Today's Games

OILERS @ NITROS
When: 5 pm Where: Wellsville Central, Wellsville, NY
Probables: OLE-Scarborough (0-1, 5.00 ERA) SHR-Herren (1-1, 4.65 ERA)

The premier matchup of the day features two teams currently tied for first place in the NYCBL. With the power-hitting Nitros winning five of their last six games, and the Oilers winning six of their last seven and neither starting pitcher having dominant numbers, it's hard to predict which direction this game will go. The Oilers bullpen leads the NYCBL with 5 saves and their staff as a whole owns a solid ERA of 3.50, but they'd be wise to keep the ball down against the league's best scoring offense in Wellsville. The Nitros sit a rank lower than Olean in team ERA with a 3.51, and have scored 20 more runs on the year. This disparity in offensive production and lack thereof in pitching may be the reason they currently lead the 2013 head-to-head 3-1.

RED WINGS @ POWER
When: 7 pm Where: Sal Maglie Stadium, Niagara Falls, NY
Probables: GEN-Nicholas Myers (0-1, 2.25 ERA) NIA-Ryan Brasser (Northwestern College)

Led by a monster day at the dish from Andrew Gronski (details below), the Red Wings ended their three-game losing skid on Thursday, blowing out the Salt Cats 10-5. They head to Niagara Falls to take on a Niagara lineup that has been on a roller coaster ride in the past four games, scoring 13, 3, 0, and 9 runs. They'll try and get after the pitching staff with the third-lowest ERA in the NYCBL early and often.

JUNIOR CHIEFS @ OUTLAWS
When: 7 pm Where: Damaschke Field, Oneonta, NY
Probables: SJR-Ryan Clark (2-0, 0.47 ERA) ONE-Cryts (0-1, 4.90 ERA)

Ace Ryan Clark takes the mound for Syracuse as they look to rebound from their 10-5 loss to the Red Wings Thursday night. The Chiefs, owners of the best ERA and second highest team batting average in the NYCBL look to close the gap on the first place Nitros and Oilers. The Outlaws, losers of three of their last four games, are trying stay above .500 and in the playoff race with a win today. They'll try to avenge their two Tuesday-losses to the Chiefs in which they were held without a run.

DODGERS @ RIDGEMEN
When: 7 pm Where: Basket Road Field, Webster, NY
Probables: HOR-Boyd (0-2, 3.37 ERA) ROC-King (0-1, 6.23 ERA)

The Dodgers' three-game winning streak was snapped in a close game with the Olean Oilers last night, but their pitching performance in the past four games remains strong, as they've yielded just 13 runs in that stretch. This does not bode well for Rochester, who finally snapped a six-game losing streak against Oneonta yesterday, but are still hitting just .219 as a team and averaging under 4 runs scored a game.

SILVERSMITHS @ TWINS
When: 7 pm Where: McDonough Park, Geneva, NY
Probables: SHR-Carpentier (1-1, 4.84 ERA) GEN-Hedge (1-1, 3.21 ERA)

Sherrill's pitching had returned to planet Earth leading up to last night's game, but they may be headed back into orbit following a 3-2 win over the Twins last night. The Twins will look to bounce back with the .500-hitting Danny Iturrey back in the lineup after being held out of last night's game.

NYCBL Standings

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Yesterday's Games

RED WINGS 10   SALT CATS 5
Recap

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SILVERSMITHS 3   TWINS 2
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RIDGEMEN 3   OUTLAWS 2
Recap
The Rundown

Alumni of the Day:

Greg Holle, RP, Nashville Sounds Brewers, Triple-A, Saratoga Phillies '08

The towering 6'8" righty was promoted to Triple-A Wednesday, following a solid 26-game stint in Double-A. In 30.2 innings pitched this season, Holle (TCU) has a record of 2-2 with an ERA of 3.52. He's allowed 15 runs-12 earned-while striking out 25, walking just 10, and allowing 31 hits. His promotion likely had something to do with his stellar May and June in which he went 2-1 in 15 games, allowing just 5 runs in 17.2 innings, while striking out 19, and allowing 17 hits and walking just 3 batters. With this advancement, Holle is another step closer to being the second Holle to make it to the majors. His father Gary played for the Texas Rangers in 1979.

Of Note:

Olean Gaining National Attention:

In PerfectGame.org's most recent national rankings of summer-collegiate teams, the Olean Oilers were mentioned as "receiving consideration" for a top-25 ranking. The Oilers, winners of eight of their last ten games, are currently tied for first place in the NYCBL thanks in large part to the league's most reliable bullpen, which leads the league with five saves. Read more on the rankings at http://www.perfectame.org.

Jekyll and Hyde:

Perhaps the most volatile unit in all of the NYCBL this year can be found in the Sherrill Silversmiths' pitching staff.

In wins this season:

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Dominance. In the seven games, the most an opponent has scored against their staff is four runs with one being unearned.

Conversely, Sherrill's pitching has struggled mightily in losses:

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Complete 180. Sherrill's fielding certainly hasn't helped, as 12 errors have led to a staggering 22 unearned runs, but there's still an incredible number of baserunners that get on. Including hits batsmen, opponents hold an OBP of .527, meaning batters reached base in more than half their at bats in those six games. With nearly two runners reaching base per inning it's surprising that Sherrill's losing ERA is only a 4.67.

Player of the Day:

Andrew Gronski, 1B, Geneva Red Wings Case Western Reserve University

> 5-5 (2 2b, 1 HR), 2 r, 3 RBI, 0 bb, 0 k, .500 AVG, .500 OBP

Andrew Gronski arguably had the best game any hitter has had this season. The source of half of Geneva's runs and matching Syracuse's total, Gronski went a perfect 5-5, clubbing two doubles and a two-run home run on his way to a 2-run, 3-rbi performance. The home run was the first hit by a Geneva batter this season.

Sabermetric:

Gronski leads the Red Wings with a runs created rating of 9.36. That mark is good for tenth-best in the league.

Pitcher of the Day:

Josh Webb, Sherrill Silversmiths Utica College

> W (2-0), 7.0 IP, 0 r, 3 H, 6 BB, 2 K, 1.33 ERA, 0.96 WHIP

Webb was sharp in his first start of the season. He held the Twins scoreless in 7.0 innings, striking out two and allowing just three hits. His outing extends his scoreless innings streak to 13, dating back to a June 15th relief-win over the Salt Cats.

Sabermetrics:

Webb is holding batters to a .143 average on balls hit in play. Such a stat would be easily the best in the majors, as the lowest BABIP is .227 and owned by Seattle's Hisashi Iwakuma.

Tweet Of The Day:

.@theridgemen Joshua Davis hits a game winning hit to drive in Empkey and notch a 3-2 victory over the @oneontaoutlaws. #NYCBL #OswegoLeague