



Baseball News of the Glenmoore/Eagle Little League

Baseball & Father's Day

This is a story about a little boy who had one older brother and a loving set of parents. The little boy loved baseball and when the weather cooperated, he would wait patiently on the front-steps of his house for his father to return from work. Before the father could close the car door, the little boy would beg him to play catch in the back-yard. The father never refused the little boy's request and simply removed his suit jacket, loosened his tie and joined in the fun. For you see the father loved baseball and he cherished time spent with his family.

The older brother, much like the father, was a fine baseball player and every spring the father would escort the older brother and the little boy to the local sporting goods store, in this case Hauff's, to purchase a new bat for the upcoming season. These trips took place in the mid-1960's, long-before metal bats appeared on the scene. At that time, all baseball bats were made of ash and specifically white ash and Hauff's only carried Louisville Sluggers and limited supply of Adirondack bats. The store itself was certainly nothing like the sporting goods stores of today, as it was poorly lit, with narrow aisles. However, it did have a special room with bin after bin stacked with newly arrived wooden bats. To this day the little boy can close his eyes and smell that sweet aroma of those wooden bats.

These annual trips to Hauff's were very special for the little boy as it provided an opportunity to feel like one of the guys. For you see the brother was ten-years older and let's face it; there is precious little in-common between a high school aged lad and a sibling in the 3rd grade. The older brother, much like the father, never rushed a decision and certainly not one as significant as selecting a new bat. Bat after bat would be pulled from the bins and thoroughly tested with several swings in the search for that "special one". For the rule was well-known; only one bat would be purchased that day. Finally, after what seemed like hours to the little boy, the brother had selected his bat, the purchase was made and they were on their way back home.

Needless to say, the little boy could not wait for his opportunity to make that annual pilgrimage to Hauff's and purchase his very own bat. Well that day finally arrived in the spring of 1965, when the little boy reached the age of nine and could participate in the local Little League's Minor Division. Hauff's opened their doors at 9 am on spring Saturday's, but the little boy was so excited that he was dressed and ready to go at 7. At precisely 9 am the little boy and his father arrived at Hauff's and they quickly entered the bat showroom and concentrated their search on the bins containing the "Little League Approved" models. Following in his brother's footsteps, the little boy pulled bat after bat from the bins, setting aside a few potential candidates. Before long the little boy had narrowed his search down to just two Louisville Sluggers. One was a Mickey Mantle model (the little boy's favorite player) and the other was a thick-handled Jackie Robinson model. He knew that he had to decide between the two bats as the rule was only one bat would be purchased. After several more swings of each bat the little boy was no closer to a decision.

At this moment, his father approached, put his reassuring arm around his youngest son and told him that this day the rule would be broken and they made their way home with two bats.

Thank,s Dad, and Happy Father's Day

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Major League Red Division

MAJOR RED STANDINGS					
TEAM	W	L	PCT	GB	
Phillies	13	3	.813	--	
Padres	11	4	.733	1 1/2	
Diamondbacks	8	7	.533	4 1/2	
Red Sox	6	9	.400	6 1/2	
Cubs	5	10	.333	7 1/2	
Yankees	3	13	.188	10	

Thursday, May 19th

Padres 9
Diamondbacks 0

The Padres came to the field in an offensive state of mind and defeated the Diamondbacks 9 to 0. Nick Amicon and Billy Caldwell set the table for the heart of the order as Ryley Angeline, Cary Angeline, and James Utley accounted for all 9 Padres RBIs.

Tuesday, May 27th

Diamondbacks – 3
Philadelphia Phillies – 4

Coming off the Memorial Day Weekend, the Phillies came ready to play some ball. Kyle O'Brien had a great catch on a hard hit line drive. Scott Hennelly and Michael Styer combined pitching prowess for the win. Zack Greer had a 2 RBI single and Michael Styer had an RBI single. Greer and Styer scored along with James Rathgeber and Matt Petruccio.

The Dbacks lost a tough fought battle to the Phillies by a score of 4-3. The game was a close contest the whole way and the Dbacks just fell short in their comeback attempt. Collin McCourt led the way for the Dbacks with a great pitching effort. On offense Jimmy McCarthy and Tanner Petersen both had solid games at the plate.



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Major League Red Division (continued)

Cubs 12 - 2
Red Sox - 2

The weather was threatening and so were Cubs' bats when they met the Red Sox at West Vincent Fields to play a make-up game that was cut short by thunderstorms. Michael Churchvara and Ryan Cummings each blasted down-the-hill and out of sight homeruns but the Sox could not overcome a third inning that saw 7 Cub runs cross the plate.

Wednesday, May 28th

Padres – 5
Cubs – 6

After trailing 5-0 in the bottom of the 5th inning the Cubs stormed back to win the game 6-5 in the bottom of the 6th. Ryan Knight scored the winning run and played a great game at catcher. Ryan Schmitt made some key defensive plays at 2nd base as Liam Dilenschneider went the distance for the Cubs.

The Padres could not hold off the hard charging Cubs. James Utley pitched 4 strong innings for the Padres holding the Cubs scoreless. Evan Hermans, TJ Cliggett, and Cary Angeline all had multiple base hits for the Padres in the loss.



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Major League Red Division (continued)

Red Sox pitcher Trevor Andresen allowed just 3 hits and struck out 7 against the Yankees.



Thursday, May 29th

**Red Sox – 8
Yankees – 4**

The Yankees jumped to an early lead as Tim Clark singled home Colin Walsh in the opening frame. John (JB) Belbin and Luke Allen singled and scored in the second, but the Yankee bats were quiet over the final four frames with the exception of Tim Clark’s fifth inning single resulting in the Yanks falling to the Red Sox 8-4.

Offensive and defensive weapons were in sync as the Red Sox rebounded fully from Tuesday night’s loss to the Cubs and put a full team effort into a win against the Yankees. Starting pitcher Trevor Andresen allowed just 3 hits and struck out 7 in 5 full innings pitched. Reliever Ryan Cummings held the Yankees scoreless in the 6th. Patrick Callaghan kept the Yankees at bay with an inning-ending grab that kept the score tied going into the 3rd.

Red Sox offensive contributions were many. Stephen Long jacked two homeruns and collected 4 RBI, Juan Lopez’s base hit drove in 2, Dylan Channell and Ryan Cummings smacked doubles that fell just short of the fence, and Callaghan powered an RBI hit up the middle. Mitchell Cuzzolina used his speed on the base paths to hustle home and score the Sox’ 8th run at the top of the 6th.

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Saturday, May 31st

Yankees – 6
Phillies – 7

The Yankees came out early leading the Phillies 6 to 0 by the 3rd inning. The Phillies pulled it all together and scored 7 runs in the 3rd and then held the Yankees to no more runs for the win the game 7-6 and capture the 1st place seed for the playoffs. James Rathgeber and Zack Greer pitched for the win. James Mackay had a 2 RBI single. Zack Greer and Colby Hunt each had RBI's.

The Yankees grabbed the early lead, but surrendered seven bases on balls in the third frame and allowed the Phillies to get back into the game --- THERE IS NO DEFENSE FOR A WALK ! Graham Giangiulio blanked the Phillies in the first two frames and doubled home two runs in the third after Tim Clark set the table with another solid single. Chadd Catrambone pitched two solid innings of relief and singled home Graham to give the Bombers a 6 – 0 lead in the third. Andrew Scheffer started a rally in the fourth with another single, but was left stranded at third base.

Padres vs Red Sox

Game was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Cubs vs Diamondbacks

Game was cancelled due to inclement weather.



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Major League Blue Division

Wednesday, May 21

Phillies, 10, Angels 6

The Angels lost a tough game against the Phillies on Wednesday night at Hickory Park. The Angels started strong with Thomas Pearson on the mound. Pearson allowed few hits in the early innings and connected with Ian Merriman at home plate to hold back the Phillies. On offense, Andrew Kelly had a big night with a single and a double in the early innings and, in the fifth inning, took the mound to provide strong pitching. Peter Cuetara made a great catch in the outfield in the third inning. With the game tied in the third inning, Ian Merriman came in to pitch striking out two batters to end the inning. The Angels are looking forward to playing the Giants at home on Wednesday.

Tuesday, May 27

Dodgers 14, Phillies 3

The Dodgers beat the Phillies during a 5-inning game that was called for lightening. The 10 and 4 Dodgers had their bats come alive during this game with just about all of the 10 players getting on base. Nick Bowns and DJ McCloy led the hitting going 3 for 3. While Jeff Armstrong, Nathan Kritz, David Rosati and Cooper Zabolcki had 2 hits each during the game. Doug Bowns recorded an RBI while Connor DeFaber-Schumaker and Brian Wallace each came around the bases to help contribute to the 14 runs. Great defensive plays were made by Cooper Zabolcki, Jeff Armstrong and David Rosati; all making the tough catches for the outs. Max DiSanto was a brick wall behind the plate. Nick Bowns did well taking the mound for the first time. He was preceded by David Rosati and DJ McCloy who pitched 9 combined strike outs.

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*Major League Blue Division (continued)***Wednesday, May 28****Angels 5, Giants 6**

The Angels lost a close game to the Giants on Wednesday night at Hickory Park. Ian Merriman started strong on the mound, striking out two in the first inning. On defense, Thomas Pearson and Max Castoldi made great plays in the field to back up Merriman. Pearson came in to pitch in the third inning and made all three outs for the Angels, striking out two batters and getting a runner out at second (not sure on that one). Andrew Kelly relieved Pearson in the fourth inning, striking out one and connecting with Billy McGinley at home plate for the final out of the inning. Billy McGinley hit a double to spark a two out rally in the fourth inning. Peter Cuetara followed up with a single as did Chris Buccellato and the Angels scored two runs. Andrew Kelly struck out the first batter in the fifth inning. The Angels infield turned an outstanding double play to end the inning. Andrew Kelly connected with Trevor Kleese on an infield hit to make the first out and Kleese relayed to Ian Merriman at third to keep the Giants from scoring.

Saturday, May 31**Red Sox vs Phillies (no score reported)**

The Phils lost a tough one to the Red Sox on Saturday. John Geiger, Matt McDevitt, and Grey Jacobs pitched strong innings for the Phillies. The Phils scored four in the fourth and four in the fifth to make a run at the Sox, with Andrew Longo, Matt McDevitt, and Grey Jacobs contributing key hits. But, in the end, the Red Sox big five-run third inning proved too much for them to overcome.



Minor League Division

Wednesday, May 21st **Red Sox 8, Yankees 4**

The Red Sox prevailed in a low scoring game on Wednesday night. Alex Fanelli made a spectacular catch in centerfield to help hold the Yankees scoreless in the first. After the Yanks had taken a 3-2 lead in the second, the Sox came storming back in the third. Andrew Asmann celebrated his birthday by scoring the tying run and the Sox went ahead for good on a hit from Nick Domeier that knocked in both Jake Belbin and Nick Calvaresi. Graham Atlee and Jake Belbin each had a hit and scored in the fourth to finish off the win for the Red Sox.

Phillies 9 Orioles 7

The Phillies played a nail biter during their rubber match with the powerful Orioles. The lead switched back and forth throughout the game and in the end came up on the winning side. The Phillies Michael Gardone and Max Celii made a great tandem catching a man stealing 3rd and stopping an Orioles rally in the 3rd. Luke Swiatek and Devon Murray pitched great baseball throughout the 5 innings. Justin Rudolph made a great stab in the outfield to slow down an Orioles rally and came up big at the plate with a run scored and RBI.

Wednesday May 23

Yankees 13 Cardinals 12

The Cardinals started out by keeping the Yankees runs to a minimum. In the 1st inning Paul Trabucco had an awesome catch at Shortstop and pitcher Rob Warner had 2 strikeouts. In the 2nd inning pitcher Rob Warner came out strong and struck out 2 more and made a great catch at the mound. In the top of the 3rd inning the Yankees brought in 5 runs, so the Cardinals had to step up our game. We did just that and brought in 5 runs as well. In the 4th inning the Yankees took a bigger lead scoring 5 runs and making it 13 – 9. The Cardinals never gave up and in the 5th inning they came out strong and determined! Paul Trabucco had some great pitching and struck out 3 players. David Jorgenson brought in one run and then it was 2 outs and Bases Loaded. Then a key double hit by Bailey Meyer to centerfield brought in 2 runs and the score was 13-12. The Cardinals all showed some great base running and stolen bases to keep us in the game and some key plays were made in the field by Paul Trabucco and Rob Warner. Game balls were handed out to Paul Trabucco for his great pitching, and to Bailey Meyer for his key hitting. Great game boys!

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Minor League Division (continued)



From top left clockwise: Orioles ready for gametime – Stephen Edwards, Ethan Andresen, Jake Maher, Connor Fort, Jake Walter, Greg Stravous, Randolph Ciarlone, Connor Birzes, Zach Bloch. Catcher Ethan Andresen (foreground) and infielder Jake Walter prepare to take the field. Andresen and pitcher Jake Maher conference on the mound. Maher fires another strike.



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Wednesday, May 28th

Red Sox 15, Orioles 6

The Red Sox turned in a solid performance both offensively and defensively. The Sox got on the board with two runs in the first highlighted by a deep blast to the outfield by Nick Domeier. Both teams put up big numbers in the third. Nick Calvaresi ended the O's half of the third with an athletic snag of a line drive at short. In the Red Sox half of the third, everyone contributed and was capped off by Evan Gegeckas' crushing hit to right field. Defense dominated the last two innings as both Nick Strange and Kelsey Launi pitched well to close out the game.

The Orioles made some outstanding plays and fought hard to the end but couldn't contain Red Sox bats. Among the Orioles defensive gems were Ethan Andresen's inning-ending frozen rope from shortstop to first. Offensive highlights included Jake Maher's third-inning blast that gave Jack Hollis and Andresen time to round the bases to score. Connor Fort crushed balls into the outfield in the both the third and fourth innings, driving home runs in each. Stephen Edwards' hustle nearly gave Fort a second RBI in the 4th but the attempt ended in a home-plate collision with the Red Sox' catcher.

Thursday, May 29, 2008

Diamondbacks 14, Cardinals 7

The Cardinals came out strong in the first inning. Rob Warner had a great catch at 3rd base and David Jorgenson made a great play at 1st base, while Vikram Pal and Pauly Trabucco had some good pitching to end the first inning in a tie of 3-3. In the 2nd inning Paul Trabucco continued the great pitching and Michael Giandonato and Vikram Pal each got a base hit which kept the score close. In the 3rd inning the Diamondbacks scored 5 runs on us, so we had our work cut out for us. Some great hits were given by Bailey Meyer and Jack Robey. We only had time for the 4th inning, so the Cardinals knew it was now or never! Michael Giandonato had some great pitching and struck out 2 players and then David Jorgenson had a good play at 1st base for the last out and we kept the Diamondbacks to one run in that inning. The score was now 14 – 7 and we needed 7 runs to tie going into the bottom of the 4th and although we gave it our best shot, it was not enough. Way to go Cardinals, you never gave up!! Hats off to The Diamondbacks for a good game!!

The D-Backs' Sean Kelly and Matthew Weaver's pitching combined to hold the Cardinals at bay, while the D-Backs offense was led by Trent Mason who had 3 hits and scored 4 runs, and James Strommer who had an RBI double and scored 3 runs.



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Minor League Division (continued)

Friday May 30

Diamondbacks 15, Phillies 11

The D-Backs erupted for 6 runs in the 2nd & 3rd innings and defeated the Phillies 15-11 on Friday. The D-Backs improved their record to 7-4-1 with their 5th win in a row.

The team was led by Dustin Fisher who went 3 for 3, with a bases clearing triple, and a total of 5 RBI's. Joey Acee had a key hit and drove in the go-ahead run in the 2nd inning. Joey also made 2 good plays in right field to hold the Phillies runners from advancing. Matthew Weaver also contributed with 2 hits and scored 3 runs.

Saturday May 31st, 2008

Yankees 16, Orioles 5

The Yankees played a great game all around for this second to the last game of the season. They started strong on offense, scoring 5 runs in each of the first 2 innings. Yankees pitching was again a key in this win, starting in the bottom of the 1st with #1 Will Hillegas striking out the first 3 Orioles to the plate. Reliever #12 Logan Hillsinger came to the mound in the bottom of the third for his pitching debut and threw a "no hit" inning with 2 strikeouts. The third out that inning was a brilliant 6-3 play where shortstop #5 Dan Scheffer fielded a hot ground ball and threw a strike to first baseman #3 Bryce Mastrog. #4 Matt Duplicki came in to pitch the 4th and also allowed no hits helping himself with a great stop and throw to first for the second out. The first out that inning looked like an instant replay of the great 6-3 play in the third but this time #1 Will Hillegas fielded the ground ball at shortstop with a throw to first baseman #2 Jake Wisely. Pitcher Duplicki finished the inning with a K. In the fifth inning, closer #2 Jake Wisely saved quickly walking one then striking out the next three Orioles. Yankees batters had a great game including #2 Jake Wisely, 2 for 4 with 3 runs; #3 Bryce Mastrog, 2 for 3 with 4 runs and 1 RBI; #5 Dan Scheffer, 1 for 1 with 3 runs and 1 RBI; and #1 Will Hillegas, 2 for 3 with 4 RBI's. Yankees game ball went to #12 Logan Hillsinger who in addition to pitching superbly his first time on the mound also scored twice.

Zach Block made his pitching debut against a tough Yankees lineup in a Saturday morning game that ended just before thunderstorms halted play for the remainder of the day. The Orioles couldn't stop the Yankee scoring machine and fell to the Bombers 16 – 5. Ethan Andresen's 2-run triple got the O's on the board. Defensive highlights included Jack Hollis' heads-up play at 3rd base that stopped the Yanks from scoring.

Cardinals vs. Phillies - Rainout



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Sunday, June 1st

Red Sox 8 , Diamondbacks 2

Meeting for the third time, the Red Sox defeated the Diamondbacks by a score of 8 - 2. Solid Red Sox pitching by Nicholas Calvaresi, Jake Belbin and Kelsey Launi kept the D-Backs' bats quiet. The Red Sox stole home in the first for the run #1. In the top of the second, Sean Young's bat cleared the bases bringing in Alex Fanelli, Sean Fanelli and Kelsey Launi resulting in 3 more runs for the team. Andrew Asmann and Graham Atlee both had RBI's for 2 more runs in the second. Defensively, Sean Fanelli and Sean Young made great plays resulting in outs for the D-Backs in the 2nd and 3rd innings. Offensively, the Red Sox picked up 2 more runs in the 4th. The bats quieted down to close the fifth and the Red Sox celebrated another win! Way to go team!

Monday, June 2nd

Red Sox 15, Cardinals 6

Under Monday's blue skies, the Red Sox and Cardinals were ready for action. The Red Sox bats were swinging and impressive hits were made by Sean Fanelli, Kelsey Launi, Sean Young, Andrew Asmann, Nick Domeier, Evan Gegeckas, Kelsey Launi, Nick Strange, Sean Young, Nicholas Crusher Calvaresi and Graham Atlee throughout the game. Although the Cardinals had bases loaded in the top of the 1st, consistent pitching from Nicholas Calvaresi held them from scoring. Jake Belbin's solid pitching in the 2nd coupled with Andrew Asmann's awesome catch as short stop and out at 1st kept the 2nd inning to only 1 run for the Cardinals. Evan Gegeckas struck out the side in the third. The Cardinals rallied with Nicholas Strange on the mound in the fourth and Kelsey Launi closed out the 5th resulting in the 13th win for the Red Sox. Will the Red Sox finish the regular season undefeated!!????



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Minor League Division (continued)

Tuesday, June 3rd

Diamondbacks 15, Phillies 14

The Diamondbacks bounced back after being handed their 1st loss in the last 6 games this past Sunday with a nail biting win over the Phillies 15-14

The D-Backs scored 15 runs in the first 4 innings thanks to RBI doubles by James Strommer and Dustin Fisher. Trent Mason added 2 hits and drove in a run to help support the strong pitching of Strommer in the first 2 innings.

The Phillies rallied though by scoring 9 runs in the bottom of the last inning, and had the tying run on base, but the rally was halted with Andrew McEntee pitching the final 2 outs and 3rd baseman Ben Ryherd catching a high fly ball for the final out. The D-Backs improved their record to 8-5-1.

Wednesday, June 4th

Orioles vs Diamondbacks cancelled due to rain and will not be rescheduled because results would not have any impact on overall standings.

Thursday, June 5th

Red Sox 18, Cardinals 7

The Red Sox and Cardinals met for a second time this week. The Red Sox prevailed in a thrilling win of 18 - 7. Aggressive hits, base running and good defensive team play combined to give the Red Sox their 14th victory! Offensively, bats were swinging and several RBI's by Sean Fanelli, Nick Strange, Kelsey Launi, Evan Gegeckas, Nick Domeier, Alex Fanelli, Andrew Asmann and Graham Atlee piled on the runs for the Red Sox. Key hits from Sean Young, Nicholas Calvaresi and Jake Belbin added to the 18 runs of the game.

Consistent defensive pitching was displayed by Nicholas Calvaresi, Alex Fanelli, Evan Gegeckas, Nicholas Strange and Kelsey Launi throughout the innings. As catchers, Andrew Asmann and Sean Young energetically combined their efforts behind the plate.

Incredible team effort tonight and throughout the 2008 regular season brought a record of 14 - 0 - 1 for the Red Hot Red Sox.



8 Year old Rookie League



The Rockies get serious (l-r Cole Kacmar, Tommy Hammett, Max Doucette).



Tommy Hammett on his way to pitching 3 shutout innings against the Cardinals.

June 3

Phillies vs. Cardinals

Phillies took on the Cardinals for the final game of the season with Ankur Bamezai returning from the injured reserves. It was a full team, but we missed Nicholas DiBella, who was celebrating at an official Phillies game! Zach Reigel struck out the entire Cardinal side to start the game and then hit a solid grounder. Chase Sanders pitched a strong second inning, but the Phil's gave up 1 run. A single by Bill Swisher put a runner on base, then Chase slugged one to the outfield and some head's up base running by Bill put the Phil's on the board! Matthew Hennessy threw nothing but strikes in the third inning, but unfortunately the Cards were hitting them. Bill and Charlie Cliggett finished up the game with fine pitching and Tim Aivado thrilled the fans with 2 awesome plays at second base after a rundown out at first in the prior inning. Game balls were awarded to Caitlyn Grubb, Chase Sanders and Jonathan Maino. It was evident that the boys had learned a lot this season as they backed each other up, made excellent fielding choices and made good contact, but especially important was their teamwork, cheering each other on and good sportsmanship!



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7 Year old Rookie League

Ethan Robinson (#12) making an unassisted putout at 2nd base. Fellow Phillie Dan Kelly is there to help if needed.

Wednesday, May 28

Yankees vs Mets

The Yankees took on the Mets for the second time this year in a game that was marked by some solid defensive plays by Jackson Nyce, Jake Stelma and William Christ. On the offensive side Dylan Phillips and Max Jones made their presence felt with some fine hitting while Jack O'Reilly was rewarded with the game ball for some great hitting and lightening fast base running.

Michael Brown fresh off the disabled list hit 2 towering shots to the outfield for doubles. Will Howard, Evan

Hoffnagle, Michael Defant, and

Eduardo Gibbons led the offensive charge with multiple hits each. Michael Brown also turned a double play on defense. Zach Lee, Will Howard, and Tommy Amicon turned in some nice defensive gems.



Saturday, May 31

Yankees vs Cardinals

Jake Selma may have had the defensive play of the season with a tremendous double play in the first inning, catching a line drive and then doubling up the runner at second. Jack O'Reilly had a double to the outfield and Jackson Nyce and Jamison Leiss contributed to a great all round performance by the Yankees. Unfortunately the weather intervened in the second inning and we were force to abandon the game once the thunder rolled in. Overall it was a great effort to end the season, Jackson and Jamison were worthy recipients of the final game balls of the season.

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Tee Ball League



Clockwise from top left: Gianna LaTorre shows off her game ball; Mets player safe on base while the Cubs' 1st baseman returns the ball to the pitcher and argues the call.

May 15

Athletics vs. Devil Rays

The A's took to the field Thursday, May 15th after a long weather layoff - their bats remained hot, with Jakob Welsch, Will Murray, and Anisha Pal (game ball recipient) making good contact at the plate, sending the safety ball a-flying. Billy Lawrie did a great job on the mound, making several difficult plays look routine. All in all, the A's continue to get better every week -better throws, good catches, and crisp hitting. Let's keep it going A's!!!

Tuesday, May 27

Athletics vs. Red Sox

On May 27th, the A's returned to the field at Hickory Park after a long rain-induced layoff. Not surprisingly, the showed little ill effect of the time off - the fielding was crisp, the hitting was solid, and the throwing was on target. Everyone did a great job, and all had obviously been practicing on their own time fine-tuning their skills. Next game - 5/31/08 vs. the Yankees - the A's look to continue getting better!!! Go A's!!!

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Tee Ball League (continued)

Wednesday, May 28

Cubs vs. Phillies

The Cubs and the Phillies played a thrilling game on Wednesday with clutch hitting and sharp fielding. This was the first game for both teams after over a week of rain-outs. For the Cubs, Nate Barker played a strong third base with some great throws to first base. Tyler Robinson also played a strong game on the pitcher's mound by catching a line drive on the fly. On the offensive side, Michael Alberton and Gracie McCormack had big hits. The game came to a close with game balls given to Tyler Robinson for his great defense on the pitcher's mound and to Nate Barker for his great fielding on third base. Great game Cubs!

The Phillies came out to play after a long break due to weather. All of the Phils picked up their game with solid hits and quick fielding. Chad Britt was swinging for the outfield and chased down runners for a few outs thereby earning a well deserved game ball. Great job Chad!

Mets vs. Devil Rays

The Mets had a lot of hustle on their first game back from a 2 week hiatus. The whole team showed tremendous improvement at bat. Cal Murray and Bradley Quinn both swung particularly well. All of the Mets did a great job base running and Ashlyn Kelly delivered the ball to 1st base consistently. Owen Lawlor received the game ball for his efforts.

It was a picture perfect night for baseball. The Mets and Devilrays were eager to play. Jake Spina showed his base running speed while Owen Cannon and Jacob Davidson provide some powerful hits. Timmy Basta was "right at home" in the role of catcher, and was thrilled when he recieved the game ball. A great time was had by both teams.



Nick Trasatti at bat.

Saturday, May 31

Mets vs. Marlins

The weather cut this game short but the Mets again did a fine job hitting the ball. Evan Patrick and Josephine Condon connected with the ball and showed real speed around the bases. Nick Trasatti and Sara Ryan took care of the infield. Nathan Lucas received the game ball for his fine hitting and quick feet.

Tee Ball League (continued)

Cubs vs. Red Sox

The Cubs played an exciting game against the Red Sox on Saturday! The Cubs' defense was led by Michael Alberton who caught a line drive on the fly at the pitcher's mound and then made a strong throw to Evan Bogacki who made a put-out at first base. The Cubs' offense was led by Nicholas Graybill, Mario Billetta and Ryan Darlington, who had big hits into the outfield. The game ball was given to Michael Alberton for his outstanding job in the field!



Top left: Thomas Kent, Jr. prepares for a line drive. Top right: Matthew Laliberte shows them how it's done; Bottom: Gabi Adler tag out at home.

Phillies vs. Diamondbacks

The Phils looked to squeak one by Mother Nature as they hosted the Diamondbacks and were cut short at the bottom of the second inning due to weather. Jack Barron and Chad Britt fielded well as

pitchers with nice throws to first base where Gianna La Torre snagged a couple put outs. Brad Pfaff clocked one high and away while at bat and received the Game Ball for coming on strong with his performance. Great job Brad!!

Tee Ball League (continued)

June 3

Cubs vs. White Sox

The Cubs demonstrated great teamwork in their game against the White Sox on Tuesday. The Cubs began the game with strong hits by the whole team, especially Jack Barron, Gracie McCormack and Preston Harper. Nate Barker played a strong game at the pitcher's mound, with some great throws and a put out to first base. Tyler Robinson played a great game at first base fielding everything that came his way.

Mets vs. Yankees

The Mets were provided with a great deal of fielding practice as they took on a hard-hitting Yankees team. Josephine Condon consistently delivered the ball to first base as she bravely covered the infield. Brendan Arcara kept the Yankees in check at second base. Cal Murray again provided the team with some big hits. Bradley Quinn and Josephine Condon both received game balls.

Phillies vs. Marlins

The Phillies hosted the Marlins on a beautiful evening at Hickory Park. The team got the giggles and the sillies in the field, but they settled down when it came time to hit. The whole team stepped up their hitting game, but Ian Celii, Michael La Torre, and our lefty Alex Viscomi showed consistent nice swings on their hitting throughout the game. Ian, Michael, and Alex were each awarded a game ball. Great job guys!!



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