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- GELL President Tim Riddle

Major League Red Division **PLAYOFFS**

Monday, June 2nd

Cubs – 1

Red Sox – 11

Ryan Knight had two hits and Matt Munro made a couple of sparkling defensive plays but the Cubs came up on the wrong side of the score.

Hot bats, sizzling pitching, and hustling defense came together in the Red Sox Game 1 matchup against the Cubs. Starter Trevor Andresen struck out 6 in 4 innings pitched and combined with outstanding Red Sox fielding to keep the Cubs off the base paths and scoreless in 3 of 4 innings. Patrick Callaghan, Eric Longo, and Kenny Jarema teamed up for a dazzling double play in the 4th inning. Andresen helped himself with a 2RBI hit in the 1st. Stephen Long led the offense with a 3rd inning double and 4th inning blast to the fence.

Tuesday, June 3rd

Yankees – 4

Diamondbacks – 5

The Diamondbacks prevailed 5 -4 in a close opening round playoff game Tuesday evening. The Yankees started strong with 2 runs in the 1st inning but the Diamondbacks responded with 3 runs to take the lead with singles by Brendan Brady and Blake McCourt and a double by Dave Hendrix. Another run was scored in the 3rd inning by Bryan Hennigan to give the D'backs a 4-2 lead. The Yankees bats got hot again in the 5th inning and tied the score at 4-4. Relief pitcher Dave Hendrix came in to get the 3rd out with bases loaded. A single by Brendan Brady and a double(RBI) by Blake McCourt got the Diamondbacks back on top. Hendrix got 2 strikeouts in the top of the 6th and fielded the 3rd out for the win.

The Yankees lost a close contest to the Diamondbacks in the opening round of the Major Red Playoffs. Andrew Scheffer and Graham Giangliulio collected two hits each and a pair of RBI's to lead the Yankee offense. Chadd Catrambone and Tim Clark also had key hits in the opening frame as the Yankees jumped to an early lead. The Diamondbacks came right back to take the lead in the bottom of the first. The resilient Yankees fought back and tied the game late with two runs in the fifth, but the Diamondbacks ultimately prevailed.



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Major League Red Division PLAYOFFS (continued)

Thursday, June 5th

Red Sox – 7
Phillies – 9

The Phillies and Red Sox battled every inning with the Phillies coming out on top on by a score of 9-7. James Rathgeber had a double play worthy of ESPN highlights. Michael Styer had a rolling catch at short. Nathan Hall was fierce at third. Kyle O'Brien rocketed a throw in from behind second plate to Zack Greer who got the final out of the game by tagging the runner at home plate. The bats came alive during this game. Michael Styer and Matt Petruccio each had 2 hits, 2 runs and 2 RBIs. James Mackay had 2 hits, a run, and 2 RBIs. Zack Greer had 2 hits and 2 RBIs. Mason Murphy had an RBI double. Conor Coffey and Nick Holowsko each scored runs.

Despite a highlight reel of defensive webgems and a sixth-inning offense surge, the Red Sox fell to the Phillies in their second playoff game. Offensive hustle by Mitchell Cuzzolina, Michael Churchvara, and Kenny Jarema kept the Sox in the game to the last out. Superb defensive play included an on-the-money relay from Churchvara to Trevor Andresen to Jarema that gunned down a Phillie runner at home in the 1st. Andresen and Jarema combined with Matt Evans and Dylan Channell to perfectly execute another relay at home in the bottom of the 3rd. Juan Diego Lopez' tumbling catch in the bottom of the 5th set up the Sox for their final at-bat, a 4-run rally that left them just short.



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Friday, June 6th

Diamondbacks – 4
Padres – 8

The Padres came out strong in their first game of the 2008 GEYA Major Red playoffs with an 8 to 4 win over the Diamondbacks. Ryley Angeline pitched 5 strong innings while Nick Amicon needed only 11 pitches to close the door in the 6th. TJ Cliggett, Cary Angeline, and Evan Hermans powered the Padres offensive with multiple hit games while Billy Caldwell and Danny Chisena provided the speed on the base paths each having multiple stolen bases.

The Dbacks played a very good game with a fine pitching effort from Brendan Brady and David Hendrix but in the end they just could not get past the Padres. The Dbacks were led on offense by Collin and Blake McCourt, Bryan Hennigan, Jimmy McCarthy, Jeff Quake and Tanner Peterson who all contributed big hits. On defense the Dbacks played a solid game marked by great hustle by the entire outfield and another super job behind the plate by Jeff Zebrowski



Major League Red Division

PLAYOFFS (continued)

Saturday, June 7th

Red Sox – 9
Yankees – 7

The Yankees and Red Sox battled intense heat and humidity with playoff survival on the line. Red Sox starting pitcher Trevor Andresen was locked in, recording 4 strikeouts against 12 batters faced and allowing just 1 run in 3 innings pitched. The Sox defense was again at its best, with terrific efforts that included Juan Diego Lopez' hustle and stretch toward a hard hit to right field in the 3rd.

The Yankees came on strong in the 4th and 5th innings, but the Red Sox collective offensive output enabled the Sox to hold on for the win. Eric Longo blasted a homerun, and added a base hit RBI, Stephen Long contributed an RBI triple and RBI double in the game, Mitchell Cuzzolina added a 2RBI double to the tally, Ryan Cummings had two base hits including a big knock into the outfield, and Michael Churchvara recorded a double as well as a basehit. Dylan Channell and Matt Evans also rung up RBI hits.

The Yankees once again jumped to an early lead in the first inning as Graham Giangiulio doubled and scored on Chadd Catrambone's single. After falling behind by four runs, the Yankees mounted another furious rally and scored four runs in the fourth inning as Chadd Catrambone, Andrew Scheffer and Jake Wallace singled. Andrew and Jake's singles drove in a pair of runs and brought the Yankees back into the game. Graham Giangiulio's second double of the game in the fifth scored Jimmy Berutti who had opened the frame with a solid base-hit. The Red Sox scored two go-ahead runs in the bottom of the fifth, but the Yankees refused to fold and opened the sixth with Joe Riddle's single to left. The Red Sox pitching and defense stiffened from there and the Yankee season came to a close.

The Yankee coaching staff agreed that this was the most resilient team that they had ever coached. Plenty of heart in these Yankee players and they finished the season and the playoffs playing their best baseball. Congratulations Yankees!

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PLAYOFFS (continued)

Padres – 4

Phillies – 9

It was 95 degrees on Saturday, June 7th, but the Phillies played one of their best games this season and defeated the Padres 9-4. Michael Styer pitched a great game with Zack Greer picking up the save. The entire team played well defensively. The Phillies offense was led by a Michael Styer who had a 3 run home run and a total of 5 RBIs. This was Michael's fifth home run of the season. Scott Hennelly had 2 hits, an RBI and a run. Colby Hunt had an RBI single and scored a run. Kyle O'Brien had 1 hit and 2 runs scored. James Rathgeber, Zack Greer, Matt Petruccio and James Mackay all scored runs. Matt Petruccio is holding the teams "hit by a pitch" record with 7 to date! We are now heading to the Championship game!!!!

Playing back-to-back days and facing near 100-degree temperatures, the Padres came up short against the Phillies in the third round of the playoffs losing 9 to 4. James Utey and TJ Cliggett had strong outings on the mound for the Padres but could not match a strong hitting Phillies offense.

Cubs – 0

Diamondbacks – 10

The Dbacks got by the Cubs 10 – 0 in a round 3 playoff game. The game time temperature was 96 and the Dbacks bats were just as hot. Brendan Brady, Blake McCourt, Jack Dillon and Bryan Hennigan led the way with multiple hits. On defense the Dbacks played solid defense behind the great pitching effort from Bryan Hennigan. Andrew Pilone and Liam Dilenschneider pitched heroically for the Cubs.



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PLAYOFFS (continued)

Monday, June 9th

Red Sox – 3
Diamondbacks - 10

Dbacks defeated the Red Sox 10 -3 on Monday night. The Dbacks were led on offense by Bryan Hennigan, Jeff Zebrowski, Brendan Brady and Blake McCourt all with multi hit games. In the field the pitching effort of David Hendrix and Collin McCourt was backed up by solid play from Jack Dillon and Alec Petrillo.

The Red Sox came together to play hard and well as a team during the playoffs but couldn't solve steady Diamondbacks pitching on an unseasonably warm Hickory Park evening and ended their season with a 3 – 10 loss. Some fine defensive plays by Matt Evans, Kenny Jarema, Trevor Andresen, Juan Diego Lopez, Eric Longo, and Patrick Callaghan held the Dbacks to a single run in the 2nd and no runs in the 4th inning.

Wednesday, June 11th

Diamondbacks – 10
Padres - 15

The Padres survived a roller coaster battle with the Diamondbacks winning 15 to 10 to advance to the championship game of the GEYA Major Red playoffs. The Padres jumped out to a 10 to 0 lead but had to hold as the offense of both teams exploded. Evan Hermans and John Henry Suelzer set the table in the 2nd inning and were driven home with a monstrous home run by Tyler Morgenthaler. Ryley Angeline went yard in the 5th inning. Cary Angeline and Nick Amicon then set the table for a bases clearing triple by Evan Hermans.

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Dbacks fell short in their final game of the year. The Dbacks were literally down to their last strike in the 4th inning, trailing the game 10 -0 with two outs and two strikes on the batter, but somehow managed to rally all the way back and tie the game in the 5th at 10. The entire team contributed to the comeback and proved out the saying "never give up". The Padres to their credit scored 4 in the 6th and held on to win but the Dbacks rally created a memory that will last forever!



Major League Red Division **PLAYOFFS (continued)**



The 12 year old Phillies and Padres lead the Little League Pledge at Championship Game

Championship Game, Friday June 13

Padres – 5

Phillies – 8

The Championship game on Friday Jun 13th began with a lot of nervous stomachs – mostly from the fans in the stands! The Phillies were prepared to play and the entire team contributed to the win. James Rathgeber pitched his best game of the season and Zack Greer picked up another save. Matt Petruccio, Nathan Hall and Mason Murphy all made key plays in the field. Zack Greer, while catching, prevented a stolen base by throwing the runner out at third. James Mackay was also fierce behind the plate. Top of the sixth, with 2 outs, the batter hits a hard grounder to James Rathgeber at shortstop who scoops the ball and rockets the ball to Colby Hunt at first. The crowd held their breath until the umpire called the runner out for the final out of the game. Zack Greer had a 2 RBI single, with a total 3 RBI's for the game. James Rathgeber had a double, and an RBI and a scored a run. Michael Styer had a single and a run scored. Colby Hunt had an RBI single. Conor Coffey, Kyle O'Brien, Nick Holowsko, Mason Murphy, and Scott Hennelly all scored runs.

Friday the 13th was definitely not a good day for the Padres as they lost in the championship game to the Phillies 8 to 5. The Padres mounted a late charge scoring 2 in the 5th and 2 in the 6th innings with RBIs singles from Tyler Morgenthaler and Ryley Angeline. TJ Cilggett provided the defensive highlights in the 5th inning with a diving catch in center.

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PLAYOFFS (continued)

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Major League Blue Division

Tuesday, June 3

Yankees -14 Angels - 6

The Angels lost to the Yankees 14 to 6 in the first round of the playoffs. The Angels pitching was led by Chris Buccellato, Thomas Pearson, and Andrew Kelly combining to strike out 5 Yankees. The offense was led by Thomas Pearson with 2 hits (double and a triple). Max Castoldi, Ian Merriman, and Billy McGinley each scored a run. Strong defense was provided by Thomas Defant and Trevor Kleese in the infield, while Peter Cuetara and Dalton Burt provided solid defense in the outfield.

The Yankees defeated a much valiant and much improved Angels team 14 -6 in the first round of the playoffs. The Yanks used their pitching depth to with Tucker Rolen, Charlie Boinske, Tyler Buban, Steve Koons and Danny Amicon all sharing time on the hill. Danny Amicon played a bit of Mariano Rivera coming in to face one batter with the bases jammed in the top of the 6th, fanning him to end the game. Yankee bats were potent with Alex Winstead having a good day at the plate as did Matt Pichola, Jake Truchan Jake Cerullo handled the Yank hurlers behind the plate keeping runners at bay the entire fray. Andrew Griffin shored down the infield for the Yank defense.

Dodgers - 12 Giants - 2

The Dodgers pulled out a win during Game 1 of the playoffs for Major Blue. The 12-2 victory over the Giants was assisted by aggressive hitting of Rosati (3-3), Armstrong (2-3) and DiSanto (2-3). Our first pitcher McCloy faced 8 batters and recorded six strikeouts and had 2 hits against him. Armstrong went three strong innings and faced 11 batters and recorded 7 strikeouts, 1 walk and a hit. Kudos to the Giants for getting a double, triple and a homerun during the game.



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PLAYOFFS (continued)

Saturday, June 5

Phils 8, Tigers 4.

The Phils outscored the Tigers 8 to 4 in their first playoff game. Pitchers Dylan and Jacob Dunkelberger split the innings for the Phils. John Geiger had an excellent hitting night with a double, a single, and 3 RBIs. Andrew Longo, Grey Jacobs, and Jacob Dunkelberger also had key RBI hits. Evan Diwald, who has been a rock for the Phils behind the plate all season, caught another terrific game.

Dodgers 5 Yankees 3

What a battle of the Titans! Game 2 of the playoffs was between the undefeated Yankees and the 2nd place Dodgers. The scene was set for a back and forth struggle. The enthusiastic momentum of the players and the over-whelming support of the fans ended up being the extra player on the field that helped the Dodgers beat the Yankees with a 5-3 victory. Jeff Armstrong started on the mound with an impressive six K's against a well known hitting team. DJ McCloy and David Rosati had a combined six K's as well. A diving attempt on short from Cooper Zabolcki was a play that'll be remembered by all. The Dodgers were able to 5-run inning the Yankees in the 4th with aggressive base running from Connor DeFaber-Schumaker, Brian Wallace, Doug Bowns and Jeff Armstrong. Shots to the outfield to secure the win was made by Brett Allan, DJ McCloy and a clutch shot to deep center field by David Rosati. Congratulations to all the players on both sides for a well played, hard fought game.



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Major League Blue Division

PLAYOFFS (continued)

June 7

Angels 10 – Giants 1

Playing with only 8 players, the Angels beat a good Giant team in the second round of the playoffs 10 to 1. The pitching was led by Thomas Pearson and Andrew Kelly combining to strike out 9 in 5 innings. The offense was led by Thomas Pearson with three hits (single, triple, and a homerun), Andrew Kelly with 3 singles, and Peter Cuetera with a double. Thomas Defant and Trevor Kleese combined for 3 putouts in the infield, while Chris Buccellato caught two line drives at shortstop. Ian Merriman had a solid game behind the plate and Dalton Burt provided solid defense at third base

Saturday, June 8

Dodgers 5 - Yankees 3

The Yanks season high run of 16 straight wins was broken on Saturday in the 2nd game of the playoffs by a very motivated Dodger team. The score of 5-3 favored the Dodgers. Steve Koons started for the Yanks and was relieved by Tucker Rolen and then Jake Cerullo who closed out the game for the Yanks. It was a game of "what if's" for the Yanks. A few timely hits and some pitching changes could have changed the outcome, but the law of averages favored a team to finally knock the Yanks off their lofty perch. The Bronx Bombers loaded the bases in the last inning but still fell short.

Phillies 13 - Red Sox 11

The Phillies came from behind in a well played game to beat the Red Sox 13-11 for their second playoff victory. The Phil's were down 6-11 going into the 6th inning. The Phil's bats ignited in the 6th. Blake Scott started the inning off with a double, followed by key hits from Grey Jacobs, Matt Mc Devitt, Evan Diewald and Andrew Longo. The Phil's put 7 runs on the board and captured the win. A tremendous offensive effort from Grey Jacobs and Matt Mc Devitt who both went 4 for 5 for the day, Blake Scott 3 for 5 and Evan Diewald 3 for 4. Pitchers Grey Jacobs and John Geiger did a great job on the mound. Evan Diewald pitched the 5th and 6th innings, and shut down the Sox.

Mark Dyer played a strong defense in the 6th, he assisted in all 3 outs to close the game. Alex Mc Intyre's quick speed on the bases accounted for 2 of the 11 runs. Great teamwork Phillies !!



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Yankees 16 – Mets 7

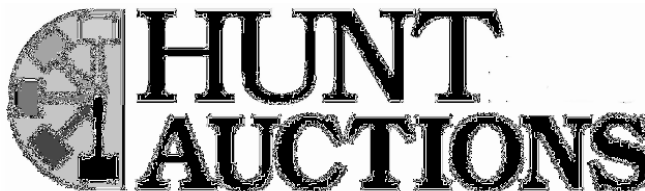
The Yankees returned to their winning ways downing the crosstown rival Mets 16-7. Virtually all Yankees scored with big hits by Jake Truchan, Tucker Rolan, Charlie Boinske and the rest of the Bombers. Starter Rolan was relieved by Jake Cerullo, who gave way to Truchan and Danny Amicon to close out the game. Andrew Griffin, Alex Winstead, Matt Pichola and Steve Koons all contributed to the offensive attack. Tyler Buban helped behind the plate and did a good job at backstop.

Monday, June 16

Yankees 7 - Phillies 4

The Yankees continued their climb back into the Championship Playoff Round with a 7-4 win over the Phillies. The Yanks hurlers allowed no runs, with Jake Cerullo going 2 2/3 innings striking out 7, Chaz Bowinske coming in on pitch count relief and using his solid defense to go into the 6th inning when he gave way to Tyler Buban who closed out the last 2 outs. The Yankee offense had a big inning when with 2 outs, Tucker Rolan did some heads up baserunning turning a bloop single into a 4 bagger by never stopping on the basepaths. It added 3 runs to give the Yanks the lead they wouldn't relinquish. Defensively the hard hitting Yanks were on fire with solid plays at third by Jake Truchan, some nifty short to second action by Danny Amicon and Andrew Griffin, a nice outfield catch by Alex Winstead and a full split stretch and scoop by Cerullo at firstbase. Matt Pichola anchored the outfield. The Yanks season will end in the Championship Game as vacation depletes the roster. It was a great season for the Bronx Bombers!

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Championship Game, Tuesday June 17

Dodgers 7 - Yankees 4

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Minor League Division

PLAYOFFS

Friday, June 6

Yankees 12 - Phillies 2

The Yankees closed their regular season with another win. The Yankees sent 5 pitchers to the mound in this one and all performed well. Pitchers #1 Will Hillegas, #12 Logan Hillsinger, #4 Matt Duplicki and #5 Dan Scheffer each had 2 strikeouts and #2 Jake Wisely struck out 3 in the 4th inning. Yankees pitching allowed the Phillies only 2 runs for the game. Yankees defense helped out catching Phillies stealing for outs in the second and third innings. In the 2nd, catcher Jake Wisely made a great throw to 3rd baseman Matt Duplicki who threw down the tag. In the 3rd catcher Bryce Mastrog nailed the attempted steal at home for the 3rd out that inning. Yankees batters produced lots of baserunners and runs with some hits and walks. #5 Dan Scheffer was 2 for 3 with a walk; #4 Matt Duplicki was 1 for 1 with 3 walks; and #2 Jake Wisely was 2 for 2 with with a walk. Yankees game ball went to #9 Alex Maisto who, in addition to a solid defensive showing, with an incredible eye for the pitches drew walks each of his 3 times to the plate and proceeded to steal 4 bases and score twice. Final score Yankees 12, Phillies 2.

Saturday, June 7

Orioles 12 – Phillies 9

The Orioles and the Phillies met on a wicked hot afternoon to decide game 1 of the playoffs. Bats were hot as the entire Orioles lineup had their turn at the plate in the top of the first. Four runs scored in the 1st as well as the 2nd. Starting pitcher Ethan Andresen and catcher Jake Maher, along with a focused defense in the field, allowed the Phillies just 2 runs in the 1st and no runs in the 2nd.

Two Orioles runs scored in the 3rd and two more in the 4th. Maher was 3-for-3 at the plate Jack Hollis recorded 2 hits and a walk in 3 at-bats, Connor Fort went 2-for-3 with 2 RBI, and Steven Edwards was 2-for-3 with 2 RBI.



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Minor League Division

PLAYOFFS (continued)

Sunday, June 8.

Yankees 10 - Diamondbacks 5

Finishing in 2nd place for the regular season, the Yankees got a bye in the first round of playoffs. They met the Diamondbacks, winners against the Cardinals in playoff game 1, on this scorching hot Sunday afternoon. Pitchers #2 Jake Wisely and #1 Will Hillegas both did well allowing only 5 Diamondbacks runs. Yankees defense helped out with shortstop #5 Dan Scheffer fielding a ground ball and making a great throw to first baseman #2 Jake Wisely in the 3rd inning and pitcher #1 Will Hillegas fielding one in each of the last 3 innings with throws to Jake. Yankees catcher #3 Bryce Mastrog geared up for all 5 innings in the terrific heat playing a great game and pointing out a D-back runner missing home in the third inning for a critical third out. Yankees batters were again productive with #1 Will Hillegas, 3 for 4; #2 Jake Wisely, 1 for 2; #5 Dan Scheffer, 2 for 3 with a 2 RBI double in the 3rd inning; and #4 Matt Duplicki 1 for 3 with a double in the 4th inning. Along with some key walks this led to Yankees runs in each inning. Final score Yankees 10, Diamondbacks 5.

Red Sox 21 – Orioles 5

Under 95+ degree temperatures and high humidity, the Red Sox and Orioles met to continue Minor League playoff play. The Red Sox bolted to an early lead, scoring 11 runs in two innings, and continued their dominance throughout the game. Oriole Greg Stravous recorded a 2RBI hit in the 2nd and a base hit in the 4th. Connor Birzes and Zach Block contributed solid base hits as well. The Orioles offensive and defensive efforts fell short, but the boys in orange and black never gave up the fight.




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Minor League Division

PLAYOFFS (continued)

Tuesday, June 10

Orioles 14 – Cardinals 9

Undaunted by the Sunday evening loss to the Red Sox, the Orioles came ready to win against the Cardinals in the first game of a double-header on Tuesday evening and emerged victorious.

Starting pitcher Ethan Andresen was on a roll in the 1st and 2nd innings, pitching two shutout innings, striking out 6 and delivering a 7th out with a tag at first base. The Cardinals came to the plate hitting in the 3rd, and scored 6 runs to bring the score at the end of 3 to Orioles 8, Cardinals 6. Steven Edwards performed well in relief for the Orioles in innings 4 and 5, striking out 3 and allowing just two runs in the 4th and one run in the 5th.

Randolph Ciarlone set the pace for the Oriole offense with a 3 RBI blast in the 3rd. Zach Block's 2 RBI hit in the 3rd and walk in the 4th added to the Oriole score. Andresen, Edwards and Jake Maher also contributed RBI hits to the team effort.

Diamondbacks 9 – Orioles 7

Game 2 of the Orioles' doubleheader found the O's on the losing end of the final score, despite an heroic team effort from first pitch to the final out. Pitchers Steven Edwards, Connor Birzes, and Jake Maher combined with catcher Connor Fort to keep the score close. Maher recorded a 1-2-3 inning, all strikeouts, in the 3rd.

Offensive contributions came up and down the lineup, including RBI doubles from Edwards and Maher and timely base hits from Fort, Jake Walter, and Jack Hollis. The Orioles bowed out of the playoffs with grace, and started their post-game huddle with a congratulatory cheer for their Diamondback opponents before recounting their own successes over the course of the season.



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PLAYOFFS (continued)

Wednesday, June 11

Yankees 7 - Red Sox 3

The Yankees team came out fired up for this 4th meeting with the yet to be defeated Red Sox team. Even though they were playing short handed with only 8 players, they knew they could beat this team since the other games were all close and winnable, especially their second meeting which ended tie. The Yankees starting pitcher #1 Will Hillegas had a great game pitching 3 innings with 5 strikeouts and allowing only 3 hits. Reliever #2 Jake Wisely also had a great performance finishing the last 2 innings with 4 strikeouts and allowing only 1 hit. The Yankees also made many great defensive plays to help. In the 1st inning, first baseman #3 Bryce Mastrog fielded a ground ball, running to the bag for the out. In the 2nd inning second baseman #6 Kevin Cherry fielded a sharp ground ball and made a great throw to first baseman #3 Bryce Mastrog. Then pitcher #1 Will Hillegas snagged a short fly ball, also in the 2nd inning. In the 4th inning, pitcher #2 Jake Wisely fielded a ground ball throwing to first baseman #1 Will Hillegas for the out and first baseman #1 Will Hillegas made a long run for a great catch of a foul ball for the 3rd out that inning. The Yankees did well batting in this game against some tough Red Sox pitching. #1 Will Hillegas was 2 for 2 with 2 walks; #2 Jake Wisely was 3 for 4 with 4 RBI's, reaching 3rd base on 2 of his strong hits to the outfield; and #3 Bryce Mastrog was 2 for 3 with a double. Yankees game balls went to #1 Will Hillegas and #2 Jake Wisely who both had incredible games pitching, fielding and batting, helping these Yankees to finally beat the Red Sox. Final score Yankees 7, Red Sox 3.

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PLAYOFFS (continued)

Championship Game, Saturday June 14

Yankees 7 - Diamondbacks 6

The Yankees were hoping to keep their unbeaten playoff streak alive and capture the championship with another win this hot Saturday morning. They jumped to a 2 to nothing lead in the first inning after Yankees starting pitcher #1 Will Hillegas held the Diamondbacks to only 1 hit, striking out 2 and getting help from first baseman #3 Bryce Mastrog who fielded a ground ball and ran to touch first himself for the out. In the bottom of the first the Yankees offense produced 2 runs with a ground out RBI by #6 Kevin Cherry and hits by #2 Jake Wisely and #3 Bryce Mastrog. The Diamondbacks bats came alive in the top of the second with the first 5 batters getting on base with hits. Then pitcher #1 Will Hillegas struck out the next 2 and catcher #2 Jake Wisely made a great tag out of an attempted steal home to hold the Diamondbacks to 4 runs. The Yankees struck right back in the bottom of the 2nd getting 3 runs to re-capture the lead. #7 Dylan McEvoy, #2 Jake Wisely and #3 Bryce Mastrog all got hits in the 2nd, highlighted by a long 2 base drive by Jake. The Yankees blanked the Diamondbacks in the top of the third with pitcher #1 Will Hillegas again striking out two after a lead off single. Then first baseman #3 Bryce Mastrog made another great ground ball stop running to first for the 3rd out. The bottom of the third started out looking like the Yankees were going to add to their lead with #4 Matt Duplicki getting a lead off single and #12 Logan Hillsinger drawing a walk on 4 pitches. Then #7 Dylan McEvoy hit a hard line drive up the middle that looked like a definite extra base hit but, in the Diamondbacks highlight film defensive play of the season, their shortstop snagged the hit for out #1, stepped on second for out #2 and ran down the runner from first to end the inning in a 2 second span with a solo triple play. Yankees reliever #2 Jake Wisely then came in to pitch and made short order of the Diamondbacks in the 4th, striking out the first 2 then fielding a ground ball himself and throwing to first baseman #1 Will Hillegas for the 3rd out. The bottom of the 4th yielded no runs for the Yankees hanging on to their slim 1 point lead. In the top of the 5th inning the Diamondbacks lead off batter managed a tough full count walk, then somehow proceeded to steal around the bases and tie the game. Yankees pitcher #2 Jake Wisely then quickly struck out the next three batters. In the bottom of the 5th the Yankees needed just a run to end the tie and the game. Lead off batter #2 Jake Wisely started things off with a hit and after that the Yankees got a couple of walks but the three outs came before anyone could cross the plate. So the game moved into extra innings with #2 Jake Wisely staying in as pitcher for the 6th inning. The Yankees got 2 quick outs with a great center field catch by #6 Kevin Cherry then a strike out. The 3rd Diamondbacks batter got a single and somehow, again managed to steal around the bases for a run. #2 Jake Wisely struck out the next batter, but now the Yankees entered the bottom of the 6th down by one run. With one out, #1 Will Hillegas got on base with a walk, then advanced to second on a steal and third on #6 Kevin Cherry's well hit close play 6-3 ground out. So with 2 down #2 Jake Wisely then got his 4th hit of the game for as many times at bat bringing in the runner from third to tie the game back. That brought #3 Bryce Mastrog to the plate who proceeded to smack a long fly ball into left center field. #2 Jake Wisely, starting from first, "got on his horse" and ripped around the bases crossing the plate standing before the Diamondbacks fielders could reel in that long walk-off RBI double by Bryce. Yankees game ball went to #3 Bryce Mastrog who in addition to blasting the game winning hit, was 3 for 3 with a walk and played great defense at 1st base and catcher. The entire Yankees team played great ball in the playoffs, all contributing to get the championship trophy.

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PLAYOFFS (continued)
2008 Minor League Division Champion Yankees



First row left to right - #3 Bryce Mastrog, #7 Dylan McEvoy, #1 Will Hillegas
Second row left to right - #5 Dan Scheffer, #2 Jake Wisely, #9 Alex Maisto, #12 Logan Hillsinger,
#6 Kevin Cherry, #4 Matt Duplicki, Coach Mike Mastrog


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Playoff Games

May 27

Phillies Red Sox

Phillies took on the Red Sox for the first game of the playoffs. Matthew Hennessy singled on the first pitch of the game and the Phil's showed some good defense with Stephen Young & Jonathan Maino teaming up to prevent a runner from advancing to second on a single that snuck through to the outfield. Although we gave up 1 run, Matthew struck out 3 batters to end the first inning. Phil's went down 1-2-3 against some tough pitching, but Zach Reigel returned the favor by striking out the Red Sox and stranding 3 runners on base.

The pitching duel continued as the Phil's again went down in 3 batters. Jake Gise fielded a ground ball & tagged first, while Charlie struck out the next 2 with a brilliant mix of pitches that kept the opponent off guard. Tim Alves Aivado led the 4th with a screaming fly ball to left field and Stephen followed up with a grounder, outrunning the play at first and putting 2 on base. Unfortunately, the Phil's were unable to score, despite the good hitting.

The Red Sox had a great at bat scoring 4 in the inning. Charlie led off the fifth with a solid single but was stopped at second on a fielder's choice from Matthew's hit that followed. Zach advanced Matthew and the Phil's had 2 on base with 1 out as the game was called due to lightning.



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8 Year-Old Rookie League

PLAYOFFS (continued)

Championship Game

Rockies 6, Diamondbacks 2

The Rockies and Diamondbacks faced off at the "main event" (Hickory Park Tantalala Field) to battle for bragging rights of the 8-year old Rookie League.

The Rockies struck first, scoring in the bottom of the first on consecutive singles by Zach Robinson, Tommy Hammett and Max Doucette, with Max getting the first RBI of the game. The D'backs came back to tie the score in the top of the 3rd, but the Rockies blew the game open with 5 runs in the the bottom half of the 3rd. Andrew Engel, Casey Johnston and Zach each singled to load the bases and Tommy singled home Andrew with the Rockies second run. With the bases still loaded, Max came through with his second clutch hit, a 2-RBI single to right field scoring Casey and Zach. Brian Keser capped the Rockies scoring with two RBIs of his own when he smacked a single through the infield to score Tommy and Max.

The Rockies received some strong pitching from Brian who started the game by tossing two shutout innings. Brian was followed by Max in the 3rd inning and Zach in the 4th, each giving up a lone run to a hard-hitting D'backs team. Cole Kacmar finished the game off with a tremendous effort, holding the D'backs scoreless in the 5th inning! The Rockies pitchers had help from a stingy defense with Katherine Long, Owen Stewart, Jake Pirhalla and John Weissflog all making contributions to the defensive effort, helping to hold the D'backs to two runs. After making a fine stab on a hard-hit ground ball, Brian Keser got the last out of the game by tagging out a D'backs runner... and the celebration was on!

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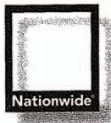


Tee Ball League

Saturday, June 7

Cubs vs. Marlins

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