Today's Games

Power @ Red Wings
When: DH-3, 6 pm
Where: McDonough Park, Geneva, NY
Probables Game 1: NIA-Posey (2-0, 6.18 ERA) GEN-Bergjans (1-0, 0.81)
Probables Game 2: NIA-Heller (1-1, 2.45 ERA) GEN-Lee (0-1, 0.90 ERA)

Both teams enter today's doubleheader winners of two of their last three. The Red Wings look to climb to .500 with a pair of wins today while the Power hopes to remain above .500 with at least one win. Give the Red Wings a slight edge as they send starters to the mound with a combined ERA of 0.86.

Outlaws @ Salt Cats
When: DH-4:30, 6:30 pm
Where: Falcon Park, St. Auburn, NY
Probables Game 1: ONE-Milburn (1-1, 2.03 ERA) SSC-Boyle (0-1 3.37 ERA)
Probables Game 2: ONE-Calkins (0-1, 14.40 ERA) SSC-Tucker (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

The Outlaws, winners of two of their last three, have the opportunity to catch and even surpass the Salt Cats in the standings with a win or a sweep today. The Salt Cats' fast start has slowed of late, as they've gone 5-5 in their last 10 games, and have dropped their last two. In order to win today, they'll have to cool off a lineup that has outscored its opponents 22-7 in its last two wins.

Oilers @ Nitros
When: 5 pm
Where: Wellsville Central, Wellsville, NY
Probables: OLE-Beermann (2-0, 0.69 ERA) WEL-Zambanini (0-0, 5.00 ERA)

The first place Oilers have won seven of their last eight games and will look to continue their success against the second place Nitros. Friday's matchup between the two juggernauts resulted in a wild 16-15 Olean win, which saw a combined six runs scored in the ninth inning. Both teams will look to keep scoring down in today's matchup, and Olean's ace, Max Beermann seems as good a candidate as any to make this a low-scoring affair.

Ridgemen @ Dodgers
When: 7:00 pm
Where: Maple City Park, Hornell, NY
Probables: ROC-Knesnik (1-1, 5.510 ERA) HOR-Melino (0-1, 7.10 ERA)

Winners of seven of their last eight and losers of six of their last seven collide in a matchup that has two teams headed in opposite directions in the NYCBL standings. The red-hot Dodgers have now won three in a row and have clawed their way back to .500 after a disappointing start to the season. The Ridgemen sit dead last in the standings thanks in large part to their abysmal 2-9 home record. They'll look for a fresh start on the road as Sunday's game is the first in an eight-game road trip.
The Rundown

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 in first place in the NYCBL thanks in large part to the league’s most reliable bullpen, which leads the league with six saves.

Read more on the rankings at http://www.perfectame.org. The NYCBL has done well this year in exhibition matchups, with Niagara and Geneva recently beating teams from other collegiate leagues.

Smitties Win Marathon:
The Silversmiths won the NYCBL’s longest scoreless game since 2006 Saturday in a 1-0, 15-inning victory over the Twins. Previous extra-inning games of note include a 19-inning, 6-2 win for the Little Falls Diamond Miners over the Amsterdam Mohawks in 2007 and an 18-inning, 8-7 win for the Geneva Red Wings over the Allegany City Nitros in 2008. Between 2008 and 2010, five games have gone 15 innings. Sherrill used just two pitchers over the course of the game, crucially preserving a staff that has been both the lifeblood and the bane of the Silversmiths in 2013. Their win/loss split contrasts drastically.

The Silversmiths have yet to win a game this year where their pitching staff gives up more than four runs.

The Strikeout King:
Nick Hedge of the Geneva Red Wings leads the NYCBL in strikeouts this year. On Friday, Hedge struck out 14 in a no-decision start against the Silversmiths. This ties a 2-year mark held by two others: Sean Williams of the Syracuse Salt Cats struck out 14 Silversmiths on July 21, 2011 and Mike Johnson of the Utica Brewers fanned 14 Salt Cats on July 8, 2011. In three starts, Hedge has pitched 22 innings in which he has fanned 25 batters. Hedge currently owns a K/9 ratio of 10.23, meaning he strikes out approximately 10 batters in every nine innings he pitches. Below is a table of the strikeout leaders, dating back to 2006.

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