Today’s Games

**JR Chiefs @ Silversmiths**
- **When:** DH-11 am and 1 pm
- **Where:** Hopkins Road Park, Syracuse, NY
- **Probables:** SJR-Merryweather (1-0, 1.17 ERA) | SHR-Webb (2-1, 1.32 ERA)
  - SJR-Munn (2-0, 1.97 ERA) | SHR-Bunal (0-0, 9.00 ERA)
- **SJR:** AVG .296 (1st) R-136 (2nd) HR-6 (T-5th) ERA-2.93 (2nd)
- **SHR:** AVG .232 (T-10th) R-100 (11th) HR-6 (T-5th) ERA-4.08 (7th)
- **Head to Head:** Junior Chiefs lead 6-0 in 2013

**Oilers @ Twins**
- **When:** DH-5:00 pm and 8:00 pm
- **Where:** McDonough Park, Geneva, NY
- **Probables:** OLE-Brancatella (1-1, 3.31 ERA) | GTW-Vasquez (0-3, 8.21 ERA)
  - OLE-TBD | GTW-TBD
- **OLE:** AVG .238 (9th) R-119 (7th) HR-4 (7th) ERA-3.45 (5th)
- **GTW:** AVG .263 (5th) R-123 (4th) HR-2 (T-9th) ERA-4.98 (10th)
- **Head to Head:** Tied 0-0 in 2013

**Nitros @ Dodgers**
- **When:** DH-5:00 pm and 7:00 pm
- **Where:** Maple City Park, Hornell, NY
- **Probables:** WEL-TBD | HOR-TBD
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- **WEL:** AVG .289 (2nd) R-164 (1st) HR-38 (1st) ERA 5.11 (11th)
- **HOR:** AVG .270 (4th) R-119 (T-7th) HR-8 (4th) ERA 3.40 (3rd)
- **Head to Head:** Outlaws lead 3-2 in 2013

**Red Wings @ Salt Cats**
- **When:** 5:00 pm
- **Where:** LeMoyne College Field, Syracuse, NY
- **Probables:** GRW-Myers (3-1, 1.50 ERA) | SHR-Szathmary (2-1, 3.78 ERA)
  - GRW-TBD | SHR-TBD
- **GRW:** AVG .232 (T-10th) R-108 (10th) HR-2 (T-9th) ERA 4.22 (8th)
- **SSC:** AVG .278 (13rd) R-129 (3rd) HR-9 (3rd) ERA 3.93 (6th)
- **Head to Head:** Red Wings lead 2-1 in 2013

**Ridgemen @ Outlaws**
- **When:** 7:00 pm
- **Where:** Damaschke Field, Oneonta, NY
- **Probables:** ROC-TBD | GRW-TBD
  - ROC-TBD | GRW-TBD
- **ROC:** AVG .257 (7th) R-120 (T-6th) HR-2 (T-9th) ERA 4.22 (8th)
- **ONE:** AVG .256 (8th) R-128 (4th) HR-3 (8th) ERA 2.92 (1st)
- **Head to Head:** Ridgemen lead 1-0 in 2013

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Yesterday’s Games

**JR Chiefs 7 Silversmiths 3**
- **Recap**

**JR Chiefs 7 Silversmiths 5**
- **Recap**

**Ridgemen 12 Power 2**
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**Red Wings 4 Outlaws 1**
- **Recap**

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**The Rundown**

**Of Note:**

**Rochester Wazowskis:**
While Pixar continues to make those in their 20s feel old with their once-a-decade sequel strategy (the latest of course being the release of *Monsters University*), it seems the messages of their last-generation films are still being passed on to this day. In the case of the Rochester Ridgemen, manager Taylor Hargrove refers to his team as a bunch of “Wazowskis,” after *Monsters Inc.* one-eyed, green, protagonist, Mike Wazowski. The reasoning here is that like Wazowski, Rochester is a team full of grinders—unselfish, hard workers committed to the good of team. Hargrove knows his team well, as it’s that mentality that’s been crucial to their four-game winning streak, and has them back in contention for a playoff spot.

**Born to Run:**
The great Bruce Springsteen didn’t make the smash hit with baseball in mind, but what better song to describe a base thief? It’s safe to assume that Aaron Pigna, Aaron Brill, Ka’ai Tom, and Vernon Trice III wouldn’t be too keen on being described as “tramps” but all four have a gift for speed on the base paths, each having stolen bases in double figures. The following list displays the stolen base leaders over the past eight seasons and how this year’s leaders stack up.

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Not surprisingly, the stolen base leaders in the past three years have also ranked towards the top of the NYCBL in secondary average (SECA). SECA measures the percent of a batter’s total bases derived from extra base hits, walks, and stolen bases. Brenden Consantino led the NYCBL in 2011 with an average of .636 thanks in large part to his jaw-dropping 63 steals. In 2013, Ka’ai Tom leads all qualified batters with a secondary average of .787. Vernon Trice III has yet to accumulate the necessary at bats to qualify as a league leader, but boasts an impressive .676 SECA.

**Player of the Day:**

**Aaron Pigna, SS, Syracuse Junior Chiefs**
* Ave Maria University
* 4-4, 3 R, 2 BB, 4-5 SB, .405 AVG, .516 OBP

Pigna was a perfect four-for-four in two games against the Silversmiths Wednesday, reaching base in all six of his plate appearances. He was a monster on the basepaths in game one, swiping four bags in as many attempts. He was less lethal in that regard in game two, going 0-1, but collected three of his four hits in the same game, scoring once.

**Sabermetric:**
Pigna raised his SECA (total bases garnered from extra base hits, stolen bases, and walks) to .446 yesterday, a number good for 12th-best in the NYCBL and 5th best in the majors, ranking one place behind Colorado’s Carlos Gonzalez and one place in front of Anaheim’s Mike Trout.

**Pitcher of the Day:**

**Jordan Hanlon, Geneva Red Wings**
* Elmhurst College
* W (2-0) 9.0 IP, 7 H, 1 R, 0 BB, 5 K, 1.61 ERA, 0.82 WHIP

Hanlon recorded his longest and most impressive start, going the full nine innings in the Red Wings’ 4-1 victory over the Outlaws Wednesday. Surrendering just one run, Hanlon had little trouble shutting down Oneonta’s offense, throwing just 95 pitches and facing just 33 batters.

**Sabermetric:**
Batters are hitting just .212 against Hanlon this season, and .238 on balls in play. In the majors, these numbers would rank 14th (just behind Stephen Strasburg’s .209) and 7th (just behind Patrick Corbin and Clayton Kershaw) in the majors.

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**This Week in the NYCBL**
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**Tweet Of The Day:**

@DodgersNYCBL we even played two whole games. It’s like the twilight zone. We only have 16 games left. We are going to catch you!
1.) If there is a tie(s) for any place(s) in the standings, then the results of the in-season head-to-head competition shall be used to break that tie. If those teams are still tied after head to head is looked at or the tied teams did not play during the regular season and the tie is for the last remaining playoff spot a one game playoff will take place between the clubs. A coin toss will be used to determine home field for the one game playoff.

2.) If there is a tie among three or more teams for a place in the standings, the league shall use the overall records of the tied teams against each other as the tie-breaker. The team(s) with the best record vs. each other shall be given the higher seed. Between the remaining two teams the procedure for the two-team tiebreaker shall be used. If those teams are still tied after head to head is looked at and the tie is for the last remaining playoff spot a one game playoff will take place between the clubs. A coin toss will be used to determine home field for the one game playoff.

3.) If there is a tie among two or more teams for a place in the standings, and after comparing the overall records of the tied teams against each other or the teams have not played head-to-head and there still remains a tie, then the committee shall use the best record against the highest seeded teams remaining in descending order as the tiebreaker.

4.) If after comparing everything above and the tie still can't be broken. The team who has allowed the fewest runs per game will be the higher seed.

4.) Final tiebreaker shall result in a coin toss by the League office.

\* If for whatever the reason the regular season (40 games by each team) can't be completed by Wednesday, July 24th the overall winning percentage will be used to determine seeding/playoff spots. If there is ties in winning percentage precede the same way you would to break ties in the standings (see above).

\* Also note that if a one game playoff cannot be completed because of weather or any other related circumstance by Wednesday, July 24th at 12pm. Head to Head record will determine who makes the playoffs. If the teams still remain tied or have not played against each other during the regular season. A coin toss will then be used to determine which team advances into the playoffs as a last case scenario if a tie can't be broken.

\* Once playoffs have started the highest remaining seeded team gets precedent in the event that weather or any other related circumstance doesn't allow for the games to be played. The league office will determine whether this happen based on circumstance. All effort will be done to make sure game(s) are played. This goes for any semifinal and championship series. No championship Game will be played after Wednesday, July 31st at 7pm. If the series has not started yet the highest remaining seeded team will be named the league champion. If only one game can be played the winner of that game shall be named the league champion. If the teams split the first two games and game three cannot be played the highest remaining seeded team shall be named the league champion.

Playoff Format

The top six teams will qualify for postseason play. The top two seeded teams will earn a bye into one of the two semifinal series. The remaining four teams seeded 3-6 will play in one game playoff with 3 vs. 6 and 4 vs. 5 with the higher seeded team hosting the game. The two winners will advance to play the top two seeded teams in a best of three semifinal series 1 vs. 4/5 winner and 2 vs. 3/6 winner. The series will alternate home, away, home with the higher seed hosting the 1st game of the series. The two winners will then play in a best of three NYCBL Championship series with the highest remaining team earning the rights to host game 1 and game 3 if necessary.