The Daily Recap:

**Game 1: Cortland 2, Red Wings 1**
GENEVA, N.Y. – The Crush scored two runs in the top of the seventh to escape with a win Thursday night. Tom Taplin (Buffalo) picked up his second win of the season, going one and two third hitless innings, striking out two Red Wing batters. Greg Jasek (Clarkson) continued his great season as he came in to earn the save for the Crush, dropping his ERA to 0.58.

**Game 2: Red Wings 5, Cortland 0**
GENEVA, N.Y. – The Red Wings picked up the shutout win to split the double header and move to only one game behind Sherrill for first in the East. Jason Meger (North Park) was stellar for the Wings, throwing six shutout innings, giving up only four hits. Mark Huddle (John Carroll) and Tommy Haas (Arkansas Pine Bluff) each went 2-3 with two RBI, a double and a run scored.

**Niagara 7, Genesee 2**
NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y. – The Power got the bats going early and were able to keep the Rapids at bay to improve to 10-8 on the season. Jonathan Knapp (Cornerstone) had a strong outing on the mound in his first start for Niagara, going six innings, giving up one run (unearned) on two hits while fanning five for the win. Tyler Marcinko (Piedmont) and Ryan Wagley (Arlington Baptist) helped with the run support, as they each plated two runs for the Power.

**Hornell 6, Twins 4**
HORNELL, N.Y. – The Dodgers built any early lead and were able to hold on and beat the Twins, bouncing back after having their win streak snapped on Tuesday. Jordon Accetta (Wofford) picked up his league leading fifth win on Thursday night, giving up three runs on eight hits over eight innings of work. Thad Johnson (St. Bonaventure) and Spencer Scorza (Cornell) each had two RBI for Hornell. Calvin Woolhiser (St. John Fisher) had two RBI for the Twins in the loss.

**Olean 3, Rochester 2**
OLEAN, N.Y. – Rochester scored one in the top of the ninth but it wasn’t enough, as Olean held on to hand the Ridgemen their third straight loss. Both pitchers went the distance. Frank Rubio (Florida) was able to get the hard earned win, giving up two runs on seven hits while striking out eight. Stephen Chandler (Arkansas Little Rock gave up three runs on four hits in a losing effort.

**Oneonta 2, JR Chiefs 1**
ONEONTA, N.Y. – The Outlaws held off the JR Chiefs on Thursday night to move within a half game of Sherrill for first place in the Eastern Division. Alec Romanowski (Stevenson) picked up his second win on the season in as many starts, going six and two thirds innings, giving one run on only four hits. Jimmy Hand (Northeastern) went 2-3 and drove in both runs for the Outlaws in the fourth inning.

**Postponed:** Salt Cats at Sherrill — Game will be made up July 22 at 2:00 pm
NYCBL Game of the Day: Sherrill @ Salt Cats 7:00 pm

The Smitties are holding on to the top spot in the East by the skin of their teeth and will look to snap their five game losing skid on Friday, when they travel to Syracuse to take on the Salt Cats.

Coming off the big win streak, Sherrill has seen their lead atop the division dwindle down to just half a game. They are 5-5 in their last ten and will look to get back to their winning ways and increase the gap before the All-Star game.

The Salt Cats are sitting at 11-11 on the season but are not in a bad spot, as they are only one and a half games back of Sherrill in the East. They will try and keep the bats hot, as they have scored nine and ten runs in two of their last three games; however, they were shutout on Sunday, June 22.

With a win, the Salt Cats can close the gap and possibly move into second place with the All-Star game right around the corner.

EDWARDS STILL STREAKING

Still going. Tre Edwards (Murray State) extended his hit streak to 12 games on Thursday night with a base hit in a loss to Hornell. Edwards is hitting .438 on the season with a .526 OBP and a .516 SLG. Nick Sinay (Syracuse Jr. Chiefs/University of Buffalo) had the longest hit streak in 2013 with 10. Chris Bostick (Webster Yankees ’11) knew something about these kind of hit streaks. He had an 18-game hit streak for Webster, and he started his pro career with a 13-game string. The Twins will open up a four-game set with Genesee on Friday.

Hitter of the Day: Ethan Luna, 3B, Rochester Ridgemen

3/4, 1 HR, 1 R, 1 RBI, .360 AVG, .396 OBP

Luna (Southwestern) hit his first home run of the season in a losing effort on Thursday, but he enjoyed a successful night at the plate, going 3-4 with a run scored, along with his solo shot in the top of the ninth. Luna was able to raise his batting average .034 points, his OBP .029, and his SLG .083 with his performance against Olean.

Pitcher of the Day: Frank Rubio, P, Olean Oilers

W, 9.0 IP, 2 ER, 3 BB, 7 H, 8 K, 2-0, 3.66 ERA, 1.41 WHIP, .273 OAVG, .325 OOBP

Rubio was stellar in a pitcher’s duel on Thursday night, helping Olean to their fifth win of the season. He is now 2-0 in his four starts on the season, and has not gone less than five innings in any of those starts. The Florida Gator has 24 total strikeouts on the season in 27 total innings pitched, which is the ninth most innings pitched so far this season. His eight strikeouts are second best for him this season, as he struck out 11 in a game against Oneonta on June 14.

2014 Leaders in OPS:

1. Kaden Shaffer, 3B, Ft Scott CC, Sherrill Silversmiths 1.778
3. Kevin Brice, OF, Pomona-Pitzer, Sherrill Silversmiths 1.182
4. Sam Kim, UTIL, Hawaii Hilo, Geneva Red Wings 1.138
5. Mike Annone, 3B, Wilmington, Geneva Twins 1.085

2014 Leaders in SLG:

1. Sam Kim, UTIL, Hawaii Hilo, Geneva Red Wings .698
2. Jimmy Latona, C, Monroe Community, Hornell Dodgers .646
3. Kevin Brice, OF, Pomona-Pitzer, Sherrill Silversmiths .625
4. Mike Annone, 3B, Wilmington University, Geneva Twins .614
5. Nick Wolyniec, DH/OF, Bergen CC, Rochester Ridgemen .544

2014 Leaders in OBP:

1. Jimmy Latona, C, Monroe CC, Hornell Dodgers .597
2. Kevin Brice, OF, Pomona-Pitzer, Sherrill Silversmiths .557
3. Tre Edwards, SS, Murray State, Geneva Twins .526
4. Anthony Massicci, SS, Canisius College, Syracuse Salt Cats .495
5. Nick Wolyniec, DH/OF, Bergen CC, Rochester Ridgemen .476

This Date in NYCBL History:

June 27, 2007- Jake Kaase (Texas Lutheran) went 5-5 and was a home run short of the cycle, as he knocked in four RBI in Brockport’s 18-3 rout of Hornell.
The New York Collegiate Baseball League 2014 All-Star Game will be hosted by the Genesee Rapids on July 8th at the Kerr-Pegula Athletic Complex at Houghton College, Houghton, NY. The event will feature the league’s annual All-Star luncheon, Major League Baseball scout day, League Home Run Derby and All-Star Game.

**All-Star Selection Process:**
The 2014 New York Collegiate Baseball League All-Star Teams will be chosen by the league’s All-Star selection committee. Each of the league's franchises will send nominations for All-Star/Prospect game to the All-Star selection committee. The Selection committee will then decide on the top 56 players.

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**NYCBL Tweet of the Day:**

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Tre Edwards extends hitting streak to 12 games with a single through the right side.
@GenevaTwins

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