric Longo held the Cubs scoreless in the first two innings. Relief pitchers Kenny Jarema and Ryan Cummings held Cubbie hitters to just 4 runs through the balance of the game. Despite a cold wind and temperatures in the 30's, Red Sox bats were unstoppable in the 3rd and 4th innings and in a complete team effort the Sox powered themselves to their first win of the season.

April 8 games

Diamondbacks 21 Yankees 4

Diamondbacks pitcher David Hendrix pitched a strong game holding the Yankees scoreless until the 4th inning with 2 strikeouts in both the 2nd and 3rd innings. Phenomenal batting by the entire Diamondbacks team proved too much for the Yankees. Brendan Brady and Alec Petrillo ignited the crowd with home runs. Solid hitting by the rest of the team continued with doubles by Bryan Hennigan, Blake McCourt, and Tanner Peterson. Way to go D'Backs!

Yankees were led offensively by Colin Walsh who also made several nice plays in the field. We could not silence the hot-bats of the D'Backs, but the coaches were very proud that our pitchers; Jimmy Berutti, JB Belbin and Joe Riddle threw strikes and yielded only a few walks. Make them earn it --- and the D'Backs certainly did !

The Yankees never quit and that is quite a compliment.

April 9 games

Padres 9 Phillies 1

The Angeline brothers played long ball as the Padres beat the Phillies 9 to 1 Wednesday evening. Ryley stroked 2 home runs while Cary added one to power the Padres offense. The Phillies battled but couldn't make it happen. Kyle O'Brien, Matt Petruccio and Nick Holowski each had key plays in the field for outs.



Major League Red Division (continued)

April 12 games

Phillies 7 Cubs 1

The Cubs were defeated by the Phillies by a score of 7-1. Liam Dilenschneider, Andrew Gosselin, Zach O'Neil, Tyler McNulty and Joey Madden had hits for the Cubs while Madden made a great, running catch in left field to save 3 runs.

The Phillies bats came alive on Saturday, April 12th. Michael Styer started it off with a two run homer. Zack Greer had a 2 RBI single, James Rathgeber and James Mackay each had a RBI single. Special thanks this week goes to our "field crew" who were at the field at 6:30am getting it ready for the games due to the overnight rains!

Diamondbacks 6 Red Sox 5

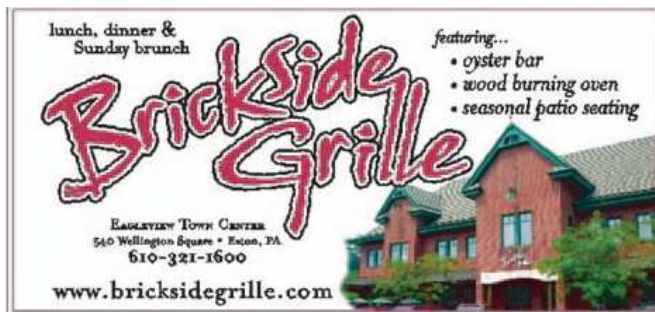
Red Sox slugger Steven Long blasted a 2-run homerun in the first inning to get the game off to a powerful start. After allowing 3 Dback runs to score in the first inning, the Red Sox went to work on both offense and defense. Starting pitcher Trev Andresen threw 3 shutout innings and contributed a double to the Red Sox cause, and Matt Evans powered doubles in the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th innings but the Red Sox couldn't overcome a 5th inning burst of Dbacks runs.

Jeff Zebrowski started things off for the Diamondbacks with a double in the 1st inning. Bryan Hennigan and Brendan Brady both hit home runs for an early 3-2 lead. Strong pitching by Colin McCourt and catching by Jeff Zebrowski kept the Dbacks ahead through the 3rd inning. Blake McCourt added another single in the 4th inning but the Red Sox gained the lead. Three strikeouts by pitcher Jeff Zebrowski and catching by David Hendrix allowed the D'backs to take control in the 5th. Colin McCourt singled, Jeff Zebrowski and Bryan Hennigan walked, and Brendan Brady singled to bring in the go ahead run. Outstanding defense in the top of the 6th by Alec Petrillo and Colin McCourt sealed the victory.

Yankees vs Padres

It was a total team effort as the Padres defeated the Yankees on Saturday afternoon. Evan Hermans and Billy Caldwell provided strong pitching while Quentin McNamara had his first hit of the year and led a balanced Padres offense.

Jeff Hardy led the Yankee offense with an rbi double and Luke Allen set the table with a single to left. Another solid pitching effort by Graham Giangiulio and Chadd Catrambone was undermined by a couple defensive lapses. However, there were several fine defensive plays by Bo Vitale and by Jake Wallace.



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Major League Blue Division

Opening Day games

Red Sox 8 Mets 6

As of press time, no summary for this game had been received.

Dodgers 4 Phillies 3

The pitching of Brett Allan, DJ McCloy and David Rosati held the Phillies to a total of 3 runs with 13 strike outs. Cooper Zabolcki made a fantastic diving catch at second base to help the team get out of a tough inning. After trailing by 2 runs for most of the game, the bats came alive in the bottom of the 6th inning for the Dodgers. They were able to pull out a 4-3 victory over a very good Phillies team.

April 10 games

Dodgers 17 Tigers 4

Jeff Armstrong, DJ McCloy and David Rosati handled the pitching for the Dodgers combining a five inning 17-4 victory over a scrappy Tigers team. Brett Allen led the hitting attack going 4 for 4. Cooper Zabolcki, Brian Wallace and DJ McCloy contributed with extra base hits.



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Major League Blue Division (continued)

April 12 games

Tigers 18 Angels 6

After an early lead, the Angels lost to the Tigers 18 to 6 on Saturday, April 12. The Angels had excellent pitching by Ian Merriman, Thomas Pearson, Chris Buccellato, and Trevor Kleese combining to strike out 7 batters. The offense was led by Ian Merriman (single, double, two runs scored), Billy McGinley (two singles), and Thomas Pearson (single and two runs scored). The defense was highlighted by Thomas Defant's fielding at second base. The Angels return to the field on Friday, April 18, against the Yankees.

Yankees 9 Dodgers 5

The Yankees continued their fast start with a 9-5 victory over a tough Dodger team. The Yanks got 4 innings out of Steven Koons and was then relieved by Charlie (Chaz) Boinske for the last two innings. Jake Cerullo handled the action behind the plate for both hurlers keeping the Dodger runners at bay. The Yankees offense was led by Jake Truchan with 2 hits, and Danny Amicon who had 1 hit but reached base all 5 times up. Also Alex Winstead, Cerullo, Boinske and Koons added hits. Defensively the Yanks got big plays from Matt Pichola in the outfield with a big catch for an inning ending out and an assist on a play to second for a key out. Andrew Griffin played his usual strong game in the infield.

Major League Blue Division

Standings as of April 13

Yankees	3-0
Red Sox	3-0
Dodgers	2-1
Phillies	1-2
Mets	1-2
Giants	1-2
Tigers	1-2
Angels	0-3



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Minor League Division



Opening Day games **Red Sox 21 Phillies 8**

The Red Sox and Phillies met under sunny skies for Opening Day. The Red Sox had an exciting first game and thrilling win of 21 - 7. The Red Sox displayed great teamwork and Evan Gegeckas was awarded with the game ball.

April 12 games **Red Sox 8 Yankees 7**

The Yankees bats started out strong with the team batting through the order and scoring 4 runs in the top of the 1st. Yankees pitcher Jake Wisely then blanked the Red Sox in the bottom of the inning, striking out the side. The Yankees did not score again until the 4th and 5th innings when they put up 3 more runs. The Red Sox however started to produce, picking up 2 runs

each inning despite good defense and pitching from Jake Wisely, Will Hillegas and Bryce Mastrog. Yankees game ball went to Dylan McEvoy for great play on defense and offense, highlighted by a strong center field hit in the 3rd.

The Red Sox and Yankees had a back-and-forth battle. The Red Sox celebrated their 2nd win with strong pitching from Nicholas Calvaresi and Kelsey Launi. It was a 7 - 7 tie in the bottom of the fifth with Graham Atlee behind the plate. Sean Young scored on Graham's RBI leading to an 8 - 7 win. Way to go Red Sox!!

Phillies 5 Orioles 3

The Phillies battled with the Orioles on Saturday and came up with some outstanding plays to help in their win 5-3. Justin Gallagher caught a leaping line drive to end the 4th inning to stop an Oriole rally. Catcher Michael Gardone had two put outs at home. Devin Murray came in for relief and pitched 2 shut out innings.

Oriole pitcher Jake Maher turned in an outstanding performance in relief, striking out 7 Phillies in 3 innings. Jack Welsh won the game ball for his hot glove on defense, including a caught pop up to center, and combined with Randolph Ciarlone for a double play in the 2nd.



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Minor League Division (continued)

DiamondBacks 11 Cardinals 5

The D-Backs got their 1st win of the season and evened their record at 1-1 with a win over the Cardinals on Saturday. Andrew McEntee, Trent Mason and Sean Kelly each had 2 hits, and James Strommer and Dustin Fisher both had long base hits into the outfield.


Dane Fisher pitched 2 scoreless innings in relief, and Matthew Weaver made a terrific running catch in left field to end a Cardinal rally.

The Cardinals had another hard fought battle against the Diamond Backs. Despite the solid pitching and fielding of the entire team, The Cardinals lost to the Diamondbacks 11- 5. Stand outs in the field and plate included David Jorgensen and Zach McDermon. The Game Ball went to John Ferrara for great pitching, catching and hitting.



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8 Year old Rookie League

Opening Day

Red Sox vs Cardinals

The Red Sox had a wonderful time at the Opening Ceremonies. Jimmy Gywnn represented the team for the Little League Pledge. He sure did a great job! We all appreciated the great talk and the whole team was fired up ready to play ball.

Our first game was with the Cardinals. What a great team they are! They did great at both hitting and fielding. Their coaches were really nice and we all want to say, Thank you! to them again for a super time. Every one of the Red Sox got the chance to hit the ball which was great. A few of the balls even made it to the outfield. Austin Demech, Thomas Waite, James Murray and Billy Wanck were really hitting the ball hard. We also get quite a few outs when fielding as our player of the game, Grayson Weaver, playing second base was like a vacuum for every ball that came his way. All in all, it was a great first game. Thanks again to all of the parents who helped out. We sure do look forward to our next game!

The Cardinals and Red Sox played a great game to start of the season. For the Cardinals; Elizabeth Alexander played a great game in the field and shook off a ball that hit her finger. Jack Clay showed one of the best arms in Rookie Ball. The Cardinals Game Ball went to Jim McDevitt who played great, "heads up" baseball in the field.

April 12 games

Cardinals vs. Diamondbacks

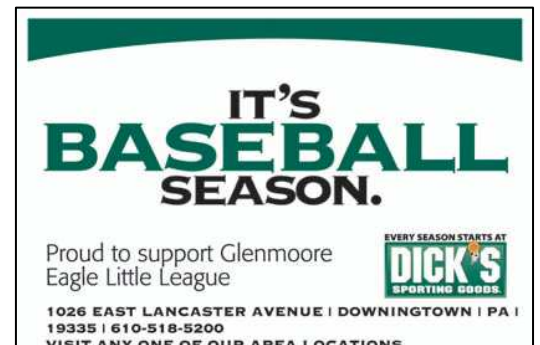
A hard fought game after a quick field clean up lasted 2 hours and featured lively bats from both teams. Jack Lear had a couple nice plays at second base, Austin Odell made a diving play almost coming up with the catch of the year! A bases loaded double late in the game by Michael Mullen scored two runs and earned him a game ball!

This home series concludes this Saturday at 2:00 and can be seen on FOX.

The Cardinals played a great game and made some great plays in the field. The most outstanding play was from Jacob Dewey who completed an Unassisted Triple Play - yes an Unassisted Triple Play. Mom and Dad - cut this article out and save it - unassisted triple plays don't happen often! Jacob was given the game ball for this and his overall play. It was a Dewey Day - as Evan Dewey was a team leader in hitting and played great in the infield.



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8 Year old Rookie League (continued)

Rockies vs. Phillies

The Rockies came out with their bats ablaze and their gloves at the ready as they took on the Phillies on what turned out to be a beautiful day for baseball. Andrew Engel led the offensive charge which he capped by lacing a screaming double down the left field line. Everyone contributed on defense with Casey Johnston catching a towering pop-up, Tommy Hammett making a fine catch of his own on a tough fly ball and Zach Robinson hooking up with Brian Keser for a fine third-to-first put out. Andrew Engel received the game ball for his great hitting and smart fielding.

Yankees vs. Red Sox

The Yankees hosted the Red Sox on a perfect Saturday afternoon for baseball at Springton Manor. The Yankees high powered offense was fueled by the strong hitting of Paul Marone and Nathan Majer. Defensive web gems were provided by William La Torre, Nathan Majer, Tyler Farra and Sal Grignano. Sal played especially well at catcher.

The Red Sox met the Yankees in our second game. Wow they were really good players! They did a great job of both hitting and fielding. The Sox played a great game of our own. Each member of our team got the bat on the ball and we also had some great plays in the field too. Our player of the game was Thomas Waite. He showed awesome baseball presence by hustling over and over to third base to take throws for outs. Way to go Thomas!! We all look forward to our next game!



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7 Year old Rookie League

April 12 games

Braves vs. Diamondbacks

Mets vs. Cardinals

The Mets had a strong outing both in the field and at bat. Will Howard showed the stuff Gold Gloves are made of, by making two fantastic plays at the pitcher position. Evan Hoffnagle had a strong day at the plate, going 4 for 4 including two doubles. And Zach Lee showed no jitters playing in his first game of the season, by also going 4 for 4 with one very long double.

Rockies vs. Red Sox

The Rockies squared off against Red Sox in a heated match up. Connor Kirk and Kevin Gatti were stellar in the field with terrific defensive plays, while Joey Ippolito and Brian Ibarquan showed tremendous power at the plate. All in all, it was a terrific game played by both teams.

For the Red Sox, Garrett Robey made some fine plays at both second base and shortstop and received a game ball for his efforts. Fielding the pitcher position, Ethan Niemeyer made a nice play on a grounder hit up the middle. Devon Saeger continued to impress at the plate.

Yankees vs. Phillies

The Yankees played a strong game against the Phillies and were led by Jackson Nyce who made a nice put out at first base & Jamison Leiss fielding a strong pitcher position. Both Connor Stockenberg and Jamison Leiss had a great day at the plate, but it was William Christ who earned the game ball for both his bat and glove.

The Phillies were led by game ball winner Ethan Robinson who tallied 5 unassisted put outs in the field, Dylan Jorgensen with some strong hits, and John Castoldi with an all around good game in the field and at the plate.



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Tee Ball League

April 12 games

Red Sox Diamondbacks

The Red Sox season started off against the Diamondbacks with a smash hit down the third base line by #12 Matthew Daulerio. #1, Grace Hassing kept the team going with a line drive to the pitcher. Jonathon Horne, #13, held the Red Sox on top with some amazing stops on the pitchers mound. The game came to a close with 2 game balls given to #2 Joel Tan-Aristy and #6 Gabriel Que for their outstanding teamwork in the infield. Way to go, Red Sox!

With only two practices under our belts the D-Back played an excellent game and did a great job avoiding the mud puddles...Joshua Hass received the game ball for his outstanding job in the field and great team attitude.

Yankees

"His mother was a mudder... His father was a mudder."



- Kramer, in "The Subway"

The Tee Ball Yankees were all "mudders" on Saturday and had a lot of fun! Daniel Quigley was the game ball winner with a great game at 1st base and a great day at the plate. Chris Windecker did very well at 1st base as well. In the field, Brendan Ritchie handled many ground balls with ease in the second inning and Calvin Werth did very well in the field in the 3rd inning. The Yankees strength came at the plate with strong hits by John Hetherington, Alexander Hardie, Brendan O'Neill and Gregory Cook. Michael Robinson and Brian Galligan helped out as well with their hitting. Without much practice, the Yankees put in a solid all around effort and their coaches and parents are very proud of their opening day performance even though we are not looking forward to washing their uniforms and cleaning their shoes.

Phillies v Mets

The Phillies opened their season against the Mets with some solid swings on a soggy field. Brad Pfaff and Nicholas Rosati connected consistently while at bat on offense. When the Phils took the field, Anthony Mangine pulled a hat trick of put outs while playing at first base. Anthony Mangine received the Game Ball for his solid performance as the first baseman.

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