Player of the Day

Zach Lauricella (St. John’s) led the way for the Jr. Chiefs going three of three with three runs, 5 RBI, and 2 BB.

Lauricella drove in five runs on a two-run home run and a three-run double.

During the regular season Zach had ten doubles, two triples, nine homeruns with a .300 batting average.

NYCBL CHAMPIONSHIP
JUNIOR CHIEFS TAKE GAME ONE 12-9
CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Syracuse Jr Chiefs vs Niagara Power, Sal Maglie Stadium, Niagara Falls, NY, 7p, Game 2

Near 100 F at game time led to fireworks right from the start. Twenty of the twenty-one runs scored came in the first four innings of the game. After the cloud of smoke cleared the Jr Chiefs had the bigger show winning 12-9.

The predictions were for a low scoring affair. Each ball club was starting their #1 pitcher. Niagara’s Steve Beckham led the league with a 1.84 ERA and Syracuse’s Alex Basso was right behind him with a 2.19 ERA. The game was during the day time and statistics show there are less runs scored during day games. All the predictions went out the window. Basso lasted two innings allowing eight Niagara runs (five earned) and Beckham lasted 3-2/3 innings allowing twelve runs (nine earned). At the end of four innings Niagara scored eight runs on twelve hits and one Syracuse error, Syracuse scored twelve runs on eleven hits and one Niagara error. The game line for the last five innings was Niagara one run on no hits and one Syracuse error and Syracuse no runs on one hit and no Niagara errors. The game we expected occurred in the last five innings and without the headliners.

Zach Lauricella (St. John’s) led the barrage for the Jr. Chiefs with a two-run home run in the first inning to tie the game 2-2. Lauricella doubled in the lone Jr Chief run in the third and then doubled in three runs in the Jr. Chiefs eight-run fourth. The bottom of the fourth was key for the Jr. Chiefs as the Power were leading 8-4. The inning ended with the Jr Chiefs up 12-8.

Niagara came into the top of the second inning tied 2-2 and ended their half of the inning with an 8-2 lead. A Shakeel Newton single drove in two Niagara runs and a Tyler Schweigert double drove in two more. Adam Taylor scored on a Nick Line single and Linne scored on a pickoff attempt at first.

The Jr Chiefs relief corps (Jed Lehman, Dean Bonneau, JD Tyler) turned off the Power show for the last seven innings of the game. Seth Eller allowed no Jr Chief runs over the last 4-1/3 innings of the game.

Today’s game is at night. Predictions?

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EASTERN DIVISION WESTERN DIVISION TODAY’S GAME YESTERDAY’S GAME
TEAM W L WPCT GB L10 TEAM W L WPCT GB L10 SYR JC vs Niagara 7p Niagara Power 9 Syr JC 12
x,y SYR Jr Chiefs 28 12 0.700 0 6-4 x,y-Hornell 25 15 0.625 0 5-5
x-Adirondack 22 18 0.550 5.5 6-4 x-Niagara 24 16 0.600 1 9-1
z-Utica 19 21 0.475 8.5 1-9 x-Clean 22 18 0.550 3 4-6
x-GEN Red Wing 18 22 0.450 9.5 8-2 x-GEN Twins 18 22 0.450 8 4-6
x-SYR Salt Cats 17 23 0.425 10.5 6-4 Rochester (AlA) 16 24 0.400 9 6-4 y- clinched division title
Sherrill 16 24 0.400 12 4-6 Wellsville 15 25 0.375 10 2-8 x- clinched playoff spot z- season ended, no playoffs
**Syracuse Jr. Chiefs**

Round 1

Game 1: 7/27 Syracuse SC 6 Syracuse JR, 7
Game 2: 7/31 Syracuse JR 7 Syracuse SC 6

Round 2

Game 1: 7/30 Geneva Red Wings 6 Syracuse JR, 7
Game 2: 7/31 Syracuse JR 14 Geneva Red Wings 7

**Key Players:**

**Syracuse Jr. Chiefs**

SS Alex Sanchez Jr. (Ave Maria University) .444 AVG (67 for 151)
2B Frank Salerno (St. Thomas Aquinas) .401 AVG (57 for 142)
DH Zach Lauricella (St. John’s University) .292 AVG (35 for 120)
1B Ryan Sonberg (Bates College) .303 AVG (40 for 132)
P Alex Basso (Manhattanville) 37 innings, 5-0, 33 SO, 2.19 ERA
P Ethan Striz (Ave Maria University) 46.1 innings, 6-0, 23 SO, 3.89 ERA

**Niagara Power**

Round 1

Game 1: 7/27 Olean 0 Niagara 4
Game 2: 7/28 Niagara 5 Olean 12
Game 3: 7/29 Olean 7 Niagara 14

Round 2

Game 1: 7/30 Geneva Twins 3 Niagara Power 4 (10 innings)
Game 2: 7/31 Niagara Power 7 Geneva Twins 4

**Key Players:**

**Niagara**

OF Shakeel Newton (Geneseo CC) .370 AVG (34 for 92)
IF Chane Lynch (Dallas Baptist) .367 AVG (51 for 139)
OF Adam Taylor (North Greenville U) .317 AVG (46 for 145)
IF Jamon Hammel (Huntington College) .340 AVG (36 for 106)
P Steven Beckham (Olivet Nazarene) 44 innings, 4-0, 44 SO, 1.84 ERA
P Scott Voyles (Greenville College) 19 innings, 0-0, 17 SO, 0.47 ERA

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