Switchpitcher vs. Switchhitter

A recently drafted pitcher, named Pat Venditte, debuted for the Staten Island Yankees this week. He is an ambidextrous pitcher who has a specially made glove that allows him to pitch with either hand. Watch the video that is in this article to see how a switchhitting batter tries to deal with a switchpitcher. Priceless! http://web.sny.tv/news/article.jsp?ymd=20080619&content\_id=1464392&oid=3

\*Must Read - Manny Ramirez : Transcript of apology to Dodger teamates

I am Manny, hear me roar!

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By DJ Gallo

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Dodgers owner Frank McCourt has spoken with Manny Ramirez. Now he wants the disgraced slugger to speak to the team.

Turns out it already happened -- and Page 2 was able to receive the exclusive transcript of Ramirez's address.

(Scene: Dodgers clubhouse)

Frank McCourt: "Gentlemen, I know we're all still kind of reeling over the recent news. So I have asked Manny here today to speak to the team. Manny, the floor is yours."

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Paul Spinelli/MLB Photos/Getty Images"Knock knock .. who's there? Not me for 50 games! Get it!"

Manny Ramirez: "Thanks, boss. I'm not used to giving speeches. So I looked on the Internet for tips and they said I should start with a joke to loosen up the audience. OK? You ready? What is Manny Ramirez's new nickname?"

Juan Pierre: "Womanny Ramirez."

Andre Ethier: "Ma'am Ram."

Joe Torre: "That's just mammaries being mammaries."

Ramirez: "So you've heard most of them already."

Russell Martin: "We have. We even thought up many of them ourselves."

James Loney: "Some long before this news came out, actually."

Ramirez: "I see. OK, let me try another one. A priest, a rabbi and Manny Ramirez walk into a bar."

Torre: "Just a second, Manny. I don't mean to interrupt. But do you mind if I record all of this?"

Ramirez: "Umm, I guess not. Why?"

Torre: "Oh, you know. In case I would, say ... write a book about my Dodgers years or something. Not that I have any plans to do that, of course, guys. What is said inside the clubhouse stays inside the clubhouse. That's an unwritten rule of baseball, am I right? But when I write the book, I don't want to misquote you."

Ramirez: "Sure. Whatever."

Torre: "Fantastic. OK, let me press 'record' ... and continue. Oh, and feel free to talk #$%^ about A-Rod, if you'd like. Readers eat that stuff up."

Ramirez: "OK, where was I?"

Chad Billingsley: "A priest, a rabbi and Manny Ramirez were walking into a bar..."

Ramirez: "Oh, right. A priest, a rabbi and Manny Ramirez walk into a bar. The bartender says 'What'll you have?' The priest says: 'I'll have a beer.' The rabbi says: 'I'll have a glass of wine.' The bartender says: 'What about you, Manny?' And Manny says: 'I can't drink alcohol because I'm taking female fertility drugs. I'll have a glass of cranberry juice.'"

Ethier: "That's not all that funny."

Ramirez: "I know. It's not. But it is true. That story happened word-for-word about two weeks ago. Remember, guys: alcohol and womb medicine don't mix."

McCourt: "OK, Manny. Let's move along. This is serious. Joke time is over."

Ramirez: "Yes, sir. Guys, I want to apologize from the bottom of my heart. I know you trusted me and I feel like I have let you do--"

McCourt: "Oh! 50-Game Banny Ramirez. That's one I heard."

Loney: "Meh. I think the Manny-as-chick ones are better."

McCourt: "Yeah, you're probably right, James. OK, sorry, Manny ... continue. I just wanted to say that one before I forgot it."

Ramirez: "Sure. No problem. As I was saying, I feel like I let you guys down. I guess I should have been more forthcoming with my situation. But I was stuck in that long contract negotiation this offseason and Scott Boras didn't think I should mention the fertility drugs."

McCourt: "Of course. Boras."

Ramirez: "But Scott was right, Frank -- despite how far we've come in this country, people who are on female fertility drugs still make only 75 percent of what males in similar positions make. And that's not right."

Juan Pierre: "That's a good point, actually."

McCourt: "No, it's not. You aren't really a woman, Manny. You used that stuff to cover up your use of steroids."

Ramirez: "Not a woman? Steroids? I'll have you know I played for the Boston Red Sox. Didn't you read the Mitchell Report?"

Torre: "I did not. I did, however, read 'The Yankee Years' by Joe Torre. And you should, too. I'll be signing copies in my office after Manny is done. Buy two copies and get 10 percent off my next book: 'The Dodger Years.'"

[+] Enlarge

Lisa Blumenfeld/Getty Images"Could someone break down in tears? My publisher says that will really help with the 18-34 year old female demographic."

Ramirez: "Look, the details are not important. All that he-said, Manny-said stuff isn't going to win us any ballgames while I'm out. You're going to win by sticking together."

Loney: "And by playing in the NL West."

Torre: "You better believe it. I don't miss the AL East one bit."

Ramirez: "Right, you'll win mainly by playing in the NL West. But also by sticking together. I just want you all to know that I support you. And I know that you support me. Thank you for using pink bats in my honor on Sunday."

Ethier: "That was actually for Moth--"

Ramirez: "Shhh. Words can't capture how much that meant to me. And just as you have supported me, please know that I will be with you while I am away. A little piece of me will be inside each of you, like a tiny fetus growing to term over the next 50 days in a fertile womb. And with the right chemistry -- and I mean that literally -- we can be even stronger in 50 days than we are now. Like, muscles everywhere."

McCourt: "OK, that's enough."

Torre: "Perfect timing. My recorder was about to run out of batteries."

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???????? Baseball's unique jargon lends itself to colorful sayings

Joe DiMaggio, the "Yankee Clipper"

All pitchers are born pitchers.

You start chasing a ball and your brain immediately commands your body to 'Run forward, bend, scoop up the ball, peg it to the infield,' then your body says, 'Who me?'

A ball player has to be kept hungry to become a big leaguer. That's why no boy from a rich family has ever made the big leagues.

I can remember a reporter asking me for a quote, and I didn't know what a quote was. I thought it was some kind of soft drink.

I'd like to thank the good Lord for making me a Yankee.

Pair up in threes.

There is always some kid who may be seeing me for the first time. I owe him my best.

When baseball is no longer fun, it's no longer a game.

You always get a special kick on opening day, no matter how many you go through. You look forward to it like a birthday party when you're a kid. You think something wonderful is going to happen.

Lawrence "Yogi" Berra

It’s déjà vu all over again.

Ninety percent of the game is half mental.

Little League baseball is a very good thing because it keeps the parents off the streets.

How can you hit and think at the same time.

I'm not going to buy my kids an encyclopedia. Let them walk to school like I did.

Nobody goes there anymore; it's too crowded.

It ain't over till it's over.

For books of Yogi-isms http://rcm.amazon.com/e/cm?t=carolinamensb-20&o=1&p=8&l=as1&asins=0786887443&fc1=000000&IS2=1&lt1=\_blank&lc1=0000FF&bc1=000000&bg1=FFFFFF&f=ifr" style="width:120px;height:240px;" scrolling="no" marginwidth="0" marginheight="0" frameborder="0"></iframe>

Rogers Hornsby

"People ask me what I do in winter when there's no baseball. I'll tell you what I do. I stare out the window and wait for spring."

"Players who stand flat footed and swing with their arms are golfers, not hitters."

"I don't want to play golf. When I hit a ball, I want someone else to go chase it."

"I always tried to hit the ball back through the box because that is the largest unprotected area." Source: Baseball Digest (October 1953)

"I don't like to sound egotistical, but every time I stepped up to the plate with a bat in my hands, I couldn't help but feel sorry for the pitcher."

Leroy "Satchel" Paige

Age is a question of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it don't matter.

How old would you be if you didn't know how old you are?

Avoid running at all times.

Don't look back. Something might be gaining on you.

Mickey Mantle

If I had played my career hitting singles like Pete Rose, I'd wear a dress.

If I knew I was going to live this long, I'd have taken better care of myself.

Somebody once asked me if I ever went up to the plate trying to hit a home run. I said, 'Sure, every time.'

Well, baseball was my whole life. Nothing's ever been as fun as baseball.

You don't realize how easy this game is until you get up in that broadcasting booth.

It's unbelievable how much you don't know about the game you've been playing all your life.

I always loved the game, but when my legs weren't hurting it was a lot easier to love.

He who has the fastest golf cart never has a bad lie.

A team is where a boy can prove his courage on his own. A gang is where a coward goes to hide.

Bill "Spaceman" Lee

The only rule I got is if you slide, get up.

The other day they asked me about mandatory drug testing. I said I believed in drug testing a long time ago. All through the sixties I tested everything.

There's nothing in the world like the fatalism of the Red Sox fans, which has been bred into them for generations by that little green ballpark, and the wall, and by a team that keeps trying to win by hitting everything out of sight and just out-bombarding everyone else in the league. All this makes Boston fans a little crazy and I'm sorry for them.

Charles Dillon "Casey" Stengel

All right everyone, line up alphabetically according to your height.

 Good pitching will always stop good hitting and vice-versa.

The key to being a good manager is keeping the people who hate me away from those who are still undecided.

I was such a dangerous hitter I even got intentional walks during batting practice.

NO LEAGUE PRACTICE SAT. OF MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND. ENJOY The Top 50 Funniest Baseball Quotes below

 Top 50 Funniest Baseball Quotes

Back to Play Ball! Main PageThe Major League Baseball season is here, and what better way to celebrate the season than by reliving baseball's best verbal heaters, curveballs and sliders?

1. It ain't nothin' till I call it. — Bill Klem, umpire

2. There have been only two authentic geniuses in the world, Willie Mays and Willie Shakespeare. — Tallulah Bankhead

3. I never threw an illegal pitch. The trouble is, once in a while I toss one that ain't never been seen by this generation. — Satchel Paige

4. Ninety percent of this game is half mental. — Yogi Berra

5. If a woman has to choose between catching a fly ball and saving an infant's life, she will choose to save the infant's life without even considering if there is a man on base. — Dave Barry

6. Who is this Baby Ruth? And what does she do? — George Bernard Shaw

7. The way to make coaches think you're in shape in the spring is to get a tan. — Whitey Ford

8. Running a ball club is like raising kids who fall out of trees. — Tom Trebelhorn

9. I watch a lot of baseball on radio. — Gerald Ford

10. I didn't mean to hit the umpire with the dirt, but I did mean to hit that bastard in the stands. — Babe Ruth

11. If you get three strikes, even the best lawyer in the world can't get you off. — Bill Veeck

12. Bob Gibson is the luckiest pitcher I ever saw. He always pitches when the other team doesn't score any runs. — Tim McCarver

13. Trying to sneak a pitch past Hank Aaron is like trying to sneak the sunrise past a rooster. — Joe Adcock

14. The other teams could make trouble for us if they win. — Yogi Berra

15. Beethoven can't really be great because his picture isn't on a bubble gum card. — Charles Schulz

16. I think I throw the ball as hard as anyone. The ball just doesn't get there as fast. — Eddie Bane

17. Third ain't so bad if nothin' is hit to you. — Yogi Berra

18. There's no crying in baseball! — Tom Hanks in A League of Their Own

19. I never took the game home with me. I always left it in some bar. — Bob Lemon

20. Well, it took me 17 years to get 3,000 hits in baseball, and I did it in one afternoon on the golf course. — Hank Aaron

21. After Jackie Robinson, the most important black in baseball history is Reggie Jackson. — Reggie Jackson

22. We know we're better than this, but we can't prove it. — Tony Gwynn

23. It ain't like football. You can't make up no trick plays. — Yogi Berra

24. If a horse won't eat it, I don't want to play on it. — Dick Allen on artificial turf

25. You don't realize how easy this game is until you get up in that broadcasting booth. — Mickey Mantle

26. Alan Sutton Sothoron pitched his initials off today. — Anonymous, St. Louis newspaper

27. All I remember about my wedding day in 1967 is that the Cubs lost a doubleheader. — George F. Will

28. Never root for a team whose uniforms have elastic stretch waistbands. — Susan Sarandon

29. There ain't much to being a ballplayer, if you're a ballplayer. — Honus Wagner

30. Us ballplayers do things backward. First we play, then we retire and go to work. — Charlie Gehringer

31. The funny thing about these uniforms is that you hang them in the closet and they get smaller and smaller. — Curt Flood

32. Sure I played, did you think I was born age 70 sitting in a dugout trying to manage guys like you? — Casey Stengel, to Mickey Mantle

33. When you start the game, they don't say "Work ball!" They say "Play ball!" — Willie Stargell

34. There are two theories on hitting the knuckleball. Unfortunately, neither one of them works. — Charlie Lau

35. The way to catch a knuckleball is to wait until the ball stops rolling and then to pick it up. — Bob Uecker

36. Think! How the hell are you gonna think and hit at the same time? — Yogi Berra

37. The majority of American males put themselves to sleep by striking out the batting order of the New York Yankees. — James Thurber

38. A hot dog at the game beats roast beef at the Ritz. — Humphrey Bogart

39. He's the strangest hitter in baseball. Figure him out one way and he'll kill you another. — Sandy Koufax on Roberto Clemente

40. As a nation we are dedicated to keeping physically fit — and parking as close to the stadium as possible. — Bill Vaughan

41. Slump? I ain't in no slump. I just ain't hitting. — Yogi Berra

42. A man once told me to walk with the Lord. I'd rather walk with the bases loaded. — Ken Singleton

43. I'd be willing to bet you, if I was a betting man, that I have never bet on baseball. — Pete Rose

44. Little League baseball is a very good thing because it keeps the parents off the streets. — Yogi Berra

45. Lasorda's standard reply when some new kid would ask directions to the whirlpool was to tell him to stick his foot in the toilet and flush it. — Steve Garvey

46. If you don't succeed at first, try pitching. — Jack Harshman

47. The Hall of Fame is for baseball people. Heaven is for good people. — Jim Dwyer

48. So I'm ugly. So what? I never saw anyone hit with his face. — Yogi Berra

49. He looks like a greyhound, but he runs like a bus. — George Brett on third baseman Jamie Quirk

50. The baseball mania has run its course. It has no future as a professional endeavor. — Cincinnati Gazette editorial, 1879

Source: Baseball’s Greatest Quotations: An Illustrated Treasury of Baseball Quotations and Historical Lore, by Paul Dickson, HarperCollins, 2008.

????? CMBL Spring Training Rolls Despite Puddles

03/25/2014, 3:00pm EDT

By fa

Carolina Mens Baseball League has begun spring training. Open practice sessions will be held every Sunday until April 13th when preseason games will be held. Opening Day for the 2014 season will be Sunday, April 27.

The league is still accepting new players in all three divisions, the red 18+, the white 28+ and the blue 48+. Recapture the joy of playing baseball. Call Frank @ 910-465-0535 for further information.

?????? PIRATES WIN, ADVANCE TO SHOWDOWN WITH SHOCKERS

08/09/2013, 11:30am EDT

By FA

CAROLINA MENS BASEBALL PLAYOFF TOURNAMENT UPDATE, AUGUST 8TH

PIRATES 15 BRAVES 4

The Pirates roared into the playoffs with their bats blazing. Led by manager Nick Basta who blasted a long double that short-hopped the CF fence and the entire lineup, the Pirates proved too much for the Braves on this night. WP Miles Landron cruised through the first five innings. He was ably followed on the hill by RHP Lawrence Nadeau who finished up. Braves SS Nick Philemon made several highlight reel plays robbing several Pirates of sure base hits.

The playoffs continue Sunday with the Pirates taking on the #1 seed Shockers at Pender HS, 1pm. The Braves fall to the losers bracket to face the Outlaws in an elimination game at Murray MS also at 1pm.

The Blue Division Championship game will be played at Noble MS, 4pm between the defending champion Hurricanes and the Queensboro Riptide.

All are encouraged to come on out, root for your favorite team and enjoy some great playoff baseball.

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08/12/2013, 8:45am EDT

By FA

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Shockers + Pirates Split DHr, 7/14th. Wild Nights @ Godwin, 7/16-18

07/19/2013, 10:00am EDT

By FA

PIRATES 6 SHOCKERS 3, July 14th

In the first game, Port City Pirate WP Coley Thompson saw his first game on the mound. with the help of solid defense behind him, he allowed 0 earned runs until the 7th and final inning of play. Defensive plays of the game were made by Shockers’ 1B Albert Ducharme who robbed substitute Rusty Knowles of hits on smashes down the line..... TWICE. Other top defensive play was made by Shockers’ CF Walt, with a diving catch to rob Rusty Knowles yet again. Offensive Player of the game was Pirate SS Miles Landron, who contributed in every Pirate run scored with 4 RBI and 2 runs scored. He also ended the game on the defensive end with a double play at second base.

SHOCKERS 16 PIRATES 3, July 14th

Second game of the double header was the completion of a suspended game. It started in the 5th inning with an 11-0 lead for the Shockers. This game was relatively uneventful, with both teams only scoring a few runs. The Shockers easily held on the large lead they built at Godwin a few weeks ago.

HURRICANES 7 ALPHA DOGS 6, July 16th

In an exciting double shootout game, the Hurricanes prevailed, coming back from defeat in each of their last three at bats. ‘Canes 1B Todd Rehanek led the offense with his bat and legs, recording 4 RBI and a like number of stolen bases. WP Gary Lanier pitched 3 2/3 innings of stellar relief for the hard fought victory. For the ‘Dogs, LF Tito Velez and CF Chuck Dail played great defense and honorary ‘Dog, Ed Longenecker was an RBI machine with several clutch hits.

??????? BRUNSWICK BARONS 10 PIRATES 5, July 18th

The Pirates struck early on Thursday afternoon at Godwin taking a quick 2-0 lead in the first inning, ending with a bases loaded ground ball robbery by Barons’ 1B Rusty Knowles to get out of the inning. Not ten minutes later, Rusty hit the cover off of the ball and it ended up in the street behind the right field fence to start the Barons offense. Good eyes and good bats by the Barons led them to a 10-4 lead coming into the 8th inning. Pirates started to rally, with bases loaded and Stuart Nadeau at the plate, Barons’ closer Drew Rusk came up with a diving grab, a Jeteresque fadeaway throw, and an incredible scoop on the short hop by Rusty Knowles. Barons hung on to win the game 10-5 behind a strong start by Colin Baron and a great closing effort by Drew.

Thrilling All\*Star Game + Skills Comps + H R Derby, Oh My! Godwin, 7/6

07/07/2013, 2:15pm EDT

By FA

2013 Celebrate Baseball

Bunting Competition – Lawrence Nadeau of the Pirates emerged the winner after a tough battle with Braves’ Nick Philemon.

Pitching Competition – Lawrence Nadeau racked up another win in a close battle with Jarrad Reynolds of the Braves.

Home Run Derby – Blue Division championship was won handily by Tim Whitehead of the Hurricanes. In the younger Divisions, defending HR champ Jon Brunson tried mightily to retain his title. Travis Adams of the Catlin Engineers clinched the crown with several out-of-the-park bombs to right field.

???? 2013 ALL\*STAR GAME @ GODWIN STADIUM, JULY 6TH

BLUESHIRTS 3 BLACKSHIRTS 2

The official proceedings began with the presenting of the colors by the color guard from American Legion Post 10. The ceremonial first pitch was thrown by George Longenecker, a Korea and Viet Nam Air Force veteran and father of CMBL original Ed Longenecker. Thanks to all these gentlemen for their service and protecting our freedom as we celebrate Independence Day.

The Blueshirt All Stars managed by Rusty Knowles squeaked out a victory in a well-played game on a beautiful Saturday evening at Godwin Stadium. The starting pitchers matched goose-eggs and wracking up strikeouts in the difficult sun conditions. The Blueshirts drew first blood. Shockers’ Al Ducharme broke the scoreless tie in the 5th with alert baserunning, scoring from 3rd on an overthrow to the pitcher. The inning ended with the defensive play of the game made by Davante Riley who gunned down a runner at the plate with a lazer throw to C Cardin who deftly blocked the plate and applied the tag.

 The Blackshirts responded with 2 runs in the home half of the 5th inning. CF Davante Riley, walked, tagged on a fly to center, stole third and scored on a hit by Travis Adams. Adam Cardin drove in Travis with an RBI single.

The Blueshirts forged ahead in the 7th when Brandon Savoca and Scott Hall scored. Brandon Savoca recorded a save with a 1-2-3 ninth inning.

Special thanks to Fulton Burns, Jr., Fulton Burns III and Ray Dixon for getting the park ready for the festivities.

????? Barons Powered by Addie Defeat Outlaws @ Godwin, 6/20

06/22/2013, 4:45pm EDT

By FA

Thursday, June 20th @ Godwin

Brunswick Barons 8 Outlaws 5

The Brunswick Barons, powered by a grand slam off the bat of SS Addison Mow, posted a W for rookie fill-in manager Rusty Knowles. The bases loaded blast cleared the fence in right centerfield to break open a close contest and put the Barons ahead for good. 3B Rusty Knowles contributed several hits. The Barons got excellent pitching from a trio of pitchers, John Yorfino, Matt Rowley and Drew Rusk. The race in the White Division just got a little tighter.

????? Braves win thriller @ Godwin, June 13th

06/15/2013, 12:00pm EDT

By FA

BRAVES 2 CATLIN ENGINEERS 1

The Braves picked up their 2nd win in a row, beating the Engineers 2-1 in a pitchers duel Thursday night. Braves P Derrick "Hollywood" Pigford got his 2nd win by pitching 6 strong innings, giving up only 1 run. The Engineers almost tied the game in the 8th but were cut down at the plate by 1B Jarrad Reynolds on a relay in from the OF on a base hit. LHP Pete Camenzind pitched 3 shutout innings to pick up his 2nd save and drove in what would be the game winning run at the plate with an RBI groundout in the 6th. He also scored the first run after blasting a double to left center field in a previous at bat.

???? Week 8: Braves score first victory! Rain ruins Sunday for Blue Division, June 9th

06/09/2013, 11:15pm EDT

By FA

RED DIVISION

SHOCKERS 9 CATLIN ENGINEERS 0

With this victory, the Shockers moved into sole posession of first place.

WHITE DIVISION

BRAVES 5 BRUNSWICK BARONS 4

The Braves picked up their first win of the season on Sunday behind strong pitching by Jarrad Reynolds (5 IP, 3 R, 1 ER), Derrick Pigford (W, 3 IP 1 R, 0 ER), and Pete Camenzind (SV, 1 IP, 0 R). RBI hits by Jason Worrell and Jarrad Reynolds put the Braves on top before the Barons tied the game in the 8th. SS Nick Philemon scored on a wild pitch in the top of the 9thto put the Braves ahead. C Dan Weighton also chipped in with a 2 hit performance including a double to the RC gap in the 7th.

CROSSOVER

PIRATES 15 OUTLAWS 6

Pirates’ WP Brad Matthias threw 6 innings to earn the win. The Pirates built a lead on the strength of a 2 run double by their manager, 1B Nick Basta. The Outlaws battled from a 5 run deficit to pull within one run, 6 -5. The rally was started by C Charlie Buonocore as the Outlaws batted around. The Pirates broke it open in the 7th inning with a 2-out, 2-rbi shot from Pirates RF Laurence Nadeau, who later stole home on a pickoff attempt to first base. Other big at bats came from Pirates manager Nick Basta, who ended the game with 4 rbi's, and Papa John fraker, who hit a homerun in his first at bat after his 2 week paternal leave. Big hit from the Outlaws came from Joe Defeo in the form of a center field homerun. Pirate closer Miles Landron came in for 2 innings before John Fraker finished off the ninth inning with 3 straight outs. Other notable performance was of Outlaws RF Chris Hancock, who recorded 4 Ks in the last 2 innings

BLUE DIVISION

Rain scuttled the games in the Blue Division. The early game at Trask MS between the Alpha Dogs and the Queensboro Shirt Riptides was interrupted by rain and finally cancelled in the middle of the 3d inning. Before the rain shut down the game, Ryan Trobaugh blasted a 2 RBI double. The later game between the Hurricanes and the Seahawks was cancelled. The games will be rescheduled for next Sunday, June 16th.

????? Week 7: Hurricanes and Outlaws back on track - Pirates streaking

06/04/2013, 12:15am EDT

By FA

CAROLINA MENS BASEBALL LEAGUE, JUNE 2D

RED DIVISION

PORT CITY PIRATES 6 CATLIN ENGINEERS 5

The Pirates stayed hot at Murray today. The Pirates jumped out to a two run lead early, but were behind 5-2 by the 7th inning stretch. Engineers’ pitcher Travis Adams threw an incredible complete game, giving up only 2 runs in the first 7 innings of play. In the 8th inning, the Pirates managed to put on 2 runs to keep the game in reach. Once again the Pirates found themselves down by 1 run in the 9th inning. Mgr. Nick Basta started the rally with a booming double. Then with 2 outs and the bases loaded, C.B. McVeigh stepped up to the plate and hit a 2-rbi line drive over second base for the walk- off win.

WHITE DIVISION

OUTLAWS 6 BRUNSWICK BARONS 5

WP Scott Hall pitched 7 innings allowing 3 runs. Kenny Vafier pitched the final 2 innings to close out the game. RBIs by SS Ran Sun, LF Chris Hancock, and 2B Joe Defeo helped the Outlaws capture the win. Drew Rusk and Rusty Knowles had great days at the plate for the Barons. Knowles reached base in all of his at bats and Drew had a 2 run double in the 9th that put the Barons within a run. Defensive highlight of the game goes to Colt Bahlau, in his first game of the season, for making a double-robbing sliding catch in right field

BLUE DIVISION

HURRICANES 13 ALPHA DOGS 12

The Hurricanes moved back into first place in a game that ended in a Shootout. WP Pate Southerland went the distance for the win. SS Tripp Knox continued his hot hitting. He was joined by CF Mark Schall in leading the ‘Canes offense. Dogs’ CF Chuck Dail had a strong game offensively and defensively.

QUEENSBORO SHIRT RIPTIDES 14 SEAHAWKS 3

WP Steve Goodman went the distance for the win. 2B Wes Hayford led the offense with a 3 for 3 game plus a walk. "Little Greg" Johnson was 2 for 4 with a monster shot two run homer over the left center field fence against the wind. The Riptides played error-less ball for the entire game.

????? Pirates shock Shockers @ Godwin, May 30th

05/31/2013, 11:15am EDT

By FA

CAROLINA MENS BASEBALL LEAGUE, MAY 30th

RED DIVISION

PIRATES 5 SHOCKERS 4

On Thursday night at Godwin, the Pirates and Shockers took part of one of the best nail-biters of the season so far. The Shockers took a 4-2 lead fairly early on in the game, and held it until the 9th inning. At this point, the Pirates came up for their final at bat. Pirates C Adam Cardin started off the inning with a blast to left center field for a double, followed by a triple from LF Scott Hall to bring the Pirates within one. After a walk to CF C.B. McViegh and the second out, WP Miles Landron was intentionally walked to load the bases. With 2-outs, 2-strikes, and the game on the line, Pirates 1B Stuart Nadeau hit a clutch 2-rbi shot to center field to tie the game and take the lead. WP Miles Landron finished the game with a complete game victory. Defensive play of the game was made by the Shockers CF Walt Massey, who made a fully extended diving catch to rob Pirates’ mgr. Nick Basta of an RBI double.

????? Catlin Engineers topple the Outlaws @ Godwin, May 28th

05/29/2013, 9:45am EDT

By FA

CATLIN ENGINEERS 13 OUTLAWS 12

The Outlaws came out on fire, scoring 7 runs in the first two innings and eventually building an 11 - 2 lead. Booming hits by Outlaws' mgr C Charlie Buonocore, SS Ran Sun, LF Theo Jass and Dr. Bob Bennett fueled the Outlaws' offense. The Engineers never gave up however and rallied in dramatic fashion for the victory behind reliever WP Joe Catenacci. The play of the night was a daring steal of home in the 8th by 2B Mike Szlanny who scored the tying run on the play. The Engineers went ahead in the 9th on a lead off double by Joe Catenacci who scored on an RBI fielder's choice off the bat of 3B Shane McCumbee who had a multi-hit game.

???? Godwin Nights, 5/22-23 Shockers & Barons Win

05/26/2013, 11:15am EDT

By FA

SHOCKERS 11 OUTLAWS 1

WP Casey McBride pitched 8 dominating innnings over the previously undefeated Outlaws. RHP Brandon Savoca pitched a perfect 9th. C Charlie Hines shrugged off various dings and bumps as "just another day behind the plate."

BRUNSWICK BARONS 11 BRAVES 7

The Barons bested the Braves by an 11-7 score Thursday night after rallying late in the last of several lead changes. The Braves went into the 8th with a 6-5 lead and surrendered 6 runs, creating too big a deficit to overcome in their last at bat. Braves SP Derrick Pigford threw 5.1 solid innings in his first start of the year and SS Nick Philemon & 2B Jarrad Reynolds contributed multi-hit performances at the plate. Barons offense was led by SS Colin Baron and Scott Donovan who had big hits late to drive in runs in their 8th inning rally. The tying and winning runs were driven in by rookie C Justin Ray with a booming double.

???? Pirates Rock @ Godwin, Tuesday, May 16th

05/17/2013, 3:45am EDT

By FA

Pirates 16, Catlin Engineers 2.

The Pirates came out swinging the bats early on at Godwin on Tuesday night. They played a solid game that included just one error on the night. Big hits from CF CB McVeigh, 3B "Poppa Jon" Fraker, and OF/1B Stuart Nadeau, who started his offensive game with a triple in the second inning. Defensive plays of the game were made by Pirates 2B Lucas Jones, and the Engineers' Davante Riley, who also had great production in the batters box. WP Miles Landron threw 6 solid innings. He was followed by another great pitching performance from rookie Pirate Brad Matthias

????? Week 5: Outlaws stay hot, Alpha Dogs move into first place

05/08/2013, 12:00pm EDT

By FA

RED DIVISION

SHOCKERS 8 PIRATES 0

Shockers bounced back with a convincing win over the Pirates 8-0, anchored by solid pitching from WP Jon Brunson, who went 6 innings, allowing no runs on 5 hits and 3 walks. During the critical first inning, the Pirates loaded the bases with no one out. RHP Brunson rose to the challenge by striking out the next three batters to escape without a run scoring. Nick Studebaker followed with a 3 inning save. Casey McBride led the team in hitting with a double and a single with 3 RBIs and 1 Stolen Base on 2-5 hitting.

SHOCKERS 11 BRAVES 5

On Tuesday @ Godwin Stadium, the Shockers won again behind a strong effort by WP Casey McBride. With a disciplined and opportunistic offense the Shockers scored five runs in the second inning to open a comfortable lead. Shockers’ CF Walt Massey was on base all night, scoring 4 runs. SS Brandon Savoca stroked a bases loaded double off the left field fence for a couple of RBI. Braves SS Nick Philemon blasted two long doubles and drove in three runs to spark the Braves offense. C Dan Weightman played a strong game behind the plate for the Braves.

WHITE DIVISION

OUTLAWS 7 BRAVES 5

The Outlaws stayed hot, winning their fifth consecutive game. Starting pitcher Joseph Defeo allowed only 1 run over 3 innings and contributed at the plate with two runs scored. WP Ran Sun threw 4 innings. The Braves battled from behind to take the lead in the sixth inning on the strength of a bases loaded double by rookie Tanner Wichman. The Outlaws quickly responded with 4 runs to recapture the lead, taking a 7-5 lead. RHP Kenny Vafier pitched the 8th and 9th to close out the game.

BLUE DIVISION

Riptides 12 Hurricane's 10

Cane's LF Gary Lanier continued his batting practice like performance going 4 for 5 day at the plate. Pate Southerland had a perfect day at the plate with 4 hits in 4 at bats. Riptides’ WP Steve Goodman also led the offense along with Greg Upchurch, Wes Hayford, and Dan Miller who blasted a home run off the shed behind the right field fence (a damage assessment on the shed reads: "substantial.") Tides’ RF Peter Billing made a terrific "rally killing" catch in right field. For the ‘Canes, manager Bear Estler, C Randy Bills and CF Mark Schall each had two hits.

Alpha Dogs 9 Seahawks 7

The Alpha Dogs took sole possession of first place with a comeback victory over the hard-luck Seahawks. Pitching relief, WP Frank Amoroso entered with the bases loaded and none out. He was greeted by a booming double off the bat of former teammate 2B Ray Dixon. After that, he held the Hawks at bay while his team chipped away at the Hawks’ lead. Dogs rookie RF Richard Carufel drove in three runs in two clutch at bats. 3B Marc Sumner made a game-ending double play on a vicious line drive off the bat of Hawks’ SS Alan Paull. Dogs’ manager Fulton Burns continued his hot hitting with another multi-hit game.

???? Week 4 . . . and then there was one - Outlaws sole remaining undefeated team. Is it the new uniforms or the turtle mascot?

04/29/2013, 3:30pm EDT

By FA

CAROLINA MENS BASEBALL LEAGUE, WEEK 4, APRIL 28

RED and WHITE DIVISIONS

PIRATES 7 BRAVES 4

Rookie Bradley Matthias made an impressive debut for the Pirates with a 10 strikeout performance for the win. LF C.B. McVeigh went yard with a long homer over the left field fence. Expectant Dad, 3B Jon Fraker led the Pirates offense with 4 hits in 4 at bats.

OUTLAWS 8 BARONS 2

Sporting their new orange jerseys with black letters, the Outlaws took down the Barons 8-2 to stay undefeated on the season. Theo Jass pitched 3 innings surrendering only one run. WP Ran Sun came in to pitch 4 scoreless innings and getting the win. Joe Defeo and Kenny Vafier pitched well to close out the game. Bob Bennett made the defensive play of the game with a diving catch in right field. Barons’ Drew Rusk pitched 9 innings for the Barons.

BLUE DIVISION

QUEENSBORO RIPTIDE 13 SEAHAWKS 8

WP Steve Goodman pitched a complete game and led the ‘Tides offense with several base hits. 3B Wes Hayford, SS Dale Benson and RF Peter Billing each had multi-hit games.

ALPHA DOGS 8 HURRICANES 4

The Alpha Dogs dropped the Hurricanes from the ranks of the undefeated in a tough-fought game at Noble MS. WP Frank Amoroso scattered 6 hits, gave up 4 earned runs, had 3 K's and 2 BB over 7 innings.

‘Dogs hitting stars were manager Fulton Burns with 2 hits, including a clutch double and RBI to extend the lead in the 7th, his son 1B Fulton Burns III and 2B Derrick Boone each garnered two hits. SS Marc Sumner displayed impressive range at short while contributing with a clutch RBI single to give the ‘Dogs the lead.

 ‘Canes C Randy Bills, a.k.a. Randy Baseball, went yard for the third straight game with a long blast in the fifth to pull the ‘Canes within two. His LF Tim Whitehead followed with a ringing blast off the fence for a two-bagger. 3B Bill Bernath contributed two hits, including a double to right centerfield. LHP Pate Southerland tasted the loss column for the first time since the 2011 season. He was 8 – 0 last season.

????? Shockers Roll @ Godwin, 10 - 3 over Barons, 4/25

04/26/2013, 11:15am EDT

By FA

SHOCKERS 10 BRUNSWICK BARONS 3

WP Casey McBride led the Shockers to their third victory in a row. Clutch hits by Joe Manor and Ryan Ventura spurred the Shockers to an early lead. For the Barons, acting manager Rusty Knowles drove in two runs with a double. Reliever Addison Mow kept the Barons close with five innings of excellent relief

????? Week 3: Outlaws & Hurricanes Stay Perfect, Alpha Dogs Win Shootout

04/23/2013, 8:45am EDT

By FA

CAROLINA MENS BASEBALL LEAGUE RECAP APRIL 21, 2013

RED & WHITE DIVISIONS

CATLIN ENGINEERS 7 PIRATES 0

WP Nick Strickland pitched 7 masterful innings, befor giving way to manager Shane McCumbee who pitched the final two frames. CF Joe Catenacci got a couple of clutch RBI base hits. Defense was perfect with no errors. Pirates’ RHP Laurence Nadeau picked off three base runners in the first three innings.

OUTLAWS 8 BRAVES 1

The dynamic duo of WP rookie Theo Jass and Ken Vafier again led the undefeated Outlaws to victory. Big days at the plate by Bob Bennet and Steven Winters were contributing factors to the win.1B Steven Winters delivered a big 2 RBI double in the first inning to get the Outlaws going in a game where they never looked back. Kenny Vafier came in to relieve him and got him out of a two man and no out situation. A hard line drive to third and a quick step on the bag, two down. Vaifer then put away the next batter threat over. Defensive highlight of the game goes to Braves LF Pete Camenzind who made a wonderful diving catch coming in hard on a ball hit in shallow left field. RHP Jarrad Reynolds pitched well in his five innings for the Braves, but the Braves’ offense was held in check all afternoon by the dynamic duo.

BLUE DIVISION

HURRICANES 14 SEAHAWKS 5

WP Barry Estler picked up his first complete game victory since pitching in Little League 50 years ago. He had a lot of help from the Cane's defense who made stellar play after stellar play all day. Randy Bills got the Cane's offense started with a two run blast in the bottom of the first. Meanwhile the Canes took full advantage of the Hawk's not so stellar defense. Alan Paull pitched a great game good enough to even win possibly, but was snake bit by his team mates. C Randy Bills with 2 – 4 including a double and homer and 4 RBI led the offense along with CF Gary Lanier who continued his torrid hitting with 2 more hits and 3 runs scored. 3B Bill Bernath, rookie Mark Schall and Buck Roney contributed two hits each to the offensive juggernaut. For the ‘Hawks Alan Paull, Tony Stroud and Peter MacNichol each stroked a pair of hits. Jeff Walker, after a year away in military service in Africa, returned to action with 2 RBI and some outstanding defense.

ALPHA DOGS 13 QUEENSBORO RIPTIDE 11

In the season’s first extra inning game, the Alpha Dogs came away with a victory on the strength of 3B Mark Sumner’s clutch two-out double that drove in the winning runs. The ‘Dogs battled back from a 7 run deficit and scored four runs in their last at bat to send the game into a Shootout. Manager Fulton Burns Jr. and his son, Fulton Burns III had multi-hit games. WP Frank Amoroso pitched all 8 innings. Substitute catcher for the Riptide, Randy Bills, had a big game with a double and long homer. SS Steve Goodman of the ‘Tides garnered three hits and a walk for a perfect day at the plate.

????? Week 2: Shockers, Outlaws & Hurricanes Stay Undefeated

04/15/2013, 7:45pm EDT

By FA

RED & WHITE DIVISIONS

SHOCKERS 9 PIRATES 4

Shockers overcame a 5 run deficit to continue undefeated. WP Byron Batson, in relief, held the Pirates scoreless in 5+ innings. Brandon Savoca was the Player of the Game, going 3 for 4 with a double and 4 RBI and closing out the game on the mound.

CATLIN ENGINEERS 10 BRAVES 4

The Braves came back and scored 4 in the 9th but it wasn't enough to overcome the 10 run deficit they faced and lost to the Engineers 10-4. Jarrad Reynolds pitched 5 innings, giving up 4 runs (3 ER) and striking out 4 while also contributing offensively with a 4 for 5 day including a 2 run 2B in the 9th. Engineers WP Nick Strickland pitched 7 shutout innings and got out of several jams to keep the Braves off the board until the last frame.

OUTLAWS 5 BRUNSWICK BARONS 4 walk-off win

Third year player and first year manager Charlie Buonocore leads Outlaws to another win, this time a 5-4 walk off win. The Barons jumped out to an early two run lead in the first but was held in check after that. Finally tying the game in the top if the 9th. Rookie pitchers Theo Jass and Joseph Defeo pitched outstandingly. Joe pitched the last 4 innings striking out 4 and getting the win. Theo pitched the first 5 innings with 6 strike outs. And got the game winning RBI. Chris Hancock put Kenny Vafier into scoring position at third with a single to right.

BLUE DIVISION

HURRICANES 6 QUEENSBORO SHIRT RIPTIDES 3

WP Tim Whitehead did it all for the Hurricanes. He pitched 5 hit complete game and blasted a two run homer in the 7th to seal the victory. CF Gary Lanier continued his hot hitting, going 3 – 4 and scoring 3 runs. C Randy Bills went 2 – 3 with 3 RBI, manager “Bear” Estler also went 2 – 3. The Riptides were led by Peter Billings who went 2-2 with a double and Steve Goodman who was 2-3, with a double and RBI.

ALPHA DOGS 4 SEAHAWKS 3 walk off win

In an exciting pitchers’ duel, the Dogs prevailed over the Hawks with a walk-off win in the bottom of the last inning. LF Chuck Dail drove in the winning run with a two out, bases loaded walk to win the game. WP Frank Amoroso went the distance for the team’s first victory of the season. He picked off four baserunners. Dogs’ Fulton Burns III drove in a couple with a long double to the centerfield fence. SS Sean Reese with three hits and CF Peter MacNichol led the offense for the Hawks. Peter had two RBI and one run scored, executing a perfect safety squeeze and driving a dramatic blast over the leftfield fence to tie the score at 3.

????? Spring Ahead with Carolina Mens Baseball. March 10th

03/11/2013, 4:45pm EDT

By FA

Are you ready to play hardball? Opening day is right around the corner. The week after Easter marks Opening Day.April 7th.

????? Carolina Mens Baseball Travels North to scrimmage Craven CC, Feb. 16th

02/20/2013, 12:00am EST

By FA

In what is becoming an annual ritual, a convoy of CMBL players traveled north to play against the Craven CC team. Coach Connor's team was bolstered by two CMBL alumni, Alex Fox and Mike Centeno, who both played for the Lejeune Bombers last season. Despite the chilly weather, the game provided a good dose of baseball on an otherwise blah winter day. The only negative was that a sharp line drive that stuck Fulton Burns on the elbow. Fortunately, our fearless Commissioner shook it off with a characteristic smile.

????? Winter Ball, Jan. 20th - Who Does That?

01/22/2013, 7:45pm EST

By FA

Ya gotta love January baseball

Another glorious day of baseball in January - in shorts no less. Keep those warm Sundays coming!

Spring training starts for us in 18 days. Get off the couch and loosen up.

"People ask me what I do in winter when there's no baseball. I'll tell you what I do. I stare out the window and wait for spring." -- Rogers Hornsby

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