



*Baseball News  
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Glenmoore/Eagle Little League*

### **Opening Day 2007 - Play Ball!**

Our season began on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> with opening ceremonies for T-Ball and Rookie followed by ceremonies for Minor Blue, Major Blue and Major Red. Commissioners from all the leagues and our GELL Vice President Craig Styer and GELL President Tim Riddle were a part of our ceremonies, along with 41 teams and a record of almost 500 players

We had great participation from the players, with representatives leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance and one representative from each team leading us in the Little League Pledge,

We were honored to have Karl Keck as our speaker at each ceremony. As a player, Karl was All League and All State out of Haverford High. He played college ball at Millersville State University and signed after his junior year with the Pittsburgh Pirates. Karl has won over 450 games at the high school and college level and now instructs many GELL players and others at Grand Slam. Karl has coached more than 80 players who have gone on to play professional baseball, including Mike Piazza (DH, Oakland A's) and Hall of Famer Mike Scioscia (Manager, Anaheim Angels).

Karl relayed some great stories during his speech and stressed that fun is the most important element in baseball. Let's keep that thought in mind - have great season and a lot of fun.



Karl threw out the first pitch of the season to Nicholas Calvaresi (Rookie) and Zack Greer (Major Red).

## *Major League Red Division*

**Red Sox 7**

**Cardinals 9**

The Cardinals won their season opener 9-7 against the Red Sox in a come from behind 5<sup>th</sup> inning rally against the Red Sox. The bottom of the fifth was explosive for the Cards. Jacob Leisey Bartsch, Ryan Knight, Greg Maino, Billy Caldwell, and Graham Giangiulio all singled, Colin McNabb had an RBI, Chadd Catrambone doubled, and Ryan Markle and TJ Cliggett both tripled. This great offensive inning resulted in 7 runs. This offensive drive was anchored by solid pitching from Ryan Markle and Kyle O'Brien and a heads up 6-4 double play by Ryan Markle who caught a line drive at short and tossed the ball to second for the final out of the game. The Red Sox tried to rally in their half of the 6th but came up 2 runs short. Ryley Angeline pitched lights out ball for the Sox early but they came up a few runs short.

**Yankees 1**

**Phillies 6**

The Phillies capped opening day ceremonies with a total team effort that delivered a 6 - 1 win over the Yankees. Starting pitcher Bryan Hennigan delivered 4 strong innings before Michael Styer stepped up to strike out 6 of 7 batters faced in 2 innings of work. Pitching received plenty of offensive support, including triples from Ian Nanni and Evan Hermans. The middle infield, anchored by Trevor Andresen and Andrew Drauschak, contributed solid defensive play. Andrew Pilone led the Yankees in a gallant effort. He made three fly-ball put-outs in a single inning, while patrolling the spacious territory in left field. Andrew also collected one of the Yankees three hits, with Max Truchan and Joe Riddle collecting the other two. Christian Hahn pitched the final two frames and made a brilliant play on a slow come-backer to nail the runner at first-base.

**Dodgers 9**

**Tigers 8**

WOW! If you weren't there to see it, you missed an extremely exciting game between the Dodgers and the Tigers that went into extra innings – what a great Opening Day game! The game was tied into the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning, when the Dodgers broke loose and scored 3 runs, with Devin O'Brien, Ryan Fay and Tyler DiCesare getting key hits. Pitcher Devin O'Brien pitched 4 strong innings keeping the Dodgers in the lead. Defensively, short stop Ryan Fay made some amazing plays. The 5<sup>th</sup> inning, however, proved to be troubling for the Dodgers, with the Tigers' bats coming alive and bringing the score to 6-4 in their favor. At the top of the 6<sup>th</sup>, Coach Ken Keser was heard to say to the players – "Ok, we need two. Let's do it!" The batters were happy to comply, with massive hits by Tyler, Devin and Marty Warner, bringing the score to 6-6 and keeping the Dodgers alive. Pitcher Noah Beebe was able to hold the Tigers to a scoreless 6<sup>th</sup> inning, taking the game into extra innings. In the 7<sup>th</sup>, once again, the Dodgers bats lit up, with Tyler, Tim Rothwell, Aaron Stank and John Stockhausen enabling the Dodgers to score 3 runs for a 9-6 lead. The Tigers scored two runs in the bottom of the 7<sup>th</sup> but came up short in a final 9-8 score. Each team refused to give up; nobody knew who was going to win until the very last out.

### *Major Red Standings*

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>GB</u>
<b>Cardinals</b>	1		-
<b>Dodgers</b>	1		-
<b>Phillies</b>	1		-
<b>Red Sox</b>		1	1
<b>Tigers</b>		1	1
<b>Yankees</b>		1	1

## *Major League Blue Division*

**Raptors**                    **11**  
**Thunder**                    **5**

The Raptors defeated the Thunder 11- 5 on Saturday led by the pitching of Brad Jewett and John Belbin. The entire team backed up their pitching with solid defense and Thomas Pearson and John Henry Suelzer had key hits. The Raptors posted 6 runs in the second inning to jump out to an 8-3 lead. Scott Hennelly, Steven Lancello and Colby Hunt all pitched well for the Thunder. Nick Amicon led the Thunder offense with 3 hits.

**Timber Rattlers**        **7**  
**Mudcats**                    **3**

The Timber Rattlers bested the Mudcats 7-3 in Opening Day baseball. Peter Cuetara got the hit barrage going for the Rattlers with a line drive down the right field line. Collin and Blake McCourt and Eric Antich all brought their own lumber to the plate. Cary Angeline delivered a three-bagger in the top of the third inning. Angeline pitched two-and-a-half innings of near perfect ball, allowing just one run. Collin McCourt took over on the mound for Angeline, surrendering just one hit. The Mudcats had an excellent showing on opening day against a very talented Timber Rattlers team. The pitching staff of Shae Saxton, Jacob Leclerc and Scott Romich combined for 12 strike outs and only 4 walks in their pitching debut. Jacob Leclerc also hit a triple and Jimmy Owens and Juan Lopez did an excellent job behind the plate, throwing out runners attempting to steal 2nd and 3rd base.

**Sidewinders**            **12**  
**Lynx**                         **2**

Tyler Buban, Matt Evans and Kenny Jarema of the Sidewinders combined pitching efforts to beat the Lynx 12-2 in their season opener. Nick Bradley and Brandon Hall made a crucial defensive play on a Lynx base runner in the last inning to prevent them from mounting a rally. Matt Evans was voted the Sidewinder's MVP of the game by his team mates for his six strike outs in two innings of pitching and two hits. The Lynx had strong offensive contributions from Patrick Callaghan, who doubled, and Alec Petrillo, who hit two singles. Patrick Callaghan also pitched well in relief for the Lynx, striking out 5 batters in 2 innings of work.

### *Major Blue Standings*

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>GB</u>
<b>Raptors</b>	1		-
<b>Sidewinders</b>	1		-
<b>Timber Rattlers</b>	1		-
<b>Lynx</b>		1	1
<b>Mudcats</b>		1	1
<b>Thunder</b>		1	1

#### Baseball Quotes

"It's a great day for a ball game; let's play two!" – Ernie Banks

"I love doubleheaders. That way I get to keep my uniform on longer." – Tommy Lasorda

## *Minor League Division*

**Yankees 10**

**Red Sox 4**

The Yankees defeated the Red Sox in the season opener behind a strong team. Jake Cerullo pitched 3 perfect innings, recording 9 strikeouts. Brian Kelly and John Geiger had timely hits. The game ball went to Brandon Carcella for a timely bunt to lead a big inning. The Red Sox were led by Stephen Koons and Grey Jacobs but couldn't hold off the Yanks in the later innings.

**Phillies 12**

**Tigers 6**

The report on this slugfest missed the printing deadline.

**Cardinals – Idle**

### *Minor Blue Standings*

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>GB</u>
<b>Phillies</b>	1		-
<b>Yankees</b>	1		-
<b>Cardinals</b>	0	0	0.5
<b>Red Sox</b>		1	1
<b>Tigers</b>		1	1

### Baseball Quotes

“Do you know what we get to do today Brooks? We get to play baseball.” - The Rookie (2002)

“...I just love baseball” - The Natural 1984

## *Rookie League*

### **Cardinals**

“The Cardinals and Red Sox met for an Opening Day contest. Both Teams played well. Ethan Andresen was awarded the game ball for the Cardinals. Everyone in the Cards lineup had a hit on Saturday.”

### **Yankees**

On Saturday, the Yankees traveled to Brandywine Wallace Elementary School in an Opening Day battle with the Athletics. The seven-year-olds put on an offensive clinic led by Jack Ford, Max de Carville, and Scott Jewett. The “boys in blue” also created havoc with their gloves from Thomas Waite, and Jared Lieberman.

### **Phillies**

It was a great opening day for the Phillies with each player getting on base with some great hits. Braden Kirk Had a great double play out in the field and Michael Gardone caught a line drive and tagged the runner to end the second inning.

## *Rookie League*

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### **Athletics**

The Athletics kicked off the season with tremendous support from the parents, which led to inspired play on the field. Ben Smith fielded a hard grounder to first for an unassisted out. Braeden McCarthy hit a shot up the middle to get the offense started. Catilyn and Max teamed up for an exciting out at first; Catilyn Grubb made a spectacular scoop at the pitchers mound and threw it to Max Doucette who made a nice catch at first. Grayson Weaver looked like Chase Utley at the plate, pounding three pitches into the outfield.

### **Marlins**

The Marlins played a great game on Saturday against the Phillies. Ian Schmidt socked a long double and took home a game ball. Devin Murray flashed the leather in the field including one inning where he made all 3 put outs. Schmidt, Murray, Paul Carpenter, Jack Robey, Randolph Ciarlone, Noah Semus and Michael Berutti all had multiple hits. A great team effort.

### **Red Sox**

The Red Sox kicked off their season against the Cardinals. The entire team played well, highlighted with solid pitching from Nicholas Calvaresi, Nicholas Strange and Alex Fanelli. The bats were swinging with several strong hits. Nicholas Strange was awarded the Game Ball for his pitching and defensive play in the field.

### **Dodgers**

The Dodgers came out swinging on opening day. Danny Amicon and Nick Grignano hit the ball hard in each of their plate appearances, and Max Savidge and Dustin Fisher hit 3 shots each to the outfield! Great fielding was turned in by Patrick Donoghue who made several assists on ground balls, and Trent Mason who caught a line drive and had an assist from SS with a strong throw to first on a ground ball. Game balls were awarded to Dustin and Patrick.

### **Braves**

The Braves opened up their season with a hard fought battle against the Cubs. Both teams played very hard and "shook off the rust" from a long off-season. The Braves early practices produced some solid fielding efforts, but strong hitting was the story of this game. Conner Birzes, Alexander Payton and Jack Clay are just a few who posted multi-hit games' and Aaron Stoyack was awarded the game ball for his outstanding performance. Most importantly, as expected both teams displayed fantastic sportsmanship.

## *Tee Ball League*

### **Phillies**

The energetic Phillies opened against the Diamondbacks Saturday afternoon. Jack Barton and Michael La Torre fielded every ball that came their way at the pitchers position and had nice throws to first base. Veteran Jett Lucas-Murphy showed the team his arm as he fielded and connected with Sammy Goodstein at first. Jett is our Game Ball recipient!

### **White Sox**

On Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, the White Sox started their season off with a great a game against the Devil Rays! Patrick Tormey began the game with a super hit. Jimmy Madden did a good job as the clean up hitter in getting everyone home to end the top of the first inning. Cade Hontanon was awarded the game ball because of his excellent fielding. See you at the next game!

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Baseball Quotes

“Kids should practice autographing baseballs. This is a skill that often overlooked in Little League.” – Tug McGraw

“There are three types of baseball players: those who make it happen, those who watch it happen, and those who wonder what happens.” – Tommy Lasorda

“Baseball is ninety percent mental. The other half is physical.” – Yogi Berra

“Baseball is like driving, it’s the one who gets home safely that counts.” – Tommy Lasorda

