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Queensboro Riptide Wins Blue Division Championship

10/25/2011, 11:53am EDT

By FA

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QUEENSBORO RIPTIDE 5 NOVUS GLASS SEAHAWKS 3

WP Steve Goodman pitched a complete game for the win. Batterymate C Steve Elias had a base hit and gunned out 3 runners at second.

3B Wes Hayford and CF Joe Seme were each 2 for 4; Chris Natale, Steve Goodman and Gerry Paige also had key hits. The BIG blow was delivered by Greg Upchurch who doubled in the gap to the right center field fence, scoring Joe Seme all the way from first. Congratulations to the Riptide and to the Seahawks for a fabulous season and exciting finale.

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Cannon Keep Thundering, Playoffs Next, Oct. 2d

10/07/2011, 7:53am EDT

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WP Alan Paull led the ‘Hawks to their 7th straight victory with a complete game effort. RF Marc Meylor and 2B Dan Levine sparked the offense with their bats and legs. 3B Bill Bennett contributed a big double in the first to stake the ‘Hawks to an early lead that they never relinquished.

????? 2011 Rules Posted

PLAY!

The Official Carolina Mens Baseball League Rules have been posted. Please review them in advance of the season - they are the controlling source of authority in disputed situations. The key change is that in the Red and White Divisions stealing home is permissible. This means that except in the Blue Division, a runner may score from third on a passed ball, straight steal or suicide squeeze, etc.

Be reminded that intentional contact is prohibited and will result in ejection and possibly suspension. We play to have fun and be able to go to work the next day.

Let the games begin!

????? Carolina Mens Baseball League wraps up Spring Training with full slate of pre-season games

The final pre-season games were played on March 28th, 2010 and some highlights can be seen on You Tube!

Check the CMBL, Wilmington's premier baseball league for adults.

???? Carolina Mens Baseball League debuts on You Tube and Facebook

The Carolina Mens Baseball League announces the upcoming season on You Tube! Click on the link below or go to You Tube and search "Carolina Mens Baseball League".

Also, become a fan on our Facebook page.

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Carolina Mens Baseball Classified Ads

In light of the current economy, we have established a free classified ads section for CMBL players to advertise their businesses. We hope that you will consider utilizing your fellow League members when making your purchasing decisions, whether it be for home repairs or buying a new car or whatever else our members provide. Thanks.

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New Feature - News Archives

We've Come a Long Way, Baby!

The evolution of the Carolina Mens Baseball League can be traced from the gloomy, wet days of March to the sun-soaked debut on Opening Day in May. The photos and commentary have been gathered in "News Archives" under the League News button on the left side directory.

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HEAT + LIGHTNING WREAK HAVOC ON GAMES, JULY 1ST

07/03/2012, 7:09am EDT

By FA

Commissioner Fulton Burns battles the heat.

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HEAT WAVE + LIGHTNING, July 1st

RED DIVISION

BOAR’S BREATH CHOPPERS 13 CF RIVER RATS 12

WP /SS Ran Sun did it all in the brutal heat at Murray MS. Not only did he pick up the win with a stellar relief effort, he hit a bases loaded double in the bottom of the last inning to bring his team within one run of tying the game. Two batters later, Jason Gatcher laced a walk-off double to drive in the tying and winning runs. The defensive player of the game was made by rookie Jake Stephens of the River Rats who threw out a runner at the plate trying to tag up from third base. The throw was made on a fly to C Diavalo Fletcher who completed the play with a nifty swipe tag to end the inning. Choppers Joe Catenacci and Jason Gatcher each had multiple extra-base hits.

Not surprisingly, Ran Sun, Joe Catenacci and Jason Gatcher will represent the Boar’s Breath Choppers in the CMBL All-Star game @ Godwin on July 28th.

BLUE DIVISION

HURRICANES 6 NOVUS GLASS SEAHAWKS 3

The Hurricanes continued their torrid streak winning their 11th straight behind the strong relief pitching of WP Pate Southerland. Rookie Frank Nichols made his pitching debut for the ‘Canes who are undefeated under the magical guidance of Manager "Bear" Estler.

Pate Southerland and Bill Bennett will represent the Hurricanes in the upcoming All-Star game on Saturday July 28th

GAMES IN JACKSONVILLE AND SOUTH BRUNSWICK WERE CANCELLED DUE TO HEAT & LIGHTNING

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Week Three: Sunny & Breezy with Baseballs Flying Out of Castle Hayne, April 29th

04/30/2012, 4:06pm EDT

By FA

Warrior Michael Spann just misses, fouls one back

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WEEK THREE, APRIL 29th SUMMARY

RED DIVISION

CATLIN ENGINEERS 12 BOAR’S BREATH CHOPPERS 11

The A's tied up the ball game in the 8th. Later in the bottom of the 9th, John Rhodes hit a lead- off double. Allen Gurley laid down a base hit bunt to the left side of the infield moving Rhodes over to third. The next batter, rookie Josh Loftin knocked in the run with a single between the short stop and third baseman.

CAPE FEAR RIVER RATS 13 BREAKTIME WARRIORS 1

WP Jason Thompson pitched a complete game two-hitter racking up eleven Ks in the process. The offense was led by Dr. Bob Bennett who went four for six with two doubles. CF Chris Thompson scampered for six stolen bases. Rookie Jacob Gibson contributed on offense and defense in his CMBL debut.

LEJEUNE BOMBERS 7 SHADY BEARS 0

WHITE DIVISION

BRUNSWICK BARONS 10 PIRATES 5

The Barons finally broke their multiseason,16 game losing streak behind the dominating pitching of Matt Rowley. Matt struck out 19 batters in 8 innings, allowing only 1 earned run on 3 hits and a walk. Offensive support came from Chris Horn and Scott Donovan, both going 3-5, along with Rusty Knowles, Drew Rusk and Addison Mow each with a double. Sean Kelly earned a save on his pitching debut.

BRAVES 13 PIRATES 2

The Braves enjoyed a strong start for WP Lee Shelton (6IP, 2ER) and good relief work by Rick Ingram and Matt Jones that resulted in a victory. The Braves offense was led by Jarrad Reynolds who went 3 for 3 with 2 walks and 3RBI and Jason Worrell who had 2 hits and a blast that looked like it was leaving the park only to be kept in by the wind.

BLUE DIVISION

HURRICANES 10 ALPHA DOGS 5

WP Tim Whitehead went the distance for the undefeated ‘Canes. He broke open a pitcher’s duel with a three run bomb in the fifth inning. Alpha Dogs, Scott Garrett and Brian Brodwater, launched homers in a losing cause.

RIPTIDE 9 NOVUS GLASS SEAHAWKS 6

The Riptide staged another comeback. Trailing 6 to 4 in the top of the 7th, they rallied to win 9 to 6. Chris Natale went 6 innings and WP Steve Goodman closed out the bottom of the 7th 1-2-3. Goodman was 3 for 3 with 3 RBIs. Steve Elias had two hits.

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Open League Practice, April 7th - Just enjoying the Game

04/09/2012, 11:26am EDT

By FA

Commissioner Burns on deck

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What's better than a couple of dozen guys, kids of all ages, playing baseball on a beautiful Saturday afternoon?

Answer: Opening Day next Sunday.

Let's play Hardball!. The schedule is up, uniforms have been ordered, umps lined up - now we go live. The countdown is winding down to nothing....

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The Games Begin, Miles of Smiles, Day Ends in Fog @ Murray

03/20/2012, 2:49pm EDT

By FA

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Baseball Games in March!

The Carolina Mens Baseball League opened its Spring Training season with ball games in Wilmington. The only blemish on the day was a rain out in South Brunswick. All the other games proceeded in sunny, warm conditions. In Jacksonville the Bombers bombed the rookie Warriors 19-1. A little early St. Patrick's celebration did not help.

At Castle Hayne, the Novus Glass Seahawks handily defeated the Alpha Dogs, 13-5. The 'Hawks middle of the order, Nigel Bibler, Matt Hobbs and Chris McMillan raked all day. In the late game, the newly christened Hurricanes served notice that they will be a force by shutting out the defending champ Riptides, 5-0.

At Murray MS, the newly-minted Yankees fell to the Brunswick Barons, 11-3. CF River Rats won 9-4. Pre-season games continue next weekend. Check the website, Carolinamensbaseball.com and follow us on Twitter, @CMBLbaseball for updates!

There is still time to join the fun. Roster spots are available. Contact us at Carolinamensbaseball@gmail.com or 910-465-0535.

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CANNON THUNDER, PLAYOFFS NEXT, OCT 2D

10/07/2011, 10:58am EDT

By FA

Heroes are made in October

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Week Two: Carolina Mens Baseball Recap, April 10th

Red Division –

Catlin Engineers 2 Braves 0. In a pitchers’ duel, the Engineers continued their unbeaten ways with a shutout over the Braves in a game that was completed in two hours.

JASE Wilsox 10 Catlin Engineers 6

The Sox came back 6-5 deficit in the 7th inning as Tommy Bowker picked up his first win of the season. Aaron Soodek had 2 hits and 3 RBI. Casey McBride chipped in with an RBI double and a rally killing diving play at 3rd base to thwart an Engineers rally. Walt Massey was on base 3 times and scored 3 runs.

Shockers 8 Halligan A's 5

Shockers win 8-5 over the A's. WP Nick Studebaker had a no hitter into the bottom of the 9th. Shockers defense was sloppy but they were able to hang onto the lead to win their 2nd straight and remain undefeated. The offense was led by Paul Patton and Ronnier Rodriquez and Jon Brunson picked up his first save by striking out the side.

White Division

Lejeune Cannon 10 Brunswick Barons 4.

The Cannon jumped out to an early 4 run lead due the error prone defense of the Barons. Cannon Elijah Mays who recorded the victory was working on a no hitter into the 5th, when 3B Drew Rusk ignited the Barons with a bomb over the left field fence. It was quickly followed by a drive off the fence by C Barry Wright and clutch hitting by 1B Barry Estler. When the dust settled it was a tie. Then the Marines dug in and rallied for 6 unanswered runs. The key blow was a long home run by rookie Miles Lagoze. C Marcus Bawol had a strong game and led the flawless defense of the Cannon.

Cape Fear River Rats 18 Breaktime Mudcats 4.

WP Kyle Gausman pitched a complete game allowing 7 hits while striking out 7. The Rats took advantage of several fielding mishaps by the Mudcats and put together 16 hits with an onslaught of missiles from the bat of Mike Hayward.

Blue Division

Queensboro Riptide 11 Alpha Dogs 10.

WP Chris Natale pitched a complete for the victory in a seesaw battle. The Tide surged to a 4 run lead early behind the bats of Steve Goodman, Chris McMillan and Greg Johnson. The Dogs fought back to tie and take a three run lead in the 5th in a rally started by John Moreland and sparked by Anthony Lyons-Walker. The Tide were not to be deterred and battled back with a key 2 RBI double by Hayden LaFon.

Novus Glass Seahawks 6 Wave 1.

Manager Alan Paull was the winning pitcher allowing only two hits. The defense led by SS Bill Bennett held the Wave at bay. Tom Tarantino and Alan Paull each had two hits, including a triple by Alan. Wave pitcher Tim Whitehead struck out eleven Seahawks in a losing effort.

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Centerfield - enjoy this baseball classic

???? Welcome to the Home of the Carolina Mens Baseball League

Joe Seme and Frank Amoroso share a common bond, the love of the great game of baseball. They have played together on the Wilmington, North Carolina team in the Roy Hobbs Senior Men's Tournament held annually in Ft. Myers, Florida. Their motto is "Forever Baseball, Forever Young" and they have established the Carolina Mens Baseball League for adult players to share the fun and camaraderie of baseball with those looking to experience the sounds, smells (yes, analgesic balm) and joy of playing America's Pastime. The league plays in the coastal area of southeastern North Carolina. This is your chance to be a Baseball player, again. See you on the Diamond!

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Giants beat Shockers, then Shockers defeat Bud Lights to head to Championship Round

11/13/2010, 10:16pm EST

By FA

Intense baseball at South Brunswick HS

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Yosake Giants 11 Drain Works Shockers 10.

In a seesaw battle at South Brunswick, the Giants prevailed. After falling behind 4-0, the Giants stormed back to an 8-4 lead. The Shockers were not to be denied and battled back to an 8-8 tie after 6 innings. The Giants scored 3 in the seventh to take an 11-8 lead only to see the Shockers come back with 2 to pull within one run. Nick Studebaker led off the 9th with a double, followed by a single by Derek Hill who promptly stole second to put runners on 2d and 3d with no outs. WP Jeff Randolph buckled down and got a force out at home and then got the final two outs to secure the win. The Giants win the winners bracket and proceed to the Championship Round Sunday starting at noon.

Drain Works Shockers 11 Bud Light Braves 4.

Braves Mark Bonfiglio and Nick Studebaker squared off in a pitchers duel in the battle for the right to play in the Championship Round. The Braves scored first on a perfectly executed safety squeeze by RF Pete Gittrich. The lead lasted until the 6th when 2B Paul Patton delivered a clutch two RBI single to left. CF Geoff Buie followed with an RBI single for a 3-1 Shocker lead. Both teams then scored 2 runs to bring th score to 5-3 after 7 innings. The Shockers blew the game open with 5 runs in the 8th on RBI hits by Derek Hill and Chris Williams. WP Nick Studebaker pitched a complete game. The Shockers get a rematch against the Giants on Sunday - but have to beat the Giants twice to win the title.

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Yosake Giants Win Red Division Title, Red tier, with Impressive Display

11/14/2010, 6:25pm EST

By FA

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Playing their third game within 24 hours, the fatigued Shockers fell to the Yosake Giants 19-1. The Giants, led by manager Steve Gaconnier, took control with four runs in the first inning and never looked back. Behind the strong pitching Matt Jordan and Tom Bowker, excellent defense by all especially CF Zack Tolbert and C/3B Steve Gaconnier and a relentless offense, they cruised to their first championship in their initial season in the Carolina Mens Baseball League. Mgr. Steve Gaconnier attributed the offensive outburst to the newly attached CMBL patches...

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Red Division Playoffs in High Gear; Queensboro Riptide wins Blue Division

11/08/2010, 10:47pm EST

By FA

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RED DIVISION

SATURDAY, November 6th

Red Tier

Yosake Giants 1 Bud Light Braves 0

Wilmington Red Sox 5 Catlin Engineers 1.

Continuing his assault on the record books, WP Casey McBride twirled the first-ever CMBL no-hitter, striking out 17.

White Tier

Brunswick Barons 12 Port City Pride 5.

Due to wet field conditions, this game was relocated from Noble MS to Ogden Park. The short fences there proved hospitable to the Barons who blasted three home runs to only one for the Pride. Barons’ Chris “Big Daddy” McMillan started the fireworks with a 3 run shot to right, followed by a 3 run shot off the bat of Todd Scott and later another dinger by Scott Donovan. WP John Yorfino pitched masterfully until the 7th when he succumbed to short fences by giving up a 3 run blast.

Shady Bears 6 Lejeune Storm 4.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

Red Tier

Drain Works Shockers 16 Wilmington Redsox 8

The cold weather didn't cool the bats of the Shockers as they set a team record with 17 hits. WP Nick Studebaker had a rocky start, hitting the lead off batter in the 1st inning and allowing 2 runs and 1 unearned run. He would find his grove and only allow 2 more earn runs and 4 unearned runs striking out 8. Shockers’ offense was led by LF Ronnier Rodriguez and 2B Derek Hill who each had 4 RBI's and multi- hit games. SS Justin Marshall shut down a Red Sox rally with a outstanding diving catch and a quick throw to 2nd to end the Redsox threat. Shockers win tonight advances them to Saturday to play the Yosake Giants, the other team in the Winners’ bracket.

Bud Light Braves Catlin Engineers

Bud Light Braves 2 Wilmington Red Sox 1

White Tier

Brunswick Barons 15 Breaktime Mudcats 8.

Mudcats’ Bob Bennett blasted a long triple and Rookie LF Chad Prast made a great running catch on a laser off the bat of Barons’ C Barry Wright but these feats were not enough to propel the Mudcats to the Championship game. Barons’ WP Paul Boswell, with an assist from the newly-shorn Drew Rusk (who lost his hair and beard to a student fundraiser), pitched the Barons’ to their second playoff win ever.

Shady Bears 14 Cape Fear River Rats 11.

BLUE DIVISION

Queensboro Riptide 5 Miller Lites 4.

Alpha Dogs 7 Novus Glass Seahawks 5.

CHAMPIONSHIP BLUE DIVISION

Queensboro Shirt Riptide 10 Alpha Dogs 3.

WP Chris Natale scored his second playoff win of the weekend to lead the Tide to their first Championship. Maggie Bellamy made her own brand of history garnering three hits and playing stellar defense. Congrats to the Tide on a memorable season!

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Week eight: Fall Season Ends with Drain Works Shockers and Queensboro Shirt Riptide as Divisional Winners

11/01/2010, 8:32am EDT

By FA

Playoffs begin next week

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RED DIVISION

Drain Works Shocker 3 Bud Light Braves 0. WP Nick Studebaker led the Shockers to victory in the battle for first place. The Braves were without several key players who are in Florida at the Roy Hobbs Tournament. Shockers defeated the Budlight Braves to finish the season in first place. Great defense played key in the Shockers victory especially from RF Paul Rothstien who gunned a Budlight player out at the plate for the third out. The Shockers RBI's came off the bats of 3B Geoff Buie, CF Chris Williams, and C Charlie Hines.

Congratulations to the Shockers on finishing first in the Fall 2010 season.

Drain Works Shockers 6 Catlin Engineers 2. The Shockers completed a foubleheader sweep with a win over the Engineers. Shockers' Paul Rothstien, Justin Marshall, Geoff Buie, Derek Hill, and Ronnier Rodriguez combined to hold the Engineers to only 2 runs. The offense was provided by Geoff Buie with 2 RBIS, Derek Hill with 2 RBIS, Chris Williams and Ronnier Rodriguez with a RBI a piece.

Yosake Giants 10 Wilmington Red Sox 6,

Lejeune Storm 7 Shady Bears 3. Driven by an early two run homer by switch hitting Alex Fox and excellent defense, the Storm defeated their fellow Marines a defeat. WP Barriga pitched well for the Storm before giving way to closer Fox who pitched the 8th and 9th innings.

Cape Fear River Rats 12 Brunswick Barons 5. WP Jason Thompson survived a rocky start to pitch a complete game gem. In the top of the first inning, SS Chris Parrish led off the game with a base hit and before the fans had found their seats, Drew Rusk launched a two run homer for an early Barons’ lead. The Rats battled back with speed and infield defense. With Thompson inducing grounders, 3b Chip Grawley, SS Logan Capps, 2B Dave Carpenter and 1B Gabe Reaune fielded flawlessly. 3B Grawley had 3 hits and Kyle” K2” contributed 4 walks and Dave Carpenter put the game out of reach with a long blast that drove in three runs in the 7th. The lone other bright spot for the Barons was a two run homer by Colt Baulau to close the gap to 7-5.

Breaktime Mudcats 9 Port City Pride 5. WP Ken Vafier tossed 5 innings and gave up just 2 unearned runs before rookie southpaw Chad Prast made his CMBL pitching debut Prast helped himself out of a jam in the 6th by snagging a comebacker and starting a big-league style 1-4-3 double play. 2B Chris Parrish, on loan from the Barons, thwarted another Pride rally in the 7th by going horizontal to take a hit away up the middle. The entire Mudcat offense contributed on offense again, led by grizzled veterans Eddie McMillan and Bob Bennett who had mulit-hit games and have been swinging hot bats all year.

BLUE DIVISION

Queensboro Shirt Riptide 9 Miller Lites 5. The Riptide defeated the ‘Lites to remain undefeated. Congratulations to the Tide for finishing first in the Fall 2010 season.

Alpha Dogs 12 Novus Glass Seahawks 9. The Dawgs won an exciting game in come from behind fashion by rallying in the top of the 7th with 6 runs. LF Anthony Lyons Walker lined a key hit to kickstart the rally and 2B Malcolm Phelps, SS Todd Rehanek and 1B Chris Wetherell delivered clutch hits to put the game out of reach. The Hawks’ SS Bill Bennett and CF Phil Anderson had multiple hit games in a tough loss. These teams will square off again on Saturday in the playoffs.

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Week Seven: The Mighty Casey Strikes Out 22

10/24/2010, 1:17am EDT

By FA

Great Sunday of Baseball!

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RED DIVISION

Wilmington Red Sox 2 Drain Works Shockers 1.

WP Casey McBride pitched brilliantly for the Red Sox in a dramatic game at South Brunswick HS. The first place Shockers eked out a run in the 4th inning on a bases loaded groundout by C Charlie Hines. Shockers’ Jon Brunson made that run stand up until the bottom of the 8th when a two out error resulted in the tying and go-ahead runs scoring. As a measure of the dominance of Casey’s performance, he struck out the last 15 batters of the game!

Catlin Engineers 6 Yosake Giants 5.

The Engineers played good defense and scored some runs in the late innings to come back and win the game. Allen Gurley, Nick Strickland, Travis Adams, and Shane McCumbee all reached base safely twice providing most of the offense. The game was ended by an outstanding play by Rookie SS Travis Adams. He fielded a ground ball deep in the hole in between short and third. He came up making a perfect throw to first to make the final out. The runner at third would have scored if Travis had not have made the play and the ball game would have gone to a Shootout.

Shady Bears 8 Port City Pride 3.

WP Wesley Hillis pitched a complete game, allowing only 3 runs and 4 hits registering 13Ks. Justin Whatley led the Bears’ offense going 3-4 with 2 doubles, 1 HR and 3 RBI.

Bud Light Braves 8 Breaktime Mudcats 7.

The Braves used clutch hitting to chip away from an early deficit in the late innings, highlighted by a 2-run HR by Jason Worrell. The Mudcats threatened in the bottom of the 9th, adding one run and putting the tying run in scoring position, but this time Worrell did the job on the mound by snagging a comebacker that would have been trouble had it made it through.

Brunswick Barons 6 Cape Fear River Rats 2.

The Brunswick Barons moved their record to .500 on the season. The River Rats took an early 2-0 lead, scoring one run in the top of the 3rd on a long, solo home run off the bat of Eric Goldblum. They added a run in the 4th while thwarting the Barons with great defense, especially by 2B Mike Hayward. But the Barons battled back in their half of the 4th. After a lead off single by Kyle Overacker and a double by Chris Parrish, Eli Childress smashed a 3-run homerun over the left-centerfield fence to put the Barons on the board and out in front for good. Andrew Rusk and Stephen Winters had back-to-back doubles in the 7th, followed by an RBI single by Paul Boswell to push the Barons lead to 5-2. Childress capped the scoring with an RBI single in the bottom of the 8th. WP John Yorfino had another solid performance, pitching 7 innings of 4 hit baseball, allowing 2 ER and only surrendering 2 free passes. Paul Boswell shut the door in the 8th and 9th innings to secure the Barons’ victory. Eli Childress led the Barons, going 2-4 with a HR and 4 RBIs. Kyle Overacker also had a 2-4 performance and two SBs.

BLUE DIVISION

Alpha Dogs 14 Miller Lites 7.

Led by Mgr. Fulton Burns’ 9 RBI day, the Dawgs bested the ‘Lites.

Queensboro Riptide 4 Novus Glass Seahawks 2.

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Week Four: CMBL Tries to stay dry, despite 22+” of rain. October 3rd

10/05/2010, 8:56am EDT

By FA

Neither Rain, nor Sleet, nor Flooded Dugouts...

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Red Division

Yosake Giants 10 Lejeune Storm 2. WP Geoff Randall pitched seven innings of two hit ball to lead the upstart Giants to their 4th straight win and sole possession of first place in their inaugural foray into Carolina Mens Baseball.

Shady Bears 7 Brunswick Barons 3. The Bears rolled in from Jacksonville and defeated the Barons with strong pitching and timely hitting. Last minute add-ons Charlie Hines and Brandon Devito drove in the decisive runs as the Bears rallied from a 3-2 deficit with 5 runs in the 5th inning. The defensive play of the day came with two out and a runner on second. The batter slashed a hard line drive to right field. The ball was fielded aggressively by Barons RF Eli Childress who threw a bullet to SS Chris Parrish to nail the batter at second before the runner scored, thus saving a run.

BLUE DIVISION

Alpha Dogs 18 Miller Lites 7. The Dogs built an early lead on a towering home run to center field by Brian “Doc” Brodwater. The Lites forged back to tie the score at 7 on the hitting of John James, Bill Bernath and Barry “Tank” Estler. However, the tie motivated the Dogs who plated 10 runs in the 6th to take a commanding lead and coast to an eventual victory, number three for WP Frank Amoroso. 1B Chris Wetherell for the Dogs contributed 5 straight hits in the process of setting a CMBL record that will be hard to break. Manager Fulton Burns and C Ryan Trobaugh led the team with timely base knocks and stellar defense.

The remaining scheduled games succumbed to wet field conditions and will be rescheduled as soon as possible.

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Fall Week Three: CMBL Skirts Rain, only one game rained out, Sept. 26th

09/27/2010, 5:30pm EDT

By FA

Pride to order 100 more Dalmations

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RED DIVISION

Drainworks Shockers 11 Lejeune Storm 5. With the teams locked in a pitchers’ duel until the 4th inning. The Storm drew first blood, scoring first. That woke up the Shockers’ bats, led by Geoff Buie’s monster solo HR over the center field fence. The Shockers’ defense behind the strong plays of Justin Marshall, Derek Hill and WP Nick Studebaker who snagged a line drive and turned it into a DP helped keep the Storm at bay.

Breaktime Mudcats 5 Shady Bears 4. The Shady Bears got an excellent pitching performance from Justin Whately who pitched into the 7th allowing only one earned run while striking out four. Teammate Wesley Hillis led the Bears’ offense with two hits in three at bats, including a homer and 3RBIs.

Bud Light Braves 1 Wilmington Red Sox 0. Bud Light Braves LHP Mark Bonfiglio channeled his inner Sandy Koufax Sunday stymieing the Red Sox with a 3 hit shutout. The lone run scored in this game was a solo home run by LF Jason Worrell off Sox RHP Casey McBride. Casey pitched masterfully himself striking out 15 Braves while taking the hard luck loss. The Sox tried to rally in the bottom of the 9th; with runners on 2nd and 3rd and only 1 out, WP Bonfiglio was able to get a strikeout and induce a game ending popup to seal the victory for the Braves.

Brunswick Barons 15 Port City Pride 4 . The Pride jumped out to a 4 run lead behind the pitching and hitting of TJ Leonard. However, the Pride was undermanned due to several injuries that occurred during Fire Dept training and could not hold off the determined Barons. The Barons battled back behind the strong batting of C Barry Wright who had 3 hits and RF Corey Childress blasted a long triple. WP John Yorfino pitched well after early inning difficulties. He was relieved by LHP Paul Boswell who threw 3 scoreless innings.

BLUE DIVISION

Queensboro Riptide 7 Alpha Dogs 1. WP Chris Natale pitched an outstanding game, aided by the defensive play of the day by LF Jim Maresca who made a shoestring catch of a sure base hit to squelch an early Dog rally. The 2-1 game was broken open in the 6th inning when the Dogs’ defense faltered and the Tide scored 4 times without getting a ball out of the infield. Rookie Bob Schupp had a multi-hit day and played excellent D. With the victory the Tide moved into sole possession of first place.

Novus Glass Seahawks 6 Miller Lites 4 . The Hawks behind the strong pitching of Alan Paull defeated the Miller Lites.

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Fall Week Two: Beautiful Baseball Weather, Sept. 19th

09/20/2010, 5:12pm EDT

By FA

Young fans rooting for the home team

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RED DIVISION

Red Sox 15 Storm 2. The Sox brought the big sticks Sunday and pounded out five home runs to improve to 3-0 in the fall season. Walt Massey led the way with two bombs while Doug Lucas, Aaron Soodek, and Matt Fitzgerald each had one. Jim Mahoney pitched two strong innings of relief for the win then Chet Nesley and Ryan Ventura combined to close the door. Ryan also had the play of the day at 3rd base snaring a line drive to thwart a potential Storm rally.

Bud Lights 18 Brunswick Barons 6. WP Mark Bonfiglio led the Bud lights with 11 Ks in 5 innings. He was followed by LHP Pete Gittrich who also pitched well. On the other side, Barons pitching surrendered 12 walks, supercharging the Buds’ offense. Rookie Jay Baughman and 2B Rich Swiger were on base consistently for the Buds. The defensive play of the game came when 1B Jarrad Reynolds raced deep down the right field line to snag a foul pop in a tumbling over the shoulder catch worthy of an NFL highlight reel.

Drain Works Shockers 17 Catlin Engineers 7. Allen Gurley scored 3 runs. Engineers’ C Brandon Devito hit a grand slam. He was 3-5 with a single, double, hr, and 5 RBI. Mgr. Shane McCumbee had two doubles with two RBI's.

Breaktime Mudcats 9 Shady Bears 7. WP Mike Kobel pitched a gem, leading the short-handed squad of 8 Mudcats into the win column. The offense was led by clutch base hits by old veterans Eddie McMillan and Bob Bennett as well as rookies Mike Supa and Chad Prast. With a 6 run lead going into the final inning, Kobel heroically got out of an error-induced jam with no right fielder to preserve the victory.

BLUE DIVISION

Alpha Dogs 13 Miller Lights 3. C Ryan Trobaugh set the tone early for the Alpha Dogs with two 2 out RBI singles. 1B Chris Wetherell played outstanding defense for the Dawgs, scooping and stretching for errant throws. CF Brian Brodwater crushed the ball for several extra base hits and took a page out of Shoeless Joe Jackson’s book whose glove was where triples went to die. The most exciting play of the day was the inside-the-park home run by Rookie Anthony Lyons-Walkeer. Lites’ manager Jay Harrington had a good day at the plate, as did Billy “Grass Tackle” Bernath.

Queensboro Riptide 9 Novus Glass Seahawks 7. The Tide’s Steve Goodman led the way with a complete game mound effort and 3 hits. However, the real story was the debut of the CMBL’s first female player. Maggie Bellamy played outfield for both teams, including making several clutch defensive plays. She also singled in three at bats. You go, girl!

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Fall Baseball Season Opens, Sept. 12th.

09/13/2010, 2:04am EDT

By FA

Work party ready to get back to playing.

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After a Saturday work party to get the fields at Murray and Noble Middle Schools ready, the Carolina Mens Baseball League got back into action with 15 teams competing throughout the region. The weather was perfect despite forecasts that caused some anxiety among the faithful. All games went as scheduled. With one exception, the hitters came out blazing. None were hotter than the defending champion Wilmington Red Sox.

RED DIVISION

Red Sox 10 Engineers 0 ~ Led by the dominant pitching of Casey McBride and his 11 strikeouts, the Sox took the fall season opener on Sunday at Murray Middle School. The Engineers could manage only 1 hit through 7 innings off the Sox right-hander. McBride also contributed 2 hits offensively. Rookie Walt Massey made his Sox debut a memorable one by knocking in 3 runs and playing a solid 3rd base. Al Ganey sparked the Sox offense by getting on base 3 times and stealing 2 bags.

Red Sox 15 Pride 0 ~ Veterans Mike Burke and Chet Nesley were the offensive standouts in the nightcap Sunday. Burke was 3 for 3 with 4 runs scored and 3 RBI. Nesley chipped in 2 knocks and 4 RBI and swiped a base. Doug Lucas made 2 outstanding catches in the outfield and pitched 2 scoreless innings to help preserve the Sox 2nd shutout of the day. U.S. Marine Matt Fitzgerald contributed 2 hits and 3 RBI all while preparing for a deployment to Afghanistan in the near future. Go get ‘em Matt, come back safe!

Bud Light Braves 2 Cape Fear River Rats 1. WP Mark Bonfiglio went 9 innings to secure the victory for the Braves.

Yosake Giants 17 Brunswick Barons 3. The Giants who abandoned the flag football league for the CMBL, made an impressive debut. Led by manager Steve Gaconnier and 1B Matt Buckmiller who both went yard, the Giants led the entire game. Rookie Marcos Wear wore out the Barons in the field and on the bases all day. The lone bright spot for the Barons was the play of the rookie twins, Eli and Corey Childress. Eli hit a 2 run bomb to centerfield and Corey almost matched him with a drive deep to center that fell just short of going out.

Lejeune Storm 11 Shady Bears 1. In the CMBL’s first contest in Onslow County, the veteran Storm team welcomed the Rookie Bears into the League. The bears had trouble locating the plate and the patient Storm were able to score double digits.

Drain Works Shockers 23 Breaktime Mudcats 3. The Shockers are on a mission after losing in the Championship game for the regular season. They took advantage of Mudcat miscues and won going away. Reigning HR Derby Champ Jon Brunson blasted one out as did CF Chris Williams for the Shockers.

BLUE DIVISION

Alpha Dogs 13 Novus Glass Seahawks 9. Mgr. Fulton Burns, fresh off leading the work parties on Saturday, led the Dogs to an early lead that SP Frank Amoroso made stand up. Ryan Trobaugh made an impressive debut behind the plate for the Dogs and the division welcomed SP Doug Comes. Hawks Alan Paull with two hits and SS Bill Bennett with an RBI double led the Hawks offense.

Riptide 13 Miller Lites 4. The revamped Lites under Rookie Mgr. Jay Harrington did not fare well against the veteran Tides despite their spiffy new uniforms. WP Steve Goodman, Rookie Danny Bellamy and 3B Wes Hayford each two hits in three at bats to lead the tide to victory.

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Red Sox and Miller Lites Crowned as CHAMPIONS!

08/02/2010, 10:12am EDT

By FA

Special thanks to Lee Shelton and Drew Rusk + the boys for their work on the field + chasing foul balls

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Great pitching beats great hitting

BLUE DIVISION Miller Lites 7 Queensboro Riptide 1

Led by WP Gary Lanier with a close-out by RHP Tim Whitehead, the Miller Lites swept to the Championship.

RED DIVISION Wilmington Red Sox 7 Drain Works Shockers 1.

In a battle between the two best teams in the Red Division, the Red Sox saved the best for last and defeated the Shockers in the Championship game down at South Brunswick HS. The game pitted WP Casey McBride against his former team mate Nick Studebaker. On this night, Casey came out blazing and struck out 13 Shockers while going the distance for the CMBL regular season Crown. It was a hard fought battle against a worthy opponent with Shocker's RHP Nick Studebaker pitching 9 strong innings. Shockers started out strong with a line shot from 3B Geoff Buie followed by an RBI single by SS Derek Hill in the 1st inning. That was all the runs the Shockers would score off a very tough Redsox pitcher Casey McBride. The Shockers’ defense faltered in the 2nd inning allowing the Sox to score 5 runs to take a commanding lead. The Sox eventually tacked on 2 more to give them a 7-1 victory over the Shockers. Despite a tough loss, Shockers’ CF Ronnier Rodriguez saved a couple of runs with 2 excellent catches to halt the Sox from getting a couple of for sure extra base hits. Sox C Matt Fitzgerald and SS Mike Burke each had 2 hits, while DH and playoff Co-MVP Travis Watson chipped in 2 knocks and 7 total playoff hits. Casey was named Co-MVP by his team mates.

The Carolina Mens Baseball League season's festivities will continue on Saturday at Godwin Stadium with a Bunting Skills contest, Home Run Derby and All Star game.

Fall Baseball registration has begun. Weekly practices and training will be held at Myrtle Grove MS, Sundays in August starting on the 14th @ 1pm.

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Father & Son Tournament defies the heat, July 25th

07/26/2010, 5:39pm EDT

By FA

Tourney ends in another Shootout

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Behind the indefatigable Angel Lopez, the Godwin Golds defeated the Wilmington Reds in the afternoon game, 7 - 1. Angel played two games Saturday including 6 innings on the mound in the night game. He pitched a complete 9 inning game on Sunday for the win.

The nightcap proved to be another thriller with th Allen Gurley-led Patriots prevailing in a shootout over the Carolina Blues. The Blues were led by an outstanding pitching performance by Pate Southerland who, like Angel had pitched 5 innings on Saturday, only to follow up by pitching 8 innings against the Patriots. He left the game with a one run lead going into the last at bat. The Blues defense faltered allowing the Pats to tie and force a Shootout.

The Blues scored the go ahead run on a sacrifice fly by C Randy Bills, but that was all they could get. In their last licks, the Pats scored twice to win the game - the walkoff RBI hit came off the bat of Derek Hill.

The first annual Father & Son Tournament was a success and raised money and awareness for the Wounded Warrior Project. Special thanks to announcer Paul Greenman, Allen Gurley and the great umpires of the Cape Fear Officials Association under the leadership of Umpire-in-Chief Carl Miller for donating their time to this worthy cause.

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Father & Son Tourney, A Day of Highlights and Memories, July 24th

07/25/2010, 9:04am EDT

By FA

on a hot day, the baseball was hotter

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The Carolina Mens Baseball League held its first annual Father & Son Tournament at Godwin Stadium on a day where the heat index exceeded 100 degrees. The day started with the Color Guard from American Legion Post 10 presenting the flag. Special thanks to Post 10 for setting the tone for the CMBL’s charity event honoring our numerous active duty service men and veterans. Each of those present was introduced to the assembled multitude by guest announcer Paul Greenman. Our gratitude goes to Paul who handled both games wonderfully. The Tournament was dedicated to the Wounded Warrior Project. We encourage all to come out for Sunday’s games and support the Wounded Warriors. Game times are 4pm and 7pm at Godwin Stadium.

The ceremonial first pitch was thrown out by Umpire –in-Chief and Navy vet, Carl Miller. The Carolina Blues defeated the Godwin Golds, 14 – 9,in a hard fought contest in the opening game. Winning manager Dan Southerland teamed with his Dad, Pate Southerland, and the father son duos of Rick and Jason Catlin, Randy Baseball and Cal Bills, Chris McMillan and Paul Patton (adopted)and Jerry and John Rhodes. For the Golds, former Master Sergeant Angel Lopez and Marine Captain Colter Bahlau helped lead a determined Gold team managed by Navy vet and League sponsor Alan Paull. All three played in both games and deserve kudos for contributing to the tournament.

In the nightcap, the game started with an impromptu a capella rendition of the Star Spangled Banner by the voice of the Carolina Mens Baseball League, Paul Greenman. The Wilmington Reds battled the Cape Fear Patriots to a tie after 9 innings, 11 -11. The tying rally was led by Pats’ manager and Navy vet Allan Gurley. The game was marked by numerous stellar defensive plays by Reds’ Geoff Buie, Barry Estler and Bill Bennett. The Pats flashed leather with Matt “Spiderman” Fitzgerald, Aaron Soodak and Dan Southerland all making outstanding plays. The game went into a Shootout, with Fulton Burns II on second base and Fulton Burns III at the plate. After stealing third, Dad Fulton was driven in on a sacrifice fly by son Fulton. That run would not hold up as Steve Grenier and Colt Bahlau scored the tying and winning runs, respectively.

The CMBL extends it’s thanks to the great officials of the Cape Fear Officials Association and the City of Wilmington and Joe Seme and his volunteers for making the Tournament a success. The best is yet to come this Sunday so come out to cheer for the Dads and sons.

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Season ends, Playoffs set!

07/19/2010, 8:35am EDT

By FA

"Spidey" Fitzgerald makes spectacular catch

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Red Sox 13 Brunswick Barons 7. Red Sox C Matt a.k.a. Spiderman Fitzgerald made the defensive play of the year, climbing the fence to snare a foul popup. His feat overshadowed the grand slam of Mgr. Rick Parnell and the tape measure bomb of 1B Aaron Soodek in leading the Sox to their 9th win.

Alpha Dogs 5 Queensboro Riptide 4. The 'Dogs came from behind in dramatic fashion with clutch RBI hits by Rookie Steven Winters and Mgr. Fulton Burns. LF Doug Fisher contributed also with a long double to left center field. The late inning outburst by the 'Dogs could not detract from the outstanding day of 'Tides SP Steve Goodman who pitched brilliantly and was 3-3 at the plate. Steven Winters recorded the win and Frank Amoroso pitched out of a bases loaded jam to save the victory.

Drain Works Shockers 11 Cape Fear River Rats 5

Bud Light Braves 8 Lejeune Storm 1

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Red Sox and Queensboro Riptide clinch Division leads, July 11th

07/12/2010, 4:14pm EDT

By FA

Regular season nears end, Playoffs loom

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Red Sox 17 Catlin Engineers 11. The Sox clinched the #1 playoff seed and at least a share of the regular season title with a win against a tough Engineers club. As the score indicates, this was a slugfest as the Sox rebounded from last week’s loss with a nice team effort supporting a determined RHP Casey McBride. LF Doug Lucas bashed his 3rd homer of the season while CF Chet Nesley and SS Mike Burke contributed 3 hits each. This was a close contest all the way through until the Sox pulled away in the later innings. RF Travis Watson had 2 excellent AB’s by advancing runners into scoring position in key situations. Engineer’s RHP Shane McCumbee hurled the rock admirably logging all 8 innings in the sweltering Carolina heat.

The Engineers offense also was hot. Jason Catlin was 4-5 with 4 runs scored, 3 RBI's, 1 double, 3 singles. Allen Gurley was 2-4 with 2 singles and 2 runs scored. Brandon Devito was 3-5 double, 2 singles, 2 runs scored. Shane McCumbee was 2-3 1 double, 1 single, 2 sac flys 4 RBI's

Drain Works Shockers 8 Brunswick Barons 5. The Barons battled the Shockers in a game that was tied after 7 innings. Barons' Rookie Drew Rusk went yard in the first with a three run blast to give the Barons an early lead. The Shockers fought back to take the lead but the Barons again tied the score.

The game featured numerous stellar defensive plays by both teams. Canyon Murphy raced down a long drive in leftcenter off the bat of Charlie Hines. Drew Rusk made a great throw from left to nail a runner at the plate. Shocker RF Nick Pouresef made an excellent catch on a tailing fly ball that would have been a triple. In the critical ninth inning Mgr. Al Ducharme nabbed a potential extra basehit down the first baseline and CF Geoff Buie ended the game running down a line shot that had triple written all over it.

The only dark spot was the injury to Shocker SS Joe Manor who broke his leg sliding into second base. Our thoughts and prayers are with Joe for a complete and speedy recovery.

Cape Fear River Rats 9 Lejeune Storm 4.

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Weatherman Thwarted, Saturday Games Played, July 10th.

07/11/2010, 1:08pm EDT

By FA

Mudcats and Tide prevail

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Despite rain and lightning, the games were played. The Bud Light Braves fell to the Breaktime Mudcats behind the strong pitching of WP Rookie Logan Wilbur.

In the nightcap, WP Chris Natale pitched a complete game in a win over the Alpha Dogs, thereby clinching first place for the regular season.

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Red Sox Shocked. 8 -1, July 6th

07/07/2010, 9:31am EDT

By FA

The Race tightens

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Thr Red Sox faltered in their effort to clench first place as they fell to the Drain Works Shockers, 8 -1. WP Nick Studebaker pitched seven strong innings and was followed by Rookie Adam Vitale who closed out the win. RBI hits by 3B Geoff Buie, Nick Studebaker and C Charlie Hines provided the fireworks for the Shockers who are now a game behind the Red Sox along with the Bud Light Braves.

????? Week 9: Rain or Shine, June 27th

06/28/2010, 5:21pm EDT

By FA

Rain at Noble

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Games at Noble MS suffered lightning delays and ultimately rainouts.

Myrtle Grove games proceeded with nary a drop of rain.

Novus Glass Seahawks 12 Queensboro Riptide 1.

Catlin Engineers 9 Lejeune Storm 3are now a game behind the Red Sox along with the Bud Light Braves.

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Rats and Dogs Prevail, June 26th

06/27/2010, 10:44am EDT

By FA

Saturday at Godwin Stadium - Priceless

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Alpha Dogs 12 Miller Lites 2. The Dogs sparkled on defense all day. Rookie 3B Mark Sumner made numerous highlight reel plays to thwart the Lites. The offense was led by Chris Wetherwill, Mgr. Fulton Burns and Mark Sumner. Lites' Tim Whitehead and Tom Fennelly had strong offensive games but were not enough to overcome the team's defensive lapses.

Cape Fear River Rats 13 Breaktime Mudcats 2. The Rats returned to the win column with a vengance at Godwin. SS Logan Capps sparked the Rats with his bat , blasting a long triple that ended with a headfirst slide into third. C John Barry and Mgr. Mike Hayward also had big nights to lead the team to victory. WP Jason Thompson and Kyle Gausman stymied the 'Cats for the win and save, respectively.

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Week 8: Full Slate, intense heat, June 13th

06/14/2010, 7:04pm EDT

By FA

Mudcat Kenny Vafier cools down the mound at Noble MS

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Drain Works Shockers 9 Lejeune Storm 3.

Shockers struck early with a leadoff double from 2B Derek Hill in the 2nd inning followed by a 2 run HR from WP Jon Brunson to give the Shockers a early lead which they never relinquished. The triumvirate of Jon Brunson Rookie Adam Vitale, and veteran pitcher, Nick Studebaker held the Storm at bay all day. 3B Geoff Buie who had a diving stop to cut a Storm rally short helped lead the strong Shocker defense.

Red Sox 7 RiverRats 0 ~

The Sox improved to 7-1 with a hard fought win against a very good RiverRats team. Jim Mahoney pitched 8 shutout innings and was supported by outstanding defense led by some smooth leather work by SS Mike Burke. Casey McBride highlighted the Sox' offense with a 2-run blast and 4 RBI.

Queensboro Shirt Riptide 11 Novus Glass Seahawks 2

The Riptides, led by 1B Greg Upchurch (4RBI), 3B Wes Hayford (3RBI) and C Steve Elias (3RBI), defeated the ‘Hawks at Myrtle Grove MS. Steve Goodman and Chris Natale also contributed 3 hits a piece in the winning effort.

Alpha Dogs 10 Miller Lites 7

The Alpha Dogs fell behind 2–0 early but rallied to go up 7-2. The Lites rallied with clutch hits by Tim Whitehead and Jacob Barton to tie the game in the top of the 6th. The Dogs came back to score 3 in the bottom of the 6th on the strength of hits by Ray Dixon, Brian Brodwater and Fulton Burns and held on for the win in the 7th with the tying run at the plate.

Breaktime Mudcats 17 Brunswick Barons 6.

WP Chris Thompson pitched 6 strong innings and hit an inside the park home run to pace the ‘Cats. C Jonathan Carter stroked 4 hits and handled the duties behind the plate flawlessly. The Barons benefitted from a bomb by Addison Mow and an RBI blast that one hopped the RF fence by Rookie Todd Scott.

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Engineers Win 7 - 0, June 10th

06/13/2010, 6:26am EDT

By FA

Game played after being rained out 3 times

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In the game that did not want to happen, the Catlin Engineers defeated the Brunswick Barons 7 - 0. After having been postponed on 3 prior occasions, this game was played under the lights in beautiful conditions at South Brunswick HS (despite rain across the Wilmington area.) WP Shane McCumbee pitched a complete game shutout , striking out 12 Barons.

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Week 7: Brunswick Barons get off the schneid with 5 -3 victory

06/07/2010, 9:38pm EDT

By FA

Hot weather, hot baseball

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Breaktime Mudcats 9 Lejeune Storm 4

The Mudcats took a big lead in a close game with a clutch grand slam off the bat of Kevin "Goatboy" Garrett. The pitching of crafty veteran Joe "Steamboat" Stephenson held the Storm offense to 1 run through 7 innings. Rookie Logan Wilber pitched a perfect 8th and got out of a tough jam to stop a Storm rally in the 9th to nail down the win for the 'Cats.

Brunswick Barons 5 Cape Fear River Rats 3

It took some awesome defense by Rookies Greg Notaro and Jordan Ottinger plus the explosive bat of C Matt Fitzgerald for the Barons to earn their first win in dramatic fashion. The R’Rats started the game with aggressive baserunning by Logan Capps and Brant Gall to take a 3 -0 lead. With Jason Thompson pitching a perfect game into the 6th, it looked like the R’Rats were cruising to another win. With two out in the 7th, the defensive play of the game occurred when 2b Ottinger took a perfect throw from RF Jimmie Kelty and unleased a strike to C Fitzgerald who tagged out the runner trying to score from second on the hit. The play ignited the Barons who scored two runs in the home 7th on a clutch hit by Matt Fitzgerald who brought some Wilmington Red Sox moxie to the shorthanded Barons all day. Meanwhile the relief corps of Jordan Ottinger, Mike Tooker and Canyon Murphy held the R’Rats at bay. Then came the fateful 9th. RF Kelty worked a walk, LF Tooker followed with a sharp single to left to set the stage for none other than Matt Fitzgerald who blasted a walk-off three run bomb over the right centerfield fence for the win. After the game observers saw a three hundred pound monkey was seen leaving the backs of the previously winless Barons.

Wilmington Red Sox 14 Drain Works Shockers 0

With an all around great team performance, the WilSox ran their record to a league best 6-1. Casey McBride, Jim Mahoney, and Doug Lucas combined to pitch the Sox' 2nd straight shutout. Everyone got into the action offensively and Doug Lucas supplied the power with a long home run.

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Carolina Mens Baseball Experiences Ripken

05/31/2010, 10:12pm EDT

By FA

CMBL plays in tournament at Ripken Complex in Myrtle Beach

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Carolina Mens Baseball sent a team to play in the Memorial Day Tournament held at the Ripken Experience in Myrtle Beach, SC. The results were disappointing but the experience was great fun. On the bright side, the pitching was extremely effective and there was only one minor muscle pull to one of the catchers over the two weekend doubleheaders. Notwithstanding the disappointing record, the team grew from the experience and is looking forward to future tournaments. Most important, we had fun playing baseball in a world class baseball facility down in Myrtle Beach against teams from three different states.

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Week Six: Red Sox move into sole possession of first place, May 22-23

05/24/2010, 4:09am EDT

By FA

Season approaches halfway point + Father & Son Tournament nears

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The action at Godwin Stadium Saturday was exciting. The Catlin Engineers won an impressive victory despite an unfortunate injury to starting pitcher Earl Reese who left the game with a strained oblique muscle. WP Nick Strickland in 6+ innings of relief stymied the usually potent Drain Works Shockers for a 4 -2 win. C Brandon Devito with two booming doubles and SS Jason Catlin with a blast that went for a double led the Engineer offense.

WP Casey McBride, joined by a boisterous contingent of fans, led the way as the Red Sox cruised past the Brunswick Barons 11 -0. CF Chet Nesley and SS Nick Raynor had big offensive games for the Sox.

The Sunday games at Pender HS were rained out and will be rescheduled shortly.

Blue Division

The Queensboro Riptide defeated the Alpha Dogs 10 - 3 behind the pitching and batting of WP Steve Goodman. Rookies Greg Johnson and Lam Tran also contributed to the Tide's offense.

The Novus Seahawks rallied to beat the Miller Lites 8 - 6. The Seahawks didn’t score until the 4th, but were able to catch and then pass the Miller Lites. Alan Paull went the distance for the Seahawks, finishing the 7th with a strikeout. Alan helped his own cause with a 2 for 4 day at the plate and scoring 2 runs. Tom Tarantino also scored twice and continued his hitting streak with a solid single on his final at bat. The Bill’s, Bennett and Bernath, also had good days at the plate going 2 for 4 and 2 for 3 respectively. Both had 2 RBI’s with Bill Bennett’s coming on a 7th inning double that provided all the cushion Alan needed for the bottom half of the final stanza.

Pate Southerland was 1 for 3 with 2 RBI’s, one of which came on a key sacrifice bunt in the 4th. Ed Longenecker went 1 for 2, driving in a run during the Seahawk’s 3 run spurt in the 6th.

????? Week Five: Alpha Dogs v. Seahawks and Storm v. Barons

The Lejeune Storm made CMBL history by winning both ends of a double header up at Pender HS. They defeated the Cape Fear River Rats 15 -2 in the first game. In the nightcap, the Storm defeated the Brunswick Barons in a close one. With the score tied in the last inning, the Storm took advantage of control problems by the Barons staff and scored the go ahead run on a bases loaded walk. The Barons had the tying run on third with two outs when WP Tim Beaubien completed the game in dramatic fashion with a strikeout. The Alpha Dogs beat the Novus Glass Seahawks 10 - 9 in an exciting game. The Dogs rallied from a 5 -3 deficit to take a 10 -6 lead into the last inning. But the relentless 'Hawks scored two runs in their last at bat and had the tying and go ahead runs on base when WP Frank Amoroso finally got the last out to seal the win. In other action, the Wilmington Red Sox continued their hot streak by taking it to the Bud Light Braves for a 14 -2 victory.

????? 3 games played, 4 games rained out

The Catlin Engineers traveled to South Brunswick HS to battle the undefeated Cape Fear River Rats. Behind the complete game, 12 K pitching of WP Shane McCumbee, the Engineers prevailed 9-5. The offense was provided by Nick Domenelli, Chris Queen and Shane who each had two hits. On Saturday, the Queensboro Riptide defeated the Alpha Dog Bombers with a dramatic last inning comeback. The Bombers had gone ahead in the top of the last inning on a two RBI blast by Rookie Chris Wetherell over the head of the centerfielder on a two out, 3-2 pitch. The Riptide battled back in the home half and scored the winning run on a hit by Joe Seme. The Saturday night game at Godwin was won by the Lejeune Storm over the Breaktime Mudcats 17-11.

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Official Carolina Mens Baseball T-Shirt $15

The front of this grey heavyweight cotton T-shirt features the Carolina Mens Baseball League logo. The back of the shirt bears the rallying cry, "Let's Play Hardball!" and the CMBL website address.

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This warm up is great for pre-game activities and cool evenings. It is available in black, red, maroon, forest green, navy and royal blue. For additional charge of $5 each these jackets can be customized with team and player name and number when at least 12 are ordered.

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Cool, cotton hat with velcro adjustable closure to fit all sizes. This CMBL hat has the League website address on the back.

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Week Three: Sunny & Breezy with Baseballs Flying Out of Castle Hayne, April 29th

04/30/2012, 4:06pm EDT

By FA

Warrior Michael Spann just misses, fouls one back

WEEK THREE, APRIL 29th SUMMARY

RED DIVISION

CATLIN ENGINEERS 12 BOAR’S BREATH CHOPPERS 11

The A's tied up the ball game in the 8th. Later in the bottom of the 9th, John Rhodes hit a lead- off double. Allen Gurley laid down a base hit bunt to the left side of the infield moving Rhodes over to third. The next batter, rookie Josh Loftin knocked in the run with a single between the short stop and third baseman.

CAPE FEAR RIVER RATS 13 BREAKTIME WARRIORS 1

WP Jason Thompson pitched a complete game two-hitter racking up eleven Ks in the process. The offense was led by Dr. Bob Bennett who went four for six with two doubles. CF Chris Thompson scampered for six stolen bases. Rookie Jacob Gibson contributed on offense and defense in his CMBL debut.

LEJEUNE BOMBERS 7 SHADY BEARS 0

WHITE DIVISION

BRUNSWICK BARONS 10 PIRATES 5

The Barons finally broke their multiseason,16 game losing streak behind the dominating pitching of Matt Rowley. Matt struck out 19 batters in 8 innings, allowing only 1 earned run on 3 hits and a walk. Offensive support came from Chris Horn and Scott Donovan, both going 3-5, along with Rusty Knowles, Drew Rusk and Addison Mow each with a double. Sean Kelly earned a save on his pitching debut.

BRAVES 13 PIRATES 2

The Braves enjoyed a strong start for WP Lee Shelton (6IP, 2ER) and good relief work by Rick Ingram and Matt Jones that resulted in a victory. The Braves offense was led by Jarrad Reynolds who went 3 for 3 with 2 walks and 3RBI and Jason Worrell who had 2 hits and a blast that looked like it was leaving the park only to be kept in by the wind.

BLUE DIVISION

HURRICANES 10 ALPHA DOGS 5

WP Tim Whitehead went the distance for the undefeated ‘Canes. He broke open a pitcher’s duel with a three run bomb in the fifth inning. Alpha Dogs, Scott Garrett and Brian Brodwater, launched homers in a losing cause.

RIPTIDE 9 NOVUS GLASS SEAHAWKS 6

The Riptide staged another comeback. Trailing 6 to 4 in the top of the 7th, they rallied to win 9 to 6. Chris Natale went 6 innings and WP Steve Goodman closed out the bottom of the 7th 1-2-3. Goodman was 3 for 3 with 3 RBIs. Steve Elias had two hits.

???? Pitching Grips

This is a compilation of pitching grips used by various major league pitchers. Use it to experiment and possibly expand your repertoire of pitches. Who wouldn't like to throw Mariano's cutter or Santana's change? Try it, have fun - if it hurts stop. If it works, go for the strikeout!

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Welcome to the Home of the Carolina Mens Baseball League \* Revised Schedule Up in League News!

Joe Seme, Lou Howard and Frank Amoroso share a common bond, the love of the great game of baseball. They have played together on the Wilmington, North Carolina Old Salts in the Roy Hobbs Senior Men's Tournament held annually in Ft. Myers, Florida for the last several years. Their motto is "Forever Baseball, Forever Young" and they have established the Carolina Mens Baseball League for adult players to share the fun and camaraderie of baseball with those looking to experience the sounds, smells (yes, analgesic balm) and joy of playing America's Pastime. The league plays in the coastal area of southeastern North Carolina. This is your chance to be a Baseball player, again. See you on the Diamond!

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The poll for "Who will win the NL Central in 2010?" resulted in a last minute victory for the Cubbies over the Cards that reeked of ballot stuffing in the Mayor Daly tradition - "Vote early and vote often."

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