Today’s Games

**Junior Chiefs @ Silversmiths**
*When*: 5 pm  *Where*: Noyes Park, Sherrill, NY  
**Probables**: SJR-Jasek (Clarkson) SHR-DeBernardis (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

> The Junior Chiefs look to keep the momentum of their double header sweep rolling as they travel to Sherrill to face the Silversmiths, winners of six of their last seven games, receiving their first loss in a week after poor pitching and fielding doomed them in extras. Greg Jaske makes his first start and appearance of the year while DeBernardis gets set to make his first start in what will be his third appearance. Pitching has been excellent for both teams as of late: Sherrill enters the game following a six game stretch of dominance for the ages (detailed below), while the Junior Chiefs, owners of the lowest team ERA in the league, are coming off back-to-back shutouts.

**Redwings @ Outlaws**
*When*: 7 pm  *Where*: Damaschke Field, Oneonta, NY  
**Probables**: GEN-Grippo (1-0, 6.23 ERA) ONE-Crumley (0-0, 3.72 ERA)

> The battle of the two lowest team batting averages in the league figures to be a pitcher-friendly matchup, though Geneva's Robert Grippo will have to improve upon his 6.23 ERA so as not to hand the league's 56th ranked scoring offense any freebies. Oneonta will send Luke Crumley to the mound against the league's worst scoring offense in hopes that he can earn his first win of the year.

**Salt Cats @ Power**
*When*: 7 pm  *Where*: Sal Maglie Stadium, Niagara Falls, NY  
**Probables**: SSC-Szathmary (0-0, 1.80 ERA) NIA-Lewis (1-0, 0.00 ERA)

> The Salt Cats, winners of three straight after being swept by the Silversmiths over the weekend, will attempt to extend their streak four in their effort to hold on to the first place in the NYCBL standings. The Power, losers of three of their last four will look to righty starter Hunter Lewis, who has been strong in both of his appearances (one relief stint, one start), having yet to surrender a run on the year. The Salt Cats will hope that Szathmary's success in his only start (5 IP, 1 r, 3 h, 3 bb, 3 k, 1.80 ERA) will carry over into tonight's matchup against a formidable power lineup like Niagara's.

**Dodgers @ Twins**
*When*: 7 pm  *Where*: McDonough Park, Geneva, NY  
**Probables**: HOR-Anderston (0-0, 2.25 ERA) GEN-Sharpe (1-0, 2.57 ERA)

> A contest of two of the lower-ranked teams in the league features a solid pitching matchup. The Twins, fresh off their dramatic extra-inning win against Sherrill, will give the ball to Dan Sharpe in hopes that he can silence the 4th-lowest scoring offense in the game. Meanwhile, Geneva will have to strike early and often against Connell Anderson of the Dodgers, who has given up just two runs in three games pitched. Anderson allowed just three hits and three walks in those games, holding opponents' on base percentage to a low .200.

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**Nitros 2 Outlaws 0**
**Salt Cats 7 Power 0**
**JR Chiefs 8 Outlaws 0**
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**The Rundown**

**Alumni of the Day:**

**Rajai Davis, RF, Toronto Blue Jays**

MLB Roster, ‘00 Hornell Dodgers

Rajai Davis has been one of the more successful NYCBL alumni; now in his 7th season in the majors, Davis has played for the Pittsburgh Pirates (who selected him in the 38th round of the 2001 MLB Draft), the San Francisco Giants, the Oakland A’s, and his current team, the Toronto Blue Jays. A career .271 hitter, Davis is currently hitting for his second highest average of his career. His current .303 mark is just below his career-high .305 average which he hit in 125 games in 2009. On the year, Davis has played in 36 games, scoring 15 runs, driving in six RBI, hitting four doubles, one triple, and one home run. One of the better base stealers in the majors, Davis has swiped 12 bags in 13 chances on the season. Known for his fielding prowess (career fielding percentage of .986) Davis is currently a perfect 58/58, with 56 putouts and two assists.

**Nitros on Record Pace:**

Wellsville is currently averaging just under two home runs a game, putting themselves on pace for 72 home runs (they’re scheduled to play 40 games) if they sustain their current clip. This would nearly double the highest total any team has tallied in the past seven years. The current record in the seven-year stretch belongs to the 2012 Adirondack Trail Blazers who clubbed 45 homers. Wellsville’s power has been so prevalent that Tuesday night’s 2-0 victory over the Oilers marks the first time the Nitros have won without hitting a home run in 2013.

**Silversmiths Finally Beaten:**

Baseball isn’t supposed to be easy, and yet the Silversmiths had the appearance of an MLB team that kept showing up to the wrong game this past week. Their pitching had ascended into video game territory before giving up nine runs (6 earned) in their extra-innings loss to the Twins last night. During the six-game win streak, Silversmiths allowing just 11 earned runs (12 total) in 52 innings and allowed opposition to reach base just 43 times in 163 chances (7 HBP) good for a stellar WHIP (walks and hits allowed per inning) of 0.69. On a night where the bullpen could not close, the Silversmiths’ fielding consistently failed them late, as three of the final five runs scored by Geneva were earned. A 5-2-3 double play could have ended it in the 10th, but the throw to first was handled poorly, and the runner reached safely as the tying run scored. Geneva went on to score in the bottom of the 11th, giving the Twins the win.

**Junior Chiefs Roll:**

The Junior Chiefs dispatched the Outlaws after holding them to nine hits and zero runs in Tuesday’s 16-inning double header (the night cap was a seven-inning game). Syracuse was loud at the plate as well, scoring four runs on seven hits in the first game, and eight runs on nine hits in the second while straddling just 10 base runners on the day.