Player of the Day:

Scott DeJong, 1B, Wellsville Nitros
Felician College

Performance:
3-5 (1 2B), 2 r, 2 RBI, .317 AVG, .394 OBP

Scott DeJong is player of the day once more after driving in 2 runs and scoring twice in Wellsville's 9-2 blowout of the Oilers Saturday night.

Sabermetric:
With his double, DeJong now has 21 extra base hits on the year. That's 21 out of his 45 total hits on the season, or 47 percent. At his current pace of 1.29 hits per game, DeJong would have 209 hits if this were a 162-game season, 98 of which would be for more than one base. This would tie him for 24th all time in the majors with Hank Greenberg.

Pitcher of the Day:

Chris Jansen, Hornell Dodgers
St. Joseph's College

Performance:
W (6-0) 7.0 IP, 2 h, 0 r, 0 bb, 5 k, 2 bb, 1.82 ERA, 1.08 WHIP

Jansen is the second pitcher in three days to win this distinction with a 7-inning, complete game shutout. Against the lefty ace, Niagara managed just two hits and two walks.

Sabermetric:
Saturday's win marks the fourth time Jansen has held a team scoreless this season, the first time during a start. Saturday also marked Jansen's NYCBL-leading sixth win, second as a starter.

Tweet Of The Day:

I think we lead the country in most broken bats. What say you, @DodgersNYCBL

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THE RUNDOWN

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Of Note:

The NYCBL playoffs are just a few days away, and with the current log jam in the middle of the standings, now is a good time to explore each team’s prospects of making the playoffs. Warning: some teams are no longer in contention earning the dreaded “mathematically eliminated” moniker. It is important to note that “magic number” indicates the number of games a team needs to win to insure a playoff spot visa vie these teams control their own destinies. The number in parentheses indicate the total number of possible wins.

1. Olean Oilers 21-13 (27):
Remaining Games-6: GTW, GTW, ROC, GRW, @GRW, TBA
Magic Number-2: With six games to go, the Oilers will have plenty of chances to lock down a playoff spot; winning all five games will assure them the top seed.

Remaining Games-2: @SSC, @SSC
Magic Number-0: Clinched! With their win over the Silversmiths Saturday night, Oneonta once again moved into a first place tie with Olean. Having played more games than the Oilers, their 23 wins are good enough to clinch a playoff spot.

3. Hornell Dodgers 21-16 (24):
Remaining Games-3: @WEL, NIA, HOR
Magic Number-3: The Dodgers are in a similar spot as the Nitros but with one less game to play. With the Salt Cats and Junior Chiefs in hot pursuit, the Dodgers can be thankful that the two play each other on Monday, July 22nd.

4. Wellsville Nitros 20-16 (24):
Remaining Games-4: HOR, @NIA, @NIA, @ROC
Magic Number-3: The Nitros could jump into second with a little help from the Salt Cats, provided that they sweep the Outlaws in their next two matchups.

5. Syracuse Salt Cats 19-16 (24):
Remaining Games-5: ROC, @ROC, SJR, ONE, ONE
Magic Number-4: The Salt Cats won’t have an easy go of winning four games against two teams currently slated to make the playoffs in the Junior Chiefs and Outlaws. Their main competition—the Twins, Red Wings, and Junior Chiefs—all similarly face teams that would make the playoffs if the season ended today.

6. Syracuse JR Chiefs 20-17 (23):
Remaining Games-3: SHR, SHR, @SSC
Magic Number-3: The Junior Chiefs begin their final three games with two potential trap games against a team with nothing to lose in the Smitties. The game against the cross-town Salt Cats could decide who gets the last seed in the postseason.

Remaining Games-5: GTW, GTW, @OLE, OLE, @TBA
Magic Number-N/A: The Red Wings don’t have a magic number given the fact that even if they win all of their remaining games (maximum of 22 wins), they’d still potentially finish with the same or worse record than the six teams in front of them. They’ll hope that either the Junior Chiefs and/or Salt Cats drop a few games to allow them to leapfrog into one of the final two playoff spots. They also have the opportunity to keep the trailing Twins out of contention with a sweep in their double header, Monday.

Remaining Games-6: @OLE, @OLE, @GRW, @GRW, @NIA, @TBA
Magic Number-N/A: Like their Geneva counterparts, the Twins need some help to grab the last playoff spot. Their final stretch starts off with a challenging “road trip” to take on the first place Oilers today. In actuality, the Twins will play the role of away team in their own stadium, thus nullifying any advantage the Oilers may have had from the crowd.

9. Sherrill Silversmiths 16-22 (18):
Remaining Games-2: @SJR, @SJR
Magic Number-N/A, Eliminated

Remaining Games-5: @SSC, SSC, @OLE, WEL, TBA
Magic Number-N/A, The Ridgemen would need some help in the form of several teams losing the rest of their games, but they could catch the Salt Cats if they sweep them in today’s double header and then win out.

Remaining Games-5: @HOR, WEL, WEL, HOR, GTW
Magic Number-N/A, Eliminated

For the three eliminated teams, it’s all about playing the role of spoiler. While rivalries are not overly-present in a league where most players only play for a single season, there’s some part of every competitor that can relate to the phrase “misery loves company.”
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.

5.) 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.